

EDWARD WRIGHT
OF
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS
AND
SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS
A RECORD OF SIX GENERATIONS

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THE EDWARD WRIGHT GENEALOGY

1. Some writers on family history have confused Edward¹ Wright of Concord, Massachusetts, and Edward Wright of Sudbury, Massachusetts. Edward¹ Wright of Concord was a son of Francis and Mary (Wiggins) Wright and a grandson of Edward Wright^{of} Warwickshire, England, as appears from a deed recorded in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, by which Edward secured land in Concord from John Hoare in exchange for Edward's property in England. The paper was dated March 4, 1671/2. Edward Wright released to John Hoare all of his right to an estate at Castle Bromwich,* England, which fell to him as only heir of Francis Wright, who received it from his father Edward on the occasion of the marriage of Francis, 27 June, 10 James [1612] to Mary Wiggins, daughter of John Wiggins of Staffordshire, England.

The following Wright items are from the parish records of Aston by Birmingham, Warwickshire:

Burials

Elinor fil Frances Wright	27 Nov. 1614
Owld Wrigt's wiffe of Bromwig	9 Jan. 1614 [1614/15]
Edw Wright of Castle Bromwich	28 Nov. 1617
John fil Francis Wright of Castle Bromch	9 Feb. 1624 [1624/5]
Edward " " " " "	10 Feb. 1624 [1624/5]

These records mention the burials of Edward¹ Wright's grandfather and grandmother, two brothers and a sister. The baptisms of Francis Wright's children were not recorded in the Aston parish register.

Undoubtedly, Edward¹ Wright was born after Feb. 10, 1624/5, when his older brother named Edward was buried. Perhaps he was born in the same year or in 1626.

*About four miles from Birmingham.

He came to New England, probably about 1652, and married, perhaps in 1653, Elizabeth (Mellowes) Barrett, the young widow of Thomas Barrett, who was drowned June 14, 1652 in the Concord River. Elizabeth Mellowes, daughter of Mr. Oliver and Mary (James) Mellowes, was baptized Dec. 10, 1625, at Sutterton, Lincolnshire, England. By her first husband Elizabeth had two children, Oliver Barrett and Mary Barrett. Oliver Barrett did not marry. His sister Mary married James Smedley, Dec. 4, 1671.

Edward Wright died Aug. 28, 1691. His wife died Feb. 15, 1690/1. His will, now missing, was set aside and his property was divided according to an agreement of his heirs, signed Oct. 5, 1691. Before his death Edward had deeded land to his sons.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. Elizabeth², b. in or about 1655; d. Dec. 16, 1704, at Concord; m. Oct. 23, 1682, as his second wife, John Hartwell, b. Feb. 23, 1640/1, at Concord; d. there Jan. 12, 1702/3.
- 2 ii. Edward, b. Jan. 22, 1657; m. Lydia Danforth.
- iii. Martha, b. June 18, 1659; m. Israel Heald, b. July 30, 1660, at Concord; removed to Stow, Mass., where he d. Sept. 8, 1738. She d. June 14, 1746 (gravestones).
- 3 iv. Samuel, b. April 12, 1661 [computed from age at death]; m. (1) Mary Hosmer; m. (2) Sarah -----.
- v. Peter, b. in or about 1665; d. Jan. 15, 1717/[118], in his 53rd year, without issue; m. May 5, 1684, Elizabeth Lamson, who m. (2) July 9, 1719, as his second wife, Enoch Cleveland, b. Aug. 1, 1671, at Woburn, Mass.; d. Aug. 1, 1729, at Concord. She d. before April 5, 1731 (Middlesex County, Mass., probate records).

vi. Sarah, b. in or about 1670; d. May 5, 1726, in her 57th year (gravestone in Copp's Hill Cemetery, Boston); m. Timothy Wales of Boston. No children mentioned. He d. Feb. 21, 1721/[2], aged 63 years, at Boston.

2. Edward² Wright (Edward¹), born Jan. 22, 1657, in Concord, Mass.; died there June 22, 1725, in his 69th year (gravestone). His wife, Lydia Danforth, was born June 1, 1664, at Billerica, Mass. His estate was settled by agreement of his widow with her daughter and son-in-law.

Only child:

1. Lydia³, b. Feb. 15, 1694/5; m. Oct. 26, 1715, at Charlestown, Mass., Capt. Josiah Heywood, b. Nov. 15, 1691, at Concord. She d. there March 13, 1752.

3. Samuel² Wright (Edward¹), born April 12, 1661, at Concord, Mass.; died there Oct. 1, 1741, aged 80 y. 5m. 19d. (gravestone): He married (1) Mary Hosmer, b. April 26, 1664, at Concord; died there Dec. 24, 1725 (g.s.). His second wife Sarah died Nov. 4, 1758. Her death is mentioned as follows in the Concord church records:

Nov. 4, 1758.-----The Widow Wright departs this Life Aged 92 Years. She spoke Just before her Death Excellent Things Concerning Christ her Dependence upon, Faith & Hope in Him, &c. &c. Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord &c.

