ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

JOSEPH WHITE,

BORN MARCH 29, 1752. DIED APRIL 25, 1835.

A Memorial of Elder John White, one of the First Settlers of Hartford, Conn., and a part of his Descendants.

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INTRODUCTION.

In 1860 there was published for the family a volume of "Memorials" of ELDER JOHN WHITE, which is now out of print, as only a limited number were issued. It was compiled by Rev. Allyn S. Kellogg, assisted by Mr. Norman White, of New York, Henry White, of New Haven, Conn., and others. The work consisted of 321 pages, giving an account of 541 families named White and 458 families of which the mothers were Whites, and mentioning in all 2,224 descendants of Elder John. This included only those in the male line of descent and at this day would undoubtedly be many thousands.

It would be impossible as well as unnecessary to trace each family and their descendants up to date; so, beginning with Elder John White, we follow the direct line of male descent through five generations until we find the family of Joseph White. (Fam. 6.) From that point both male and female branches of the family are recorded. The first portion of this work is copied mainly from the book of Memorials described above, with a few additions and corrections.

With the help of the following paragraphs the arrangement of each family will be readily understood.

The name of the head of a family is followed by a biographical notice, giving the following particulars, as far they

could be ascertained: The place and date of birth; occupation, and other notes worthy of mention. The figures in parenthesis, after the name of his father, refer back to the number of the family in which an account of his father may be found. The names of the husband and wife are printed in small capitals. The account of the wife is intended to show her full name; dates of birth and death, with age at death; name of her father and maiden name of her mother-

The names of his children are printed in italics, and are numbered in the order of birth, with the date of birth, marriage and death. On the right side of the page, against the name of each son who had a family is placed a number in parenthesis, referring forward to the number of the family in which an account of the son may be found. In the first part this applies only to those in the direct line of the ancestors of Joseph White, while in the latter part it applies to both sons and daughters who have familes.

The several marriages of a person who was more than once married, are designated by the numbers, "1st," "2d." &c., placed directly after the word "married," or after "m." the attraviation of married. The maiden surname of a married female is sometimes placed in a parenthesis, between her christian name and the surname she acquired by marriage.

Besides the abreviations in common use, the following are frequently employed in this work: b. for born; bap. for baptized; m. for married; d. for died; ae. for aged; fam. for family; and dau. for daughter.

In presenting this book to the members of the family and those interested, the compiler would ask that the margins and blank pages be used for making additional notes and corrections, as they occur.

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JOSEPH WHITE.

1752-1835.

ELDER JOHN WHITE was one of the first settlers of Cambridge in Massachusetts, of Hartford in Connecticut, and of Hadley in Massachusetts. Neither the time nor the place of his birth is known. From the ages of his children, and the time of his death, it may reasonably be inferred that he was born between the years 1595 and 1605. His connection with the Reverend Thomas Hooker and his church renders it probable that he had known and valued Hooker's ministry in Eng-Chelmsford,—the county-town of Essex County, land. about thirty miles north-east of London, was the seat of Hooker's labors; and it has been plausibly conjectured, oy historians, that the company who attached themselves to him were mostly from Chelmsford and its vicinity. An examination of the parish register of Chelmsford shows that the name of White was a common one in that town; but there is no satisfactory evidence connecting the subject of this sketch with any of the families named in the parish register.

The first certain knowledge we have of John White is as a passenger in the ship Lyon, Captain Peirce, which sailed from London, England, about the twenty-second of June, 1632, and

arrived at Boston, in Massachusetts, on Sunday, the sixteenth day of September following, after a voyage of eight weeks from the Land's End; although the passengers had been twelve They had five days of east wind and fog, but weeks aboard. no disaster. There were one hundred and twenty-three passengers, of whom fifty were children, all in health. The names of thirty-three adult passengers are reported, including the name of John White. He was doubtless accompanied by his family, which then consisted of his wife and at least two children. Many of the passengers belonged to the company of the Reverend Thomas Hooker, who was prevented from coming with them by the attempts of his enemies to arrest him, but who came in the following year. About a month before the arrival of the Lyon, that part of Mr. Hooker's company which had come over before, and had located at Braintree, removed to Cambridge, then called Newtown; that township having been assigned to them, by the General Court of Massachusetts, for their settlement. Then, at Cambridge, our John White found his first home in this western world. His homelot, with his dwelling house, was on the street then called Cow-Yard Row. This homelot contained about three-quarters of an acre of land, and was early allotted to him, together with about thirty acres of farming land. On the 5th of August, .1633, threequarters of an acre more, near his homelot, was granted to him by the town, for a cow-yard. "Gore Hall," the beautiful library building of Harvard University, probably now graces this cow-vard. If not on the identical site, it is, beyond a doubt, very near to it. The location and quantity of his allotments of land indicate that, in his contribution to the common stock of the settlement, he was in a middle place; neither among the wealthier nor the poorer class. It is a fair inference from this fact that his condition in England, as to property, was an easy one, and that no necesity of outward circumstances drove him from his comfortable English home to the privations and perils of a wilderness.

He was admitted a freeman of Massachusetts on the 4th of March, 1633. In February, 1635, the town of Cambridge made its first election of a board of seven men 'to do the whole business of the town.' These officers were afterwards called "Townsmen," and "Selectmen." John White was one of the

number chosen. His associates were John Haynes, Simon Bradstreet, John Talcott, William Westwood, William Wadsworth, and probably James Olmsted; all of them prominent and influential men.

