

SOME RECORDS

OF PERSONS BY THE NAME OF

WORDEN,

PARTICULARLY OF OVER ONE THOUSAND OF THE
ANCESTORS, KIN, AND DESCENDANTS OF

JOHN AND ELIZABETH WORDEN,

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, RHODE ISLAND.

COVERING THREE HUNDRED YEARS,

and comprising Twelve Generations in America.

For Private Circulation.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise:
ACT WELL YOUR PART—there all the credit lies.

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What can ennoble sets, or fools, or cowards?
Not all the blood of all the Howards."

BY O. N. WORDEN.

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To my living Cousins of the Worden Lineage,

AND TO

THE POSTERITY OF THOSE DECEASED,

THIS TRIBUTE OF AFFECTION,

Compiled during Months of Illness, of Weariness, and of Sorrow,

AND EVERY TYPE SET BY MY OWN HAND,

IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Oliver Norton Worden.

“A FEW WORDS BEFORE WE BEGIN.”

EVERY person must account for himself or herself, and must in the main be his or her own exemplar. Yet we all are more or less influenced by those most intimate with us, and by the events of our own times. In these ways, impressions are made, and are intensified. It is therefore advisable to hold up, for attention and honor, persons of worth, whose powers were well employed; and the closer the connection between them and ourselves, the stronger is that influence. Hence, the very natural desire to know something of our progenitors and other relatives, is not only harmless, but it may also be made useful, for it generally stimulates ambition to imitate good deeds and to be worthy inheritors of fairly-earned respectability, inasmuch as the better in mortal life is mostly kept in memory, while the worse sinks in oblivion.

From childhood, personal narratives were my favorite reading. Biographies were the only portions of *The Book* I really studied, even while committing to memory thousands of its verses. Its pure precepts were mentally assented to, but the DEEDS of its illustrious characters awoke love and profound veneration. Nor is this feeling confined to youth. Most of us cherish towards worthy personages of every age the sentiment of Sir William Jones—

“Around thy mystic altar, heavenly Truth!
I kneel in manhood as I knelt in youth;
There let me kneel till this dull form decay,
And life's last shade be brightened by the ray;
Then shall my soul, now lost in clouds below,
Soar without bound; without consuming, glow.”

On my mother's side—see page 113—ancestors had been traced back about 800 years. (The late Dea. Lewis Mills Norton, of Goshen, had a record of a thousand descendants of David Norton, and a Norton Genealogy was projected by C. B. Norton of New York before the Rebellion.) On my father's side, I knew of no records; none of his kin lived

near ; and he was too much and too earnestly absorbed in his high calling to spend much time on mere personal matters. His written religious experience, now in my hands, contains most of the information obtained through him. But I began early to put on paper every fact or scrap of a hint I heard or saw respecting his family.

The four brothers—and especially Wait and Jesse, the two younger, kept up their acquaintance. Dolly, Betsey, and Avis had died ; but of Abigail and Susan—the two sisters remaining—my father knew nothing since William and Abigail Mitchell left Central New York, over fifty years ago, to hew out a home for themselves in the wilds of the then extreme West. He and his brothers Wait and Gideon sighed to hear from their favorite “Nabby;” but one after another they passed away without knowing that she had crossed the Jordan of death over thirty years before them.

The Mitchell family (p. 53 to 72) were cut off from any knowledge of their Worden kindred for half a century. Of course, they often talked about those they had left behind in “the East.” They mourned particularly the loss of “Uncle Jesse,” (p. 108.) He had visited them in New York, while yet emaciated from camp fever : he sang so pleasantly that the children cried when they left, for their mother thought him dying with consumption, and so they long counted him among the early dead—not knowing that he was for forty years afterwards a robust man of 200 pounds’ weight !

During those fifty years of isolation from their kindred, the Mitchell family record had made the extraordinary gain of over 300, so that they never lacked for company. Over fourteen years past, descendants of William and Abigail Mitchell, and of John and Jane Worden—double cousins—had dwelt in neighboring towns, ignorant of each others’ existence. Several had passed each others’ residences, and transacted business in the same places, without recognition.

A portion of the families of Gideon, Avis, Wait and Jesse made occasional visits together, and wrote letters—but all

the others were strangers for years. We knew the names of our grand-father's family—that he had brothers Nathan and Joseph in Vermont, and an uncle Peter in Massachusetts—see p. 122, 133—but beyond that we knew next to nothing of our kindred or of our ancestry.

HISTORY OF THIS WORK.

In 1865, I found my strength prostrated from a third of a century's unintermitted application to newspaper publications; and my nervous disability was increased by a severe attack of diphtheria, resulting at one time in partial paralysis of the right hand. Unfitted for in-door work, confinement, excitement or responsibility of any kind, I sought, as a most suitable, soothing, but not exacting occupation, to enlarge my knowledge of my father's family. With this design, five States were visited. Hap-hazard inquiries by mail, advertisements in local papers, genealogies, rolls, records, histories, tomb-stones, and whatever contained proper names, were resorted to. Soon, veins of information appeared, which, followed up, brought to light important facts. Relatives were discovered on every hand. Circulars, explanations, and inquiries—making perhaps a thousand postal missives—constantly enlarged my knowledge and fields of inquiry.

While thus engaging my spare time and strength, the great sorrow of my life came, one year since, in the loss of my most endeared and devoted companion. With a HOME no longer, and still more depressed, I resolved, as strength was given me, to endeavor to complete these memorials, as a most suitable occupation while waiting for some permanent position for the time infinite Wisdom may allot me.

Finding others equally interested in these researches with myself, I proposed a publication "for the benefit (only) of those concerned." Quite a number much encouraged me. But, at the outset, a few of my oldest correspondents said my task was utterly hopeless, and even the California hunter pronounced "the track too cold" ever to follow up the game sought for. They will be agreeably disappointed.

My protracted, persistent, pertinacious probings in this "labor of love" became the means of bringing together, for the first time, the history of perhaps a hundred families. It has thus, already, incidentally rescued from oblivion many matters which might otherwise have been forgotten. Some have been astonished at the trouble required to obtain proof on a point even of recent occurrence—at the varying statements respecting it—and the interest clustering around it. Older events were still more troublesome to state. I have endeavored to harmonize contradictory statements, giving a preference to written dates, nearest the time, rather than to memories, and bearing in mind that nearest relatives (and especially females) are most apt to be reliable in matters of births, marriages and deaths.

For the satisfaction of all interested, and some times for their pecuniary advantage, the three great eras of mortal life should be legally recorded, and also fairly inscribed in a large Family Bible. So preserved, it is but little trouble to copy and to hand down the family memorials from generation to generation. Unfortunately, most of our Worden Bibles, with the records therein embalmed, seem to have passed into strangers' hands, or were lost by flames or by thoughtlessness. Their absence has cost me much extra labor, while some dates have been entirely lost and some conflicting statements remain undecided.

Notwithstanding the lack of intimacy for two generations past, I am assured, by the oldest of the kindred I have met, that those who left Rhode Island were particularly friendly and fond of each others' society. As they were in sparsely settled regions, and partook of the migratory spirit of the times, they were perhaps more endeared to each other by a community of hardships. "Familiarity breeds contempt," and it is too true that the affection even of those bound by the tenderest ties of nature may suffer by too much contact during the trials and cares of this imperfect state.

Most cheerfully do I bear testimony to the cordial replies

made to my inquiries. I might mention some particularly, here, but their names appear in their family memorials, and it would be difficult for me to say who made the greatest efforts to forward the work. Those I have visited, seemed cordial in their welcomes. I remember their kindness to a stranger in his weakness, and express my gratitude for the favors I may never be able to return.

"Last at the cross, and earliest at the grave." Consistent with nature, I have found my female correspondents most earnest, prompt and reliable. They have taken hold of my idea as a true woman marries a true man—with "deathless trust." One writes of her male friends' provoking dilatoriness, "They seem to care for nothing but cattle, lands, and greenbacks." And those most remote from their kindred—feeling like an utter stranger among the surging thousands of a great city's streets—evinced more interest than they do who enjoy the companionship of family friends.

Yet, with all this sad dearth of formal genealogies, I am satisfied that our ancestors received ample education for practical purposes, and did not lack intelligence. But they lived in times when forests were to be cleared, Indians and wild beasts were to be guarded against, and a republican government was to be founded. Naturally, minor matters were made subordinate to the greater. Few if any of them seem ever to have thought that any of their posterity would ever have had the curiosity to inquire after them. Hence, we often find nothing but legal documents, and incidental allusions and inferences, to tell all the story of a life. Add to these, vagrant dates, vague impressions, and guess-work between ascertained facts and dreamy traditions, and the difficulty is greatly increased.

Ignorance of other branches of the family was still more excusable in days of yore. Printing was not an every-day luxury. Post-offices were few, and mails slow, irregular, uncertain; and the pioneer often settled remote from the rounds of the mounted or pedestrian mail-carrier. The

quarter of a dollar charged for bringing a letter from a distance, was harder to earn and more prized than two dollars are now. Writing materials were none too convenient, for even maple-bark ink and blank leaves from old books were not always at hand. Every day had its burden of laborious duties to jade the body and engross the mind. The aching voids in the heart were ere long occupied by little, helpless new-comers, novel companions, and exacting responsibilities. They also knew that the friends left behind were changing homes more or less, and a letter might fail to reach them. Thus Procrastination, the subtlest "thief of Time," delayed the writing of those letters which would have kept fresh a knowledge of each other, and the chain of friendship bright. And so—week by week and year by year—opportunities passed unimproved, until at length the love even of brothers and sisters seemed to be a thing of the past, like that of the parents or the children they had buried. Each "presumed" the other was dead—it was so, so long since he or she had been heard from!

Some families, moreover, were so large, or in such straitened circumstances, that the older children started out "to seek their fortunes" early—several, indeed, in their teens, so that the younger only knew of the existence of some sisters and brothers by "hear-say." This of course led to a feeling of distance between those of the same family, which would not have existed had they met at the same table and shared together the same parental care until riper years. On the contrary I found one worthy woman who has taken care of nine children in addition to her own, and still presides over her own household. Others, who were childless, reared up several, either relatives or strangers.

There is also, especially with the aged, a disrelish for writing, which increases with indulgence. I have known short journeys, and long ones too, made, with loss of time and money, where a few letters would have been as useful. True, the sight of the eye, the hand's warm pressure, the

pure kiss,* and the full, discursive, familiar, old-time talks could not be as fully enjoyed. Happily, the photographer can now present an actual likeness of one's countenance and person, and three cents will take a letter anywhere over the broad Union, most of the way on wings of steam.

The record, as far as ascertained, shows descendants (or their companions) of JOHN and ELIZABETH WORDEN in or from twenty-two States, and also from Canada and the Old World—in all the Eastern and Northern, some of the Southern, and most of the newer Western States. Not only

"from the Orient's beam
To where Missouri pours his confluent stream,"

but also across the plains and mountains,

"in the continuous woods
Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound
Save his own dashing,"

are our relatives to be found. They are represented in most of the reputable avocations and professions in life, honorably. Not generally wealthy or ambitious, they are far better than either—they are comfortable, independent livers. Few have enjoyed collegiate educations, but most have, by mastering the rudiments of knowledge, and by habitual reading, gained a thorough adaptation for their duties and their privileges as citizens and as immortal beings. Their leading occupation has been the most noble of all—agriculture. With a reasonable foresight, and a due regard for the things of time, those of eternity are not forgotten. Their most common church connections are Baptist and Methodist. Industry, intelligence, sobriety, chastity, veracity, frankness and self-reliance are characteristics with few exceptions.

Physically, the Worden race is robust—rather above the usual height and weight, and of considerable strength and

*"Thanks! my gentle, absent friend,
A kiss you in your letter send;
But, ah! the thrilling charm is lost
In kisses that arrive by post—
That fruit can only grateful be
When gathered, melting, from the tree."

activity—complexion fresh, hair black, nose not prominent, eye-balls large, the pupil of the eye of a dark brown or hazel color, teeth that generally remain many years to perform their work, and a stomach that (like charity) “never faileth.” In our branch of the family, I apprehend the Babcock line is predominant, and distinguishable by persons of less size but great powers of endurance. In remoter branches of the family, blue eyes and sandy hair are found. As every intermarriage varies characteristics, the above points vary, and some times seem to be lost, yet they often “crop out” in a third or a fourth generation.

While bringing together my scattered fragments as best I could, and observing the dates—1500, 1600, 1700—the suggestion found at the foot of page 42 has often occurred to me. It will be interesting to all—and more especially to the young—to read in history what important events transpired, and what noted men and women flourished, from 1568 to 1638, which was the supposed life-time of our first known ancestor, Peter Worden 1st. The same of Peter Worden 2d—of Dr. Samuel Worden—and so on, down to our own parents’ day. The effort will much assist in placing us in lively sympathy with our ancestors, participating alike in their fears and their losses, their joys and their triumphs.

Again, as I look upon my country’s map, and study out a present or a former home of some relative in nearly every degree of latitude and longitude, I try to realize each in his or her own abode, and fancy the surroundings. Or, at evening, I have imagined each one gazing with me at the same star or constellation—and have found satisfaction, as I trust my readers will, in the contemplation. My recent affliction has made the sorrows of others more sacred to me. Every family almost can sympathize with every other family in its joys and bereavements. And by the telegraphic wire of prayer, hundreds,

“Though sundered far, by faith may meet
Around one common mercy seat.”

RESPECTING TOWN RECORDS.

Even "black and white" memorials have errors—are not always complete—some times can not be understood. The index is often missing, and partakes of human infirmity. Incompetency or carelessness, on the part of some one, has led to hopeless confusion. During civil revolutions, records were unkept, destroyed, or deposited elsewhere than their proper, natural place. Fire, mould, rats &c. have defaced where they did not devour. An event in one town is upon record in another—part of a family record is on two pages of a book, or in two books, or perhaps in two towns—with nothing to indicate the proper connections. There is not a uniformity in spelling even the same name. One record is in three towns, somewhat varying in each. Some places I found nothing where I expected much. The most fruitful and best kept books were those of Stonington, where I had expected least. The worst trouble was various persons of one name with nothing to distinguish them.

Some records have been most elegantly kept—others, not. Many are guarded by fire-proof safes, while elsewhere there is no adequate security for papers, worth more than gold, containing references increasing in value year by year.

Generally, I did little more than to refer to indexes, but occasionally gleaned a fact while turning the leaves slowly. Doubtless a closer examination of official papers, church records, ministers' and sextons' diaries, private papers, newspapers, pamphlets, tomb-stones,* &c., would have increased my stock of dates and persons. But expenses were so high, country taverns so few, and strength so feeble, that I did not think it proper to exhaust either my body, my purse, or my subject. I found polite Clerks, and feel grateful to God that I was led to the precise points where I found what was most desired. Unless to enroll all the descendants of our

*Opposite Westerly, however, a grave-yard, all under cultivation, was pointed out, where a miserly Vandal had made fences of the tomb-stones!

Pilgrim Father, little more is needed from New England. Our own line of ancestry is pretty well established on the father's side, but we would like a little more knowledge of our good FORE-MOTHERS, and especially of the wife of Peter the First.

NOTE.—For the benefit of future compilers I name in their turn, as far as memory serves, the records I somewhat investigated: Norwich, Providence, Warren, New London, Lyme, Old Lyme, Westerly, Hopkinton, Richmond, South Kingstown, Stonington, Groton, Charlestown, North Kingstown, Warwick, Yarmouth, Barnstable county, Nantucket, Bristol, Fairfield, Stamford, Greenwich, Waterbury, West Chester county, Dutchess county, Orange county. Searched by Town Clerks—Exeter, Waterford, Portsmouth, North Stonington.

HOW THE BOOK IS MADE UP.

Let it be borne in mind that I began this work with page 24, late last year, and after reaching page 156, early this spring, turned back to prepare this introduction. I have a fuller record than anticipated, and give more pages than was promised. The materials have been compressed rather than expanded, yet so as to give all prominent points, in a small book, on plain, clear type. The plan I endeavored to make as simple as possible. The abbreviations are few—

b means born; m, married; unm, unmarried; d, died; ?, or [], uncertain, doubtful, or guessed at from incidental evidence; pr or pro, probably. Our ancestors mostly in capitals or SMALL CAPS; our cousins (and their companions) in *italic*.

Those who see a want of uniformity in these records, are assured that the SAME specimen of what was desired was sent to all. Quite a number made exact returns, others in part only, and others not in the least like the pattern. In some cases repeated but fruitless efforts were made for fuller details. I thought the "tribe of WAIT" was appropriately named by one of themselves; but they all got along at last, and since theirs came a letter from another tribe in answer to one two years old! So I live in hope of receiving other good epistles, in answer to mine, for months and years to come. But the book could not be delayed longer. Some information, which came too late for its proper place, will be incorporated with the Corrections.

"Figures won't lie," but it has some times been hard work to make them tell the truth. Through errors, some figures which reached me missed the facts by from one to a hundred years. According to accounts, some children were older than their parents, and some parents assumed that responsibility when astonishingly young or extremely advanced in years. The ripest specimen of paternity was uncle Gideon, who gathered matrimonial fruit for forty-eight years, his last daughter being born when he was over 70. His daughter, Ruth Ann, bore children for 27 years. Cousin Abigail Green welcomed her first-born, fatherless, when she was but 15½ years old, and cousin Avis' daughter Sarah was a mother before she was 16. If there are extremes beyond these stated in the following pages, perhaps the safest way is to deem them mistakes of the printer. Some of us have not imitated those examples in any respect!

There is too much looseness in stating numbers. "About 30," and "about 80," often lack ten to twenty years of the point or duration desired. A still greater error is that of counting backwards to determine one's age or other matter. Assuming their own age as the standard, (yet some times forgetting even that, and remaining stationary for years, or leaping years at a time,) they attempt to adjust dates by their ages—like a crazy man insisting that the sun should run according to his time-piece. Under this vague sliding-scale, "dating back" often under- or over-states the truth. Such is the infirmity of memory, especially with the aged, it is best to make a point, say at BIRTH, and count FORWARD.

To show how widely sub-divisions of years may vary the ages of two persons, suppose the following :

A.B. was born Dec.31, 1799—died Jan. 1, 1800.

C.D. " " Jan. 1, 1799— " Dec.31,1800.

At first glance, each would be called a year old at death—yet A.B. was really but one day old, and C.D. was two years old lacking a day—almost two years between them. Not observing days and months, an error of a year may occur.

EXPENSES.

The considerable amount of money expended in traveling, postage, stationery, and printing, and the time and the care required in correspondence and in arranging these details, I take no account of. They are a free gift to the family and friends. But I think they will deem it a duty and a privilege to share the cost of printing and binding the book and of sending it to the widely scattered homes where I trust it will receive a cordial welcome. I shall therefore require two dollars for one copy, and \$1.50 each for two copies or more. It will be an acceptable present to many. Those who feel inclined, will please write or speak a good word for it to those they see or write to.

The book is not to be sold or given away outside of the families named on its pages. But if any knave, anywhere, should let you know, confidentially or otherwise, of some great FORTUNE of some of our kin's name, begging for an owner, don't you believe it—don't send on a dime. If you want to lose money very badly, buy some oil stock, or take chances in any kind of gift lottery.

USEFUL.

The blank leaves at the end of the book, may be made quite useful. They are designed to hold the time and place of births, weddings and deaths, in one's own family, and in such others of the connection as may be selected. Put all down legibly and carefully. Such emendations of this book or additions as are needed may be here copied. Obituaries clipped from papers may be neatly pasted in. Thus kept, the book will acquire additional value from year to year—but do not let it be used for waste paper, as an Almanac, an account book, or a diary.

—Should life and health be spared, I may be permitted to issue an improved and enlarged edition of the work, some years hence; but both are so uncertain that I indulge no such expectation.

The Name of Worden

Is common in the German language, signifying *has become*, or *the past*, and *Werden* has nearly the same meaning—both proofs of ancient as well as present existence. Thirty years ago, I saw the name in a German grave-yard in Frederick Co., Md., and have also seen German musicians thus named. In parts of Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, France, &c., are places called as follows: Warde, Wartenberg, Werben, Werdan, Werden, Werdonberg, Wörden, Worden Grossen, Wordingburg—also Verdun, Vorden, Vildvorden, Vorden—Norden—Peterwardien, Lee Warden, &c. In 1563, “Sebastian Franks, of Worden, issued a Chronik, or chronicle of the sufferings &c. of German Anabaptists.” “Worden, a town in Holland,” was the temporary abode of the pioneer Gardiner of New England. Here are sufficient variations of the name to indicate a German origin—nor do the mental or physical peculiarities of many of our people bear witness against it. History records many Germans who passed over into England also.

“Wardenski” was a Polish family with a coat of arms—perhaps sky-high by this time!

Wynken or Wynandus de Worde—b 1456, in Lorraine, France, d in London, 1531?—was the second printer there, and distinguished for his learning and enterprise. He was a devout Roman Catholic. By dropping the *de* and adding an *n*, de Worde would easily become Worden. (Greater changes than that are not unusual.)

J. Van der Waarden is a noted painter in Holland—Van Waarden was there in 1867—and there’s Wortendyke also, low Dutch *for goot!*

Warden—a guardian, or keeper—is a familiar English noun. Ours is not the only English name which has been spelled in a score or two of different ways. One scrivener had it three ways in the same paper. In addition to the most common form—**Worden**—I have seen or heard the following variations of it, designed as I suppose for myself or others of my relatives: Wardan, Warden, Wardin, Wardon, Wardun, Wardand, Wardend, Warton, Warthun, Wartin, Werdan, Werden, Werdin, Werdon, Werduin, Wharden.

Wharton, Wordan, Wording, Wordin, Wordun, Worthen, Worton, Wortan, Worten, Worthing, Wortin, Worton, Worton, Wurdan, Wurden, Wurdin, Wurdon, Wurtun—also Varden, Verdun—and a dozen other ways. A cockney would spell or pronounce one way, an Irishman another, a German another, and so on.

Sir John Worden, Warden or Warden signed some of the papers of Gov. Wm. Penn—as agent, I was told, of the Duke of York or Lord Baltimore. Eustace Carey and J. B. Warden (both English, it is supposed) in 1822 appealed for aid for Christian schools in Calcutta. There is a rear-admiral Warden in the British navy. Herwerden (Herford) is in Eng.

M'Wardeen was once given my father as the old name in Scotland, and the high cheek bones, sandy complexion and ardent temperament of some branches of the family indicate a Celtic origin. M'Wardeen can easily be softened down to Warden—a name common there. Books of heraldry refer to "Wordie—Trubeck, Scot." Walter Scott has a Rose Bradwardine among his characters.

In 1649, Oliver Cromwell referred to a Col. Warden in Ireland. The elder Warden of Chambersburg claimed an Irish origin, as do some others, but I think they are from English or Scotch families. My own name is the nearest approach to an O'Worden that I have met!

A tradition at least a century old, is that three brothers left Wales "at an airy day," and settled on Narragansett island, in Long Island Sound or Rhode Island. After some time they sold, divided their fortune, and settled, one in New York, one in Connecticut, and the other in Rhode Island. But I have not yet found that Narragansett Island—and the "three brothers" have been so numerous that they have lost considerable credit among genealogists except where supported by written evidence.

Another tradition is that all the Wordens in America are offspring of one Pilgrim, or Puritan. From the similarity of names, and their regular Westward settlement from the place where he died, I believe most of those named in the following pages are descended from Peter Worden, 1st, of Cape Cod. But it will be seen there were probably four or five other Worden families in America, between 1635 and 1699, from whom most of that name have descended.

I have not extended my researches to Africa or to Asia.

I find, however, among the Rhode Island Soldiers of '76, a Caesar Worden, and a Jack Worden—colored men probably and perhaps substitutes. Among the Union soldiers buried at Chattanooga, 2 July 1865, was Adam Warden, 42d U.S. Col. Inf.—and at DeVall's Pine Bluff, Ark., 28 Dec. 1865, was buried James Worden, 4th U.S. Col. Art. Jeremiah Worden, 1774, had an African and an Indian in his household. In 1686, Mary, widow of Peter Worden 2d, willed her "Indian squaw servant" to her son Samuel. These are all the "patriarchs" of our name that I have discovered.

—Having thus established or surmised divers foundations for our name in all parts of Europe north and west of Germany, it is proper to assume that some of those bearing it shared in the religious or business enterprises of their day, and landed safely on this side of the Atlantic!

First Wordens in America.

From page 32 onwards is a pretty copious account of the posterity of Peter Worden 1st. The year of his arrival is not known; he d 1638, and his first residence in Lynn and the terms of his Will, indicate that he may have been here before any of those hereafter named.

Isaac Worden, serv't, aged 18, came over in the Increase; embarked at London in April 1635; when or where he settled (if he remained) unknown.

Jane Worden, aged 30, came in the Christian, the first vessel in 1635 from London to our country. In 1635-6, she sued one Weeks, in Plymouth, for 50^l. money lent.

I have no further knowledge of Jane or Isaac. They may have been the parents of the Wordens named p. 139.

Ezekiel Worthen, Salisbury, Dec. 1661, m Hannah Martin, by whom he had Hannah, John, Thomas, Dorothy, &c.

THOMAS WORDEN OF NEW YORK CITY.

In 1699, Thomas Worden of New York, citizen and pipe-maker from London, asked payment of dues from Thomas Parington, gunner of New York. 1701 and 1702, Thomas Worden and 600 other Protestants petitioned the King. In 1704, he asked to dig clay on Nassau Island. I know no more about him. He may be the ancestor of some of the Wordens on the Hudson and elsewhere.

[Soldiers of the Revolution, not elsewhere named.]

In Col. Topham's R. I. Reg.—Walter Worden; William Worden; Arnold Worden; Jesse Worden.

In Capt. Dye's Company, 1776—Joseph Worden, corp.; Peter Worden, South Kingstown.

In 1777, Gideon and Christopher Worden were engaged with others to fill the quota from Charlestown.

[Rhode Island Union Soldiers, not elsewhere stated.]

Benj. F. Worden, Hopk'tn, '61	Robert Verden, Coventry, '62
Wendell " Providence, '62	Wm. D. Worden, Charle'tn, '63
Samuel P. " " '62	

[Connecticut Soldiers to July 1, '61.]

Alex'cr Worden, Norwich, '61	Lieut. Col. Cha's W. Worden,
Rich. J. Worden, New Mil. '61	Bridgeport '62
Steph. W. Worden, N. Hav. '62	Wm. Worden, Hartford '62
Amos Worden, Westport '62	Nath'l E. Worden, N. Hav. '62
Eliakim F. Worden, Gre'h '62	Peter Worden, Vernon '63
Henry C. Worden " '62	Henry Worden, N. Haven '63
Sam'l F. Worden, Cant'by '62	Wm. Worden, North Hav. '63

—In addition to the names hereafter given, I here copy, from official sources, others, probably designed to be spelled like our own, who died in the late Union contest. It may point some to the resting-places of their kindred :

Buried at Anderswille, Ga.—H. Worden, I, 17th Mass; W. Worthen, C, 9th Md; J. Worden, B, 41th Ind, in June; W. Worden, G, 55th Mass, July; Corp. H. Wordand, 1st N Y; John Werting, D, 52d N Y, Sept; Serg. G. W. Worden, E, 7th Tenn; J. H. Worenton, H, 108th Pa, Oct; D. Worthen, B, 12d A O; S. F. Worthen, D, 1st Vt Cav, Nov. 1864; H. B. Worden, B, 5th N Y, March '65.

Cypress Hill, L I.—John Worthing, 1st N Y Art, Sept '62; Erastus S. Worden, 16th N Y Hvy Art, June '65.

Danville, Va.—J. Worden, G, 126th O, Oct '64.

Military Asylum Cemetery, D C.—George Worthen, F, 15th Mass, Sept '62.

National Cem. Arlington, Va.—Surg. L. Worden, C, 15th Mass, June '61; H. Worden, O, 6th Mich Cav, July '61.

Alexandria, Va.—O. S. Worden, F, U S Inf, Sept '63.

Nat. Cem. Hampton, Va.—Cyrus Worden, G, 134th O, July '61.

Small Pox Hospital, St Louis.—Wm. Worden, 13th Ill Cav, May '61.

Camp Parole Hospital, Annapolis.—Augustine Worthing, 11th Maine, April '65.

Dep. of the East, (N Y).—Hiram Worden, 6th N Y Hvy Art, Aug '61.

Camp Butler, Ill.—Daniel Worden, drafted, April '65.

Philadelphia.—Edward C. Worden, 2d bat. V R C, 162, Feb '65.

Chattanooga.—Wm. Worden, 11th Wis, June '61; Robert Worden, 16th Ohio, July '64; John S. Worden, 11th Mich, April '65.

Resaca, Ga.—George G. Wordin, 136th N Y.

New Orleans.—David Worden, 160th N Y, July '61; Alanson Worden, 11th N Y Cav, Jan '65.

Bridgeport, Ala.—Wm. Worden, Knapp's Pa Bat, Nov '63.

Baton Rouge, La.—John Worden, 116th N Y, June '63.

Wilderness and Spottsylvania.—W. Wharton, 120th Ohio.

Madison, Wis.—Chester Worden, 31st Wis, April '63.

Cairo and Mound City.—W. S. Worden, 12th Mo Cav, Dec '61.

Missing Soldiers.—Warren D. Worden, C, 25th Wis; John S. Worden, C, 184th Pa.

WORDENS ON THE SEA.

Capt. Isaac Worden was a noted navigator, and we have glimpses and rumors of Gideons, Peters, Waits, Nathaniel, Joseph, Henry &c. lost at sea. Others still follow it.

Commander Reed Worden, b in Pa. abt 1823, m a Balt. lady, was appointed from Southern O, now hails from N.Y. Is a tall, slim man, large nose, dark hair and complexion. In Dec. 1856, with the bark *Amelia*, left Port au Prince for home; were badly handled by a storm; had only a barrel of damaged rice and bread; after eating that, the crew lived 22 days—on ice and rats! and were saved by another vessel.

Capt. John Lorimer Worden, b 12 March, 1818, in Mt. Pleasant, West Chester Co., N.Y.; midshipman in '34; Lieut. in '40; has a family; looks as if he might be a descendant of Peter Worden, but I know not. He was first brought to notice by the skill and fearlessness with which he conveyed a message by which Fort Pickens was kept out of the Rebel hands—a duty for which, on discovery, he had the honor of being one of the first Union prisoners. He was released in time to take the "Monitor" into action, and bring down the pride of the Goliath of naval Rebellom—an encounter that has made the name of John L. Worden, historic.

HERALDRY.

Warden, Warder, Wardor—Wiltshire, Westbury, Hampshire. Granted, 1585.

Werden—Westphalia; P. de Cloves; Lancashire Baronet, 28 Nov. 1672. M. et lo 13 Feb. 1788.

Werden—Westminster, Chester, Chelmsdon, Cheshire and Leyland, Lancashire, Eng. (three varieties.)

Worden—English and Scotch variations of the same name. One coat of arms, or escutcheon, is thus described: "WORDEN—Chequy ss. and or. on a bend, or three Leopard's faces or, rest on a chapeau turned up rim and eagle rising from."

[What it all means, don't know or care—perhaps you do.]

REQUEST.—Having sent herewith my own likeness at the age of 50, I ask all my adult relatives, as a special favor, to return me their card photographs, with name and age written plainly thereon. Also make free corrections, criticisms and suggestions as to this book.

AUTHORS NAMED WORDEN.

1664—Thomas Worden issued, in London, "The Types Unveiled, or the Gospel picked out of the Legal Ceremonies." Abridged and reprinted in 1810.

1676 to 1713—Joseph Warden (or Warder) three books about Bees : London.

1749—John Warden, Edinburg—"The Happiness of Edinburg." Poetry?

1769—John Warden, Minister of the Canongate, Edinburg—"A System of Revealed Religion," &c.: London.

1796—Eld. Peter Worden, Cheshire, Mass.—"Letter to a Friend," on Water Baptism: Lansingburg. Also a Sermon?

1813 to 1831, David Baillie Warden, Consul for the U.S. to Paris, issued six works relating to America, and one on Consular Establishments : Paris and Edinburg. In 1822, Samuel A. Elliott purchased, for Harvard University, 1200 select works, of D.B. Warden, at a cost of \$5,000.

1817—Wm. Warden, a British surgeon, issued "Bonaparte and Suite at St. Helena." re-printed in Boston. A reply was elicited under the inspection of Bonaparte.

Before 1845, "Warden" issued a sale catalogue.

1860—R. B. Warden, of Columbus : "A familiar forensic View of War."

1864—Alexander Warden, merchant, Dundee, "The Linen Trade, ancient and modern." London.

1865—Worden & Howell, a Directory of Newburg.

1866—O. N. Worden, Lewisburg, Pa., edited "Life and Times of Thomas S. Sheardown," a pioneer evangelist. I have published some historical sketches. My political and other writings, since 1832 or '3, would fill many volumes, but are too ephemeral, and widely scattered, to be gathered.

Mr. A. Worden was recently an editor of Chicago Times.

Mrs. Mary Dodge (dec'd), Mrs. Abigail M. Harman, Mrs. Julia F. Akers have published creditable fugitive poetry, but nothing in a permanent form.

My father, Jesso B. Worden, left hundreds of sermons, and my sister Mary some miscellanies, in manuscript.

Rev. Peter S. Worden and wife have made valued contributions to the religious literature of the day.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

On looking over the printed pages from 32 onward, I offer a few additional statements, comparisons, and short items.

43 to 116 show nearly a thousand descendants (including those intermarried) of one pair in less than a century. On 117 is another line of descent, embracing thirty heads of families. With these two examples in mind, it is safe to say that the whole posterity of Peter Worden 1st may comprise fifty thousand names. Having begun the work, I wish success and long life to whoever completes it!

My 8th ancestor on the Worden side died in Yarmouth, the year before my 6th on the Norton side settled in Guilford. With Peter Worden 1st I find twelve generations—born between 1568 and 1862—294 years, or 24 years to a generation. With Thomas Norton 1st, I find nine generations—born between 1582 and 1867—285 years, or 31 years to a generation. Twelve generations of Puritan descent on American soil, is an uncommon record.

The nine children of John and Elizabeth Worden averaged 57 years; thirty adults on page 117, 68 years.

The largest family in these records is that of cousin Wm. C. Mitchell—17 children, but several comprise over 12.

John and Eliz. Worden's family had 8 pairs of twins.

Page 102 shows a family of 10 boys to 1 girl, but page 50 reverses the fashion—8 girls to 1 boy.

Page 50-1 shows a family of 10 children all living to be married; 131, a family of 11 children, and no death in 53 years. But other families have lost every child. Page 71 shows a loss of 3 children in six days; page 94-5, 3 young women in nine months; page 71, 4 children in three years; page 87, 4 adult youth in eight years, &c.

Of John and Elizabeth Worden's family, I learn of 33 who were in the Union service, including 8 who were killed or died, and 3 who were maimed. Other branches of the family were equally patriotic. Of Rev. Salmon B. Worden's

family of 15, six sons bore arms, 2 were killed and 2 were wounded. There was a general union among those of our name in supporting the constituted authorities in that issue.

Page 156 has the marriage of a Worden to one of Gen. Grant's family—page 153, a (prob.) Pendleton alliance.

Peter Worden	was a preacher—	1748 to 1808;
His nephew, Nathan	do	1789 to 1801;
His nephew, Jesse B.	do	1817 to 1855;
His nephew, Peter S., is	do	1838 to —;
His nephew, James A.	do	1865 to —.

These generations show the preaching gift passing to nephews and not to sons. From our grand-parents, preachers in each adult generation appear in increasing ratio.

Would you like a book illustrating the daily life and the peculiar mental exercises of those pioneer preachers, Peter, Nathan, and Jesse B. Worden? would you like vivid pictures of the conflicts and triumphs of those now doing frontier work? I think my "Life and Times of Sheardown" admirably answers that purpose. He speaks as they would speak. The book has received the highest commendations from the best sources. It sells at \$1.50, but I will send you for \$1.

[Scattering Names, &c., connected with no others.]

Luke Sanders, b 1757? said "the oldest Worden he ever heard of—a very knowin' man—went off the Quebec way."
1792—Moses Warden, Stephentown, N. Y.

Benajah Worden, early settler at Batavia, N. Y.

Alvah Worden, Att'y, Canandaigua, N. Y., deceased.

1849—Horace Worden, Baptist pastor at Keokuk, Iowa.

1854—Jesse T. Warden, Att'y, Fayetteville, N. C.

" Willing W. Warden, Att'y, Marion, Mississippi.

" W. Wallace Warden, Att'y, Cincinnati, O.

" Robert B. Warden, State Reporter, Columbus, O.

Hicks Worden, Att'y, Manlius, N. Y.

Warren T. Worden, Att'y, Auburn, N. Y.

1867—Rev. J. W. Warden, Baptist, Atchison, Kansas.

"Wardensville" P. O. a mountain town, Hardy Co., W. Va.

"Worden Wheat" was grown in Western N. Y. abt 1850.

Several Wordens have secured patent rights.

“THE LAND OF OUR FATHERS.”

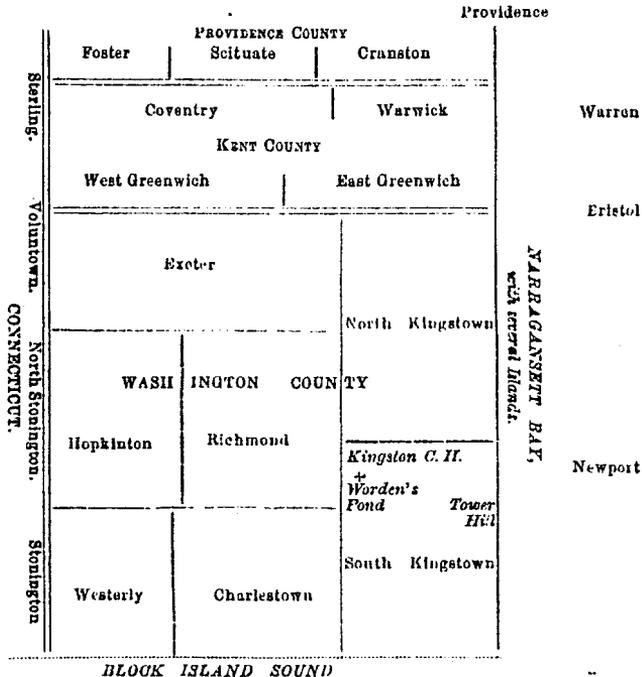
As a number of our ancestors were born, lived or died in Washington county, south-west Rhode Island—as many of the living there spent their early days—and as nearly all of their kindred will desire to look in upon the old homestead somewhat minutely, I first present a short account of its history, population, productions, avocations, &c.

What is now Washington county was first known to the whites as the Narragansett country, being chiefly inhabited by the powerful Indian tribe of that name. In 1654, it was called King's Province. In 1657, Pettiquamscut purchase was made—a tract of land 15 miles long by 6 or 7 broad, on the west side of Narragansett Bay. Settlements began in 1641. In 1729, it was incorporated as “Kings County”—a name altered to “Washington” by the good Whigs of 1781. No changes for over a century past. The Towns are—

1. WESTERLY, originally “Misquamicut”—the fifth town in the colony—was established in 1669. It then included Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton.
2. NORTH KINGSTOWN, or “Kingstowne”—the seventh in the colony—incorporated 1674. It then included South Kingstown and Exeter.
3. SOUTH KINGSTOWN, including both the old and new Court Houses, taken from Old or North Kingstown, 1723.
4. CHARLESTOWN, including Richmond, from east part of Westerly, 1738.
5. EXETER, from west part of North Kingstown, 1743.
6. RICHMOND, from north part of Charlestown, 1747.
7. HOPKINTON, from north part of Westerly, 1757.

In studying these pages, the above DATES should be kept in view. When (1705 to '13) Peter Worden 3d purchased in “Westerly,” it may have been in what is now Charlestown, Richmond, or Hopkinton, and not in the present Westerly. Early dates in North Kingstown and Charlestown may refer to places now in Exeter or Richmond.

Washington County, R. I., and Neighboring Places.



The above Diagram shows only the relative positions—as to each other—of the towns that most interest us, and a few others. It is not exact, as I make the lines all straight, while the water lines, and some of the town lines, are more or less crooked. The county is about twenty miles square. Wood river runs south between Hopkinton and Richmond. Charles river, from Worden's Pond west, is on or near the line between Charlestown and Richmond, and between Hopkinton and Westerly, till it strikes the State line, and there takes the name Pawcatuck river, turns south, and reaches the ocean between Watch Hill and Stonington Points, north of the east end of Long Island. Shawcatuck river is in the south-east of South Kingstown. Tower Hill was once the county seat, now at Kingston Hill. The point marked + was the Fort, near Worden's Pond, where (18th Dec. 1675) the Narragansett Swamp Fight occurred—perhaps the most disastrous day to the Indian power of any recorded in our history. It is believed the Wordens lived mostly around the considerable lake bearing their name, and on the river, flowing from it, which drives many mills. There are also other fresh ponds, and many small salt water lays on the coasts. The Stonington & Providence Railway intersects the county from N.E. to S.W.