In Concord vital records page 416, the widow mentioned in the church record in 1758 is called Lydia, widow of Edward Wright. This

is an error. On page 195 of the vital records it is stated that Sarah Wright wife to M^r Samuel Wright Died November: 4: 1758. She was probably a widow when she married Samuel Wright. He bequeathed 100£ to her in his will.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. Mary³, b. Dec. 11, 1693; d. Oct. 17, 1716.
- 4 ii. Joseph, b. Dec. 25, 1696; m. Elizabeth Jones.
- iii. Abigail, b. Oct. 9, 1707; m. (Col.) John Bulkeley, b. at Concord in 1703. She d. in Groton, Mass., April 15, 1747. He m. (2) June 29, 1748, at Westford, Mass., Mary Underwood, b. Oct. 28, 1711, probably at Chelmsford, Mass.; d. in 1799, at Groton. He d. there Dec. 3, 1772.

4. (Lieut.) Joseph³ Wright (Samuel², Edward¹), born Dec. 25, 1696, at Concord, Mass., died there April 5, 1755, having a large family and considerable property. He married about 1719, Elizabeth Jones, born Oct. 17, 1700, at Concord. She married (2) (int. Nov. 10, 1759), as his second wife, (Dea.) John Heald of Acton, Mass., born Aug. 18, 1693, at Concord, died May 16, 1775, at Acton. She died Oct. 12, 1776, at the home of her son-in-law, (Dea.) Jonas Reed, in Rutland, Mass.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. Mary⁴, b. April 9, 1720, according to Concord vital records; d. at Concord, May 4, 1746, aged 26y., 3 mo., 4 days, according to her gravestone. If birth and death dates are correct her age was 26y., 25 days. She m. about

- 1737, James Chandler, son of Samuel and Dorcas (Buss) Chandler, b. Aug. 28, 1714, at Concord; d. there Dec. 8, 1792. He m. (2) July 2, 1747, Mary Flagg, who d. May 22, 1753, and (3) April 14, 1756, Mary Whittaker of Carlisle, Mass. She d. Dec. 2, 1791.
- 5 ii. Joseph, b. Feb. 28, 1721/2; m. (1) Rebecca Heywood; m. (2) Sarah (Smith) Davies.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 29, 1723/4; m. April 17, 1746, Dea. Jonas Reed of Holden, Mass. They removed to Rutland, Mass., where he d. April 5, 1806. She d. Sept. [25?] 1777 (gravestone).
- 6 iv. Samuel, b. Feb. 9, 1725/6; m. Rachel Proctor.
- v. Ruth, b. Feb. 25, 1727/8; d. Oct. 10, 1747.
- vi. Sarah, b. April 10, 1730; d. May 3, 1730.
- 7 vii. Peter, b. Dec. 13, 1731; m. Ellen Chase.
- viii. John, b. July 30, 1733; he sold his interest in his father's estate to his brother Joseph in June 1755; was a soldier in the French and Indian War, in 1759 and 1760.
- 8 ix. Edward, b. Sept. 29, 1734; m. Thankful Brown.
- x. Jonathan, b. Oct. 22, 1736; d. Dec. 10, 1744.
- 9 xi. Amos, b. July 26, 1738; m. (1) Elizabeth -----; m. (2) Abigail Clark.
- 10 xii. Oliver, b. Jan. 16, 1740/1; m. Lois Johnson.
- xiii. James, b. Aug. 4, 1743; bapt. Aug. 7, 1743; d. Feb. 13, 1743/4.

5. Joseph⁴ Wright (Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Feb. 28, 1721/2, at Concord, Mass., died there Oct. 16, 1815. He married (1) about 1743, Rebecca Heywood, born Dec. 23, 1725, at Concord, died there Feb. 15, 1801. He married (2) Oct. 20, 1801, Sarah (Smith) Davies, widow of Gershom Davies of Acton, Mass. She died at Acton, April 21, 1816, aged 86 years.

Joseph Wright owned considerable real estate in Concord. He inherited from his father and purchased the interest of his brother John Wright in his father's estate.

He was a member of a military company in Concord, according to a list dated April 25, 1757. Col. James Minott served as captain of the company.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. Sarah⁵, b. Nov. 27, 1744; bapt. Dec. 2, 1744; m. Oct. 31, 1765, Capt. Josiah Brown of New Ipswich, N. H., b. Jan. 30, 1742/13, at Concord, Mass., d. March 18, 1831, at New Ipswich. She d. in 1821 "in her chair without any previous illness."
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 13, 1746; bapt. Nov. 23, 1746; m. Jan. 3, 1765, at Acton, Mass., Lieut. Thomas Noyes, b. Aug. 19, 1740, at Sudbury, Mass., d. Nov. 19, 1822, at Acton. She d. there Aug. 21, 1812.
- iii. Ruth, b. July 23, 1748; bapt. July 24, 1748; m. Dec. 1, 1768, John Stratton, b. Feb. 3, 1739/40, at Concord; d. there Feb. 18, 1785. She d. before April 3, 1801, when her father made his will.
- iv. Rebecca, b. Jan. 20, 1749/50; d. Aug. 27, 1752.

