

DESCENDANTS  
OF  
CHASE WHITCHER  
OF WARREN, N. H.

FOURTH IN DESCENT FROM THOMAS WHITTIER  
OF SALISBURY (HAVERHILL) MASS.

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**HOUSE BUILT BY THOMAS WHITTIER IN HAVERHILL, MASS. 1688.**  
Birthplace of the poet, John G. Whittier. Front view near highway from Haverhill to Amesbury.



## PREFACE

Tracing the descendants of Chase Witcher, fourth in descent from Thomas Whittier, who at the age of sixteen came in 1638 to Essex County, Massachusetts, has given the author of the following pages no little pleasure during the past few months. Chase Witcher came to Warren, New Hampshire, in 1772, and was one of the pioneer settlers of that mountain town. He did not differ in any remarkable manner from the other pioneers of his day. He gave his country patriotic service during the War of the Revolution, rendered his town the service of the ordinary citizen, and lived to see his large family of children establish themselves in homes of their own, in other towns and localities, none of them settling in Warren. There is nothing remarkable in the record of his descendants, but each may feel interested in knowing something of the other. The following pages will contribute something to such knowledge. The author wishes to express his grateful appreciation of the aid given him in the preparation of his work, by his cousins of various degrees, without which aid the completion of this genealogy would have been impossible. Especially is he grateful for courtesies in furnishing him photos, tintypes, daguerreotypes and ambrotypes which were in existence of the grandchildren of Chase Witcher. He hopes the album he has collected of these grandchildren will be appreciated by their grandchildren in turn.

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## CHAPTER I.

### CHASE WHITCHER—ANCESTRY.

In his history of Warren, N. H., William Little has a most interesting chapter on the early settlement of that mountain town. The proprietors, fearful of losing their charter if the town remained without population, began in the spring of 1768, to make what they regarded as generous offers to induce settlers to go into their wilderness possessions and establish for themselves homes. They voted at their annual meeting to give each individual who should settle in town prior to October 1st of that year, fifty acres of land and six pounds in money. They sent a road clearing committee to the new township, with instructions to lay out twenty-five lots of land in such places as they thought proper, each family settling, as provided for by the vote, to have one of the lots, the first settler to have first choice, and the others choice in order of settlement. Under the terms of this offer, five families established themselves in town in the summer of 1768, and with additional inducements offered, two other settlers, John Whitcher and John Morrill came to town in the spring of 1769. For the next three years the matter of settlement was at a standstill, when the proprietors offered still larger inducements, determined that their charter should not be forfeited for lack of settlers. They laid out a new highway over the summit to Haverhill Corner, increased their offer of land to sixty acres, and proposed bounties to those who should fall trees preparatory to

clearing land. As a result in the year 1772, the five who had made themselves homes were reinforced by nearly a dozen others, most of whom brought their families with them.

Among these, and youngest of them all, was Chase Whitcher, younger brother of John Whitcher, who was one of seven first settlers. He was born in Salisbury, Mass., Oct. 6, 1753, son of Joseph and Martha Whittier, and was fourth in descent from Thomas Whittier, the first of his name in America, and supposed to be of Huguenot descent. The name almost from the first is variously spelled. There is evidence that for several generations it was pronounced as of two syllables—"Whit-tier"—the "ti" of the second syllable having the sound of "ch." The most common spelling of the name in the 17th century records is Whittier, though the name of Nathaniel, one of the sons of Thomas, b. Salisbury, 1658, appears frequently in the Salisbury records as "Whitcher." This form of spelling, and a similar one, Whicher, which seem to have been especially frequent in the Salisbury records, later became quite common, and some branches of the family came to adopt it uniformly.

*Thomas Whittier* was born in England in 1622. Little is known of his antecedents. His name first appears in connection with that of John Rolfe, spelled also Rulfe, Roffe, and Roafe, "who came to America in the ship Confidence in 1638, from Melchett Parke, Wilts, via Southampton with wife Ann, daughter Hester, and 'servant', *Thomas Whittier*." Rolfe's will, dated March 29, 1663-4, after sundry items makes bequests: 5th, to "*Thomas Whittier's* five children," • • • 7th to Richard Whittyer, my sister's son, and her son John Whittier." *Thomas Whittier*, according to the Haverhill records, married Ruth *Green*. Just her

relation to John Rolfe and Henry Rolfe his brother, who mentions *Thomas Whittier* as "kinsman" is uncertain. She may have been a half-sister, or a widow when she married Whittier, or possibly a sister of John Rolfe's wife. *Thomas Whittier*, in the latter event may have been a nephew of the Rolfe's, as is stated by Pickard in his life of John Greenleaf Whittier. He was certainly thirty years younger than John Rolfe. This much is certain, he came to America with the Rolfes, and was their relative either by blood or marriage.

*Thomas Whittier*, the boy of sixteen, lived with the Rolfes, probably with John, who settled in Salisbury, until the time of his marriage sometime in 1646, when he was about twenty-four years of age. It is a tradition in the family that as a young man he was of gigantic size, weighing more than three hundred pounds before he reached the age of twenty-one, and that he was also possessed of proportionate physical and muscular strength. From facts obtained from the early records it is certain that he possessed both moral and physical courage in a high degree.

He received his grant of land and settled at first, on attaining his majority, or previously, in Salisbury, on land which is now within the limits of the town of Amesbury and bordering on the Powow river, a tributary of the Merrimac. Included in the grant which he received was a hill which still bears his name. He lived in Salisbury until early in 1649, serving the town in various offices of trust, and was sent as a deputy from the town to the General Court. He lived for a few months in that year across the river in Newbury, but some time in that same year, 1649, must have taken up his residence in Haverhill, about ten miles up the river from his former home, as the Haverhill records show

that his eldest son, John, was born in that town, December 23, 1649. He lived in Haverhill the remainder of his life, where all his children were born, except his eldest daughter, Mary, born Oct. 9, 1647 in Salisbury. That Pickard's statement that he went to Haverhill in 1647 is incorrect is evidenced by the fact that he was given liberty by Salisbury to make three barrels of tar in that town early in 1649. Chase, in his history of Haverhill, states that he went from Newbury to Haverhill about 1650, but as already noted, his son, John, was born in Haverhill in December, 1649. He settled some mile or more away from the Merrimac in the eastern part of the town, upon the bank of a small stream now known as "Country Brook," but then as "East Meadow Brook." In his first house, which was built of logs, and which was situated about a mile southeast of the one he built later, all but the eldest of his ten children were born. His five sons all possessed the stalwart proportions of their father, each of them being more than six feet in height. He lived in this log house with his large family until he was about sixty-six years of age, when he began to hew the oaken timbers for a new dwelling, selecting the site upon the banks of a pretty rivulet running along the base of what is known as Job's Hill. His new and commodious house, which has sheltered generation after generation of his descendants, and which, still standing, has acquired fame as the birthplace of his great-great grandson, John Greenleaf Whittier, was erected in 1688-89, and was occupied by *Thomas Whittier* until his death, Nov. 28, 1696, and by his widow until her death in July, 1710. The spot is a picturesque one but has always been isolated. Here in the northeast corner of the town, and only three miles from the city with its 30,000 inhabitants, was such seclusion from the



outside world, that from the time of the erection of the Whittier house, to the present, no neighbor's roof has been in sight. The scene of "Snowbound" is laid here, and in this idyl of New England life, the poet says, referring to the isolation of the home :

"No social smoke  
Curled over woods of snow-hung oak,"

In his life of the poet Whittier, Pickard gives a description of the surroundings of the pioneer Thomas, and also some insight into the life and character of one who was no ordinary man in the world and times in which he lived. He says :

"Haverhill was first settled in 1640, and was for seventy years a frontier town, an unbroken wilderness stretching to the north for more than a hundred miles. During the first forty years of the settlement, there was no trouble from the Indians who fished in the lakes and hunted among the mountains of New Hampshire ; but during the next thirty years they were frequently hostile, and Haverhill suffered all the horrors that accompany savage warfare. When these hostilities began, in 1676, Thomas Whittier had been living in his log house on East Meadow Brook for nearly thirty years, receiving frequent visits from the Indians, whose respect and friendship he won by the fearlessness and justice he displayed in his dealings with them.

"When friendly intercourse with the pioneers was broken, and the savages began to make their forays upon this exposed settlement, several houses in the town were fitted up as garrisons, and we find that in 1675 Thomas Whittier was one of a committee appointed to select the houses that should be fortified as places of refuge. But though many of his townspeople were killed or carried into captivity, he

never availed himself of this shelter for himself or his family, and it is the tradition that he did not even bar his doors at night. His frame house, now standing, was built in the midst of the Indian troubles, and he had occupied it several years before the principal massacres, the records of which make the bloodiest pages in the annals of Haverhill. The Hannah Dustin affair occurred in 1697, a year after the death of the pioneer. The Dustins lived in the western part of the town, remote from the Whittiers, and nearly all the tragic events of these troublous times in Haverhill were beyond the limits of the East Parish. But the Indians in their war paint occasionally passed up the Country Brook, and the evening firelight in the Whittier kitchen would reveal a savage face at the window. But this household was never harmed.

Thomas Whittier was a contemporary of George Fox, and appears to have had much respect for the doctrines of the new Society of Friends. In 1652, he was among the petitioners to the General Court for the pardon of Robert Pike, who had been heavily fined for speaking against the order prohibiting the Quakers Joseph Peasley and Thomas Macy from exhorting on the Lord's Day. The meetings of the Quakers had been held in their own dwelling-houses. A petition against this order had been signed by many of the residents of Haverhill, and when it was presented in the General Court, a committee of that body was appointed to wait upon the petitioners, and command them to withdraw it or suffer the consequences. Some of them did retract when thus called upon, but two of the sixteen who refused were Thomas Whittier and Christopher Hussey, both of them ancestors of the poet. The only punishment they received was withdrawal for some years of their rights as



**THOMAS WHITTIER HOUSE, 1688.**

View in rear from the Plaistow highway.



“freemen.” The disability in the case of Whittier was removed in May, 1666, when he took the oath of citizenship. The franchise at this time was granted only to those who were named as worthy by the General Court. He not only had the right to vote, but was an office-holder and man of mark in Salisbury and Newbury for many years previous to his residence in Haverhill, and had also been a member of the General Court; and there can be little doubt that the delay in conferring upon him the full rights of citizenship in the last-named town was due to doubts respecting his orthodoxy. It may be that his interest in the doctrines of the new sect carried him beyond the point of desiring for its preachers fair play and freedom of utterance, but there is no evidence that he joined the Society of Friends. Indeed, we find him in his later years acting upon the ecclesiastical committees of the church then dominant in the colony.

His capacity for civic usefulness was recognized for years before the right to vote was conferred upon him. In laying out roads, fixing the bounds of the plantation, and in other ways, his engineering skill was drawn upon. When he came to Haverhill from Newbury, in 1647, it was considered of sufficient importance to note in the town records the fact that he brought with him a hive of bees that had been willed to him by his uncle, Henry Rolfe. This incident seems emblematic of the industry and thrift which have so largely characterized his posterity; and it has furnished a device which has been woven by some members of the family into the Whittier monogram.”

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND RUTH GREEN WHITTIER.

