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The history of town, city, or state is largely composed of the individual history of its inhabitants. To gather and preserve such history, especially of a local nature, in addition to events of a more general and public character, was a prime factor in the formation of this Society; hence I have thought it proper to present in detail, so far as I have been able to obtain it, the genealogical record of two families, by the name of Totman, who were among the early settlers of Massachusetts, but seem not to have become as numerous in their descent as many others, or as prominent in their public life. There seems, also, to be no record or tradition of any blood connection between these two families. Thomas and his descendants, both in the early records and later orthography, is always *Totman*, while John in the early records is indiscriminately Totman, Tatman, and Titman, and of more recent date it is uniformly Tatman.

## FIRST. THOMAS.

The early records of these families, especially that of Thomas, like those of many others, are incomplete. The first notice we have of Thomas from the records of both Plymouth and Scituate is, he removed from Plymouth to Scituate in 1660, and the Hon. William T. Davis, in his "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth," says, "by wife Mary had Stephen and perhaps others." He married Mary previous to March 7, 1664-5, for on that date, as the Plymouth Colony Records show, he was before the Court on a charge of "having carnal copulation with his now wife before marriage," and fined £10, which was afterwards reduced to £5, on his statement that it occurred after the agreement of marriage had taken place.

April 24, 1666, a coroner's jury of twelve were summoned to ascertain the cause of his wife's sudden death, who found that she died from eating a poisonous root which she had gathered, thinking it to be like what she had previously gathered and eaten.

From the dates of the last two paragraphs it must be inferred that Stephen was their only child; and by the following it is probable he did not again marry.

May 6, 1678, another inquest was held to ascertain the cause of his death, and the jury reported, "wee doe declare that wee find no other thing or cause but only wilful absenting himself from food to be the cause and means of his death."

Stephen,<sup>2</sup> (Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) 'm., in Scituate, ———, and had Stephen,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1691, who d. in infancy; Samuel,<sup>3</sup> b. July 20, 1693; Stephen,<sup>3</sup> b. May 27, 1695, who d. young; Mary,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1696; Christian,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1699. He removed to Plymouth and by 2d wife, Dorothy ———, had Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> b. 1703; Thomas,<sup>3</sup> b. 1705; Lydia,<sup>3</sup> b. 1708; and Stephen,<sup>3</sup> b. 1711. She received property by will of Thomas Rollins, dated Dec. 12, 1681.

Samuel,<sup>3</sup> (Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. July 20, 1693, m. 1st, in 1714, Deborah Buck, and had Simeon,<sup>4</sup> b. 1716. He probably m. 2d, in 1727, Experience Rogers; and had Joshua,<sup>4</sup> b. 1727, who m. Elizabeth Rogers; Samuel,<sup>4</sup> b. 1729; Deborah,<sup>4</sup> b. 1732, who m. Moses Barrows; Hannah,<sup>4</sup> b. 1734; Joshua,<sup>4</sup> b. 1737, who m. Elizabeth Sutton, Dec. 29, 1776, and served in Col. Bailey's regiment in the Revolution; and Experience,<sup>4</sup> b. 1744, who m. Walter Rich. I think there must be some mistake in the record of one of these Joshuas, as there would not likely have been two of the same name who lived to marriageable age. The record is from Plymouth.

Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> (Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. 1703, m. 1st, 1727, Sarah Churchill, and had Priscilla,<sup>4</sup> b. 1728; Joshua,<sup>4</sup> b. 1730; Elkanah,<sup>4</sup> b. 1732, who d. in infancy. He m. 2d, Elizabeth ———, and had Elkanah,<sup>4</sup> b. 1734; Sarah,<sup>4</sup> b. 1735; Elizabeth,<sup>4</sup> b. 1738, who m. Thomas Mitchel; Joseph,<sup>4</sup>

b. —; Dorothy,<sup>4</sup> b. 1744; and Abiel,<sup>4</sup> b. 1746. All b. in Plymouth.

Thomas,<sup>3</sup> (Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. 1705, m. 1729, Lucretia Rose, and had, in Plymouth, Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> b. 1731; John,<sup>4</sup> b. 1733, who m. Elizabeth Harlow; Mary,<sup>4</sup> b. 1734; and Elizabeth,<sup>4</sup> who m. Crosby Luce. He afterwards moved to Marshfield, where he had Seth,<sup>4</sup> b. July 16, 1738, and Stephen,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 13, 1739 (?).

Joshua,<sup>4</sup> (Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. 1730, m. 1752, Joanna Scarit, (or Elizabeth Ward, or both,) and had in Plymouth, Joshua,<sup>5</sup> b. 1753; Betty,<sup>5</sup> b. 1756; Elkanah,<sup>5</sup> b. 1758; and Thomas,<sup>5</sup> b. 1760. He afterwards removed to Colrain, where he doubtless had other children, whose b's were never recorded, for Samuel Totman, b. in Colrain, June 19, 1777, had a brother Stoddard, and brothers Joshua, Calvin and Caleb. Samuel m. Dec. 29, 1801, Dorothy Workman, b. Sept. 18, 1777, and d. March 4, 1816. He d. Feb. 29, 1856. They had 3 daus. and 1 son b. in Colrain, 1 dau. b. in Truxton, Cortlandt Co., N. Y., and 1 son b. in Cincinnatus, N. Y. The daus. all d. before 1885, when the eldest son was living in Hubbard, Trumbull Co., Ohio, and the youngest, Edsel Samuel, at Solon, N. Y. Stoddard lived in Colrain, where he m. and had a family, and where he d. July 9, 1845, followed by his w. Dec. 2, 1847. One of their sons, Jonathan, m. and had a son, Joshua B., who m. in July, 1846, and now resides in Conway. Jonathan m. a 2d w. Oct. 2d, 1860. One of Stoddard's daus. m. a Mr. Call, one m. a Mr. Bosworth and d. in Truxton, and one of his grandsons d. in Syracuse, N. Y. Joshua, son of Samuel, d. in Fredonia, Chatauqua Co., N. Y. Caleb and Calvin d. in Oswego Co., N. Y. One of their sisters m. a Mr. Crocker, and lived in Ohio; and they also had a half sister by the name of Durham. (Does not this go to show that Joshua<sup>4</sup> was twice m.?)

Edsel Samuel Totman, youngest son of Samuel, b. in Cincinnatus, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1811, m. Anna Maria Madole, b. March 1, 1813, and had 1 son, David Maydole, b. at Free-

town, Cortlandt Co., N. Y., Oct. 18, 1848, who m. May 18, 1881, Mary Emily Johnson of Fredonia, N.Y. He grad. at Y. C. in 1872, and from the Med. Dep. of Syracuse U. in 1876, and in 1885 was a practising physician in Syracuse. E. S. Totman, from whom I received most of the above information, says he does not remember the name of his grandfather, but was told by a grandson of Stoddard that he came from Germany. (So much for tradition.) He further says that C. S. Smith, in writing to him for information, states that his grandfather was Levi Totman, and his g. g. f. Asa Totman, whom I have been unable to trace.

Joseph,<sup>4</sup> (Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. —, m. 1764, Elizabeth Curtis, and had, in Plymouth, Sarah,<sup>5</sup> b. 1765; Hannah,<sup>5</sup> b. 1767; and Joseph,<sup>5</sup> b. 1770.

Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. 1731, removed to Marshfield and m. Nov. 27, 1752, Grace Turner of Scituate, the m. being recorded in both places. He settled in Scituate, where he had Thomas,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 20, 1753; Stephen,<sup>5</sup> b. April 5, 1756; Lucy,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 19, 1758; Lydia,<sup>5</sup> b. July 29, 1761; and Hannah,<sup>5</sup> b. May 10, 1773.

John,<sup>4</sup> (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. 1733, m. Elizabeth Harlow and had, in Plymouth, John,<sup>5</sup> b. 1759; Reuben,<sup>5</sup> b. 1766; and Asaph,<sup>5</sup> b. 1769.