- v. Mary, b. Nov. 29, 1751; bapt. Dec. 1, 1751; m. about 1771,
Zebulon Conant, b. Oct. 29, 1749, at Concord. They
resided at Winchendon, Mass., and New Ipswich, N. H.
- 11 vi. Joseph, b. Feb. 12, 1754;* bapt. Feb. 24, 1754; m. Mary
Merriam.
- 12 vii. Aaron, b. Nov. 26, 1755; bapt. Nov. 30, 1755; m. (1)
Hepzibah Merriam; m. (2) Sarah Stratton.
- viii. Jonas, b. May 22, 1757; bapt. May 29, 1757; d. Sept. 17,
1759.
- ix. Amos, b. Jan. 16, 1759; bapt. Jan. 21, 1759; d. July 16,
1760.
- x. Rebecca, b. Feb. 1, 1761; bapt. same day; m. March 8, 1798,
as his second wife, Ephraim Flint of Lincoln, Mass., b.
May 13, 1745, at Concord; d. Sept. 1, 1824, at Lincoln.
She d. there April 2, 1843.
- 13 xi. (Lieut.) Jonas, b. June 18, 1762, bapt. June 20, 1762; m.
(1) Polly Hapgood; m. (2) Hannah Brooks; m. (3) Sarah
(Hapgood) Wood; m. (4) Mary Smith.
- xii. Abigail (Nabby), b. Feb. 6, 1764; bapt. Feb. 1764; d.
Nov. 15, 1766.
- xiii. John, b., probably Nov. 2, 1764, not Nov. 2, 1765, as
stated in Concord vital records; bapt. May 26, 1765; d.
April 24, 1766.

*The date Feb. 12, 1755 in Concord vital records is incorrect.

6. Samuel⁴ Wright (Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Feb. 9, 1725/6, at Concord, Mass., died March 2, 1813, at Acton, Mass. He married May 6, 1756, at Acton, Rachel Proctor, born in or about 1736; died at Acton, July 22, 1792, in her 57th year.

Children born in Acton, Mass.:

- i. Hannah⁵, b. May 17, 1757; d. April 14, 1760.
- ii. Rachel, b. Sept. 21, 1759; d. March 5, 1767.
- iii. Samuel, b. June 7, 1762; d. March 3, 1767.
- iv. Hannah, b. April 15, 1765; d. April 2, 1768.
- 14 v. Samuel, b. Feb. 28, 1768; m. (1) Lois Wright; m. (2) Lydia Wright.
- vi. (Rev.) Luther, b. April 19, 1770; d. June 21, 1858, at Woburn, Mass.; m. Dec. 23, 1799, at East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., Anna Bridge, b. March 15, 1776, at East Sudbury; d. Feb. 23, 1861, at Woburn. No children. He was a member of the Class of 1796, Harvard College. He left a good estate. He provided for his wife and willed to relatives and to religious and philanthropic causes.
- 15 vii. Calvin, b. July 30, 1772; m. Hannah Jones.
- viii. Cyrus, b. July 30, 1774; d. Aug. 22, 1778.

7. Peter⁴ Wright (Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Dec. 13, 1731, at Concord, Mass., died at Littleton, Mass., before Oct. 10, 1768, when administration on his estate was granted to his widow. He married April 1, 1755, Ellen Chase, born Dec. 21, 1732, at Littleton. She died at Westford, Mass., Feb. 17, 1810, leaving a will made two days before her death. She mentioned sons Ezekiel, Peter

and Stephen, daughter Molly, and children of her daughter Betsey Prescott, deceased.

Peter Wright was one of the soldiers who marched in August, 1757, on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry. This was during the French and Indian War.

Children born in Littleton, Mass.:

- i. Nathan⁵, b. Feb. 12, 1756; d. April 28, 1756.
- 16 ii. Ezekiel, b. March 8, 1757; m. Sarah (Melvin) Jewett.
- 17 iii. Peter, b. Nov. 19, 1759; m. Esther Reed.
- iv. Mary, also called Molly and Polly, b. Oct. 31, 1761; m. Jan. 26, 1787, Nathaniel Johnson, who d. May 9, 1849, aet. 87, in Littleton. She d. there Aug. 26, 1848.
- 18 v. Stephen, b. May 24, 1764; m. Sarah Prescott.
- vi. Betty or Betsey, b. June 21, 1766; m. July 6, 1786, at Westford, Mass., Isaiah Prescott, b. April 21, 1763, at Westford; d. August 27, 1838, at Concord. She d. May 31, 1806, at Westford. He m. (2) April 19, 1809, Sally, widow of Samuel Bird of Westford, and (3) May 19, 1835, Matilda, widow of Nathaniel French, and previously widow of ----- Reed and Joseph Farwell. She d. in 1847.

8. (Lieut.) Edward⁴ Wright (Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Sept. 29, 1734, at Concord, Mass.; died before Nov. 17, 1788, when Joseph Chandler, guardian of his son John, signed his bond. Edward married July 6, 1758, Thankful Brown, born Dec. 1, 1740,* or Dec.

*There are two records of her birth.

16, 1740, at Concord; d. there Sept. 9, 1776.