2. I. Mary, b. Salisbury, Oct. 9, 1647, m. Haverhill, Sept. 21, 1666, Benjamin Page.

3. II. John, b. Haverhill, Dec. 23, 1649, m. Jan. 14, 1685-6, Mary Hoyt.
4. III. Ruth, b. Haverhill, Nov. 6, 1651, m. Salisbury, Apr. 20, 1675, Joseph True.
5. IV. Thomas, b. Haverhill, Jan. 12, 1653-4, resided in Haverhill, d. Haverhill, Oct. 17, 1728, no children.
6. V. Susanna, b. Haverhill, March 27, 1656, m. July 15, 1674, Jacob Morrill.
7. VI. Nathaniel, b. Haverhill, Aug. 14, 1658.
8. VII. Hannah, b. Haverhill, Sept. 10, 1660, m. May 30, 1683, Edward Young of Haverhill.
9. VIII. Richard, b. Haverhill, June 27, 1663, resided Haverhill, d. March 5, 1724-5, no children.
10. IX. Elizabeth, b. Haverhill, Nov. 21, 1666, m. June 22, 1699, James Sanders, Jr., of Haverhill.
11. X. Joseph, b. Haverhill, May 8, 1669, m. May 24, 1694, Mary Peasley.

(7). *Nathaniel Whittier*, (or as the name is sometimes spelled in the records. *Whitcher*.) son of Thomas and Ruth (Green) Whittier, b. Aug 11, 1658, settled in Salisbury, and married 1st, Aug. 26, 1685, Mary, widow of John Osgood of Salisbury. Her maiden name was Mary Stevens, b. 1647, daughter of John and Katherine Stevens of Salisbury. She m. Nov. 5, 1668, John Osgood of Salisbury, who d. Nov. 7, 1683-4. They were the parents of six children. She d. May 11, 1705. Nathaniel m. 2d, Mary, widow of Joseph Ring of Salisbury. Her maiden name was Mary Brackett, daughter of Capt. Anthon Brackett and Anne his wife, and granddaughter of "Michel" and Elizabeth Mitten, formerly of Casco Bay. Nathaniel

Whittier took the oath of allegiance at Haverhill in 1677, and was admitted a freeman in 1690. His first wife, Mary, was a witness in the Susanna Martin trial in 1692. "Goodwife" Martin was tried for witchcraft at Salem, June 29, and executed July 19, 1692. Both Nathaniel and Mary, however, signed the petition in favor of Mary Bradbury, who was also convicted of witchcraft in that year, but was not executed.

Nathaniel died in Salisbury, July 18, 1722, his widow, Mary, surviving him until July 19, 1742.

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL AND MARY OSGOOD  
WHITTIER.

12. I. *Reuben*, b. Salisbury, March 17, 1686-7.
13. II. Ruth, b. Salisbury, Oct. 14, 1688, m. Apr. 9, 1723, Benjamin Green, probably of Dover, N. H. There is a record of the baptism of Ruth Whitcher, adult, Aug. 1716, Salisbury church.

(12) *Reuben Whittier* or *Whitcher* made his home in his native town, Salisbury, until his death at the age of 36 in 1722, a few months after the death of his father. He was married to Deborah Pillsbury of Newbury in the latter part of 1708, the record of publishment being dated Nov. 13 in that year. He was a member of the Salisbury militia, and was one of the "one-half of the company" which was "imprest for her majesties' service in the field," in 1710. In the list of the men thus "imprest" and who went to Exeter, N. H., July 5, 1710, his name appears as "Rubin Whicher." In the order to sergt. Thos. Bradbury of Salisbury, who had charge of the Exeter expedition, he is exhorted by Capt. Henry True, to be "very Kerfull of your-

self & men in your March." Reuben Whittier died in Salisbury, Nov. 18, 1722. His widow, Deborah, m. Sept. 1724, Zechariah Eastman of Salisbury, son of John and Mary (Boynton) Eastman.

CHILDREN OF REUBEN AND DEBORAH PILLSBURY  
WHITTIER.

14. I. Mary, b. Salisbury, Sept 25, 1709.
15. II. Nathaniel, b. Salisbury, Aug. 12, 1711.
16. III. William, b. Salisbury, Nov. 20, 1714.
17. IV. Reuben, b. Salisbury, 1716.
18. V. Richard, b. Salisbury, 1717.
19. VI. *Joseph*, b. Salisbury, May 2, 1721.
20. VII. Benjamin, b. Salisbury, May 4, 1722.

The records of the West Church, Salisbury, show that Dec. 2, 1722, just subsequent to death of Reuben, his seven children received the sacrament of baptism, the name appearing in the record as "Witcher." In the final settlement of his estate the committee on the division reported that it could not be divided without loss. Nathaniel Whittier, eldest son, who was heir to a double portion, bought out the others and gave his bond to pay, dated May 28, 1733. With the consent of their mother, Joseph Osgood was appointed May 24, 1733, guardian of the three youngest children, Richard, Joseph and Benjamin.

(19) *Joseph Whittier*, son of Reuben and Deborah Pillsbury Whittier, also resided in Salisbury. He m. in Salisbury, Jan. 13, 1743, Martha, daughter of John Evans, Esq., of Nottingham, N. H. They were quiet, God-fearing people, and the records show that they were connected with the Second Church, being received into its communion



Jan. 4, 1756, the name being spelled on the record "Whitcher." Previously, Nov. 13, 1748, Joseph and Martha had "owned the covenant" on the occasion of the baptism of their three little daughters, Deborah, Dorothy and Sarah. The children of Joseph and Martha Evans Whitcher were all born in Salisbury, but it is not probable that any of them settled in their native town, as the names of none of them appear in the records of the town, either church or civil, after the year 1756. Three of the four sons certainly went to Warren, N. H., one daughter, Sarah, died in 1748, and it is not unlikely that the parents, Joseph and Martha, may have, late in life, made their homes with some one of their children, if they had not, as will subsequently be suggested, removed to Kingston, N. H.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND MARTHA EVANS WHITTIER  
OR (WHITCHER).

21. I. Deborah, b. Salisbury, Sept. 4, 1744.
22. II. Dorothy, b. Salisbury, Nov. 30, 1745.
23. III. Sarah, b. Salisbury, Sept. 18, 1747, d. Dec. 29, 1748.
24. IV. John, b. Salisbury, June 19, 1749.
25. V. Reuben, b. Salisbury, Sept. 19, 1751.
26. VI. *Chase*, b. Salisbury, Oct. 6, 1753.
27. VII. Joseph, b. Salisbury, Oct. 31, 1755.

For four generations the family had been, at least in the branch which has been thus far traced, identified with the town of Salisbury.

## CHAPTER II.

## SETTLEMENT IN WARREN.

As has been previously noted, Chase Whitcher came to Warren, as nearly as can be ascertained, in the spring of 1772. His brother, John, had come three years previously, and two other brothers, Reuben and Joseph, came a little later than Chase. The question naturally arises, why did these brothers leave Salisbury and make their way, for a long distance through an almost unbroken wilderness into northern New Hampshire, to establish homes for themselves in the wilderness town of Warren? Several answers suggest themselves. Salisbury had become a comparatively old town, having been settled for more than one hundred and twenty-five years. The land available for farming purposes had been taken up, improved, and much of it had been worn out. The young men of the town had become restless and were seeking new openings and fields for their activity. Many of the previous generation had left the town for newer settlements in the southern part of New Hampshire and in eastern Maine. Governor Benning Wentworth of the New Hampshire province was granting numerous charters of townships, so numerous that a large section of the Connecticut valley, especially west of the Connecticut river where he claimed jurisdiction, was known as the New Hampshire Grants. Land was cheap in these new townships, indeed was to be had for the asking, on condition that it be occupied and improved, so eager were the grantees or proprietors to secure the settlement and improvement

of their possessions. The sons of Joseph and Martha Whittier, if they had the pioneer spirit, would naturally be attracted by the inducements offered in some of these new towns, and *Chase Whitcher*, the boy, not quite nineteen, evidently had this spirit. It may be interesting to quote the account given of him by Little, the historian of Warren :

“Chase Whitcher came next, and although a mere boy he took possession of a lot of land in the north part of the town, fell a few acres of trees, and built himself a log camp covered with bark. He was sent by the proprietors, they observing that he was a resolute youth, that they might if possible fulfill the first condition of the charter.

“He was a tall, bony, rawbuilt fellow with a spare face, red hair, fond of the forest, and given to hunting and trapping. The mink, muskrat and otter he caught by the foamy, roistering Oliverian : beaver he trapped at Beaver-Meadow ponds, the head waters of the Wild Ammonoosuc, and his sable lines ran here and there upon the sides of the mountains. The cry of his old hound-dog in the woods was music to him, and following a moose one day he climbed on Moosehillock, (or Moosilauke) being the first settler that ever stood on its bald summit.

“At another time he was chasing a wild buck, which ran down on the rocky crest of Owl’s Head mountain. Whitcher heard the baying of his faithful hound in the distance, at regular intervals, each time coming nearer, and cocking his rifle got behind a rock, thinking to shoot the stag as he passed. He did not have to wait long. The deer burst out of the thin woods fifty rods away, too far off for a shot, and bounded towards the edge of the precipice. He whistled to the old dog following closely behind, whose three wild yells rang out regularly upon the clear mountain air, but could

not make him hear. Neither deer nor hound heeded where they were going, and when they reached the brink of the mountain, in the excitement of the moment the hunter held his breath, as he saw the buck, unable to stop, and the great black hound, intent only on his prey, both leap far out over the edge of the precipice, then falling swift as lightning disappear in the abyss a hundred fathoms down.

“In an hour the young man had climbed down through the woods by a roundabout way to the foot of the mountain, where he found the deer dead, and his hound with one leg broken and otherwise terribly bruised. The dog had lighted on the top of a great pine, which broke the force of his fall. In time he got well, but could never be induced to run another deer on the top of Owl’s Head mountain.”

But the question, why did the Whitcher brothers choose Warren in preference to other towns, is still unanswered. The family records are silent on this subject, but the early records of Salisbury, Haverhill and Amesbury, throw some light on the matter, enough to warrant drawing some conclusions which may be helpful. The town of Warren was granted January 28, 1764, to John Page, Esq., of Kingston and 56 others. John Page was a prominent citizen of Kingston, and the others mentioned in the grant were his friends and neighbors in Kingston and adjoining towns, and friends in Salisbury, Haverhill, and Amesbury, Mass., towns which had been the homes of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents. He was himself a native of Haverhill, born about 1710-11, and was a great-grandson of John Page who settled in Haverhill about 1652. His granduncle, Benjamin, son of John, m. Sept. 21, 1666, Mary, eldest daughter of Thomas and Ruth Green Whittier. The descendants of John the first were numerous, not only

in Haverhill, but also in Salisbury and Amesbury. Then, too, among the associate grantees of Warren are found the names of William Witcher and Joseph Witcher. The former was a son of Reuben and Deborah Pillsbury Whittier, born in Salisbury, Nov. 20, 1714. William Witcher removed to Kingston contemporaneously with John Page, who went there from Haverhill. The Joseph named was probably the father of John, Reuben, Chase, and Joseph, and brother of William. This much is certain, there is no trace of Joseph and Murtha Evans Whittier to be found in Salisbury after about 1760, and it would have been only natural that they should have followed his brother, William, to Kingston, a New Hampshire town which was but a few miles distant from Salisbury. There is also another hint which may be helpful in suggestion as to why *Chase Witcher* in seeking a new home went to Warren. The names of no less than four Morrills appear among the Warren grantees. Increase Morrill, of Amesbury, who died in June, 1777, left to his children a grant of land in Warren. Among his children was a daughter, Hannah, born June 19, 1753, baptized July 14, 1753, as appears by the Amesbury church records. *Chase Witcher*, after he came to Warren in 1772, made more or less frequent trips to his old home, and in the summer of 1777 went down to Amesbury, married July 6, Hannah, daughter of Increase and Sarah Herbert Morrill and brought her to the home he had established in the north part of the new town.