Stephen,<sup>5</sup> (Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. April 5, 1756, m. Hannah (Waite?) and had, in Scituate, Stephen,<sup>6</sup> Jan. 13, 1778; Hannah,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 26, 1779; Isaac,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1781; Ebenezer,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1783; Fanny,<sup>6</sup> b. June 26, 1785; Charles,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 26, 1787; Polly,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 16, 1789; Lydia,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1791; Harris Miner,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1793; Benjamin Turner,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1795; Thomas,<sup>6</sup> b. July 7, 1797; and Sally,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1798. He d. Sept. 27, 1830.

Thomas,<sup>5</sup> (Joshua,<sup>4</sup> Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. in Plymouth in 1760, m. Oct. 1, 1782, Rachel, dau. of Samuel and Dorothy (Martin) Rice of Rutland, b. Oct. 7, 1762. They resided in Loraine Jefferson Co., N. Y., where he d.



April 16, 1815, aged 52, and in Aug., 1856, his wid. was living there with her son, Sylvester, in her 94th year. They had Samuel,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 20, 1784; Thomas,<sup>6</sup> b. June 15, 1786; Relief,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1788; Dorothea,<sup>6</sup> b. May 5, 1791; Calvin,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1793; William,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1796; Rachel,<sup>6</sup> b. May 20, 1798; Ward,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1800, d. April 1, 1803; Ward,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1803; and Sylvester,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1806.

Stephen,<sup>6</sup> (Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Jan. 13, 1778, m. Lydia ———, and had, in Scituate Stephen,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 20, 1798, m. Oct. 16, 1816, Lucy Damon of Scituate; Lydia,<sup>7</sup> b. April 15, 1800, d. July, 1802; Nancy,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1802; Susannah,<sup>7</sup> b. April 18, 1806; William,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 24, 1807; Gridley,<sup>7</sup> b. May 18, 1810; Isaac R.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1812; Lydia,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 7, 1814; Lucinda,<sup>7</sup> b. July 7, 1816, and Caroline L., b. Oct. 18, 1817.

Hannah,<sup>6</sup> (Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Dec. 26, 1779, m. Abijah, son of Abner and Mercy (Newhall) Cheever, b. in Lynn, Aug. 2, 1780, and d. Sept., 1859. She d. April 6, 1826. Their ch. were Elizabeth Ann,<sup>7</sup> George Nelson,<sup>7</sup> and Maria Louisa.<sup>7</sup>

Isaac,<sup>6</sup> (Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Sept. 7, 1781, m. Mary, dau. of Sylvanus and Elizabeth (Brooks) Clapp of Scituate, b. Sept. 5, 1781, and had, in Scituate, Mary,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 12, 1808; Isaac,<sup>7</sup> b. May 23, 1811; and Lydia Brooks,<sup>7</sup> b. April 13, 1815.

Capt. Charles,<sup>6</sup> (Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 26, 1787, m. Sophia ———, and had, in Scituate, Charles,<sup>7</sup> b. May 7, 1813; George,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 25, 1815; Sophia Davis,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1816; Horace,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 21, 1818; and Dorcasina,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1820. He d. July 2, 1825, aged 38.

Benjamin Turner,<sup>6</sup> (Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 12, 1795, m. Nov. 23, 1820, Eunice Otis of Scituate, and had Benjamin Otis,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1821; Betsey Ann,<sup>7</sup> b. July 25, 1823; Alexander,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1826, d. Nov. 19, 1887; William Warren,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 2, 1829;

David Otis,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1832; James Bartlett,<sup>7</sup> b. April 23, 1834; and Jesse Lee,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 11, 1839. He d. Feb. 27, 1866, aged 71 yrs. 18 days, and his wid. d. July 3, 1881, aged 85 yrs. 1 mo.

Thomas,<sup>7</sup> (Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. July 7, 1797, m. Oct. 1, 1826, Ruth Cushing of Scituate, and had Benjamin Cushing,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1821; David Wade,<sup>7</sup> b. May 5, 1827; Thomas Cushing,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1828; Sarah Bowker,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 12, 1831, m. July 4, 1848, Enoch C. Newcomb; Charles Henry,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1833; Gustavus,<sup>7</sup> b. May 13, 1835, and John C.,<sup>7</sup> b. June 23, 1842. Benjamin and Thomas were b. in Hingham, the others in Scituate.

Thomas,<sup>6</sup> (Thomas,<sup>5</sup> Joshua,<sup>4</sup> Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. June 15, 1786, m. ———, and had Asahel,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1821, m. Nov. 18, 1847, Martha Adkins, and had Henry Mason,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1852.

Rachel,<sup>6</sup> (Thomas,<sup>5</sup> Joshua,<sup>4</sup> Elkanah,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. May 20, 1798, m. Oct. 20, 1817, Jesse, son of Asa and Lucy Smith Rice, and grandson of Samuel and Dorothea (Martin) Rice. He d. before 1854, and his wid. m. Michael Berg. They lived in White Creek and Lowville, N. Y. Their ch. were Rosetta,<sup>7</sup> b. July 7, 1818, d. unm. May 12, 1855; Ward,<sup>7</sup> b. May 20, 1820, m. May 2, 1848, Abigail Joiner; resided in Bristol, N. Y., and had Ellen A.,<sup>8</sup> b. April 2, 1849; Eugene,<sup>8</sup> b. July 10, 1852; and Charlotte,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1854; Eli,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 25, 1822; Richard,<sup>7</sup> b. May 16, 1824, John,<sup>7</sup> b. May 9, 1830; and Caroline,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 20, 1833.

When about 8 years old, Asa Rice was riding horse to plow among corn at Rutland, June, 1755, when the Indians, having shot his grandfather Rice at the plow, took him prisoner and carried him to Canada, from whence he returned after several years. (His. of Rice family.)

Benjamin Otis,<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin Turner,<sup>6</sup> Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug. 12, 1821, m. Dec. 18, 1843, Betsey Capen Totman, and had Lelia F.,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 21,

1853, d. Oct. 23, 1854; and Emma Lydia,<sup>8</sup> b. June 20, 1860, d. April 23, 1861. He d. Sept. 29, 1860, aged 39 ys. 1 mo. 16 days, and his wid. d. Sept. 2, 1864, aged 35 ys. 2 mos. 25 days.

James Bartlett,<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin Turner,<sup>6</sup> Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. April 23, 1834, m. Mar. 26, 1857, Laura A. Packard, and had Aubry Weston,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1863; and Nellie Packard,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1873.

Jesse Lee,<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin Turner,<sup>6</sup> Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug. 11, 1839, m. 1st, Jan. 12, 1868, Mary Frances Clark, and had Lilian Frances,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1869; and Mary Jessie,<sup>8</sup> b. May 29, 1871, d. July 22, 1871. His w. d. June 10, 1871, and he m. 2d, ———, and had Homer Sanderson,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1876.

David Wade,<sup>7</sup> (Thomas,<sup>6</sup> Stephen,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) b. May 5, 1827, m. Dec. 16, 1854, Catherine Sullivan, and had Katie Frances,<sup>8</sup> b. June 5, 1856.

The following marriages are also recorded in Scituate. Jan. 25, 1868, Elmer Herbert Totman of Weymouth to Mary Frances Stetson. Nov. 30, 1882, George Bartlett Totman to Nora Richardson Bates, both of Scituate. Sept. 24, 1882, Everett Ellis Chandler of Duxbury, to Laura Alice Totman of Scituate. Jan. 1, 1885, Charles Bartlett Totman to Jennie Ives Clapp, both of Scituate.

## SECOND. JOHN.

The earliest record I find of John Totman, or Tatman, is contained in Hotton's list of emigrants from England, who had taken the oath of allegiance, dated June 22, 1632, and certified by Capt. Mason, who had engaged to take them to America. This was a company of 33 men, and their families, who embarked on the ship Lion, which arrived in Boston Sept. 16, 1632, and were designated as "The Braintree Company," or "Mr. Hooker's Company," as "they were associated together by a common sympathy with the views and opinions of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, and under his influence,

at his persuasion, or by his advice, embarked their all in the great venture, and put the wide Atlantic between themselves and the home of their forefathers."

Most of the company located at once in the old town of Braintree, but the Court soon ordered their removal to Newtown (Cambridge).