POPULATION AT VARIOUS TIMES.							
ORG.	TOWNS.	1776	1782	1790	1810	1840	1865
1669	Westerly	1824	1720	2298	1911	1915	3815
1674	North Kingstn	2761	2328	2907	2957	2909	3166
1723	South "	2779	2675	4131	3560	3717	4513
1738	Charlestown	1835	1523	2022	*1174	* 923	1134
1743	Exeter	1982	2058	2495	2256	1776	1498
1747	Richmond	1204	1094	1760	1330	1361	1830
1757	Hopkinton	1845	1735	2462	1774	1726	2512
		14230	13133	18075	14962	14324	18468

*Besides 150 or 200 Indians not taxed.

It may be seen from the foregoing table that in 64 years, from 1776 to 1840, there was an increase of 94 only—and in 75 years, from 1790 to 1865, the increase is 393 only. The decrease of 1,097 between 1776 and 1782, extending to every town but the one (Exeter) most distant from the seaboard, was caused by the British occupancy of Newport, &c., whence they made excursions upon the main land, not safe or agreeable to the Whigs, nor profitable to their few Tory brethren. A census in 1780, would doubtless have shown a larger decrease. But, in 1790, when the soldiers and those driven into the interior had returned, prosperity was rapid, as shown by the gain in eight years (from 1782 to 1790) of 4,942, or over 600 a year.

About that period, however, the country was full, and a stronger movement commenced towards richer and cheaper lands. In the twenty years from 1790 to 1810, there was a decrease of 3,113—mostly of sturdy farmers' families. Up to 1840, deaths and emigrations from the county continued to exceed births and migrations to it.

Recently, however, the increase of cotton and other manufacturing establishments—particularly in the Kingstowns, Westerly, Richmond and Hopkinton—has greatly added to the wealth and population of the county.

There are now 4,000 families in the county, and 3,557 dwellings, all of wood excepting 13 of stone and 6 of brick. But as there are 201 vacant houses, there are 644 more of families than houses—the deficiency being in or near the factories. There is an average of 5.19 persons to a house, and 4.61 to a family—a third less than in y^e olden time.

The census of Rhode Island for 1865 gives in Washington county, 54 "villages" and the population of most of them, with 29 Post Offices. Some of the former are in two towns, and some of the latter serve for two, viz.:

In South Kingstown—Allenton P O pop. 37, Bellville 53, Davisville PO 105, Hamilton 181, Lafayette P O 150, Narragansett Mills 93, Silver Spring 140, Shady Lea 90, Slocumville P O 40, Wickford P O 707, Willettville 67. *South Kingstown*—Kingston 101, Narragansett Ferry 43, Narragansett Pier 92, Peacedale 741, Perryville 58, Rocky Brook 496, Tower Hill 45, Wakefield 596, (all P O.) *Exeter*—Exeter P O 40, Exeter Hollow 68, Fisherville 32, Hall's Mill, Pine Hill PO, Yawker 75. *Exeter and Richmond*—Arcadia P O 110, Browning's Mill 51. *Richmond*—Hillsdale 56, Plainville 98. *Richm. and So. Kingst.*—Uesquepaug PO 162. *Richm. and Charlestown*—Carolina Mills PO 474, Clark's Mill 109, Kanyon's Mill 69, Shamrock PO 77. *Hopkinton and Richm.*—Hope Valley 217, Woodville P O 149, Wyoming P O 351. *Hopkinton*—Ashaway P O 251, Barberville 48, Bethel 34, Burdickville 52, Canonchet 59, Centerville 67, Hopkinton City PO 78, Locustville 206, Moscow 24, Rockville PO 170. *Westerly and Hopkinton*—Dorreville PO 379, Potter Hill PO 293. *Westerly*—Lottery Village 137, Westerly PO 2465, White Rock 280. *Charlestown*—Charlestown PO, Quonocentaug PO.

Of the 18,468 inhabitants, only 1,356 are foreign born. Of the 17,112 Americans, 15,109 were born in the State, 13,526 in the County, and 10,213 (three fifths) in the Town where they now reside. A more homogeneous and truly native American people can hardly be found in a manufacturing region. There are 16 naturalized voters within the county. It is strongly Republican in politics, and furnished 601 persons (1 to 30) for the recent Union service.

There are 437 white and 103 colored natives, over 15 yrs of age, and 277 foreigners, who can not read and write—in all, 817. The proportion is 1 out of 38 native whites, 1 out of 6 colored, and 1 out of 5 foreigners. Of 4,059 children between 5 and 16, 3,705 are enrolled in the schools, leaving 354 apparently not in schools.

There are in the county 45 houses for public worship, with accommodations for 11,810 hearers, so that many more than half the entire population could attend at one time if they desired and it were possible. The Adventists have 2, the Baptists 31, the Catholics 1, the Congregationalists 2, the Episcopalians 4, the Quakers 3, the Methodists 1, and the Unitarians 1. Of the Baptists, 15 are of the Regular or Calvinistic, 6 of the Free-will, 3 of the Six-principle or General, and 7 of the Seventh-day order. * Some Baptist houses are now seldom used, the centers of population having been changed since their erection. Taverns are few.

LARGE HOUSEHOLDS A CENTURY AGO.

By the census of June 1, 1774, it seems there were 13,860 persons in Washington county, returned by "families," with the head of the family named, and the number (but not the names) of all of each sex over and under 16 years, separately. From those records, I condense the total of families and of persons of fifty names (with our own) allied, at some time, by marriage with ours. It seems that 5,464 (two fifths of the whole) were included in those fifty families, and among those fifty were doubtless relatives of most of the remainder. The ties of consanguinity were probably closer than they are with the present more floating and mixed population.

Family Names	Fam	White	A & I	Gavit	James	Thompson	Robinson	Sisson	Worden	Herrington	Stedman	Arnold	Whitford	Tucker	Williams	Webster	Locke	Adams	Jaquays	Gorton	Wilson	Richmond	Mitchell	Satterly	Brand	Eben. Scranton	Benj. Barker	Wm. Bassett	Totals	
				10	58	...																								
Babcock	49	378	72	10	58	...																								
Clark(e)	59	345	13	8	53	16																								
Gardner	55	314	141	11	51	45																								
Crandall	39	259	4	6	38	1																								
Kenyon	35	234	6	7	38	2																								
Burdick	40	231	2	5	36	...																								
Hall	39	222	14	5	36	4																								
Wilcox	36	198	13	4	32	1																								
Reynolds	35	197	21	5	32	9																								
Green(e)	23	170	9	5	31	...																								
Congdon	25	164	41	4	31	1																								
Brown	27	161	37	3	30	...																								
Tefft	21	154	4	6	29	2																								
Barber	20	147	8	7	29	...																								
Champlin	18	127	49	7	27	...																								
Allen	21	119	13	2	21	2																								
Coon	19	119	5	2	17	1																								
Sweet	16	112	1	2	15	...																								
Card	11	88	5	3	11	...																								
Tanner	12	83	4	2	11	...																								
Rogers	16	81	1	3	9	...																								
Smith	14	81	6	1	6	...																								
Peckham	12	79	10	1	4	...																								
Phillips	13	70	4	1	4	...																								
Dawley	10	61	...	1	4	...																								
				796	4901	563																								

The average to a family was then 6.16 whites, 0.71 Africans and Indians—6.87 total—2.26 more than at present.

Whole families, once numerous in some towns, are now unrepresented, if not forgotten.

In 1865, there were 20 persons over 90 years of age.

There were but 13 deaf and dumb, 19 blind, 32 insane, 28 idiotic, 59 paupers, and 1 convict—152 unfortunates in all—or 1 to 121½ of the entire population.

Among the natives I met a "right old-fashioned Rhoda" hospitality, and found them generally intelligent, contented and apparently enjoying much of life's substantial good. In some cases, wealth and luxury have brought with them the evils too common in their train.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS—1865.

Towns in order as to size.*	No. of Farms	Acres Plow'd	Acres Mow'd	Acres Pastur'd	A. Untm-proved.	Whole No. of Acres.
Exeter	241	1,690	5,250	7,835	13,568	28,346
North Kingstown	282	2,101	4,089	10,098	7,436	23,724
South "	364	2,253	4,780	8,740	7,228	23,010
Richmond	168	735	3,524	8,378	9,210	21,847
Charlestown	143	1,114	2,915	7,105	6,272	17,406
Hopkinton	150	794	2,999	5,209	7,298	16,300
Westerly	222	1,245	3,285	7,101	3,789	15,420
	1,570	9,932	26,851	54,469	54,801	146,053

*South Kingstown covers the largest surface, but much of it is in water.

Nearly two-fifths of the soil is "unimproved." The proportions of the farms plowed, mowed and pastured, indicate the nature of the farming practiced.

Those 1570 farms, average 93 acres each—there being 98 of 1 acre or under, 111 of 10, 116 of 20, 231 of 50, 377 of 100, 462 of 200, 119 of 300, 31 of 400, 12 of 500, (or under,) and 10 over 500, viz.: In South Kingstown—515, 524, 545, 546, 592, and 1922. In Richmond—506, and 554. In Charlestown—645, and 3,275. The last I suppose is the reservation, S.W. of Worden's Pond, owned by the 133 mongrel remnants of the once proud Narragansetts. They have a school, church, and local government of their own, and decline becoming voters with the whites.

The value of the farms and buildings was returned at \$3,844,469; of stock, 600,662; of tools and implements, 124,167. Total, 4,569,298, or 2,910 average per farm.

There were 1,626 horses, 7,610 neat cattle, 17,747 sheep, and 3,475 swine. Value of cattle marketed, \$192,539.

Of field products, 26,851 acres yielded 15,433 tons hay ; 5,212 acres, 113,514 bushels corn ; 4 acres, 60 bush. wheat ; 568 acres, 5,504 bush. rye ; 2,551 acres, 58,143 bush. oats ; 1,836 acres, 148,928 bush. potatoes ; 30,000 bush. turnips were raised, and 9,063 lbs. tobacco.

The orchard products were valued at \$12,920 ; garden marketing at 51,047 ; onions at 13,677 ; eggs and poultry at 88,210. Of milk, 245,438 gallons ; butter, 221,740 lbs. ; and of cheese, 31,713 lbs. Also 800 bush. of cranberries, 70,000 quarts of whortleberries—and a variety of other fruits of the farm, the garden and the forest.

The contiguity of so much salt water, inland and on the coasts, is made available in the accumulation of marsh hay, sea drift, delicious fish for food, and inferior for manure—also clams, quahogs, scallops, oysters—all of which were enjoyed by our ancestors in many a camp and sail of old and young. The present generation has not outgrown them—clam-bakes remain an institution of Rhode Island, but the shells are costly when compared with the days of yore.

There are in the county 112 enterprises called “manufacturing establishments,” employing 2,832 hands, an invested capital of \$2,370,350, consuming 5,618,339 of raw material with an annual product of 9,510,006. Were this all profit it would average \$515 to every citizen of the county.

Some of you in the West would not consider the soil our fathers cultivated as fertile, nor would Pennsylvanians consider this a mountainous country. But it is hilly—yea, it is rocky ! The land doubtless was once more productive than it now is. One farms better than another, and money can make almost any soil rich, but for *profitable* farming of most kinds men can probably do better elsewhere. Acres, once in cultivation, are now heaps of white sand. Whole farms seem to be abandoned, and are going back to weeds, forest trees, and a wilderness state. Where homes once flourished, desolation reigns. Some houses are untenanted, or crumbling into ruins, or perverted to other uses ; broken well sweeps, chimneys, cellars, straggling flowers, bushes, fruit trees—most eloquent in their silence—indicate where once joyed and sorrowed active households, now passed away in death or scattered up and down the earth. Some of them perhaps were the homes, and I may have passed over the graves, of our own ancestors.

FIRST CENTURY OF RECORDS.

The Pilgrim Father.

FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA.

PETER WORDEN, 1st, it is thought lived a short time in Lynn, and was probably from Clayton, Lancashire, England. The year of his arrival is unknown, but he was among the early settlers (if not the earliest) of that narrow section of Cape Cod lying directly north from Nantucket. Eighteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth—on the 9th Feb. 1639—he made his Will, and must soon have died, as it was proved 9th March of same year. His was the first death among the English. He styles himself “hatter,” and is called “old” in Plymouth records. He owned lands where now stands Yarmouth Port, Barnstable county, Massachusetts, and was probably there buried. I assume that he was born in 1569—three centuries ago—and at his decease was aged 70 years.

His Will is on record in Plymouth, and I expected a full copy of it, but as yet have only its substance.

Of his wife, no mention—prob. d. in England, or Lynn.

SECOND GENERATION.

PETER WORDEN, 2d, was the only son, and executor of Peter Worden, 1st, and inherited his whole estate in England and in America. In his Will, P.W. 1st left a goat to his grandson, John Lewis—of whom, I know nothing more. It is stated that P.W. 1st had also a daughter, Eleanor, who married (1st) John Adams, and (2d, about 1634?) Kenelm Winslow, 1st. This, and even other daughters, might have received their portion before the Will was made, and were therefore not named in it.

Peter Worden 2d is repeatedly named as Juror. In 1643, he and fifty-one others of Yarmouth are enrolled with those required “to provide a place of defence against sudden

assault"—from Indians, doubtless. In 1648, he was to be "accommodated" in relation to land. It was then, possibly, he removed to "Sesuct," at the east end of the town. In 1667, he and another person were fined a few shillings "for disturbance at the Yarmouth meeting-house"—some outside local affair, probably, wherein Peter, like his namesake of old, indulged his temper. In 1675, Gov. Winslow of Plymouth led the white train-bands against the Narragansetts, and in 1676 King Philip was slain. I have no record of the persons in those expeditions, but the War tax for 1676 was very burdensome, the following being that of father and son:

Peter Worden	£8	2s.	3d.
Samuel Worden	5	1	6

Peter's is one of the largest in town. His Will is dated 9 Jan. 1680, and proved 3 March, 1681. Prob. b. in England, 1609—age at death, 72 years.

His wife, MARY WORDEN [Scars? or Winslow?] survived him six years. Her Will, dated March, 1686, was proved May, 1687—age, 77? years.

The town of Dennis was erected from the east end of old Yarmouth. In the north-east part (East Dennis P.O.) near the line of the town of Brewster, is "Worden grave-yard"—sometimes called the "Winslow," because the latter family, having intermarried, and residing near, have kept the yard in good condition. It lies on a gentle elevation south of the highway, sloping northward, with a fine view of Cape Cod Bay and towns to the north-east. In front are works for evaporating salt from the bay-water—in the rear, stands an old windmill. There are in the yard many hillocks where "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep." In a central point of the yard are supposed to be the mounds where Peter Worden 2d and Mary his wife lie buried. There are some rough, unnailed headstones. The first marked stone in the yard is a hard slate, said to have been imported from England, erected to the memory of Merce daughter of P. and M. Worden and wife of Kenelme Winslow, 2d. She died in 1688, one year after her mother. Quite a number of Winslows, Burgesses and other relatives and neighbors there rest in peaceful sleep with our ancestors of the second generation in America. [The site is perhaps six miles from South Dennis station, but is easier reached by Yarmouth Port.]

THIRD GENERATION.

Peter 2d and Mary Worden name four children—

1 Mary Worden, b. 1639 ; m. John Burgo, [Burgess,] 1657; they had four sons and 1 daughter.

2 Mercy Worden, b. 1610,'1 ; m. Kenelm Winslow 2d; they had six sons and one daughter. From 6th son, Edward, a genealogical record has been gathered, but not printed, by a descendant, Lucius R. Paige, D.D., CambridgePort, Mass.

3 Martha Worden, b. 1613 ? m. Joseph Severance ; d. 1725, aged 82 ?

4 SAMUEL WORDEN, physician and land holder, b. 1646 ; Juryman &c. in Yarmouth ; in 1695, when 51 yrs old, bought lands in the Pettiquamscut purchase, R. I., of Benedict and James Arnold ; was active in organizing Kingstowne, Dec. 1696 ; gave his name to Worden's Pond, called " head of the Pawcatuck " in the boundary controversy between R. I. and Ct. ; had several sons ; removed to Stonington before 1715, and d. 1716, aged 71.

His wife, HOPESTILL HOLLEY, b. 1646 ; m. 1665 ? d. 1715, one year before her husband, aged 70.

In the Norwich Town Clerk's book I found this precious record of conjugal and filial affection :

"Sept. 13, 1715, it was to me that woful day in which my dear and tender and loving wife departed this life and was buried on ye 15th day. SAMUEL WERDEN.

"Aug. 26, 1716, then my honored father, Samuel Worden, departed this life, and was buried ye 27th.

[Evidently written by Dr. Thomas Worden, 1st.]

"Nov. 8, 1752, then ye above written was entered, from an ancient writing, at ye desire of Mr. Thomas Worden Jr, [2d] by me. ISAAC HUNTINGTON, T. O."

Annexed is a copy of the oldest Worden land Deed that I have found :

"To all people to whom these presents shall come—SAMUEL WERDEN, of Kingstown, in the Government of Rhode Island and Providence plantations in New England, sendeth Greeting : KNOW YE that I, the said Samuel Werden, for and in consideration of the full sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money of New England, to me in hand paid

before the sealing and delivery of these presents, well and truly paid by ISAAC CHAPMAN, of Bristol, in the Government of the Massachusetts bay in New England, blacksmith, the receipt thereof and of every part and parcel I do acknowledge myself therewith to be fully satisfied, contented and paid, and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof I do, for me and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, exonerit, acquit and discharge him the said Isaac Chapman, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them by these presents for ever, HAVE fully, freely, clearly and absolutely given, granted, bargained, sold, enfeofed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, graat, bargain, enfeof and confirm unto him the said Isaac Chapman, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, ALL that my farm situate, lying and being in Sesuct, in the township of Yarmouth, in the Government of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, the which is bounded as followeth: Southwardly by the Commons, Northerly by the land of Silas Sears, Westerly by the westernmost [corner] of the brick Kills so called and so north to the Creek and south to the head of the Lots, Easterly by the land of Paul Sears, the marsh running more easterly till it cometh near a bridge or Causeway, and bounded as the fence now standeth about the Marsh, WITH all housing, orcharding, enclosure, and all my right in Sesuct Neek, with the profits, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or any ways appertaining, to all and singular the bargained premises, *except one half aker of land which I the said Samuel Werden except and reserve to myself; and to my father's posterity forever, for a burying place for my father's posterity forever, lying square about the place where my father Werden was buried, out of the aforementioned farm, notwithstanding whatever is above said to the contrary, with free liberty of ingress and egress with horse or cart or foot from the common highway to the same,* TO HAVE and to hold all the residuo of said farm, both upland and meadows, to him the said Isaac Chapman, his heirs and assigns, and to their only proper use and behoof for ever; AND I the said Samuel Werden, do for me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, covenant and guarantee to and with him the said Isaac Chapman, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the enscaling and delivery of these presents I have full power, just right and lawful authority to give, graat, and

confirm in manner and form aforesaid according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, and that all the said bargained premises are and at all times hereafter shall continue to be free and clear of and from all former gifts, grants, bargains, sales, titles and incumbrances whatsoever had, made, committed or done or to be had, made, committed or done by me the said Samuel Worden, my heirs or assigns, or from any other person or persons lawfully claiming of, from, by or under me, them or any of them, or by my or their means, consent or procurement. In witness whereof, I the said Samuel Worden have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of February, one thousand six hundred ninety-six—seven.

The abovesaid Samuel Worden and Hopstill Worden his wife did both of them personally appear the date aforesaid and acknowledged these presents to be their act and deed.

Before me, SAMUEL WORDEN, L. S.
WILLIAM GIBSON, Assistant HOPSTILL WORDEN, L. S.

Signed, sealed and delivered }
in presence of }
WILLIAM GIBSON, }
MARY GIBSON. }

October the 8th, 1702—then received this Deed, to be recorded, and is accordingly recorded in Barnstable County Book of Records, in the 4th Book of Evidences of Land, folio 43, and herewith compared.

(signed) pr me—WM. BASSETT, Reg'r.

The fore-mentioned memorial of his wife, and this thoughtful reservation and protection of the graves of his parents and kindred, are striking proofs of admirable domestic qualities in the character of the best known of our ancestors—Dr. Samuel Worden.

In September, 1867—170 years after the above sale—I was perhaps the first of the grantor's posterity in very many years to avail myself of its provisions. I stood on OUR OWN SOIL—saw the original deed—and rested and refreshed in the supposed home of our ancestry two centuries ago. The farm is held mainly by Isaac Chapman (4th line) and F. D. Homer (5th line)—descendants of Isaac Chapman, grantee in above Deed. On the old farm, near the road, is a new, neat, brick building, called "Worden's Hall," erected by the public spirited inhabitants for such neighborhood uses

as are less appropriate for houses of public worship—and, still further west, is a very convenient school-house.

Since preparing the foregoing, I learn that the present Worden-Chapman house, though about 150 years old, is not the original Worden house, which stood on a rise fifty yards to the N.E. of it.... The average value of a £ was \$3,33.... The farm sold by Samuel Worden to Isaac Chapman—not including the portion in Secuet Neck—contained 145 to 150 acres, and is now worth \$4500 to \$5000, exclusive of the buildings. The windmill is about a century old.

To Messrs. Amos Otis and Seth Crowell—former strangers to me, but nature's noblemen—and to the before-mentioned Messrs. Chapman and Homer, I am indebted for attentions and information while gathering these records of those three generations who died or spent their lives mostly on Cape Cod.

SECOND CENTURY OF RECORDS.

FOURTH GENERATION.

I find no report of the Administration on estate of Dr. Samuel Worden, and no record of his daughters, if any. He had at least four sons—the time of birth of two, conjectural:

1 PETER WORDEN, 3d, b. in Yarmouth, 1668; 1697 to 1706, farmed Rodman lands, on the Shawcatuck; in South Kingstown; purchased in Westerly, 1705—1713; in 1720, conveyed lands to two sons in Westerly; before 1728, was in Warwick, where he d. 18 Nov. 1732, aged 64.

His wife, MARY HOLLEY, m. 1693, died (the year after her husband) in 1733, aged 65?

2 Samuel Worden 2d, b. 1670? was a freeman in Mass. in 1694, and at Kingstown in 1696; in 1715, received a deed from his father for 100 acres on the Great Neck; was prob. dead in 1729 (aged 58?) when five sons, Samuel 3d, Edmund, Daniel, James, and Jeremiah, and dau. Hannah, (m. J. Collins,) deeded each other 25 acres land, valued at £200 each portion. Rose was wife of Samuel 2d, Abigail wife of Samuel 3d. The five brothers became freemen, 1723 to 1735. Some of them appear to have pushed west as far as Hudson river, but I can not yet adjust their records.

3 Isaac Worden, b. 1673? had lands in Kingstown, 1702, from his father; 1708, Isaac and Rebekah W. join Samuel and Hopestill in a deed to Greenman. Isaac was appointed his father's Administrator, but died in 1718 (aged 45?) when his widow Rebekah accepted the trust. In 1729, an Isaac Worden (their son?) m. Ann Bliven. The posterity of the name is numerous, but not reduced to order.

4 Dr. Thomas Worden, b. 1675; 1708, m. Sarah Butler, Stonington; practiced in Norwich, 30 or 40 years, and d. there, 1759, aged 84. Had Abigail or Bathsheba, 1709; Sarah, 1713; Thomas 2d, 1718; and Jane, 1722—all m. Thomas, 2d, had 2 sons, 2 daughters; one son d. young; Thomas, 3d, a Revolutionary Soldier, removed to Waterbury, and d. Watertown, 1830, aged 76; had ten children, some of whom moved to Western Reserve.

Stonington records have also William Worden, who from 1719 to 1730 had sons Ebenezer, Isaac, Benjamin, William, Nathaniel, and Walter, whose posterity are recorded. One of Ebenezer's descendants connects their family by tradition with that of Eld. Peter Worden, 5th.

In 1727, Will proved of John Worden, late of New London; leaves all to his wife Judah, [Jude or Judith] and his Executor, Geo. Richards [her brother?]. In 1740, Judy Worden of New London had lands in Lyme.

William probably, and John possibly (with others) were children of Samuel and Hopestill Worden, but I have met no record proof.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Peter Worden, 3d, in his Will names only two sons—Judah, oldest, and PETER W., Jr. [4th,] blacksmith—an only dau., Mary Worden, Jr., who was his Executrix—and two grand-children, Joshua and Mary Worden.

It is supposed there was a brother Gideon or Wait.

In 1720, Judah and Peter Worden Jr. had lands from their father. Judah Worden, Westerly, freeman in 1728. No further record of Judah, Mary, or the grandchildron.

26th May, 1720, PETER WORDEN, Jr. [4th] and REBEKAH RICHMOND, were m. in Westerly. They had ten children: Elizabeth, b. Westerly, 29th March, 1721; Gideon, b. Westerly, 22 Dec. 1722; JOHN, 1st, b. 1724? Constant;

Mary Ann ; Peter, 5th, the celebrated Baptist preacher, b. 1 June, 1728, d. 21 Feb. 1808, a. 80 ; Sylvester ; Ruth ; Elisha ; and Rebekah.

P. W. 4th d. in Westerly, 1745, a. 48? prob. b. in R.I., 1697? His widow, Rebekah, was living eight years after his death, and in 1766 one of her name was witness to a Will in Richmond, where her son JOHN was living.

Gideon Worden was admitted freeman in Westerly, 1744.
 " " " " " " " " 1745.

Such is the State record—perhaps an error, and one person only of that name admitted : but perhaps two.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Of the above-named five daughters, I have no record. Of the five sons, I have memorials, all of which I defer to the end of this work, excepting what refers to our ancestor,

JOHN WORDEN, 1st, b. Westerly, where one of his name was admitted freeman, 1746 ; he lived in Hopkinton, Exeter, Richmond, and Charlestown, where he d. 1779? a. 55?

He m. (1st) DOROTHY (Dolly or Dority) SATTERLY, the mother of his children, who (according to tradition) d. in Richmond, about 1767, aged 43?

(2d) 1 Jan 1769, John Worden Sr. and Susannah widow of Caleb Babcock, were m. in Richmond by Edward Perry, J.P. She administered on his estate, and returned personal property at £240. She appears to have died with her stepson, our grandfather, John Worden Jr. when her own son John Babcock settled her estate—1798—her age, 74?

The only known children of JOHN and DOROTHY WORDEN are JOHN 2d, b. 1747? Nathan, a Baptist preacher, b. 1749 ; Joseph, 1753 ; and Hannah [m. Maj. Wm. Miller,] youngest and only daughter, b. 1761.

Of the families of Nathan, Joseph, and Hannah, I have materials for an Appendix.

The Table, next page, shows that as early as 1774 those of the Worden name in Rhode Island numbered seven families only with less than forty members proper. Other families had removed to Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and probably to other Colonies. I give the official figures, that those of the families named may have their aid in establishing residences and helping to fix ages :

WORDEN FAMILIES IN RHODE ISLAND	Males.		Fem.		Indians.....	Africans.....	Total, each Family
	Above 16 years.	Under 16 years.	Above 16 years.	Under 16 years.			
Benjamin Worden, Charlestown.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	4
Christopher Worden....."	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	6
Jeremiah Worden....."	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
John Worden [1st]....."	3	3	3	1	.....	.....	10
John Wording [2d], Richmond.....	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	4
Samuel Wording....."	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	4
William Wording, Hopkinton.....	1	1	1	3	.....	.....	6

By the Census of June 1, 1774.

Besides John 2d, Nathan, Joseph, and Hannah, in the family of John 1st and Dorothy Worden (Charlestown,) are floating traditions of a Gideon, Wait, and Peter. Between Joseph (1753) and Hannah (1761) is a gap of eight years. John 2d was married and in Richmond. The father, Nathan and Joseph would make the 3 m. over 16, the [step]-mother 1 of the 3 f. over 16, and Hannah the 1 f. under 16—leaving 3 m. under 16, and 2 f. over 16, who are not accounted for. The grandmother Rebekah may have been there, or some sons now unknown, or some other relative, or some domestics—at any rate, there are 5 of the household of 10 under our great-grand-father's roof, of whom I have no definite knowledge.

THE FIRST SIX GENERATIONS.

Judging from what is known, I have estimated unknown marriages at 21. Omitting P. W. 1st and wife, of whom so little is gathered, the five pairs following married early—were not long separated by death—and but one seems to have re-married. Each son of our line survived the father, from 13 to 42 years, an average of 27 years each. The six fathers and five mothers named lived 63 years, on average. *No father and son died in the same place*—a trait of American migrativeness which has been imitated by many of the generations succeeding them. Of the fathers (and mothers

Mr. Nicholas Sympkins, Hugh Tilly and Giles Hopkins were all deposed in open Court to this Will the fifth day of March, 1638, xiiijth Caroli.* [See Court orders page 194.]

Plymouth, ss., Feb. 27, 1868. The foregoing is a true copy from Plymouth Colony Records, vol. 1, part 1, page 33.
[stamp] WM. S. DANFORTH, Reg.

Mr. Danforth says it took about eight hours to copy the above from very obscure writing. It makes the death of P. W. 1st one year, and the proving of Will four days, earlier. It also alters the word "hatter," as the letters were spelled by others, to "patten"—meaning Plymouth Patent—and so corrects the record on page 32. Hatters were not needed in those early years when famine and sickness intruded in every household, and when the graves were unmarked, from poverty, or from a desire to keep the "Salvages" ignorant of the whites' wasting strength. I think our Pilgrim Father was a farmer. It is pretty certain, from the terms of his apparently hastily-drawn Will, that his grandson was somewhat in the live-stock business! However strong may be our solicitude, I know no way of satisfying curiosity as to the after-life of John Lewis, the cousin of our great-great-great-great-grand-father, Samuel Worden. But John's goat, kid, and swine are embalmed in the records of Plymouth Rock!

Among the signers of the noted compact on the *Mayflower* were Edward and Gilbert Winslow, Stephen Hopkins, and Edward and John Tilly. Edward was father of Kenelm Winslow, who was allied with P. W. 1st by marriage, and a Tilly and a Hopkins witnessed the above Will.

Putting the nativity of Peter Worden 1st at 1568 or 1569, it is now three centuries—three hundred eventful years—since the birth of our first known ancestor, probably not far from Liverpool. In looking at the foregoing dates, readers will do well to read therewith the pages of English home history—of American settlements—of the Colonial French and Indian wars, and thereby take a view of what men and what events were cotemporaneous with those fore-fathers, (and fore-mothers too,) reaching to the marriage of our grand-parents, in 1769..... Pass we now to a new century, and to another six generations.

*"xiiijth Caroli"—13th year of King Charles I., (afterwards beheaded.)

THIRD CENTURY OF RECORDS.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

John and Elizabeth Worden.

In the Town Clerk's book of Westerly, I find this :

Nov. 12, 1769. John Worden, son of John Worden (late) of Hopkinton, was mar'd to Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua Babcock, Junr, late of Westerly, dec'd, by

JOSEPH CRANDALL, J.P. and T.C.

Deacon JOHN WORDEN, 2d, died nearly two-thirds of a century ago. I have met only four, living, who knew him personally. Some of them thought I look like him—am about his height and weight, (5 feet 11, and 180 pounds)—but he was blue-eyed. His clothes were of a Quaker cut, and he used plain language mostly. He was rather dignified, but quite sociable. A short time before his death, he visited Voluntown, and on leaving (walking with a cane) he said to a friend, "Brother, will thee take a walk with me this morning?" That was the last time little Olive saw him. In Sept. 1802, he ate of a kind of whortleberry in milk—was soon attacked with cholera morbus—and in a few hours died at the age of 53? Conscious of the coming change, he had his children aroused from slumber to receive his "last, solemn charge. He pathetically exhorted them to live in peace among themselves, to be kind to their mother, and, above all, to be prepared to follow him." (J. B. W.) He was buried on his own farm, where are five marked graves in the following order :

||1|| John Worden, 2d.

||2|| Lucy W., Gideon's first wife.

3, Susannah W. ||3|| ||4|| ||5|| 4, 5, Gideon's first sons,
John's step-mother. John and Acus.

They have rough stones only, but the mounds have been reverently kept free from the plow, by Dea. Wm. Crandall, son of Eld. Eldridge Crandall, who purchased the Worden title. W. C. lives on the east line of our old home-nest.

An anecdote of a word-encounter between him and his daughter Elizabeth is told me by one of her daughters. It became a fashion for ladies to wear hair straight down the forehead, but cut short across the eyebrows. Elizabeth knew her father disliked it, yet one day she sailed before him with her forehead in the latest style. After a time he remarked, "My daughter, the Good Book says woman's hair was given her as a glory and a covering." "Well, father, you see I make mine cover as much of my face as possible." He smiled, and said no more.

Another grand-daughter writes me that he was "able in prayer and exhortation, and often took the lead of meetings in a preacher's absence." A grove of pines on his farm was a place where large numbers used to gather for preaching from Jesse Babcock and others. Our grand-father's special delight was to gather around him, both morning and evening; his children, his domestics, and the wayfarer that might be within, and kneel and thank God for mercies past, and supplicate for blessings in the future.

I heard my father say that his father lost considerable in property during the Revolutionary War, but in what way I do not remember if he stated. Tradition says some of the brothers were in the Whig army, but I find not the record. Uncle Luke Sanders, a Soldier of '76, told me, in 1844, of the Wordens of Rhode Island: "They wa'n't none of 'em Tories!" But those losses, with his large family, limited the means of our grandfather for educating his children.

ELIZABETH BABCOCK's father, Joshua Babcock, Jr., died before her birth. Her mother was a Satterly? She was raised by her [his?] mother Babcock? who was a Robinson, and came from England, with her parents, when about 12 years old. She had a favorite brother, or uncle, to whom—and not to the preacher—her youngest son was indebted for his name, Jesse Babcock. I have not her exact lineage, but her ancestor, James Babcock, who reached Plymouth in 1623, has perhaps the largest known posterity of any of the forefathers—and as much respected also.

One of the granddaughters remembers her grandmother as a woman of medium height, thin in flesh, fair skin, high and broad forehead, hair silvered with white, sociable, and intelligent. When a child, she lost the sight of an eye—but not so as to disfigure it—by the prick of a needle in a

pillow upon which she was lying. Her eyes were of that peculiar hazel, which she gave all her children except her blue-eyed namesake. Most of their descendants whom I have seen seem to resemble the grandmother more than the grandfather.

Her first three children were daughters. After the birth of her fourth, she directed the friends who were in attendance where they could find some pins. They were arranged in a cushion so as to form the words "*His name is John*"—and John (3d) he was!

Of her earnest piety and deep solicitude for her children, her youngest son left this record: "Often was I awakened from sleep by the private devotions of my poor widowed mother, in an adjoining room, pleading for me and for all her children. Afterwards, when sunk in the mire of infidelity, so that I could withstand all arguments, the tones of my mother's warning, entreating voice, still sounded in my ears, and I never could entirely banish from my heart the influence of her truthful teachings."

On her husband's death, her children gave her the use of the little farm, which her son Gideon seems to have worked. Perhaps in 1806, she went (with her daughter Susannah) to live with her favorite married daughter, Abigail Mitchell, in Granville, Mass., where she d. March 22, 1808, aged 60?

John and Elizabeth Worden appear to have been a most humble, earnest, Christian pair, of blameless lives, and who seemed to have special interest in the spiritual welfare of their offspring. And though they did not live to enjoy it, yet their prayers were answered in the hopeful conversion of all their children, with most of their companions. Two of their sons—John and Wait—used well the office of a Deacon; a third—Gideon—was proficient in exhortations, and in Scripture comments, but was too diffident to assume any public position; and the Benjamin—Jesso—was nearly forty years a preacher of more than ordinary influence. Of their grand-children and other descendants also, there are several ministers, and many who have been decidedly useful in promoting religious institutions, and elevating the moral condition of their neighborhoods.

The original Peter and Samuel Worden, I judge were members of societies, if not of churches, of the Congrega-

tional order. There were Baptists of the name in Stonington and Groton, at an early period. Perhaps Whitfield's great revival was the time, and "Separatism" the manner, of their becoming mostly Baptists. Wm. Worden, in 1750, was a Deacon in Stonington & Westerly, and Eld. Peter W. was ordained 1751. Our grandparents were connected with a Freewill church while in Richmond, but in South Kingstown with one of the Old General or Six-Principle order. Their children were all originally Baptists, except Avis, a Methodist, although Abigail, after reaching Indiana, finding no Baptists near, welcomed the Methodist itinerants, and joined them in their religious efforts. And the further the distance, in time and space, from the John and Elizabeth of a hundred years ago, the more varied are the denominational proclivities of their descendants.

As their NINE children were all married, they will each be treated separately.

After the birth of their second daughter, in Westerly, they moved north-east, 15 or 20 miles, into Richmond (prior to June 1, 1774) where their other children were born.

1779, Wait Rogers and Avis sell 11½ acres to John Worden; they are sold back in 1791, and John W. buys 20 acres of Samuel Dye, all in Richmond. In 1794, John and Elizabeth W. sell 52 acres to Joseph Webster of Charlestown.

[From South Kingstown records.]

1794, John Worden, for 355 silver dollars, bought of Thomas Healy 67 acres, adjoining lands of Tho's Webster, Mumford, Browning, Perry, Healy, and Card.

1795, John Worden propounded as freeman.

Probate, 10 Nov. 1802—recites that John Worden died seized &c. of 67 acres and considerable personal property. It was agreed by the heirs present, of age, that the widow should have the use of all as long as she remained unmarried. Signed that day by John Worden, husbandman, of Blandford, Mass.; Samuel Bitgood, of Voluntown, Ct.; Gideon Worden, of Charlestown; Edmund James, yeoman, and Avis his wife, of South Kingstown; also by Elizabeth Worden, widow; Nov. 11, by Elizabeth Bitgood, Voluntown; Nov. 15, by Abigail Mitchell, Berkshire Co., Mass.; Nov. 18, by Wm. Mitchell, husbandman, Hampshire Co., Mass. They were heirs, together with Elizabeth Locke, Thomas

Webster, John Worden Webster, and Jonathan Webster, children of Dorothy Webster dec'd, and Susannah Worden, Waite Worden, and Jesse Worden. Signed by Susannah Worden, March 20, and recorded March 26, 1805.

Some of the nine shares were bought in by Gideon at \$55 per share—\$495, or \$140 advance. In 1819, however—after the Sept. Gale of 1815, and the frosty years following—he sold to Eld. Crandall for \$325—a loss of \$30 on the cost twenty-five years before.

—It was a most beautiful day in August last that I saw the Grandfather Worden Farm, three fourths of a mile S.W. of Worden's Pond, in South Kingstown, near Charlestown. It is a part of the large Crandall farm, on which at different times four families seem to have buried—one, however, left but a solitary grave. The farm was mostly on a gentle hill approached by a private road. The soil is thin and sandy, its best products appearing to be beans and a small, white, sweet corn from which these down-casters do make superior cakes on short notice. Some land once cultivated is again in timber. A few scattered apple trees remain, but the one-and-a-half storey house, well, and out-buildings have been all removed. A corn-field covered where they had been, with the little grave-plot which holds four generations. It was difficult to imagine that a spot so vacant was once the endeared HOME of those honored ancestors.

Worden's Pond is an irregular sheet of water, I should judge one or two miles North and South, and two or three East and West. Part of its shores are wooded and swampy, and the water in it quite shallow, as shown by the grass growing in it for some distance. I suppose it has been the baptismal grave of many hundreds. Uncle Luke Sanders said the Pond, with the waters into and from it, "used to be capital for fishing, before the plaguety Mills spoiled it." The Legislature of 1783 passed "an act for draining Worden's Pond," and in 1811 an "inquiry" was made about it: so I conclude nothing was done to "the Great Pond," as styled by some at the present day.

Dorothy Worden Locke Webster.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

"Dolly," the first born of the family, was the favorite for her great beauty, her kindness of spirit, and her superiority as a singer. She was, however, the first great sufferer, by the death of her first husband, not long after marriage. And her own death, in the bloom of her matronly charms and usefulness, about six months before her father, was the first breach in the family circle proper.

She was b. in Westerly, 28 Feb. 1771. In 1791? mar. BENJAMIN son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rathbon) LOCKE, of South Kingstown, farmer, who d. 1794? She next m. 1796? JONATHAN 1st, first son of Thomas WEBSTER, whose wife is reported in family as a sister of Pres. John Adams? Dolly died of quick consumption, in Richmond, abt March, 1802, aged 31 years, and was buried near Mumford's mill, two miles west of Usquepaug.

Mr. Webster next m. Dorcas Sheldon, by whom he had three sons. On her death he m. (3d) Thankful Kenyon, a sister of his son Jonathan's wife. Mr. Webster d. in Richmond, 9th Feb. 1842, aged 72 years.

NINTH GENERATION.

[Dolly Worden Locke and Benjamin L. had one child:]

Eliza Locke, b. 1793? a gentle and affectionate girl, who was in Preston, Ct., April, 1810; married one *Merchant Burroughs*; had son Thomas? mother and child both d. in Colchester, Ct., 1815?...A tear for the short, sad life, of this our first-born cousin!

[Dolly W. L. Webster and Jonathan 1st had three sons:]

I. *Thomas Webster*, b. Richmond, 5 April, 1796; m. *Hannah Thompson*; no children; he d. Charlton, Orleans Co, N Y, 13 Jan. 1835, in his 38th year; widow m. twice and moved West.

II. *John Worden Webster* b. 1798? m. 1820? to *Sally S. Barker*, of Kingston Hill, R. I.—present Post Office at Cascade, Kent Co., Michigan.