About this time, Mr. Hooker and his people began to feel straitened in their accommodations, and determined to find a new home, with more room for their friends whom they were still expecting from England, and for the full enjoyment of their religious privileges. They selected the Valley of the Connecticut, and having obtained a reluctant consent from the government of Massachusetts, which appreciated their influence and enterprise, they began immediate preparations for removal. A new company, which arrived in 1635, with the Rev. Thomas Shepard for their minister, purchased the estates and improvements of Mr. Hooker's company, and continued the settlement of Cambridge. John White sold to Nicholas Danforth, on the 20th of October, 1635, his house and homelot, with most of his outlands; and on the 30th of May, 1636, another parcel of meadow and pasture, In this last deed, of May 30th, he describes himself, by anticipation, as "of the new towne upon Quinetacquet River," and the land which he conveys, as "in Newtowne in the Massachusetts." On the 1st of March, 1642. he conveyed to Nathaniel Sparrowhawke a house and seven acres of land, on the south side of Charles River; probably the last parcel of his Cambridge "accommodation."

In June, 1636, the main body of the company, with whom, most probably, was our John White with his family, effected their removal to the Connecticut. A vivid idea of what he and his companions experienced in this migration is best obtained from the graphic but simple narrative of the historian, Trumbull:—"About the beginning of June, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Stone, and about a hundred men, women and children, took their departure from Cambridge, and travelled more than a hundred miles through a hideous and trackless wilderness to Hartford. They had no guide but their compass; made their way over mountains, through swamps, thickets, and rivers, which were not passable but with great difficulty. They had no cover but the heavens, nor any lodgings but those which simple nature afforded them. They drove with them a hundred and sixty head of cattle, and by the way subsisted on the milk of

their cows. Mrs. Hooker was borne through the wilderness upon a litter. The people generally carried their packs, arms and some ute sils. They were nearly a fortnight on their journey. This adventure was the more remarkable, as many of this company were persons of figure, who had lived, in England, in honor, affluence, and delicacy, and were entire strangers to fatigue and danger."

In the records of Hartford John White appears as one of the original proprietors. His allotments consisted—as nearly as can be determined from the records-of his house lot, containing about two acres, of about forty acres of meadow, about thirty-two acres of upland, ten acres of swamp, and one hundred and fifty acres of upland at Hockanum, east of the Great River. Of one hundred original proprietors, there were only eighteen whose share was larger than his. His homelot was on the east side of what is now called "Governor Street," formerly "Cole Street." and was about ten rods south of the Little River. The present name of this street was given to it from the circumstance that four of the original proprietors whose homelots were on this street, and within a stone's throw of each other, became Governors of Connecticut. John White's house was next to that of Governor Hopkins, and near to that of Governor Wyllys. The famous Charter Oak, already past its maturity, and beginning in its decay to construct the hollow which preserved the Charter of Connecticut from the grasp of its enemies, stood on the lot of Governor Wyllys; and its lengthening shadows, as the evening sun went down, rested on John White's dwelling.

At Hartford he was again called into public service. In 1642 he was chosen one of the selectmen of the town,—or 'orderers," as these officers were at first called,—and again in 1646, in 1651, and in 1656. His name also appears frequently on the records of the Courts, as a juror, or as arbitrator in the settlement of private differences.

Of his private life but little can be known. He was probably a farmer, gaining a support for his growing family by the practice of industry and frugality. The history of his children shows that they were trained to these virtues, and also that, amid the many cares resting upon him, he did not fail to secure

for them a good education. He maintained a respectable standing as to property, and had some share in those early enterprises which encouraged the settlement of other towns. The records of Middletown show that on the 24th day of May, 1653. "John White Sen had granted to him thirty acres of upland, and joining to his homelot, being his proportion in Soheags fields." At the same time he was granted "his second and third divisions at Wongonk." The early records of Middletown are partially lost, and do not show the amount of his proprietary interest there, nor how long he retained it.

Soon after the death of the Reverend Mr. Hooker, in 1647, dissensions arose in the church at Hartford, between the Reverend Mr. Stone and Elder Goodwin. The exact points of difference between the parties are now somewhat obscure. is supposed that Elder Goodwin and his supporters were zealously opposed to any relaxation of those requirements for a participation in church privileges, which they claimed that Mr. Hooker had taught and enforced. Several Councils were held upon the subject; but harmony was not restored. At length, the supporters of Elder Goodwin's views, among whom was John White, determined to found a new settlement on the Connecticut, above Springfield, where they might have room to follow out and enjoy their principles. On the 18th of April, 1659, sixty persons, from Hartford and Wethersfield, signed the agreement to remove to Hadley. The place of John White's name, as the fifth on the list, indicates that he was among the leaders of that important movement. At the same time, William Westwood, Richard Goodman, William Lewis, John White, and Nathaniel Dickinson were chosen to go and lay out homelots. The town record of Hadley commences with a record of these transactions, and, after mentioning the appointment of this committee, thus proceeds: "The plantation being begun by them and some others of the Ingagers, the rest of the Ingagers that remained at Hartford and Wethersfield, with those that were come up to Inhabit at the said plantation, did upon the ninth of November, at Hartford, and about the said time at Wethersfield, and at the said plantation, chuse by vote William Westwood, Nathaniel Dickinson, Samuel Smith. Thomas Standley, John White, Richard Goodman, to order all

publick occasions that conscerns the good of that plantation for the yeare Insueing." This is called on the margin of the record, "First choice of Townsmen:" though it is plain that this was a voluntary agreement among the proprietors of the new plantation, rather than a legal organization.

Thus were laid the foundations of Hadley. It was the frontier settlement of that day, looking out toward the north, west, and east, on the boundless forest and its savage Indian occupants. John White's share in the common enterprise was represented by £150, the largest share being homelot was on the east side of sented by £200. His Hadley Street, and is thus described in the town record, "One houselott containing Eight acres more or lesse as it lyes. Bounded by the land of Peter Tillton South, by the land granted to Thomas Standlye North, abutting West against the comon streete, and East against the woods; being in Bredth Sixteene rod and in length Eightie." A part of this homelot is now occupied by one of his descendants, having never been alienated from the family. He had also a large allotment of outlands. During his residence in Hadley, a large share of his time was given to the interests of the prosperous town. His name is very frequently found on the committees appointed to lay out lands for division among the proprietors, and on committees for laying out highways, or for doing other business incidental to a new settlement. After the town was legally organized, he was chosen one of the selectmen 1662, in 1663, and in 1665. He also twice served the town, in 1664 and in 1669, as Representative-or Deputy, as it was then styled-to the General Court or Legislature of Massachnsetts, sitting in The ealy records of the Church in Hadley are destroved; but it is evidence of his good report among the brethren, that he was one of the "messengers" from Hadley when the Church at Northampton was gathered, in April, 1661.