As Mr. Hooker did not arrive till a year later, William Goodwin one of the party, was chosen ruling Elder. Here they remained till 1635, when the congregation, consisting of about 100 men, women, and children, with Mr. Hooker, their pastor, at their head, "emigrated more than one hundred miles through a howling wilderness to Hartford. They had no guide but their compass. On their way they subsisted on milk, for they drove before them one hundred and sixty head of cattle. They were obliged to carry Mrs. Hooker on a litter. They began a plantation and called it Newtown, which was afterwards exchanged for Hartford." (J. W. Barber in his "Interesting Events of History of the United States," published at New Haven, 1829, presented a lifelike picture of the party passing through "the howling wilderness,") \*

On his debarkation it appears that Mr. Totman at once separated from the company and located at Roxbury, where his name appears upon the church records at that early date. Tradition says he came from Wales.

The first settlement of Roxbury was made in 1630, and in the land records his possession is described as follows: "John Totman, his house and lot thereunto adjoining nine acres and a half, more or less, upon the highway leading from his house to the great pond, South, and Northeast upon William Curtis and John Ruggles, Jr., and in the nooks next Boston, being the tenth lot lying between John Perry, his heirs, and William Lewis, ten acres and a half, and in the thousand acres near

\* A daughter of Rev. Mr. Hooker became the wife of Rev. John Wilson, Jr., first minister of Medfield, who, as stated by Rev. Mr. Staples at our field-day gathering, at Medfield, offered the first prayer at a funeral in New England.

Dedham six acres and a half, and one acre of fresh meadow, lately the meadow of Samuel Finch, lying near John Weld's house; and one acre of salt marsh, lately William Curtises, upon William Gary west, upon Samuel Finch north, and upon the sea east."

His place was known as "Totman's Rocks," (the rocky nature of the soil giving the name, Roxbury, to the town,) being "near the corner of Centre and Cross Streets, where the pump stands," or did stand in 1848, and "his house was on the highway leading to the pond beyond William Curtis'." Upon a loose leaf in the "Ancient Transcript" of the Roxbury record, date between 1638 and 1640, "being by nearly ten years the oldest record in the Town Books," says Mr. Ellis, the town historian, is "A note of ye estates and persons of ye inhabitants of Roxbury," among which appears,

"Acres,	Persons,	Estate,
6 2 0	John Tatman 2	6 0 0"

He was admitted freeman May 2, 1638. May 22, 1639, Jasper Gun, Robert Seaver, Abraham Howe, John Tatman and Ralph Sary, upon their petition, had leave granted them by the General Court of Mass. "to continue in the houses they have built and do dwell in, though they be above half a mile from the meeting house." (The law, regulating the distance dwellings should be built from the meeting house, was on account of danger from Indian attacks, as it could readily be made a rendezvous for defence.)

In the church records, the earliest ones kept by Rev. John Eliot, its pastor, the name is spelt indiscriminately, Totman, Tatman, and Titman. In these records, under date of 1632, or 1633, it is somewhat doubtful which, is the simple name "John Totman;" and as the new arrivals, in addition to other matter, "are recorded," remarks Mr. Ellis, "after the style of the remarkable events in some of our almanacs," I presume this was to note that fact. Under date of 1640 is found "—— Totman, wife of John Totman." Her name was Johannah

——, and they were probably married about this time. She d. Sept. 29, 1668, and he d. Oct. 28, 1670, leaving all his property by will, dated 30:7:1670, and proved 17:9:1670, to only son Jabez. Will recorded in Boston.

Jabez,<sup>2</sup> (sometimes Jabesh on the records.) \* (John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 19, 1641, m. Nov. 18, 1668, Deborah Turner, b. 14:11:1648, dau. of John and Deborah (Williams) Turner, who was dau. of Robert and Elizabeth (Stolhan) Williams of Roxbury, who came from Yarmouth, Eng., in April, 1637, with Deborah and 3 other ch. Deborah Totman was mentioned in her grandfather's will, (1685) but she d. before him. The marriage of Jabez is the only one of a Tatman on the Roxbury records. Oct. 11, 1670, Deborah "owned the covenant," and he "confessed and joined to full communion," April 20, 1679. She d. May 31, or June 1, 1689, and he d. April 16, 1705.

When lots were drawn for the "Woodstock lands." in Feb., 1695-6, he drew lot No. 48, in the second range, "*in the right of his father-in-law, Davis,*" and in the seventh range 44 acres. From the above record it appears that he was twice married, and there is but little doubt that his second w. was Elizabeth, dau. of William and Alice (Thorpe) Davis of Roxbury. William Davis, who, by tradition, came from Wales about 1635, settled in Roxbury as early as 1642. He was b. in 1617 and d. Dec. 9, 1683. He m., 1st, Elizabeth ——, who was bur. May 4, 1658, and he m., 2d, Oct. 21, 1658, Alice Thorpe, who was bur. Feb. 24, 1667, and he m., 3d, Jane ——, who d. in Watertown, May 12, 1714. He had 16 ch.; 3 by Elizabeth, viz: John, b. Oct. 1, 1643, who settled in Roxbury, and whose son Samuel settled in Oxford; Samuel, b. Feb. 21, 1645, who lived in Northampton, Deerfield, and Northfield; and Joseph, b. Oct. 12, 1647, who settled in Roxbury, and most of whose descendants settled in Woodstock, Conn., Oxford and Dudley. The ch. of Alice were William and Elizabeth, twins, bap. June 14, 1663, of whom William d. Dec. 18, 1678, aged 15; Matthew, bap. Jan.

24, 1664, who settled in Woodstock; and Jonathan, b. Feb. 2, 1655, who also settled in Woodstock. The ch. of Jane were 9, of whom Ichabod settled in Roxbury, and his son Benjamin in Dudley, whose son Benjamin, Jr., in Oxford, m. Sybil Rocket, the first female child born in Oxford.

The Roxbury church records say, under date 12:24: 1667, "Alice, wife of William Davis, died in childbed undelivered," and under date 4d. 12mo. 1667, "strange noises were heard in the air like guns, drums, vollies of great shot, at Weymouth, Hingham, &c. This winter many women died in childbirth, not being able to be delivered, as ——— Craft, Alice Davis in our town, and several in other towns."

The will of William Davis is dated Dec. 6, 1683, three days before his death. He gave to his dau. Elizabeth "a certain bill of £12 and a trunk that was her mother's together with all the things in it," valued in Inventory at £16. To his sons, Matthew and Jonathan, £20 each. To his three eldest sons, who had already received their portion of the estate, "five and sixpence to buy them some good books to remember me with." All the rest of his estate, which consisted largely in lands, he bequeathed to his w., making her sole executrix, to dispose of for her needs, and to have "full power and authority over it as I myself might have if I continued. And furthermore my desire is that there should be two Over Seers chose who my wife see good." One of the witnesses to his will, one of the "Over Seers" appointed by the Court, and one of the appraisers of the estate, valued at £429 : 3 : 0, was Jabez Totman (not Tolman, as given in the Davis genealogy,) which is conclusive to my mind that he whose w. Deborah d. in 1689, and who in 1695-6, drew the lot of Woodstock land "in the right of his father-in-law, Davis," had in the mean time m. his dau. Another inference in regard to the fact of this marriage may be drawn from the traditional Welch origin of the two families. As Mr. Davis made no provision in his will for the ch. by his 3d w., it is reasonable to infer from the condition of the grant to her, that

he intended she should provide for them the same as he would have done if he had longer lived.

The ch. of Jabez and Deborah Tatman were: Joanna,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 28, 1670, bap. Jan. 8, 1670-1, and d. Aug. 2, 1722; Deborah,<sup>3</sup> bap. Aug. 10, 1673; Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1675, bap. Dec. 12, 1675, and d. Nov. 30, 1678, "of the pox." [Mr. Ellis says, "1678 the small pox raged terribly."] Aug. 31, 1679, an infant, "newly born," was buried. Mary,<sup>3</sup> bap. Dec. 12, 1680, and was bur. Aug. 7, 1681; Mahitabel, bap. April 2, 1682, and was bur. Sept. 15, 1682; Sarah,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1683; bap. Nov. 11, 1683, and d. June 16, 1685; and John,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 13, 1685, [town records,] bap. Oct. 18, 1685, [church records]. The church records also give his name simply, without indicating, for what purpose, under date of Oct., 1711.