III. *Jonathan Webster*, 2d, b. 27 Nov. 1800, in Richmond. *Maria Kenyon*, dau. of Sprague and Mary Kenyon, b. Richmond, 17 Feb. 1803. They were m. in Richmond, 29 Nov. 1820, by Eld. Matthew Stillman. P O, West Kendall, Orleans Co, N Y.

Family of John Worden Webster and Sally S. Barker.

TENTH GENERATION.

- 1 Harriet Elizabeth Webster, b. 1821? m. Middleport, N Y, 4 Oct. '46, to Newell R. Rogers, miller, Ridgway, by Rev Mr Cooley; 1865 in Cold Water, Branch Co, Mich.
- 2 Charles B Webster, b. 1823? farmer; m. Rachel Webster, 27 Apl, '51, by Rev Fr Glass—Cascade, Mich.
- 3 Mary Webster, b. 9 Nov. '25; m. 8 March, '46, to Thomas Cook, carpenter—Cascade, Mich.
- 4 Third dau. b. 27 Aug. '27, died unnamed.
- 5 Henry Nesbit Webster b. 16 Oct. '30, d. — 12, '32
- 6 Arvilla A Webster b. 21 Aug '32; m. 20 Aug '53, to Myron Tyrrell, farmer, by Crane; Cascade; she d. 24 Jan '56, aged 24 years.
- 7 Erastus W Webster b. 19 Jan '34; m. 24 Aug '56, to Cynthia Rice; farmer, Cascade.
- 8 John Webster Jr. b. 3 July '36; d. 11 Jan '48.
- 9 Sarah Webster b. 1838, in Orleans Co. N Y; Charles Clark, farmer, son of Benjamin and Matilda Clark, b. 1 Jan '37, in Oakland Co, Mich; m. 23 Aug '56, in Paris, by H H Allen Esq—Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 10 William Henry Harrison Webster b. 17 Sept '40; d. 16 Jan '42.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Harriet E Webster and Newell R Rogers had three chil.:]

- i Harriet A Rogers b. 19 Oct '49 in Grand Rapids.
- ii John W Rogers b. 10 Dec '54 do
- iii Ella Esta Rogers b. 22 March '59, at Niles, Mich; d. 6 April '59.

[Charles B and Rachel Webster had five children:]

- i Helen M Webster b. 8 Dec '53, in Cascade.
- ii Ida M Webster b. 26 Oct '55 do
- iii Daniel C Webster b. 8 April '58 do
- iv Jesse E Webster b. 8 July '60 do
- v Isabella A Webster b. 23 July '62 do

50 COOK—TYRRELL—CLARK—FAM. OF JONA. WEBSTER.

[Mary Webster and Thomas Cook had nine chil. :]

- i Harriet Eliza Cook b 1 Jan '47, in Grandville, Mich.
- ii Rachel Ann Cook b 12 April '49 do
d 11 July '55, Cascade.
- iii Sarah Augusta Cook b 28 Jan '52, in Cascade.
- iv Mary Jane Cook b 9 Nov '53, in Grandville.
- v Emma Jennett Cook b 25 Jan '57, in Cascade.
- vi Ellen Cordelia Cook b 23 Jan '59 do
- vii Florence Nightingale Cook b 3 Oct '61 do
- viii Charles Wesley Cook b 14 Aug '64 do
- ix Eighth daughter b 21 March '67 do

[Arvilla A. Webster and Myron Tyrrell had two children:]

- i Mary Adaline Tyrrell b 15 Sept '54.
- ii William Henry Harrison Tyrrell b 3 Jan '56.

[Erastus W. Webster and Cynthia Rico had nine children:]

- i John Webster 3d b 30 Nov '57.
- ii Frank Webster b 6 April '59.
- iii Frederick Webster b 12 Nov '62.

[Sarah Webster and Charles Clark had four children :]

- i Francis Adeli Clark b 28 June '57, in Cascade.
- ii Charles Wilber Clark b 1 Dec '59 do
- iii Harriet Clark b 31 Dec '61 do
- iv Helen Clark b 5 Oct '65 in Paris ; d 5 June '66.

Family of Jonathan Webster 2d and Maria Kenyon.

TENTH GENERATION.

1. Dolly Webster b 4 Dec '21, in Richmond ; Seth Clament, farmer, son of John and Hannah C, b 22 Feb '18 ; m 28 Nov '40, in Carlton, by Rev O W Crawford—Van Buren Co, Mich.

2. Mary Ann Webster b 20 Oct '23, in Hopkinton ; Geo. Washington Bird, shoemaker and farmer, son of Edmund and Sarah Bird, b 16 Nov '22, in New York city ; m 16 Dec '46, by Rev Fuller—Kendall.

3. Almira Esther Webster b 23 Feb '26, in Richmond ; Erastus Hamlin, farmer, b in Victor, Ontario Co, N Y ; A E W and E H were m 17 Sept '44, by Rev Inman.

A E W Hamlin and Erastus Curtis, farmer, m 16 July 57, by Rev Eli Hannible, Union, Monroe Co, N Y—Swanton, Lucas Co, O

4 Nelson Webster b 26 May '28, in Cranston, R I; farmer and drover; Emily M. Willsea, dau. of Jasper and Auley W, b 10 Sept '30, in Tarrytown, N Y; m 27 March '49, by Rev R C Brooks, in Kendall.

5 Albert Kenyon Webster b 6 May '30, in Cranston; Josephine Cora Smythe, dau. of Thomas and Phebe S., b 4 Aug. '33, in Phelps, Ontario Co, N Y; m 27 April '54, in Kendall, by Rev J W Davis. Physician, surgeon, and druggist, St Joseph, Mich.

6 Rodman Webster, farmer, b 11 Oct '33, in Carlton; Mary W. Smith, dau. of George and Susan S., b 19 March '41, in Kendall; m 11 May '56, by Rev Mr Olds—Kendall.

7 Clarissa Elizabeth Webster b 3 April '36, in Kendall; John Smith, farmer, son of George and Susan S., b 3 Oct '30, in Sand Lake, Renss. Co, N Y; m 21 March '55, by Rev Mr Savage—Kendall.

8 George Washington Webster, farmer, b 10 Oct '38, in Kendall; served as 1st Lieutenant in Co. D, 8th N Y heavy Artillery against the Rebels; G. W. W. and Mrs. Ellen E. Stiles were m 24 Oct '60, by Rev Loren Stiles Jr.—West Kendall.

9 Daniel Wellington Webster, farmer, b 10 April '41, in Kendall; Hattie Smith, dau. of L S and Levi S., b 16 Sept '42, in Murray, Orleans Co, N Y; m 12 Nov '63, in Barre, by Rev Mr Niles—Van Buren Co, Mich.

10 Helen Maria Webster b 19 Oct '43, in Kendall; Cornelius Fenuer, farmer, son of Daniel and Margaret F., b 24 March '37, in Tompkins Co, N Y; m 24 Oct '60, by Rev Loren Stiles Jr—Kendall.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Dolly Webster and Seth Clement had four children:]

- i Infant, b and d '42.
- ii Mary Albina Clement, b 24 Oct '44, in Kendall; m Philo Forsyth, blacksmith, Schoolcraft, Mich.—Pawpaw.
- iii Albert Webster Clement, b 10 May '46, in Carlton.
- iv Vietta H. M. Clement, b 23 Feb '53, in Kendall; d 7 Jan '55, in Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich.

[Mary Ann Webster and Geo. W. Bird had four children:]

- i James Monroe Bird, b 7 June '48, in Kendall; d 11 Dec '67, of typhoid fever, a 19½ y.

- ii Elbert Bird, b 28 April '50, in Kendall.
 - iii Clark Bird, b 12 Jan '53 do
 - iv Isabella Bird, b 16 Dec '60 do
- [Almira Esthor Webster and Erastus Hamlin had two ch.:]
- i Woodruff Adelbert Hamlin, b 25 Feb '46, in Kendall;
 - m to ; merchant, Swanton.
 - ii DeForest W Hamlin, b 17 Nov '48, in Carlton.
- [Almira E. W. Hamlin and George Curtis had two chil. :]
- iii George Wilber Curtis b 5 Jan '60, in Swanton.
 - iv Ellen Josephine Curtis, b 18 Aug '61 do
- [Nelson Webster and Emily M. Willsea had four children:]
- i Arthur Webster, b 29 Dec '49, in Kendall.
 - ii Winfield Scott Webster, b 12 Nov '51 do
 - iii Frank Nelson Webster, b 18 Oct '53, in Kendall ;
 - d from an accident 1 Nov '61.
 - iv Warner Willsea Webster, b 22 Oct '62 do
- [Dr. Albert K. Webster and Josephine C. Smythe had]
- i Albert Clarence S. Webster b 30 July '58, in Carlton.
- [Rodman Webster and Mary W. Smith had four children:]
- i Ina M Webster, b 30 Jan '60, in Phelps.
 - ii Effie M Webster, b 29 Dec '61, in Carlton.
 - iii Cassius Clay Webster, b 28 Nov '64, in Phelps.
 - iv Schuyler Colfax Webster, b 19 May '67, in Carlton.
- [Clarissa Elizabeth Webster and John Smith had five ch.:]
- i Henry Clay Smith, b 2 Dec '55, in Kendall.
 - ii Clara Ella Smith, b 30 Oct '57 do
 - iii Cora M Smith, b 23 March '61, in Phelps.
 - iv Clifton G. } Smith, b 9 Aug '61, in Kendall.
 - v Carlton J. }
- [Daniel W. Webster and Hattie Smith had]
- i Louie Webster, b 3 Dec '64, in Kendall.

TWELFTH GENERATION.

I had hoped to receive names of a 12th, counting from P. W. 1st, and a 5th commencing with aunt Dolly, and do not doubt they may be known by the centennial of our grandparents' wedding.....Dolly and her family count 105.

Abigail Babcock Worden Mitchell.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

"Nabby," the second of the family, was b in Westerly, 1st Oct. 1772. When "wooded and won," was keeping house for her widowed uncle, Jesse Babcock, of Richmond? was m to WILLIAM MITCHELL, Aug. 1795, at her father's in South Kingstown, by Eld. Jesse Babcock of Westerly?

As two Mitchells, brother and sister, married two Wordens, brother and sister, some account of the Mitchells must be welcome to the very large number of double cousins and to their descendants.

Rev. Prof. Mitchell, of Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill., states that his Pilgrim father, Experience Mitchell, came over in the third ship, the *Ann*, in 1623, at Plymouth, and was one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater, Mass. His posterity are long-lived, and numerous. Pr. one of them,

JOHN, b 1754? son of Thomas and Molly Mitchell, was m 1774? to LYDIA dau. of Robert and Dorcas Congdon; he was drowned at Point Judith, Nov. 1787—aged 32 years—leaving five children, all b in South Kingstown:

1 William Mitchell b 11 April, 1775 (eight days before Lexington); m Abigail B. Worden; d 1828, in 54th year.

2 Jane Mitchell, b 8 Nov. 1777; m John Worden 3d; d 1862, in 85th year.

3. Joseph Mitchell, b 1783; unmarried; sailed from Newport, as first mate under Capt. Tiget, 1807, and vessel never heard from.

4 Mary Mitchell, b 2 Feb 1785; m (1st) 1808, Thomas T. Jaquays, by whom she had nine children; he d 1824 at the age of 39; she m (2d) Henry Northrop, by whom she had two children, both dead; and (3d) Samuel Burgus. One of her sons was killed in the late Union contest, and she draws a pension for him; lives—in her 84th year—with her daughters, Mrs. Dorcas Whitford, Wakefield, and Mrs. Mary A. Eccleston, Rocky Brook, R.I.

5 John Thomas Mitchell, b 1787; unmarried when he went to So. Car., 1817; not heard from in very many years.

Their mother, widow Lydia Congdon Mitchell, m (2d) Henry Hooper Holland (or Howland) Esq., who lost his right arm in the Whig service during the Revolution, yet was an elegant penman as well as a truly accomplished man. Esq. Holland resided in Hopkinton—was a widower I think. They had one daughter, Eliza Holland, b 19 June, 1800; she m Gardner Burdick, and d in Hopkinton, leaving four children and having buried four. Lydia C. M. Holland survived her last husband, and d 1853? aged 94 years.

ABIGAIL B. WORDEN AND WM. MITCHELL

Had three children in Rhode Island. About March, 1802, they removed to Granville, Hamden Co., Mass.; in 1809, to Lebanon, Madison Co., N. Y.; 1811, to Preston, Chenango Co.; and 1815, to Ellicott, near Jamestown, Chataquo Co., where came the welcome news of Peace, about the time of the birth of their youngest child. In the Spring of 1817, the family started with lumber down the Allegany and Ohio, and were wrecked—almost a total loss; spent the Summer at Charleston, now Wellsburg, Clark Co., West Va.; Fall, moved down to Long Bottom, Orange Tp, Meigs Co., Ohio. Fall of 1818, went on to Vevay, Switzerland Co., Ind., and settled in Pleasant township, near where Bennington village now is. For many years, the parents had borne hardships and privations, cheerfully and heroically. They were earnest, hopeful Christians, whose enterprise and respectability were devoted to the furtherance of education and all modes of moulding aright the pioneer population. Good singers, their home became the welcome and welcoming resort for preachers. With nine robust children, their farm and mill yielding rich returns, the sun of prosperity shone brightly indeed...when (15th Sept. 1821) the blessed good mother died of intermittent fever, aged 49 years.

Perhaps two years after Abigail's death, William Mitchell married a "widow Frazure," who had a family. To them were born three children—1st, Lucinda Mitchell, last heard from at St. Louis; 2d, John Mitchell, wholesale merchant at St. Louis, not long since; 3d, Robert Mitchell, died young.

About 1825? Wm. M. and family moved 20 miles down the river, to what is now Madison city, Jefferson Co., Ind. On 3d Dec. 1828, he was taking a load of pork to market, when his team was frightened by a steamboat puff, he fell, was run over by a wagon wheel, and died instantly—in his 54th year.

NINTH GENERATION.

[Abigail B. Worden and William Mitchell had nine chil.:]

I. *William Clark Mitchell*, b 3 Oct. 1797, in R.I.; farmer, miller and fruit-grower; d June, 1857, in Pleasant, Ind., in his 60th year. M in Pleasant, 1824, to *Margaret Richards*, dau. of William and Sarah (Swafford) Richards; sho was b 14 Aug. 1808, in Fayetteville, N. C.

II. *Elizabeth Mitchell*, b 8 Sept. 1799, in R. I.; d 17 June, 1859, in Pleasant, in her 60th year. Mar. (1st) 9 Ap. 1816, in Ellicott, by James Akin Esq. to *John Gardner*, who was b 12 May 1791, in New York State; he was son of David and Bridget Gardner, from Colerain, Mass.; he d 17 Ap. 1835, aged 44 years. She was m (2d) 9 Aug. 1836, to *Andrew Schuck*, Esq., farmer, widower, b 6 May, 1793, in Bourbon Co., Ky., of Penn'a German origin; he d 1866? aged 72? years.

III. *Mary Atlanta Mitchell*, b 12 July, 1799, in R. I. *John Hany Chittenden*, chair and cabinet maker and farmer, b 15 Sept. 1798, in what was then Ontario Co. N.Y.—oldest son of Rev. Lyman and Eunice [Hany] Chittenden. MIA M. and J.H.C. were m 1 Nov. 1818, by Major Reed, J.P. Now in Hartsville, Barth Co., Ind. Golden wedding, if spared, soon.

IV. *Abigail Matilda Mitchell*, b 28 May, 1803, in Granville, Mass.; was m (1st) 28 Sept. 1817, in Athens Co., O., by Major Reed, J. P., to *Lewis Green*, blacksmith; from near Cayuga Bridge, N.Y. In July, 1818, he left on a visit to York State, sickened on the river; was taken to St. Louis by a friend, and soon died. She m (2d) in Feb. 1822, by Rev. James Pool, to *Enos Harmon*, b 15 June, 1785—7th son of Elias (d 1794) and Eunice (Hanchett) Harmon, of West Suffield, Ct. Harmon's moved—45 days on the way—about 1802, to Old Brutus, N.Y.; to Mantua, Portage Co., O., 1806. Enos was a soldier in war of 1812, moved to Wabash Co., Ill., 1818, was surveyor, teacher, nursefman, farmer; and d 27 July, 1840, in Knox Co., Ind., in his 56th year. His widow moved from Mt. Carmel to Jerseyville, Ill., taught school, and reared her family until 14 May, '51, when she m (3d) *John Harmon*, widower, brother of her 2d husband. J.H. b in Suffield, 11 Dec. 1789, youngest of family of nine; teacher, surveyor, held various offices, conducted a

press from 1832 to '38, and gave special attention to horticulture. About 1808, he brought from Pittsburg, on his back, a bag of apple seeds, planted them, sold the year-old sprouts at a cent each (many of them never paid for at that,) and from them have sprung some of the best orchards on the Western Reserve. Mr. and Mrs. H. now have a small fruit and dairy farm, near Ravenna, O., where they live, with an orphan grandchild each. [Jonathan Herman settled, 1676, in Suffield, where he had a son Nathaniel, who had a son Benjamin, who had a son John, who had a son Elias, who was father of the above Eneas and John Harmon.]

V. *Eld. Joseph Mitchell*, farmer and mill-owner, b 13 July, 1806, in Granville; d 21 Oct. 1860, in Demoinces Co. Iowa, in his 56th year. He began to exhort when a boy, was licensed to preach, labored much, but was not official pastor of a church. M. in Pleasant, Ind., 13 March, 1824, to *Mary Milligan Bassett*, who was b 9 Feb. 1809, in Jefferson Co., O., and now lives near Burlington, Iowa, where her husband died. Her father, Jasper Bassett, was from Mass. and served his country, in the army of the Revolution; her mother, Mary Milligan, was from Maryland.

VI. *Atanson Martin Mitchell*, farmer, b 16 June, 1807, in Granville; d June, 1836, in Pleasant, aged 29 years. M. in May, 1827, to *Tazia Jaquays*, dau. of Clark Jaquays, of R.I.; she re-married, moved to Morgan Co., Ill., over 30 years ago, and is lost sight of.

VII. *Henry Holland Mitchell*, cooper and farmer, b 26 Oct. 1809, in Lebanon, N. Y.; m 1830? to *Admira Wilson*, b 21 Feb. 1812, in Warren Co., N. Y. Her father, Joel Wilson, b in Worcester Co., Mass., 1768, d 1831, aged 66 years; her mother, Mchitable Wilson, b in Connecticut, 1779, d 1854, aged 75 years. H. H. Mitchell and family I heard from at Galesville, Clay Co., Kansas, Ap. 1867, when he wrote, "This country is almost destitute of timber, but fine grazing for cattle and sheep."

VIII. *James Curtis Mitchell*, farmer and plasterer, b 16 Dec. 1812, in Preston, N. Y.; d in Mt. Carmel, Ill., Spring 1842, of consumption, aged 30 years. He m (1st) *Lucinda Sisson*, in Kentucky, opposite Vevay. She d in about one year, and he m (2d) *Hannah* ———, who, with her brother, moved 25 years ago, to Morgan Co., Ill., married again, and has not been heard from in many years.

CHILDREN OF WM. CLARK AND MARGARET MITCHELL. 57

IX. *Amy Mitchell*, the lamb of the flock, b 18 Feb. 1815, in Ellicott; d 22 June, 1823, in Pleasant, of measles.

The five Mitchells were each six feet high, slender, but athletic, active, enterprising men. Those characteristics mark members of both the Mitchell-Worden families.

Family of William Clark Mitchell and Margaret Richards.

TENTH GENERATION.

- 1 Francis Mitchell, b in Pleasant, 23 Feb, d 2 June, '25.
- 2 Martin Mitchell do 29 June '26, d 2 Feb. '27.
- 3 Alburn Mitchell do 5 Ap. d 12 May '27.
- 4 Ahnira B. Mitchell do 2 March '29; m 19 Oct. '54, to Nicholas Waincott, farmer, b 20 Feb. '33.
- 5 Edward P. Mitchell, b 12 Oct. '30; m 6 Sept. '60, to Elizabeth Ellen Cole, b 15 Ap. '41; she d 30 Dec. 64.
- 6 Simeon J. Mitchell b 25 March '32; m (1st) 25 Aug. '50, to Arabella Welch, b '32? she d 25 March '60, in Milford, Decatur? Co., Ind. He m (2d) 30 May '61, Paulina Gable, b '25?
- 7 Mariah Mitchell, b 25 Nov. '37; m 29 July '53, James Rocket, farmer, a Frenchman, b '32. Ripley Co., Ind.
- 8 DeWitt Clinton Mitchell, b 7 Sept. '38; farmer; m 7 Oct. '60, to Sarah Lucinda Cole, b 25 Dec. '41; was killed in Union army at Jonesboro', N.C., 2 Sep. '64, aged 26 yrs.
- 9 Hannah Mitchell, b 6 Ap. '40; m 28 Feb. '61, Joseph Simpson, b 8 May '36, in New Haven, Ct.; he belonged to Co. E. 146 Ind. V., and d 2 Ap. '65 in hospital at Frederick city, Md., aged 29 years.
- 10 Mary Mitchell, b 2 Dec. '41.
- 11 Priscilla Mitchell, b 6 Nov. '42.
- 12 Armenia Mitchell, b 15 June '44; m 14 March '61 to Perry D. Newkirk, b 13 Nov. '37.
- 13 William Henry Harrison Mitchell, b 9 May '46; student in Hartsville University.
- 14 Byron Mitchell, b in Pleasant, 2 Feb. 49.
- 15 Sullivan Mitchell do 4 June, d 16 Sep. '53.
- 16 Unnamed child do died young.
- 17 do do do

This large family of 17 children, all born in Pleasant Tp, Switzerland Co., Ind.

10, 11, 13, 14, were unmarried when last heard from.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

- [Admira B. Mitchell and Nicholas Wainscott had five ch. :]
i Harrison Beecher Wainscott b 14 Dec. '55, in Switz. Co.
ii Margaret R. Belle Wainscott, b 6 June '57, d 2 Dec. '58.
iii William F. Wainscott, b 30 April '59.
iv Mary Emma Wainscott, b 5 May '61, d 24 Dec. '65.
v Charles Wainscott, b 17 March '66.
- [Edward P. Mitchell and Elizabeth E. Cole had two chil. :]
i Margaret Elizabeth Mitchell, b 4 Dec. '62.
ii Edward Franklin Mitchell, b 7 Dec. '64, d 14 July '65.
- [Simeon J. Mitchell and Arabella Welch had two child. :]
i Stella Mitchell, b 25 Aug. '57, d Aug. '60.
ii Byron Mitchell 2d, b 9 March '60, d 11 Aug. '60.
- [Simeon J. Mitchell and Paulina Gable had two children :]
iii William Mitchell, b 29 Ap. '62, d Aug. '63.
iv George Franklin Mitchell, b 29 Oct. '66.
- [Mariah Mitchell and James Rocket had five children :]
i Mary Olive Rocket, b 3 July '56.
ii Emma Roselle Rocket, b 17, d 22 March '58.
iii Margaretta Ella Rocket, b 21 Feb. '59.
iv Annie Mariah Rocket, b 25 Feb. '62.
v George Harrison Rocket, b 4 June '66.
- [DeWitt Clinton Mitchell and Sarah L. Cole had one child :]
i Nannie Belle Mitchell, b 6 Sept. '61.
- [Hannah Mitchell and Joseph Simpson had two children :]
i William Lawrence Simpson, b 15 April '62.
ii Estella Viola Simpson, b 20 July '64.
- [Armenia Mitchell and Perry D. Newkirk had two chil. :]
i Charles Harrison Newkirk b 29 Mar. '62, d 22 Mar. '63.
ii Minerva Laura Newkirk, b 29 July '66.

When not otherwise stated, births &c. are understood to be, mostly in Pleasant Tp., Switzerland Co., Ind., for William and Abigail Mitchell's grand children, &c.

Family of Elizabeth Mitchell and John Gardner.

TENTH GENERATION.

1 William Mitchell Gardner, b 24 Jan. '17, in Ellicott, N.Y.; was m 17 Oct. '38, to Rachel Banter, dau. of H. P. and Mary Banter in Switz. Co.; during the Rebellion, suffered much from guerillas in Missouri; Feb. '67, living in Pleasant Ridgo, Leavenworth Co., Kansas, but said should "remove in the Spring somewhere out on the frontier."

2 Malinda Bridget Gardner, b 5 Jan. '19, in Pleasant; & Cincinnati, 12 Nov. '63, aged 44 years; was m 7 Mar. '38, to Stephen B. Niles, blacksmith, (now in Illinois); he was b 14 Feb. '16, in Butler Co., Ohio.

3 Lucy Ann Gardner, b 10, d 11 Jan. '21.

4 David Clark Gardner, b 8 Aug. '22; was m 12 Dec. '44, by Rev. Winchester, to Mary G. Fish, b 22 April, '27, in Cincinnati. Now in Vevay, Ind.

5 Hiram Wiley Gardner, b 5 June '25; d 8 July '56, aged 31 years. He m. in Iowa, '46? Mary Wilson, dau. of Joel and M. Wilson. (p. 56); she was b 25 Ap. '17, in Chenango Co., N. Y.

6 Abigail Jane Gardner, b 27 June '27; was m 7 Jan. '45, by Rev. L.S. Chittenden, to Rev. Somers B. Falkinburg, who was b 20 Oct. '22, in Cape May Co., N.J. His father, Somers Falkinburg, b in Millerstown, Pa., d in Harrison Co., Ind., '47. His mother, Elizabeth Sullivan, b in Cape May Co., N.J., died in Leavenworth, Ind., '47. They were m in N.J. 1808. Their fifth child, Somers B. Falkinburg, migrated to Indiana about '37, boated three years on the Ohio, commenced preaching in '43, and labored in Charlestown, Laugbery, Tanners Creek, Blue River, White River, Tanners Creek, Milton, Liberty, Everton, New Washington, Wooster, Paris, Utica, Jeffersonville, Westport, Milan, Rushville, Columbus. In '62, was engaged in Christian Commission and Freedmen's labors. In '65, became Financial Agent of the Male and Female Collegiate Institute, at Moore's Hill, Dearborn Co., Ind., under South East. Ind. M. E. Conference.

7 Henry Curtis Gardner, b 15 July '30, d 4 Ap. '35.

8 Mary Elizabeth Gardner, b 26 June '33; m 14 Sept. '48, to Michael Orem, carpenter, b 15 March '25, fourth son of Levi Orem of Maryland and Eve Hildebrand of Pa.

9 Matilda Gardner, b 6 Feb '35 ; m 22 Aug. '50, by Rev. Scott, to John Sisson Osborn, farmer, b 20 June '26, in Meigs Co., Ohio, son of David and Olive (Sisson) Osborn, of New York State. Now in Hazel Dell, Cumb. Co., Ill.

Family of Elizabeth M. Gardner and Andrew Schuck.

- 10 John Gardner Schuck, b 20 May '37, d 28 Aug. '41.
 11 Andrew Jackson Schuck, b 10 May '39 ; m 18 May '62, by Rev. Griffith, to Mary Alice Kerr, b 9 Aug. '43.
 12 Constantine Schuck, b 5 Mar. '42, d 5 Ap. '57—15 y.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[William M. Gardner and Rachel Banter had nine child.:]

- i John Henry Gardner, b 15 May '40, d 17 Aug. '41.
 ii Adolphus G. Gardner, b Desmoines Co., Iowa, 15 Feb. '42 ; joined the 15th Mo Inf. and d Vicksburg, 13 Feb. '63.
 iii Emily Jane Gardner, b 24 Jan. '44, in Ind. ; m 4 July '60, in St. Francois Co., Mo., to John B. Magill, of Buffalo Grove, Buchanan Co., Iowa ?
 iv Mary Elizabeth Gardner, b 22 Jan. '46, in Ind. ; m 19 Jan. '65 to Wm. G. Curry.
 v Julius Alonzo Gardner, b 2 June '48, in Iowa.
 vi Malina Josephine Gardner, b 30 April '51.
 vii James Curtis Gardner, b 2 July '53.
 viii Martha Matilda Gardner, b 14 July '57.
 ix William Wallace Gardner b 21 Nov. '59, in Mo.

[Malina B. Gardner and Stephen B. Niles had three chil.:]

- i William Henry Niles, b 17 July '40 ; d 7 Dec. '40.
 ii John G. Niles, b 21 Nov. '41, d 4 July '45.
 iii Augustus H. Niles, b 25 Sept. '48, in Cincinnati.

[David Clark Gardner and Mary G. Fish had six children:]

- i James Wesley Gardner b 1 Nov. '46.
 ii Alonzo Josephus Gardner, b 4 Feb. '52.
 iii David Fletcher Gardner, b 24 Ap. '54.
 iv William Riley Gardner, b 8 June '56.
 v Mary Elizabeth Gardner, b 1 Oct. '59.
 vi Marion Frances Gardner, b 2 May '64.

[Hiram Wiley Gardner and Mary Wilson had four chil. :]

- i John Joel Gardner, b 4 June '47, in Ind.
- ii Elizabeth Mehitable Gardner, b 10 Aug. d 22 Sept. '49, in Wapello Co., Iowa.
- iii Earnest Lucido Gardner, b 6 Oct. '52, Desm.Co., Io.
- iv Lucy Hirametta Gardner, b 4 July '56, in Ind., four days before her father's death.

[Abigail J. Gardner and Somers B. Valkinburg had five ch.:]

- i William Sullivan Falkinburg, b 29 June '47, in Harrison Co., Ind; attending College at Moore's Hill.
- ii Samuel Simpson Falkinburg, b 27 July '49, in Elizabeth, Spencer Co., Ind.; a medical student; with 6th U. S. Cavalry at Galveston.
- iii Mary Elizabeth Falkinburg, b 28 Jan. '52, in Liberty, Union Co., Ind.; d 23 Feb. '53, in Fayette Co., Ind.
- iv Andrew Wilson Falkinburg, b 6 Sept. '54, in New Washington, Clark Co., Ind.; d 28 Sept. '56, in Paris, Ind.
- v Alfred Armenius Falkinburg, b 30 Jan. '57, in Utica, Clark Co., Ind.

[Mary Elizab'h Gardner and Michael Orem had eight ch.:]

- i Olive Malina Orem, b 4 Oct. '49, in Switz'd Co., Ind.
- ii Eugene Rodolf Orem, b 6 Aug. '53, d 28 July '54, in Tipton Co., Ind.
- iii Uriah Orem, b 9 Dec '55 do do
- iv Matilda Ann Orem b '58, d 18 Dec. '59 do do
- v Elizabeth Eva Orem, b 16 Feb. '62, in Swit. Co., Ind.
- vi Charles Orem, b 7 Nov. '65 do do
- vii Alfred Somers Orem, } 25 March '67 do do
- viii Albert David Orem, }

[Matilda Gardner and John Sisson Osborn had seven ch. :]

- i James Hayden Osborn, b 6 Sept. '51, in Swit Co., Ind.
- ii Eliza'h Olive Osborn, b 3 Oct. '53, in Jennings Co., Ind.
- iii Mary Jane Osborn, b 19 Dec. '55 do do
- iv Daniel Andrew Osborn, b 13 Nov '58 do do
- v Charles Rodolf Osborn, b 12 June '61, in Switz Co. Ind.
- vi Lew Wallace Osborn, 17 Sept. '63 do do
- vii Josephine Osborn, b 11 Mar. '66, in Camb. Co., Ill.

[Andrew Jack. Schuck and Mary Alice Kerr had two ch. :]

- i Clement Irving Schuck, b 2 Mar. '63, in Ripley Co. Ind.
- ii Clarissa Schuck, b 4 Oct '65 do do

TWELFTH GENERATION.

[Emily Jane Gardner and John B. Magill had two child:]

I William Magill, b Feb. '62?

II Sarah Anabelle Magill, b Feb. '64?

[Mary Elizabeth Gardner and Wm. G. Curry had one child:]

I Theodosia Curry, b '66?

Family of Mary Atlanta Mitchell and John H. Chittenden

TENTH GENERATION.

1 Lyman Sylvester Chittenden, b 5 Aug. '19, in Switz. Co., Ind.; m 17 Dec. '37, to Miss Hannah Osborn, whose parents were from Mass. About '39, he began preaching, laboring successively at New Albany, Hartsville, Indianapolis, Ind., Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, &c. Operated for some years as Agent for Hartsville University, of United Brethren church, and superintended the erection of its edifice, in Bartholomew county, Indiana. Spent two years as Chaplain in Union armies—embracing the 48th, 83d, 96th, 114th and 120th Ohio, and 24th and 67th Indiana—traveled ten thousand miles, organized an army church numbering nearly a thousand members, and baptized many out of five hundred new converts; and was honored by the boys in blue with a \$150 watch and other valuable presents. Last wrote from Westfield, Clark county, Illinois, where is located a College of the United Brethren.

2 William Henry Chittenden, b 27 Ap. '22; plasterer; went with his brother George, and a load of produce, down the river, was seized with cholera, and died at Natchez, 9 Jan. '48, aged 26 years. He had m Catharine Keith, who d in Indiana, 27 Aug. '50.

3 Josephus Chittenden, b 20, d 22 Dec. '23.

4 John Wesley Chittenden, farmer, b 7 Nov. '24, in Kentucky; m 16 July '46, to Mary Catharine Cole, b in Hamilton Co., O., 10 Ap. '30, dau. of Adam and Elizabeth Cole. Bennington, Ind.

5 Arthur Twinkham Chittenden, farmer, b in Indiana, 17 Jan. '29; m 29 May '52, to Martha Rutherford, b in Indiana, 19 March '26, dau. of John and Sally (Crandall) Rutherford [of Penn'a origin?] Bennington, Ind.

6 George Franklin Chittenden, b '25 Dec. '30 ; literary education at Corydon, Ind., '46 ; medical lectures at Ann Arbor, '51, graduating in medicine at Louisville, '53. Was three years in Union army, under Generals Banks, Burbridge, Sherman, M'Olerand, and Grant, commencing in '61 as Surgeon of 16th Ind. Vol., on the Potomac ; Med. Director at Richmond, Ky. ; Brigade Surgeon at Chickasaw Bayou ; Med. Director 4th Div. 13th A.C., and lastly Med. Inspector and Director of 13th A.C. in the series of toils which broke the back of the Rebellion at Vicksburg. Is now practicing at Anderson, Madison Co., Ind. M 23 Jan. '56, in Vernon, Jennings Co., Ind., to Miss Amanda Branham, dau. of Linnfield and Amanda Branham, who migrated from Virginia to Kentucky, thence to Indiana about 1818.

7 Minerva Chittenden, b 15 Oct. d 6 Nov. '32.

8 Albina Chittenden, b 17, d 19 Sept. '33.

9 James Thaddeus Chittenden, b 27 Aug. '35 ; literary education at Hartsville ; received Law diploma at Bloomington ; engaged successfully in the legal profession at Clarinda, Pago Co., Iowa ; 17 March '60, was m. in Porrysville, Verm. Co., Ind., by Rev. James Griffith, to Lottie B. Beauchamp, dau. of David A. and Dorothy Beauchamp. In Aug. '61, he assisted in raising a Company, and entered the 4th Iowa Inf. as a Lieutenant ; 7th March '62, he led his Company (Col. Carr commanding the Brigade) all day at Pea Ridge, Ark., but fell at sundown, pierced through the left lung with a minnie ball ; he survived until 29th April. and was interred at Cassville, Mo. In May, his wife and brother George recovered the body, and it was entombed at Hartsville with appropriate ceremonies.

10 Longinus Chittenden, b 26 June, d 12 July '41

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Lyman S. Chittenden and Hannah Osborn had nine ch.:]

i Lucina Atlanta Chittenden, b 1839 ; m Rev. Samuel Coblentz, and d at New Albany, Ind., aged 21 years. Mr. Coblentz m again, commanded a Company in the Union army and died in the service.

ii Louisiana Augusta Chittenden, b 1841 ; m Rev. Benj. Franklin Morgan, who is traveling on circuits.

iii Mary Emeline Chittenden, b 1813; m Rev. Benj. R. Shuey, Treasurer, and head of Commercial School in West-field College.

iv Longinus Milton Chittenden, b '45, d aged 6 months

v Lydia Albertine Chittenden, b '47.

vi Elizabeth Catharine Chittenden, b '50, d aged 6 yrs.

vii Viola Alvira Chittenden, b '52, d March '66, aged 14 yrs—in great peace.

viii George Sylvester Chittenden, b '54.

ix Leonidas Samuel Chittenden, b '56.

[Wm. Hen. Chittenden and Catharine Koith had three ch.:]

i Mary Catharine Chittenden, b 20 Nov. '44, in Swit. Co.; m at Hartsville, '55 or '56, to Lieut. Harry Logan Frisler, 33 Iowa Vol. Farmer, at Prairie City, Iowa?

ii Josephine Chittenden, b 5 July '46, Rising Sun, Ind.; m 64? to William Ferguson.

iii William Lyman Chittenden, b 2 June '48, at Kings Landing, Clark Co., Ind., five months after his father's death.

[John Wesley Chittenden and Mary C. Cole had ten chil.:]

i Francis Marion Chittenden b 19 Mar. '49, in Swit. Co.

ii Atlanta Ann Chittenden, 30 Dec. '50.

iii Andrew Hedge Chittenden, b 26 Dec. '52.

iv Emma Jane Chittenden, b 22 Dec. '54.

v Amanda Chittenden, b 13 Aug. '57.

vi Australia Chittenden, b 20 Nov. '59.

vii Lyman Segal Chittenden, b 31 Dec. '61.

viii Alonzo Chittenden, b 31 Dec. '63.

ix Baron Chittenden, b 13 Aug. d 3 Oct. '65.

x John Albert Chittenden, b 15 Jan. '67.

The last of Dec. is an eventful period in this family.

[Arthur T. Chittenden and Martha Rutherford had four ch.:]

i Clarissa Chittenden, b 5 Oct. '53, in Switz. Co.

ii Mary Chittenden, 10 March '57.

iii James William Chittenden, b 27 Feb. '61.

iv George Henry Chittenden, b 9 Feb. '64.

[Dr. Geo. F. Chittenden and Amanda Branham had three ch.:]

i Carrie Bell Chittenden, b 24 Nov. '56.

ii Edgar Worden Chittenden, b 28 Nov. '61.

iii Mattie Chittenden, b 4 Jan. '66.

[James T. Chittenden Esq. and Lottie B. Beauchamp had]

i James Henry Chittenden, b 9 Nov. '61, at Clarinda, Iowa--with his mother at Hartsville, Ind.

TWELFTH GENERATION.

The 2d or 3d daughter of Rev. Lyman S. Chittenden has a daughter about 7 years old--name, &c., not yet obtained, after several inquiries.

[Mary Cath. Chittenden and Harry L. Frisler had]

i Anna Josephine Frisler, b 6 Oct. '66.

Josephine Chittenden and William Ferguson had]

i William Lyman Ferguson, b July '65, at Kings Landing.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Abigail Matilda Mitchell and Lewis Green.

1 Eliza Green, b in Vevay, 25 Nov. '18, (four months after her father's death); d 16 Dec. '18.

Family of Abigail M. Green and Enoe Harmon.

2 Elmira Jane Harmon, b 25 Nov. '22, in Wabash Co., Ill.; m (1st) Daniel W. Roberts in '46; he d in '53; she was m (2d) 17 March '63, in Mt. Carmel, by Rev. Leroy H. Kavanagh, to Joseph Smith, gold and silversmith, b 18 Sept. '16, in Withington, Gloucestershire, England.

3 Elias Harmon Jr. b 17, d 18 July '23, in Wabash Co.

4 Julia Eliza Harmon, b 25 Sept. '21. [Peter Akers, D. D., author of "Biblical Chronology," &c., was b 1 Sept. 1790, in Virginia; his father's family were of German, while his mother's (Bryan and Morrison) were of Irish origin. Peter went to school, taught school, and farmed for twenty years, plead law and published a political paper four years, and for nearly half a century labored as a Methodist preacher in Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and Minnesota. He m (1st) 12 March, 1818, Eliza S. Paris, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Belt) Paris; (2d) 21 April 1825, to Elizabeth Reid, dau. of Samuel Holland Reid and Mary (Prather) Reid, whose mother was a Higgins from Maryland--S. H. Reid was a mechanic, b 19 Feb. 1773, in Mass., removed to Ky., and in 1826 to Illinois, where he d, 29th Oct. '27, aged 54; and

(3d) Mr. Akers m Ann Goheen, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth Goheen, whose ancestors were from Wales. This is a common illustration of the various nationalities in blood and companionships of one person in America.]—George H. Akers, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Reid) Akers, was b 25 Feb 1826, in Russellville, Ky.; was m to Julia Eliza Harmon, 16 March '48, in Jacksonville, Ill., by Rev. Geo. Rutledge. Mr. Akers has been merchant, farmer and local preacher—Red Wing, Goodhue county, Minnesota.

5 Emma Amanda Harmon, b 12 Feb. '26, in Wabash Co.; was m by Henry Stees Esq. in Mt. Carmel 1 Nov. '46, to Miran Leeds, b Aug. '22, in Dayton, Ohio, son of Jacob Leeds of Ohio and Catharine Meixel of Pa. Mr. Leeds d 1882, aged 30 years. Emma Leeds m (2d) in '56, Joshua Fifer: she d 4 Feb. '58, aged 32 years.