After 1670 his name does not appear on the records of Hadley, and it was probably during this year that he returned to Hartford. Difficulties still existing in the old Church at Hartford resulted in another secession, and in the organization, on the 12th of February, 1670, of the South Church, under the ministry of the Reverend John Whiting. The same attach-

ment for the ancient landmarks, in the constitution and discipline of the church, was the cause of this seccession, and of that which, eleven years before, had founded Hadley. On his return to Hartford. John White and his wife were received. April 9, 1671, from the Church of Hadley. He was ordained Ruling Elder, March 28, 1677, "in the presence and with the appropation of the elders and messengers in some neighboring churches" It is not improbable that he was called from Hadley to fill that office. The home of twenty-three years of the vigor of his life had doubtless retained a strong hold on his affections; and, as he felt the weight of advancing years, it may have needed only the Church framed after his idea of the perfect scripture model, to win him back to its rest. this Church of his choice needed his help and services as an officebearer, the call would become imperative.

After his return to Hartford, his name does not appear again upon the records, as holding civil office, or performing civil The office of Elder then exempted him who bore it from all duties of this kind But as an arbitrator, referee, and council in ecclesiastical matters, he performed good service to the churches. In 1676, and in 1677, he and his eldest son. Nathaniel, then of Middletown, were members of the council called to heal the difficulty which had long troubled the ancient church in Windsor; and the final recommendation of the council, with the autograph signatures of its members, may be seen in the archives of the State, at Hartford.

John White was married in England, a few years before he came to Massachusetts. The christian name of his wife was MARY; but nothing is known respecting her, except that she was living in March, 1666. She died before her husband. probably after his return to Hartford.

His will names the six following children, two or three of whom were born in England.

CHILDREN OF ELDER JOHN WHITE.

- -; m. Jan. 2), 1043, Jonathan Gilbert; d.- 1650.
- 3. John, b. ---; m. Sarah Bunce; d. Sept. -- 1635, ac. about 35.
- 4. Daniel, b. m. Nov. 1, 1661, Sarah Crow; d. July 27, 1718, ac about 75.

 5. Sarah, b. m. is:, Stophen Taylor; m. 2nd. Oc. 15, 1666 Barnabas Hinsdale; m. 3rd, Feb. —, 1.79, Walter Hickson; d. Aug. 10, 1.02.
- 6. Jacob, b. Oct. 8, 1645; m. Elizabeth Bunca; d. about 1701, ec. 55.

The life of John White was prolonged to a good old age, and in the winter of 1683-4 he rested from his labors. holy man, having faithfully served the Lord in his place, and that also with good success through grace, (He was a good man, and God was with him,) fell asleep in Christ, and went to receive his reward, January -, 1684." He lived to see all his children married, and to hold in his arms his children's children, to the third and fourth generations. Of his children, only three sons and one daughter survived him: two of these sons, with John, who died before him, were the heads of their tribes. and transmitted his name and principles to succeeding generations.

His will is recorded, and is on file, in the Probate Office at Hartford. The following is a copy of the original document. which is in the hand-writing of the principal witness:

The Last Will and Testament of Mr. John White, of Hartford.

"For as much as my time is Vncertaine, and I know not the day of my death, I Account it my dutie to make my last will and testament, which is as followeth.

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I Resigne and give up my selfe, soul & bodie, to my soveraigne Lord & maker, my God and father in my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ; and to prevent trouble to those that shall survive mee, I do dispose of that portion of outward estate which the Lord hath in mercy blessed me with, in manner following (viz)

I give & bequeath to my son Nathanaeil White thirtie pounds, and my best broad Cloath Coate, & I also give him my iron bound Chest in my Chamber and my Cobirons in my parlour, & that part of my ox pasture which lyeth on the Left hand of the way as we go to Wethersfield I give to him & his bairs for ever bounded upon the high way field I give to him & his heirs for ever, bounded upon the high way west, Henery Grimes land North Mr. Niccolls his Land South, the south meadow east.

I give to my son Daniell White twentie pounds.

I give to my son Jacob White & his heires for ever, that part of my or pasture in Hartford which lyeth on the right hand of the way leading to Wethersfield bounded by the high way East, by Jonathan Bigaloes land South, by Henery Grimes his Land North. & Leut. Websters land West. I also give him my feather bed in the Chamber with a boolstar & pillow & the best blancket upon it, & the. bed sted & Curtains belonging to it. I impower my Executor to give to my daughter Hixton according to his discretion as he shall see her need daughter Hixton according to his discretion as he shall see her need Calls ffor, And whereas fformerlie I intended to give one parcell of meadow land in great Ponset to Stephen Taylor, yet now being forced to pay a great summe of money ffor the Redemption of his house & homlott, I now see cause to dispose of that land for payment of that debt, and shall leave it to my Executor with the advise of the overseers, to give either to him or the rest of my daughter Hixtons Children as he shall see Cause.

I give to my grand Child, Stephen Taylor a flock bed & truckle bed sted at Nathanaell Whites at Hadly, and an old blancket upon my bed in my Chamber, and a linzy woolsie Coverlid at the feet of my hed in the parlour, and a peice of dutch searge now at the tailors to

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make me a pair of breeches & Jacket, I give to the said Stephen Taylor.