The will of Jabez, dated Feb. 26, 1703, proved June 7, 1705, names daus. Joanna and Deborah, and only son John; val. of estate £400:5:0. John was not of age when his father's will was proved, 1705, but a deed of his in 1712 is recorded, and a deed of John and w. Mary, and sister Deborah, May 3, 1737, of Roxbury, and a deed of all three Feb. 9, 1637-8, then of Worcester, acknowledged in Worcester, and recorded in Boston, showing that they had in the mean time removed to Worcester. It is a singular fact that only the two eldest daus. lived to mature age, and neither of these were ever married.

John,<sup>3</sup> (Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 13, 1685, m. "July ye 5th, 1709-10," Mary, dau. of Nathaniel and Mary (Aldis) Richards of Dedham, b. Feb. 28, 1690-1. Her f. was son of Edward and Susan Richards, b. in Ded. 25:11:1648, and her mother was dau. of John and Sary Aldis, b. in Ded. 29:9:1657. They had, in Roxbury, Mary,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1711; Elizabeth,<sup>4</sup> b. July 18, 1713; Jabez,<sup>4</sup> b. May 15, 1715; Sarah,<sup>4</sup> b. June 20, 1718, d. July 23, 1721; John,<sup>4</sup> b. July 20, 1721; and Nathaniel, b. Jan. 10, 1725.



In 1732 he bought of Nathaniel Jones 200 acres in what is now Quinsigamond Village, Worcester, and removed there with his family in 1737.\*

April 16, 1739, the town voted to allow him £2, for one poll tax over-rated, May 20, 1740, he was allowed one shilling for killing one rattlesnake. Main record April 19, 1742, he was allowed 3 shillings for 12 bird's heads. In laying out roads in his neighborhood his name appears several times upon the record.

After they came to Worcester, or possibly before, and b. never recorded, they had a dau. Hannah, who m. Samuel Lawrence. May 4, 1752, he deeded land to Samuel and Hannah Lawrence, who mortgaged the same back to him May 18, 1752, which was probably afterwards discharged, as he mortgaged the same to Daniel Ward in 1754. He d. between Feb. 6, 1760, and Mar. 10, 1760, dates of his will and entry at Probate, in which he names his w. Mary, sons Jabez and Nathaniel, and dau. Hannah, which were probably all that were then living. He gave to his sons, Jabez and Nathaniel, 5s. each, being in addition to what he had already advanced to them, to complete their full share: to his dau. Hannah Lawrence, all his household stuff and stock, viz: "a mare and two cows, saving my wife Mary shall have the use of same during her natural life," to his son Nathaniel, and son-in-law Samuel Lawrence, "my cart and wheels equally between them." Samuel Lawrence sole Executor. Witnesses, Daniel Biglo, Jacob Smith. and Nathan Perry. He was not able to sign his name and made his mark.

Feb. 23, 1763, Samuel Lawrence sold his land in Worcester to Gardner Chandler, Mary, wid. of John Tatman, signing a release. He was son of Daniel Lawrence of Killingly, Conn., and probably g. s. of Samuel of Cambridge and Killingly.

\* Nathaniel Jones was son of Noah, and had a son Phineas, and g. s. John, who together kept the "Jones Tavern," or "half way house," on the Leicester road, for 75 years. John Jones d. of cancer Mar. 17, 1865, at his residence, 662 Main Street.

In 1742 his father gave him a tract of land known as "Moosup," and in 1759 Joseph Lawrence, by power of Attorney, gave a deed to Stephen Squires of Killingly, for Samuel Lawrence of Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass., the interest of Samuel in lands that fell to him by death of his brother John, late of Killingly.

The Worcester records give the following: "Married Jan. 2, 1752, N. S., Samuel Lawrence of Pomfret and Hannah Tatman of Worcester, by Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty." Births of ch. by town records; Samuel,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1752; Edward,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1754. The Old South church records give the following baptisms of their ch.; Samuel, Jan. 28, 1753; Edward, Oct. 20, 1754; Daniel, June 12, 1757; Lucy, July 8, 1759; no name, Nov. 8, 1761; Simeon, April 10, 1763; James, May 5, 1765. No other trace of this large family has yet been found, except that Samuel Lawrence joined the Old South church Jan. 28, 1753, by letter from Rev. Mr. Williams of Pomfret, though some now living remember seeing one of his sons who occasionally called at the old Tatman homestead, but his christian name is forgotten, and I find but a single reference to him in the town records, which is under date of May, 1753, when the town "voted that ye affair of Samuel Lawrence Relating to ye way going across his land for ye Benifitt of Danil Biglo be Continued over to ye next meeting."

Jabez,<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. in Roxbury, May 16, 1715, came to Worcester with his parents in 1737, and m. for his 1st w. Sarah (Sally) Gookin, bap. Oct. 21, 1722, who was the mother of his children. Their births as recorded in Worcester are; Daniel,<sup>5</sup> b. April 21, 1744; John,<sup>5</sup> b. May 5, 1746; Jabez,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1748, who probably d. young; Sarah,<sup>5</sup> b. May 1, 1751; Lydia,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 22, 1753.

His name first appears upon the town records as a signer to the following petition.

"Province of the }  
Massachusetts Bay. }

To his Excelcy Govrner Shirley the honble Counsel

& Representatives in Generl Court assembled at Boston March 31: 1743.

The Petition of the Subscribers Dwelling on or Interested in Lands lying between the Towns of worcester and Sutton in the County of worcester humbly Shews that your Petitioners have always attended on the publick worship of God with our friends of worcester that we have always payd Province and County Taxes there and no where Else.

That on our Petition to the Town of worcester in march Instant at the annual meeting they ware pleased to Express their willingness to Receive us as per our Petition & their Vote Copies whereof accompeny this will appear.

Whearfore your Petitioners humbly pray your Excy & honrs would be pleased in your grate Goodness to annex ys together with the Lands Lying between worcester and Sutton Commonly Called the Gore to the Town of worcester there to doe Duty & Receive Priviledge & as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

John Barber  
Thos Richardson  
Danil Boyden  
Jonas woodard

Eph[r]aim Curtis  
Jabez Tatman  
mathias Rice  
Timo Green "

" Worcester, ss.

I Certifie that the Petitioners within mentioned have from their beginning payd Province and County Taxes to the Town of Worcester

March 29: 1743.

Jonas Rice, T. Cler of  
worcester."

The above petition was granted by the General Court Apr. 5, 1743, and approved by the Gov.

At an adjourned town meeting May 20, 1745, Jabez and his father, with others of that district were allowed their portion raised by tax for the support of schools, "to Instruct & Teach their Children in ye best manner that may be." Mar. 18, 1765 he was chosen Constable, but procured Samuel Eaton to serve in his stead, which the town accepted. Mar. 1, 1773,

he was chosen highway surveyor and collector of highway taxes. June 1, 1779, he and his son John were put upon the "List to Serve as Jurors at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held from time to time in the County of Worcester." Oct. 2, 1786, he and his son John, with 32 others, petitioned the selectmen to call a town meeting to choose delegates "to meet in Convention at Mr. Nathan Patch's at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of November Next by adjournment from Paxton."

