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JOHN OSBORNE AUSTIN, of Providence, R. I., author of "The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island," "Ancestry of Thirty-three Rhode Islanders," "One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families," etc., very truly says:—

"A proper pride in an honest descent is pardonable; but no one will magnify the merits of a particular line of ancestors, when he sees that it has had to pay tribute to scores of distinct families within the limits of but a few generations."

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EDWARD SPRAGUE, a fuller, resided at Upway, in the County of Dorset, in England, and died there in October, 1614, leaving six children, and a widow named Christian.

RALPH, RICHARD and WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> SPRAGUE, sons of the above-named Edward, "arrived at their own expense," at Salem, Mass., in 1628 or '29.

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> was the youngest in the family, and at the time of his arrival at Salem was not far from twenty years of age.

In 1629, the three brothers, RALPH, RICHARD, and WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>, settled at Charlestown, Mass.

In 1635, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> married Millicent Eames, a daughter of Anthony Eames, of Charlestown, and in 1636 removed to Hingham, Mass.

1. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> SPRAGUE was born in Upway, England, about 1609, and died in Hingham, Mass., Oct. 26, 1675. In 1635, he married Millicent Eames. She died in Hingham, Feb. 8, 1695. They had children,—all but the eldest born in Hingham :

- i. ANTHONY,<sup>2</sup> bpd. in Charlestown, June 23, 1636.
2. ii. JOHN, bpd. in Hingham, April, 1638. m. Elizabeth Holbrook.
- iii. SAMUEL, bpd. May 24, 1640. Settled in Marshfield, Mass.
- iv. JONATHAN, bpd. March 20, 1642. d. July 4, 1647.
- v. PERSIS, Nov. 12, 1643. m. John Doggett.
- vi. JOANNA, Dec. 1645. m. Dec. 16, 1667, Caleb Church.
- vii. JONATHAN, May 28, 1648. Removed to Rhode Island.
- viii. WILLIAM, July 2, 1650. Removed, 1710, to Providence, R. I.
- ix. MARY, April 25, 1652. m. Thomas King, of Scituate.
- x. HANNAH, Feb. 25, 1654. d. March 31, 1658.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptized in Hingham, in April, 1638. He sold his estate in Hingham and removed to Mendon, Mass., where he was living at the time of King Philip's attack on that town July 14, 1675. He returned to Mendon after the war was over, and died there April 6, 1683. He married Elizabeth Holbrook, Dec. 13, 1666. They had children :

- i. WILLIAM.<sup>3</sup> ii. JOHN.
3. iii. EBENEZER, m. Mary Mann, Jan. 12, 1706, in Providence, R. I.
- iv. ELIZABETH. v. HANNAH. vi. MILLICENT. vii. PERSIS.

3. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1672. He married in Providence, R. I., Jan. 12, 1706, Mary Mann, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wheaton) Mann, of Rehoboth, Mass. Their children,—all born in Providence, were :

- i. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. March 1, 1709.
- ii. EBENEZER, b. March 1, 1711.
4. iii. DANIEL, b. March 28, 1713. d. in Johnston, R. I., about 1788.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 29, 1715.

4. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Providence, R. I., March 28, 1713. He resided in Johnston, R. I., where he was a Justice of the Peace for many years, and where he died about 1788. He married, 1st, in 1730, Sarah Ballou. He married, 2d, about 1736, Hannah ———. Children by the first wife were :

- i. NAOMI.<sup>5</sup> ii. LUCY. iii. DAVID.

The children by the second wife were :

5. iv. JESSE,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1738. m. Esther Dexter.
- v. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 2, 1740.
- vi. REUBEN, b. Sept. 13, 1742.
- vii. RUFUS, b. June 7, 1745.
- viii. RHODA, b. Sept. 14, 1749.
- ix. ROPY, b. Sept. 14, 1749.
- x. DANIEL, JR., m. Hannah Brown, Jan. 7, 1781, in Johnston.

5. JESSE<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Daniel,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Johnston, R. I., Aug. 29, 1738. He sold his homestead in that town on Feb. 1, 1768, and the same year removed with his family to Durham, now Clarendon, Vt., where he lived until his death in 1818.

Original and official records show he was a sergeant in Capt. Abraham Salisbury's company of "minute men" during the Revolutionary War, and that he was in active service for short periods at a time, on several occasions in 1780 and 1781.