I give to Sarah White the daughter of my son Nathanaell five pounds.

I give to the Reverd Mr. John Whiting mp honored pastor five

pounds in silver.

My will is that due debts being discharged, and the above mentioned legacies payd, the remainder of my Estate shall be divided among my grand Children, (viz.) Johathan Gilbert son of my daughter Mary, my son Nathaniells Children, my son Johns' hildren, my son Daniells Children A my daughter Sarah Children, their sons to have as much more as their daughters, & if any of their sons should dye before they Come to the age of one & twentie years then his or their portion to be divided equally among the survivors, and in like manner among the daughters if any of them shall dye before the age of eighteen years. My will is that my wearing apparrell be divided amongst my sonns. My will also is that my Executor shall have four years time after my decease for the payment of the Legacies mentioned, only my will is that my movable goods the payd to them that are readie to receive them presently, and I do give my said Executor full power to sell my land lying in the last out division in Hartford, being about Eightie acrees, and my share in the mill for the payment of the legacies as aforesaid, & what ever time or expences he shall be at, in managing these affaires, he shall fully satisfie him selfe out of the estate before division be made.

I do Constitute & ordaine my son Nathaniell White the sole Executor of this my Last will and testament; and I do desire my beloved friends Ensign Nathaniell Stanly and Stephen Hosmer as overseers to assist in performance of this my last will, and I do give them twentige.

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John W White senr [L. s.]
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This was declared by John White senior to be his last will & Testament the seventeenth day of December, 1683, in presence of Caleb Watson,

Caleb Watson, Mary Watson."

His will was made when the extreme feebleness of old age and disease forbade him to write his own name.

The age and character of our John White, as well as the number of his descendants, justly entitle him to the appellation of Patriarch. The controlling power of religion over him is seen in his forsaking the comforts of his English home, and encountering the privations and perils of a wilderness, that he might help maintain what he considered to be a true church, and might enjoy the pure worship of God and the teachings of his faithful ministers.

To the conscientiousness and zeal of the Puritan, he added the enterprise and daring of the Pioneer. Ever ready to forsake his old home and make for himself a new one, when the interests of truth and religion called, the Newtowne of Massachusetts was cheerfully exchanged for the Newtowne of Connecticut; and this last, again, for the frontier post of Hadley. And when he could serve the same cause with greater usefulness in his old home, we find him again at Hartford, with his harness on, and ready to labor, even in the feebleness of age.

His good sense and sound judgment are attested by the nature of the services which his fellow-citizens sought from him. Each of the three important towns in which he lived required his aid in the management of its prudential affairs. The capacity to discharge the duties of a townsman as well as those of a representative to the colonial legislature, was, in that day, an indispensable pre-requisite to the appointment.

The office of ruling elder in the church, which he held during the last ten or twelve years of his life, was one of great influence and importance. There was usually but one ruling elder in each church. His office was designed to relieve the teaching elder, or pastor, of a considerable part of the labor, responsibility, and anxiety attending the government and discipline of the church. It required a grave, discreet, and reliable man, one who had earned a good report of those without and those within the church. Such a one, in all respects furnished for his work, was our John White.

To be the descendant of one whose qualifications caused him to be called to those various duties in the state and in the church, and who appears to have discharged them well, is a matter of just pride. His descendants may safely and abundantly honor the ancestor in whose footsteps they may so safely walk.

2. Captain NATHANIEL WHITE, son of Elder John. (1) was born in England, about 1629, three years before his father came to New England. He was about seven years old when the family removed from Cambridge to Hartford.

In 1650 or 1651, when about twenty-one years old, he removed to Middletown, on the Connecticut River, being one of the original proprietors and first settlers of that town. His

homelot was in that part of Middletown formerly called "Upper Houses," and afterwards "Upper Middletown," now constituting the town of Cromwell. His dwelling-house was in the lower part of the village, on the street that lies between the Middlesex turnpike and the Connecticut River.

He early acquired great influence, and was among the leading men of that section of the Colony. In civil life he was almost constantly employed in some of the various town offices, and also statedly represented the town in the Legislature-or General Court, as it was at first called—of the Colony. was first chosen in 1659, when about thirty years of age, and from 1661 to 1710, a period of fifty years, he was chosen Deputy once every year, and often twice; the Legislature then meeting semi-annually, in May and October of each year, and a new election being held for each session. The only exception to his regular election was in the year 1688, when, in consequence of the usurpation of Sir Edmund Andross, there were elections by the people. He was elected a representative from Middletown eighty-five times, and was eighty-one years old when last chosen. Very few instances can be found of so long an official life dependent on annual popular elections; probably no other, in which the same political community, by a majority of all its voters, has elected the same individual its representative in the Legislature of the State eighty-five times. as this have secured for Connecticut the appellation of the "land of steady habits." In 1669 Nathaniel White was appointed by Legislature a magistrate and commissioner for Middletown, and in 1684 for Middletown, Haddam, and the district of Meriden; and he held local courts for these places. In military life he rose through successive grades to the rank of Captain, the title. of which office he carried with him through life.

It is evident from the nature of the public services he rendered, traces of which are found in the records of the town and of the Colony, that he was a man of ability and education, and that he deserved the great and long-continued confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. The Rev. Dr. Field, in his address on the two-hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Middletown says of him, that "he was a man of high religious character and sound judgment."

He died Aug. 27, 1711, "aged about 82," as the inscription on his monument informs us His grave is in Middletown city, in the burying-ground near the river. In his will, which is dated Aug. 16, 1711, after some other bequests, he gives one-fourth of his undivided lands "to remain for the use of the Publick School already agreed upon in the town of Middletown, forever." Respecting certain other provisions of his will, he makes this statement: "And the reason why I say my daughters shall have each of them one-third of what moveable household goods was in being when my former wife dyel, is because I intend what my now wife hath gained by her Industry, and what she brought with her to me, should be at her own dispose." The Inventory of his estate amounted to £927. 11s. 5d. He owned about 1500 acres of land, and was for a long time the second is property in the town.