6 Eunice Matilda Harmon, b 25 May '28, in Wabash Co.; d 4 Feb. '48, in Mt. Carmel, aged 20 years.

7 William Mitchell Harmon, printer and lawyer, b 1 Nov. '30, in Wabash Co.; d 23 Nov. '67, aged 37 years; he was m 31 Jan. '60, by James Bell Esq. to Hannah H. Russell, b 27 Feb. '44, in Mt. Carmel, dau. of Abraham and Hannah Russell. The annexed obituary notice was furnished a Mt. Carmel paper by Wm. Sears, the family physician:

“WILLIAM M. HARMON, Esq., whose death was announced last week, was a native of this county. His life, his love and his labors have all been among us. There are many in this community who bear tearful testimony to the usefulness of his life, the earnestness of his love, and the valuable results of his labors, while the rebellious question arises, Were there no cumberers in the vineyard when this tree, bearing fruit to the good of man and the glory of God, was cut down and withered? We say ‘Even so, Father!’ sadly—blindly fearing that those who have been wont to meet the loved footsteps, now gone through the dark valley, will walk lonely and wearily without them.

“A gentle, quiet child, kindly attentive to mother and sisters—from whom his father had been taken—he gave no space to reckless boyhood, but early took up the burden of life, and bore it resolutely, pursuing every object to which love, duty or ambition pointed him, steadily to its accomplishment. He chose the profession of law, studied it assiduously, and was prompt, accurate, and indefatigable in its

practice. He was elected to honorable offices, and was deservedly popular, for he daily met all classes with cordial kindness; his immediate neighbors were always sure of his interest in their comfort, and his sympathy in their troubles; while his influence for good, in the church and in the world, was such that we grieve to miss its continued exertion.

"In his maturer years, Mr. Harmon determined to change his profession for pursuits better suited to his inclinations and his habits. He possessed a cheerful, buoyant temperament, and appreciated all good and beautiful things, with keen enjoyment. But the center of his pleasures was the home that he filled with articles of comfort, and surrounded with objects of taste and refinement. It was his delight to gratify every wish of wife and children; and with these loved ones around him he shut out every care and trouble. But the trouble came that would not be shut out. The brightest sunbeam [MARY, his first-born] faded suddenly, for God had called her; and while he strove to submit cheerfully, and soothed the grief of others, he was pressing the iron sorrow deeper into his own soul. A violent attack of hemorrhage of the lungs was followed by symptoms which refused to be overcome, and he sank rapidly in consumption. It was hard to give up all he had to live for, but he expressed his willingness to go, and, many days before he died, trusted them to their heavenly Father; he said he was weary, and impatient to be at rest; and after languishing three months, his spirit soared above the wasted body, and even they who loved him best rejoiced that he was past suffering."

8 Mary Frances Harmon, b 16 Nov.'34, in Wabash Co. [Achilles Tandy, farmer, was b in Virginia, 1760, served in the Revolution, and was with his parents among the early settlers of Kentucky, where he m 1786, located five miles from Lexington, and died 1820, aged 60 years. His son, Willis Tandy, mechanic, b 22 Nov. 1788, lost an arm in the War of 1812, removed to Jacksonville 1833, and d 5 Sept. 1849, aged 61 years; he m 31 Oct. 1822, Martha H. Reid, b Oct. 1805, daughter of S.H. and Mary Reid (p 65,) near Lexington, where their son, Stephen Douglas L. Tandy, was b 24 Ap. 1829.] Mary F. Harmon and Stephen D.L. Tandy were m 25 Dec.'51, in Mt. Carmel, by Rev. Wm. Shaw. Now at Pine Island, Goodhue Co., Minn.

9 Cyrus Harmon, b and d 1 Oct.'36, in Lawrence Co. Ill.

10 Emily Clara Harmon, b 27 May '38, in Lawrence Co. Ill.; d 12 Oct.'40, in Knox Co. Ind., aged 1½ years.

11 Thomas Mitchell Harmon, b 4 Jan.'41, (five months after his father's death,) in St. Francisville, Ill., and d 30 Oct.'47, in Jerseyville, Ill., in his 7th year.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Julia Eliza Harmon and Geo. H. Akers had nine child:]

- i Charles Newton Akers, b 4 Dec. '48, at Jacksonville.
- ii Eugene Sylvanus Akers, b 10 May '50 do
- iii George William Akers, b 23 Oct.'51 do
- iv Luther Bryan Akers, b 4 Jan. '53 do
- v Ann Elizabeth Akers, b 19 Jan. '55 do
- vi Julia Agnes Akers, b 15 April '58 do
- vii John Robert Akers, b 11 Oct.'62, at Cherry Grove, Goodhue Co.; d 22 March '63.
- viii Mary Ellen Akers, b 19 Dec.'64, d 22 Jan '66, Red
- ix Eddie Akers, b 4, d 5 Feb.'67, at Red W. [Wing.

[Emma Amanda Harmon and Hiram Leeds had three ch.:]

- i Alice Aurelia Leeds, b 19 Sept. '47, in Jerseyville.
- ii Emily Leeds, b 1849, in Mt. Carmel, died in 1 year.
- iii Lizzie Frances Leeds, b 5 July '52, in Mt. Carmel.

[Win. Mitchell Harmon and Han.H. Russell had three ch.:]

- i Mary Elizabeth Harmon, b 1 April '61, in Mt. Carmel;
d of scarlet fever, 6 May '67, aged 6 years.
- ii Agnes E. Harmon, b 15 Nov. '63.
- iii John Raphael Harmon, b 21 Ap. '65.
- iv Annie Harmon, b 25 Aug. '67.

[Mary F. Harmon and Stephen D. L. Tandy had nine chil.:]

- i William Lewis Tandy b 13 Dec.'52, near Jacksonville.
- ii Albert Roberts Tandy b 2 Feb.'51 do
- iii Julia Frances Tandy, b 6 Jan.'56, in Winterset, Iowa.
- iv Eva Reviah Tandy, b 2 Oct.'57, d 1 Nov.'59, in Madison Co., Iowa.
- v Martha Abigail Tandy, b 28 July, d 22 Oct. '59 do
- vi Douglas Harmon Tandy, b 26 Sept.'60, in Red Wing.
- vii Martha Eva Tandy, b 4 Aug. '62, in Pine Island, Minn.; d 8 April '65.
- viii Mary Elizabeth Tandy, b 29 Aug., d 20 Sept.'64.
- ix Charles Henry Tandy, b 31 Dec '65.

FAMILY OF JOSEPH MITCHELL AND MARY M. BASSETT. 69

Family of Eld. Joseph Mitchell and Mary M. Bassett.

TENTH GENERATION.

1 Elizabeth Worden Mitchell, b 24 Oct. '25, in Switz Co.; m (1st) 3d Ap. '45, by Rev. J. Winchester, to Daniel S. Andress, bricklayer and provision dealer, b 25 Aug. '21, son of Jonathan R. Andress, farmer and local preacher; D.S.A. d 25 Oct. '58, aged 38 years, in Burlington, Iowa; she m (2d) 8 April '66, by Rev. Dr. Corkhill, to Wm. E. Brown, moulder, and twenty years a class leader; he has a motherless daughter, aged 17; they help make a household of six persons of the same religious faith.

2 Sarah Barnett Mitchell, b 27 July '27; m (1st) 3 Aug. '47, to Henry Miller, farmer, b 27 Jan. '21; he d in Davis Co., Iowa, '51, aged 30 years; she m (2d) 2 June, '53, in Des Moines Co., by Robert D. Pool Esq. to Fredorick Courts, farmer, b 24 May '26; last in Dodgeville, Iowa.

3 Eliza Mitchell, b 2 Aug. '29, d 16 Sept. '38—in her 10th year.

4 William Mitchell, 2d, b 3 June '31; in '52, crossed "the Plains;" mined in Southern Oregon until '55, when he fought the Yakma Indians seven months, serving as 2d Sergeant in Co. C. and 2d Lieutenant Co. E. in battalion of recruits; was m 15 Jan. '57, to Martha Pelina Offield, dau. of James E. and Lucinda Offield. He informs me that he "had no desire for books and schools, and received no education," but he wrote a strong, bold letter, from "Pleasant Hill"—Silverton P.O., Marion Co., Oregon, where, he says, "we are now living in the mountains, farming some and hunting some. Elk, bear and deer are plenty—panthers, wild cats and wolverines in abundance." He seems to enjoy that end of the earth.

5 Rev. Norman Hatch Mitchell, b 21 Feb. '33; was P. E. or minister at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, when I last heard; m 12 Mar. '64, to Sarah Ann Wynkoop, widow of V.B. Crooks; she was b in Ohio, 25 Dec. '39, and had a daughter, Hannah Alma Crooks, b '61, d '63.

6 Amy Ellico Mitchell, b 13 Jan. '35; m (1st) Absalom Brooks; (2d) Wm. S. Keeler, 6 Dec. '57. At Hannibal, Mo., June '67.

7 Alanson Martin Mitchell, 2d, b Nov. '36; farmer; in the late Union army; m near Burlington, 4 March '60, by Robert D. Pool, Esq., to Margaret Walker, b 9 March '41, near Kingston, Desmoines Co., dau. of John and Elizabeth Walker. Near Oak Glen, Steel Co., Minn.

8 Henry Holland Mitchell, 2d, b 7 Feb. '39; farmer; draws pension for wounds received in the Union service at Arkansas Post, '63; m 17 April '64, near Kossuth, Iowa, by Rev. Tho's Pell, to Mary Lucy Goodnow, b 12 Dec. '43, near Cincinnati, dau. of Lewis and Maria Goodnow. Oak Glen.

9 Mary Jane Mitchell, b 7 March '41; m 17 Mar. '64, in Burlington, by Judge Ohrt, to John Arnold Rethemeier, farmer, b 10 March '38, in Prussia, son of Harmon and Christina Rethemeier. Near Burlington.

10 Matilda Frances Mitchell, b 30 April '44; m 5 Feb. '60, near Burlington, by Robert D. Pool, Esq., to Enos Walker, farmer, b 13 Mar. '36, son of Eli and Anna Walker, from Virginia. New London, Henry Co., Iowa.

11 John Oliver Mitchell, b 11 April '49, in Switz. Co.; family removed same year to Desmoines Co., Iowa; in Aug. '63, at the age of 14:4:13, he enlisted in Co. F., 8th Iowa Cav., and served two years under Sherman, in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, being at Newnan, Ga., before the fall of Atlanta, opposed to Hood and engaged at Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, and in the Wilson raid of April '65. Now with his widowed mother at the homestead near Burlington.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Elizabeth W. Mitchell and Daniel S. Address had seven c.:]

- i Reoll Address, b 3 Ap. '46, d 27 July '47, Burlington.
- ii a son, b and d 16 Aug. '47 do
- iii Drusilla Dora Address, b 15 Nov. '48, teacher do
- iv Bishop J. J. Address, b 21 Sept. '50, Rising Sun, Ind.
- v Dillon Address, b 31 Dec. '52 at Burlington.
- vi Mary Celia Address, b 8 Oct. '54, d 13 Oct. '60 do
- vii Mason Address, b 28 Aug. '56, d 28 Oct. '60 do

[Sarah B. Mitchell and Henry Miller had three children:]

- i William Miller, b in Ind. 21 May '48, d 25 Oct. '49, in
- ii Mary Josephine Miller, b 21 Sept. '49. [Davis Co. Io.
- iii Henry Miller Jr. b 3 Oct. '51.

[Sarah B. M. Miller and Frederick Courts had five child.:]

- iv a son b and d 29 April '54, in Desmoines Co.
- v Wilhelmina Courts b 26 Aug. '55 do
- vi Frederick Courts Jr, b 2 Feb. '58 do
- vii Sarah Courts, b 7 Feb. '61 do
- viii Andrew Courts, b 16 Dec. '64, d 28 Aug. '65.

[Wm. Mitchell, 2d, and Martha P. Offield had six child.:]

- i Emma Mitohell, b 19 Feb. '58, in Clackamas Co., Or.
- ii Joseph Mitchell, 2d, b 17 May '60 do
- iii *Albert Mitchell, b 13 Ap. '62, d 13 Oct. '66, Marion Co.
- iv *Frank Mitchell, b 9 Jan 64, d 17 do do
- v Alanson Mitchell, b } 6 Mar. '65, do
- vi *Jyman Mitchell, b } do d 19 do do

*The three d. of diphtheria, within six days of each other.

[Amy Ellice Mitchell and Absalom Brooks had]

- i Edward F. Brooks, b 23 Mar. '51, d Sept. '53, near Burl.

[Amy E.M. Brooks and Wm. S. Keeler had four children:]

- ii Sarah Keeler, b 25 Dec. '58, at Burlington..
- iii Mary Keeler b 27 Feb. '60 do
- iv Sophronia Keeler b 22 June '62 do
- v Lucy Keeler b 5 Oct. '65 do

[Alanson M. Mitchell 2d and Marg. Walker had three ch.:]

- i John Barnet Mitchell, b 5 Jan. '61, in Desmoines Co.
- ii Charles Henry Mitchell, b 22 Aug. '62 do
- iii Ettie Mary Mitchell, b 9 Sept. '66, in Oak Glen.

[Henry H. Mitchell 2d and Mary L. Goodnow had]

- i Joseph Lewis Mitchell, b 21 June '65, in Oak Glen.

[Mary Jane Mitchell and John A. Reithemeier had two ch.:]

- i Belle Reithemeier, b 29 Dec. '64, in Desmoines Co.
- ii Joseph Reithemeier, b 15 Jan. d 25 July '66.

[Matilda Frances Mitchell and Enos Walker had five ch.:]

- i Alice Walker b 2 Feb. '61, in Desmoines Co.
- ii Henry Arthur Walker, b Jan. '63 do
- iii Anna Elizab. Walker, } b 22 Nov. '64 do
- iv Mary Lucy Walker, } do
- v Virda Walker, b Feb. '66 do

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TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Alanson Martin Mitchell and Tazia Jaguays.

- 1 Abigail Mitchell, b Sept.'28, in Switz.Co.—has family.
- 2 Robert Clark Mitchell, b Oct.'30 do do
- 3 Mary Mitchell, b '32? d same month with her father.

Family of Henry Holland Mitchell and Almira Wilson.

- 1 Sylvester Mitchell, b 23 Dec.'31, d 29 Mar.'32, Switz.Co.
- 2 John Truman Mitchell, cooper, b 25 Jan. '33; m to Sarah Duryea, Desmoines Co.
- 3 James Raymond Mitchell, b 17 Dec.'34; joined 30th Iowa, and lost an arm at Goldsboro, N.C.; m Rebecca Burges, Desmoines Co.; now cattle dealer at Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.
- 4 Marion Mitchell, b and d 10 Aug. '37.
- 5 Matilda Mitchell, b 24 Sept.'39, d 26 Aug.'41.
- 6 Esther Mitchell, b 4 Sept.'42; m, in Sept.'66, James Thompson, Kansas.
- 7 Lucina Mitchell, b 6 Oct.'45, d 28 Aug.'47.
- 8 Palémon Mitchell, b 16 March '49, in Desmoines Co.
- 9 Major Mitchell, b 4 Feb.'56 do

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[John Truman Mitchell and Sarah Duryea had three chi.:]

- i Elizabeth Mitchell.
- ii Franklin Mitchell.
- iii Name not known.

[James Raym'd Mitchell and Rebecca Burges had two ch.:]

- i Hamilton Mitchell.
- ii Ulysses S. Grant Mitchell.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of James Curtis Mitchell and Hannah — his wife.

- 1 James Henry Mitchell, b 34? in Switz.Co.; d young.
- 2 Mary Mitchell, b 36? reported married.
- 3 Harriet Mitchell, b 38? do do

Alanson and James Mitchell probably have descendants of the 11th, and perhaps of the 12th generation from Peter Worden 1st.....As it stands, Abigail's family numbers 324 names, and full returns may add 10 to 30 more.

Elizabeth Worden Bitgood.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

"Betsey," the third of the family, was b 9 Nov. 1775, in Richmond. She was the only one of the nine children who inherited the father's blue eyes. (See page 44.) Of them all, she alone lived and died near to the old family home; and but two families of her descendants are outside of New England. When she was about 17 (1792?) she was m, by Eld. Jocelyn of South Kingstown, to SAMUEL BITGOOD. They commenced house-keeping in Westerly, but settled in Voluntown, Windham Co., Ct., where their family of nine children grew up, until the first four were married. And there, on the 16 Feb. 1824, the faithful mother died, after about a day's illness from a kind of apoplexy. The evening previous to her attack was Saturday; she had planned her special work for the coming week, and remarked, "Now, my mending, and all the work I know of, is done." Truly she had finished her earthly course, having nearly reached 49 years. [The name "Bitgood" is rather rare, and is said to have originated in America with an "enterprising" British officer, who founded here three families—a Bitgood, a Budlong, and a Thorn—so it is not known what was his real name. But this branch has been firmly established for some generations. I find in Richmond records the marriage (23 Dec. 1779) of John Bitgood Jr. of Stonington, and Lydia, dau. of Elisha Mitchell dec'd, of North Kingstown.] SAMUEL BITGOOD, farmer, was b in Westerly? 1771? and d in Voluntown, 1851, aged 80 years. He m (2d) 1825? Susan, dau. of David Clark, of R.I., by whom he had son, William Nelson Bitgood, who d young; they had also Lucy Bitgood, who m Luther Fenner, now in Griswold, Ct.; Lucy has had nine children—Susan Ann; James; a little boy who was drowned; Ida; Ella; Charles; a little boy who d of canker-crash; Jennie; and a little girl who d. James is a soldier at New London; m Mary Moor, 1868.

NINTH GENERATION.

[Elizabeth Worden 2d and Samuel Bitgood had nine chi.:]

I. *Samuel Babcock Bitgood*, farmer, b 8 July, 1793, in Westerly; d 13 Feb. 1862, in Voluntown, in his 69th year; was m in Voluntown, Oct. 1815, by John Wiley, Esq., to *Susan Clark*, b 11 Feb. 1796, in Westerly, dau. of Samuel and Jemima (Bitgood) Clark.

II. *Elizabeth Bitgood*, b 10 Aug. 1795, in Voluntown; d in Westfield, Mass., 12 March, 1864, in her 69th year; was m in Voluntown, 21 Jan. 1816, by Dr. Allen Campbell, J. P., to *Dudley Starr*, millwright, b in Groton, Ct., 19 Dec 1792; his father, Wm. Starr, blacksmith and farmer, d 31 Dec. 1816, in his 72d year, having buried his first wife, Freeclove Bailey, in 1799, his second wife, Mary Stark, dying 1839? Dudley Starr now lives in Westfield.

III. *Olive Bitgood*, b 12 Aug. 1798, in Voluntown; m 25 Dec. 1817, by Dr. Campbell, to *Joseph Blackman Tanner*, blacksmith and farmer, b 24 Sept. 1794, in South Kingstown, son of Josias and Phoebe (Brownell) Tanner. Now near Warren, R. I.

IV. *Sally Bitgood*, b 1800, d 1830, aged 30 years; m in June, 1818, to *Abel Morgan*, farmer, b 1798? d 4 July, '62, aged 64? years—both in Voluntown.

V. *Dolly Bitgood*, b 21 Aug. 1803; m in Jewet City, Ct., 5 Sept. 1824, by Rev. Horatio Waldo, to *James Gorton*, farmer and cooper. [Mr. Gorton's first wife was Cynthia Burlingame, of R. I., by whom he had five children—James Wheaton Gorton, m to Ann Roberts, of Willimantic, Ct.; Cynthia Orvilla Gorton, m Oliver Peckham, of South Coventry, and d eight months afterwards; Mercy Allen Gorton, d aged 3 years; Jason Stone Gorton, d aged 2½ years; and Lucius Tyler Gorton, d aged 9 months.] Voluntown.

VI. *Mercy Bitgood*, b 20 Sept. 1806, in Voluntown; d at Central Village, Ct., 9 Jan. 1862, in her 56th year; she m, 1821, *Elijah Scranton*, farmer, of Voluntown, son of Thomas Scranton. Mansfield, Tolland Co., Ct.

VII. *Harriet Bitgood*, b 9 Dec. 1810, in Voluntown; d 14 Sept. 1844, aged 34 years, in Norwich, Ct., where she m, 1832, *Benjamin Franklin Robinson*, b 18 Sept. 1803, in Bangor, Me.; carpenter and overseer cotton mill, O. F. and Methodist; d Norwich, 11 Sept. '47, aged 44 years.

VIII. *Charlotte Bitgood*, b 7 July 1816 ; d 1852, aged 36 years ; m in 1847, *Joseph Congdon*, of R. I., who d in 1850—both in Voluntown.

IX. *Thomas Brinton Bitgood*, farmer, b 24 Jan. 1818 ; d 1854, aged 36 years ; m, in 1848, *Polly Clark*, b 1793, dau. of Samuel and Jemima (Bitgood) Clark ; she d 1854, aged 60—both in Voluntown. No children.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Samuel Babcock Bitgood and Susan Clark,

(mostly given me, at a single sitting, from memory—and therefore liable to errors—by Mrs. Susan Clark Bitgood, in Jan. '67. When not otherwise stated, the place of births, &c., is understood to be Voluntown. Their children were)

1 *Martin Hinkley Bitgood*, farmer, b May, 1816 ; d 4 May, 1865, aged 49 years ; m, 17 Aug. 1862, *Eliza Jane Fletcher*, dau. of John and Harriet (Ballou) Fletcher. No children.

2 *Darius Bradford Bitgood*, farmer, b 11 July, 1818 ; m, 15 Dec. 1850, *Mary Ellen Fletcher*, dau. of J. and H.F.

3 *Samuel Clark Bitgood*, farmer, b 28 May, 1820 ; m, 1848, *Eliza M. Crandall*.

4 *Susan Diana Bitgood*, b 11 Ap. 1822 ; m, Feb. 1842, *Aaron Barber*, stone cutter, b in R.I.

5 *John Foster Bitgood*, carpenter, b April, 1824 ; m, in 1845, to *Susan Tanner*.

6 *Charles Worden Bitgood*, farmer, b 1827 ; m *Tazia Weaver* ; she was b 1834, d 10 Dec. 1865, aged 31 years.

7 *Harriet Elizabeth Bitgood*, b 1830, d March, 1833, in her 4th year.

8 *Mary Ann Bitgood*, b 1832, d March, 1833, in her 2d year.

9 *Mary Elizabeth Bitgood*, b 1835 ; m, in 1853, *John Spicer Babcock*, painter, b 12 Oct. 1824, son of Chauncey Whittlesey and Prudence (Stanton) Babcock. (Westerly.)

10 *Harriet Irene Bitgood*, b 1838, d March, 1863, aged 25 years ; m, 1856, *John Sweet*, farmer and miller, who re-married, 1867.

11 *Hannah Smith Bitgood*, b 1841 ; m in 1861, *Edwin Sweet*, farmer, some time in the army against the Rebels.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Darius B. Bitgood and Mary E. Fletcher had three chil. :]

- i Mary Jane Bitgood, b 14 Jan. '53, d 1 Nov. '63—10 yrs.
- ii Harriet Maria Bitgood, b 4 Ap. '54.
- iii John Henry Bitgood, b 25 Feb. '60.

[Samuel C. Bitgood and Eliza M. Crandall had six chil. :]

- i Lydia Ann Bitgood, b Oct. '49.
- ii Susau Augusta Bitgood, b 11 May '51.
- iii Harriet Elizabeth Bitgood, b 31 March '53.
- iv Frances Janetto Bitgood, b 20 May '55.
- v Samuel Clark Bitgood Jr. b 18 March '57.
- vi Abraham Lincoln Bitgood, b Dec. '60.

[Susan Diana Bitgood and Aaron Barber had five children]

- i Mary Barber, b 26 Dec. '43.
- ii Thomas Jefferson Barber, b March '45.
- iii Silas Bitgood Barber, b 16 March '48.
- iv Samuel Hinkley Barber, b 26 July '52.
- v Nelson Barber, b Aug. '58.

[John Foster Bitgood and Susan Tanner had seven chil. :]

- i James William Bitgood, b 5 Oct. '46.
- ii Charles Eason Bitgood, b '48.
- iii George Palmer Bitgood, b '50.
- iv Georgianna Bitgood, b '52.
- v Herbert Bitgood, b '54.
- vi John Tanner Bitgood, b '56.
- vii Edwin Burnside Bitgood, b '62.

[Charles Worden Bitgood and Tazia Weaver had two ch. :]

- i Charles Newton Bitgood, b 27 March '63.
- ii Tazia Ann Bitgood, b 10 Dec. '65—the sad day of her mother's death.

[Mary Eliz. Bitgood and John S. Babcock had three ch. :]

- i Samuel Gavett Babcock b '56, in Christiana, Dane Co., Wisc., and d aged 2 months
- ii Irvine Spicer Babcock, b '59 do do
- iii Cicero Babcock, b '63 in Westerly, d aged 2 months.

[Harriet Irene Bitgood and John Sweet had]

- i Anna Ardilla Sweet, b 3 Jan. '61.

[Hannah Smith Bitgood and Daniel Edwin Sweet had]

- i William Edwin Sweet, b Sept. '65.

Family of Elizabeth Bitgood and Dudley Starr.

TENTH GENERATION.

1 Charles Dudley Starr, b 19 March '17, in Southwick, Mass.; has been teacher, clerk, pedlar, carpenter, blacksmith, miller, merchant, farmer, in Mass., Ohio, or Mich.—now at Memphis, St. Clair Co., Mich.; was m (1st) in Almont, Mich., 24 Oct. '47, by Rev. Wm. Tuttle, to Martha Smith, b 10 Dec. '25, in Onley, Eng., dau. of Joshua and Elizabeth Smith; she died 20 July '53, aged 28 years; he m (2d) his cousin, Mary L. Robinson (p. 84,) 8 Feb. '54, in Palmer, Mass., by F. T. Walker, Esq.; she d in Almont, 24 July '55, aged 21½ years; he m (3d) in Memphis, 25 March '57, by Rev. Wm. P. Russell, to Sarah Story Kimball, b 21 Oct. '20, dau. of Wm. S. and Emily (Conant) Kimball, of Mass. and Maine.

2 Emeline Augusta Starr, b 11 Nov. '18, in Florence, Huron Co., Ohio; m 10 Oct. '48, in Westfield, to Rufus M. Ladd; d in Norwich, 3 Dec. '59, aged 41 years, (p. 81.)

3 George Winthrop Starr, b 25 Oct. '21, in Elyria; printer and painter; d Westfield, 4th Mar. '43, aged 22 yrs.

4 Alfred Jerome Starr, b 13 May '31, in Southwick; tin and hardware dealer, Westfield; m 11 April, '54, by Rev. S. G. Buckingham, to Emma M. Adams, b 11 Dec. '31, in Springfield.

5 Harriet Lucretia Starr, b 5 Sept. '36, in Southwick; m, by Rev. Dr. Davis, 17 Oct. '58, in Westfield, to Timothy Olmsted; he was b 26 May '32, d 18 Feb. '60, aged 28 yrs.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Charles D. Starr and Sarah S. Kimball had two children:]

- i Solon Spafford Starr, b 23 Dec. '57, d July '59, 1½ yrs.
- ii Clyde Dudley Story Starr, b 14 June '61, in Memphis.

[Emeline Augusta Starr and Rufus M. Ladd had]

- i Mary Eliza Ladd, b in Norwich, 17 Nov. '52, d 6 May '57, in her 6th year.

[Alfred J. Starr and Emma M. Adams had two children:]

- i Lelia Emma Starr, b 1 Aug. '57, in Westfield.
- ii Martha Dudley Starr, b 10 July '63 do

Family of Olive Bitgood and Joseph B. Tanner.

TENTH GENERATION.

1 Phebe Elvira Tanner, b 27 Aug. '16, in Voluntown; d in Warren, 20 July '54, of cholera (six days after her husband) aged 38 years. [Dr. Walter Haile, aged 86 years, d 1786, and is interred in the family cemetery, near State line, N. E. of Warren; his son, Amos Haile, and Mary (Wood) his wife, also lie there; and also their son, Hon. Levi Haile, who was b 1797, graduated at Brown University in 1821, admitted to the Bar at Newport in 1823, was elected to the General Assembly of Rhode Island semi-annually from 1824 to 1835, when he was chosen a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, and served with honor until his sudden death, by cholera, 14 July, 1854, aged 57 yrs. His probity and generosity won for him general confidence and love; he was a pillar in the Warren Baptist church, and a citizen foremost in every good work. By a first wife, Anna, he had several children—Joseph, Georges, Emma, Graves, Levi—all deceased.] Levi Haile and Phebe E. Tanner were m 4 Feb. 1839, in Warren, by Rev. John C. Welch.

2 Josias Tanner, b 7 Ap. 1819, in Voluntown; farmer and butcher, near Warren; m to Almira Barney, in Barrington, R.I., 15 Dec. 1844, by Rev. Peabody.

3 Betsey Bitgood Tanner, b 14 July 1821, in South Kingstown; was m in Barrington, 30 Nov. 1843, by Rev. Isaac Bonney, to Hollis Sawtel, whaler and carpenter, b 2 Feb. 1816, son of Joel and Dinah Sawtel. Warren.

4 Samuel Bitgood Tanner, b 7 Oct. 1823, in South Kingstown; went to California on the breaking out of the gold fever, about Jan. 1849; was miner, carpenter, farmer, dairyman, last at or near Point Rays [Reyes—on sea-coast, N. W. of San Francisco?] After many hardships, and a variety of adventures, prosperity dawned, but health failed, and he came home to die—18 Feb. 1866, aged 43 years—at his parents' house, leaving his property at their disposal.

5 Clark Hubbard Tanner, farmer, b 16 Sept. 1826, in Barrington; m in Swansea, Sept. 1850, by Rev. Jn. Thatcher, to Maria Eloise Marble, dau. of Francis and Phebe (Smith) Marble. Clark H. Tanner served nine months in Co. E.,

12th R. I. Reg., being under Gen. Burnside in first battle at Fredericksburg. Now at Bristol, R. I.

6 Thomas Brownell Tanner, b 15 April, d 30. Dec. 1829, at Barrington.

7 Olive Bowen Tanner, b 7 July 1831, in Warren; m, Sept. 1850, by Rev. Gilman, to Darius Peckham, farmer, son of James and Abigail (Peck) Peckham. Swansca, Mass.

8 Francis William Tanner, farmer, b 14 April, 1834, in Warren; m (1st) 11 July 1857, to Lydia Matilda Andrus, dau. of Seth and Mary (Barton) Andrus; she d 20 June, 1858, in Warren; he m (2d) 17 Oct. 1860, in Bristol, to Mary Elizabeth Usher, dau. of William and Phebe (Maxwell) Usher.

9 Charles Joseph Tanner, farmer and butcher, b 2 May 1836, in Warren; m in Excter, March 1859, by Rev. Mr. Jaquays, to Frances Ann Burdick, dau. of Ross and Sally Burdick, of Westerly. Charles served, with his brother Clark, under Burnside. Now near Warren.

10 Harriet Robinson Tanner, b 22 Nov. 1838, in Warren; d 25 March 1840.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Phebe Elvira Tanner and Judge Levi Haile had seven ch.:]

- i Levi Walter Haile, b in Warren, 25 Nov. '39; student at Suffield, Ct.; m Abby Belle Hawkins. Somersct, Mass.
- ii Nathan Aaron Haile, b 22 Sept. '41, d Sept. '44.
- iii Charles Edwin Haile, b Jan. '44, d do
- iv Charles Nathan Haile, b Oct. '45, d Nov. '48.
- v William Bradford Haile, b 17 Feb. '48; m Isabella, dau. of Col. Comstock, of Providence, '67.
- vi Phebe Ann Haile, b 3d March '51, d March '52.
- vii Clarence Haile, b Feb. '53, d Oct. '56.

[Josias Tanner and Almira Barney had nine children:]

- i Infant dau. b 8, d 9 July, in Providence.
- ii Ednah Frances Tanner, b 11 Sept. '46, in Swansca.
- iii George Henry Tanner, b 31 Oct. '48, in Warren.
- iv Harriet Robinson Tanner, b Aug. '51 do
- v Albert King Tanner, b 2 Aug. '53 do
- vi Samuel Bitgood Tanner, b 5 July '56 do

- vii Grace Greenwood Tanner, b 9 Jan. '59, in Warren.
 viii Jessie Fremont Tanner, b Jan. '61 do
 ix Josias Tanner Jr. b May '63 do
- [Betsey B. Tanner and Hollis Sawtel had four children :]
 i Joseph Sawtel, b 5 Oct. '44, in Barrington, d 11 Ap. '15,
 in Warren
 ii Joel Sawtel b 1 Nov. '48 do
 iii Hollis Sawtel Jr. b 11 June '53 do
 iv Lucinda Barnes Sawtel, b 5 Jan. '56 do
- [Clark H. Tanner and Maria E. Marble had seven child. :]
 i Mary Hubbard Tanner, b 12 June '52, in Warren ; d
 Feb. '63, aged 10 years.
 ii Infant dau. b June, d July, '54, in Barrington.
 iii Olive Bitgood Tanner, b 30 June '55, in Springfield.
 iv Phebe Elvira Tanner 2d, b 11 Dec. '57 ; d Jan. '59,
 in Warren.
 v Joseph Blackman Tanner 2d, b 19 Ap. '60.
 vi Clara Eloise Tanner, b Ap. '62.
 vii Ada Clarke Tanner, b June '67.
- [Olive B. Tanner and Darius Peckham had two children :]
 i George Henry Peckham, b 3 Dec. '51, in Swansea.
 ii Rose Evers Peckham, b 1 July '67 do
- [Francis Wm. Tanner and Mary E. Usher had two chil. :]
 i Lillian Howland Tanner, b 15 Dec. '61, in Warren.
 ii Cora Usher Tanner, b 11 Dec. '65 do
- [Charles J. Tanner and Frances A. Burdick had three ch. :]
 i Charles Joseph Tanner Jr. b 11 Dec. '59, in Warren ;
 d Ap. '60.
 ii Clarence Henry Tanner, b 20 Ap. '61, in Warren.
 iii Charles Edward Tanner, b 27 Aug. '66, in East New-
 ark, N.J.

TWELFTH GENERATION.

Levi W. Haile and Abby B. Hawkins had two sons and
 a daughter, who d young.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Sally Bitgood and Abel Morgan.

1 Mary Eliza Morgan, b 29 Nov. 1819, in Voluntown; d 5 Dec. 1847, in Norwich, aged 28 years; was m in Norwich, 8 May 1842, to Rufus M. Ladd, b 21 Aug. 1818, in Franklin, Ct., son of Asa and Nancy Ladd; he had been farmer, bricklayer, in cotton mill, now bookkeeper for C.B. Rogers & Co., Norwich; W.M. of Somerset Lodge. [R.M. Ladd m, (2d), his first wife's cousin, Emeline A. Starr, (p. 77); after her death, he m, (3d), Mrs. Perry, formerly Winchester, of Norwich, by whom a dau., b 12 Jan. '65.]

2 Washington Lafayette Morgan, b 17 Jan. '25; master mason, Burgess in '58, selectman in '63, New Britain, Ct.; m by Rev. Eastman, 17 March '51, to Cordelia D. Bellows, b at South Hadley Falls, Mass., 12 Jan. '25, dau. of Theodore and Deborah Bellows.

3 Lucius Tyler Morgan, b 1827, d 1834, aged 7 years.

4 Harriet Lucretia Morgan, b 1828? d 1836, in Norwich, aged 8 years.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Mary Eliza Morgan and Rufus M. Ladd had]

i Amos Rufus Ladd, b 24 Oct. '43, in Norwich; enlisted in Ap. '61, in 2d Ct. Reg. for three months; Jan. '62, joined the 13th Ct. for three years; at the end of one year, took a commission in the 73d U. S. colored troops, serving mostly as Adjutant; was honorably discharged in New Orleans at the close of the war; engaged on a plantation at Houma, La., where d of cholera morbus, 27 July '66, aged 23 years.

[Washington L. Morgan and Cordelia D. Bellows had]

i Henry Theodore Morgan, b 23 Dec. '56, d 15 Sept. '57, at New Britain.

Family of Dolly Bitgood and James Gorton.

TENTH GENERATION:

1 Lucinda Dolly Gorton, b 10 Feb. '27, in Jewet City; d 27 Jan. '59, in Providence, in her 32d year; m 5 May '47, to Albert Drown Tyler, b '25; a tobacconist and physician, Providence.

2 Edwin Gilbert Gorton, b 30 Mar. '33, in Voluntown; was engaged in teaching, salesman, &c.; now in straw goods business at 482, Broadway, New York; m 22 Feb. '66, in Warwick, to Elizabeth Pilson Monroe of River Point, R. I.

3 Emily Maria Gorton, b 12 Nov. '37, d 6 Aug. '57, in Voluntown, aged 20 years.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Lucinda D. Gorton and Albert D. Tyler had four chil. :]

- i Albert Drown Tyler Jr. b 27 April '48, in Providence.
- ii William Francis Tyler, b 9 May '50, d in '51.
- iii Edwin Forrest Tyler, b 20 Nov. '55—now with his grandparents in Voluntown.
- iv Francis Eugene Tyler, b and d June '58.

[Edwin G. Gorton and Elizabeth P. Monroe had]

- i Clarence Nathan Gorton, b 17 Sept. '67 at River Point.

Family of Mercy Bitgood and Elijah Scranton.

TENTH GENERATION.

1 Fidelia Scranton, b 17 June '26, in Exeter, R.I.; m in Columbia, Ct., by Rev. S. Miner, 15 Feb. '52, to Ira P. Sweetland, car inspector. Willimantic.

2 Sarah Ann Sweetland, b 22 Mar. '28, in Voluntown; m in Moosup, Ct., by B.M. Walker, 1 Nov. '60, to John F. Rix, farmer, of Griswold, Ct.

3 Julia Marilla Scranton, b 12 July '30, in Sterling, Ct.; m in Willimantic, by Rev. H. Bromley, Oct. '50, to Addison A. Godfrey, machinist, of Willimantic.

- 4 Elijah James Scranton, mule spinner, b 14 May '32; m 25 Nov. '55, Miss Anna E. Clark of New London.
- 5 John Henry Scranton, overseer of card room, b 9 Ap. '34, in Plainfield, Ct.; m in Central Village, by Rev. Bates, 20 Ap. '55, to Miss Harriet M. Place of Plainfield.
- 6 Albert Boardman Scranton, baggage master, b 22 Mar. '36, in Voluntown; m in Moosup, by Rev. J. P. Brown, 9 Aug. '62, to Miss Alice L. Whitehead of Central Village.
- 7 William Alonzo Scranton, b in Richmond, 10 Ap. '38; killed 22 Aug. '65, while serving in the U.S. Navy, aged 28.
- 8 Phebe Melissa Scranton, b 26 May '40, in Richmond; m in Moosup, by Rev. S. W. Winsor, 4 June '63, to William C. Harbison, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., overseer in weaver shop.
- 9 Martha Jane Scranton, b in Lisbon, Ct., '41; d '43.
- 10 Gideon Reynolds Scranton, b in Lisbon, '44; d '46.
- 11 Ellen Maria Scranton, b in Fitchville, Ct., 12 Ap. '47; m at Willimantic, by Rev. E. D. Bentley, 14 March '64, to George E. Gibbs, clerk, of Worcester, Mass.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

- [Fidolia Scranton and Ira P. Sweetland had two children:]
- i Charles Lofton Sweetland, b 5 Nov. '57, in Willimantic.
 - ii Carrie Olivia Sweetland, b 26 Dec. '59 do
- [Sarah Ann Scranton and John F. Rix had two children:]
- i Alice I. Rix, b 7 Feb. '65, in Moosup.
 - ii Charles Henry Rix, b 12 Dec. '67.
- [Julia M. Scranton and Addison A. Godfrey had four ch.:]
- i Wilbert O. Godfrey, b June '52, in Willimantic.
 - ii Jane Godfrey, b Feb. '55 do
 - iii William T. Godfrey, b May '58, in New London.
 - iv Christabelle Godfrey, b April '60, in Mystic, Ct.
- [Elijah J. Scranton and Anna E. Clark had three children:]
- i Ella J. Scranton, b 4 May '57, in Central Village; d 1 Feb. '58.
 - ii Homer E. Scranton, b 18 May '61.
 - iii Frederick J. Scranton, b 12 Dec. '66.

[John H. Scranton and Harriet M. Place had three chil. :]

- i Harriet A. Scranton, b 4 Aug. '56, in Plainfield; d 10 June '58.
- ii Albert H. Scranton, b 24 Nov. '60; d 9 Mar. '62.
- iii Estella M. Scranton, b 28 Ap. '66, in Moosup.

[Albert B. Scranton and Alice L. Whitehead had]

- i Eva Maria Scranton, b 8 June '66, in Willimantic.

[Phebe M. Scranton and Wm. C. Harbison had]

- i Nellie Jane Harbison, b 8 April '67, in Moosup.

[Ellen M. Scranton and Geo. W. Gibbs had]

- i Daughter, b 1 Dec. '67.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Harriet Bitgood and Benjamin Franklin Robinson.

1 Mary Laurenza Robinson, school-teacher, b 8 Feb. '34, in Norwich; m '54; d '55, in her 22d year—(see p. 77, C. D. Starr.)