He married about 1762, Esther<sup>5</sup> Dexter, a daughter of Paul<sup>4</sup> (*James,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Gregory<sup>1</sup>*) and Anne (Field) Dexter. She was born about 1738-9, and died in Clarendon, Vt., March 22, 1840. Although more than one hundred years old, she was up and around until a few minutes before her death. They had children:

- i. AMEY,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1764.
6. ii. PHILIP, b. Jan. 9, 1765. m. Clarissa Dutton.
- iii. ABRAHAM, b. Nov. 8, 1768. m. 1st, Polly Wilson.  
2d, Charlotte Angell.
- iv. DURHAM, b. June 8, 1770. First white boy born in the town of Durham. d. in Clarendon, Vt. m. Mary Marcy.
- v. ANNA, b. March 30, 1771. m. Benjamin Gould.
- vi. HANNAH, b. July 28, 1773. m. ——— Blanchard.
- vii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 21, 1775. Removed to Hartford, Vt., where he d. Dec. 21, 1812. m. Anna, b. March 18, 1783, dau. of David and Mary Newton, of Hartford. Children:
  1. Rachel, m. Elijah Burton.
  2. Surinda, m. Lovell Hibbard.
  3. Anna, m. Rev. Horatio N. Plumb; he born March 21, 1807.  
d. May 17, 1887, Elton, N. Y.
  4. Fanny, m. Col. ——— Clough. Buffalo, N. Y.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 23, 1777.
- ix. PAUL DEXTER, b. March 17, 1781.

6. PHILIP<sup>6</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jesse,<sup>5</sup> Daniel,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Johnston, R. I., Jan. 9. 1765, and went with the family when it removed to Clarendon, Vt., in 1768.

Original and official records show he was a soldier in troops raised by the Vermont Colony during the Revolutionary War, and served as follows:—ten months in 1781, in the company of Capt. James Brookins, of Col. Samuel Fletcher's battalion:—and five months in 1782, in the company of Capt. William Hutchings. The ten months were served in Castleton, Vt., and the five months mostly at the Fort in Pittsford, Vt. He was allowed a pension of fifty dollars a year, from the United States.

About the year 1783, he removed to Hartford, Vt., where he lived until his death, March 31, 1856. He married about 1784, Clarissa Dutton, a daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Hazen) Dutton, of Hartford. She was born Jan. 28, 1770, and died May 7, 1831. They had children:

- i. ASENATH,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1785. d. June 20, 1853. m. Ira Baxter.
- ii. PHILO, b. May 16, 1787. d. Oct. 17, 1868, in Hartford, Vt. m. May 7, 1811, Laura, dau. of Daniel and Olive (Bartholomew) Hazen. She b. April 19, 1793. d. March 28, 1877.
- iii. ESTHER, b. June 19, 1789. d. Nov. 10, 1860. m. Sept. 5, 1808, Lemuel Parker.
- iv. ANNA, b. May 24, 1791. m. Nov. 11, 1813, Job Densmore.
- v. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 28, 1793. d. Dec. 31, 1871, Norwich, Vt. m. March 2, 1816, Hiram Nott, b. May 9, 1789. d. Feb. 8, 1856.
- vi. ETHAN, b. Oct. 14, 1795. d. Feb. 9, 1813. Never married.
7. vii. ALLEN, b. Aug. 10, 1797. m. Lucinda Batchelder.
- viii. WOOSTER, b. Oct. 25, 1799. d. Jan. 14, 1883, Montpelier, Vt. m. March 10, 1828, Nancy Young, dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Burnham) Young, b. March 17, 1805. Now living.
- ix. CLARISSA, b. Sept. 15, 1803. d. April 20, 1804.
- x. JEDIAH, b. Jan. 12, 1805. d. Oct. 19, 1876, Hartford, Vt. m. Aug. 31, 1829, Athela, dau. of Israel and Mary (Sanborn) Gillette, b. July 17, 1810. d. June 12, 1880.
- xi. MELVIN, b. April 4, 1807. d. March 7, 1879, Chicago, Ill. m. Janet Lucy Newton, b. Dec. 30, 1812, Hartford, Vt. d. in Ill.
- xii. CLARISSA, b. Dec. 14, 1811. d. April 28, 1851. m. Arvin Chapman.