The reasons why Warren became the objective point for these four pioneer brothers, are thus made comparatively clear. It was not an accident that Warren was chosen instead of some of the other nearby chartered towns.

*Hannah Morrill*\* was no ordinary woman, as her children, and those of her grandchildren who remembered her, bore abundant testimony. Like her husband, she came of good, sturdy, early New England stock as the record of her ancestry proves. (1) *Abraham Morrill* (or *Morrell*) came from England, and settled first in Cambridge in 1632-3. He probably came in the ship "Lion" which arrived in September, 1632. He is first mentioned in the Cambridge records, Jan. 1632-3, where he was proprietor in 1636. He was a planter, millwright and ironfounder, and was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston in 1638. He was fined in 1641, for "selling his servant his time." He removed to Salisbury about that time and received land in the first division of that town, was a commoner and was taxed in 1650. In company with Henry Saywood he built a corn mill on the Powow in 1641. Only four men were taxed for a larger amount in Salisbury, and his estate at death inventoried £564. He married June 10, 1645, Sarah, daughter of Robert Clement, of Haverhill. He died June 20, 1662, while on a visit to his brother Isaac in Roxbury.

\*The record in the town clerk's office in Warren gives the date of the birth of Hannah Morrill, wife of Chase Whitcher as June 19, 1758. This record was not made till at least thirty years after her marriage, and occurs in the family record of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher in which the name and date of birth of each of their children are given. In the Salisbury and Amesbury records of the Morrill family there are found numerous "Hannahs," but none in the records of either town, anywhere near the age of Chase Whitcher except one "Hannah" of Salisbury, b. in 1762, and "Hannah," daughter of Increase, of Amesbury, b. June 19, 1758. It would be comparatively easy to mistake a "3" for an "8," and by such mistake, what is undoubtedly an error in the Warren records was made. The Warren, N. H. and Amesbury, Mass. records agree so far as they go, except in this single particular, and all other evidence available indicates beyond doubt that Hannah Morrill, wife of Chase Whitcher, was the daughter of Increase Morrill, of Amesbury.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM AND SARAH CLEMENT MORRILL.

2. I. Isaac, b. Salisbury, July 10, 1646.
3. II. Jacob, b. Salisbury, Aug. 24, 1648, m. July 15, 1674, Sueanna, daughter of Thomas and Ruth Whittier.
4. III. Sarah, b. Salisbury, Oct. 14, 1650.
5. IV. Abraham, b. Salisbury, Nov. 14, 1652.
6. V. *Moses*, b. Salisbury, Dec. 28, 1655, m. Rebecca Barnes.
7. VI. Aaron, b. Salisbury, Aug. 9, 1658.
8. VII. Richard, b. Salisbury, Feb. 6, 1660.
9. VIII. Lydia, b. Salisbury, March 8, 1661.
10. IX. Hepzibah, b. Salisbury, Jan. 1663 (posthumus).

(6). Lieutenant *Moses Morrill* of Amesbury, b. Dec. 28, 1655. m. Rebecca, daughter of William and Rachel Barnes of Salisbury and Amesbury. She was dismissed from the Salisbury to the Amesbury church, Feb. 8, 1699, and with her husband was living in Amesbury as late as 1726. She died Apr. 3, 1727, and her husband died in Salisbury, May 20, 1731.

CHILDREN OF MOSES AND REBECCA BARNES MORRILL.

11. I. Rachel, b. Amesbury, Aug. 12, 1686.
12. II. *William Barnes*, b. Amesbury, March 19, 1688, m. June 6, 1717, Lydia Pillsbury of Salisbury.
13. III. Sarah, b. Amesbury, Jan. 30, 1689-90.
14. IV. Hannah, b. Amesbury, Aug. 14, 1692.
15. V. Ann, b. Amesbury, Oct. 9, 1694.
16. VI. Judith, b. Amesbury, Dec. 20, 1696.

(12). *William Barnes Morrill* of Amesbury, East Parish, b. March 19, 1688, son of Moses and Rebecca Barnes Morrill. m. 1st, June 6, 1717, Lydia Pillsbury of Salisbury; 2nd in 1733, Judith ———

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BARNES AND LYDIA PILLSBURY  
MORRILL.

17. I. Moses, b. March 9, 1717-18.
18. II. Rebecca, b. Nov. 9, 1719.
19. III. *Increase*, b. Oct. 15, 1721.
20. IV. Mary, b. Oct 20, 1723.
21. V. Simeon, b. May 9, 1726.
22. VI. Hannah, b. Sept. 28, 1728.
23. VII. William, b. Nov. 18, 1730.
24. VIII. Lydia, (by second wife) b. June 4, 1734.
25. IX. Eliot, b. May 2, 1737.
26. X. Lydia, b. July 13, 1739.

The above named were all born in Amesbury, East Parish. The record of the baptism of the four younger children appears in the East Parish Church records.

(19). *Increase Morrill*, b. Oct. 15, 1721, m. Nov. 22, 1744. Sarah Herbert of Salisbury. She owned covenant in First Church, Amesbury, May 17, 1747, and was received to full communion the same day. His will is dated May 15, 1777, and was proved June 14 the same year, about three weeks previous to the marriage of his daughter, Hannah, to *Chase Whitcher*. He gave land in Warren to children. Mrs. Morrill was a devoted member of the first Amesbury church, in the records of which the baptism of each of her children appears.



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CHILDREN OF INCREASE AND SARAH HERBERT  
MORRILL.

- 27. I. Rebecca, b. Jan. 27, 1746.
- 28. II. Richard, b. March 29, 1748.
- 29. III. Sarah, b. Nov. 1, 1750.
- 30. IV. *Hannah*, b. June 19, 1753, baptized July 14,  
1753.
- 31. V. John, b. Oct. 13, 1755.
- 32. VI. William, b. ——— baptized, Sept. 3, 1758.
- 33. VII. Samuel, b. Feb. 4, 1761.

The above were all born in Amesbury, and it was from her Amesbury home that Hannah Morrill went with her husband in July, 1777. just after the death of her father, to her new home in Warren. That home was a log house in a clearing of a few acres on the Oliverian, at what is now known as Warren Summit, or Glenclyff. The house was but a few rods from the present Glenclyff railroad station, and near that occupied so many years by Mr. and Mrs. James Harriman and known as the Harriman place. Neighbors were few. A settlement had just been made on Coventry Meadows, nearly two miles away through the forest; John Witcher was established on Pine Hill, a mile and a half distant; there were four or five other families within a radius of two miles, and that was all. It was a humble home, with furniture and household utensils of the most primitive sort, where luxury was unknown, and where the barest necessities of life were often scarce and scanty. Nearly everything was of home production, and life in this wilderness settlement and home was a struggle for existence. In this home of hardship and poverty, for life could have been little else than hardship and poverty, the eleven children of Chas

and Hannah Morrill Whitcher were born and reared. There were no schools, at least none for the older of the children, but the mother found time to give them each a fair education. The father was too busy felling trees, clearing land, gathering his scant crops, to say nothing of his trapping and hunting, to give much attention to the education of his children, and even had he not been too busy, the mother was better equipped for the task of teaching.

The War of the Revolution was in progress when Chase Whitcher brought his bride home, and he had already taken an active part in that struggle. He was on one of his trips "down country," probably visiting his relatives in Kingston, when the news came of the fight at Concord and Lexington, April 19, 1775. He was not long in deciding his course, and April 23, 1775 found him a member of Capt. Henry Dearborn's company, Col. John Stark's regiment, on his way to Charlestown. His three months' service lasted till August 1, and as a member of Col. Stark's regiment he participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. After the failure of Arnold's expedition to Canada, there was much excitement in Warren as well as all along the frontier in the summer of 1776 over a threatened invasion from Canada, and there was a great demand for arms and ammunition. The number of thirteen guns was needed in the Warren settlement, and they could be obtained only at Exeter. Chase Whitcher was given by the Coos Committee of Safety the sum of twenty-four pounds to make the necessary purchase, he giving security to pay the same when demanded. He went to Exeter, secured the guns and ammunition, and loading them on his horse, led his beast thus loaded, through the wilderness over a rough bridle path for most of the way, until he brought them safely to Warren, where they were quickly



**HOUSE AT WARREN SUMMIT, N. H.**

Built by Chase Whitcher about 1720. Oldest house in Warren.



distributed among the settlers. Again, only a little time after his marriage when the call came for volunteers to join John Stark at Bennington, he became Sept. 8, 1777, a member of Capt. Nathan Sanborn's company in Col. Stephen Evans' regiment and served till December 16th in that same year.

In the same spirit that moved him to join the ranks of those fighting for independence, the early records show that he bore his part in the affairs of the frontier town. The scant records of the early town meetings show that he served in the offices of constable, then a highly important position, tax collector, moderator, and for years filled the various minor offices of his town with fidelity and usefulness. He was also prominent in the militia of the town, the title "Lieut." being given him in the town records. He was always poor. The inventory of his taxable property was never in any one year, more than five hundred dollars, but there is evidence that he avoided debt, and met the modest obligations he incurred. Famous as a hunter, he shot and killed the only caribou ever killed in his section, was the first white man to stand on the summit of Moosilauke, a mountain afterward owned by one of his grandsons, was the first to welcome the Methodist itinerant to the North Country, and was a member of the first class formed by that pioneer itinerant, Elijah R. Sabin, who was appointed by the New York Conference to the Landaff circuit in 1800. The account given by Little of Sabin's visit is an interesting one. He says:

"One day in July, 1800, a solitary horseman was seen riding up the road. He stopped at Joseph Merrill's inn, baited his horse, and while he was eating his own dinner casually dropped a few words upon religious matters. They

seemed to make but little impression, and saying something about stony ground and hardness of heart, he rode away over Pine hill to the Summit. That horseman was the Rev. Elijah R. Sabin, a missionary of Methodism. Hundreds of them were riding the country through, preaching in the houses, the barns, in the forests, or out in the broad open air, anywhere they could get a congregation to hear them, bringing new religious ideas to the people.

“That night he stopped with Mr. Chase Whitcher, by the wild roistering Oliverian. The morrow was the sabbath, and after the morning meal a meeting was suggested. Mr. Whitcher was pleased with the idea. A messenger went to the settlers on Pine hill, down on old Coventry meadows, and to Mr. Eastman’s, the first settler of High street.”

“By ten o’clock, quite a congregation had assembled, and under the maples—they grow there now—by the laughing stream, the first religious meeting was held on the summit. They had no choir, but the reverend man sang in clear sweet voice, one of those stirring revival hymns of John Wesley, which were then waking men’s souls through all the land. His discourse took powerful hold on his little congregation, and before he left this valley, hollowed between five peaks of the mountains, he had laid the foundation for a society, and formed a class consisting of three members—Chase Whitcher, Dolly Whitcher, afterwards the widow Atwell, and Sarah Barker. When he was gone his words were not forgotten. Many believed his doctrine was true, and before the year passed more than thirty persons had joined the class.”

This was the beginning of Methodism in Warren, where it has been for nearly a century the leading religious society. The lives of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher, must,



WILLIAM WHITCHER.





from the very circumstances of the time, have been filled with hardship and toil, but they lived to see their children grow up and make homes for themselves, and to see the town in which they were among the few pioneer settlers, become one of the prosperous mountain towns of the state. Hannah Morrill Witcher died Oct. 31st, 1826, at the age of 73, and Chase Witcher died in Feb. 1836, in his 83d year. Above their graves in the little cemetery at Warren Summit there was erected by their grandson, the late Ira Witcher, in 1889, a substantial marble monument.