2 Franklin Elisha Robinson, b 19 Jan. '41, in Norwich; attended Seminary at East Greenwich, R.I.; d at Gorton's, in Voluntown, 4 Jan. '61, aged 23 years.

3 Benjamin Warren Robinson, b 25 Dec. '45, d 3 Aug. '46, in Norwich.

The family is extinct—Mr. Robinson, I understand, was consumptive.

Family of Charlotte Bitgood and Joseph Congdon.

1 Charlotte Lucina Congdon, b in Voluntown, 1848; d of heart disease, with her uncle Starr, in Westfield, 11 Sep. 1866, aged 18 years.

2 Josephine Elizabeth Congdon, b in Voluntown, 1850; was adopted by a kind family.

The family of aunt Betsy, or Elizabeth Bitgood, numbers 199 different names, with perhaps a few omissions

John Worden, third.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

JOHN WORDEN, 3D. was the first born son, (p. 45.) and according to tradition b in Richmond, 1776 or '7; was m to JANE MITCHELL, (p. 53,) by Eld. Wait, in South Kingstown, 1797? John Worden Jr. was assessed with road tax in 1796 and 1802, which looks as if he were in as early as '96—prob. a mistake as to time of birth, or marriage, or in the assessment. About March, 1802, the family removed and settled in south-western Massachusetts, residing for a time in Blandford, Tolland (taken from west Granville,) and Sandisfield, not far from their Mitchell relatives. An aged citizen of Portage Co., O., who knew him well, says, "Dea. Worden was as good a man as I ever knew—was a good farmer—and was respected by all who knew him." He d 6 March, 1827, aged about 50 years. The day before his death was Sunday, when he had been unusually impressive and affectionate in his counsels to his twin daughters of ten years, as they sat in his lap. Rising early next morning, he kissed them in their beds, and went to a chopping some distance from his house. Cutting down one tree, it lodged against another; while engaged in cutting the latter, the former suddenly moved; he started to escape, but slipped, and fell; the tree struck across his body, and it is thought he never breathed again. After a sermon by his pastor, Rufus Babcock, Sen., at the house of Mr. Burt, from the text, "Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping," the burial took place in the Southfield yard, near the river (Colebrook or Farmington?) not far from New Boston P.O. . . . Settling her other children as best she could, and taking her youngest son, James, the widowed mother was conveyed by her oldest son, John, in a wagon—visiting Wait, Gideon, the James family, and Jesse, on the way thro' New York State—to Charlestown, Portage Co., O., where John and his oldest sister Matilda (Stedman,) with her husband, were hewing homes from the wilderness. Jane Worden subsequently m Mr. BISHOP, but ultimately d with her son John, 1 May '62, aged 85. She was a woman of much energy and information.

NINTH GENERATION.

[John Worden 3d and Jane Mitchell Worden had eleven ch.:

I. *Matilda Worden*, b 27 March, 1799, in South Kingstown; was among the first operatives in the pioneer cotton mill of Gov. Oliver Wolcott, in Litchfield Co., Ct.; m (1st) 2 Dec. 1819, *Dennis Stedman*, farmer, b 20 April 1796, son of Joseph and Martha Stedman, in Tolland, Mass.; moved to Charlestown, O., 1820, where he d 16 March 1846, aged 50 years; she m (2d) in 1849, *Amasa Canfield*, b in Ct. in 1786; she died in Ravenna, 28 Sept. '59, aged 60½ years; Mr. Canfield d Jan. 1863, aged 77 years.

II. *John Babcock Worden*, b 18 July 1804, in Mass.; blacksmith and farmer; in 1825, walked from Sandisfield to Charlestown, O., and now has a farm of over 200 acres; m (1st) 29 May 1829, *Minerva King*, b in Blandford, 5 Sep. 1810, dau. of James and Rachel (Randall) King; she d 22 Jan. 1848, in her 38th year; he was m (2d) 7 Nov. '1849, by Rev. John Tribby, to *Lavinia Ann Wetmore*, b 28 Feb. 1816, dau. of Elisha Wetmore from Winchester and Anna Rood from Torrington, who were seven weeks on the road, with an ox-team and sled, in moving from Litchfield Co., Ct., to the Western Reserve, in 1815.

III. *Lydia Worden*, b 6 Sept. 1805, in Tolland; lived some years in the family of Joel Baker, pastor of the Cong. church in West Granville; was m in Hartford, Ct., 27 Mar. 1833, to *Eldon Fessenden*, b in Brattleboro, Vt., son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Salisbury) Fessenden; he kept the Trumbull House many years, lastly on the temperance plan; is now president of the Phoenix Life Insurance company.

IV. *Dolly Worden*, b in Tolland 1807? d 1810?.

V. *Jesse Worden*, b 1809? when last heard from (1840) was wandering "in the West," and reported had a family.

VI. *Mary Worden*, b 6 Ap. 1811, in Tolland; m, 1830, *Bennet Chatfield*, son of Reuben (d 1840) and Betsey (Atkins) Chatfield; Mary d at Colebrook River, Ct., 20 July 1840, in her 30th year—a beautiful, lovely woman; Bennet d 1 Aug. 1843, and his friends took the orphaned children.

VII. *Joseph Henry Worden*, b Feb. 1813 in Tolland; he had wife in Mass.; m (2d) *Anna* —, somewhere West.

VIII. *Sarah Fidelia Worden*, } b 11 March 1817, in
 IX. *Elizabeth Aurelia Worden*, } Tolland, Mass.

Fidelia was m in Charlestown, 9 Dec. 1838, by Rev. Clark, to *Edward Nevers*, engraver, b 11 July 1814, in Springfield, Mass., son of Lewis and Lois (Wright) Nevers.

Aurelia, teacher, was m in Hartford, 26 March 1843, by Bishop Burges of the Episcopal church, to *Henry Barrett Richards*, b 20 June 1814, in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Ct., son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Hickok) Richards; H.B.R. kept hotel at Wolcottville, held some offices, now R.R. agent.

X. *James Lorenzo Worden*, b 10 May 1819, in Tolland; was mechanic and teacher in Portage Co., O., studied law, and has served successively as District Attorney for Allen county, as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, and as Mayor of Fort Wayne; m 17 Ap. 1845, in Whitely Co., Ind., to *Anna Grable*, b 9 Feb. '29 in Licking Co., O.

XI. *Mariah Worden*, b 1821? in Tolland, d 9 Aug. 1824 in Sandisfield.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Matilda Worden and Dennis Stedman.

1 *Mariah Jane Stedman*, b 13 Mar. '21, in Charlestown; d in Ravenna, 7 Dec. '53, in her 33d year; m (1st) *James Witherol*, 14 Dec. '42; he d; she m (2d) '50, *James Bunnell*, of Edinburg, Portage Co.

2 *Lydia Orlina Stedman*, b 25 Sep. '24, d 25 July '25.

3 *Harriet Louisa Stedman*, b 18 Ap. '27; d in Medina Co., O., 11 July '54, in her 28th year; she m, 5 July '45, *William Alexander*, who d 10 July '54, in Medina Co.

4 *Julia Ann Stedman*, b 9 Sept. '30; d 14 Mar. '59, in her 29th year; m 1 Jan. '55, *Joseph Newell Hall*, son of Smith and Angeline Hall; J.N.H., farmer, b 10 Aug. '32, was with Sherman in his march from the West to the East.

5 *Plimpton Henry Stedman*, b 31 Aug. '34; d 30 Aug. '61, aged 27 years; m 24 Sept. '57, to *Roxana Stough*, in Paris, Portage Co.

6 *Electa Matilda Stedman*, b 3 Sept. '39; m 21 Nov. '59, to *Joseph Newell Hall*, Ravenna.

7 *Aurelia Martha Stedman*, b 17 June '43; m 23 Nov. '66, at her aunt Aurelia's in Watertown, by Rev. Lewis, to *Samuel D. Todd* Suffield.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

- [Mariah Jane Stedman and James Witherel had]
- i Matilda S. Witherel, b Dec. '45, d Oct. '53, in Northampton, O., in her 8th year.
- [Mariah Jane Sted. Witherel and James Bunnel had]
- i Celia Bunnel, b Nov. '53. Ravenna.
- [Harriet Lou. Stedman and James Alexander had two ch.:]
- i Alice Maria Alexander, b July '47.
 - ii Arthur William Alexander, b 4 April '51.
- [Julia Ann Stedman and Joseph N. Hall had]
- i Wilber Archelaus Hall, b 23 June '57, Charlestown.
- [Plimpton Henry Stedman and Roxana Stough had]
- i Effie Estella Stedman, b May '59. Ravenna.
- [Electa Matilda Stedman and Joseph N. Hall had]
- i Elva Angeline Hall, b 4 Oct. '61, in Charlestown.

Family of John Babcock Worden and Minerva King.

TENTH GENERATION.

- 1 William Lotrop Worden, farmer, b in Charlestown, 20 May '30; m in Atwater, Portage Co., O., 16 March '56, to Mary Jane Loomis, b 15 Oct. '31, dau. of Chester and Mary (Matoon) Loomis, of Atwater.
- 2 Mary Ann Worden, b 20 Dec. '31, d 17 Dec. '48, aged 17 years—much beloved, much lamented.
- 3 Zelotes John Worden, farmer, b 21 Aug. '34.
- 4 Eliza Minerva Worden, b 4 April '37.
- 5 Charles Henry Worden, b 22 Sept. '39; enlisted in 2 Ohio Cav. in Aug. '61; lost left arm at The Wilderness, Va., May '64; was discharged March '65; student.
- 6 Wilber Fisk Worden, b 17 May '44—lived 1 year.

Family of John Babcock Worden and Lavinia Ann Wetmore.

- 7 Anna Sophronia Worden, b 12 July '53.

When not otherwise stated, births, &c., in the Stedman and John B. Worden families understood to be Charlestown.

Family of Lydia Worden and Edson Fessenden.

TENTH GENERATION.

1 Jane-Melissa Fessenden, b 18 Oct. '38, in Hartford ; was m, 20 July '59, to Edward M. Gallaudet, son of Tho. H. Gallaudet, founder of the first deaf and dumb asylum in the U.S. The annexed Obituary is from the Washington City Chronicle :

"The city papers this morning contain the announcement of the death of Mrs. JANE M. GALLAUDET. She died in Hartford, Ct., the residence of her parents. Her husband, Edward M. Gallaudet, is the worthy and honored President of the Deaf Mute College in this city. Mrs. Gallaudet left here in ill health, in June last, hoping, alas ! vainly, to be restored by the summer breezes of her native New England. The great boon of life came not back, and on Friday last, after great suffering, her pure spirit departed.

"The few years that she has resided among us, have sufficed to endear her to all who knew her. She was a warm-hearted woman, and her affections went forth to all with whom she was in any wise associated. As daughter, wife, mother, friend, she was almost idolized, and her death will leave a void that nothing mortal can fill. To the deaf mutes who are under her husband's care and tuition, she was almost a mother, and O how they will miss her kind and affectionate greeting ! In form and in feature she was beautiful, and through that external beauty shone out a soul as radiant as ever lighted a mortal frame. The touching epitaph written by a British nobleman upon his wife will truly apply to Mrs. G.

*"Beneath this marble slab doth lie
As much of virtue as could die ;
Which, when alive, did vigor give
To as much beauty as could live."*

She died in the very prime of her womanhood, being less than thirty years of age. But, brief as was her life, it was beautiful in everything ; and in it, such was her preparation for death, that, for her, it had no terrors.

*"Enrolled with innocence, by virtue blessed,
For earth too good, she flies to heaven for rest."*

Washington, November 26, 1866

F.

2 George Fessenden, b 9 Nov. '41, d 29 Nov. '42, aged 1 year and 20 days.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Jane M. Fessenden and Edward M. Gallaudet had three c.]

- i Catharine Fessenden Gallaudet, b 25 June '61.
- ii Grace Worden Gallaudet, b 27 Dec. '63.

With their grandparents in Hartford.

- iii Edward LeBaron Gallaudet, b 9 Nov. '64, d 25 July '65.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Mary Worden and Bennet Chatfield.

- 1 Benjamin Franklin Chatfield, b 6 July '31, Colebrook.
 - 2 John Spurzheim Chatfield, b 11 March '35 do
 - 3 Henry Worden Chatfield, b 3 May '40 do
- was in the Union army almost four years, under Burnside and Foster, with the 27th Mass. Vol., and was engaged at Roanoke, Newbern, Petersburg, &c.; returning unharmed, m, 14 April '66, widow Sarah (Skinner) —; he is now a tanner, in Otis, Mass.

Joseph Worden and Anna his wife had

- 1 Alfred Worden, b '49?
- 2 Carrie Worden, b '53?

Family of Sarah Fidelia Worden and Edward Nevers.

- 1 Laura Melissa Nevers, b 1 March '40, in Cincinnati.
- 2 King Griswold Nevers, b 23 Oct. '41 do
m, 16 Oct. '65, by Rev. S. Tucker, to Lucetta Long, Logansport, Cass Co., Ind.
- 3 Marietta Sophia Nevers, b 21 Sept. '43, in Cincinnati;
m 1 Jan. '65, by Rev. M. P. Gaddis, to Robert B. Muir; Mr. Muir d. 26 May '66, at Walnut Hills, Hamilton Co., O.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[King G. Nevers and Lucetta Long had

- i Berthie V. Nevers, b 14 July '66, in Ludlow, Ham. Co.

[Marietta S. Nevers and Robert B. Muir had]

- i Jessie F. M. Muir, b 10 Oct. '65.

Family of Elizabeth Aurelia Worden and Henry B. Richards.

TENTH GENERATION.

- 1 Grace Louisa Richards, b 8 Ap. '47, in Wolcottville ;
d 21 Sept. '49, aged 2½ years.
- 2 Harry Norton Richards, b 20 Aug. '53 do

Family of James Lorenzo Worden and Anna Grable.

- 1 J. Willis Worden, b 9 July '51, at Fort Wayne, Ind.
- 2 Alice E. Worden, 17 July '55 do do
- 3 Charles H. Worden, b 14 Sept. '59 do do
- 4 George E. Worden, b 6 Jan. '62 do do
- 5 Harry L. Worden, b 28 Ap. '64 do do

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The family of John Worden, 3d—without full report from Jesse, Joseph and perhaps others—counts 80.

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Of JOHN, as well as of his brothers GIDRON and WAIT, it may truly be said that they exerted a most wholesome influence in life, although constantly burdened with arduous labor in rearing large families. Well did Geo. S. Illiard say,

“ I confess that increasing years bring with them an increasing respect for men who do not ‘succeed in life,’ as those words are commonly used. Heaven is said to be a place for those who have not succeeded on earth ; and it is surely true that celestial graces do not best thrive and bloom in the hot blaze of worldly prosperity. Ill-success sometimes arises from a super-abundance of qualities in themselves good—from a conscience too sensitive, a taste too fastidious, a self-forgetfulness too romantic, a modesty too retiring. I will not go so far as to say, with a living poet, that ‘the world knows nothing of its greatest men ;’ but there are forms of greatness, or at least of excellence, which ‘die and make no sign ;’ there are martyrs that miss the palm, but not the stake ; there are heroes without the laurel, and conquerors without the triumph.”

Gideon Worden.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

GIDEON lived longest of the nine brothers and sisters, and supposed himself to be several years older than collateral evidence fixes his age. His family Bible was destroyed by his younger children, while in the care of a house-keeper, after the death of his third wife. He was b in Richmond, prob. 1777 or '8, and d 1 Jan. 1858, aged 80 years, with his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Harrington, Plymouth, Chenango Co., N.Y. (See pages 43, 45, and 47.) He had three wives—

(1) LUCY CARD, b in Charlestown, dau. of Acus and Sarah (Siggus) Card, d in South Kingstown, 1809 or '10, aged about 30 years. They had four children.

(2) PHEBE BATES, b in South Kingstown, dau. of Edward and Mary (Champlin) Gavet; she was the widow of Daniel Bates, and had four children, when she married G. W. and had nine more children; she d of consumption, in Smyrna, 14 Dec. 1846, aged 65 years.

(3) POLLY SMITH, m about 1846, '77 d 1853? of consumption. They had two children—the last (and youngest of the cousins) making glad the heart of our uncle or father Gideon when he had about reached the serene old age of three score and ten.

NINTH GENERATION.

[Gideon Worden and Lucy Card had four children:]

I. *Mary Worden*, tailoress, b 30 Sept. 1801, in South Kingstown; m in Richmond, 16 Jan. 1820, by Eld. Palmer, to *Warren Webb Gates*, farmer and teacher, b 3 Feb. 1800, in Richmond, son of Jesse Gates Esq. and Mury Webb his wife; W.W.G. died in Smyrna, 10 Feb. 1863, aged 63 years; his widow move& to Sherwood Tp, Branch Co., Mich.

II. *John Worden*, Ath, b 1805? d 1815?—10 years old.

III. *Ruth Ann Worden*, b 31 March 1808; m in Exeter, 10 Nov. 1823, to *George Himes Arnold*, b in Exeter, 1803, son of John and Sarah (Hazard) Arnold; he d in Coventry, 26 Jan. 1865, aged 62 years.

IV. *Acus Card Worden*, b late in 1809, d early 1810.

[Gideon Worden and Phebe G. Bates had nine chil.:]

V. *Gideon Worden, Jr.*, farmer, born early enough to remember the British attack on Stonington, Aug. 1814—perhaps in Groton? 13 Sept. 1811? was m in Otselic, Chenango Co., 7 Jan. 1847, by Asher M. Ray, Esq., to *Huldah Lovicy Tucker*, b in Pharsalia, 20 Jan. 1830? Smyrna.

VI. *Joseph Gavett Worden*, b 1813? last heard from abt 1840, in Catahoula parish, near Harrisonburg, Louisiana, on a plantation; had a *wife* and *child*, but wife was dead; one of his name rep. running steamboat on Mississippi, 1860.

VII. *Eliza Worden*, b 1815? m in 1831? to *Leonard Rhodes*—she d Dec. 1832, and her *child* at same time.

VIII. *Lucy Worden*, b 27 Feb. 1817, in South Kingstown; lived some years with Dr. Ira Sheldon, Plymouth, Chenango Co.; m in Sherburne, 27 Feb. 1837, by Rev. Ch. Rexford, to *Melzar Wotton Harrington*, farmer, b in Butter-nuts, 6 July 1811, son of William and Elizabeth (Heminway) Harrington; he d in Plymouth, 2 June 1847, aged 46 yrs; his surviving family are in Binghamton.

IX. *John James Champlin Perry Worden*, b 1819? was in the U.S. Army engaged in the Florida and Mexican wars; afterwards, considered himself justified in quitting without leave; but, changing his given names, he entered the naval service, and during sixteen years' voyages visited the Holy Land and many other parts of the globe. In 1863, he was on a Union vessel chasing an English-Rebel blockade runner, laden with paper for bonds, near Newbern, N.C.; wading ashore, and the concussion of cannon upon his ears, seemed to shatter his nervous system; he was taken home by his brother-in-law, Mr. Brown, and d in Plymouth, 9 June 1863, aged 45 years. Among the effects in his chest was a certificate of his good standing in the Mariners' Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

X. Infant dau. b and d 1822?

XI. *Phebe Delina Worden*, b 16 Nov. 1824, in Smyrna; m in Plymouth, 18 Oct. 1848, to *Ira Sheldon Brown*, b 25 Feb. 1825, son of Pardon and Maxamilia (Sheldon) Brown, of Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y.

XII. *Benjamin Gardner Worden*, b June 23, 1826, in Smyrna; when 18, joined the U.S. Army, served in Texas,

and through Mexico in 1848, as a Sergeant or as Hospital Steward; received his discharge, and in Feb. 1849 sailed from Boston, around Cape Horn for California, where—he says—he has been miner and ferryman, built houses and kept boarders, chopped cord-wood and carried hod (half a day,) worked on a ranch, acted as pilot, helped make flumes to carry water, hunted deers and bears for the markets, and some other little matters. In 1867, for the benefit of his health, was at Tamerack, ten miles from a neighbor, thirty from a settlement. He has written many interesting letters descriptive of magnificent scenery and peculiar things, and likes to hear from the world. His P. O. is Jacksonville, Tuolumne Co., California.

XIII. *William Worden*, b 1829? d of scarlet fever 1832?

[Gideon Worden and Polly Smith had two children:]

XIV. *Isaac Varnum Worden*, b 1817, enlisted in the Union army and died of measles in camp at Rochester, Ap. 1864, aged 17 years.

XV. *Esther Elnora Worden*, b Aug. 1849—Smyrna.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Mary Worden and Warren Webb Gates.

1 *Lucy Gates*, b Richmond, 3 March 1821; m in New Woodstock, N.Y., 20 Jan. 1850, by Rev. J.A. Brownson, to William Lawrence, widower, b 18 June, 1816, in Swansea, Cheshire Co., N.H. Sherwood, Mich.

2 *Mary Ann Gates*, tailoress, b 30 Nov. 1823; m 13 April 1848, by Rev. C. Pomeroy, to DeLoss P. Leonard, b in Smyrna, Feb. 1823.

3 *Doreas Cordelia Gates*, b 9 Sept. 1829; d in Smyrna, 14 Dec. 1855, in her 27th year; she was m in Smyrna, 1 Sept. 1853, by Rev. Judson, to John Reynolds, farmer, who was b 1827, d Smyrna, 2 Jan. 1866, in his 39th year.

4 *Harriet Newell Gates*, b 3 Feb. 1831; d in Smyrna, 15 Aug. 1855, in her 25th year.

5 *Jesse Gates*, carpenter, b in Smyrna, 3 March, 1833; m by M. Tracy, Esq., in Bowling Green, O., 1 Jan. 1857, to Addie J. Maine, b in Pitcher, N.Y., Jan. 1835.

- 6 Eliza Jane Gates, b 3 July 1835, d 3 April 1856, in her 21st year—in Smyrna.
- 7 William Billings Gates, farmer, b 29 April 1838.
- 8 Wilson Dorr Gates, b 31 Dec. 1841; d 9 Jan. 1862, in his 21st year, at Alexandria, Va., while serving in Co. C. 61st N.Y. Vol.
- 9 Ellen Augusta Gates, b 14 Dec. 1845.
- 10 Samantha Amanda Gates, b 1 Nov. 1849.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

- [Lucy Gates and William Lawrence had three children:]
- i Frank DeLoss Lawrence, b 30 Sept. '51, in Smyrna.
 - ii Julia Adalaide Lawrence, b Feb. '56, d 15 Aug. '61, in her 6th year.
 - iii Mary Arvilla Lawrence, b Feb. 1858.

- [Mary Ann Gates and DeLoss P. Leonard had three chil.:]
- i Mary Asenath Leonard, b 1 March 185 in Smyrna.
 - ii Charles Joseph Warren Leonard, b 20 Sept. '55.
 - iii Harriet Cordelia Leonard, b Jan. '63 in Burlington, Mich.

- [Dorcas Cordelia Gates and John Reynolds had]
- i Charles DeLay Reynolds, b 12 July '54, in Smyrna.

- [Jesse Gates and Addie J. Maine had two children:]
- i Edmund Willis Gates, b 3 July '59, in Ohio.
 - ii Wilson Warren Gates, b 5 March '63, in Sherwood.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Ruth Ann Worden and George Himes Arnold.

- 1 Gidoon Worden Arnold, b 14 Nov. 1824; m Weltha Baker 30 March 1848; served three years in Co. H., 1st R. I. Artillery; m (2d) Irene Perry. Wickford, R. I.
- 2 James Harris Arnold, b 24 Dec. 1826; m (1st) Ann —; and (2d) Laura Cornell; served nine months in the Union Army.
- 3 Sylvester Hazard Arnold, b 30 Sept. 1830; m Mary Eliza Kiug.

4 Phebe Ann Arnold, b 16 Sept. 1831 ; m Horace Arnold (son of Stephen) of Warwick, 14 Jan. 1848 ; he died abt 1852 ; she m (2d) John W. Martin, abt 1856.

5 Lucy Alyina Arnold, b 4 Dec. 1832, d 16 Sept. 1845, in her 18th year.

6 Louisa Amanda Arnold, b 28 Jan. 1836 ; m Lyman H. Brown, 27 Jan. 1861.

7 Sarah Holden Arnold, b 25 May 1838 ; m Gilbert W. Briggs, 28 Oct. 1858.

8 George Himes Arnold, b 9, d 26 March 1841.

9 George Washington Arnold, b 6 July 1842, d 19 Aug. 1855, in his 14th year.

10 Mary Rosetta Arnold, b 23 March 1845 ; m 6 Sept. 1867, to Ray J. Hopkins, who served three months in the Union army. Greene Station, R.I.

11 Sion Cook Arnold, b 12 Feb. 1848, d 25 Feb. 1865, aged 17 years.

12 William Smith Arnold, b 14 April, 1851 ; in 1866, entered the U.S. Army at New London.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[James Harris Arnold and Ann his wife had two ch.:]

- i Edward Harris Arnold.
- ii George Worden Arnold.

[Phebe Ann Arnold and Horace Arnold had two ch.:]

- i Clara Evalina Arnold, b March '50.
- ii Herbert Harris Arnold, b 16 Sept. '51.

[Phebe Ann Arnold and John W. Martin had]

- iii Edith Weston Martin, b Feb. 1859.

[Louisa Aman. Arnold and Lyman H. Brown had three c.:]

- i Christopher Rhodes Brown.
- ii Lucy Emma Brown.
- iii Emily Louisa Brown.

[Sarah Holden Arnold and Gil. W. Briggs had three chi.:]

- i Mary Brown Briggs.
- ii Charles Tibbetts Briggs.
- iii Mayplitt Briggs (a girl.)

[Mary Rosetta Arnold and Ray J. Hopkins had]

- i Marietta G. Hopkins, b Aug. '67.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Gideon Worden Jr. and Huldah Lovicy Tucker.

- 1 Lucy Angeline Worden, b 5 March 1849, in Smyrna.
- 2 Helen Mary Worden, b 1 Sept. 1854. do

Family of Lucy Worden and Melzar W. Harrington.

- 1 Myron Lamott Harrington, teacher, b in Plymouth, 9 Jan. 1840; d at an uncle's, in York, Delaware Co. Iowa. 22 Jan. 1863, in his 24th year.
- 2 Ira Sheldon Harrington, b 24 Aug. 1845, d 2 Dec. 1847, in his 2d year.
- 3 Martha Jerusha Harrington, } b 1 Oct. 1850.
- 4 Mary Amelia Harrington, }

Family of Phebe Delina Worden and Ira S. Brown.

- 1 Alice Amelia Brown, b 15 March 1851, in Walworth Co., Wisconsin.
- 2 Charles Gardner Brown, b 11 Oct. 1854, in Plymouth.
- 3 James Pardon Brown, b 15 March 1861 do

Gideon Worden had the largest number of children (15) of any of the nine, but as only six of them have reared children, his known family numbers but 94. And of them all there is no record of a grandson with the surname of Worden, although there may be a son or sons of Joseph Gavett Worden in Louisiana.

Avis Worden Gardner James.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

AVIS WORDEN, the sixth of the family, was b Richmond, 22 Feb. 1781, and d Smyrna, 20 Sept. 1827, in her 47th year. She m (1st) WILLIAM VARNUM GARDNER, in 1799, and settled in Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., where he d about 1801, and she returned to her father's in South Kingstown. She was m (2d) in 1802, to EDMUND JAMES, farmer, b 12 May, 1773, in Richmond; d in Smyrna, June 1836, aged 63 years.

NINTH GENERATION.

[Avis Worden Gardner and Edmund James had two chil.:]

I. *Elizabeth James*, b 7 April 1803, in Exeter, R. I.; m in Smyrna, 15 Dec. 1829, by Rev. Levi C. Gardner, to *Eason Reynolds*, farmer, b 24 May 1804, in Exeter, son of Stephen and Amy Reynolds. Now Delhi, Delaware Co., Iowa.

II. *Gardner James*, farmer, b 19 Jan. 1806; m 12 Dec. 1824, to widow *Huldah (Tift) Brand*, b 12 July 1793. Now Smyrna, N.Y.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Elizabeth James and Eason Reynolds.

1 Wesley W. Reynolds, teacher and farmer, b 12 Nov. 1830, in Lebanon, N.Y.; m (1st) in Milo, Iowa, 3 Mar. 1856, by D. Smith, to Mary Ann Adams, b 6 March 1839, in Canada, dau. of William and Catharine Adams; she d 27 Feb. 1864. He m (2d) 30 April 1865, Eliza Root, b 1830, widow of Noble Root, who was killed in Minnesota by the Indians in 1864. Now Shelbyville, Blue Earth Co., Minn.

2 Patience Avis Reynolds, b 16 March 1833, in Lebanon; d 18 Aug. 1845, in Delhi, Iowa, in her 13th year.

3 Charles G. Reynolds, farmer, b 5 Dec. 1835, in Harbor Creek, Erie Co., Pa.; was two years in the U. S. service, at Memphis, &c.

4 William Penn Reynolds, } b 1 Sept. 1838, in Harbor
5 George Emery Reynolds, } Creek; d 27 and 29
Aug. 1839, aged 1 year.

6 Mercy Reynolds, b 12 Sept. 1840, in Harbor Creek; m 17 June 1856, by Rev. J. A. Wright, to Ruggles S. Bullis, stone mason, b 15 Dec. 1837, in Rose, Wayne Co., N. Y.

7 Temperance Ann Reynolds, b 3 March 1845, in Delhi; m 27 Feb. 1864, by Rev. Joshua Rock, to William Lees, farmer, b 25 July 1840, in Ashtow, Lancashire, England, emigrated to America in 1850, and served four years in Union Army.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Wesley W. Reynolds and Mary A. Adams had two chil.:]

- i Frances Rosina Reynolds, b 21 Nov. '58, in Milo.
- ii Alton LeRoy Reynolds, b 16 Aug. '60 do

[Mercy Reynolds and Ruggles S. Bullis had two children:]

- i George B. Bullis, b 7 May '57, in Milo.
- ii Francis M. Bullis, b 16 Jan. '60, in Marshall Co., Kansas.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Gardner James and Hullah Tiffit Brand.

1 Polly James, b 23 Dec. 1825; d in Smyrna, 1 July 1850, in her 25th year.

2 Hannah James, b 28 Jan. 1827.

3 Avis E. James, b 23 Jan. 1830, d 25 Feb. 1846, in her 17th year.

4 Varnum G. James, b 17 Aug. 1831, d 19 Feb. 1835, in his 4th year.

5 Rodolphus T. James, b 6 May 1833, d 14 Sep. 1833, in his 5th month.

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Aunt Avis' family record embraces 27 names.

Susannah Worden Phillips.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

"Aunt SUSAN" was b abt 1783, in Richmond, and d of summer complaint at Palermo, Oswego Co., N.Y., 14 Sept. 1849, in her 67th year. She was m in 1825? in Hopkinton, by Benj. Maxon, Esq., to JAMES PHILLIPS, widower; he was a turner and chair-maker by trade, b in R. I. 24 Oct. 1783; they lived in Pomfret, Ct., and in Cazenovia and Palermo, N.Y.; he m the third time, and in 1866 was at or near Moscow, Hillsdale Co., Mich. Susan had no children, and I have very little information respecting her.

Twelve days before her death, our grandmother dictated the following letter, which appears to be in the hand-writing of her son-in-law, William Mitchell. It shows her industry to the last, and also her motherly regard for her children, especially for her then only unmarried daughter:

To Mr. Edman James, in Sherburne, in county of Madison.

GRANVILLE, March the 12, A.D. 1808.

Loving Children—I take this opportunity to write to inform you that I am in a very low state of health, and have been ever since last fall. I have been under the Doctors' hands ever since September last, and I find but a little relief of all their assistance.

I expect Susan to live with me as long as I live, and after me I want you to take her to live with you: I want her to be with you, being your family is not large.

I have a very nice bed-quilt all ready to quilt, and should have had it all done, but sickness prevented it; and if you have an opportunity to send by any careful hand, you shall have it.

So my love to you and all my friends.

ELIZABETH WORDEN.

Edman and Avis James.

Wait Rogers Worden.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

WAIT survived all our grand-parents' other children. When I saw him last (in Tunkhannock, 1847,) he was in his 63d year—strait as an arrow, keen, calm eyes, seemingly active as a youth—taking a journey (mostly on foot, I think) from his new home, near the Mississippi, to gaze once more on the scenes of his childhood near the old Atlantic. He had a fresh complexion, with strong, hardened, elastic sinews, but no spare flesh. He was born in Richmond, 5 March 1785; in 27 Nov. 1806, to CLARISSA WILLIAMS, who was b 7 May 1790—I suppose it was in Preston; New London Co., Ct., where Wait and Jesse lived some time with the Avery families. July 30, 1812, Wait and wife appear to have been in or near Mystic, as that day they were baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist church of Groton; in 1816 were near Smyrna village, N. Y., where their house and most of its contents were once lost by fire; and lastly, with seven sons and their only daughter, removed to Warren county, Illinois, in 1845. From childhood, Wait was noted for his methodical habits and regular bodily toil, and it is not known that he ever really suffered a day with sickness. The morning of his death (1st April, 1859,) he appeared hale as usual, and was at work in a field, fell suddenly, and "ceased at once to work and live." He had just passed into his 75th year. His devoted wife Clarissa soon followed, (24 Sept. same year) in her 70th year.

An obituary notice in the Philadelphia Christian Chronicle says of Wait R. Worden, "The simplicity of his manners and the purity of his character left none to doubt his moral worth or the reality of his religious profession. One of his sons writes: 'My earliest recollections are associated with his "rising a great while before day," and reading the precious Book—a habit he never relinquished. The Psalms and the New Testament were his favorite portions; these he had by heart; and I never mentioned a passage but he would tell me where to find it, chapter and verse.'"

NINTH GENERATION.

[Wait Rogers Worden and Clarissa Williams had eleven c.:]

I. *Isaac Worden*, farmer and livery keeper, b 16 Feb. 1808, in R. I. or Ct. ; first settled in Michigan, but about 1830 in Ohio ; m (1st) in Greene Co., 29 Nov. 1832, *Rebecca Ann M'Cracken*, b in Butler Co., 22 Jan. 1812, dau. of John and Rebecca M'Cracken ; she d of cholera, at Oxford, 29 July 1849, in her 38th year. He was m (2d) in Hamilton Co. 13 Dec. 1849, to *Nancy Jane Wallace*, b 20 Sept. 1815, dau. of Michael and Nancy Wallace, in Garrard Co. Ky.—Isaac Worden and family now in Xenia, O.

II. *Jesse Balcock Worden*, 2d, b 31 Dec. 1809 ; d from an accidental scald, 28 Feb. 1812, in his 3d year.

III. *Benjamin Franklin Worden*, b in Groton, 22 Nov. 1811 ; m, 27 Jan. 1842, in Scioto Co., O., *Julia Cole*, b 16 Jan. 1826, dau. of Lucius Cole. B. F. W. I believe was once styled Doctor—now a farmer, at Swan Creek, Ill.

IV. *Jesse Avery Worden*, b 13 Jan. 1814, in Ct. ; m 4 June 1844, to *Harriet Finch*, b 8 June 1819, in Butler Co. O. Swan, Warren Co. Ill. Farmer.

V. *Peter Sanford Worden*, b in Smyrna, 26 April 1816 ; m 20 Jan. 1839, in M'Donough, N. Y., by Rev. E. L. North, to *Sarah Greene*, b in German, N. Y., 17 Feb. 1820, dau. of Elisha and Lovisa (Coon) Greene. Mr. Greene was from R. I., and related to the family of Gen. Nath'l Greene. P. S. Worden began to preach in 1838, joined the Oneida Conference of the M. E. Church in 1839, and has since filled appointments in the central portions of Southern N. Y. and Northern Pa. as follows : M'Donough, Greene, Page Brook, Berkshire, Factoryville and Athens, Tunkhannock, Wyoming or Kingston, Carbondale, Berkshire, Newark, Speedsville, Berkshire, Court St. Binghamton, Maine charge, Court St. Binghamton, Broome, Chenango—now Page Brook; home at Binghamton. In 1860, received the honorary degree of A. M. from Genesee College. Was some time General Agent of the Susquehanna Seminary at Binghamton, and afterward Associate Principal and Professor of Mental and Moral Science in the same ; Mrs. S. G. Worden was also Preceptress, and taught French and Botany in the same institution.

With only a common school education at the outset—and partially crippled from his youth—yet he has been enabled to perform effective labor, at important points, for nearly thirty years.

VI. *Avis Clarissa Worden*, b 9 Aug. 1818, in Smyrna; m 23 Oct. 1836, by Eld. J.B. Worden, to *Chester Wilcox*, b in Ct., 30 May 1816, son of Henry Wilcox. The annexed obituary is from Wyoming (Pa.) County Record, Nov. 1845:

"Mrs. AVIS C. WILCOX left Smyrna, with her father's family, in June last, and settled at Hat Grove, Warren Co., Ill., where she died, 4th Oct. ult., in her 28th year. She joined the Baptist church in Smyrna at the age of 15 years, and maintained her profession until death. Of an amiable disposition, though much afflicted, yet, in the prospect of death, she "forgave everybody, and wished everybody to forgive her;" and even in moments of distressing delirium the sweet songs of praise and triumph ascended from her lips. Thus early has she been called, we trust to a better world.—It may be added, as illustrative of the condition in which people often find themselves in a new country, that, in this case of affliction, it was ten miles to the residence of the nearest minister, and the physician in attendance had at the time seventy patients to wait upon daily."

VII. *Curtis Worden*, farmer and cattle dealer, b Smyrna, 20 July 1820; m (1st) 26 Feb. 1846, to *Martha Ramsey*, b in Preble Co., O., 1822, d 20 Sept. 1848, aged 26 years. He m (2d) 16 Oct. 1851, *Martha Stiles*, b 31 Jan. 1828, in Madison Co. Ill. Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo.

VIII. *Albert Worden*, farmer &c. b Smyrna, 3 Dec. 1823; m at Roseville, Warren Co., Ill., 17 May 1849, to *Mary Ann Gaines*, b 9 Jan. 1824, dau. of Robert Gaines, in Hopkinsville, Christian Co., Ky. Harrisonville, Mo.

IX. *George Willard Worden*, farmer, P.M., &c., b Smyrna 19 May 1826; m 13 Dec. 1849, at Swan Creek, to *Verlander Ratekin*, b 22 May 1830, in Jacksonvill, Ill, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth Ratekin. Swan Creek, Ill.

X. *John Jay Worden*, farmer, &c. b Smyrna, 10 Jan. 1830; m, 14 Feb. 1853, to widow *Elizabeth (Sargent) Moulton*, b in Morgan Co., Ill., oldest dau. of John and Mary C. Sargent.

About 1848, John Jay Worden volunteered in Illinois, and served through the Mexican War; in 1851, took an overland trip to California, with two of his brothers; in 1861 and '2, raised a Company of Cavalry, attached to 11th Reg. Ill. Vol., and led his Company in the actions at Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing. Swan Creek, Ill.

XI. *William Worden*, b Smyrna, 21 Oct. 1833; was a short time printing at Monmouth, Ill.; 1851, migrated to the Pacific Coast, and spent fourteen years afar from family friends, who mourned him as dead. He was six years in Northern California and Southern Oregon, mining, hunting, acting as escort, guide, scout, &c. Was in the Rogue River Indian war of 1853, protected emigrants from the Modocs in 1855, and in the Washington and Oregon Indian war of 1856, rising to the rank of 2d Lieutenant. In 1858, caught the Frazers River gold fever, which carried him off to British Columbia, where he remained, packing and trading, until 1865, when he returned to Warren Co., Ill., having seen no relative, outside of his own family, since he was nine years old. Last at Harrisonville, Mo.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Isaac Worden and Rebecca Ann M'Cracken.

- 1 A son, b 12 Oct. d 25 Nov. '33, aged 6 weeks.
- 2 John M'Cracken Worden, b 13 Nov. '34, in Greene Co., O.; last heard from, '47—supposed to have been slain in the war in Kansas.
- 3 Angelina Samantha Worden, b 13 Nov. '36; d 26 Aug. '40, in her 4th year.
- 4 Mary Ann Eliza Worden, b 29 July '39; m 4 May '66, at Xenia, to Rev. Joseph Thync, of the United Presbyterian church, teacher and pastor. Now, Marksboro, N.J.
- 5 James Avery Worden, b 10 Dec. '41 in Butler Co. O.; graduated at Miami University, Oxford, O.; served 2 years in an Ohio Reg., and was a Lieut. under Gen. Rosencrans, at Murfreesboro, &c.; in '64, was in service for Christian Commission; in '66, graduated at Princeton Theo. Seminary; m 27 Feb. '67, by Rev. Dr. Macdonald, to Mary R. dau. of

Philip Hendrickson, Esq. of Princeton, N. J.; 13 Feb. '67, was ordained associate pastor (R. W. Condit, D. D., senior pastor) of O. S. Presbyterian church, Oswego, N. Y.

6 Isaac Samuel Worden, b 2 May '41, at Oxford; firm of Worden & Sweney, furniture, &c., Xenia, O.

7 Martha Catharine Worden, b 10 Sept. '48, d 1 Aug. '19, in her 1st year.

Family of Isaac Worden and Nancy Jane Wallace.

8 Clara Jane Worden, b 23 June '51, in Oxford.

9 Sallie Agnes Worden, b 10 Oct. '53, in Xenia.

10 William Worden 2d, b 23 Dec. '55 do do

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

Mary A. and Rev. J. Thyne have a son, and I am informed Rev. James A. and Mary R. Worden have a child—but the record has not reached me.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Benjamin Franklin Worden and Julia Cole.