He married, 1st, ELIZABETH——, who was the mother of his children. Her family name and her original residence have not been ascertained Her grave-stone, which stands by that of her husband, and was probably erected after his death, says that she "died in the year 1690, aged about 65 years."

He married, 2d, Mrs. MARTHA MOULD, widow of Hugh Mould, of New London, Conn., and dau. of John Coit and Mary [Jenners?]. Two of her daughters had married sons of Captain White. She died April 14, 1730, "aged about 86." This is the age given on her grave-stone, at the Upper Houses. The town record says, "in ye 77th year of her age," which is doubtless an error.

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL WHITE.

- Nathaniel, b. July 7, 1652; m. March 28, 1678, Elizabeth Savage; d. Feb. 15, 1742, ac, 89.
- 2. Elizabeth, b. March 7. 1655; m. John Clark; d. Dec. 25, 1711, ac. 56
- 3. John, b. April 9, 1657; m. Mary —— and d. about July, 1748, ac. 91.
- Mary, b. April 7, 1659; m. 1st, Jan. 16, 1678, Jacob Cornwell; She m, 2nd, April 13, 1710, John Bacon; and d. Nov. 15, 1732, ac. 73.
- Daniel, b. Feb. 23, 1661; m. March 1683, Susannah Mould, and d. Dec. 18, 1739, ac. 78.
- 6. Sarah, b. Jan. 22, 1664; m. John Smi h.
- Jacob, b. May 10, 1665; m. lst, Feb. 4, 1692, Deborah Shepard; m. 2nd, Dec. 16, 1729, Mrs. Rebecca Rampey; and d. March 29, 1738, ac. nearly 73.
- Joseph, b. Feb. 23, 1338; m. April 3, 1693, Mary Mould, and d. Feb. 28, 1725
 ac. 58.

3. Ensign DANIEL WHITE, son of Capt. Nathaniel, (2) was born at Middletown, Upper Houses, Feb. 23, 1661. (So the town record: the grave-stone says Feb. 27.) He lived in his native place, and was chosen a townsman, or selectman, of Middletown in 1690, and a constable in 1701. He died Dec. 18, 1739, ac. 78.

He married, March, 1683, SUSANNAH MOULD of New London, Conn., dau. of Hugh Mould, a noted ship-builder. Her mother, Martha Coit, was the dau. of John Coit, the first ship wright in New London, and was the second wife of Capt. Nathaniel White, (Fam. 2.) Mrs. Susannah White was born April 2, 1663, and died Sept. 7, 1754, ac. 91.

- Daniel, b. Dec. 8, 1683; m. Jan. 19, 1709, Alice Cook, and d. Jan. 10, 1758, æ. 74.
- Nathaniel, b. Sept. 3, 1635; m. July 29, 1714, Mehitable Hurtburt, and d. May 5, 1743 æ. 57.
- 3. Joseph, b. ---; d. Oct 8, 1687.
- Joseph, b. Oct. 8, 1688; m. 1st, June 18, 1717. Mary Hall; m. 2d
 June 3º 1726, Abiguil Butler; m. 3d, Jan. 31, 1754, Mrs.
 Lois Bliss, and d. Dec. 14, 1770, ss. 82.
- Hugk, b. Feb. 15,1691; m. Aug. 13, 1717, Mary Stone, and d. about March 1, 1778, æ. 87.
- John, b. Nov. 27, 1692; m. Oct. 6, 1715, Susannah Alling, and d. Jan. 15, 1783, se. 90.
- Susannah, b. Oct. 16, 1694; m. Jan. 2, 1718, Thomas Johnson, and d. Sept. 28, 1786, æ 92.
- 8. Iszac, b. Nov. 9, 1696; m. June 30, 1726, Sibbil Butler, and d. June 26, 1768, æ. 71.
- 9. Jonathan, bap. March 30, 1701; d, May 7, 1702.
- Ruth, b. Sept. 28, 1703; m. June 10, 1730, Jehiel Stone, and d. March 28, 1774, æ. 70.
- Rzehel. b. Feb. 3, 1705; m. April 16, 1729, William Chittendon, and d. Oct. 15, 1752, se. 47
- 4. Capt. NATHANIEL WHITE, son of Ensign Daniel, (3) was born at Middletown, Upper Houses, Sept. 3, 1685. He settled as a farmer in East Middletown, afterwards called Chatham, in that part which is now the town of Portland.

He and his wife were among those who united in forming the first Church in E. Middletown, Oct. 25. 1721. He was a selectman of Middletown in 1730, a constable in 1733, and also from 1735 to 1742. He died May 5, 1743, ac. 57. His son Noadiah was his executor.

He married, July 29, 1714, MEHITABLE HURLBURT, dau. of John Hurlburt and Mary Deming [Demon?] She was born Nov. 23, 1690, and died Jan. 8, 1744, ac. 53.

CHILDREN.

- Nathaniel, b. April 25, 1715; m, May 17, 1737, Mary Sage, and d. Feb. 11, 1767, ac. 52.
- 2. Mehitable, b. Sept. 23, 1716; d. Dec. 25, 1716.
- 3. Abigail, b. Oct 31, 1717; m. June 16, 1736, Daniel Churchill.
- Elijah, b. Feb. 15, 1719; m. July 9, [May 6?] 1741, Abigail Hurlburt, and d. May 13, 1778, ac. 59.
- Noadiah, b. Feb. 26, 1720; m. Jan. 19, 1744, Lois White, and d. Feb. — 1811, 29. 91.
- 6. Mehitable, b. July 22, 1721; d. March 15, 1743, ac. 21.
- 7. Amos, b. March 18, 1723; d. April 24, 1727.
- 8. Sarah, b. Oct. 24, 1724; m. Feb. 1, 1744, John Clark.
- 9. John, b. Jan. 14, 1726; d. July 14, 1727.
- 10. A son, b. March 21, 1728; d. April 4, 1728.
- 5. Capt. Noadiah White, son of Capt. Nathaniel, (4) was born in East Middletown, Feb. 26, 1720. He settled there as a farmer, and held the office of constable in 1757 and 1761. In June. 1805, he removed, with his son Joseph, to Middlefield, Otsego Co., N. Y. He died Feb. —, 1811, ac. 91.