CHILDREN OF CHASE AND HANNAH MORRILL  
WHITCHER.

(*All born in Warren, N. H.*)

- 28. I. Levi, b. Sept. 22, 1779, died in infancy.
- 29. II. Dolly, b. Jan. 22, 1781, m. John Atwell of Haverhill, and resided in Benton. They had one son, Chase Witcher Atwell, who died in Boston about 1889 without issue.
- 30. III. William, b. May 23, 1783.
- 31. IV. Molly, b. Apr. 16, 1785, died unmarried.
- 32. V. Chase, Jr., b. Sept. 5, 1787, m. March 21, 1813, at New Holderness, N. H., Mary Green, of New Holderness. They resided in Warren until about 1830, when they removed to Coventry (Benton), afterwards returning to Warren, where he died, Jan. 26, 1850. His widow died in Benton, December 14, 1863. They left no children.
- 33. VI. Levi, 2d, b. Aug. 31, 1789, d. unmarried.
- 34. VII. Jacob, b. June 22, 1791.
- 35. VIII. Miriam, b. March 18, 1794, m. Joseph Davis

Willoughby of New Holderness, N. H., b. Oct. 19, 1788, d. Aug. 27, 1853 and resided in that town until their death. They had three children :

(1). William Whitcher, b. Feb. 26, 1816, d. Somerville, Mass., Aug. 10, 1877, m. Sept. 21, 1845, Harriet M. True of Holderness, N. H., b. April 10, 1823. Their two children were, George T., b. Somerville, June 28, 1846, and Harriet M., b. Somerville, Jan. 23, 1856.

(2). Fatima, b. Oct. 19, 1818, d. Chelmsford, Mass., Sept. 23, 1867, m. Samuel Putney, Chelmsford, Mass. They had one daughter, Ella Putney.

(3). Samuel W., b. May 6, 1822, d. Boston, Sept. 20, 1860, m. ————, left two sons, James H., and Charles.

36. IX. Hannah, b. March 16, 1796, died unmarried.  
 37. X. Martha, b. July 18, 1798, m. Elisha Fullam.  
 38. XI. David, b. Jan. 15, 1803.

None of the children of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher settled permanently in Warren. Chase, Jr., spent some years in town after reaching his majority, but about the year 1830, removed to Coventry, (now Benton), where his three brothers had previously gone, and where Dolly and Martha, two of the three daughters who married, also lived for a time. For the first half of the eighteenth century, the children and grandchildren of Chase Whitcher were prominent factors in the history of that town.



MRS. MARTHA (WHITCHER) FULLAM.



## CHAPTER III.

## EMIGRATION TO COVENTRY-BENTON.

Chase Whitcher had never acquired real estate in Warren suitable for settlement, aside from that of his homestead. This, a part of which is now, as has before been said, the so-called Harriman place, was lot numbered eighteen in the seventh range, which, in the second division of lots had been drawn by Abraham Morrill of Salisbury one of the grantees of the town, was sold by him to Chase Whitcher for the sum of five pounds, lawful money, by deed of March 14, 1775. Chase Whitcher was named in the deed as of Nottingham, which was then the residence of his father, Joseph Whittier, who, it will be remembered, had married his wife, Martha Evans, in that town. Joseph, as has before been noted, was also one of the original proprietors of Warren. Chase was then in his 22d year, and not having acquired title to land in Warren, where he had spent much of the previous three years with his brother, John, and being unmarried, was naturally described as having domicile with his father. The date of this deed, March 14, 1775, also accounts for his presence "down country" that spring, and for his becoming a member, April 23, of Captain Henry Dearborn's company on its way to Charlestown and Bunker Hill. On his return to Warren in the late summer, he began clearing his land, and making ready for a home. His father had considerable holdings of land in town, not only as original proprietor, but also by acquisition of what remained of the origi-

nal share or right of his brother, William of Kingston, having purchased this, Oct. 2, 1776, of Isaac Whitecher and Nathaniel Whitecher, executors of the estate of William. These holdings he from time to time disposed of to his sons, John, Reuben, Chase, and Joseph, Jr. One of his conveyances bearing date of Feb. 14, 1783, is that of "lot numbered eighteen in the eighth range of lots in the second division in Warren," and was "in consideration of the love and good will that I baire to my son, Chaise Whitecher of Warren, in the County of Grafton, and in further consideration of the sum of thirty pounds, lawful money, to me in hand, paid before the delivery hereof by the said Chaise Whitecher." This lot lies up on the mountain to the southwest of Warren Summit station, and has never been available for settlement. It now belongs to the estate of the late Ira Whitecher, a great-grandson of Joseph, though it passed through many hands before it came into his possession.

Chase Whitecher also became possessed of land in Coventry. By deed of Sept. 30, 1788, he purchased of Samuel Atkinson of Boscawen, a hundred acres in Coventry for the sum of thirty pounds, this being described as a tract which had been "deeded to one John Marston, February 5, 1780, on condition that he settle in that town," which condition, Marston had failed to fulfill. He had thus become interested in Coventry lands, and when his eldest son, William, came to man's estate, the almost unbroken wilderness of the north part of Coventry, seemed to offer a better chance for settlement than what remained of lands in Warren, that had not been taken up for improvement. It was, therefore, in the year 1805, that William Whitecher went over the pass between the mountains, following a rough path which had been surveyed for the building

of a road, and began clearing land for a home, afterwards the homesteads of his sons, Moses, William, Jr., and Ira. Later he was followed by his brothers, Jacob and David, who had at first settled in Warren, and by his sister, Dolly, who had married John Atwell of Haverhill, whither he had come from the State of Maine.

Jacob Whitcher at first established himself in Warren, purchasing a farm of his father-in-law, Stephen Richardson, of that town, in February, 1815, but he later removed to Groton, Vt., and still later to Coventry, where he purchased of Benjamin Knight, of Landaff, a farm of fifty acres.

David Whitcher, youngest son of Chase, arranged to take the homestead farm of his parents, and to remain with them to care for them in their declining years, for, December 19, 1823, a few weeks before he reached his majority, his father deeded to him "all that part of my farm which lieth on the easterly side of the road leading from Haverhill to Warren, except one acre and a half where the buildings now stand, occupied by Chase Whitcher, Jr." Still later, Oct. 12, 1827, Chase Whitcher deeded to him a hundred acres on the mountain to the southwest, the consideration being \$100.

John and Dolly Whitcher Atwell removed from Haverhill to Coventry about 1819, and settled on a lot near Landaff line, afterwards the farm owned by Samuel Whitcher, and later by Stephen C. Sherman,—which had been purchased by William Whitcher of Elisha Tyler in 1813. After the death of her husband, about 1829, Dolly Whitcher Atwell returned to the home of her father, in Warren, and arrangements were made which led to the removal of David Whitcher to Coventry. Her mother had died in 1826, and it was felt that she and her sister, Molly, who had remained

at home unmarried, were perhaps better fitted than others to give their father the care he needed, now that he had passed his three-score years and ten. That William Whitcher came from Coventry and assisted in making the arrangements, is evident from the fact that the deeds of real estate which were made October 20, 1830, appear to have been acknowledged by him as justice of the peace. On this date, David Whitcher deeded to Dolly Atwell and Molly Whitcher, both of Warren, for the consideration of five hundred dollars, that portion of the homestead of his father which had been deeded to him seven years previously, and they, in turn, executed a mortgage of the property to their father, the condition of this instrument being in the following language: "if we, the said Dolly and Molly, shall at all times maintain and support the said Chase Whitcher, our father, both in sickness and health, provide him with convenient accommodations, a sufficiency of good, wholesome food, and doctoring, clothing, and lodging, good fires, and a physician and proper nursing in sickness and health, and take prudent and good care of him at all times during his natural life, and shall be at all his funeral charges, then this deed shall be void and of none effect." William Whitcher, in writing this instrument, certainly did not intend that anything which would safeguard the comfort of his father, should be omitted, even though those who were to care for him were his own daughters. David Whitcher, with his wife and infant son, removed almost immediately to Coventry, and settled just to the south of his brother, Jacob, on a lot of land which he purchased of Ira Goodall, and which was later known as the Curtis farm. It appears that when David deeded to his sisters, his wife did not join in the deed, since subsequent to his death, his widow, Phebe P.,



then of New Hampton, in consideration of one hundred dollars, by deed of October 1, 1835, released to Dolly and Molly, her rights of dower in the land previously deeded by her husband. In this deed, Molly is called Polly, the names seeming to be interchangeable.

Chase Witcher, Jr., had as early as 1814, acquired a lot of land in Coventry, where he cleared a small farm on which he lived at various times, until a few years before his death, when he returned again to Warren. This farm, which has been for the past thirty or forty years a forest, was about three-fourths of a mile to the southeast of the Orrin Marston homestead, and a fourth of a mile to the east of the North and South road, being reached by a private way.

(30). *William Witcher*, eldest son of Chase and Hannah Morrill Witcher, was like his father, a genuine pioneer, and proved himself such when he began life for himself in the almost unbroken forest of the north part of Coventry. He secured land near the Landaff line, and proceeded in the years 1805 and 1806, to clear away the forest and build his home. His original homestead was made up of parts of lots numbered thirteen, fifteen, twenty-two, and fifty-nine in Gerrish survey. His first house, built of logs, was erected on lot numbered fifteen, on the same spot where nearly forty years later, his son, Ira Witcher, built his home. To this house he brought his wife in February, 1807, and here or in the house he afterward built, were born his ten sons and six daughters, all of whom with a single exception, lived to marry and establish homes of their own. From the beginning he was active in town affairs, his name first appearing among the town officers as highway surveyor in 1807, and from that time until he removed to

Landaff, on the banks of the Wild Ammonoosuc, in 1856, he was one of the leading spirits of his town, and filled at different times all the various town offices. The town when he came to it was without roads, and no citizen accomplished so much as he in constructing them, thus giving means of communication with the adjoining towns of Bath and Haverhill, which in the early part of the century were the leading business, social, and political centres of the North Country. He had himself, considering his time and circumstances, a good education, and appreciating its value, did all in his power to secure the establishment of schools, that his children might receive their advantages. He acquired quite large tracts of land by purchase from non-resident owners, and at tax collector's sales, and some of these acquisitions involved him in litigation. This naturally gave him a knowledge of the forms of law, and early commissioned a justice of the peace, he was familiarly known as "the Squire," and later as the "Old Squire." In this capacity he became the conveyancer for the town, drew up their wills for his townsmen, the petitions for building highways, presided at justice courts, and in his later years was the confidential adviser of his neighbors on almost all questions affecting them. Prudent, cautious, far-sighted, his advice was recognized as eminently sound and trustworthy. He was a man of deep piety, imbued with the old New England religious faith and principles, and was foremost among his townsmen in seeking to promote piety and religion among them. He did not as a boy of seventeen join that first Methodist class, formed by the pioneer and saddlebag itinerant in his father's house in Warren in 1800, but he received on that occasion, religious impressions which moulded all his after life. He became a member of the Methodist

Episcopal denomination early, and for many years before the "Union meeting house" was erected in 1846, he frequently, as licensed exhorter, or local preacher of his denomination, conducted religious meetings in barns, schoolhouses, or private dwellings, or assisted the early circuit riders, who occasionally made appointments in Coventry, in making their horseback pilgrimages through the backwoods towns. There are many living who remember him in his later years, sitting reverently in his wing pew in the meeting house, listening attentively to the sermon of the Methodist or Baptist preacher, as the case might be, and then as the sermon ended, rising in his place to add to the sermon a few pithy sentences in reinforcement of what had been heard. He was a man who took life seriously, and with a family of sixteen children to provide for, with the discomforts and discouragements of a backwoods mountain town to be met, overcome, or endured, he naturally had little time or disposition for levity.