He was a member of a Concord military company April 25, 1757, under Col. James Minott, who served as captain of the company. He is mentioned as a lieutenant in the records relating to the Massachusetts soldiers in the American Revolution.

All of the children, except the first Hannah, were living Jan. 6, 1785, when their grandfather, Ephraim Brown of Concord, made his will.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- 19 i. Jonathan⁵, b. June 13, 1759; bapt. June 17, 1759; m.
Mary Brown.
- ii. Ephraim, bapt. Nov. 16, 1760.
- iii. Patty, bapt. Jan. 3, 1762; m. Nov. 9, 1780, at Concord,
John Brown of New Ipswich, N. H., b. Dec. 5, 1755, at
Concord; after their marriage they resided at New Ipswich,
Sharon, N. H., and, finally, at Alexander, N. Y., where
he d. Nov. 17, 1830.
- iv. Lucy, bapt. April 10, 1763.
- v. Edward, bapt. April 6, 1766.
- vi. Millicent, b. June 23, 1767; bapt. June 28, 1767; m. April
20, 1792, at Concord, Josiah Brown, Jr., of New Ipswich,
N. H., b. there Oct. 1, 1766. They removed to Whitingham,
Vt., where she d. March 24, 1849. He d. Jan. 20, 1858.
- vii. Peter, bapt. Sept. 18, 1768.
- 20 viii. Abner, b. Nov. 13, 1769; bapt. Nov. 19, 1769; m. Anna Hunt.
- ix. John, bapt. Apr. 28, 1771; he was in Connecticut Nov. 17,
1788, when Joseph Chandler signed bond as his guardian.

- x. Hannah, bapt. Aug. 30, 1772; d. young.
- xi. Hannah, bapt. Dec. 12, 1773.
- xii. Matilda, b. Feb. 5, 1774, according to Concord vital records;
undoubtedly error for Feb. 5, 1775; bapt. Feb. 5, 1775;
m. March 30, 1809, at Concord, Willard Blood, b. Dec. 28,
1750, at Concord; d. there Dec. 24, 1823.
- xiii. Abigail, b. May 14, 1776.

9. Amos⁴ Wright (Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born July 26, 1738, at Concord, Mass.; died there Nov. 6, 1792, intestate. His first wife, Elizabeth -----, died Dec. 30, 1762. He married (2) Oct. 20, 1763, Abigail Clark.

He was a member of a military company in Concord, according to a list dated April 25, 1757. Col. James Minott served as captain of the company. In August of that year he was one of the soldiers who marched on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry. He served in the Lake George campaign in 1758 and was again in service in 1759. This was during the French and Indian War. He was also a soldier in the American Revolution.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

By first wife

- i. Elizabeth⁵, b. March 16, 1761; bapt. May 26, 1765.
- ii. Lovina, b. Dec. 17, 1762; probably d. young.

By second wife

- iii. Amos, b. July 1, 1764; bapt. May 26, 1765; d. young.
- iv. William Clark, b. Nov. 26, 1765; bapt. Jan. 19, 1766;
d. July -, 1794, in Guinea, Africa.

- v. Sybil, b. Aug. 6, 1767; bapt. Aug. 16, 1767; m. Aug. 12, 1788, Ephraim Brown, b. March 27, 1758, at Concord; d. there Jan. 20, 1839. She d. Feb. 4, 1843, at Salem, Mass.
- vi. James, b. June 6, 1769; bapt. June 25, 1769; d. Feb. 3, 1770.
- vii. Nabby, b. Dec. 3, 1770; bapt. Dec. 9, 1770; probably m. Aug. 24, 1794, Cornelius Bassett of Weston, Mass.
- viii. Abi, bapt. Dec. 13, 1772; m. Samuel Ballard, (int. Feb. 3, 1810, Concord, and May 9, 1810, Framingham, Mass.) She d. Dec. 15, 1826. Subsequently, he had second and third wives. He had no children.
- ix. Mercy, bapt. Aug. 7, 1774.
- x. Sarah, bapt. Sept. 7, 1777; d. young.
- xi. Joseph, bapt. April 4, 1779; d. Feb. 6, 1834.
- xii. Sally, bapt. Dec. 2, 1781; d. Dec. 4, 1792, of the smallpox.
- xiii. Amos, bapt. Sept. 7, 1783.
- xiv. Nathaniel Hill, bapt. Dec. 2, 1787.

10. Oliver⁴ Wright (Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Jan. 16, 1740/1, at Concord, Mass., died May 20, 1820, at Marlborough, N. H. His wife, Lois Johnson, was born May 15, 1745, at New Haven, Conn.; died Feb. 24, or 25, 1837, at Marlborough, N. H. The births of their children are found in the vital records of Acton, Mass., and in the History of Marlborough, N. H. It is uncertain where the older children were born. There does not seem to be any evidence that the parents ever lived in Acton. They appear to have resided in New Ipswich, N. H., before they settled in Marlborough about 1775. Oliver

Wright's name is on a list of tax payers in New Ipswich in 1774.

He was in military service in the campaign of 1759 in the French and Indian War. He was also a soldier in the American Revolution. He was active in town business in Marlborough, serving as selectman and as a member of town committees.