In his will, dated Mar. 25, 1780, proved July 7, 1807, he made the following provisions: "Wife Mary (2d w.) to have one-half my dwelling house, six bushels of rye meal and six of Indian meal, yearly, to be furnished by my Executor; one hundred and twenty lbs. of good pork; one hundred and twenty lbs. of good beef; two bushels of potatoes; two bushels of turnips; one half bushel of beans; twenty good cabbage heads yearly, every year of her natural life, to be furnished by my Executor; improvement of one-third part of my garden, and privilege of keeping one cow, summer and winter, with pasturage in summer and hay in winter; a good saddle horse and tackling, to ride as she shall have occasion; a sufficient quantity of firewood, to keep one good fire, cut for the fire and delivered at the door; thirty lbs. of flax from the swingle; eight lbs. of sheep's wool, all to be provided and delivered at my dwelling house by my Executor. Also three bbls. of cider, and apples through the summer as she may have occasion to use them; four bbls. of good apples for winter, and one-half a bushel of malt to be provided yearly as aforesaid; one cow for her own disposal, she to take her choice out of all I shall have at my decease; one-third part of all my household furniture and within door moveables, my silver can only excepted. To my son Daniel five shillings, if he shall be found living at my decease, otherwise to go to his heirs. To my granddaughter Sarah Curtis, daughter of my daughter Sarah Curtis, deceased, one cow of a midling value. To daughter Lydia Rice, wife of Thomas Rice, Jun., one cow of midling value,

or the value in money. To my dutiful son John Tatman all my homestead farm, houses, buildings, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in Worcester or elsewhere; all my stock of cattle, horses, sheep, swine, and every kind of live stock; also my silver can, and all my wearing apparel, and household furniture; and all and every kind of estate and property, real, personal, and mixed, except otherwise bequeathed; and I appoint my son John sole executor."

Witnesses: Samuel Clark, Paul Gates, and Nathan Baldwin.

After the death of his 1st w. Sarah (Gookin) he m. 2d Sept. 23, 1761, in Oxford, by Duncan Campbell, J. P., Mary Dudley, probably dau. of Samuel Dudley of Sutton, b. Feb. 22, 1716, but said to be of Worcester at the time of her marriage. He d. Mar. 13, 1807, in his 92d year. The dates of his wives' deaths are uncertain.

The Gookins were originally from Kent Co., Eng.; whose pedigree we find as follows: Arnold, son Thomas, g. son John of Ripple Court, two of whose sons, Daniel and Vincent, went over to Ireland, and Vincent once represented County Cork in Parliament.

In 1620 Daniel Gookin received a grant from Parliament to take a colony of settlers to Va., where they arrived in 1621 and settled at Newport News. In religious belief they were Episcopalians, and about 1642-3, the Puritans of Boston sent missionaries to convert them to "a more excellent way." In this they were partially successful, but the majority of the colony became so incensed they forced them to leave. Daniel m. and had a family in Eng., among whom was Daniel, Jr., b. about 1612, who became one of the converts, and cast in his lot with the missionaries. He bought a ship and took the persecuted party to Boston, where they arrived May 10, 1644, and almost immediately he and his wife were received into the church. In reference to this a quaint old poet says:

"Gookins was one of *these*; by Thompson's pains,  
Christ and New England, a dear Gookins gains."

He soon after went to Ipswich, but that place being abandoned on account of the Indian troubles, he returned and settled in Roxbury, and removed his church relation there, under the pastoral care of Rev. John Eliot, and became his firm friend and fellow laborer in his efforts to Christianise the Indians. He was one of the original Proprietors of Worcester and received several land grants there, but never settled there. He was appointed Supt. of all the Indians who had submitted themselves to the government, and besides holding other important offices, in 1681 he received the appointment of Maj. General of the Province. He d. in 1687, at the age of 75 yrs., in Cambridge, where he finally settled about 1647.

He m. and had 3 sons, Rev. Daniel, Samuel, and Rev. Nathaniel. Samuel m. 1st, Mary —, by whom he had several ch., the youngest of whom was Daniel, b. about 1687-8. She d. and he m. 2d, Hannah (Stearns), wid. of Thomas Biscoe of Watertown, Sept. 28, 1708. Samuel was Sheriff of Suffolk, and afterwards of Middlesex Counties. His son Daniel m. July 9, 1716, Sarah, wid. of John Biscoe, son of Thomas and Hannah, and had in Cambridge, Sarah, bap. May 11, 1718, who d. young; Mary, bap. April 24, 1720, Sarah, (w. of Jabez Tatman,) bap. Oct. 21, 1722; and Samuel, bap. Jan. 31, 1724-5. He was Sheriff of Worcester Co. from 1731 till his death in 1743. In 1733 he had a house lot granted him at the corner of Main and Park streets, Worcester, where he resided. His sword, account books with the Court, and other mementoes are still in possession of his descendants.

Nathaniel,<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. in Roxbury Jan. 10, 1725, came to Worcester with his parents, and m. 1st, Dec. 17, 1747, Mercy Rice of Worcester, by Rev. Thaddeus Macarty, being the first marriage entered on the records of the Old South Church, with the exception of that of Josiah Holden and Abigail Bond who were married the same day, if not at the same time. He settled where the old brick tavern, or boarding-house, stands, in Quinsigamond Village. In 1753-

54 and 64 he was chosen hog reeve. The births of the following children are recorded in Worcester: Nathaniel,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1748, and Ephraim,<sup>5</sup> b. July 28, 1751; who probably died before their father as they are not named in his will. He also had a son Reuben,<sup>5</sup> a son Ebenezer,<sup>5</sup> a dau. Marcy,<sup>5</sup> and a dau. Mary,<sup>5</sup> whose births I can find recorded neither in Worcester or Barre. His 1st w. died and he m. 2d, Dec. 2, 1762, Rachel Adams of Worcester. He removed to Barre Plains sometime previous to 1770, where he owned a house, land, and a grist mill which he managed himself until he became very aged, when his dau. Mary came and cared for him during the last years of his life. Several years ago individuals who were well acquainted with him placed a headstone at his grave bearing the following inscription: "Nathaniel Tatman; died Nov. 14, 1825, aged 104 years 10 months 5 days." By reference to the date of his birth in the Roxbury Records it will be seen that there is an error of 4 years and one day, which probably arose from the fact that he had forgotten his own age; and in the winter of 1821 he attended church, and was seated in the pulpit during the service, in honor of his reaching, as was supposed, his 100th birth-day, which individuals still living well remember. His will is dated Mar. 2, 1816, and proved Mar. 7, 1826; in which he gives to his son Ebenezer, dau. Marcy Woodman, and dau. Mary Ward, one dollar each; wife Mary, (by this it seems he had a 3d w. though I can find no other record of it,) to have the personal estate, and the surviving sons of dau. Mary Ward all his real estate. His son Reuben, b. about 1753, married but had no children. He d. Feb 18, 1799, in the 46th year of his age, as recorded upon his gravestone, which is the only one except that of his father in the family lot, although there are five distinct graves in the lot. He gave or sold this cemetery land to the inhabitants of Barre Plains. The house he owned and occupied is now in possession of Mr. Austin F. Adams, who writes me: "I believe there are none of the (Tatman) descendants now living in this vicinity." Ebenezer never married, but lived, and

probably died, in Barre. Marcy married a Mr. Woodman, and Mary m. June 3, 1804, Calvin Ward of Paxton, and had several children. Mercy Rice was dau. of Ephraim and Sarah (Whitney) Rice of Weston and Worcester, g. dau. of Ephraim and Hannah (Livermore) Rice of Watertown and Sudbury, g. g. dau. of Thomas and Mary ——— of Sud. and Marl., and g. g. g. dau. of Edmund the emigrant.

Daniel,<sup>5</sup> (Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. April 21, 1744, never married, went South and d. there. It was reported he left some property, but none of his relatives here ever took the trouble to look the matter up. In 1769, he was chosen hog reeve.

John,<sup>5</sup> (Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar. 5, 1745, m. Nov. 22, 1784, Lucy Dudley of Sutton, b. Aug. 2, 1761.

She was the dau. of David, the eldest of triplets, (David, Jonathan and Abigail,) ch. of Samuel, and g. ch. of Francis, supposed to have been a relative of Gov. Thomas Dudley. Mary, the 2d w. of Jabez,<sup>4</sup> was a sister of the triplets. At the March meeting, 1774, the town accepted the report of the selectmen of a "Private way Laid Out to accommodate John Tatman beginning at the Corner of said Tatman's Land On the Road Leading to Sutton and Extending Northerly One Rod on the land of Samuel Goddard and from thence Running in Said Goddards Southwesterly four Rods till it strikes Said Tatmans Land said Road to Lye on the Southerly Side Said line." Mar. 4, 1782, he was chosen highway surveyor and collector of highway taxes. April 7, 1783, the town "Voted that John Totman Josiah Perry & the farm whereon Samuel Clark now lives be annexed to Saml Curtis' Quarter so called, & that said persons respectively be Entitled to the same advantages as tho' they had heretofore belonged to that quarter to which they are now annexed."