A few years after his marriage his log house was replaced by a frame building, and about the year 1830, he built the house still standing, afterwards owned and occupied by his sons, first by Moses Witcher, then by Chase Witcher, and now owned by William W. Eastman. He lived here until about 1835, when he purchased the Nathan Coburn place, where he lived with his son, Daniel, until about 1855 he removed to Landaff, where he died March 5, 1859, having nearly completed his seventy-seventh year. His old age was gladdened by the prosperity of his children, most of whom were settled around him, and in the welfare of whose families he was deeply concerned. In his domestic life he was fortunate and happy. He married, February 15, 1807, Mary, eldest daughter of Samuel and Sarah Collins Noyes of Landaff,

who was born in that town, November 5, 1787, and who died in Benton, September 27, 1848, in her sixty-first year.

She was one of a large family. Of her seven brothers, all like herself born in Landaff, James, Samuel, Daniel, Jonathan and Amos, spent the greater part of their lives in that town. Moses became a resident of Haverhill, and Nathaniel of Lyndon, Vt. Her father, Samuel Noyes, was one of the early settlers of Landaff. With his brother, Jonathan, he went to Landaff from Plaistow in the autumn of 1782, having purchased of Nathaniel Peabody of Atkinson, for the sum of 50 pounds, one of the original rights or shares of land which was granted to Gershom Bates in the charter of 1764. His deed was dated August 16, 1782, and a part consideration, in addition to the fifty pounds, was that he should take possession of one of the one hundred acre lots which had been laid out, within three months from the date of the deed, and should begin immediate settlement. He chose a location near the spot where the old town and meeting house was afterwards erected, and cleared his farm, which remained in his possession during his life, and afterwards, in the possession of some of his descendants until the year 1903. His wife Sarah Collins, was a member of one of the oldest New England families, a woman of great courage, of devoted piety, and of abounding cheerfulness and hopefulness.

Mary Noyes was not twenty years of age when she went to Coventry as the wife of William Whitcher. As has been noted, she went with him into a home in the wilderness, where but a few acres of land had been cleared, and where they began life together with no other capital than good health and willing hands. In the next twenty-four years they became the parents of ten sons and six daughters, for

all of whom she cared, almost unaided, and lived to see them all grow to the estate of young manhood and womanhood. One son died at the age of seventeen, but all the others married and settled in homes of their own. Mary Noyes Whitcher was a remarkable woman.

William Whitcher married second, October 3, 1849, Catherine Moore, widow of Francis Knight, of Bath. She died October 19, 1874.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARY NOYES WHITCHER.

(All Born in Coventry-Benton.)

- 39. I. Moses, b. December 26, 1807.
- 40. II. William, Jr., b. December 26, 1808.
- 41. III. Amos, b. May 18, 1810.
- 42. IV. Louisa, b. December 22, 1811.
- 43. V. Winthrop Chandler, b. February 20, 1813.
- 44. VI. Samuel, b. August 24, 1814.
- 45. VII. Ira, b. December 2, 1815.
- 46. VIII. Sally, b. May 25, 1817.
- 47. IX. Hannah, b. April 4, 1819.
- 48. X. James, b. October 1, 1820, died August 20, 1838.
- 50. XI. Chase, b. January 20, 1822.
- 51. XII. Mary, b. October 28, 1823.
- 51. XIII. Susan, b. May 20, 1825.
- 52. XIV. Daniel, b. January 20, 1827.
- 53. XV. David, b. June 17, 1828.
- 54. XVI. Phebe, b. February 24, 1831.

(34). *Jacob Whitcher*, (b. June 22, 1791), married November 11, 1813, Sarah, daughter of Stephen Richardson,

Jr., of Warren. She died May 9, 1834. He married 2d, July 16, 1834, widow Rebecca Allen, of Lisbon. As has been previously stated, he settled at first in Warren, on a farm purchased of his father-in-law, but about 1826, removed to Groton, Vt., where he remained until 1828, when he removed to Coventry, settling on a half one hundred acre lot near the Haverhill line, afterwards known as the Charles M. Howe place, and where his youngest child was born. Here his wife, Sarah, died May 9, 1834. An index to her character may be found in the brief obituary notice which appeared in the Democratic Republican, printed at Haverhill, May 28, 1834. "Death:—In Coventry, N. H., of the consumption, May 9th, Mrs. Sarah Whitcher, wife of Mr. Jacob Whitcher, in the 46th year of her age. She made a profession of religion in the 13th year of her age, and maintained a good life and died a happy death. She has left seven children to mourn the loss of a kind mother, after a sickness of 18 months which she bore with patience and Christian forbearance."

Jacob Whitcher was a man of impulsive temperament, but a good citizen, a kind neighbor, and loyal in his friendships. As will be noted, he remarried a few weeks after the death of his wife, a fact which occasioned some criticism. It is related that his brother, William, felt called upon to remonstrate with him, and his answer to the remonstrance was a characteristic one. He said in substance: "William, my wife was a good woman, but she was sick a long time, and I've some children who need a woman's care and training. You say that folks will talk; let 'em talk. I know my business and am competent to take care of my own affairs; Sarah is as dead as she ever will be, and I'm going to bring home a woman to be a mother to my children." He

did so, but the marriage was not an ideally happy one, and his expectation that the widow Allen would fill a mother's place was disappointed. Previous to his death, which occurred January 11, 1841, he made his will under date of November 6, 1840, appointing his nephew, Moses Whitcher, as sole executor, and naming Isaac Morse, of Haverhill, as the guardian of his minor children. He made specific bequests to each of his children, authorized the sale of his real estate, consisting of his homestead, and two forty-acre lots in the town of Haverhill, and directed that as soon as it should be sold, his widow, Rebecca, should be paid a specific sum in lieu of dower, and that the residue of his estate should be divided equally among his children. His estate was not large, but at that time the sum of the fourteen or fifteen hundred dollars which it amounted to, placed its possessor in what were regarded as comfortable circumstances in Coventry.

CHILDREN OF JACOB AND SARAH RICHARDSON  
WHITCHER.

55. I. Dorcas, b. Warren, July 10, 1814.
56. II. Levi M., b. Warren, October 29, 1815.
57. III. Hazen, b. Warren, May 21, 1817.
58. IV. Stephen R., b. Warren, June 18, 1819, d. at Benton, January 1, 1843.
59. V. Alonzo A., b. Warren, June 8, 1821.
60. VI. Lorinda, b. Warren, August 3, 1825, d. at Groton, Vt., September 3, 1826.
61. VII. Jacob, Jr., b. Groton, Vt., June 8, 1827.
62. VIII. Sarah Jane, b. Coventry, August 31, 1830.

(37). *Martha Whitcher*, youngest daughter of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher, b. Warren, July 18, 1798, m. at Warren, November 16, 1820, Elisha Fullam, who was born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., November 21, 1794. She died in West Brookfield, Mass., March 8, 1870. He died at Worcester, Mass., May 15, 1872.

They lived for about four years after their marriage in Warren, when they removed to Holderness, where Miriam Whitcher Willoughby was living, living there for nearly ten years, when they went to Granby, Vt., and after a few years there, lived in various places, until in their later years they made their home with their children in North Brookfield and West Brookfield, Mass. A daughter-in-law writes of her: "Mr. Fullam's mother, who spent the last years of her life with us, I know to have been a woman of unusual strength of character and honesty of purpose, never at any sacrifice stepping one jot from the path of duty, and with a disposition so sweet and gentle that she was loved by all who knew her. She was worthy of the children and grandchildren who also give her memory reverence." They never had a permanent home in Benton, though Mrs. Fullam about 1849-1851, with her youngest daughter, Harriet, occupied a tenement in the house of her brother William, and later for a few years in Woburn, where her daughter married. Elisha Fullam suffered for years from poor health, and to his wife fell in a large degree the support and care of her children in their early years.

CHILDREN OF ELISHA AND MARTHA WHITCHER FULLAM.

63. I. Francis, b. Warren, August 5, 1821.  
 64. II. William, b. Warren, February 14, 1823.  
 \*64. III. Maria, b. Holderness, April 7, 1825, d. Hol-



- derness, April 21, 1826.
65. IV. Darius, b. Holderness, July 21, 1827, d. Holderness, September 28, 1828.
66. V. Lemuel, b. Holderness, May 23, 1830.
67. VI. Mary, b. Holderness, July 18, 1834, d. Holderness, September 7, 1834.
68. VII. Harriet, b. Granby, Vt., August 23, 1836.

(38). *David Whitcher*, youngest son of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher, b. Warren, January 15, 1803, m. March 20, 1828, Phebe P. Smith, b. March 7, 1799. He resided in Warren, living with his father till the autumn of 1830, when he removed to Coventry, settling as previously stated. He was a man of rigid integrity of character, of devoted piety, and gave promise of great usefulness as a citizen. He was elected in 1835 one of the selectmen, but died after a brief illness from typhoid fever, April 3, the same year, in the 33d year of his age.

CHILDREN OF DAVID AND PHEBE P. SMITH WHITCHER.

69. I. Joseph Smith, b. Warren, August 25, 1828.
70. II. David Marston, b. Coventry, June 30, 1831.
71. III. Daniel Batchelder, b. Coventry, July 6, 1833.

The families of these children of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher, except that of William Whitcher, settled for the most part in other towns and in other states. Nearly all of his children made homes for themselves in Benton, though later in life one after the other removed from town. At the present time not one of the name Whitcher resides in town, and but four of the grandchildren of William and Mary who bear other names are among its residents.

## CHAPTER IV.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND MARY NOYES  
WHITCHER

(39). *Moses Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. December 26, 1807, m. 1834, Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Dorcas Foster Royce of Haverhill. She was born in Landaff, October 19, 1813. On attaining his majority, Moses Whitcher engaged in business for himself, and a little later formed a partnership with his brother William, Jr., which continued until the death of the latter in 1839. They engaged extensively in farming, clearing large tracts of forest land, and in the manufacture of lumber. The firm acquired an enviable reputation for energy, enterprise and thrift, and they were not only successful themselves from a financial standpoint, but did much to improve the condition of affairs in the town. After the death of William Whitcher, Jr., Moses Whitcher purchased his brother's interest in the partnership, and carried on business alone, being without doubt the leading business man in the town. He had received a better education than fell to the lot of his brothers, and at an early age became prominent in town affairs. He was for several years superintending school committee, town clerk, and selectman, and represented Benton in the legislature 1842, 1843 and 1844. He was public spirited, believed in the possibilities of Benton as a prosperous community, and did everything in his power to promote its welfare and prosperity. He was one of the chief promoters of the erection of a meeting house, and it

was while engaged in superintending the cutting of trees to be sawed into the frame of the building, that he was instantly killed by the falling of a tree, March 18, 1846. His sudden death was a shock to the whole community, which recognized that it had lost its leading citizen, a loss that seemed irreparable. His estate amounting to upwards of eleven thousand dollars at his death, was a large one for his time and was a monument to his thrift and business ability. He left no children.

(40). *William Whitcher, Jr.*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. December 26, 1808; m. 1835. Lucinda C., born in Lisbon, February 9, 1815, daughter of James Noyes. He died after a brief illness, October 16, 1839, leaving one daughter, Betsey N., b. 1837, d. April 14, 1842. His widow, Lucinda C., m. 2d, William Harrison Blake of Lisbon, November 12, 1841, d. at Lisbon, November, 30, 1860.