Children:

- i. Lucinda⁵, b. Jan. 8, 1764; m. (1) probably in 1783, David Bemis, b. June 13, 1763, at Weston, Mass.; removed from Marlborough, N. H., to Londonderry, Vt. He d. before Dec. 4, 1814, when she m. (2) Elijah Chubbock. She d. March 23, 1849.
- ii. Sarah, b. April 16, 1766; m. Jan. 28, 1789, Jeremiah Bemis, b. July 13, 1765, at Weston, Mass.; removed from Marlborough, N. H., to Dublin, N. H., where she d. July 6, 1857. He d. Aug. 19, 1856.
- 21 iii. Samuel, b. March 1, 1768; m. Sally Bemis.
- iv. Polly, b. Jan. 24, 1770; m. Dec. 10, 1789, John Converse, b. Feb. 21, 1767. She d. Sept. 16, 1814. He m. (2) her sister, Betsey (Wright) (Brooks) Brabrook. He d. Sept. 22, 1849.
- v. Lois, b. Feb. 12, 1772; m. at Keene, N. H., June 10, 1792 Samuel Wright of Acton, Mass., b. there Feb. 28, 1768. She d. Nov. 16, 1813, at Acton. He m. (2) her sister Lydia (see record below, under Lydia).
- vi. Elizabeth, or Betsey, b. Oct. 16, 1773; m. (1) Oct. 22, 1797, at Acton, Nathan Brooks, b. Oct. 15, 1769, at Acton; d. there Jan. 24, or 25, 1806. She m. (2) May 21, 1809, as his second wife, Lieut. Benjamin Brabrook,

b. July 12, 1741, in Acton; d. there Jan. 14, 1827.

She m. (3) John Converse, widower of her sister Polly.

He d. Sept. 22, 1849. She d. Feb. 11, 1866, at Roxbury,

N. H.

vii. Hannah, b. Nov. 3, 1776; m. Feb. 24, 1803, Solomon Davis
of Jaffrey, N. H., b. April 24, 1774, in Rindge, N. H.
They removed to Londonderry, Vt., where he d. Oct. 4,
1842. She d. there June 9, 1867.

viii. Rebecca, b. Oct. 5, 1778; m. (1) Nov. 25, 1801, at Marl-
borough, N. H., Elisha Davis. They removed to London-
derry, Vt., where he d. before Sept. 23, 1813, when she
m. (2) as his second wife, Capt. Augustus Pease of Weston,
Vt., b. July 19, 1759, at Somers, Conn.; d. Nov. 15,
1851, at Weston. She d. Jan. 4, 1853, at Springfield, Vt.

ix. Eunice, b. Dec. 15, 1780; m. (1) Jan. 6, 1800, at Acton,
Mass., Asahel Hosmer of Concord, Mass., bapt. there June
23, 1776. He d. at Acton, Oct. 28, 1817, aged 42 years.
She m. (2) May 13, 1825, as his second wife, Lieut. Reuben
Barker of Acton. He d. Dec. 21, 1858, at Stow, Mass.
She d. Jan. 7, 1872, at Acton.

x. Joseph, b. Jan. 12, 1783; m. Oct. 3, 1805, at Westford, Mass.,
Sally Laws. He d. Feb. 5, or 15, 1814, at Acton; no
children recorded.

xi. Lydia, b. Jan. 15, 1785; m. (1) March 20, 1814, as his second
wife, Samuel Wright, her cousin. His first wife was her
sister Lois. He d. Dec. 18, 1836, at Ashby, Mass. She
m. (2) Sept. 12, 1844, as his second wife, Stephen Wyman
of Ashby. He d. April 30, 1852. She d. July 17, 1863,
at Marlborough, N. H.

xii. Nabby, b. May 2, 1787; m. Jan. 10, 1808, Silas Collins,
b. Dec. 26, 1786; d. at Marlborough, N. H., Feb. 22,
1868. She d. Nov. 15, 1866.

11. Joseph⁵ Wright (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹),
born Feb. 12, 1754 (not 1755), in Concord, Mass., was baptized
there Feb. 24, 1754. He married there Nov. 22, 1776, Mary Merriam,
born at Concord, Nov. 21, 1756. He was of New Ipswich, New Hampshire,
at the time of his marriage. He is mentioned as a soldier in the
American Revolution. He died either in military service or at New
Ipswich, Dec. 31, 1776, one month and nine days after his marriage.
His widow returned to Concord and married (2) March 13, 1783, as
his second wife, Abraham Hapgood, born Oct. 9, 1752, at Stow, Mass.
She died Jan. 24, 1808, at Acton, Mass. He married (3) Nov. 21,
1815, at Littleton, Mass., Mary (Adams) Foster, widow of Joseph
Foster. Abraham Hapgood died April 6, 1819, at Acton. Widow Mary
married (3) Dec. 19, 1819, as his second wife, Dea. Andrew Fletcher
of Westford, Mass. She d. Jan. 5, 1837. Dea. Fletcher d. Aug. 23,
1843.