Their ch. were John,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1785; Sarah,<sup>6</sup> b. and d. in infancy; Rachel,<sup>6</sup> b. and d. in infancy; and were bur. at the East end of the old common; Daniel,<sup>6</sup> b. May 14, 1793; Reuben,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 12, 1795; Lewis,<sup>6</sup> b. about 1797, who lived



to be upwards of 40, but never married. From infancy he was subject to fits, and was found dead at Woonsocket, R. I. and buried on the spot. One thing by which his friends identified his body was a pair of shoes made by himself, crimped, without seam. A short time before his death he had been in the poor-house at Walpole.

John,<sup>5</sup> d. Oct. 2, 1833, aged 88, and his w. d. Feb. 8, 1830, aged 69. In his will, dated May 15, 1829, proved Nov. 26, 1833, he mentions his w. Lucy, and sons Reuben, Lewis, John, and Daniel; Reuben, John, and Daniel Exc.

Sarah,<sup>5</sup> (Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. May 1, 1750, m. Aug. 25, 1771, William Curtis, and had Sarah,<sup>6</sup> mentioned in her g. f's. will.

Lydia,<sup>5</sup> (Jabez,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 22, 1753; m. Nov. 26, 1778, Thomas Rice, Jr., b. in Worcester, Mar. 17, 1753, s. of Thomas and Judith, g. s. of Ephraim and Hannah (Livermore) of Watertown and Sudbury, g. g. s. of Thomas and Mary of Sudbury and Marlboro, and g. g. g. s. of Edmund, who came to this country about 1639 and settled in Sudbury and Marlboro, where he d. May 3, 1663. Lydia d. in May, 1805, aged 51, and he m. 2d, Nov. 16, 1809, wid. Eliphal (Putnam) Learned of Oxford, b. in Sutton, July 8, 1762, and d. in Worcester, Sept. 25, 1845, aged 83. He d. Dec. 10, 1837, aged nearly 85. Eliphal was the eldest dau. of Dea. Amos and Sarah (Swift)\* Putnam of Sutton and Worcester, who lived at what is now Jamesville, near where the toll gate on the turnpike stood, and bro. of Gen. Rufus Putnam, pioneer in the settlement of the Western Reserve, Ohio. The ch. of Thomas and Lydia Rice were: Thomas,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1779, a merchant, who d. at Eastport, Me., June 13, 1813; Sarah Tatman,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1781, and d. Mar., 1807, unm. Judith,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1782, m. June 9, 1807, Haffield Gould and d. Mar., 1808.

\* Sarah Swift was dau. of Samuel and Eliphal Swift of Milton and Boston, and half sister of Dr. Foster Swift, the father of Gen. Joseph Gardner Swift, U. S. Army.

Mr. Gould d. at Hardwick, Sept., 1850, aged 78; Lydia,<sup>6</sup> b. July 18, 1785. d. in 1806, unm; Polly,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 5, 1789; Daniel Tatman,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 24, 1794. By his will, dated Jan. 12, 1833, and proved Feb., 1838, he gives his w. the use of one-third of his real estate during her lifetime; \$4000.00 to be put at interest and the interest paid to son Daniel in such sums and at such times as his executors should deem best, and the balance of estate to be divided among his nephews and neices, whom he specifies. Walter Bigelow and Alpheus Merrifield Executors. Daniel Tatman<sup>6</sup> Rice m. Sarah Green, a lineal descendant of Gov. John Leverett, Pres. of H. C., some of whose furniture she inherited, and which is now owned by her son Daniel<sup>7</sup> who resides in Leicester. They had 4 ch., 3 sons and 1 dau., all of whom d. unm. except Daniel<sup>7</sup> who is m. and has 1 son. Daniel<sup>6</sup> d. July (bur. 25), 1869 in Leicester, and his wid. d. in Worcester, Nov. 8, 1889, aged 75 ys. 10 mos. 26 ds. He had a very sensitive nature, and was rather peculiar in his thoughts and modes of life. When a young man he had a strong desire for a liberal education, and the refusal of his father to grant his request greatly disturbed him. Sometimes when he became exasperated with others he freed his mind by writing doggerel poetry. Two notable examples are that about Elder Peter Roger of Greenville to the tune of Captain Kidd, beginning:

“My name is Elder Peter, mark it well, mark it well;  
My name is Elder Peter, mark it well;  
My name is Elder Peter, and I am one strange creature,  
And I'm a Baptist preacher, mark it well.”

And the other entitled “The House of Beans in trouble,” which he had printed.

Haffield Gould was b. in Millbury, resided in Worcester, where his wife Judith d. S. P., aged 25, and in Pelham where his 2d wife Betsey d. July 8, 1815, leaving 1 son Ira. He then removed to Hardwick and m. 3d, Lydia, dau. of Samuel Ruggles, Oct. 26, 1817, who had 3 ch. and d. Mar. 10, 1850. He was a farmer, lived on Ruggles Hill, and was selectman 14 years.

John,<sup>6</sup> (John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 8, 1785; m. Dec. 6, 1822, Prudence, dau. of Benjamin and Hannah (Streeter) Davis of Oxford, b. Aug. 7, 1802, and d. Aug. 25, 1880. He died April 8, 1870. He was a member of the Worcester Artillery Company which marched to Boston, Sept. 11, 1814, under Capt. Graves, to repel British invasion, and remained in camp at South Boston till Oct. 31, when they returned to Worcester, for which service his wid. received a pension. Their ch. were Lucy,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1823, m. May 25, 1842, Samuel Hopkins, son of David and Mary Matilda [Knap] Burbank of Worcester, and are now, [1891], living on a portion of the old homestead at Quinsigamond. They have no ch. Sarah,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1826; Emily,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 18, 1828; Charles,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1830; Nancy,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1834, m. Oct. 24, 1857, Joseph, son of Andrew Gates. She was his 1st w. and died without issue Oct. 25, 1859, aged 25 ys. 1 mo. 1 dy.; John Augustus,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1836; Samuel Davis,<sup>7</sup> b. June 24, 1841.

Daniel,<sup>6</sup> [John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>] b. May 14, 1793, m. Jan. 10, 1815, Olive Davis, sis. of Prudence, w. of his bro. John, b. Mar. 26, 1797, who d. April 23, 1884, aged 81 ys. 28 ds. He d. Nov. 17, 1865, aged 72 ys. 5 mos. 24 ds. They celebrated their golden wedding Jan. 10, 1865. Their ch. were Olive,<sup>7</sup> b. June 24, 1816; David Dudley,<sup>7</sup> b. April 14, 1819; Benjamin Davis,<sup>7</sup> b. April 18, 1822, d. Feb. 1, 1839; Stephen,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1826, d. Oct. 14, 1826, and was the first to be buried in the lot set apart by his grandfather for a private cemetery at Quinsigamond, all previous burials of the family having been made at the east end of the old common; Luther Davis, b. Nov. 15, 1831, d. April 18, 1832; Rufus Daniel,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 22, 1834.

Reuben,<sup>6</sup> [John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>] b. Oct. 12, 1795, m. April 7, 1825, Mary Ann Wiser of Ward, now Auburn, b. Mar. 6, 1803, in Braintree, and had, Levi,<sup>7</sup> b. April 30, 1826; Henry,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1830, d. July 23, 1848, aged 18 ys. 5 mos. 2 ds. Reuben James,<sup>7</sup> and Mary Jane,<sup>7</sup>

twins, b. Feb. 29, 1836. Mary Jane d. June 1, 1855, aged 19 ys. 3 mos.; Martha Ann,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1838. Reuben,<sup>6</sup> d. June 18, 1865, aged 70, and his wid. d. Oct. 19, 1887, aged 84 ys. 7 mos. 13 ds.