7. ALLEN<sup>7</sup> SPRAGUE (*Philip*,<sup>6</sup> *Jesse*,<sup>5</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hartford, Vt., Aug. 10, 1797. While an accomplished musician and a singer of some note, he was by trade a carriage-maker, and in 1835 he removed from Hartford to East Montpelier, Vt., where he purchased a good water-power privilege and established a large plant for those days. He died in East Montpelier, Sept. 18, 1846. He married, Feb. 23, 1818, Lucinda Batchelder, a daughter of Jethro and Deborah (Leavitt) Batchelder, of Strafford, Vt. She was born Oct. 13, 1798. She died April 25, 1890, in Montpelier, Vt.

They had children :

8. i.    URSULA<sup>8</sup> LUCINDA, b. Sept. 12, 1819.   m. Samuel Stillman Kelton.
  - ii.   CARLOS ALLEN, b. Jan. 30, 1822.   m. Emily Wainwright.
  - He d. Jan. 12, 1888, home, Watertown, Wisconsin.
  11.   iii.   SUSAN MARCELLA, b. Sept. 14, 1828.   m. S. P. Bailey.
8. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> STILLMAN KELTON (*Nahum*,<sup>6</sup> *James*,<sup>5</sup> *Enoch*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> of Boston, Mass., in 1661) was born in East Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 20, 1810:—a son of Nahum and Fanny (Vincent) Kelton. He resided at East Montpelier village until 1877, when he removed to Montpelier, where he died, March 22, 1892. He was buried in the cemetery at East Montpelier village. He married March 20, 1838, Ursula<sup>8</sup> Lucinda Sprague, a daughter of Allen<sup>7</sup> (*Philip*,<sup>6</sup> *Jesse*,<sup>5</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>). She was born Sept. 12, 1819. Now living in Montpelier, Vt. They had children :
9.   i.    FRANCIS<sup>8</sup> PHILIP, b. May 6, 1841.   m. Joanna Alice Colby.
  10.   ii.   DWIGHT H., b. Oct. 4, 1843.   m. Anna Loretta Donnelly.
9. FRANCIS<sup>8</sup> PHILIP KELTON (*Samuel*,<sup>7</sup> *Nahum*,<sup>6</sup> *James*,<sup>5</sup> *Enoch*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> of Boston, Mass., in 1661) was born in East Montpelier, Vt., May 6, 1841. He purchased the homestead where he was born and now resides, in 1877. His farm is widely celebrated for its extra fine herd of superior Jersey cattle. He married, Jan. 19, 1876, Joanna<sup>8</sup> Alice Colby, born Jan. 19, 1851, a daughter of Edwin<sup>8</sup> (*John*<sup>1</sup>). They have children :
- i.    MARY<sup>9</sup> HALE, b. March 26, 1879.
  - ii.   RAYMOND ALLEN, b. June 17, 1885.
  - iii.   ROBERT STILLMAN, b. June 8, 1891.

10. DWIGHT<sup>8</sup> H. KELTON (*Samuel,<sup>7</sup> Nahum,<sup>6</sup> James,<sup>5</sup> Enoch,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in East Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 4, 1843. He married, July 19, 1889, Anna<sup>7</sup> Loretta Donnelly, a daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup> (*William,<sup>5</sup> Hugh,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> George,<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>*). She was born Oct. 4, 1860. Residence, Montpelier, Vt. He is the author of the "*Annals of Fort Mackinac*," etc. etc., and the compiler of these Genealogical notes.
11. SUSAN<sup>8</sup> MARCELLA SPRAGUE (*Allen,<sup>7</sup> Philip,<sup>6</sup> Jesse,<sup>5</sup> Daniel,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hartford, Vt., Sept. 14, 1828. She married Sept. 14, 1847, Samuel Philbrick Bailey (born in 1821), of Woodstock, Vt. At the beginning of the late war he enlisted in the First Regiment of Vermont Cavalry, and while a prisoner of war, died in the famous prison pen in Andersonville, S. C., July 24, 1864. She married second, Dec. 17, 1865, Alexander Ferguson, of Godfrey, Madison Co., Ill. He died May 5, 1877. Issue by first marriage :
- i. FLORENCE<sup>9</sup> LUCINDA BAILEY, b. Dec. 21, 1853. m. Gardner Warren Dow, May 28, 1872. Reside in Colorado. Have eight children and two grandchildren living.