Only child:

1. Mary⁶, b. Aug. 31, 1777, at Concord, Mass.; bapt. there
Sept. 4, 1777; m. Oct. 23, 1800, at Acton, Mass., Winthrop
Faulkner, b. March 21, 1774, at Acton; d. there March 17,
1813. She d. July 15, 1855.

12. Aaron⁵ Wright (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Nov. 26, 1755, at Concord, Mass., was baptized there in First Church, Nov. 30, 1755; died at Concord, intestate, April 2, 1840; married (1) Feb. 23, 1782, Hepzibah Merriam, born Oct. 23, 1758, at Concord; died there Aug. 4, 1794. He married (2) Jan. 26, 1797, Sarah Stratton of Concord. His children were by his first wife.

He was a soldier in the American Revolution. Some of his descendants are mentioned as members of the D.A.R.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. Nathan Merriam⁶, b. Nov. 19, 1782; bapt. Jan. 19, 1783;
 d. June 30, 1856, at Concord; m. (1) April 7, 1808,
 Sally Tuttle, b. Feb. 24, 1786, at Acton, Mass., d. Nov.
 8, 1825, at Concord; m. (2) Feb. 16, 1826, at Concord,
 Dolly Hosmer, who d. Nov. 14, 1838, aged 51 yrs.; m. (3),
 (int. Aug. 15, 1840), Ann Steele of Antrim, N. H., b.
 May 6, 1800. After her husband's death she lived at
 Manchester, N. H.
- ii. Mary or Polly, b. Oct. 22, 1784; bapt. Oct. 31, 1784; m.
 Sept. 5, 1805, Samuel Tuttle of Acton, Mass., b. Oct. 9,
 1781, at Littleton, Mass. They removed to Temple, N. H.,
 and from there to Antrim, N. H., where he d. Sept. 10,
 1854. She d. Dec. 2, 1859.
- iii. Joseph, b. Oct. 2, 1786; bapt. Oct. 8, 1786; d. May 27, 1869,
 at Concord; m. (1) Sept. 3, 1811, at Westford, Mass.,
 Sarah Snow, b. Sept. 27, 1788, at Westford, d. Feb. 18,
 1824, at Concord; m. (2) May 25, 1825, at Concord, Nancy
 Dalton of Concord, probably widow of James Dalton.

iv. Betsey, b. April 6, 1790; bapt. May 2, 1790; m. July 2, 1811, John Tenney of Temple, N. H., b. there July 7, 1790. They removed to Antrim, N. H., where he d. Feb. 23, 1821. She d. there Jan. 27, 1867.

v. Hepzibah, b. June 6, 1792; bapt. June 10, 1792.

13. (Lieut.) Jonas⁵ Wright (Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born June 18, 1762, at Concord, Mass., was baptized there June 20, 1762, and died, intestate, June 15, 1818. He married (1) March 30, 1794, Polly Hapgood, born Oct. 17, 1769, at Acton; died Jan. 3, 1799, at Concord; married (2) Feb. 13, 1800, Hannah Brooks,* who died Dec. 23, 1807, aged 36 yrs.; married (3) May 2, 1809, Sarah (Hapgood) Wood, widow of Timothy Wood, born April 7, 1765, at Acton; died Feb. 12, 1813; married (4) Dec. 1, 1816, Mary Smith.

He served as a private in the American Revolution. After the war he became a lieutenant in one of the Concord companies.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

i. Anthony⁶, b. Jan. 14, 1795; d. May 28, 1862, at Concord; m. Feb. 14, 1819, Mary E. Smith of Concord. She d. Jan. 8, 1837, aged 42 years.

ii. Henry, b. Oct. 22, 1796; m. April 22, 1819, at Concord, Sarah Flint, of Lincoln, Mass.

*Probably Hannah (Barrett) Brooks, widow of Seth Brooks, Jr., of Acton, Mass., born Oct. 16, 1771, at Concord.

iii. (Dau.), b. ; d. Oct. 28, 1800, aged 2 1/2 years,
according to Concord vital records.

iv. Hapgood, b. Dec. 22, 1798.

14. Samuel⁵ Wright (Samuel⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹),
born Feb. 28, 1768, at Acton, Mass.; died Dec. 18, 1836, at Ashby,
Mass.; married June 10, 1792, at Keene, N. H., his cousin Lois
Wright, born Feb. 12, 1772; died Nov. 16, 1813, at Acton; married
(2) March 20, 1814, her sister Lydia, born Jan. 15, 1785. She
married (2) Stephen Wyman of Ashby, Sept. 12, 1844. After his
death she returned to Marlborough, N. H., and died there July 17,
1863.

Children i-iv born in Acton; v, vi in Ashby:

i. Luther⁶, b. Nov. 9, 1792; d. Sept. 26, 1836, at Acton;

m. ----- and had issue.

ii. Sophia, b. May 1, 1795; d. Jan. 2, 1798, at Acton.

iii. Cyrus, b. July 24, 1801; * in 1837 he lived in Ohio.

iv. Calvin, b. July 1, 1804; was living Jan. 16, 1830, when his
father made his will.

v. Samuel, b. March 29, 1815; d. Sept. 1, or 2, 1837, at Ashby.