He married, Jan. 19, 1744, Lois White, his cousin, dau. of Dea. Joseph White and Mary Hall. She was born in Chathan, Jan. 6, 1725, and died there Aug. 31, 1795, ae. 70.

CHILDREN,

- 1. Noadiah, b. Nov. 18, 1744; d. Feb. 9, 1745.
- Obadiah (Noadiah?) b. Dec. 18, 1745; m. Jan. 30, 1772, Mercy Mayo, and d. 1816, ac. 71.
- 3. Lois, b Sept 13, 1748; d July 3, 1757.
- Joseph, b. March 29, 1752; m. March 9, 1791, Hannah Gates, and d. July 31, 1835, æ. 83.
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- Mehitable, b. June 21, 1754; m. April 15, 1779, Gen. Seth Overton, and d. Aug. 20, 1828, ac. 74.
- Abijah, b. Nov. 18, 1756; d. Sept. 1758.
- 7. Lois, b. Jan. 14, 1759; d. unm. about 1840, ac. 80.
- 8. Samuel, b. March 1761; d. April 8, 1762.
- Abijah, b. Jan. 18, 1763; m. Feb. 1, 1789, Hannah Hall, and d. Jan. 24, 1842, so. 79.
- Samuel, b. Feb. 11, 1767; m. Jan. 21, 1798, Cynthia Allis, and d. May 10, 1843, æ. 76.
- 11. Sarah, b. Dec. 25, 1768; d. unm. Nov. 18, 1863, a. nearly 95.
- 6. Joseph White, son of Capt. Noadiah, (5) was born in Chathan, Conn., March 29, 1752. He was a farmer in that town but removed to Middlefield, Otsego Co., N. Y., in June, 1805, where he purchased a farm of 250 acres. He died there July 31, 1835, ac. 83. His children were all born in Chatham.

He married, March 29, 1791, HANNAH GATES, of East Haddam dan of Timothy Gates and Hannah Percival. She was born March 29, 1762, and died April 25, 1835, ac 73. It is worthy of note that they were married on their birthdays.

- Gustavus, b. April 25, 1792; d. unm. at Middlefield, June 25, 1853, ac 61.
- Laura, b. May 30, 1794; m. March 16, 1815, James J. Rice, and d. Dec. 20, 1853, so. 59.
 (7)
- 3. Caroline, b. March 10, 1796; m. Feb 15, 1820, Ebenezer S. Rice(8)
- 4. Statira, b. March 25, 1798. d. unm. Apr. 22, 1885, ac.
- 5. Joseph, b. May 9, 1800; m. March 20, 1845, Marietta Roseboom (9)
- 6. Hannah Esther, b. March 10, 1803; d. unm. Dec. 14, 1863, ec. 60.
- 7. LAURA WHITE, dau. of Joseph, (6) was born at Chatham, Conn., May 30, 1794. She married, March 16, 1815, James J. Rice, who was born in Middlefield, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1791. They soon remeved to Salina, (now part of Syracuse,) N. Y., where he engaged, with his brother Ebenezer, in the manufacture of salt. He died there April 2, 1833, æ 46. She died in Middlefield Dec. 20, 1853, æ 59, and was interred at Salina.

- 1. Emily, b. June 19, 1816; d. Feb, 19, 1839, æ. 22.
- 2. Augusta, b. Feb. 25, 1819; d. July 11, 1837, æ. 18.
- 3. Juliet. b. April 28, 1821; d. April 28, 1838, æ. 17.
- 4. A Son, died in Infancy.
- 5. DeWitt Clinton, b. May 5, 1823; m. March 23, 1854. Lydia C. Mitchell, and d. Aug. 3, 1870. æ. 47.
- 6. Celestia, b. Nov. 16, 1825; d, Jan. 3, 1826
- 7. Charlotte E., b. Dec. 30, 1826; m. Aug. 18, 1852, Mark Brumagim. - (11)
- 8. Euclid Emmst, b. Dec. 6, 1829; m. March 31, 1862, Brambilla Finn. - - (12)
- 9. Cynthia Avery, b. March 15, 1832; m. April 26, 1837, Charles
 Wood. - (13)
- Joseph Gustavus, b. Aug. 15, 1835; m. May 12, 1869, Louisa W. Kinney, and d. March 19, 1872, cc. 36.
- 8. CAROLINE WHITE, dau. of Joseph, (6) was born in Chatham, Conn., March 10, 1796. She married, Feb. 15, 1820, Ebenezer S. Rice, of Salina, who was born in Middle-field, Aug. 21, 1795. He died June 25, 1845, 2. 49. She resides in Middlefield Center, N. Y. d. Aug. 8, 1883, ac. 87.
- 1. Maria Gates, b. May 13, 1821; d. Nov. 17, 1839, e. 18.
- 2. Edwin White, b. Sept. 5 1822; d March 17, 1849, æ. 26.
- 3. Lucien Percival, b. Sept. 30. 1824; m. Aug. 23, 1858, Louise Archibald.
- 4. Everland Hart, b. Nov. 10, 1826; d. Sept. 1, 1828.
- Othman Sawyer, b. Jan. 20, 1829; d. Dec. 16, 1838.
- 6. Oscar Deroboyne, b. April 7, 1831; d. April 17, 1855, æ. 24.
- Franklin Elliot, b. Jan. 13, 1841; m. Feb. 28, 1870, Frances A.
 Smith, and d. April 28, 1873.
- 9. Dr. Joseph White, son of Joseph, (6) was born in Chatham, Conn., May 9, 1803. When at the age of five his parents removed to Middlefiel, Ossego county, N. Y., and engaged in farming. His early life was spent in hard labor upon