William Whitcher, Jr., was a man of stalwart physical proportions, of great powers of endurance, and of untiring activity and industry. In his partnership with his brother Moses, each supplemented the activities of the other, making the partnership a most effective one. At his death their farm comprised more than four hundred acres, and they were the owners also of other large tracts from which they were engaged in cutting the lumber for manufacture.

(41). *Amos Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. May 18, 1810, d. Stoneham, Mass., February 13, 1880; m. December 20, 1835, Polly, daugh-

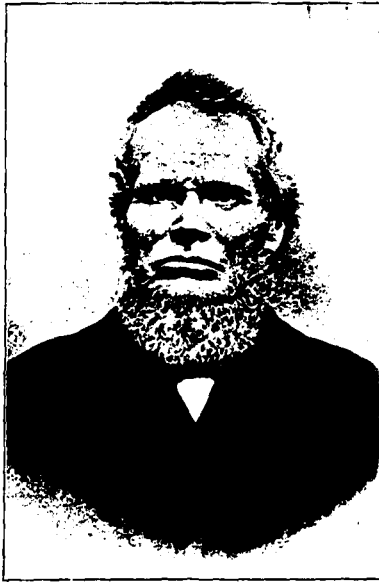
ter of Joseph and Eunice Priest Young, b. Lisbon, September 26, 1815, d. Stoneham, Mass., May 22, 1821.

After his marriage, Amos Whitcher settled in what was afterwards known as "Whitcher Hollow," where he built his house and shop for the manufacture of butter firkins, sap buckets, pails, and other utensils made by the coopers of his time. He was captain in the militia, and later was carpenter and builder, superintending the erection of large farm buildings, the building of dams, and the erection of saw and starch mills. Afflicted from his young manhood with a lameness caused by ulcers, he discovered a remedy, which greatly relieved, if it did not entirely cure him, and gave him a reputation among those similarly afflicted for some remarkable cures. He served his town as its postmaster for a period of twenty-five years or more, and was town clerk for five years. He was a devoted member of the Free Will Baptist church, and for many years held the office of deacon. His home was a free hotel for the ministers of his denomination, and during all his life he was untiring in his efforts to promote the moral and religious welfare of the community in which he lived. About the year 1878 he removed with his wife to Stoneham, Mass., where most of his children had preceded him, and they both resided there during the remainder of their lives.

CHILDREN OF AMOS AND POLLY YOUNG WHITCHER.

(*All born in Coventry-Benton.*)

72. I. Lucinda Coburn, b. October 7, 1836, d. Stoneham, Mass., October 27, 1871; m. November 5, 1854, Horace Webber, son of Sylvester and Lucy Webber Gordon, b. Landaff, May 7, 1833, d. Stoneham, Mass., March 26, 1886.



AMOS WHITCHER.



After their marriage they resided in Landaff, Bath, and Benton, until about 1868, when they removed to Stoneham, residing there until their death. He was engaged much of the time dealing in country produce, and later owned a boarding house at Weirs.

73. II. Amaret A., b. June 23, 1840; m. January 14, 1862, Emery Barnes, son of Jacob March and Malinda Cox White, b. Irasburgh, Vt., October 26, 1833.

They resided in Landaff for several years after their marriage, but removed to Stoneham, Mass., previous to 1870, where he has since been engaged in the express business between Stoneham and Boston and Stoneham and Lynn for a period of more than thirty-five years. He has always taken a deep interest in political matters, and has been affiliated with the Republican party from its organization. They are active and useful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Previous to his marriage, Mr. White spent several years in California, engaged in a search for the elusive gold, and has in the years since, paid two or three visits to the Pacific Coast.

74. III. Charles Henry, b. February 10, 1843, d. Stoneham, Mass., April 12, 1887; m. January 1, 1868, Minerva Judith, daughter of David and Hannah Parker Bowman, b.

in Lyman, February 20, 1850, d. Stoneham, Mass., March 6, 1886.

Charles H. Whitcher on attaining his majority, engaged in the blacksmithing and wheelwright business in his native town until about the year 1871, when he removed to Stoneham, Mass., entering the employ of Hazen Whitcher and Oliver H. Marston, in the manufacture of window and door screens, picture frames, etc. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Before leaving Benton he served for several years as town clerk. He died after a brief illness of paralysis, leaving one son, Milton Durgin, born in Benton, October 5, 1869.

75. IV. Winthrop Chandler, b. March 22, 1845; m. September 22, 1875, Eliza Eleanor, daughter of Moses and Emily S. Spofford, b. in Danville, August 6, 1849.

Winthrop C. Whitcher completed his education at the New Hampton Institution, New Hampton, and after spending some little time in Benton, went to Stoneham, Mass., about 1872, entering at first the employ of his brother-in-law, E. B. White, in the express business, but later formed a partnership with his brother James E., in the grocery business, which continued until about 1888, when his brother retired from the firm, and he has since conducted it very





CHARLES H. WHITCHER.



WINTHROP WHITCHER.



JAMES E. WHITCHER.



ALBION G. WHITCHER.



successfully alone. He has been active in town affairs, filling various official positions and has been for some time a member of the Stoneham school committee. He is an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, superintendent of the Sunday school, interested and active in all matters looking to the growth and development of his adopted town, recognized by all as a valuable and useful citizen. He has no children.

76. V. James Edgar, b. November 29, 1847, d. August 27, 1891; m. September 8, 1875. Susan Relief, daughter of Person C. and Lucy S. Thompson, b. Holderness, January 28, 1851. James E. Whitcher attended school at Newbury, Vt., and at New Hampton, and soon after reaching his majority went to Stoneham, Mass., being employed for a time in a grocery store until he went into business for himself in partnership with his brother. He was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was active in the affairs of the town. He served on the board of selectmen, and represented Stoneham twice in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was a Republican in politics. A little previous to his brief illness and death in the summer of 1891, he had successfully passed an examination for a clerkship in the Bos-

ton Custom House, to which he was to have been appointed by collector Beard. He was a man of pleasing address, of unimpeachable integrity, and was held in the highest esteem by his large circle of friends. He left no children.

77. VI. Florence Victoria, b. May 3, 1852; m. William C. Young of Bath, b. January 1, 1838. They have lived since their marriage on their farm near Swiftwater village. Children: (1) Clarence E., and (2) Carrie E., b. December 25, 1870. Clarence E. d. in Bath, April 21, 1881. (3) Walter, b. January 27, 1877, d. near Norfolk, Va., June 7, 1907. (4) Ada, and (5) Arthur, b. September 19, 1878. (6) Austin, b. October 26, 1880. (7) Homer, b. January 7, 1884. (8) James, b. March 9, 1887. Of these children of William C. and Florence Whitcher Young, Ada, Arthur, and Homer reside on a farm they own near Norfolk, Va., where their brother Walter died in June, 1907. His mother was on a visit to him at the time of his death and his remains were brought north for burial in the cemetery at Swiftwater.
78. VII. Albion George, b. August 28, 1854; m. November 21, 1885, Ella Josephine, daughter of Eli D. and Mary S. (Hawkins) Richards, b. Woodstock, Vt., December 13,

1857. Albion G. Whitcher followed his brothers to Stoneham, Mass., after reaching his majority, but later removed to a farm in Montpelier, Vt. He is engaged in farming there at the present time. He has no children.

(72).

CHILDREN OF HORACE W. AND LUCINDA WHITCHER  
GORDON.

- I. Ella, b. October 28, 1855; d. July 11, 1858.
- II. Ada, b. March 25, 1857; m. 1877, Daniel Webster, son of George W. and Mary Hunt Cloutman of Stoneham, Mass. Reside in Stoneham: children, (1) Ethel Kate, b. October 29, 1877; (2) May Ella, b. July 23, 1879, d. July 27, 1879. Ethel Kate, m. October 29, 1902, Edward Amos, son of Amos and Ellen Joy Jarvis of Cambridge: children, (1) Bessie Cloutman, b. February 27, 1904, d. February, 1904; (2) Dorothy May, b. Sept. 9, 1905.
- III. Elmer Eugene, b. August 2 1858: m. January 13, 1878, Ella C., daughter of John and Lydia Rodman Walker of Stoneham; m. 2d, March 12, 1884, Nellie M. Howe of Lincoln, Neb. Children, George-Scott, b. Sept. 8, 1888, d. February 16, 1890; (2) Irma May, b. June 6, 1890.
- IV. May Ella, b. May 18, 1860: m. May 18, 1882, Joseph Henry, son of Joseph S. and Charlotte Chase of Malden, Mass., child, Elmer Brown Chase, b. April 6, 1884, d. July 22, 1884.

- V. Carrie, b. March 15, 1862, d. June 30, 1865.
- VI. Wilbur Crafts, b. May 22, 1864, m. June 15, 1898, Lillian Little Noyes, daughter of Joseph M. and Eliza J. (Crockett) Little, b. Warren, July 8, 1866. Reside in Warren.
- VII. James Whitcher, b. October 12, 1871, m. August 12, 1892, Louise B., daughter of Alonzo and Louise Caswell of Stoneham. Children, (1) Leslie Clayton, b. November 16, 1893; (2) Lawrence Nickerson, b. October 28, 1903.

(73).

CHILDREN OF EMERY B. AND AMARET WHITCHER  
WHITE.

- I. Lulu Frances, b. Landaff, June 9, 1864; m. February 7, 1885, Homer C., son of Cyrus and Abbie Hay of Stoneham, Mass. One child, Dana Percy, b. June 24, 1885, m. October 8, 1906, Madeline Lemay.
- II. Lewis Bailey, b. Landaff, September 18, 1865, m. October 26, 1885, Isadore Frances, daughter of William E. and Sarah A. Cook Weston, b. Reading, Mass., March 22, 1865. Children, (1) Vera Lewis, b. Woburn, Mass., April 6, 1887; (2) Arthur Francis, b. Stoneham, Mass., July 7, 1889, d. February 9, 1891; (3) Florence Mae, b. Stoneham, October 22, 1893; (4) William Emery, b. Stoneham, Mass., December 19, 1897; (5) Mildred Evelyn, b. Stoneham, Mass., August 25, 1899; (6) Leon Weston, b. Cliftondale, Mass.,



MRS. LOUISA WHITCHER EASTMAN.





June 19, 1904; (7) Elsie Hazel, b. West New York, N. J., January 10, 1907. Lewis B. White is a book-keeper in New York City.

III. Elvah Grace, b. Landaff, December 7, 1867, d. Stoneham, Mass., May 25, 1904.

79. *Milton Durgin Whitcher*, son of Charles H. and Minerva Bowman Whitcher, b. Benton, October 5, 1869, m. Stoneham, Mass., August 15, 1906, Julia Ellen, daughter of Calvin and Cecilia Fell Kinnear, b. in Sackville, New Brunswick, April 10, 1883. Beside in Stoneham.

*Children:*

80. ——— Milton, b. Stoneham, Mass., June 10, 1907.

(42). *Louisa Whitcher*, daughter of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. December 22, 1811, d. May 4, 1889; m. March 1, 1841, Sylvester, son of James and Polly Eastman, b. Coventry, August 3, 1814, d. January 19, 1860. After their marriage they resided in Piermont, Benton, and in north-eastern New York, until about 1852, when they returned to Benton. He was an invalid during the last fifteen years of his life, and his care and support as well as that of their children, fell largely to the lot of the wife. She was a woman of great energy, who accepted always hopefully a life which abounded in toil and hardship. She was a loyal and enthusiastic Methodist, as devoted and loyal to her denomination as was her brother Amos to his, the Free Will Baptist, and this was devotion and loyalty indeed.