1 Francis William Worden, b 1 Jan. '44, Scioto Co., O.

2 Liuden Orson Worden, b 18 March '47 do do

3 Sciota Worden, b 17 Oct. '49 do do
d Swan Creek, Warren Co., Ill., 18 Nov. '52, in his 4th year.

4 Agassiz Worden, b 4 Ap. '53, at Swan Creek; d 8 Sep. '62, in his 10th year.

5 Elizabeth Alma Worden, b 3 March '55; d 24 Sept. '62, in her 8th year.

6 Louisa Katharine Worden, b 16 Jan. '58, d 7 Jan. '63, aged 5 years.

7 "Little Buddy," b 17 Oct. d 17 Dec. '59, aged 2 mo's.

8 Emma Worden, b 27 Dec. '60, d 11 Jan. '63, in her 3d year.

9 Johnny Worden, b 18 Dec. '62.

10 Cythian Avery Worden, b 28 Nov. '64.

11 Clara Ina Worden, b 26 April '67. [Swan Creek.]

Family of Jesse Avery Worden and Harriet Finch.

- 1 Lycurgus Worden, b 29 May '45, in town of Swan, Ill.
- 2 James Worden, b 21 Dec. '46 do
- 3 Mary J. Worden, b 10 Jan. '49 do
- 4 Eliza A. Worden, b 4 April '52 do
- 5 Josephine Worden, b 31 Aug. '55 do

Family of Avis Clarissa Worden and Chester Wilcox.

- 1 Clarissa Wealthy Wilcox, b in Smyrna '37? d '38? aged 10 months.
- 2 Isaac Henry Wilcox, b '39? d 18 Aug. '41, in his 3d year.
- 3 Henry N. Wilcox, b and d '42? aged 4 months.
- 4 Wilson Norton Wilcox, b '43, d '47, in his 5th year.
- 5 Sarah Elizabeth Wilcox, b 24 Nov. '44; m 1 Sept. '59, at Roseville, Ill., by Isaac L. Pratt, Esq., to Joseph Edward Helms, b 30 May '40, near Harrisonburg, Va. Now at Swan Creek, Ill.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[Sarah Elizab. Wilcox and Joseph E. Helms had five ch.:]

- i Edward Henry Helms, b 3 July '60, at Swan Creek.
- ii Eliza Catharine Helms, b 9 March '62 do
- iii Emma Clarissa Helms, b 9 Feb. '64, d 2 Dec. '65, in her 2d year.
- iv Allen Chester Helms, b 15 Oct. '65, d 18 April '66, aged 6 months.
- v Lewis Albert Helms, b 7 June '67, at Swan Creek.

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Curtis Worden and Martha Ramsey.

- 1 Martha Frances Worden, b 3 Sept. '48, in Preble Co. O; is m to Bower Rock, Fair Haven, Preble Co., O.

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Family of Curtis Worden and Martha Stites.

- 2 William H. Worden, b 24 Aug. '52, in Warren Co. Ill.
- 3 Lura Caroline Worden, b 13 Aug. '54 do
- 4 Sanford J. Worden, b 28 Ap. d 10 Sep. '56 do
- 5 Elvin Curtis Worden, b 28 July '57 do
- 6 Mary Ada Worden, b 7 Feb. '60 do
- 7 George O. Worden, b 31 Mar. d 21 June '62 do
- 8 Albert Worden 2d, b 18 Jan. d 20 Feb. '64 do
- 9 Ora Lizzie Worden, b 3 June '65 do
- 10 Charles Avery Worden, b 3 Feb. '68, in Harrisonville, Mo.

Family of Albert Worden and Mary Ann Gaines.

- 1 Clarinda Worden, b 7 March '53, in Warren Co., Ill.
- 2 Flora Worden, b 6 April '54 do
- 3 Norton Albert Worden, b 22 Feb. '56 do
- 4 Peter Sanford Worden 2d, b 11 Jan. '59 do
- 5 John Jay Worden 2d, b 7 Dec. '60, d 26 Jan. '62, in his 2d year.
- 6 George Lawrence Worden, b 13 Dec. '62, Warren Co.
- 7 William Taylor Worden, b 23 May '67, Harrisonville.

Family of George Willard Worden and Verlinder Rakekin.

- 1 Clara Elizabeth Worden, b 3 March '51, Peoria, Ill.
- 2 Lucinda Marietta Worden, b 3 May '53, Swan Creek?
- 3 Yoa Ann Worden, b 22 July '55 do
- 4 Rosina Avis Worden, b 28 Nov. '57 do
- 5 Aline L. Worden, b 24 Jan. '60, d 11 July '64 do
- 6 Joseph Roger Worden, b 18 Feb. '63 do

The family record of Wait R. Worden embraces 90 persons and I suppose is nearly or quite complete.

Jesse Babcock Worden.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

JESSE, the youngest of the family, was b. Richmond, 18 July 1787. Surviving companions of his youth describe him to me as noted for his robust health, strength, athletic exercises, and innocent social joviality. But there was no neighborhood school, and he did not master the Alphabet until twelve years of age. At that period, however, he took hold of books, became a proficient in all the elements of useful knowledge, taught several schools in his teens, and, with some other aspirants for knowledge, had some private tuition from Joseph Fish, pastor of a Congregational church in Preston. He worked or taught school in Richmond, in Voluntown, and Preston, visited his friends in S.W. Mass., and finally started for "the West" shortly after he became of age. He stopped with John Lloyd, at Plainfield, Otsego Co., N.Y., entered his store, and was laying foundations for successful business, when he was drafted into the U.S. service early in the War of 1812. He set out as Sergeant Major, in regiment of Farrand Stranahan, brigade of Solomon Van Rensselaer. The day after the battle of Queenstown, he was deputed to act as Quartermaster, and soon received a brevet commission from Gov. Tompkins. At the disbanding of the Militia, he enlisted, and served as a Lieutenant under Capt. Joseph M'Clure, Col. Hugh W. Dobbin, Gen. Daniel Miller, until the force was disbanded. On his way home, (at Manlius, 1813,) he suffered a long attack from camp fever, seriously impairing the original vigor of his constitution. He next became clerk in a store at Sangerfield, Oneida Co., then a partner, and finally owner. He also carried on business at New Woodstock and at Fabius. The close of the War, and poor crops following, made him (with many others) bankrupt; but he preserved his character and his credit; and I can remember when, out of a salary averaging less than \$200, and from a half dozen acres of land and a few sheep, he paid off his last debt, and was afterwards able to indulge benevolent desires and a comfortable living.

But, though peculiarly fitted for a successful business life, his powers were not to be thus employed. The prayers of his long-departed parents were to be answered. On the first Sabbath in Jan. 1816, himself and wife were baptized by Eld. John Peck of New Woodstock, Madison Co., N. Y. Not long after, the young merchant was licensed to preach; early in 1818, was invited to supply the 1st Baptist church, South Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N. Y.; and in March, 1819, was ordained. There, for upwards of sixteen years, he well and thoroughly performed the duties of pastor and missionary—bishop and itinerant. His baptisms averaged twenty per year, in an agricultural community, and the church had increased to 300 members. He was also commissioned by the Baptist State Convention to take long preaching tours in Western New York, in N. E. Ohio, and in the newer settled counties of Northern Pennsylvania. Early in 1855, he accepted a call to be co-pastor, with the venerable Davis Dimock, of the Bridgewater church, Montrose, Susquehanna Co., Pa. For some years, he was sole pastor of the church, and had some trouble on account of his out-spoken opposition to Slavery and to Millerism. In 1844, he left a church of 440 members, and labored, as his waning strength enabled him, with a small country church, at Jackson, Susquehanna Co., and in neighboring fields. In his last year's official connection with his people, Nathan Callender was co-pastor with him, and has paid his memory a friendly tribute in the Baptist volume of Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit.

I may be permitted to say of my father that I never knew a man of more sterling integrity, of more frankness or true friendliness, or who bore with greater equanimity the many hardships, vexations, and misapprehensions common to all but especially the portion of the faithful proclaimer of the everlasting Word of the almighty God. But he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. His last sermon was preached in Jackson (in the absence of the pastor,) 2d Sab. in July, from the text, "See that ye love one another with pure hearts fervently." His last reading of the Scriptures was in family prayer, morning of Sabbath, 5 Aug. 1855, when they read the 129th, 130th and 131st Psalms together. Before noon, he was attacked by cholera morbus. Recalling the death of his father, fifty-three years before, by the same disorder, he said to the attendants, "I think the time has come for me

to leave you. And I am prepared. I can no longer be of much use to any one in particular, and have done all the good I can. To remain longer, I might become a burden. I have no anxiety to recover, but would rather go, now, if it is the Lord's will. "There I shall meet Mother, and Mary," and others whom he named of departed family and Christian friends. He told his physician he was dying; that he felt prepared to meet death with all his terrors; that soon he should have the sweet privilege of praising his Redeemer in heaven. The severity of his sufferings at length overcame his mental powers, and before sunrise of Monday his death occurred, in the 69th year of his age.

His aged friend and brother in the ministry, Henry Curtis, preached the funeral sermon, from 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8: "I have fought a good fight," &c. The sermon was published, and from it I extract the following as Eld. Curtis' personal and mental portraiture of my father:

"I have known Eld. Worden, by report, about thirty years, and by personal acquaintance nearly twenty years. He first visited this State as a Missionary from the State of New York. Crowds flocked to listen to a preached Gospel as it fell from his lips. He was then in the vigor of his days, willing to spend and be spent for Christ. He sowed the good seed with an unsparing hand: much of it doubtless fell on good ground, and could not fail to ripen in due time into a rich harvest. The labor then performed, and impressions at that time made on the public mind, most probably led to his settlement in Pennsylvania. From personal and more intimate acquaintance, my regard for him has increased. Aside from the faults and infirmities incident to and inseparable from our fallen nature, I loved him as a man, esteemed him as a Christian, and regarded him as an able and devoted minister of the New Testament.

"Nature had conferred upon him a stout, manly and well-proportioned frame, considerably above the medium size, and, previous to the ravages of disease, possessed of uncommon powers of endurance. His personal appearance, whether in the pulpit or elsewhere, was interesting and thoughtful, occasionally a little humorous, but at most times quite earnest and commanding.

"In his habits, he was noted for his love of order; industrious and economical, temperate and frugal; exercising a

wise forethought in regard to the future; neither prodigal nor parsimonious, but using the gifts, which Providence placed within his reach, for the purposes for which they were given.

"Intellectually, he stood considerably above the common height. Had he been favored with an early and thorough mental culture, he would have shone with a brilliancy not much inferior to stars of the first magnitude. As it was, he was 'self-made.' And without desiring to disparage the living or to flatter the dead, it may in truth be said that the model he presented in himself was not a whit behind that of many men who have enjoyed far superior advantages.

"His intellect, however, was endowed with some strong and rather peculiar traits. Shrewd, substantial common sense, he exhibited, in a remarkable degree, and in his own way. He was seldom dependent on others for an opinion, on any subject he had investigated; he usually had matured a conclusion of his own, and was competent to give the reasons for it. But when his opinion was once formed, it required very strong reasons to induce him to change it; it was decision for him, and became at once the basis of action.

"His powers of perception were clear, comprehensive and vigorous. What he attempted to impress upon others, had first come within his own grasp, and been seen in the visions of his own mind. Hence that admirable power of concentration of thought, on whatever point he attempted to illustrate, that was so conspicuous in all his intellectual efforts. He was not at a loss for suitable words in which to convey what he desired to communicate; and that with astonishing brevity and fulness.

"As a Preacher, he was eminently practical and instructive, while he 'earnestly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints.' His theological views were similar to those advocated by the celebrated Andrew Fuller. His practice, both in and out of the pulpit, was to address the saint and the sinner: he had a message for each. His manner of address was usually earnest, solemn, and sometimes quite affecting. When he felt an uncommon pressure of his responsibilities to God, and to his fellow dying men, his reasoning to the understanding would be convincing and powerful; his appeals to the conscience, pungent and overwhelming.

"As a Pastor, he loved and cared for all his flock. He watched over them in the Lord, and was ever anxious to promote their spirituality and growth in grace. His visits [usually made at least once a quarter] were frequently very profitable. In times of affliction and trouble, he had a heart to weep with those who weep, as well as to rejoice with those who rejoice.

"As a Disciplinarian, he had but few superiors. He was for maintaining the honor of the house of God; and that, whatever needed to be done, in the way of discipline, or to restore the wanderer, must be done in accordance with Bible rules and Bible precedents.

"As a Moderator, at Associations, and of deliberative bodies, he was both competent, and very useful.

"As a Counsellor in difficult cases, he was usually quite discriminating, and impartial.

"As a Baptist, he was firm and unwavering in his faith. What he preached, he conscientiously regarded as taught in the Word of God. He 'held fast the form of sound words.' Yet, he was not bigoted; he claimed no more for himself than he heartily conceded to others—perfect freedom in all matters of religious faith and practice; and he always sought and generally succeeded in maintaining peace with the other tribes of our common Israel.

"As a Christian, it is believed he sought to live near to his God, and to make advances in holiness, and conformity to the image of his Master, as days and years passed away.

"His trials, at different periods of his life, were severe, and complicated; especially so, in some of his latter years: but he made God his refuge and strength, yea, a present help in the time of his trouble.

"He was a man of great moral worth. In his death, the church and society generally have sustained a loss which God only can make up. The important positions he has successively occupied during a long, devoted and successful ministry, have been creditably and honorably sustained. He has fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith; and has gone to receive his crown. He bequeaths to his orphan children, and to the cause which he had so long served, a 'name which is better than precious ointment.' And 'although dead, he yet speaketh.' May his mantle fall on many of the younger prophets!"

NORTON GENEALOGY.—*Nord-ville* is a French word for *North-ville*, shortened to *Nor-ville*, and finally *Norton*.

Thomas Norton (1584) was a noted English lawyer and play-writer; one of the signers of the death-warrant of King Charles, was Gre. Norton; and Col. Richard Norton, of the Council, (1642 '53) was a favorite of Oliver Cromwell.

The annexed genealogy, reaching back 831 years, is said to have been vouched for by Rev. John Norton, (of Boston, 1660, whose name, at death, was anagrammed "Into Honor,"), and Prof. Andrews Norton, (of Cambridge, 1850.) Probably the first named below was 30 years old on reaching England:

First Generation—**LE SR. DE NORVILLE** came from France into England Sept. 1066: he married into the family of Valois.

2d Gen.—Sr. de Norville mar. into the family of Barr.

3d Gen.—Sr. de Norville mar. into the family of Dalba Monto.

4th Gen.—Sr. de Norville mar. Auctina, daughter of Ne Witt, of Ruby.

5th Gen.—Sr. de Norville mar. Jovicia, daughter of Dampre Count.

6th Gen.—Sr. de Norville, alias NORRON, mar. the daughter of Sir John Headoroko.

7th Gen.—Sr. de Norville, alias Norton, mar. the daughter of Mr. Bassingborne.

8th Gen.—Sr. John Norton, alias Norville, mar. Anna, daughter of L'd Grey of Ruthen.

9th Gen.—John Norton, of Sharpenhow, Bedfordshire.

10th Gen.—John Norton, of Sharpenhow, mar. Jane, daughter of John Cooper, for second wife.

11th Gen.—Richard Norton mar. Margery Wingar, of Sharpenhow.

12th Gen.—Thomas Norton, born about 1582, mar. Grace ——— (who survived him;) emigrated to Boston, Mass., and (1639) was one of the first settlers of Guilford, Ct., where he died 1648, aged 66?

13th Gen.—Thomas Norton, 2d, lived in Saybrook, Ct.

14th Gen.—Samuel Norton (twin brother of Joseph) lived in Durham, Ct.

15th Gen.—David Norton born 1725, in Durham; moved from Wallingford? to Goshen, 1740; died suddenly in 1760, aged 44.

To which I add the following:

16th Gen.—Oliver Norton born in Goshen in 1757; was a Revolutionary Soldier; mar. Martha, daughter of Flisk Beach, 1784; was among the first settlers (1793) of Sangerfield Center, N. Y.; Associate Judge of Chenango county until Sangerfield was annexed to Oneida county; Deacon of the Presbyterian church in Waterville; died 1838, aged 81.

17th Gen.—Hannah Norton Worden, 1797—1849.

18th Gen.—Martha Eliza Worden Gillespie, b 1822.

19th Gen.—Mary Harriet Gillespie Moss, b 1847.

20th Gen.—Anna Moss, b 1867.

From 1036 to 1867 is 831 years; 20 in 831 is 41 11-20 year to each of the whole number of the 20 generations. But from 1036 to 1582—the first birth-date given—is 546 years, or 49 7-11 years to each of those 11 generations: (so there are probably some links missing in that line.) And from 1582 to 1867 is 285 years, which give, in the line above shown, 9 generations of 31 6-9 years each.

114 FAMILY OF JESSE B. AND HANNAH N. WORDEN.

J. B. Worden was m (1st) in Sangerfield, 26 Dec. 1813, by Rev. Samuel Rich, to HANNAH NORTON, b Sangerfield, 7 Feb. 1797, dau. of Oliver and Martha (Beach) Norton, from Goshen, Ct. (See Norton Genealogy, page 113.) After a long nursing of my father through a rheumatic attack, my most excellent mother sunk away in death, 4 July 1849, in her 53d year. He was m (2d) in Liberty, Susq. Co. Pa., 5 Sept. 1850, by Eld. James D. Webster, to widow ELIZABETH DAWLEY, from R.I., now with her own children.

NINTH GENERATION.

[Jesse B. Worden and Hannah Norton had five children:]

I. *William Richmond Worden*, farmer, b 18 Sept. 1814, in Sangerfield. Returning from a trip West, d of fever, 11 Aug. 1838, at Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y., in his 24th year.

II. *Oliver Norton Worden*, printer, b 13 April, 1817, in New Woodstock; 1831, went to Utica to learn trade; 1837 to Montrose, Pa.; 1841 to Athens; 1844 to Tunkhannock; and 1847 to Lewisburg. In writing for or publishing Whig and Republican journals for thirty years, I have assiduously advocated Liberty as man's birth-right—Teetotalism as true temperance—and Christianity as the safety of nations and of individuals. I have tried to do RIGHT—have been more concerned for the public good than for my own—and hope my labors may have been somewhat beneficial. Was m in Athens, 4 Nov. 1844, by Rev. Charles C. Coors, to *Jane Martha Huston*, b in Athens, 11 April, 1821, oldest dau. of Dr. Thomas T. and Eliza H. Huston. [Dr. Huston's father, Thomas Huston, of Bucks Co., was a Captain in the Army of the Revolution; he and his wife, Jane Walker, were of Scotch origin; both d in Williamsport, 1824, he at the age of 85, and she 75. Mrs. Huston's father, Dr. Stephen Hopkins, was from Morris Co., N. J., as was also her mother, Jemima Lindsley, dau. of Col. Eleazer Lindsley of the Revolution. Mrs. Hopkins d in Athens, 1830, aged 58, and Dr. Hopkins in 1841, aged 75. Mrs. Huston d in 1856, aged 62, and Dr. Huston in 1865, aged 73.] After twenty-three years of wedded life, my truly faithful wife left me ALONE, 17 April, 1867—her age, 46 years and 6 days.

III. *Harriet Mary Worden*, teacher, b 12 Sept. 1819, in Marcellus; d in Montrose, 21 Dec. 1838, in her 20th year.

She was a person of much loveliness and promise, and her memory was honored by various tributes.

IV. *Martha Eliza Worden*, b. Marcellus, 1 Jan. 1822; m. in Jackson, 16 Oct. 1845, by Eld. J. B. Worden, to *Robert Gillespie*, farmer, b. 26 June 1822, in Crawford, Orange Co. N. Y., son of Jonathan Dunning Gillespie and Leah (Dunning) Gillespie. Now at New Milford, Susq. Co., Pa.

V. *Laura Adaline Worden*, b. Marcellus, 31 Aug. 1833; d. of scarlet fever, in her 2d year, 17 March, 1885, just as the family were removing to Penn'a. An expected minister not arriving, the father himself preached at her burial.

[My parents also adopted, in her childhood, Theoda Mott, who m. Evander Tucker, of Jackson. They have children. My father died with them, and they came into possession of the farm he owned at death.]

TENTH GENERATION.

Family of Martha Eliza Worden and Robert Gillespie.

1 *Mary Harriet Gillespie*, b. in Jackson, 1 July 1847; m. in New Milford, 27 Dec. 1864, by Eld. N. Callender, to *Ira Moss*, farmer, b. New Milford, 17 July 1844, youngest son of Richard and Ann Moss, from Cheshire, Ct.

2 *Theodore Phillips Gillespie*, b. New Milford, 16 Nov. 1850.

3 *Norton Worden Gillespie*, b. 10, d. 30 Nov. 1855.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

[*Mary Harriet Gillespie and Ira Moss had*]

i *Anna Moss*, b. New Milford, 2 Sept. d. 18 Oct. 1867.

End of the Family Record of John and Elizabeth Worden,
except that which may be received for Appendix.

116 RECAPITULATION OF FAMILIES AND GENERATIONS.

A Summary by Families.

	DECEASED.	LIVING.	TOTAL
JOHN AND ELIZABETH WORDEN.....	2	...	2
1 Dolly Worden Locke Webster's family..	20	85	105
2 Abigail Babcock Worden Mitchell's.....	100	224	324
3 Elizabeth Worden Bitgood's.....	64	135	199
4 John Worden Jr.'s.....	27	53	80
5 Gideon Worden's.....	81	63	94
6 Avis Worden Gardner James'.....	11	16	27
7 Susannah Worden Phillips'.....	1	1	2
8 Wait Rogers Worden's.....	26	64	90
9 Jesse Babcock Worden's.....	8	7	15
Totals.....	290	648	938

An average of 104 to each of the nine families.

A Summary by Generations.

1 Parents—first generation.....	2
2 Children—second generation.....	23
3 Grand-children—third generation.....	125
4 Great-grand-children—fourth generation.....	413
5 Great-great-grand-children—fifth generation.....	366
6 Great-great-great-grand-children—sixth generation..	9
Total known of six generations.....	938

Males, 490—Females, 448.

Some families are not complete. A few estimates only are made. Full returns, doubtless, by the centennial anniversary of the marriage of our grand-parents (Nov. of next year) would swell the number to ONE THOUSAND!

MONTH OF BIRTHS, &c.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Ap.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Births known in 66	70	64	63	52	44	54	52	59	84	61	78	
Marriages.....	17	13	22	11	11	4	9	9	12	20	17	19
Deaths.....	21	19	16	15	7	13	27	25	25	16	14	19

APPENDIX.

Other Members of our Worden Family.

Mrs. MERCY WORDEN WINSLOW,

Grand-daughter of Peter Worden 1st—see page 34, line 5—has a very numerous posterity, one of whom traces up his line of origin to her, as follows :

4th Gen.—Mercy Worden Winslow had Kenelm, b 1666, d 1728; Josiah, b 1669, d 1761; Thomas, b 1671, d 1680; Samuel; Nathaniel; Edward, b 1681, d 1768; and Mercy, m — White.

5th Gen.—Maj. Edward Winslow, by wife Sarah, had, in Rochester, Edward, b 1703, d 1780; Mehitable, b 1705, m Thomas Winslow of Harwich; Sarah, b 1707, m (1st) Tho's Lincoln, (2d) Ja's Whitcomb; Lydia, b 1709, m Dea. Ja's Foster, and d 1770; Mercy, b 1712, m Chillingsworth Foster of Harwich; Thankful, b 1715, m Josephus Hammond.

6th Gen.—Lydia Foster had, in Rochester, Mercy, b 1730, m Seth Rider; Mary, b 1732, m Col. Timothy Paige, and d 1825; Chillingsworth, b 1733, d 1807; James, b and d 1735; Lydia, b 1736, m Nathaniel Haskell; James, b 1737; Edward, b 1738; Nathan, b 1740, d 1742; John, b and d 1742; Nathan, b 1744; John, b 1745.

7th Gen.—Mary Paige had, in Harwich, Lydia, b 1755, m Thomas Fuller; Timothy, b 1757, d 1821; Mary, b 1759, m Daniel Fay; Foster, b 1761; Reed (Rev.) b 1764, grad. D.C. 1786; Moses, b and d 1765; Moses, b 1767; Rebecca, b 1786, m Capt. Seth Peirce; Thomas, b and d 1770; Thomas, b 1772; George Washington (physician,) b 1775.

8th Gen.—Timothy Paige Esq. m Mary Robinson (who d 1836) and had, in Harwich, Mary, b 1780, m Col. Thomas Wheeler, and d 1828; Sophia, b 1782, d unm. 1861; Stephen West, b 1785, living; Timothy (lawyer) b 1788, d 1822; Martin, b 1791, living; Cyrus, b 1794, d 1796; Rebecca, b 1796, d unm. 1824; Cyrus, b 1799, d 1803; Lucius Robinson, b 1802, living, hon. A. M. at Harvard College 1854, D.D. at Tufts College 1861.

DR. THOMAS WORDEN,

Great-grand son of Peter Worden 1st, is alluded to on page 38. He was m 9 Dec. 1708, to Sarah Butler, by Ephraim Miner, J.P., Stonington: she survived him six months, d 6 May, 1760. They had four children:

1 Abigail or Bathsheba Worden, b 27 Oct. 1709, m Silas Armstrong.

2 Sarah Worden, b 13 Dec. 1713, m Samuel Grandall.

3 Thomas Worden 2d, b 5 July 1718; m in Norwich, 14 April 1746, by Henry Willes, of 2d Cong Ch., to Rebekah Hartshorn: she was a widow in 1785.

4 Jane Worden, b 3 Aug. 1722, m John Beckwith of Farmington.

Thomas Worden 2d and Rebekah Hartshorn had four ch.:

1 Abigail Worden, b 24 Mar. 1748, m — Scott.

2 Rebekah Worden, b 5 Jan. 1750-1, m Eliph. Hartshorn.

3 Thomas Worden, 3d, b 30 April 1751; was a Soldier of '76; m Mary Curtis; they removed to Waterbury, then to Watertown, where she d 26 April 1825, aged 68, and he d 2 Feb. 1830, aged 76.

4 Joseph Worden, b 24 March 1756, d 1762 in a fit.

Thomas Worden 3d and Mary Curtis had ten children, of whom Zera and Elizabeth are living in N.E. Ohio—viz.:

Seth Worden m (1st) Chloe, dau. of Justus Warner, Waterbury, and had son Virgil; m (2d) Roxa Warner, had son, Dr. Justus Worden, who m and had a son, Judge of Probate in Mansfield, O., and a daughter Chloe.

Thomas Worden, 4th, m Senath (or Orasona, b 10 Mar. 1790) dau. of Richard Welton, Waterbury; they had two dau. and a son who d young.

Mary Worden, spinster—"Polly Warden" d Watertown, 3 May 1846, aged 60.

Zera Worden m Sarah Frisby of Waterbury; moved to Ohio; had five sons—Nathan, a Methodist preacher, and Lamuel, George, Joseph and Thomas 5th, farmers in Weymouth, Medina Co.; they had also three dau.—Mary, d of consumption; Sarah Ann; and Caroline R. m Geo. Upson.

Hannah Worden m Joshua Terrill of Watertown, and had 9 children.

Sarah Worden m John Hungerford of Watertown, and had 5 children.

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Abiah Worden d young.

Amelia Worden m Lorenzo Hart, of Litchfield, Ct., and had 3 children.

Elizabeth Worden, b 1800? m Jos. Thompson, of Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y.; no children.

Elijah Worden d in Watertown, 24 Dec. 1834, aged 30.

WILLIAM WORDEN,

Noticed on page 38, was probably a son, but perhaps grandson, of Dr. Samuel Worden. He conveyed to his last-named five sons, down to 1759. I give what seems to be his family record—no dau. named—from Town Book of Stonington :

Ebenezer, son of William Worden,	b 14 Jan. 1719.
Isaac do do	b 26 July 1721.
Benjamin do do	b 12 Feb. 1723.
William 2d do do	b 2 Nov. 1724.
Nathaniel do do	b 4 Feb. 1728.
Walter do do	b 11 April 1730.

12 Jan. 1738, *Ebenezer* Worden m Borridel Button. They had

Abial Worden,	b 12 May 1740.
Ebenezer Worden	b 2 Feb. 1745.
Sabra Worden	b 25 Oct. 1752.
Elizabeth Worden	b 3 Aug. 1755.
Derias Worden	b 26 Oct. 1757.

Ebenezer Worden's son Abial had sons Pardon, Paul, Asa, John and Isaac. Pardon's son, A. P. Worden, was ordained a Baptist minister, 1833, in Sullivan Co.; now in Conklin, N. Y. He says, "My grandfather, father and his brothers were Baptists. We had relatives in Dutchess county, and Eld. Peter Worden, of Cheshire, was also a relative."

In 1772, Ebenezer Worden and Borridel his wife, of Pawling's Precinct, N. Y., conveyed to Nathaniel Worden of Stonington, ship (or shop) joiner.

Of *Isaac* Worden's family &c. I have only incidental and not very complete clues. The following dates I gathered "all along shore" from Rhode Island to the Hudson river. These Isaacs may and may not be all of one family :

In 1718, *Isaac* son of Dr. Samuel Worden, of Stonington, was dead.

1729, June—*Isaac* W. mar. Ann Bliven.

1735—*Isaac* W. of Westerly gives to Wm. W. of Ston. his claims in the estate of his late father, *Isaac* W. of Ston. dec'd.

- 1738, May—Isaac W. mar. Sarah Wilcox.
 1740—Samuel W. of Rye, N. Y., son to Isaac late of Ston. to his bro. Wm.
 1751—Capt. Isaac W. of Ston. had release from John and Mary Worden? Babcock, from all claims from any of the name of Worden, "anshuntly of Preston, county of Lincoln, England." [Recorded in Westerly.]
 1757—Wm. and Sarah W. to their son Capt. Isaac W., mariner.
 1759—Joseph Haynes of New York petitions Gov. Andross that Isaac W. may command the "Bradstreet" of 8 guns.
 1783—Jerusha W. and Ed. Ellis, Adm. of Doc. Isaac W. late of Ston.
 1787—Doc. Isaac W. was son of Capt. Isaac W. late of Ston. dec'd. The Doctor left sons Isaac, Elias, Asa and Robert, minors, and widow Jerusha. A Jerusha W. mar. Charles Topping of L. I. in 1799.
 1797—Henry W., mariner, of Long Point, Ston., left wife Sarah (d 1799) and sons Henry, Elias Irish, and Isaac—John Irish, guar. of E. I. and Isaac.
 1816—Stamford or Greenwich, Ct.—Hannah, Adm. of Isaac W. dec'd.
 1811—Isaac W. dec'd, Harrison, N. Y.—1864, Isaac W. in West Lowville.

Aug. 1742, Benjamin Worden m Thankful Edwards. They have credited him with eleven children in thirty years, viz.:

Amos	b 10 May 1743	Mary	b 16 Mar. 1764
Sarah	b 23 July 1745	James	b 13 Mar. 1766
Peleg	b 10 April 1747	Suzannah	b 2 May 1768
Thankful	b 28 June 1753	Benjamin	20 Jan. 1771
Asa	b 7 July 1755	Appleton	31 Mar. 1773
Hendrick	b 10 July 1757		

The first three are on one page, the last eight on another—but I yield both pages to Benjamin and Thankful!

1743, William Worden 2d m Amy or Anna Wells. The name William occurs often, but only two children's births are recorded for them, viz.:

John b 29 July 1744 | William 3d 20 Oct. 1746

8 Jan. 1746, Nathaniel Worden was m to Anna Palmater, by Rev. Joseph Fisk, pastor Cong. Church. They had

Wealthy	b 27 April 1747	Anna	b 16 July 1758
Eunice	29 Sept. 1749	Silas	29 Dec. 1759
Nathaniel	10 July 1752	Jesse	25 Mar. 1761
Lois	7 Feb. 1753	Sarah	9 Sept. 1762
Moses	8 May 1755	Arnold	17 Mar. 1765
Walter	19 Mar. 1757		

Feb. 1749, Walter Worden m Anna Edwards. The name Walter occurs often until 1817, when the Will of a Walter Worden was proved: he names wife Abigail, sons Weight, Benjamin, Thomas and Billings, daughters Anna, Thankful and Patty, and grandsons Clark Worden and Zopher Wood.

Uncle Luke Sanders said Walter Worden was a very stout man—a great singer—mar. widow Brown when he was near 90 yrs old: (he d aged about 87.) In 1811, Billings Worden and wife Pelly, dau. of John Brand, were in Westerly.

—So far, I think I have correctly arranged a few only of the numerous male progeny of William Worden. But the same names, on record, cover more than one life time, and are so indefinitely stated that I can go no further.

Family of Peter Worden, blacksmith, and Rebekah Richmond.

On pp. 38,9 is the first formal and (supposed) complete Worden Family Record I have met. The marriage of Peter Worden, 4th, blacksmith, and Rebekah Richmond, and the birth of their first two children, are of record in Westerly; the other materials are gathered from various sources.

GIDEON WORDEN,

Born 1722, was m, 1 May 1748, by Wm. Sanford, J.P., to Rebekah Brown, of Portsmouth, an island, in Narragansett Bay, between Newport and Kingstown. They had—

- 1 Gideon Worden 2d, b 11 Jan. 1748-49.
- 2 Rebekah Worden, b 20 Feb. 1749-50.

There was a "Gideon Worden lost at sea."

Gideon Worden 2d, of Portsmouth, and Ann Badcock of Dartmouth, were m, 22 Oct. 1772, by Benj. Akin, J. P.; five children are credited them in Portsmouth records:

Rhodia Worden, b 19 July 1774.

Elizabeth Worden, b 8 March 1778.

Twins: { Isaac Worden, b 13 Nov. 1781.
 Johanna Worden, b 14 Nov. 1781.

Phebe Worden, b 13 Dec. 1783.

[For John Worden, 1st, see pages 39, 40.]

ELD. PETER WORDEN, 5TH.

[Extract from Eld. JOHN IRELAND'S Funeral Discourse.]

Peter Worden was born June 6, 1728, and ordained to the work of the ministry at Warwick, R. I., May, 1751, in the 24th year of his age. When he first began to preach, he was too much of a New Light, and too strongly attached to the doctrine of salvation by sovereign grace, to be generally received among the old Baptist churches in Rhode Island, which had been formed partly upon the Arminian plan, when the following event opened the door for him :

A criminal, by the name of Carter, was to be executed at Tower Hill, and the scene of his execution collected abundance of people from all parts of the Colony. While the criminal stood under the gallows, young Worden felt such a concern for his soul, that he urged his way thro' the crowd, and, being assisted by the Sheriff, the preacher addressed the criminal as follows : "Sir, is your soul prepared for that awful eternity into which you will launch in a few minutes?" The reply was, "I don't know that it is ; but I wish that you would pray for me." In his prayer, Mr. Worden was so wonderfully assisted in spreading the poor man's cause before the throne of God, that the whole assembly was awfully solemnized, and most of them wet their cheeks with their tears.

This opened a great door for his ministrations, both on the Main and on the Island. He preached at Warwick, Coventry, and many other places, with good success, about nineteen years, and then (1770) moved into the town of Cheshire, Massachusetts, where he lived and administered almost thirty-eight years.

In his first religious exercises, he was led to dig deep into his own heart, where he found such opposition and rebellion, that, when he obtained pardon, he attributed it to sovereign grace alone: which sentiment, so interwoven in his soul, he ever proclaimed to a dying world. Nothing appeared to be more disgusting to his mind, than to hear works and grace mixed together as the foundation of a sinner's hope. To hold forth the Lamb of God as a piece of a Savior—or to exhibit the self-exertions of a natural man to be the true and only way into Christ—were extremely displeasing to that heart of his, which delighted so much in proclaiming eternal love, redeeming blood and matchless grace.

In him, young preachers found a father and a friend; distressed churches, a healer of breaches; and tempted souls, a sympathizing guide.

From his first settling in Cheshire, until he was seventy years old, he was a father to the Baptist churches in Berkshire county and its environs, and, in some sense, an apostle to them all.

His many painful labors for the salvation of sinners, the peace of the churches, and the purity of the ministers, will never be fully appreciated, until the time when he shall stand before his Judge and receive the words of his mouth, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

From the sternness of his eyes, and the blush of his face, a stranger would have been led to conclude that he was sovereign and self-willed in his natural habit of mind. But, on acquaintance, the physiognemist would have been agreeably disappointed. He had so much self-government, that he has been heard to say that—except when he had the small-pox—he never found it hard to keep from speaking at any time, if his reason told him it was best to forbear.

No man possessed finer feelings, or treated the characters of others with more delicacy than he did. He had an exalted idea of the rights of conscience; justly appreciated the civil rights of man; and was as iduous to keep his brethren from the chains of ecclesiastical power.

His preaching was both sentimental and practical; and his life so far corresponded with his precepts, that none of his hearers could justly say, "Physician, heal thyself."

He had the happiness of having a number of revivals in the town and congregation where he resided and preached; and a number of ministers were raised up in the church of which he was pastor.

For about ten years before his death, his bodily and mental powers had been on the decline, and he was often heard to rejoice, that others increased, though he decreased. But his superannuation was not so great as to prevent the whole of his usefulness; and his "hoary head was a crown unto him." A number of times he was heard to pray that he might not outlive his usefulness—which was remarkably answered in his case, for, the Lord's day before he died, he preached to the people of his charge. The disease which closed his mortal life, denied his friends the pleasure of

catching the balm of life from his lips, in his last moments. He had finished his work, before, and nothing remained for him to do, BUT TO DIE.

Let the inhabitants of Cheshire reflect a moment on the dealings of God towards them. Within about three years, three ministers, belonging to the town, have departed this life. The pious MASON took the lead: the pleasing COVALL followed after: and now the arduous WARDEN, who has been in the ministry longer than any Baptist preacher left behind in New England, has finished his course, in the 80th year of his age—while LELAND alone remains to raise this monument over their tomb.

[From the Minutes of the Shaftsbury Association for 1808.]

Died—Feb. 21st, 1808, Eld. Peter Worden, of Cheshire, in his 80th year. For dignity of nature, soundness of judgment, meekness of temper, and unwearied labors in the ministry, but few have equalled him in this age. He was the father, founder and guardian angel of this Association, until his age prevented. He followed the work of the ministry about SIXTY YEARS, and then,

Like old Elijah, in a fiery car,
He rode to Heaven, to be a shining star:
May some Elisha catch his sacred robe,
And smiting Jordan cry, Whose is Elijah's God?

The aged Eld. John Vincent, of Cheshire in 1859, stated that the present town of Hancock, near the New York State line, was at first called Jericho. A certain man who passed through the place, issued a prediction, that, unless the people repented and turned to God within three weeks, they would be overthrown by a pestilence from the Almighty. The people were alarmed, and applied to Eld Worden, who lived not far off, to come and see them. Having learned the cause of their excitement, he promptly commenced labors among them. He told them that he could not promise them so much time as that to repent in—that the present is the only time that is allowed us—there was no next month, next week or even to-morrow in the case. In short, the Lord met with him, and a wonderful time of reformation prevailed.

Dr. Stephen Cane, of Providence, highly esteemed his friend and correspondent, Peter Worden. The Minutes of the Warren Association show that the latter was repeatedly their welcome visitor. In 1779, they notice a letter from

Eld. P. Worden, of New Providence, reporting that 60 had been baptized there—that he baptized 29 in Shaftsbury, in one day—and the work was spreading. In 1795, he aided in forming old "Otsego"—the pioneer Baptist Association in Central New York.

In 1865, James Redway, of Amber, a nonagarian member of my father's former church in Marcellus, remembered, when a boy, of seeing "the old Elder." He was indeed a dignified man, discoursing, in a chair, with a cane in his hand, upon the evidences of adoption. "I know," said he, "that I am born of God, just as I know that I hold this staff in my hand—because I FEEL it."

Eld. J. B. Lyons, who in his youth looked upon old Eld. Worden as a superior being, says he was a large and portly man, his eyes blue, his hair somewhat sandy, his complexion fresh, his voice strong and rather harsh, but his deportment mild, affable, and instructive.

He was buried in a yard in the East parish of Cheshire, and an inscribed stone erected to his memory.

From the Warwick town records it seems that Peter Worden of Coventry bought of J. Wightman, Warwick, 1750. In 1756, Peter and Mercy Worden, of Warwick, sold lands to J. Ladd, in Wechatacourt, for £700.

HIS POSTERITY:

In 1753 was b Esther—and in 1754, b Lucinda—daughters of Peter and Mercy Worden, of Warwick. They had two or three other daughters, and four sons. A grandson—Peter Worden Dean, who was ordained a Deacon of Manchester Baptist church in 1827, and is now an Associate Judge of Windham Co., Vt.—gives me some information respecting the family. From him I learn that the four sons were Judah, Deacon of a Shaftsbury Bapt. Ch. in 1800—Richmond—Peter, 6th, who lived with the Elder—and Rufus. Peter, 6th, had four sons—Peter, 7th, lived near Auburn, N. Y.—Leland, died in Adams (north of Cheshire) and left a number of children, one a merchant at Waukegan, Ill.—Alden, died in Illinois, and has a son there—and Elmer, who emigrated and was lost sight of.