Sarah,<sup>7</sup> [John,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>] b. Jan. 15, 1826, m. 1st, Jan. 15, 1850, James Sullivan and had Julia Emma,<sup>8</sup> b. April 27, 1852, m. June 30, 1881, Nathan Gardner Burbank, [his 2d w.] bro. of Samuel H. who m. Lucy Tatman, and has Florence Meriam,<sup>9</sup> b. June 16, 1883; Horace Nathan,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept. 6, 1885; Mildred Ellis,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 11, 1887; Frederick Tatman,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1856, m. Jan. 2, 1884, Ellen Jane Phelan, b. in Eastport, Me., and has Sarah May,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 14, 1885; William Lincoln,<sup>9</sup> b. July 30, 1887. Albert Butler,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 20, 1858, d. Oct. 20, 1859, aged 1 yr. 7 mos. James Sullivan was b. Dec. 20, 1825, came to this country with his parents, and d. in Worcester, Aug. 11, 1859, from being overheated while at work in the boiler room at Fox's mill. He was once office boy for Daniel Webster in Boston, where his parents resided, of whom he gives in his memorandum the following interesting account.

"My father was born in the small village of Floxford, Ireland, about one-half mile from Killbriton where my mother was born, which was in 1798. They were born about the same time. They grew up in close intimacy, and were schooled as the rest of the rustics of that time and age, collecting sea muck among the picturesk rocks of Floxford, where cupid, as it seems, has his votaries as well as in the rosy bowers of the east, or the green valleys of Italy. When they were about 18 years of age my mother's sister Ellen was to be married to a worthy young man of the place. In accordance with due ceremonies of a rustic wedding, they must get the consent of parents and invite all interested friends to join in a cavalcade, of man and his spouse on each horse, and thus march to the priest and get married. The music and dancing, &c. at the above marriage kindled the spark of our heroes into a flame, and they resolved on immediate union. Accordingly on the follow-

ing night they went to the priest privately, as they thought, to get married, but his reverence declined, on the ground that he wanted their parents' consent, and their near relationship, their fathers being something like second cousins. But those doubts and difficulties were soon removed. The relationship was soon dissolved by giving the holy father a crown, or so, and the other difficulty was removed by saying that one of the parties was at home ill, and the other away on business. Thus they were married, and in secret, as they thought, but in this they were mistaken, for their marriage was announced by loud hussas by some of their prying companions who were watching from without. When their proceeding came to the ears of their much offended parents they were sorely persecuted, especially by my father's side, they not liking the match. They even tried to dissolve the marriage on the ground that my mother gave her spouse a drink, and finally they were obliged to separate until such time as they were of proper age, but in two years they were allowed to do for themselves. They labored hard to get a subsistence; a poor piece of land they got as a marriage dower being their only resource; yea, so hard were they pressed, and so industrious were they, that my mother went into the field in three weeks after giving birth to her first born, being so weak that she was obliged to sit down every few moments to regain new strength. They thought over their hard lot with tears in their eys, and they resolved to come to America. They left their native land in the spring of 1819. They landed in Pictou, N. S., after a short and pleasant passage. From there they went to Truro, where they got employment with a farmer. My mother seemed to like the people and the country very much indeed. My mother's business was that of attending a dairy, and she gave great satisfaction by introducing the Irish mode of making butter, and letting the calves to the suck before milking, instead of after milking. My father liked at first, but he felt very much embarrassed by not knowing what was said to him, not knowing a word of English. Finally, after staying in the

country eight months, they left Fort Belcher on foot for St. John's, in order to go home, where they arrived after many perils in fording rivers, and hairbreadth escapes from savages, and engaged a passage in a brig, loaded with lumber, bound for Cork. For the first week they had pleasant sailing: but after that it came on very boisterous, rough, and the crew not being sufficient to work the vessel my father assisted them. It became so rough that the vessel capsised, and lay three days with her yards in the water, the men clinging on to the upper side; while my mother with her child and another female were shut under hatch. When the vessel tipped over my mother was in her berth. The first knowledge she had of danger was by the water sprouting onto her from a new spring-leak near her. She jumped from the bed, took the blankets that covered her and applied them to the leak, and sat on them. In this condition she remained for three days, with water to her middle, with her young child knawing her breast and crying for food. When the vessel righted the men proceeded to open the hatch, in order to commit the lifeless bodies, as they supposed, to the deep. They were obliged to smash the hatch with the axe, it had so swollen by being under water." They afterwards returned to America and settled in Boston, where they died a few years since. The above account James received from his mother.

Sarah m. 2d, June 25, 1865, Rufus Nichols Meriam. b. at Oxford North Gore, Jan. 14, 1818, son of Samuel and Nancy Tyler (Nichols) Meriam, and a descendant in the eighth generation from William of Hadlow, Kent, Eng. He grad. at D. C. in 1844, A. B. and A. M. in 1847. After her 2d marriage her children were legally adopted, April 5, 1867, and the name of Julia Emma changed to Emma Julia Meriam, and Frederick Tatman to Frederick Tatman Meriam. They reside in Worcester.

Emily,<sup>7</sup> (John,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar. 18, 1828, m. April 12, 1849, Rufus Nichols Meriam. A. M., of Oxford, and had Lilla Nancy,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1861, d.

Aug. 24, 1862. Emily d. June 21, 1863, and he m. 2d, her sis. Sarah. He is author of a history of the Meriam family, and many short articles that have been published, and compiler of this history. His occupation has been a manufacturer of machinery.

Charles,<sup>7</sup> (John,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 19, 1830, m. Nov. 28, 1856, Elmira Ann, dau. of George and Mehitabel (Goodwin) Wiggin. Mehitabel's grandfather, Col. James Goodwin, was an officer in the Revolution. Elmira A. was b. in Sandwich, N. H., May 10, 1836, and d. in Sturbridge, where he is a farmer, Dec. 5, 1888. Their ch. were: Henry Wilmar,<sup>8</sup> b. at Quinsigamond, Feb. 2, 1860, m. at Warren, Dec. 20, 1882, Flora Adelle Bemis, b. at Warren, Feb. 10, 1860, and have Wilmar Alexander,<sup>9</sup> b. in Worcester, Jan. 11, 1887; Charles Abelbert,<sup>9</sup> b. at Plainfield, N. J., June 16, 1888. Emily May,<sup>8</sup> b. in Worcester, Sept. 6, 1863, m. Jan. 5, 1882, Arthur William Marsh, b. at Sturbridge, Aug. 25, 1858, and had Earnest Arthur,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 24, 1883, at Sturbridge, and d. April 10, 1883; Leon Austin,<sup>9</sup> b. at Southbridge, Nov. 25, 1885; Norman Leslie,<sup>9</sup> b. at Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 1, 1887; Clarence Hamilton,<sup>9</sup> b. at Lake View, Worcester, Sept. 11, 1890. Charles Herbert,<sup>8</sup> b. in Worcester, Mar. 1, 1868, d. July 20, 1869. Lucy Maria,<sup>8</sup> b. in Worcester, Jan. 18, 1870. Cora Lelia,<sup>8</sup> b. May 8, 1872. Charlie Nelson,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 28, 1877. Elmer Archie,<sup>8</sup> b. July 12, 1879. Aug. 12, 1864, Charles, having enlisted, started for the war and was stationed at Fort Stevens.

John Augustus,<sup>7</sup> (John,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 24, 1836, m. 1st, Mar. 18, 1869, (by Rev. Merrill Richardson,) Delia Eliza, dau. of David and Elmira (Stebbins) Johnson of Northfield, b. there Mar. 7, 1839, who d. June 6, 1876, s. p., and he m. 2d, July 25, 1878, in Putnam, Conn., by Rev. B. F. Bronson, Sarah F., dau. of Joseph W. and Elizabeth (Whipple) Carpenter of Putnam, b. there May 13, 1846, who d. Jan. 14, 1883. They had 1 ch., Elizabeth P.,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1883, and d. Jan. 12, 1883; mother

and child bur. in same coffin. He m. 3d, April 16, 1885, in Sturbridge, by Rev. Martin Luther Richardson, Harriet E., dau. of Lemuel L. and Eliza [Congdon] Holmes of Sturbridge, b. there July 20, 1847. He was Executor of his father's estate, and lives on a portion of the old homestead, and is a foreman in the galvanizing department of the Washburn and Moen Mfg. Co's Mill at Quinsigamond. In 1890 he was chosen deacon of Plymouth Congregational church, and in 1891 was made H. M. of the A. B. C. F. M. by the generosity of the church.