CHILDREN OF SYLVESTER AND LOUISA WHITCHER  
EASTMAN.

- I. George Edward, b. Piermont, December 8, 1841: m. 1st, March 14, 1866, Rebecca W., daughter of David and Azubah Judd Bronson. Children, (1) Louisa Ellen, b. June 21, 1868; (2) Mary Elizabeth, b. May 20, 1874. She m. 1st, July 2, 1894, William F. Polley of Quebec, P. Q., who d. in New Mexico, September 17, 1895, m. 2d, June 6, 1906, Walter J. Trafton of Lynn, Mass, b. 1875, son of Edward S. and Lizzie A. Peckham Trafton. George E. m. 2d, September 17, 1906, Susan Clark, daughter of Sylvester and Lucretia Eggleston Clogston, b. 1840. Reside in North Haverhill, where he is engaged in farming and manufacture of sleighs and wagons.
- II. Ruth Jane, b. Benton, September 7, 1845, m. at Benton, March 2, 1870, Charles A., son of Amos L. and Mahala Dolloff Veazey, b. Bridgewater, March 23, 1842. Was a successful farmer in Benton for several years, but for the last fifteen years has owned the country store at Benton, Mrs. Veazey holding the position of post-mistress. They have two children: 1 William Dana Veazey, b. Benton, July 7, 1871, m. at Laconia, October 18, 1899, Winnifred Alice, daughter of Jefferson and Mary Smith Gilbert.—Children: (1) Alice Winnifred, b. October 8, 1900, d. June 24, 1901; (2) Allen Gilbert, b. March 18, 1903.—2 Jennie F. Veazey, b. Benton, April 13, 1874, m. at Benton, November 28, 1900, Willis Allen Brown



MOSES WHITCHER.



WARD P. WHITCHER.



HENRY N. WHITCHER



of Springfield, Vt.; reside at Bellows Falls, Vt., one child, Donald Allen Brown.—William D. Veazey graduated at New Hampton Institution, studied law with Judge Charles F. Stone of Laco-  
nia. On his admission to the bar, became a member of the law firm of Jewell, Owen and Veazey of that city, having a large and lucrative practice. Has been County Solicitor of Belknap County for three terms, and in addition to his law business is extensively engaged in lumbering, having an extensive mill plant in Thornton in the Pemigewasset Valley.

- III. William Whitcher, b. in Jay, New York, November 14, 1850, came to Benton with his parents about 1852, where he has since resided: m. 1st, May 28, 1878, Georgie A. Aldrich of Haverhill, b. April 16, 1861; d. April 19, 1892; m. 2d, February 6, 1893, Edna Ann Morse, widow of Josiah J. Eastman and daughter of Welton and Mary Ann Morse of Easton. William W. Eastman owns the farms formerly owned by Moses and William Whitcher, Jr., and later by Chase and Ira Whitcher, and has been engaged in farming and lumbering. He has been active in all the affairs of the town, has served as selectman, road agent, tax collector, town clerk, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1889. He is justly recognized as one of the most influential citizens of his town.

(43). *Winthrop Chandler Whitcher*, son of William and Mary (Noyes) Whitcher, b. February 20, 1813, d. in Landaff, March 20, 1844: m. January 28, 1836, Mercy

Priest Noyes, widow of Samuel Noyes, Jr., of Landaff. She died October 24, 1889.

After his marriage he resided until his death on the farm in Landaff, owned in part by his wife, the farm where his mother was born and which was cleared and settled by his grandfather, Samuel Noyes. He was a man of stalwart frame, capable of untiring energy, and his early death after a brief illness from blood poisoning caused by a slight wound, terminated a career which gave promise of being greatly successful. His wife was a woman of sterling qualities of character, evinced when twice widowed, by her training of, and care for a family of young children, one of whom was born subsequent to the death of her husband. She lived to see all her children, by both her first and second husbands, settled and established in homes of their own, and to be in some measure repaid for her devoted care lavished upon them, by a like loving care given her by them in her later years.

CHILDREN OF WINTHROP C. AND MERCY (PRIEST)  
WHITCHER.

*(All born in Landaff.)*

81. I. Moses, b. December 10, 1836.
82. II. Ward Priest, b. December 27, 1837.
83. III. Henry Noyes, b. March 24, 1840.
84. IV. Mary Jane, b. April 5, 1842, d. April 28, 1843.
85. V. Sarah H., b. Nov. 29, 1844, m. Sept. 21, 1862, Lafayette McConnell of Landaff. Children: 1 N. Kate, b. Nov. 24, 1863, d. Nov. 10, 1880; 2 \_\_\_\_\_ b. June 10, 1865, d. June 25, 1865; 3 Mercy Ann, b. November 7, 1867, d. September 3, 1868; 4. Emilie W., b. January 20, 1872.

(81). *Moses Whitcher*, son of Winthrop C. and Mercy Priest Whitcher, b. December 10, 1836; d. in Lisbon, April 30, 1903; m. 1st, June 5, 1861, Julia E., daughter of Orrin and Lavina Wallace Bronson, b. Landaff, August 3, 1842, d. May 7, 1885; m. 2d, April 5, 1894, Amanda S., daughter of John C. and Mary Simonds Atwood, b. Landaff, April 6, 1852.

Until a year or two before his death, Moses Whitcher was always a resident of Landaff, where he was a successful farmer, owning the farm upon which he was born, and which had been cleared from the forest by his own great-grandfather, Samuel Noyes. He was also engaged at various times in lumbering operations, and was one of the leading and influential citizens of the town. Though averse to holding public office, he served for several years as one of the selectmen, and filled all the various town offices. He was a genuine type of the hard-working, successful New Hampshire farmer, recognizing that success on hilly New Hampshire soil is only accomplished by hard work.

CHILDREN OF MOSES AND LAVINA (BRONSON) WHITCHER.

(*All born in Landaff.*)

86. I. Pheeb. P., b. October 18, 1863, m. Daniel J. Whitcher.  
 87. II. Maud, b. December 21, 1866, d. June 23, 1869.  
 88. III. Jennie N., b. January 27, 1871. Is a successful teacher in the public schools of Quincy, Mass.

(82). *Ward Priest Whitcher*, son of Winthrop C. and Mercy Priest Whitcher, b. December 27, 1837, d. in Lisbon, May 14, 1892; m. at Concord, September 8, 1859.

Pheeb H., daughter of Levi and Hannah Sanborn Perkins, b. Loudon, September 16, 1837, d. in Lisbon, April 10, 1899.

Ward P. Whitcher graduated from New Hampton Institution in 1859, and soon after his marriage had charge of the express and telegraph office at Tilton, remaining there until 1866, when he established himself as a druggist in Lisbon. Besides this he also conducted an extensive insurance business, this being continued by his widow after his death. He took an active part in the affairs of his village and town, but being an uncompromising Democrat, political preferment in the Republican stronghold of Lisbon did not naturally fall to his lot. He was, however, twice elected treasurer of Gratton County, and was one of the recognized leaders of his party in the North Country. He was a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and member of various fraternal and benevolent organizations.

CHILDREN OF WARD P. AND PHEEB PERKINS WHITCHER.

89. I. Frank P., b. New Hampton, July 23, 1863.

90. II. Chase Roy, b. Lisbon, December 8, 1876.

(89). *Frank P. Whitcher*, son of Ward P. and Pheeb Perkins Whitcher, b. New Hampton, July 23, 1863: m. ——— 1886, Hattie Louise, daughter of Edward Dean of Haverhill, b. 1858, d. in Lisbon in 1891. He resides in the State of Washington. Daughter:

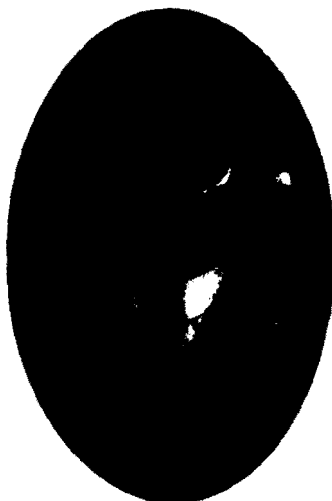
91. Edith Aldeane, b. Lisbon, May 6, 1887. She is a stenographer, resides No. Haverhill.

(90). *Chase Roy Whitcher*, son of Ward P. and Pheeb Perkins Whitcher, b. Lisbon, Dec. 8, 1876: m. July





MILTON D. WHITCHER.



CHASE R. WHITCHER.



CHARLES C. WHITCHER.



JOHN W. WHITCHER.



20, 1898, Eda M., daughter of Foster M. and Susan M. Oakes Aldrich, b. Lisbon, Sept. 4, 1876. Daughter:

92. Pheeb H., b. Lisbon, February 16, 1906.

Chase R. Witcher pursued the study of architecture at the Institute of Technology in Boston, and with private instructors in that city, and established himself in Manchester. He has designed and furnished plans for some of the most important public buildings in the state, is enthusiastically devoted to his profession, and is recognized as one of the leading and most successful architects of northern New England. He resides in Lisbon and has his business office in Manchester.

(83). *Henry Noyes Witcher*, son of Winthrop C. and Mercy Priest Witcher, b. March 24, 1840: m. 1863, Emilie E., daughter of John C. and Mary Simonds Atwood, b. Landaff, February 21, 1845. He is a prosperous farmer in his native town, his farm being a valuable and productive one. His farm buildings are modern and delightfully located, are among the finest in town.

CHILDREN OF HENRY N. AND EMILIE ATWOOD WITCHER.

(*All born in Landaff.*)

93. I. Charles C., b. February 19, 1864.  
 94. II. Mary A., b. July 4, 1869: m. June 17, 1896,  
 Harry E. Heath. They have one child,  
 Doris, b. Ponemah, December 30, 1902.  
 95. III. John Winthrop, b. September 9, 1876.  
 96. IV. Stark F., b. December 24, 1878, d. May 22,  
 1897.  
 97. V. Mercy F., b. July 8, 1885.

(93). *Charles C. Whitcher*, son of Henry N. and Emilie Atwood Whitcher, b. February 19, 1864: m. April 24, 1890, Carrie, daughter of Lorenzo D. and Lomira Noyes Hall of Landaff. Son:

98. Mark H., b. Woodsville, December 6, 1894.

Charles C. Whitcher who is at present engaged in business in the West, was for two years, 1895-1896, treasurer of the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, when he resigned to go West; later returned and in company with his brother, John W., was engaged in the lumber business in Vermont, later engaging in the insurance business at Lisbon.

(95). *John Winthrop Whitcher*, son of Henry N. and Emilie Atwood Whitcher, b. September 9, 1876: m. June 22, 1898, Queenie, daughter of Oscar W. and Lydia O. Straw. Has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber, since attaining his majority, in Landaff, in Vermont, and Woodstock.

(44). *Samuel Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. August 24, 1814, d. in Easton, October 8, 1879: m. at Lisbon, May 4, 1840, Emily, daughter of Joshua and Lydia Jesseman Quimby, b. Lisbon, January 25, 1818, d. in Easton, May 5, 1888.

Samuel Whitcher, after attaining his majority, was employed for a time on a farm in Bath, and about the time of his marriage purchased the farm in Coventry formerly occupied by John Atwell, and later known as the Stephen C. Sherman farm, where he remained engaged in farming until about the year 1845, when he removed to East Landaff, now



SAMUEL WHITCHER.