Of the daughters of Eld. P. W., two m brothers of the name of Mattison: one lived in Hoosick, had no children; the other lived in Shaftsbury and had four children. Au-

ther m a Wilmarth of Shaftsbury, and had son and one or more daughters : she became a widow, and removed to her daughters' in the north part of the State. [Another is rep. as m to the father of Warren Smith Esq. of Rutland, Vt.]

The DEANS trace back their ancestry in America to 1627, and perhaps to the Mayflower. Eld. P.W.'s youngest dau. m a Dean. They had seven children, of whom Judge Dean was the youngest. He writes to me—

"My oldest brother and his wife are dead, but left three sons living. My 2d brother left a widow, three sons and a daughter, living. My oldest sister m Eddy, and d leaving three sons and three daughters with her husband. My 2d sister m Mosley : they both d, leaving four sons and four daughters. My 3d sister m Mead, moved to Michigan, and both d, leaving two daughters. My youngest sister m Slocum—both d, leaving one daughter.

"I mar. Philanda Willey, 25 March, 1819—nearly fifty years ago. Our family comprised ten children—five sons and five daughters. Three sons d young ; one is a lawyer in Pent Water, Mich., and member of the Legislature ; and I send you a paper with an Obituary notice of the fifth. Our oldest daughter m S. E. Ranney, M.D., and was killed by being thrown from a bridge. Our next dau. m Lieut. Col. J. L. Clark, a lawyer, who was killed in the army. Our 3d dau. m S. F. Brown, a Baptist minister ; and our 4th m Mr. Mott, a lawyer : both these dau. have been dead a number of years ; and our 5th daughter died unmarried. Our only living daughter is a widow, and we are left with two children out of ten. But there is one consolation : all that had come to years of discretion, died in faith, so that we hope to meet again. They were lovely children, and we mourn their loss : yet we can not wish them back again, seeing the troubles of this life are so many.

"Resp.

PETER W. DEAN."

[From the Christian Watchman & Reflector, Boston, Aug. 1864.]

Died in Grafton, Vt., July 6, Hon. BENJAMIN W. DEAN, son of Hon. Peter W. Dean of that place—37 years. It is a grateful task to commend for imitation the example of the good who rest from their labors. At the early age of eleven years, the deceased found peace in believing in Christ, and united with the Baptist church in Grafton, continuing a highly esteemed member to the time of his death. Evincing

an attachment for books and an aptness to learn, he early entered upon a preparatory course for a collegiate education, and in 1848 graduated at Dartmouth College, ranking high as a scholar. In 1849 he commenced the study of law, and graduated at the law school at Ballston Spa. In 1851, he first opened an office, at Elmira, N. Y. He returned, next year, to Vermont, was appointed Register of Probate for the district of Westminster, and located his office at Bellows Falls. He was mar. in 1853 to Angeline F. Cobb, youngest daughter of the late Daniel Cobb of Windham, Vt., and soon after settled at Grafton. He held the office of Probate Register from the time of his appointment until his decease; represented his town in the Legislature in 1856 and 1857; and was elected, four years in succession, Secretary of State—all of which offices he adorned with distinguished ability and inflexible integrity. In the midst of usefulness, and while growing fast in popular favor, a pulmonary affection began to develop its work of death. His failing health retarded his professional efforts, and forbade severe labor. With an energy that seemed to baffle the foe that was so soon to conquer, he continued to do business until within two or three days of his death. His life terminated suddenly from hemorrhage of the lungs. He leaves a devoted wife, three children, venerable parents, and an afflicted neighborhood to mourn his loss.

To those who best knew his legal attainments and discrimination, his opinions and counsel were regarded with great favor. As an advocate, he was clear and logical—his language the purest Anglo Saxon—and his style graceful and commanding. He spoke only to his case, and never wasted words for popular favor or applause. He was eminently a man of peace, and sought to reconcile differences where it could be done. But his crowning excellence was an abiding faith in God. He was an every-day Christian, unostentatious, and void of hypocrisy. At home, he was happy, affectionate and confiding."

SYLVESTER WORDEN, 1st,

Was prob. b in Westerly, 1735? m Rebecca dau. of Ichabod Eccleston; in 1763, bought of Thomas Main, Jr., of Stonington (or North Stonington, as the latter was taken from the former town in 1808;) freeman in 1775; bo't in Groton

in 1777, and sold to Squire Lee in 1780. May, 1780, the family removed to Halifax, Windham Co., Vt., on land now held by grand-sons Peter and Isaac. He d before 1818, when his widow Rebecca, by her son Samuel, sold Lewis Main an interest in her father's estate in North Ston. They had—

Sylvester Jr. b 3 Oct. 1758	Elisha, b Ston. 3 June 1773
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Ichabod, b R.I. 24 Jan. 1761	Samuel, youngest son.
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Thankful, b 15 Nov. 1763	Lucey.
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Peter, b 20 Feb. 1766	Anna,
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Asa, b Ston. 12 Nov. 1768	and another dau. or son.
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Samuel is said to have had a very old family history, but he is dead, and all his family, except some moved West, and a son's wife somewhere in Mass. I have no records of any of the dau., and only the following of four of the sons:

I. ICHABOD WORDEN, b 1761, m Margaret Brown, Stonington Point; moved to Halifax, thence to the Black River country, Northern New York—then known as "the West." They had ten children—Rebecca, Humphrey, Ichabod, Roxey, Lyman (at Rochester, N.Y.) Lorence, Russell, Truman, Asenath (living,) and Salmon B. The latter writes at Moscow, Hillsdale Co., Mich., is a preacher in West Mich. Conf. of Meth. Prot. Church, and gives his record, viz.:

Salmon B. Worden, b 28 April 1805, in Champion, Jeff. Co., N. Y.; m 14 March 1824, to Miss Mehitabel Veber, b in Rutland, N. Y., 15 Nov. 1809. They had children—

1 Adaline Worden, b Rutland, 10 Dec. 1826, m William Fowler, 26 July 1844.

2 Jane Worden, b Rutland, 6 Aug. 1828, m Elisha Brockway, 9 April 1848.

3 Sarah Worden, b Champion, 20 Jan. 1830, m William Wade, 15 Feb. 1853.

4 Freeman Penfield Worden, b Rutland, 30 Sept. 1831; m Margaret Ovenshire, 30 Sept. 1852; she d Feb. 1859, leaving a son and a daughter. He joined the 4th Mich. Inf., and fell at Gettysburg, Pa., 2 July 1863, aged 32.

5 Rodman Milton Worden, b Brighton, Monroe Co., N.Y. 16 Aug. 1833; served three years in Co. B., 6th Mich. Inf., afterwards Heavy Art., and returned unharmed.

6 John Wesley Worden, b Brighton, 20 March 1835; served three years in Bat. M., 4th U.S. Art.; was wounded at Franklin, Tenn.

7 Selina Cordelia Worden, b Brighton, 25 Nov. 1836

8 Alfonso Wallace Worden, b Brighton, 11 Aug. 1838; joined Co. B., 6th Mich. Inf., and fell at Port Hudson, La. 27 May 1863, aged 27 yrs.

9 Helen Mar Worden, }
10 Harriet Marian Worden, } b Brighton, 22 Ap. 1844.
Helen M. m Francis M. Ethridge in summer of 1856; and Harriet M. m William Lowther, spring of 1860.

11 Herman Brooks Worden, b Brighton, 7 May 1842; served three years in Co. C. 4th Mich. Inf.; was wounded at the battle of The Wilderness.

12 Salmon Truman Worden, b Madison, Lenawee Co., Mich. 24 Feb. 1814; served a year and a half in Co. K. 27th Mich. Inf.; was in more battles than either of the six BROTHERS, and escaped without a scratch.

13 Vilora Eliza Worden, b Mattison, Branch Co., Mich. 18 March 1846, m George Carris 1862.

14 Flora Luella Worden, b Ogden, Lenawee Co., Mich. 25 Dec. 1849.

15 David Ichabod Worden, b Ogden, 18 June 1852; d in Leonidas, St. Joseph Co. 9 Feb. 1856 in his 4th year.

II. PETER WORDEN b 1766, d in Halifax 11 May 1814, aged 48 yrs; m 17 Sept. 1788 to Rachel Hale, who is living (with her two elder sons) in her 100th year. They had—

- 1 Peter Worden Jr. b 2 Jan. 1790.
- 2 Isaac Worden b 2 Oct. 1792.
- 3 Samuel Worden b 4 Oct. 1793.
- 4 Seth Worden b 20 June 1796, d 31 July 1838, 42 yrs.
- 5 Zara Worden b 20 July 1798.
- 6 Rachel Worden b 30 Sept. 1800.
- 7 Lewis Worden b 16 Aug. 1802, d 17 Mar. '48, 46 yrs.
- 8 Almira Worden b 23 July 1804, m Thurber; d 8 Dec. '57, 53 yrs.

9 Nancy Worden b 26 July 1806, d 4 Mar. '12, 6th yr.

10 Jesso Edson Worden b 20 Aug. 1808.

11 Asenath Worden, b 4 Sept. 1810, d 5 Aug. '13, 3 yrs.

12 Esther Worden, b 16 Dec. 1812, d 19 May '14, 2 yrs.

(1) Peter Worden Jr. m Barbara Stafford, 3 Jan. 1810. They have had eleven children—

i Diadama Worden m Royal Goodnough. They had Ebenezer, m Eunice Clark; Ellen, m Mandrin Russell; Clarissa, m Sylvester Russell; and Charles, Fanny and Eddie.

ii Eunice Worden m Gains Goodnough. They had

Mary Ann, m Patrick Grover; Augustus, d; Frank, m Eliza Yaw; Alonzo, m Harriet Yaw.

iii Marcus Worden m Nancy Ward. They had Frank II., and Henry, d; Susan Ann, m Geo Prowty; Herbert, m Elizabeth Hale; Baxter; and Worthy.

iv Allen Worden m Mary Lyndes. They had David, m Polina Worden; Jennie, m Leavitt Starks; Edwin; and Hattie.

v Mary Worden m Oscar Talman, d. They had Emma, d; Augusta; and Millie.

vi Peter H. Worden m Elsiea Bailey. They had Polina, m David Lyndes; Ruth Ann, m Allen Balster; Solomon, d; Juliana; and Joseph.

vii Emily Worden m Drury Weatherhead. They had Emma, m Charles Fairbanks.

viii. Belinda Worden m Willard Denison, 11 Mar. 1848; they had four children—Willie; Albert, d; Frank A. d; and Francis, d.

ix. Ephraim Worden m Maria Yaw. They had Emma and Ira, both d.

x. Asenath Worden m Edward Thayer. They had Jennie, m Warren Hale; Charles, Phebe, Nellie, Frank, Emma and Oscar.

xi. Rowena Worden m Seth Leonard. They had Lobilla, Maston, Westley, Sarah Ann, Henry and Minnie.

(2) Isaac Worden m Orenda Adams, 31 Dec. 1820. They have had six children—

i Orenda Adams Worden, b 23 Oct. 1821.

ii Isaac Hollis Worden b 23 Jan. '24.

iii Nancy Almira Worden b 27 Oct. '27.

iv Lucy Sophia Worden b 15 March '29, d 31 May '54, aged 25 yrs.

v Ohester Edson Worden b 15 Nov. '31.

vi Sarah Elizabeth Worden b 31 Oct. '35.

(10) Jesse Edson Worden m Eliza Blanchard Haven, 27 May 1834. They had three children—

i Gertrude Emergene Worden b 26 Nov. '36, d 31 Dec. '41, 5 yrs.

ii Gertrude Louisa E. Worden b 19 Oct. '43, d 7 June '49, 6 yrs.

iii Eddie Radcliffe Worden b 27 June 1851, d 14 Aug. '64, 13 yrs.

III. ASA WORDEN, b 1768, moved to Halifax, Vt., then to Marlboro' in same county in 1801, and there d, 10 June 1859, in his 91st year; he m, in Halifax, Lois Hale, who d in Marlboro' 14 Feb. 1849, leaving 8 sons and 3 daughters:

- 1 Joel Worden b 7 April 1796, in Halifax.
- 2, Asa Worden Jr. b 23 June 1798 do
- 3 Roswell Worden b 25 Mar. 1800 do
- 4 John Worden b 30 Mar. 1802, in Marlboro'.
- 5 Rufus Worden b 8 May 1804 do
- 6 Lovina Worden b 13 May 1806 do
- 7 Avery Worden b 5 Aug. 1808 do
- 8 Caroline Worden b 17 Aug. 1810 do
- 9 Rachel Worden b 24 Nov. 1812 do [36 yrs.
- 10 Calvin Worden b 20 June 1814 do d Sep. '50,
- 11 Charles Brigham Worden b 10 Oct. 1817 in Marlboro'.

(4) John Worden m Nancy Ware, of Wilmington, Vt., 26 Nov. 1828: both living in Marlboro'. They have—

i Luverne Angenette Worden, b in Marlboro', 2 July 1830; m 25 Ap. '53 to Wm. Johnson; now in Wardsboro', Vt. They had three children—Martin Leonard Johnson, b 9 Oct. '56; Allen Ernest Johnson, b Dec. '60; and Anna Lucina Johnson, b in Wardsboro' 4 May '66.

ii Horatio Leonard Worden, b 29 Mar. '33; m Lucinda Johnson of Marlboro', 17 Mar. '55. They had four children—Adelia Matilda Worden, b in Marlboro' 26 July '56, d 15 Nov. '63, 7½ years; Lura Elsie Worden, b 25 Jan. '58; Ira Horatio Worden, b 20 June '59, d 2 Nov. '63, 4 years; Lizzie Jane Worden b 9 Sep. '61, d 14 Nov. '63, 2 years.

iii Julia Marilla Worden b 18 April 1838; m Alvin Johnson of Marlboro' 15 May '61; moved to Wardsboro'. They have two children—Addie Adella Johnson, b 2 July '62; Wallace Ariel Johnson b 25 July '65.

iv George Clifton Worden b 20 May '41; m Elizabeth M. Bradley of Dover, Vt., 10 May '65. Their son, Clifton Ambrose Worden, b in Marlboro' 5 Dec. '65.

v Cordelia Violette Worden b 30 Jan. '45; m Henry Addison, carpenter, of Brattleboro', 30 Aug. '65; now in Marlboro'. Their son, Lisle Madison Addison, b 1 Jan. '67.

(7) Avery Worden was m, 17 Feb. '41, to Elizabeth Perry, b 7 March '22. They have five children—

i Mary E. Worden b 19 Oct. '42; m Isaac A. Newton, 17 Jan. '64.

ii Harriet E. Worden b 10 Feb. '41; m Arthur O Blood 11 Jan. '66.

iii Emma M. Worden b 10 Sep. '46.

iv Esther L. Worden b 18 Nov. '47.

v Albert A. Worden b 18 Jan. '65.

IV. ELISHA WORDEN, 2d, b 1773, m (1st) Jane Clark, of Halifax, in 1796. They had—

1 Sally Worden b 23 June 1797, d Feb. 1827, 30 years.

2 Sylvester Worden, 3d, b Marlboro' 4 June 1799.

3 Cynthia Worden b 25 July 1801, d Dec. '63, 62 years.

Mrs. Jane Clark Worden d 1 Sep. 1803, when Elisha Worden 2d returned to Halifax, and m (2d) Elizabeth Clark of Leyden, Mass., in 1805. They had—

4 Clark Worden b 29 Dec. 1806.

5 Elisha Worden, 3d, b May 1808—and he and his mother died soon after. Then the father became insane, and remained so until he d, (13 Oct. 1853, aged 80 years,) with his son Sylvester in Marlboro'.

(2) Sylvester Worden 3d m Caroline Williams of Marlboro'. They have had six children—

i Ann Eliza Worden m J. H. Cheney of Newfane, Vt.; they have one child.

ii Gertrude Angenette Worden m Chandler Johnson of Marlboro'.

iii Henry Sylvester Worden d 17 Oct. '63.

iv Horace James Worden d 5 May '51.

v Abby Lucena Worden.

vi Jane Amelia Worden d 17 Oct. '63.

ELISHA WORDEN, 1st,

Supposed to have been youngest of the five brothers, had his ear-mark entered in Stonington, 17 8; became a freeman, 1760; settled in Halifax, on lands, adjoining Sylvester's, still owned by his family. "Elisha Worden" represented Halifax church in Shaftsbury Association, 1786. The following is what I have learned of his children:

1 Esther Worden m Jonathon Safford. They had one son (Richmond) killed by lightning.

2 Keturah Worden m ——— Thompson.

3 Elizabeth Worden m Samuel Woodward.

4 Susan Worden m Asa Smith.

- 5 William Worden m Miss — Berry ; one son was named Alanson.
- 6 Elisha Worden Jr., twenty years a Deacon of Halifax Baptist church, m Patty Hale. They had—
- i Sophia Worden, m Eld. Ephraim Gates—dead.
 - ii Malinda Worden—dead.
 - iii Richmond Worden m Betsy Sumner. They had Olive} Worden (dead) m Wm. Rose ; Daniel S. Worden m Sarah Green.
 - iv Seymour Worden m Lucina Herington. They had Lucius Worden m Maria Winn ; Gilbert Worden m Mary Campbell.
 - v Freeman Worden m Lucy Tyler. They had Emerson and Ansel Worden, dead ; Lucy Worden m — Keyes.
 - vi Edmund Worden m Almira Sumner—no children.
 - vii Mary Worden m Dwight Avery—dead—no children.
 - viii Caroline Worden m Lewis Worden. They had Roselia Worden, dead ; Francelia Worden, m Emerson French ; Marcus Worden, and Mary Worden.

Family of John Worden, 1st, and Dorothy Satterly.

[For John Worden, 2d, see pages 43 to 116.]

ELD. NATHAN WORDEN,

Born prob. in R. I., 1749, and there m Amy Waters. In 1778, a Nathan Worden in Groton. Tradition says, after his father's death, (and hearing British guns on his route,) they moved to Westmoreland, Cheshire county, in the S.W. corner of New Hampshire, 1778? A grand-mother, Hannah Morey, one of the first settlers, had some hundreds of acres of the rich Connew Meadows, which he farmed for her, and also worked at the mason trade. About 1786 he took a farm in Chesterfield, same county. For fifteen years he was the Baptist pastor in his own town, but extended his labors to Keene, Dummerston, &c. He was a noted man of prayer, of great personal worth, and much beloved. He died from summer complaint, 1 Oct. 1804, aged 55 years. When told

that death was rapidly approaching, he called the church and neighbors, sung with clear voice a familiar old hymn commencing with

"Jesus! at Thy command
I launch into the deep;
I leave my native land,
Where sin tulls all to sleep.
For Thee I would the world resign,
And sail to heaven with Thee and Thine."

He next named a text, preached an exhortation sermon, and gave the parting hand. After a time, he sent for a magistrate, who drew up his Will; he heard it read, and signed it, then said, "Now lay me down, and let me die"—and in five minutes he was no more!..... Mrs. Amy Wells Worden after a time m Lemuel Osgood, of Dover, Vt., and d in 1811, aged 84 years. Nathan Worden had 6 sons and 7 daughters. Three children died in infaney: the others were—

1 Nathan Worden, Jr., oldest, d in Chesterfield, 1795? aged 18 yrs.

2 Nancy Worden m Asa Chaffee, moved to Malone, N. Y.; they had a large family—Ashbel and Israel, twins, &c.

3 Charlotte Worden d in Chesterfield, 1800? 20 yrs.

4 Henry Worden b 25 May 1782; m Patty (or Polly) Waldo, b 17 Aug. 1786. She d 18 Nov. 1829, in her 44th year; he d 7 Dec. 1833 in his 52d year. (12 children.)

5 Melinda Worden m David Millen of Littleton, N. H. Both d, leaving 6 children—David; Melinda, m Dr. Russell of Waterford; Prudence, Harmon, and Nelson, and one d young; some arc at Littleton.

6 Gideon Worden, dead—about 18 months older than

7 Abigail Worden b 1789, m (1st) 1806, Dea. Benj. Ballard of Chesterfield, and had 11 children; on his death she m (2d) ——— Robinson of Chicopee, Mass., who d 1866. She is the only living child of Nathan Worden, and the oldest of the Worden blood I have met. She lives with her son T. F. Ballard, in Chicopee, and I found her friendly, sociable, well informed, and hearty for one of her age.

8 Susan Worden b 3 Oct. 1790; 10 May 1810, m Jos. Elliott, son of Wm. Elliott, both eminent Baptist preachers. William Elliott labored long and successfully in Southern New Hampshire, and Joseph Elliott in Western New York. Jos. Elliott d 16 Aug. 1858, in Monmouth, Warren Co., Ill., and his wife Susan d 6 Sept. 1864, aged 74 years. They had 9 children.

9 Sally Worden m Riner Osgood of Dover, Vt.; sho d in Mich., 1860, leaving 5 sons and 1 daughter.

10 Mary Worden m Rev. John R. Dodge, of Boston, Mass.; she had 4 children, and d 1826? in Middletown, Ct., where is a monument to her memory in Bap. church-yard.

(1) Family of Henry Worden and Polly Wood :

i Kimbail C. Worden b 13 Jan. 1807, in Chesterfield ; m and resides in Hinsdale, N.H.

ii Larkin Worden b 1 Dec. 1808 ; d 9 May 1837, in his 28th year, at Tyngsborough, Mass., unmar.

iii Allen Worden b 8 April 1810; Chelmsford, Mass.

iv Mary Marinda Worden, b 8 July '11 ; m — Chocney ; Newark, N. J.

v Elisha Worden b 4 June '13 ; Nashua, N.H.

vi Amanda M. Worden b 2 March '15 ; m Haywood ; Warren, Vt.

vii Diantha A. Worden b 20 Sept. '16 ; m Byron? N.O.

viii Charles Worden b 1 June '18 ; "went to sea."

ix Salmon Worden b 18 Jan. '20 ; New Ipswich, N.H.

x Eliza A. Worden b 3 Oct. '21 ; m Albert Fletcher, d ; Sutton, Mass.

xi Martha Alvina Worden, b 9 May '23 ; m 16 Mar. '41 in Newton, Mass., to Bradley Reed, b 10 May '18 ; now in shoe business at Oxford, Mass. They have had seven children—Ellen Maria Reed b 3 Feb. d 20 Sep. '42; Mary Ellen Reed, b 23 Dec. '44, m Wm. Banks, in New York, Aug. '66 ; George Henry Reed, b 22 March '47; Ella Frances Reed b 22 Nov. '49 ; Charles Bradley Reed b 20 Nov. '52 ; Emma Alice Reed b 18 Nov. '56 ; Frank Albert Reed b 16 Jan. '60.

xii Lucian Worden b 5 Sept. '26 ; d 11 Sept. '27.
All b in Chesterfield, and most have families.

(7) Family of Abigail Worden and Benj. Ballard :

i Sarah Ballard b in Chesterfield, N. H., 6 Sept. 1806 ; m James Grimes, farmer, of Keene, N.H.; both d the same day, of cholera, in Watertown, Wis., Aug. '50 ; no children.

ii Benjamin Elliott Ballard, b 18 Sept. 1808 ; m Amy Densmore, of Winchester, N.H., Mar. '36 ; he was eighteen years a merchant in Chicopee, where he d 21 July '59. They had seven children—four dead and three living, viz.: John Elliott Ballard, m Hepzibah Stephens ; Abigail Jane Ballard ; and Amy Ballard.

iii John Day Ballord b 6 Jan.'12, d of a scald 5 June '14.
 iv Samantha Ballord b 2 Mar.'14; m Franklin Thomas, farmer, in Hinsdale, N. H. They had four children—only one, Isabel, living. Two sons—Felix Carey Thomas and Frederick Thomas—both noble, pious youth, lost their lives in the Union army in the South, 1863-4; Felix C. had m Anna Nichols, and left a daughter.

v Adoniram Judson Ballord b 29 Ap., d 29 Dec., '16.

vi Emeline Ballord b 11 Jan.'18; m '39 m Royal Wyatt, machinist, of Gill, Mass.; she d 13 June '47. They buried two children, and two remain—Royal and Alonzo, both m.

vii Jane Ballord b 13 Ap. '20; m Charles H. Paul, a wheelwright, b 1808; he d 1 Dec. '46, and she d in Springfield, 4 Aug. '60. They left three sons—Charles Paul, Albert Paul, and William W. Paul.

viii Susan Elizabeth Ballord b 8 Aug. '22; m Samuel Converse, farmer and manufacturer, Agawam, Mass. They had ten children, of whom seven are living—Virgil, Isabel, Edgar, Flora, Emma, Carrie, and George (Converse.)

ix Felix Carey Ballord, b 18 Mar. '24; d 21 Nov. '32, in his 9th year, from an accidental injury. He died in the triumphs of Christian faith, exhibiting a marked maturity of moral and mental character.

x Theodore Frederick Ballord b 27 Mar.'27; m Susan Mansur, of Morgan, Vt.; machine roll maker, in Chicopee. They have buried three children—Eugene, Frederick, and Bertha, and have two living—Cora and Nelson.

xi Deborah Angelina Frances Ballord b 3 June '29; m Thomas B. Eldridge, merchant, of Southampton; she d at Greenfield, 2 May '50; her daughter, Amy Jane Eldridge, now at Lawrence, Kansas.

(8) Family of Susan Worden and Eld. Joseph Elliott :

i Julius Worden Elliott lives in Minnesota.

ii Romanzo J. Elliott d 1845, pastor of a Baptist church in Louisville, Ky.

iii Jane O. Elliott m ——— Doolittle, 1842; he d 1855; she resides in Elyria, O.; has three dau., two of them m.

iv John D. Elliott, lawyer, Jackson, Miss.

v Virgil F. Elliott, dentist, Canton, Miss.

vi Angelina Elliott m G. Nichols, near Elyria.

vii Emma Elliott m ——— Doolittle, Painesville, O.

- viii Mary Elliott m Draper Babcock, Monmouth, Ill.
- ix Louisa Elliott m ——— Green; 6 Dec.'66, he fell from a steamboat near St. Louis, and his body was not recovered; she went to Monmouth.

(10) Family of Mary Worden and Eld. John R. Dodge:

- i Eusebius Dodge was a lawyer in New York city.
- ii Iraneus Dodge, a farmer in Illinois.
- iii Angelina Dodge m ——— Salome of N. J.
- iv Mary Dodge d 1847? unm, much lamented.

JOSEPH WORDEN,

According to the traditions received through his son, Ezra Worden, left Groton, Ct., the day the Fort was attacked—6 Sept. 1781--and removed to Halifax, Vt. About 1803, he removed to Jefferson Co., N. Y., where he d 1819, aged 66 or 67. He m, before 1780, Amy or Anna Lamb, b 1756. She, I find by the records in Hopkinton, was sister and sole heir of Thomas Lamb, whose name is inscribed on the Groton Monument among the slain at the Massacre under Arnold; Thomas Lamb was 19 years old when he mingled his life's blood with that of Col. Ledyard and many others. She d in 1836, aged over 80 years. They had ten children—

- 1 Amos Worden, b 1776? d in Lorain Co., O., 1842? aged 65? had a large family there.
- 2 Thomas Worden, b 1778? d 1817, aged 40—has left no children.
- 3 John Worden, b 1782? in 1866 was living near Cold Water, Mich.—had children Joseph, John, Amasa, Wesley, Rosolvo, and Senath.
- 4 Joseph Worden, b 1787? is living at Black River, N. Y.—has two dau., Eunice and Marinda, and four grand-ch.
- 5 Hannah Worden, b 1789? d Halifax, 1800, aged 11.
- 6 Nathan Worden, b 1794? d in Troy, 1814, aged 19.
- 7 Ezra Worden, b 1796, has four ch. and four grand-ch. living by him at Felt's Mills, N. Y.
- 8 Jesse Worden, b 1798? d by falling from his barn, in St. Lawrence Co., 1833, aged 35—left three ch., two living.
- 9 Avery Worden, b 1799? was frozen to death 1811? at the age of 12.
- 10 Ellecta Worden, b 1801? d 1843? aged 42, leaving eight children now scattered in different parts.

[Ezra Worden says, "There are no sectarians among my father's family, that I know of, except two of John's sons—John and Amasa, they are priests—*all of the rest* are honest, respectable, industrious people!" I let Uncle Ezra express his own opinion.]

AN INCIDENT OF THE NEW COUNTRY.

William and Hannah Miller lived on the flats, near the Connecticut river, and were favored with good lands. About 1786 there was—at least in that section—an alarming lack of grain for family food. The Millers parted with all they could to the needy, and it came to this, that the last bushel was ground and eaten, except a baking for their own family, before any new grain had been cut. The destitution was much greater on the newer, rougher hills of Halifax. One night, late, Joseph Worden came down from Halifax, and stopped at Miller's. Hannah rose from her bed, baked her last flour by the fire, and he said he had never tasted anything so good in his life, for they had had no bread for days or weeks, and he was weak and weary. The next day, the men went into the wheat-field, picked out the ripest heads, pounded out a bushel or more, and had it ground. Hannah went to sift some, for baking, when Joseph came to her, the tears standing in his eyes, and said, "Sister, won't you put all the bran into my bag?" This proof of his family's want so affected her that she gave him more than the half—and the happy man started for his home, twenty miles distant—a job then more formidable than it now is to go five hundred miles.

HANNAH WORDEN MILLER

Moved into S.W. New Hampshire with her brother Nathan, and m Maj. William Miller about 1780. He died in Dummerston, S.E. Vermont, 1802-3, aged about 40. She lived twenty years a widow indeed, and d 1823, aged 62. They had eleven children—the youngest six months old at her father's death—viz.:

1 Fanny Miller, b 1781? d; m Henry Whitney, farmer, Dummerston, Putney, &c.—had 14 children.

2 Isaac Miller, b 1783? d; blacksmith; Dummerston, Newfae, &c.—had 1 child.

3 Charles Miller, b 1785? d; farmer; Dummerston—had 6 children.

- 4 Dolly Miller, b 1787? d ; m A. Hubbard, saddler, New Salem, Mass.—2 children.
- 5 George A. Miller, b 1789? d ; carriage maker, Dummerston and Lyndon, Vt.—10 children.
- 6 William Miller Jr. 1791? carriage maker, Dummerston and Lyndon—5 children.
- 7 Israel Miller, b 1793? d ; farmer ; Dummerston.
- 8 Col. Nathan Miller, b 1795? saddler ; Dummerston and Brattleboro'—10 children.
- 9 Asa Miller, b 1797? carriage maker ; Dummerston and Brattleboro'—2 children.
- 10 Catharine Miller, b 1799? d ; m John Wheeler, farmer, Dummerston and Granger, Alle.Co., N.Y.—4 children.
- 11 Mariah Miller, b 1802? m Abel Haven, farmer, 1820; he d in Dummerston, 1864—they had 3 children : Joel M. Haven, Rutland ; Mariah, m — Fuller, Brooklyn, O. ; and one d.

Other Families of the Worden Name.

WORDENS OF BOSTON.

[James Worden, Boston, by wife Mary, had]

- 1 Joseph Worden, b 21 March 1671.
- 2 William Worden, b 9 July 1673.
- 3 Henry Worden, b 20 Jan. 1675.

Samuel Worden m Mehitabel Hinkley, a dau. of Thomas Hinkley, who was a much-esteemed early Governor of the Colony of Plymouth. To Samuel and Mehitabel Worden was b Samuel Worden Jr, who was christened by Barnstable Congregational Church, 25 Feb. 1684-5, "he" [the father] "being a member of the First Church, Boston." Samuel Worden Sr. d early, for in 1694 John Richards, merchant, Boston, willed his niece, Mehitabel Worden, widow, £50, and her eldest child £30. Aug. 25, 1698, widow Mehitabel Worden m Samuel Avery of Dedham.

Fire in Boston, 1760—Francis Warden among the losers.

[Inscription in Granary Burial Ground, Tremont St., Boston.]

TO THE MEMORY OF

MR. WILLIAM WARDEN, PRINTER,
OB. MARCH 18, 1786, AGED 25.

William! thy mother consecrates this stone,
A mark of friendship and of love sincere,
While in her memory ever thou wilt bloom,
And in her heart for ever wilt be dear.

While private friends deplore their heavy loss,
The publick at thy death their grief display,
The usefal press no longer at thy hand
Shall to the listening world the life convey.

Yet, while we mourn, permit the briny tears
To wet thy ashes, mouldering in the dust;
Tho' snatched by cruel death in early years,
To heaven's blest realms with solid hope we trust.

1776, William Warden and family were among the last allowed to leave Boston by the British. He came to Worcester, with three children—Mariam, Samuel and Abigail.

Samuel Warden, carpenter, b 3 March 1775; d 19 Oct. 1862, in his 88th year; m (1st) Tamersin Harrington, 1796; she had eight children to him, and d 27 Nov. 1830; he m (2d) Sally Waters, 1833; she d 3 Oct. 1861. Children—

1 William Warden, baker, b 24 Mar. 1797, d Feb. 1827, in New Haven; m Eliza Ward—no children.

2 Samuel Warden Jr., carpenter, b 22 Nov. 1798; d 8 Dec. 1861; m Sarah Cutting—no children.

3 Mariam Belle Warden b 25 Aug. 1800, and d 1847; m George Cleveland, and had 7 children.

4 Henry Warden b 30 Mar. 1802, d 31 July 1817.

5 Catharine Holmes Warden b 8 July 1805; m Wilson Wheeler, 1832, and had 9 children. Orange, Mass.

6 Charles Warden, shoemaker, b 24 Feb. 1808; d 28 March 1840; m Elizabeth Manning, and had 4 children—Mary E., and Harriet, d young; Charles S., farmer, Northfield, Mass., m Mary Grout, have 2 dau.; Samuel, 3d, Fan. Market, Boston, b 1835, m Harriet E. Bartlet, had 1 son, d.

7 Nancy Warden b 13 Aug. 1810, d 19 Dec. 1813.

8 John Warden, merchant tailor, b 13 Feb. 1814; d 22 June 1865; m Narcissa Davis 11 June 1837. Had 3 children—Abbie L., b 7 Jan. 1840, m Cha's H. Carpenter, and has one child, Minnie Oler; John D., b 3 Dec. 1845, machinist; Willie A., b 2 March 1852.

A SAMUEL WORDEN FAMILY,

Who claim, by tradition, descent from Peter Worden of England, came to my knowledge since commencing this book. On page 37 will be found Samuel Worden, 3d, the fifth line from Peter Worden 1st. Daniel Worden moved to Ston., and had a Samuel in 1745. A Samuel Worden and Thankful dau. of Dr. Nathaniel Worden, in Greenwich records, have a Samuel Jr. in 1742, and he another Samuel in 1766. The name of the Samuel 3d I last saw on South Kingstown records 1740, when he and Rose his mother sold lands to James Perry. Probably Samuel 3d, Jeremiah, James, or Edmund Worden was the father of

SAMUEL WORDEN, [4th,] b 1753, in South Kingstown. In Charlestown, 1771, Samuel Worden bought 20 As from Nathan Lewis for £37, and 1773 sold Jeremiah Worden 20 As for £41. June 1, 1774, Samuel Wording, Richmond, had 2 dau. under 16. In 1780, Samuel Worden, Charlestown, bought 42½ As of Miel Salisbury for £2,700, and in 1786 40¾ As of Daniel Crandal for £365. In 1788, Christopher, Samuel, and Benjamin Worden voted against adopting the Federal Constitution. These were perhaps brothers. Samuel d 1828, aged 75 years. He had five children—

James Worden, b 1778, d Oct. 1822, aged 44 years.

Isaac Worden: one of the name ent. car-mark in Ch. 1825.

Susan Worden m Clark Green, in Ch.: both dead.

Patience Worden, and another dau., both m, and moved West, long ago.

FAMILY OF JAMES WORDEN.

He had two wives—(1st) Penelope, dau. of Benj. Worden of Charlestown, by whom he had five children:

1 Thomas Worden b 1799, d 1858, aged 59; m 16 Ap. '20, Elsie Kenyon; had 10 children—John K., Penelope A., James, Anstrus, Amey C., Nancy, Sarah, Thomas Jr, Phebe and George Worden—8 living, scattered in South R.I.

2 Benjamin Worden b in Richmond, 1801; m Sarah, a dau. of Garner, son of Christopher Worden, of Hopkinton. He has quite a family—one son, Jeremiah, in Norwich—and lost two sons in the Union Army, viz.:

Wm. H. Worden, Co. C., 3 R.I. Hy. Art., Port Royal.

Charles H. Worden, Co. A., 7th R.I. Vol., d '63, Fort. Monr.

- 3 Samuel Worden 5th, b in Charlestown, 16 Ap. 1802 ; m 28 Feb. '22, to Sally Burton, b in Preston, 4 Mar. 1802. They had eight children :
- i Samuel J. Worden 6th, b 20 Sept. '24, Oriskany, N. Y.
 - ii Sarah M. Worden b 29 Nov. '26 do
 - iii Alzina Worden b 28 Dec. '28 do
- d 19 Feb. '51, aged 22.
- iv Louira N. Worden b 9 Oct. '31, Rome, N. Y. ; m 11 Sep. '50, to P. F. Hicks.
 - v Elizabeth A. Worden b 17 Ap. '34, in Bristol, N. Y. ; m O. H. Perry Hicks ; d 19 Aug. '57, aged 23.
 - vi Mary Jane Worden b 28 Feb. '38, d 24 Feb. '61—23.
 - vii John Wes. Worden b 15 July '41, d 29 Ap. '60—19.
 - viii Francis M. Worden b 27 Nov. '43, in Bristol, N. Y.
- 4 James H. Worden, of whom I have no knowledge.
5, a child who d young.
- James Worden m (2d) Susan dau. of Jonathan Sheldon of South Kingstown, and had six more children. She m (2d) Dudley Wade Feb. '36, and d June '49. Child. of J. W.—
- 6 John Lillibridge Worden, policeman, Providence, b 23 Oct. '14 ; m Betsey A. Rounsvillo, 15 July '39 : have
 - i Ellen M. Worden, b 6 Jan. '41.
 - ii James H. Worden, b 12 March '42.
 - 7 Joseph Worden b 20 Ap. '16, d 1825, aged 9 yrs.
 - 8 Penelope A. Worden b 4 Ap. '18, m Stephen Collins, Scituate, 3 Feb. '39, and had two sons :
 - i Wm. L. Collins, b 26 Nov. '39.
 - ii Charles H. Collins, b 26 Sept. '42. Providence.
 - 9 Jonathan P. Worden b 6 Nov. '19, d 23 May '21.
 - 10 Dorcas S. Worden b 29 June '21 ; m in Killingly, Ct., 5 Dec. '41, to Andrew Benson, son of Lewis, of Brimfield, Mass. They had—
 - i Ann Maria Benson b 23 April, d 6 July '43.
 - ii Andrew J. Benson b 8 Mar. '45.
 - iii Lewis W. Benson b 22 Feb. '47.
 - iv Addie S. Benson b 28 Dec. '50.
 - v Marshall A. Benson b 14 April '54.
 - vi Arthur S. Benson b 13 March, d 7 Sept. '56.
 - vii Evelyn I. Benson b 9 Feb. '58.
 - viii Flora I. Benson b 11 Nov. '60.
 - 11 Susan P. Worden b 6 Ap. '23. Now in Mass.

WORDING IN MAINE.

[The Wait named below may have been a son of John 1st, p 10; prob. of Walter, p. 119; or of some other of our kin.]

Wait Wording (Wordeu) of Stonington, Ct., m Lydia Pomeroy, of Falmouth, Maine; he left home, and never returned. She afterwards m — Jones, and d of cancer in her breast: by her last husband she had Edward and Anna Jones, who both d in Portland. By her first husband she had WILLIAM WORDING, who resides in East Knox, and writes me a good letter, although in his 84th year, having been b in Falmouth, 16 Sept. 1784. He m (1st) Oct. 1810, Sarah True, who was b 1 Jan. 1792, and d 10 Aug. 1822, in her 31st year. They had four children—

1 William Edward Wording, b Castine, 21 Jan. 1812; graduated at Waterville College, 1836, and was afterwards Professor of Greek and Latin; 1841 to '44, Principal of Cheraw Academy, S. C.; 1845, admitted to the practice of law in South Carolina; Oct. 1847, settled in Racine, Wis.; 1850 to '62, served as Judge of the Racine County Court; LL.D. at Waterville, 1858; Sept. 1862, was appointed U.S. District Tax Commissioner for South Carolina; at Beaufort last year; had two nephews in the naval service and one in the land forces against the Rebellion; was m, 17 July '39, to Catharine, b 8 March '17, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth Lawrence, of Meredith, N.H. They had one son:

i Edward Augustus Wording, b Cheraw, 7 Nov. '46, d Racine, 23 Aug. '54, in his 8th year.

2 Charles H. Wording, master mariner, Belfast, b Castine, 16 Oct. '13; m, 1 June '38, to Hannah, b 28 May '15, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Brown) Houston, of Belfast. They had seven children:

i Charles E. Wording, b 10 July '39 in Belfast.

ii William H. Wording b 8 Aug. '41 do

iii Melvin E. Wording b 30 Dec. '42 do

iv Adella C. Wording b 8 June '46, d 16 Nov. '48.

v Anna C. Wording b 18 Aug. '49, d 20 Jan. '50.

vi Clara C. Wording b 12 Sep. '52; d 27 Mar. '54, Cuba.

vii Hannah H. Wording b 18 Feb. '55, d 1 Feb. '62.