He mentioned, but did not name his brother Luther's children
in his will.

vi. Oliver, b. Feb. 6, 1829; d. May 9, 1828, at Ashby.

*A Cyrus Wright and wife Roxana (?Tay) had daughter Roxana
b. June 5, 1836, at Woburn, Mass.

15. Calvin⁵ Wright (Samuel⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born July 30, 1772, at Acton, Mass.; died July 27, 1803, at Concord, Mass.; married there Aug. 6, 1797, Hannah Jones, born Jan. 25, 1778. In 1817 she was declared a spendthrift and a guardian was appointed. Her son-in-law, John Gooch, afterward became her guardian. She died Sept. 10, 1856.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. Sylvia Saccharissa⁶, b. Feb. 8, 1798; m. Oct. 5, 1817, at Acton, Mass., Silas Piker, b. Jan. 8, 1793, at Acton. She d. there March 14, 1849. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.
- ii. Caroline, b. Nov. 15, 1799; d. May 28, 1800.
- iii. Catharine A., b. Sept. 30, 1801; m. May 20, 1821, John Gooch of Cambridge, Mass. She d. Sept. 19, 1822, at Concord.
- iv. (Child), b. Jan. 17, 1803; d. Jan. 22, 1803.

16. Ezekiel⁵ Wright (Peter⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born March 8, 1757, at Littleton, Mass., died Nov. 17, 1812, at Ludlow, Vermont; married June 3, 1790, at Littleton, Sarah (Melvin) Jewett, born March 14, 1767, widow of Jonathan Jewett.

Ezekiel Wright was a soldier in the American Revolution.

Children born in Littleton, Mass.:

- i. Edmund⁶, b. May 13, 1791; m. in 1811, Martha Haven, b. 1795; d. 1875. He d. 1862.
- ii. Sarah, b. March 6, 1793.
- iii. Peter, b. Oct. 28, 1794.

iv. Lydia, b. April 8, 1797; m. March 23, 1817, at Townsend, Mass., Levi Warren, b. June 16, 1788, at Townsend; d. Sept. 22, 1864, at Newton, Mass.

v. Ezekiel, b. Nov. 9, 1798.

vi. Luther, b. 1799 or 1800; d. at Ludlow, Vt., April 13, 1813, aged 12 yrs.

vii. Edee (or Edy) Prescott, b. April 8, 1802; m. Oct. 7, 1821, at Cambridge, Mass., Elihu Holton of Erving, Mass., b. March 28, 1792; d. Oct. 12, 1851. She d. June 6, 1875, at Grafton, Mass.

17. Peter⁵ Wright (Peter⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Nov. 19, 1759, at Littleton, Mass.; died there May 17, 1850 (grave-stone and Middlesex County, Mass., probate records); married May 18, 1786, Esther Reed of Harvard, Mass., baptized Aug. 30, 1767. She died Oct. 27, 1818.

Peter Wright was a soldier in the American Revolution and received a pension.

Children born in Littleton, Mass.:

i. Nathan⁶, b. Sept. 6, 1787; d. May 11, 1788.

ii. Betsey, b. June 27, 1789; m. ----- Hinsdale.

iii. Nathan, b. Sept. 23, 1790; m. Feb. 22, 1814, at Acton, Mass., Asenath Brooks, b. March 19, 1790, at Acton; bapt. there May 9, 1790; d. there Nov. 30, 1873. He d. there Aug. 10, 1851.

- iv. Sukey or Susan, b. Feb. 20, 1793; m. ----- Benford or Bamford.
- v. Augustus, b. Jan. 10, 1795; m. June 4, 1820, at Littleton, Elizabeth Tenney, b. there May 16, 1800. He d. there June 26, 1837.
- vi. Esther, b. May 8, 1797; m. ----- Benford or Bamford.
- vii. Peter, b. Jan. 8, 1799; d. Oct. 30, 1815.
- viii. Lucy, b. Aug. 10, 1800; m. ----- Hagar.
- ix. Charles, b. Aug. 23, 1802; d. Nov. 18, 1865, at Millbury, Mass.; m. March 12, 1829, at Littleton, Mary Ann Gibson, b. May 28, 1800, at Fitchburg, Mass.; d. July 29, 1858, at Millbury.
- x. George, b. Dec. 5, 1804; m. July 4, 1830, at Littleton, Mary Tenney, b. there Oct. 29, 1805. He was a resident of Lowell, Mass., in 1830; returned to Littleton.
- xi. (Infant) buried Feb. 11, 1809.

18. Stephen⁵ Wright (Peter⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born May 24, 1764, at Littleton, Mass., died Feb. 16, 1857, at Shelburne, Mass.; married (1) April 5, 1787, at Westford, Mass., Sarah Prescott, born March 31, 1765, at Westford; died there Sept. 21, 1817; married (2), (int. Jan. 12, 1820), Mrs. Matilda Reed, probably widow of Peter Reed of Littleton. If so, she was Matilda Tuttle, born May 24, 1766, at Littleton.

Stephen Wright was a soldier in the American Revolution.