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the farm and at the age of 21 he left home to begin the study of medicine with his second cousin. Dr. Joseph Whi e of Cherry Valley, who was one of the leading physicians in the state. (See Francis' Lives of Eminent Physicians.) In 1822 he joined the Cherry Valley Lodge of Free Masons. He has taken great interest in the workings of that Order and was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter from 1856 to 1872. In 1824 he went to Penfield, near Rochester, and began the practice of his profession. Ill health obliged him to seek a milder climate and in 1831 he moved to Washington, D. C., and opened a drug store near the navy yard. While there he had the cholera in 1832, the first time it appeared in this country, which left him with a disease from which he has never fully recovered. In 1835 he bought the drug store of Dr. Theo. Pomerov, Cooperstown, N. Y. and continued in business there until March 1, 1838, when he exchanged stores with Philip Roof, of Canajoharie. year Seymour N. Marsh, son of Seymour Marsh, the inventor of the Marsh Truss, became a partner and the manufacture of trusses was an important part of their business. White & Marsh sold their drug business to D W. Erwin, in 1844, but continued the manufacture and sale of trusses until 1849. when they disolved partnership. In 1847 he became largely inter. ested in the Cherry Valley and Canajoharic Flank Road Co., which eventually proved a failure and was abandoned. He continued practice until the fall of 1878, when increasing ill health compelled him to retire. d. Oct. 28, 1884, ae.

He married, March 20, 1845, MARIETTA ROSEBOOM, dau. of Abraham Roseboom and Ruth Johnson. She was born in the town of Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y., March 30, 1813. Her father was a prominent farmer and the town of Roseboom was named after him.

- 1. John Roseboom, b. Mar. 25, 1846.
- 2. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Oct. 27, 1848.
- 3. Joseph Henry, b. Aug. 29, 1855.

10. Dr. DEWITT CLINTON RICE, son of James J. and Laura White, (7) was born in Middlefield, N. Y., May 5, 1823. In 1845 he began the study of medicine with his nucle Dr. Joseph White, of Canajoharie. In 1849 he cast his lot as one of the early pioneers to the Golden State of California. and settled in the city of Marysville, where by his skill and integrity he soon secured a lucrative practice in his profession and became a leading druggist. In 1856 he served with honor as a member of the State Legislature. In 1863 he gave up the cares of his profession and removed to San Francisco to become a member of the leading and successful wholesale drug house of Redington & Co. In 1868 he severed his connection with them and became the President of the California Pacific Railroad, and interested himself in the steady development of his adopted State. His sympathy and his purse were always open in liberal charity to the sufferings of others. He died in San Francisco, Aug. 3, 1870, æ. 47.

He married, March 23, 1854, LYDIA CATHERINE MITCHELL dau. of Hon. Thomas B. Mitchell and Eliza Moyer. She was born in Canajoharie, Dec. 4, 1832.

CHILDREN.

- b. Feb. 13, 1855; d. April 18, 1855.
 b. July 10, 1856; d. Nov. 11, 1858.
 b. Nov. 12, 1958; d. Aug. 1, 1878, æ. 19. 1. Mitchell.
- 2. Laura Isabella,
- 3. Lydia Kate,
- 4. Helen Cornelia, b. March 3, 1862.
- 5. De Witt Clinton, b. Dec. 31, 1865.
- b, Nov. 3, 1866; d. June 24, 1868. 6. Henry Jewett,
- 7. Charlotte Augusta, b. Aug. 16, 1838; d. Jan. 14, 1869.

11. CHARLOTTE E. RICE dau. of James J. and Laura White, (7) was born in Salina, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1826. married, Aug. 18, 1852. MARK BRUMAGIM, son of David Brumagim and Elizabeth Moschell.

He was born in Root, Montgomery Co., N. Y., Feb. 1827, where his father was a prominent farmer. In March. 1849, during the gold excitement in California, he left home and was one of the forty to purchase an interest in the bark

^{*} Mr. Brumagim and family have resumed the original name of Birmingham, of which Brumagim was a cor-

"Linda" which sailed round Cape Horn for San Francisco. They carried with them a steam launch, the "Queen," which was the first vessel to navigate the Sacremento river above the city of Sacremento. This investment proved so successful that he and Lewis Cunuingham, a young companion. were enabled to start in the banking and exchange business. In 1852 he visited his old home in New York, and in August of that year married and returned to California with his bride. As San Francisco was fast becoming the money center of the western coast, Mark Brumagim & Co. moved hither and located at the corner of California and Montgomery streets. they incorporated the first bank of the far west-the Pacific Bank-which at present is one of the most prominent and successful banking institutions of California. His business and mining interests drew him eventually to the city of New York. where he now resides.

CHILDREN.

- Laura Elizabeth, b. Nov. 6, 1853; d. Sept. 6, 1855.
 David Walton, b. July 18, 1855.
 Henry De Witt, b. June 26, 1857; d. Feb. 7, 1862.
 Mark, b. Nov. 4, 1858; d. March 17, 1862.
- 4. Mark, 5. Lily White, b. Aug. 20, 1863. 6. Linda Charlotte, b. Aug. 15, 1866.
 - 12. EUCLID EMMETT RICE, son of James J. and Laura White, (7) was born in Salina, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1829. In early life he became a druggist. He went to California in 1852 and continued his chosen occupation in the city of Marysville, until 1860 when he removed to Virgina City, Nev., and engaged successfully in the wholesale trade. In 1866 he went to San Francisco where he now resides.