Samuel Davis,<sup>7</sup> [John,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>] b. June 24, 1841, m. Nov. 26, 1862, Elizabeth Wiggins, sis. of Elmira A., w. of his bro. Charles, b. Nov. 26, 1842, and have Alice Alberta,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 2, 1864, who m. Jan. 20, 1886, Arthur E. Hayer, a carriage painter at New Worcester, and have Edith,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1886, and Myron Tatman,<sup>9</sup> b. April 29, 1890; Sarah Leora,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 31, 1870. After a life of pain and suffering, which she bore with remarkable patience and Christian fortitude, death came to her release April. 1, 1892, at the age of 21 years, 7 months. He lives on the old homestead, and is a machinist in the W. and M. Mfg. Co's Mill. He enlisted in the civil war Aug. 13, 1864, and was stationed at Fort Warren.

Olive,<sup>7</sup> [Daniel,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>] b. June 24, 1816, m. Oct. 2, 1846, Joseph Prouty of Spencer, and had Frank Tatman,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 2, 1849, m. July 3, 1873. Emma Brewer of Spencer, and had Sidney Dexter,<sup>9</sup> Dec. 19, 1875; Elton,<sup>9</sup> b. June 25, 1882; Ralph,<sup>9</sup> b. June 27, 1885. John Rufus,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 2, 1853, d. young, aged 8 or 10 days, d. not recorded.

David Dudley,<sup>7</sup> [Daniel,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>] b. April 14, 1819, m. Jan. 20, 1847, Jane Hunt, dau. of David and Jane [Smith] Yeomans, b. in Norwich, Conn., and b. not recorded. When 15 or 16 years of age, while assisting to put a pump in a well, he was struck on the head, fracturing the skull so as to necessitate its being trepaned, and



in April, 1849, he was injured at the little pond, then existing at Lincoln Square, Worcester, while carting water, which disabled him for a year. They had 1 ch., Ramond,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1852, m. July 30, 1874, Ella Spurr, b. in Charlton, Mar. 21, 1851; no ch. He served as dry goods clerk several years in Worcester, went to Providence, R. I., in the employ of Gov. Ladd, who, on account of his superior good judgment in the selection of saleable dress goods, took him with himself to Europe for that purpose. In the autumn of 1890 he left Prov. and became connected with a large dry goods firm, formed at that time in Indianapolis, Ind. David d. July 21, 1886.

Rufus Daniel,<sup>7</sup> (Daniel,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Dec. 22, 1834, m. 1st Nov. 10, 1862, Alice Partridge,<sup>8</sup> dau. of Ephraim and Lucinda (Partridge) Willard, b. in Oxford Nov. 3, 1841, d. Dec. 20, 1863, s. p.; m. 2d Dec. 11, 1867, her sis. Susannah Elizabeth Willard, b. in Worcester Aug. 14, 1846, and had, Marion Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 5, 1870; Edna Louise,<sup>8</sup> b. June 16, 1872, d. Apr. 20, 1876. Susannah d. Apr. 29, 1877, and he m. 3d, Jan. 27, 1882, her sis. Ellen Lucinda Willard, b. in Dudley May 13, 1839. He lives on a portion of the old homestead at Quinsigamond, and is a machinist at the Washburn & Moen Co.'s mill.

Levi,<sup>7</sup> (Reuben,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Apr. 30, 1826, m. Nov. 1, 1864, Lucy, dau. of Henry Gates. He d. Aug. 19, 1881, and she m. 2d, ——— Hartwell of Groton. Their ch. were Gilbert Henry,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 4, 1864; Lewis James,<sup>8</sup> b. June 10, 1866.

Reuben James,<sup>7</sup> (Reuben,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 29, 1836, m. Dec. 21, 1863, Susan Maria, dau. of Charles and Susan (Butler) Taylor, b. Oct. 9, 1835, and has Mary Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 16, 1866. She is clerk at the City Hall. Charles Taylor, b. Dec. 16, 1871. He is a member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, and will enter the Harvard Law School the coming fall. R. James is Vice-

Pres., Treas. and Director of the First National Fire Insurance Co. of Worcester.

Martha Ann,<sup>7</sup> (Reuben,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Jabez,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 6, 1838, m. by Rev. Merrill Richardson July 24, 1861, David Johnson, jr., bro. of Delia Eliza, 1st, w. of her cousin John A. Tatman, and had Carrie J., b. Mar. 20, 1862, who d. Mar. 9, 1873; Ida,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 27, 1864; William A.,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1866, m. Aug. 20, 1888, by Rev. E. Davenport of Conn., Edith E. Murray; David Albert,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 16, 1869; Reuben Tatman,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1873; and Frederick H.,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 17, 1880. They live on a portion of the old homestead, and his occupation is watchman.

The ancestry of the following I have not been able to learn. Daniel Totman of Charlestown published to Charlotte Winn Apr. 23, 1807:

Lucretia Totman of Hardwick, pub. to Miles, son of Gershom and Lydia (Besse) Cobb Dec. 30, 1826, who was b. in Hardwick Nov. 25, 1798. Their son, Amory B. Cobb, m. 1st, Fanny ———, and had Crilla Acrona, b. Aug. 22, 1857, d. Nov. 3, 1857; Fanny Alline, b. July 10, 1859, d. Aug. 12, 1859; 1st w. d. July 16, 1859, aged 32, and he m. 2d, Martha ———, and had a dau. b. Sept. 18, 1863, d. Oct. 18, 1863; Fanny Louisa, b. June 10, 1865; Emma Jane, b. Sept. 6, 1867. He is proprietor of the Unionville House, Unionville, Conn. Dau. Lydia m. Apr. 23, 1849, Luther Marsh of Holden; had a dau. who m. Alfred H. Richardson of Gilbertville, and d. Nov. 13, 1863, aged 35. Son Aretas d. Mar. 13, 1851, aged 19; son Andrew d. Apr. 27, 1855, aged 22; son Prior d. Feb. 25, 1857, aged 21. Miles Cobb was a farmer of Gilbertville, where he d. Feb. 5, 1882, and his w. d. Feb., 1879, aged 81.

Henry Totman, bro. of Lucretia, lives in Petersham, unm.

Nancy Totman of Hardwick m. Aug. 7, 1828, Samuel D. Anderson of Ware.

Lydia Totman of Hardwick m. June 2, 1833, Loertes Evans, and d. Oct. 23, 1838, aged 25.

Lucy H. Totman of Hardwick m. Mar. 17, 1846, Loren Shaw, and had Charles Henry, b. July 22, 1850.

In 1876 V. Tatman & Co., were milliners at Wilmington, Del. J. J. Totman served in the Mass. Heavy Artillery, Co. C, and d. May 14, 1865, aged 19; as inscribed on the Soldiers' Monument at Weymouth.

Seneca S. Totman, aged 45, worth \$100,000, killed himself in his cell, in the Medina Co., Ohio, jail, by stuffing a handkerchief into his throat Feb. 6, 1888. He shot his cousin, Thomas C. Brigg, also a wealthy farmer, in Aug. 1886, and had been sentenced to 7 years in the penitentiary.

Joseph Tatman and Ida Sherwood, two mites of humanity who have been on exhibition in Boston, have filed their intentions of marriage in the city office at Boston, and are to be married Saturday afternoon. The groom is 42 inches tall, and weighs 55 pounds, while the bride is 36 inches tall, and weighs 40 pounds. (N. E. Home Journal, Mar. 3, 1888).

Marion E. Totman of Fairfield, Me., b. Sept. 18, 1861, m. Aug. 6, 1881, George B., son of James H. and Henrietta (Clifford) Freeland of Boston, b. Aug. 15, 1859; clothing dealer.

Some of the Tottinghams of Woburn go by the name of Totman, which is a misnomer.