The older children were born at Ashby, Mass. Numbers i-iv were recorded there; v and vi were recorded both at Ashby and

Westford; vii-x were recorded at Westford.

Children:

- i. Stephen⁶, b. Oct. 28, 1787; m. March 8, 1810, at Westford, Mass., Abiah or Zebiah Richardson; removed to Ludlow, Vt., where he d. Nov. 6, 1857. She d. Oct. 11, 1853.
- ii. Ezekiel, b. Nov. 30, 1789; d. Nov. 22, 1794, at Ashby.
- iii. Sally, b. June 16, 1791; m. Feb. 7, 1815, at Westford, Nathan Wright of Shelburne, Mass., b. July 3, 1789, at Westford; resided in Shelburne, where she d. May 20, 1834. He d. June 17, 1846 (gravestone in Westford).
- iv. Lucy Prescott, b. Aug. 4, 1795; m. Oct. 18, 1820, at Westford, Jacob Pool Kellogg of Shelburne, b. there Feb. 16, 1793; d. there Oct. 6, 1843. She d. there May 25, 1882.
- v. Ezekiel Conant, b. May 26, 1797; m. March 8, 1821, at Chelmsford, Mass., Susan or Susanna Stevens, b. Dec. 12, 1796, at Chelmsford; d. June 20, 1868, at Littleton. He d. Aug. 13, 1856, at Westford.
- vi. Lydia, b. June 15, 1799; d. Aug. 8, 1817, at Westford.
- vii. Mary, b. Nov. 1, 1801; d. April 29, 1857; m. Oct. 30, 1832, at Westford, Gilbert Farmer of Tewksbury, Mass., b. there March 14, 1802, d. April 30, 1873, at Evanston, Ill.
- viii. Rebecca, b. Nov. 16, 1803; d. Oct. 22, or 23, 1817, at Westford.
- ix. (Capt.) Timothy Prescott, b. Sept. 23, 1806; d. Dec. 9, 1868, at Boston; m. Oct. 2, 1832, at Westford, Elvira Prescott, b. Feb. 19, 1806, at Westford; d. May 13, 1861, at Boston.

x. Elizabeth (Betsey), b. Feb. 8, 1809; m. Nov. 12, 1833,
at Westford, Nahum Childs of Lowell, Mass., b. July
3, 1805, at Temple, N. H.; d. Aug. 28, 1870, at Wilton,
N. H. She d. there Feb. 23, 1881 (gravestones).

19. Jonathan⁵ Wright (Edward⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹),
born June 13, 1759, at Concord, Mass., was baptized there June 17,
1759; married there Mary Brown, June 9, 1785. He died Nov. 10,
1817. She married (2) Feb. 17, 1820, as his second wife, Abijah
Hodgman of Carlisle, Mass. He died June 5, 1825, aged 74 years.
She made her will Sept. 1, 1825. It was proved Feb. 14, 1826. She
mentioned her son George and the children of her son Edward, deceased.

Children born in Concord, Mass.:

- i. George⁶, b. Dec. 23, 1786; bapt. Dec. 30, 1786; living in
1825.
- ii. Edward, b. Oct. 2, 1788; bapt. Oct. 5, 1788; m. Jan. 11,
1814, at Concord, Mary Hunt, b. there Nov. 16, 1789.
He d. Feb. 14, 1825.
- iii. Jonathan, b. Aug. 2, 1790; bapt. Aug. 8, 1790; d. July 9,
1811.
- iv. Mary, bapt. July 14, 1793; probably d. young.
- v. Sarah, bapt. Aug. 27, 1797; d. Sept. 26, 1800, "aged 4 years."

20. Abner⁵ Wright (Edward⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born Nov. 13, 1769, at Concord, Mass., was baptized there Nov. 19, 1769; married Dec. 29, 1803, Anna Hunt, born Sept. 16, 1781. According to the Hunt Genealogy they moved to Connecticut. It is stated that they had three children.

Children:

- i. Mary Ann⁶, b. Oct. 21, 1804, at Concord, Mass.
- ii. [Name not found].
- iii. [Name not found].

21. Samuel⁵ Wright (Oliver⁴, Joseph³, Samuel², Edward¹), born March 1, 1768 (where?); married Nov. 28, 1787, at Keene, N. H., Sally Bemis, born June 19, 1767, at Weston, Mass.; removed to Leicester, Vt., where he died Oct. 24, 1813.

Children born in Marlborough, N. H.:

- i. Sarah⁶, b. Nov. 5, 1787 [1789?].
- ii. Moses, b. Nov. 5, 1789; m. May 30, 1816, Sally Olin, b. Sept. 28, 1789, at Leicester, Vt. She d. May 1, 1833. He d. Oct. 7, 1842. He m. (2) Polly Olin, b. Sept. 28, 1790.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 16, 1792.
- iv. Oliver, b. April 13, 1795; a minister of the Universalist Church.
- v. Samuel, b. Jan. 27, 1797.
- vi. Sophia, b. March 24, 1800.
- vii. Joseph, b. ; a minister of the Universalist Church; m. Betsey Ann -----, who d. Nov. 9, 1834, a. 23, at Acton, Mass.

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