He married, March 31, 1862. BRAMBILLA FINN, daughter of Lawrence Finn and Georgiana Nutt. She was born Aug. 1, 1842.

- 1. Laura, b. May 27, 1863.
- 2. Clara, b. March 20, 1866,

13. CYNTHIA AVERY RICE, dan of James J. and Laura White, (7) was born in Salina, N. Y., March 15, 1832. In 1854 she went to California with her brother DeWitt. She married, April 26, 1857, CHARLES WOOD, son of Elijah Wood and Elizabeth Farmer.

He was born in Concord, Mass., Oct. 10, 1830. In 1851 he made California his home and became engaged in practical mining and trade until 1862 when he became an agriculturist in Contra Costa Co., where he now resides. He has filled the office of Magistrate, Notary Public and Member of the Legislature.

CHILDREN.

- 1. William Louis b. March 8, 1858.
 - 2. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Nov. 10; 1859.
 - 3. Charlotte Elmire, b. Jan. 10, 1864.
 - 4. Charles Joseph, b. Nov. 9, 1868.

14. Joseph Gustavus Rice, son of James J. and Laura White, (7) was born in Salina, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1835. He was educated at the Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., and began business life as a civil engineer upon the Benicia and Marysville railroad in California. He was employed for several years as mining engineer and superintendent of extensive mines in Mexico, and subsequently in the same capacity upon the Mariposa, or Fremont Estate, in California. He was skilled in his profession. He died suddenly of pneumonia, March 19, 1872, at Pioche, Nev.

He married, May 12, 1869, Louisa Walsworth Kinney, dau. of Henry Kinney and Maria Louise Walsworth She was born Nov. 27, 1848, in the Sandwich Islands, where her father was a missionary. He had one child,

Charlotte Louise, b. Feb. 6, 1871.

Mrs. Rice married, May 11, 1874, James Morris of Sonoma, Cal., where they now reside, and have several children.

15. LUCIEN PERCIVAL RICE, son of Ebenezer S. and Caroline White (8) was born in Middlefield. N. Y., Sept. 30, 1824. In 1827 his parents removed to Salina, N. Y. At the age of 24 he commenced pattern making and in March, 1855, went to Adrian, Mich., where he became superintendant of the pattern shop of the M. S. & N. I. railroad. In April, 1871, he moved to Elkhart, Ind., and assumed a similar position with the L. S. & M. S. company. In Nov. 1875, he went to Norwalk, O, where he is foreman in the wood department of the locomotive works.

He married, August 23, 1858, SUSAN LOUISE ARCHIBALD, dau. of Patrick W. Archibald and Catharine Stoner. Sue was born in Carbondale, Pa., Sept. 17, 1841.

CHILDREN.

- 1. George Franklin Elliot, b. July 14. 1859.
- 2. William Vincent, b. Oct. 20, 1861.
- 16. Franklin Elliot Rice, son of Ebenezer S. and Caroline White, (8) was born in Salina, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1841. At an early age he went to California. He died April 28, 1873, æ. 32.

He married, Feb. 28, 1870, Frances A. Smith, dau. of Daniel C. Smith and Phebe A. Nesbitt. She was born April 12, 1847.

17. LAURA B. RICK, dau. of Euclid E. and Brambilla Finn, (12), was born in Virginia City, Nev., May 27, 1863
She married, Apr. 15, 1885, George Henry Roe, son of Agmon Desham Roe and Phyllis Hall. He was born in Toronto, Canada, June 7, 1852, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 10. 1894, aged 42.

- 1. Hall, b. Feb. 9, 1889.
- 2. Laura, b. Dec. 10, 1890.

18. HELEN CORNELIA RICE, dau. of Dr. DeWitt C. and Lydia C. Mitchell, (10), was born in Marysville; Cal., Mar. 3, 1862.

She married, Mar. 23, 1886, JAMES LARENCE WATSON, son of John Watson and Rebecca Jane Duff. He was born in Calcutta, India, Mar. 18, 1853.

CHILDREN.

- 1. Catherine Duff, b. May 10, 1887.
- 2. Helen Rice, b. Mar. 2, 1889.
- 19. CHARLOTTE LOUISE RICE, dau. of Joseph G. and Louisa W. Kinney, (14), was born in Oakland, Cal., Feb. 6, 1871.

She married, May 29, 1890, JOHN HENRY MADISON, son of John H. Madison and Kate N. Cooke. He was born in San Francisco, Cal., May 10, 1865.

CHILDREN.

- 1. Dorothy, b. June 15, 1891.
- 2. John Harold, b. July 23, 1893.
- 3. Walter Rice, b. Sept. 11, 1895.
- 20. SARAH ELIZABETH WHITE, dau. of Dr. Joseph White and Marietta Roseboom, (9), was born in Canajoharie, N. Y., Oct. 27. 1848.

She married, June 10, 1896, Dr. Peter Lawrence Schenck, son of John Schenck and Catharine Van Dyke Ryder. He was born in Flatbush, (now Brooklyn), N. Y., Oct. 25, 1843.

21. DAVID WALTON BIRMINGHAM, son of Mark Birmingham and Charlotte E Rice, (11), was born in Marysville, Cal., July 18, 1855.

He married, Apr. 29, 1897, ELLA SEGAL GILLILAND, dau. of Hugh D. Gilliland and Emeline Bowman. She was born in Lawrence, Kas., Oct. 18, 1862.

22. CHARLES JOSEPH WOOD, son of Charles Wood and Cynthia A. Rice, (13), was born in Sycamore Valley, Contra Costa Co., Cal. Nov, 9, 1868.

He married, Oct. 24, 1897, Kate Frances Howard, dau. of Nathaniel Sampson Howard and E'izabeth Sarah Hitch. She was born in Green Valley. Contra Costa Co., Cal., Feb. 28, 1866.