3 Frederick Wording, master mariner, Belfast, b Castine 20 Oct. '15; m, 3 July '38, to Martha H., b 12 July '18,

dau. of John G. and Elizabeth (Miller) Brown, of Belfast.
They have two dau.:

- i Ellen F. Wording b 3 Mar. '40, in Belfast.
- ii Emma M. Wording b 26 Mar. '42 do
- 4 Charlotte E. Wording, b Belfast, 26 July '18; m, 13 Nov. '42, to Samuel F. Miller of Belfast. They have—
- i Ella S. Miller, b in Belfast, 14 Mar '44; m, 10 Sept. '65, to Tyler R. Wargatt.

- ii Jane M. Miller b 26 Oct. '48, in Belfast.

William Wording m, (2d) 11 Feb. 1824, Martha Bowen, b 26 Nov. 1786, in Wales, Me., d 8 Feb. 1865, aged 79.
They had three children—

- 5 Dean W. Wording b Bowdoinham 16 May '25; m, 29 June '55, Ellen A. Vining.

- 6 Martha Jane Wording b Dresden, 10 Feb. '28; m, to Thomas W. Bailey, in Boston, and had one daughter:

- i Anna Cora Bailey b Durham, 7 Oct. '53, d 3 May '57.

- 7 Anna Mariah Wording, b in Pittston, Me., 25 Jan. '34, m Wilber F. Fuller in Boston, and d 13 May '55, aged 21.

[Wait Worden—styled "Doctor" on account of his noted "Worden's Poultrice for Inflammations," and not from any diploma to kill or cure—lived on Niantic river, Waterford side, and I guess was much more fond of the water than of farming. It seems that in 1809 he mortgaged house and lot to Comstock, and then moved to the Genesee country? He had sons Nathaniel, joiner, b 1783? lame in one knee, who m Sophia Pember, an only dau., and had son Rodney when they moved; Sullivan; Alexander, who fell at Queenstown under Van Rensselaer; and daughters "Hitty" or Mehitabel, and Eliza.]

Having heard from my father, or uncle Wait, something about their having an uncle or great uncle Wait, in Lyme, Ct., I last August expended \$5, two terrible long, rainy days, and some patience, in working through all the Lymes and finding the single record-fact about Judy Worden on p. 38. As the last-named Wait lived near the town line between ancient Lyme and Waterford, he is probably the one upon whose supposed quiet retreat I made that big waterhaul!

See Wait R. Worden's family, p. 101 to 107.—And I believe that is all I know about the Waits.

WORDENS IN WYOMING.

"On Susquehanna's side, fair Wyoming,
Vale pure and sweet as human foot hath trod,"

Rhode Island and Connecticut early sent forth their hardy sons to plant—on the bee line West from their old, rugged, over-populated country—new homes for their increasing families. I find the names Worden, Norton and Mitchell, among the New England contestants for the newly-found Paradise, where, it was alleged, "you may plant a crow-bar over night, and it will sprout out with ten-penny nails before morning." One of the eminent proclaimers of Wyoming's fertility elicited from a wit the impromptu—

"Canaan of old, which we are told
Rained down with heavenly manna,
Wa'n't half so good for human food
As DREN makes Susquehanna."

In addition to the two Revolutionary Soldiers hereafter named, there was in Aug. 1777, a CALEB WORDEN in the 2d Independent Wyoming Company, under Col. Drake, at Morristown, N. J., and in Dec. 1777 Capt. WILLIAM WORDEN was at the head of one of the list of town officers comprising all Wyoming. I have no further knowledge of either.

A "Mr. Worden"—perhaps John of Pittston—traded in Tunkhannock, about 1800.....And there is a Presbyterian Warden family near Bloomsburg.

ANOTHER SAMUEL WORDEN FAMILY.

According to a tradition, Samuel, Peter and Joseph Worden, brothers, from England, settled near New York about 1760. On the dawn of the Revolutionary War, Peter and Joseph went to Nova Scotia. SAMUEL WORDEN, blacksmith, espoused the Whig cause, left his home at Pumping Plains, near New York, enlisted, and served in the forces which, under Sullivan, chastised the Indians after the Wyoming Massacre. Returning down the river, he died at Sunbury, Pa., leaving a wife and five children—

1. Nathaniel Worden, mason, m. Lana, a dau. of Conrad Line: in 1796, he was a taxable in Hanover, Luzerne Co., Pa. They had ten children—

i Samuel Worden m Loretta Richards ; moved from Dallas, Luzerne Co., 1853, and d in Illinois, 1856, leaving wife, 5 dau., and sons Samuel Jr. and William Worden: William lost a foot while serving in the Union army.

ii John Warden, now in Dallas, had 14 children: sons John II. Worden and Charles W. Worden d in the Union service, and were buried in Dallas, in one grave: he has a son and 7 dau. living, all m but three.

iii Peter Worden d at the age of 15.

iv Elizabeth Worden m Joseph Ryman; had 8 children, 5 living; she died in Indiana, July, 1866.

v Abraham Worden d in Dallas, 1848, and wife and 2 dau. d since: they had 9 children.

vi Nathaniel Worden Jr. d when a young man.

vii Henry Worden lives at Falls, Wyoming Co.; one son d in Rebel prison at Salisbury; has 2 sons living.

viii Joseph Worden d in Lake, Luzerne Co., 1862; left a widow, 2 sons and 4 dau.

ix Clarissa Worden m Joseph Richards, and had 4 sons and 5 dau.; now in Fremont, Ill.

x Agnes Worden d when 4 years old.

2 Peter Worden, a very large, healthy looking man, came to Hanover and d at the age of 22.

3 Samuel Worden Jr., latter, made quite a property in New York, lost it by fire, and removed to Virginia.

4 Sally Worden m Abram Line, near New York.

5 A dau., name &c. unknown.

[The above-named John Warden states that he and the following named John Worden the Centennarian, long ago made up a sort of second cousin-ship.]

JOHN WORDEN THE CENTENNARIAN.

[For most of this family history I am indebted to James Worden, son of John, who is living, hale and vigorous, in his 77th year, surrounded by the families of three of his sons, north of Factoryville, Wyoming Co., Pa.]

THOMAS WORDEN, 1st, farmer, d at or near Pawlingstown, Dutchess Co., N. Y., before the Revolution? at an advanced age; his wife, Hopestill, d about 1795, in Dutchess county.

He or his ancestors came from England ; he had brothers, and among or from them was a physician and surgeon of some eminence in Dutchess county. Of his family, James recalls names &c. as follows :

1 Thomas Worden 2d had children Zephaniah and Amariah, twins, Thomas 3d at Rensselaer's Patent, &c.

2 James Worden 1st had sons Henry, James 2d, John (accidentally killed,) and daughter Mahala ; he moved to Windfall Settlement, between Ithaca and Elmira, and was near 100 years old at his death.

3 Joseph Worden had a son, Daniel, who removed to Schenectady Co., N.Y., also a dau. Said Joseph was seen to fall dead from a wound at the battle of Brandywine.

4 Shubael Worden had a son and a dau. when he enlisted in the American army, but returned not—said to have been killed at White Plains ; has a grand-son and name-sake at Jonesville, Mich.

5 Gilbert Worden also entered the army and was lost—making three brothers who laid down their lives in the great struggle for Liberty and Independence, while John and it may be others of the family survived to enjoy the fruits of their toils and sacrifices.

6 JOHN WORDEN, THE CENTENNARY PENSIONER, was a cooper by trade. He was b 29 March, 1739, at "the Horse Neck," in the lower corner of Connecticut, near the line of York State, but moved with his father to Pawlingstown ; m, in Dutchess Co., Hannah Stark, the mother of his children, a reputed relative of Generals John Stark and Wm. Stark Rosecrans. She was a superior woman, of the Baptist order, as was also his 2d wife, whose maiden name was Preston, from Rhode Island. She m, first, — Wood ; next, — Ames, "a Revolutioner ;" and, last, John Worden. She lived to be 100 or 101 years old. Her domestic and social qualities, her cheerful disposition and Christian virtues—and particularly her garden—received the high encomiums of her near neighbor, Hon. Charles Miner, the Historian of Wyoming. (See Wilkes-Barre Advocate or Montrose Spectator, Mar. or Ap. 1840.) Their home on "The Plains," north-east from Wilkes-Barre, was surrounded by so many of his sons' houses that the place was known as "Wordentown." The town is no more, and the family have all moved away. They were more zealous hunters than farmers. Before, during, and

after the Revolution, they were everywhere among the most expert marksmen, and first in athletic feats.

What time John Worden came into the Valley I did not learn, but he was absent with other Wyoming men—at Bound Brook or Morristown—at the time of the Massacre. He afterwards returned to Dutchess county, but in 1796 his name appears among the taxables of Pittston, on lands now valuable for the coal under them. About 1830, at a large gathering of Revolutionary Heroes in Luzerne county, John Worden, aged 90, was the oldest man. Abt 1840, his wife being dead, he went to live with his son and name-sake, in Wallkill, Orange Co., N.Y., where he d, 6 Jan. 1842, *aged one hundred and two years, nine months, and nine days*. His remains lie in Mapes' burying ground, near Howell's station, with an inscribed head stone—the oldest Worden whose age I have gleaned from a grave-yard record.

[Family of John Worden Sr. and Hannah Stark.]

- i Hopestill Worden, b 2 Nov. 1773, d young. } From
 - ii Abigail Worden, b 23 Dec. 1775 do } an old
- Bible record—the oldest I obtained thus preserved.
- iii Thomas Worden b 1779? m Polly Underhill; they had 5 or 6 children—Daniel and perhaps others in Mich.?
 - iv Joseph Worden b 1781? m (1st) Diadama Burch ; (2d) Deborah Burch ; d near Ithaca ; had John and other children.
 - v Sally Worden b 1783? m (1st) Elijah Gould, and had sons Isaac, Stephen, John, and dau. Polly ; m (2d) Roswell Hale, by whom had son, Rev. Mortimer Hale of the M. E. Church, and dau. who d young ; her chil. all have families.
 - vi Polly Worden b 1787? m — Fish ; moved to Big Beaver, Warren Co., O. ; had large family.
 - vii John Worden Jr. cooper, b 1789, d in Wallkill, 19 Aug. 1861, in his 73d year. His wife, Nelly or Eleanor Underhill, d 22 April 1864, aged 70 yrs. Their son James d May 1864, left quite a family. Son Jesse, at Middletown, (by 1st wife, Julia Ann Tubbs, d 5 June 1845, in her 29th year,) had Clarinda, m — Smith, Jersey City; John A. d 26 Aug. 1844, aged 5 mo's; and a dau. d with its mother : m (2d) Baasha Nichols. Dau. Mary or Catharine Norris, Frostburg, N.Y. Dau. Malinda S. m John H. Hoyt, on Erie railroad ; son Frank was in the Union army. Dau. Margaret,

d., m James Conner : had ch. Sarah, Thomas and Winfred. Dau. Eliza d young.

viii James Worden b 31 May 1791, in Dutchess Co.; m in Pittston, 11 Sept. 1817, Olive, b 30 March 1799, dau. of Daniel Stark; golden wedding, 1867. They have had 9 children. 1, Miner Worden, b 6 Aug. 1819, d Oct. 1884, near Factoryville; m Eliza, dau. of Robert Reynolds, from R. I.; left 8 children. 2, George W. Worden, carpenter, Pittston, b 1 Feb. 1822; m Elizabeth Jumper; 4 children. 3, Carcy Worden, Binghamton, m (1st) Harriet Lockwood, (2d) Agnes Butterfield; 4 children. 4, Hiram Bircham Worden, farmer, near Factoryville, b 8 Nov. 1826; m (1st) Varny Lockwood, (2d) Mary Ann Lockwood; 6 children. 5, Hannah Stark Worden, b 14 Nov. 1828; m Brooks Campbell, Pittston; 3 children. 6, Benjamin Bailey Worden, carpenter, near Factoryville, b 28 Dec. 1832, m Lydia Stroh; 5 children; served in the Union army before Petersburg, &c. 7, John W. Worden b 15 Feb. 1834; m Rebecca Oldershaw; 3 children; Jenkins Tp., near Pittston. 8, Louisa Worden b 15 March 1837, d 27 May 1855. 9, David Mills Worden b 6 Aug. 1839; m Jennie Rennie; 2 children; ink business at 25 Courtlandt St., New York.

ix Jesse Worden b 1793; m Anna Underhill—being the third brother who mar. the third sister; d near Kinderhook, N.Y.; 5 children—in Mich.?

x Xenophon Worden b 1795, m (1st) ——— Crosburn; (2d) ———; had Edward and other chil.; near Ithaca?

xi Daniel Worden, cooper, b 1797? m (1st) ——— Knight; (2d) ———; Ithaca, or Troy, Pa.? had John and others.

xii Jemima Worden, b 1799, m ——— Knight, who d near Ware, Mass.; she has had 10 children, 4 of whom served in the late Union ranks; one, Alvah A. Knight, a graduate of Union College, is still in the Army.

[And two others died young—14 in all.]

ANOTHER PETER WORDEN, PREACHER.

About 1829, a stranger came to Hinsdale, in South-Western New York. He procured employment as a teacher in the families of Jonathan Davis and Abraham Farwell; next taught a public school; was clerk in a store; and conducted a select school in Ellicottville, the county seat. He was a

Methodist in sentiment, but there joined the Baptists, was licensed to preach, and proved an acceptable minister of the Gospel. His means were somewhat limited, and his health was infirm; but he won the love and respect of the people, as a teacher, as a man, and as a Christian. He was well cared for in his sickness, died at the house of Dea. Elijah Sill, 1835 or '6, and was buried in a ground between Hinsdale and Olean. I am not informed of his age, nor his personal appearance, except that he walked a little lame. He said he was last from New Jersey, and his younger days were clouded with some unhappy events. But I have no knowledge of the time or place or birth or of the kindred of this interesting walk on the sea of time. Before me is a school certificate written by him, and his name attached in plain, bold characters—PETER WORDEN.

LORRENZO JAMES WORDEN, OF KANSAS,

Was an actor in the struggle against Border Ruffianism, and in 1857 was elected to the Kansas Free State Legislature. He had been a teacher and farmer, and is now in a revenue office at Lawrence. He says his grandfather, Asa Worden, of Rensselaer Co., N. Y., by two wives (one a Tafts) had 12 or 13 children—Asa Jr., John T., James, Hiram, William, Clark, George, Silas, Harman, Abigail m. Thomas, Hoxie, a dau. who m. Randolph Green Esq., a Mariah, or Sally, and perhaps another. John Tafts Worden, farmer, b. 1796, m. Mariah Hadsall 1822, and d. in Friendship, N. Y., July 1866. His son Lorenzo James (above named) was b. 13 Ap. 1828, and m. Jane E. Wormley 7 June 1864. Another son, Geo. L. Worden, farmer and phot. artist, b. 1831, m. Sarah Beebe 1860, and has one child, Archie Worden.

Nearly all the children of the above Asa Worden Sen. had families, and with their descendants resided or reside mostly in New York State. They are quite athletic men, rather sandy haired, and look like Scotchmen or Irishmen, but are so Radical that they resent even a hint of Erinism!

A George Worden of Galway, N. Y., has son D. C. Worden in Amsterdam, N. Y., and also Hiram Worden—who served in Co. F., 27th Mass.—in Westfield, Mass.

something of a Tabularium of Wordens.

In addition to the dates and facts which are incorporated in the foregoing pages, I give the following, mostly from Town Records. I have not copied every item, yet I tried to get all such as I judged might serve to aid some of the Worden name in tracing back their ancestry.

[Additional records in South Kingstown.]

- 1736—James W. of Westerly sold Jeremiah Collins of S. K.
 1740—Jere. and Hannah W. Collins sold Jeremiah W.
 1797 and 1811—Benjamin W. bought in S. K.
 1815—Christopher W. of Hopkinton bought in S. K.

[Westerly.]

- 1731—Samuel W. of S. K. bought, and in
 1734 do sold to Jeremiah W. of S. K.
 1738, Charlestown (and Richmond) taken from West'y;
 1755—Nathaniel and Walter W. of Stonington bo't in W.
 1757, Hopkinton taken from Westerly.
 1758—Ebenezer W. of Stonington bought in Westerly.
 1763—Benjamin W. do do

[Charlestown.]

- 1745—Jeremiah W. bought of Thomas Ninegret, or "King
 Tou," the last monarch of the Narragansett Indians.
 Gilcon W. bought of Anna Lewis.
 1746—James W. bought of Champlin.
 1747, Richmond taken from Charlestown:
 1750—Jeremiah W. bo't of Wilcox of S. K.
 1759— do Caleb Church 21 As for £1410.
 1760— do Tho's Arnold 20 As, £1650.
 1763— do Tho's Ninegret 96½ As, £1930.
 1766— do do 250 As, £50.
 1767— do do 41½ As, £12.
 1769—Benjamin W. bo't of Jeremiah W., 31½ As, £15.
 1772—Christopher W. bo't of Jonathan Hall 23½ As, £90.
 1773—Benjamin W. bo't of James Petty 40 As, £150.
 1785— do Benony Tindal 1 As, £20.
 1787—Christopher and William W. entered their earmarks.
 1823—Gardner S. W. entered his earmark.

[Richmond.]

- 1749, May 16—John W. Sen. and wife Dority, of Westerly, then residing in Exeter, mortgage 150 As to Cal. Church.
 " James W. to Westerly from Richmond.
 1767—Benj. Hall sold Jeremian W., cordwainer, of Richmond, gristmill, &c. and (1771) Jeremian and Abigail W. sold gristmill &c. to Joshua son of Wm. Clark.
 1772, Oct. 18—Gideon Worden of Portsmouth bo't 80 As of David Allen, and (1773) sold back 68 As.
 1773—Samuel W. of Ch. bo't 68 As of Hannab[W.] Collins.
 1774—Benjamin W. of Ch. bo't 33 As of John do
 " do do 33 As of Jedediah do
 1780—Christopher and Mary W.—Benjamin W.
 1794—Benjamin and Sarah W. of Ch. sold R. Pettis 5 As.
 1797—Benjamin W. Jr. of Charlestown sold J. Vallat 25 As.
 1810— do of Rich. sold Gardner W. of Ch.
 Later records not copied—a Thomas, Wait or Asa Worden reported at or near Brand's Iron Works, Wyoming P.O.

[Hopkinton.]

- 1757—Walter W. admitted freeman.
 1761—Benjamin W. of Stonington, freeman.
 1766-7—John W. [West'y?] bo't of John and Wm. Satterly.
 1761, Oct. 4—William W. of Ston. m Mary Burns (Byrns) of Portsmouth: they had—Mary, b 20 May 1766; Sarah ^{ent.} b 10 Sept. 1767; Ann (or Nancy) b 19 Aug. 1769. His ¹⁷⁷² Will, approved 10 Jan. 1791, names wife Mary, and sons Ebenezer, William, Isaac, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Walter. Mary prob. m Lebbeus Coon, Sarah m a Kenyon, and Ann m Gardner Worden.
 1794—Gardner and Nancy W. of Charlestown to Christopher W. of Ch. m Hop.
 1799—Warren Worden, freeman.
 1802—Christo. and Mary W. to Nathaniel and Warren W.
 1813—Benjamin W. and Benjamin W. Jr. of Richmond.
 1814— do Jr., freeman.

There are other legal transactions entered—1815, of Christ. and Mary W.; 1827, Christ. W.; abt 1837, Benj. W. died; 1831-6, Asa W. appears; 1834, Gardner and Lucy W.—&c. I was told, at "Hopkinton City," there were a Benjamin and Asa W. in the north end of the town—but I could not hunt them, and was assured that they indulged in fishing and farming more than in pedigrec.

[Stonington.]

- 1711, Jan. 3—Elizabeth, dau. of — W., christened, Cong. Ch.
 1726-7, March 19—Mary dau. of Judah W. [Westerly?] b.
 1731—Daniel W., late of S.K., bo't of Daniel Denison. His
 children were—Peleg, b 26 Sept. 1732; Daniel Jr, b
 29 May 1736; Mary, 11 July 1738; Hannah, 24 July
 1742; and Samuel, 4 Ap. 1745.
 1738, Ap.—Joseph Pendleton and Sarah [Worden?] his wife
 release to his brother William W. of Ston.
 Amos W. of Newport, cordwainer.
 1745—Daniel Butler to Benjamin W.
 1747—Daniel Button to William and to Ebenezer W.
 1757—Walter W. of R.I. to Isaac W. of Ston.
 1758—Ebenezer W. to Nathaniel W.
 1761—Benjamin W. to William W.
 1762—Israel Bromley to Walter W. for £2,500.
 1767—Nathaniel, Isaac, and Walter W. named.
 1772—James W.'s earmark entered; Feb. 1774, James W.
 m Zeruah Hewitt; (date not taken) James W. Jr. d
 in Groton, and [his bro.?] Joseph W. appointed Adm.
 1778-82—Benjamin, Nathaniel and Walter W. named.
 1784—Walter W., laborer, of New London.
 1791—Mary, wife of Benjamin W.
 1794—Will of James W. of Groton names wife Thankful,
 son Joseph, Ex'r, dau. Thankful, dau. Hopedstill Tan-
 ner, Mariam Lake, and grand-dau. Martha W.

Record of Freemen in Stonington (incomplete)—Thomas
 and William W. in 1730; Nathaniel 1760; Walter 1764;
 James 1768; Daniel 1770; Joseph (p. 137?) 1775; a 2d
 Nathaniel and a 2d Walter in Sept. and a 3d Walter in Dec.
 1777; and Henry 1809. Said Henry W. m Rebecca Col-
 lins, and has son, Collins Worden, in Groton.

[Groton.]

- 1795—Thankful W.'s pers. property to her dau. Thankful.
 1802—James W. buys of his sister Thankful, and he with
 John Foster covenants that graves be not plowed down.
 " Selectmen of Groton to Nathaniel W. and Jos. Crumb.
 1808—Nathaniel W. m Phebe Crumb: he abandoned his
 family—Nathaniel Jr. d at sea; Eliza d when abt 18,
 much lamented; Madison followed his father, West.
 Some years ago, Content Worden, m Weldon, had a dau.
 Content, who left a legacy to First Bap. Ch. Groton (Mystic.)

[North Stonington.]

- 1810—Lewis W. of Preston bo't and sold with Jn Baldwin.
 1813—Eulings W. of No. Ston. to Stephen Slocum of Hop.
 1818—Nabby W. quit-claims right of father Amos C. Main.
 1826—S.L. and R.R. Avery quit-claim to widow Nabby W.
 1843—Robt and Lucinda W. of N.Y. quit-cl. to John Main.
 1861—Geo. W. Main to Wm. D.W. of Charlestown.
 1867—Wm. D.W. of Hopkinton buys and sells.

[Stamford and Greenwich records.]

- 1720—"Dr. Nathaniel Worden, resident of Stamford," bo't of Jonathan Whelpley on Mianus river [Coscob?] town of Greenwich, which includes "the Horse Neck" on its west border. He bought other lands also.
 1737—Will of Dr. Nath'l W., Greenwich, proved 1741, names wife Margaret, sons Rogers, Gabriel, Daniel, Nathaniel Jr., Jobe, daughters Elizabeth m to Jonathan Merritt, Thankful m to Samuel W., Hopestill, and Margaret. He owned "Captain's Island;" Great Captain's Island was in dispute between Ct. and N.Y.; now has on it a U. S. light-house. Job was alive in 1753.
 "List of East Society," 1739—Nathaniel W. £31, Job W. £39.13s, Samuel W. £54 and £6, Daniel W. £25.
 Children of Samuel [and Thankful] Worden—Mary, b 10 Jan. 1735; Phebe, b 11 Feb. 1737; Rebecca, b 21 July 1740; Samuel Jr. b 30 Sept. 1742; Amos, b 12 Ap. 1745; Anna, b 23 Dec. 1747; Charity, b 21 June 1750; Mercy, b 30 Jan. 1755; Isaac, b 1 Nov. 1759.
 Samuel W. Jr. had a son Samuel, b 11 Sept. 1766.
 Rogers Worden was m to Elizabeth Holmes by Rev. Mr. Todd. They had—Roger Jr. b 8 Feb. 1748; Gilbert, b 23 Mar. 1750; Elizabeth, b 18 Mar. 1752; Abigail, b 11 Feb. 1754. The father d 19 April 1754. Elizabeth, guard. of Roger Jr., 1763. Roger W. of North Castle, West Chester Co. N.Y. sold, 1773. Roger W. Adm'r of Elizabeth W., dec'd, both of Greenwich, 1774.
 1788.—Samuel Worden of West Chester Co., N.Y., sold.
 1816—Hannah, Adm. of Isaac Worden, dec'd.

[Prior to the Revolution, in New York State, Wills and Deeds were probably recorded in New York or Albany. I find in N.Y. Docum. Hist, 1766, petition of Jerusha, widow of James Worden, Jr., late of West Chester Co.

[West Chester county records, at White Plains.]

- 1791—George W. bought of Sylvanus Merrit and wife.
 1793—James W. and wife sold to Valentine W. and wife.
 1806-14—James W. and wife sold to Isaac W.
 1824—Isaac W. and wife to Marg., Mary, and Nath'l C. W.
 1827—Jonas A. W. and Stephen W. bought.
 1831—Will of George W., late of Mt. Pleasant, names wife Lucretia, son Ananias, George, William, Henry, dau. Elizabeth, Sarah, Lucretia, Clarissa.
 1841—Will of Isaac W., late of Harrison, names sons Amos of New York, James of Rye, Henry of Blamuroneck, Nathaniel C. of Harrison, dau. Charity Hare of Harrison, Margaret M. wife of Joná. C. Gednéy of Rye, and Thomas Palmer's children.
 1850—Will of James Worden, late of Harrison, names wife Elizabeth, son Amos of Rye, Isaac of New York, and other persons not of the name.
 1851—Will of John Worden of North Castle, names wife Sarah, and heirs named Ronelson and Mangle.
 1851—Will of Willet W. of Bedford names sons Hyatt, Joseph, James, Willet 2d, and a Mr. Rusco.

Other Wordens named on record—Jonas A., John Drake, Deborah, Jehiel, Lydia, Eliza, Phebe, Harriet, Newman, Emily, Gilbert, Melinda widow of William, &c.

[Dutchess county records, at Poughkeepsie.]

- 1801—Justus W. of Pawlingstown bo't of W. Ferris and wf.
 1806—Justus W., Justus W. Jr. and Sarah his wf sold.
 1807—Will of [Doctor?] Nathaniel W. of Pawlingstown—three farms, comprising 320 acres, and a mill—names wife Sarah, dau. Deborah Perry, Dernius Smith, Sally or Sarah Winters, Lucy Avery [wf of Abraham?], sons Marshall, Daniel or David, Deliverance, Silas, Israel, Stephen, and grandson William, son of Moses, d?
 1822—Alanson W. of Fishkill bo't of Obad. Bowne's Ex'rs.
 1825—Valentine W. of Kent, Putnam Co., bo't of Thomas W. and Lurana his wf two tracts in Fishkill, \$4,250.
 1827—Valentine W. and Maria his wf agreement with widow Lurana W., and Sarah Jemima, William, James, and Amanda, children of Thomas W. dec'd.
 1828—Samuel M. W., of Clinton, blacksmith, sold per. prop.
 1845—Will of John W., of Fishkill, names children—Euclid, Priscilla Yates, John, Robert, Margaret Massey, Thomas, Walter, Mary Ann, Elizabeth—last two, unm.

1853—Susan W., Pawlingstown, wills to her mother Elizabeth, and her niece Susan C.

[Orange county records, at Goshen.]

1821 and on, Daniel Warden bought; was a jeweler, Goshen, and left family there; a son, Abijah B. W., Philad.

1840—Stephen Worden, Newark, N.J., bo't lot in Newburg.

OTHER MARRIAGES.

1726-7, Jan. 1—Abigail Wordin m Jeremiah Main, Ston'n.

1754, Nov. 24—Hopestill dau. of James Worden of Richmond m to David Tanner of Westerly, by Step. Richmond, J.P.

1761, Oct.—Content Worden m Jonathan Whilden, Ston.

1762, Feb.—Benj. Worden, Hopk., m Mary Davidson, Ston.

1770, Dec. 6—Joseph Worden m Rachel Grant, Stonington.

1783, Nov.—Henry Worden m Sarah Irish do

1785, May—Thomas Worden m Eunice Crandall do

1793—Gardner son of Christopher Worden m Nancy dau. of William Worden, (Charlestown records.)

1824, Oct. 14—Benj. Worden of Hopkinton m Dorcas Austin of Westerly, by Eld. Asher Miner, (North Ston. rec.)

1836—Daniel Worden, Maple Grove, Mich., m Julia Stiles, Windsor, Ct.

1839—Nathaniel S. Worden, Bridgeport, m F. Augusta Leavenworth, Waterbury.

1851—John W. Worden m Eliza Goddard, both Waterbury.

1859, Aug.—Wm. J. Shepardson (24) of Hopkinton m Phebe A. Worden (18) of Richmond.

1860, Dec.—Hezekiah Larkin (26) of Richmond m Dorcas F. Worden (21) of Hopkinton.

Widow Rebecca (Ladd) Armstrong, b in 1807, m (2d) in 1846, Ambrose, son of Nathaniel Worden, Van Buren, N.Y. At Belle Isle in 1857. They had Elijah, Diantha, William M., Lucy Viola, Abbie and Ambrose Jr.

Robert Warden, from Scotland, settled in Onondaga Co., N. Y. His son, of same name, now at Green Oak, Mich. Kingsley Scott Bingham, formerly Governor, who died (1861) U. S. Senator from Michigan, m Margaret and (2d) Mary, daughters of Mr. W., Sen.

Capt. Robert Warden, late H.R. from Westmoreland Co., Pa., who died 1862, while in the Union service under Gen. John W. Geary, was also of Scotch origin.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

A first effort of this kind is always imperfect. Each of my numerous correspondents writes in his or her particular style, mostly new to me; many of them state from memory or hear-say; and even in copying, obvious errors occur. I may have misapprehended some letters and figures. And the most vigilant eye is sometimes at fault. Below I point out such errors of the press &c. as I have noticed, together with some information lately received.

Page 14, line 16, "24" should be 25.

Page 18, line 3, "Worton" shd be Wortun.

Page 28, line 5, "South" shd be North Kingstown.

Page 32, lines 10—12, "1639" shd be 1638; "9th" shd be 5th; "hatter" should be Patent.

Page 34, line 12, "51" shd be 49.

Page 45, line 24, "22" shd be 24.

Page 50, 3d line from bottom, "Erastus" shd be George

Page 52, line 5, Woodruff A. Hamlin served in the Union army Aug.'63 to Aug.'65; m Lydia A. Miller 4 Oct.'66.

Same page, line 10, Ellen J. Curtis b '62, not '61... Add v Worden Curtis b 4 Feb.'68.

Page 56, line 13, "106" shd be 105.

Top of page 59, Banter shd be Banta.—Wm.M.Gardner d 19 Nov. '67, aged 50 years, after a few hours' illness, in Nevada, Vernon Co., Mo., where the family had removed. "He died as he lived, an affectionate, humble Christian."

Page 60, line 13, Adolphus Cæsar Gardner enlisted in the 29th Mo. instead of 15th.

Additions to pages 62—64: Hannah, dau. of Aaron and Lydia Osborn, b 29 Feb. '19, in Meigs Co., O. Lymaa S. Chittenden also traveled the White Water, Washington, Corydon, Georgetown, and New Market circuits, and was Presiding Elder eight years. Their children's record is corrected as follows:

i Lucina b 24 Nov. '38, m 11 March '57, d 9 May '58.

ii Louisiana b 31 July '40, m 27 Oct. '59.

- iii Mary b. 25 Jan. '42, m 16 Aug. '60, has dau. 6 yrs old.
- iv Longinus b 5 Sept. '43, d 30 June '44.
- v Lydia b 13 June '45, teaches school.
- vi Elizabeth b 7 Aug. '47, d 19 July '53.
- vii Viola b 27 Oct. '51, d 11 March '66.
- viii George b 28 Dec. 55.
- ix Leonidas b 15 May '58.

(Compare the above—taken from the Book, as I suppose—with the figures furnished by the father from memory—p. 63, '4—and see the superiority of written evidence!)

Page 76, after line 30, add—Charles W. Bitgood m (2d) 25 March '68, by Rev. Silas Weaver, to Rebecca Bentley.

Page 85, John Worden's death occurred on Tuesday, not Monday.

Page 90—Henry W. and Sarah S. J. Chatfield have
i Mary Janet Chatfield, b 30 Dec. '67, Otis, Mass.

Page 92, line 20—Polly Smith was b in Nov. 1819; d in Smyrna on her 34th birth-day.

Page 94—Vernon Isaac Worden b 4 April '47, enlisted in 22d N.Y. Cav. and d in camp 3 March '64.

Pages 104, '5—Joseph Thyne, born of Scotch parentage in Albany city, 20 Nov. '31; educated in College at Schenectada, and Seminary at Xenia. Joseph Thyne and Mary Worden were m 14 May 1861. They have

- i William Thomas Thyne b 15 Aug. '63. Springfield, N.Y.
- James A. and Mary R. Worden have
i Mary Worden b Dec. '67, Oswego, N.Y.

Page 119—Abial Worden had also dau. Martha Worden, m Nathan Cook of Orange Co., moved to Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y., thence to Northern Ohio.—Pardon Worden had five sons. 1, Semy, b in Orange Co., d in Mich., had sons William, d, Pardon 2d, and Oliver Perry, and several dau. 2, Ebenezer, d in Phelps, N.Y., 1823, leaving ch. William, Semy, and Eliza. 3, Pardon Jr, removed from Niagara to Mich.: had ch. Whitney, John, Nathan, Samantha, and perhaps others. 4, David, b in Sullivan Co., d young. 5, Abia P, b 6 Ap. 1806, m Clarissa Carrier 11 Dec. 1832.

Page 126, line 4, Warren Smith Esq. is grandson of Elisha Worden instead of Peter.

Page 152, line 23, "1761" shd be 1764.

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I had intended making a more complete index, referring to every place and person named (except those of our kin comprising the body of the book.) But I am wearied, and can delay no longer. Should life and strength be given, I hope to forward every patron a fuller index, to insert here.

Please return the accompanying envelope, with your corrections, &c.....For the present, FAREWELL! O.N.W.

[To be fixed in after page 160 of "Worden Fam. Record."]

Supplementary Letter—1869.

LEWISBURG, Pa., Jan. 1869.

After issuing the foregoing work, I took a "west-by-nor'-west" tour, stopping over Sundays as follows: Pittsburg, Jun: 28; Cincinnati, July 5; Hartsville, Ind., July 12; Anderson, July 19; Bushnell, Ill., July 26; Roseville, Aug. 2; M'Henry, Aug. 9; St. Joseph, Mich., Aug. 16; Ionia, Aug. 23; Union City, Aug. 30; Elyria, O. Sept. 6; Ravenna, Sept. 13; West Kendall, N Y., Sept. 20; Utica, Sept. 27; Smyrna, Oct. 4; Lewisburg, Oct. 11.

If I have correctly estimated, my travels covered 3393 miles and occupied 106 days, or an average of 32 miles per day, the longest day's ride without a change of cars being the 248 miles between Pittsburg and Xenia. The expense of fares, lodgings and refreshments was about \$200—near \$2 per day, or 6 cents per mile. Boarding, 0 to \$5 per day. I was permitted to greet 250 Worden and 50 Norton relatives—slept in 60 different houses, ("short calls," you see, not averaging two days or nights in a place)—visited 180 public and private edifices, in eleven States and in Upper Canada—and returned in time to put in my "mite" at the October election. Several families were so far away from my line that I had not time to reach them. I was kindly entertained, although weariness and heat in the first part, and the rains in the last part detracted much from mutual enjoyment. As health was my object, I kept moving, and avoided night and Sunday traveling, drank tea and coffee and but little of water, and was careful of dress and food. I was spared from any particular sickness, and find (I hope) some recovery of strength.

Errors—some of them my own, and others not—have been made known to me in several family records. The more important corrections and additions are as follow :

Page 24—Alvah and Warren T. Worden Esqs were sons of Nathan Worden, who was b in Stonington, 1768, and m Sarah Palling in Old Fairfield.

49—add at bottom : vi Rose Webster b 21 March '67.

50—line 5, add : Sarah A. Cook m Orrin Prescott '67.

" line 11 should be erased.

" line 15, nine should be three.

53—Mrs. Mary Burges was prostrated by paralysis last Oct.

54—line 36 : Dr. John W. Mitchell, b '25. Harrisburg, Ill.

55—Mrs. Mary A. Chittenden was b 1801, not 1799.

56—Henry H. Mitchell removed to Grasshopper Falls, Ks.

57—All the (eight) living sons and sons-in law of Wm. C. Mitchell were in the Union army.

" Priscilla Mitchell d June '45.

" Byron Mitchell d Aug. '60.

58—after line 29 : a second child d young.

60—James W. Gardner m Mary Hotchkiss, Ap. '68. Vevay.

62—Arthur T. Chittenden m (1st) Julia Hinman.

64—after line 29, add : x Willie Chittenden b Dec. '67.

65—line 4 : Alma Lucina Shuey b 25 Oct. '61, in Westfield.

70—after line 36 : viii Martha A. Andress b May '58, d March '59, in Burlington.

" line 59 : Mary A. Miller m Theodore Dankworth, '67 ; their child b '68. Dodgeville, Iowa.

71—after line 13 : another child b 1867 or '8.

" " 21 : another dau. b '68.

" " 27 : another child b 1867 or '8.

" " 30 : another son b '68.

74—line 26 : James Gorton d Ap. '68.

87—Aurelia E. and Henry B. Richards removed to Derby.

88—after line 15 : Lulu Hall b '68.

" line 25 : Eliza M. Worden m Erastus W. Hiff

90—line 24 : King G. Nevers d Bellefontaine, Sept. 25, '68.

" after line 30 : Olney King Nevers b 28 Feb. '68.

96—line 14, should be 1863 instead of 1867.

98—Avis and Wm. V. Gardner had dau. *Hannah Gardner*, who d young.

104—line 25 : John M. C. Worden had been m.

- 105—after line 9 : a twin-son, d young.
 107—after line 27 : 7 son b July '68.
 116—the additions from page 157 onwards make **963** total, and 2 fam. on p. 72, 2 on 91, and 1 on 93, to hear from.
 118—Roxa Warner Worden, widow of Seth, gives additional family items and corrections.
 125—line 32 : Judah Worden had son Bucklin, whose son Allen was a Presidential Elector in Wisconsin in 1864 and '68, and therefore voted directly for Lincoln and Grant, as most of us did indirectly.
 126—Mrs Philinda W. Dean d 2 Sept. '68, aged 70 yrs.
 131—Frank L. Worden, son of Rufus, at Missoula, Mon.T.
 136—Amy J. Eldridge m — Pigge, lawyer, '67 ; she d 18 June '68
 137—John Worden removed to Russell, St. Law Co., N.Y.
 141,'2—Further items and corrections : Susan P. Worden m Andrew Benson ; Dorcas S. Worden not m.
 155 —George Worden was father of Ananias, who was father of Capt. John L. Worden (of the Monitor,) now at Dresden in Saxony for his health.
 157—Lydia A. Haunlin d 25 Aug. '68, aged 21 years ; her child d 4 Sept. '68, aged 23 days.
 158—line 27, a & d : ii another son, b '68.
 —I have also further items from some known branches of our family, and others of our name, for future use.

An incomplete search has given me the names of Revolutionary Soldiers &c. as follows : WORDENS—Sylvester, Jesse, Roger, Billings, Wait, John, Gilbert, Arnold, Thomas, Isaac, Daniel, Ichabod, James, Joseph, William, and a widow Dorcas. WARDENS—James, Samuel, Thomas, Joseph, Nathan, William and his widow Sarah, Benjamin, Wm. B., and Darius a "deserter." WORTHEN—Stephen, Michael, Isaac, and a widow Judith. James Verdon. There was no uniformity in spelling the name, by those who kept records officially.

The following adhered to England in that contest : Jarvis Worden of North Castle, N.Y. ; Samuel Worden of Murderkill, Del. ; and a Jeremiah Worden. Also John Warden, a Virginia lawyer, and James, Joseph and Wm. Warden, Boston.

A cursory examination shows over 100 of our name from New York, 50 from Michigan, &c., among the forces which suppressed the Slaveholders' Rebellion.

This work has cost me much time and money, and I am desirous of receiving what compensation I may, especially so long as I have no strength to engage in any active and remunerative business. All who feel free to do so, I request at once to recommend the book to family friends, for their information and for their and my benefit.

The 12th of November next makes One Hundred years since the marriage of our grandparents, John and Elizabeth Worden. Were I burdened with wealth, I would before that day see a suitable monument erected to them near Worden's Pond. I desire as complete and correct a record of their posterity (and those intermarrying) as I can get, before Nov.

See foot of page 21. I have received about one hundred photographs of members of the Worden family, and many more are promised. Please forward as requested.

I repeat my desire to hear, at least once a year, of every family's changes—and further information respecting them. Inquiries I will cheerfully answer, as far as I may; but as my correspondence embraces hundreds, and I can not write as easily as formerly, I must be excused for brevity. Stamps for pre-payment would not be refused. O. N. W.