Easton, where he engaged in farming and the manufacture of lumber until his death. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity, devoted to his family and home, industrious and prudent, and secured by these qualities of character for himself and family a substantial competence. Denied by the strenuous circumstances of his early life the advantages of the schools, he saw to it that the education of his children in the common schools of his town was supplemented by academic instruction, and lived to see them well established in life. In religious matters he thought for himself, and accepted from the kindness and goodness of his own nature the Universalist faith, shaming by his life and example many who held to more rigid theological beliefs. A life-long Democrat in his political faith, he never held public office, but never, on the other hand, shirked his duties as a citizen of his town and community. He was a useful citizen, a good man.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND EMILY QUIMBY WHITCHER.

99. I. Lydia Emily, b. in Benton, June 22, 1841 :  
m. November 23, 1864, William Harvey Polley, son of David and Mary Neal Polley, b. Haverhill, June 22, 1841. They lived for a time in Beverly, Mass., where W. H. Polley was engaged in the manufacture of shoes. He sold his business in Beverley about 1870, and went to Michigan to engage in the same business. Later he removed to Montreal, Canada, and later still to Quebec, where for about thirty years he has been engaged in the manufacture of shoes, doing for many years a large and extensive business throughout the Dominion. After the death of his

son he disposed of his factories, and for the few past years has been employed as superintendent of a large shoe manufactory. Mr. and Mrs. Polley are well and favorably known in the English speaking community of the French city, have been, as the apostle remarks, "given to hospitality," and Mrs. Polley is earnest and efficient in her charitable and benevolent activities.

Their son, William Flint Polley, b. December 28, 1865, in Beverly, Mass., m. July 21, 1894, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of George E. and Rebecca Bronson Eastman, b. May 20, 1874. He was associated in business with his father until compelled to relinquish work because of ill health. He d. in New Mexico, September 17, 1895, and was buried in the family lot in the west cemetery, Benton.

100. II. Betsy Samantha, b. Benton, February 5, 1844, m. February 10, 1869, William, son of George and Electa Cowan Kendall, b. Winchester, April 16, 1835. William Kendall was engaged in business in New York previous to his marriage, but subsequently became a partner of his brother-in-law, D. J. Whitcher in the lumber business, their mill being situated on the Wild Ammonoosuc in Easton. They continued this very successfully until about 1890, when they sold their mill and lands to the Fall Mountain Paper





DAVID S. WHITCHER.



DANIEL J. WHITCHER.



CHARLES O. WHITCHER.



Co., and he retired from business purchasing a small farm in Benton, where with his wife he has since resided. He made extensive improvements on his residence, which is finely located, commanding one of the finest views of hill and mountain in a town which is unsurpassed among New Hampshire towns for its beauty and charm of scenery. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has filled the various town offices, besides representing Benton in the legislature of 1897, the first and only Republican ever elected as representative from that overwhelmingly Democratic town. They have no children.

101. III. David Simeon, b. in East Landaff, now Easton, November 30, 1846, d. in Easton, March 14, 1881. He graduated at New Hampton Institution, and studied law in the office of Hon. Harry Bingham of Littleton. Admitted to the bar, he began practice in that town with good prospects, but failing health compelled him to relinquish his profession, and he returned to his home in Easton shortly before his death.
102. IV. Daniel James, b. Easton, February 2, 1849 : m. February 1, 1894, Pheeb Perkins (86), daughter of Moses and Julia E. (Bronson) Whitcher of Landaff. They reside in Easton on the former homestead of his father, Samuel Whitcher. They have one child :
103. Lucile Betsey, b. Easton, August 11, 1897.

*Daniel J. Whitcher*, was educated in the schools of Easton, at Tilton Seminary, and New Hampton Institution, and soon after attaining his majority engaged in the lumber business with his brother-in-law in Easton, under the firm name of Whitcher & Kendall. When this plant was sold to the Fall Mountain Paper Co., and the partnership was dissolved, he purchased the mill and homestead formerly owned by his father, and is still engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber. He has served the town in various capacities, and represented Easton in the legislature of 1878. He is a successful business man, giving careful attention to his business affairs, and is devotedly attached to his family and home, and is influential in all matters pertaining to the interests of his town.

104. V. Charles Ora, b. Easton, November 21, 1852 :  
m. July 2, 1874, Josephine Viola, daughter  
of Abner and Deborah Thompson Kimball,  
b. Franklin, December 11, 1852. Reside in  
Woodsville, have one daughter :
- 105 Kate Deborah, b. Easton, February 13, 1885,  
is engaged in the millinery business in  
Woodsville.

*Charles O. Whitcher*, like his brothers, attended the New Hampton Institution, and after his marriage engaged in the lumber business with his father, in Easton, until he entered the employ of the Boston, Concord &

Montreal Railroad and removed to Woodsville about 1886, where he still resides. Leaving the employ of the railroad in 1898, he purchased the business of Stickney Bros., in what was known as the "Brick Store" in Woodsville, which he conducted till the autumn of 1903, when he closed the business out, and has since been variously employed. Is an active supporter of the Universalist church, and is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

106. VI. Susan Editha, b. Easton, April 20, 1859: m. April 21, 1877, George Harvey, son of Jeremiah A. and Lydia Howe Clark of Benton; d. in Benton, April 24, 1900. George H. Clark began the practice of dentistry, but abandoned it on account of his health and purchased the Peter Howe farm in Benton, opposite the residence of his brother-in-law, William Kendall, where he still resides. Since the death of his wife he has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Kendall.

(45). *Ira Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. December 2, 1815, d. in Woodsville, December 9, 1897: m. at Haverhill, November 27, 1843, Lucy, daughter of Samuel and Dorcas Foster Royce, b. Haverhill, October 11, 1814, d. Woodsville, September, 26, 1885.

Ira Whitcher had only the educational advantages of a backwoods town, and only limited use of these, his school education ending with a few weeks in each of two or three

winters. There were few or no books accessible, and even had there been plenty, he would have had little time for reading. The few books to which he did have access, however, the Town Officer, the New Hampshire Statutes, the Bible, Webster's Spelling book, and one or two of the old-time readers, he knew, and with their aid obtained a practical if not liberal education. On reaching his majority he entered the employment of his brother Moses, for whom he worked six years for the compensation of twelve dollars and a half a month and board. He clothed himself by extra jobs, and saving his entire wages, purchased the farm on which he lived until the spring of 1870, and built the house in which he established his home in the autumn of 1843. Becoming the administrator of the estate of his brother Moses, on the death of the latter in the spring of 1846, he naturally became engaged in the lumber business, which he successfully followed during the remainder of his life, farming becoming a secondary consideration. He was a believer in the gospel of hard work and practiced his belief. He was far-sighted, thrifty, practiced rigid economy, but was also open-handed and public spirited. He advocated liberal appropriations for roads, schools, and other matters of interest to his town, and was a liberal supporter of the institutions of the church. Although actively identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, he was no sectarian, and gave the other religious denominations of his town his hearty support. He was elected one of the selectmen of Benton in 1842, and during the next twenty-nine years was constantly in its service, holding at various times every possible office, except that of superintending school committee. He represented the town six times in the legislature, served for six years as one of the Commissioners of



IRA WHITCHER.





Grafton County, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850, and was one of the commission elected by the legislature to supervise the rebuilding of the State House in 1864. He was the agent of Benton for a series of years in the management of litigation in which the town was engaged, and was frequently appointed referee in cases to be settled out of court. Benton had no resident lawyer, and he did for his townsmen much of the work for which in the larger towns of the state, legal talent is employed. He was conveyancer, writer of wills, administrator and executor of estates, guardian of minors and insane, legal adviser in cases involving large and small interests, and all this for the most part with little or no compensation. In 1870 he removed to Woodsville in order to be close to railroad facilities, but retained and added to his landed interests in Benton, though a few years previous to his death he sold several thousand acres of forest to the Fall Mountain and Winnepesaukee Paper Companies. He increased his lumber business, erecting in company with the late Lewis C. Pattee a steam saw-mill at Woodsville, and the year after his removal, erected his commodious residence on Court Street, now occupied by his son, William F. Whitchee. Woodsville in 1870 was little more than a straggling collection of a dozen or more houses, a store, and railroad station. To him more than to any other individual was due its growth and prosperity during the twenty-five years. Successful in business, he accumulated a handsome property, and was in its use generous and helpful to those needing aid, and was possessed of a broad public spirit. He was largely instrumental in securing for the village its water works and electric light service, the removal of the County seat from Haverhill Corner to Woodsville, the erection of the substantial Court house on

the lot given by him to the county, the structure being built under his personal supervision, the establishment of the Savings and National banks, while the Free Public Library building with its thousand volumes of well selected books as a beginning of a library, a Methodist Episcopal church property free from debt, the gift of a fine pipe organ, and a fund for the support of the church services are among the monuments he left to his memory. On removing to Woodsville he made himself an active factor in Haverhill town life, serving for several years on the board of selectmen, and representing the town in the legislature of 1891, when he was in his seventy-sixth year. In his political affiliations he was a life-long Democrat, though during the war of the Rebellion he was an ardent supporter of the war measures of the administration, and gave of his time and energy to keep full the quota of soldiers from his town, where opposition to the war was rife. Given to hospitality, the latchstring to his home was always out. After the death of his wife to whom he was devotedly attached, in 1885, his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Whitcher Abbott, presided in his home until her death, but a few months before his own. Reserved and quiet in his manners, severely unostentatious in his mode of life, hating pretence and indolence alike, his long life was one of ceaseless activity. His integrity was never questioned, and his tenacity of purpose was such that he knew no such word as failure in the accomplishment of his plans.

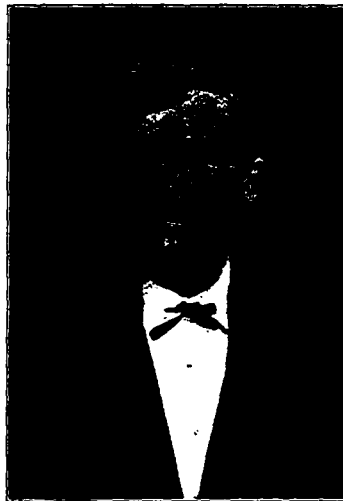
CHILDREN OF IRA AND LUCY ROYCE WHITCHER.

(All born in Benton.)

107. I. William Frederick, b. August 10, 1845.  
 108. II. Mary Elizabeth, b. July 17, 1847, d. April 15, 1897; m. November 1, 1877, Chester, son



FRANK WHITCHER.



SCOTT WHITCHER.



of Moses and Lucia Eastman Abbott of Bath, b. October 13, 1850. She was educated in the schools of her native town and at Newbury and Tilton Seminaries. Devotedly attached to her home, she remained a member of it after her marriage, her husband entering the employ of her father. She gave her parents untiring care and service, and was a deserved favorite in the social and religious circles of the village. A lover of music, she was the leading spirit of the church choir, and aside from her home duties, was active in charitable work. Childless herself, her home was a favorite resort of children, who cherished for her the warmest affection. Her death followed an illness of only a few days, and was a blow most sadly felt by her aged father and by her wide circle of relatives and friends.

109. III. Frank, b. June 21, 1849, d. November 7, 1875: m. April 27, 1875, Lizzie A., daughter of Russell and Ann Walker King of Haverhill, b. February 5, 1848, d. January 9, 1881.

*Frank Whitcher*, after a short time spent in the business department of New Hampton Institution, entered into business with his father, but fell a prey to New England's scourge, consumption, and died but a few months after his marriage in his twenty-seventh year.

110. IV. Scott, b. November 2, 1852, d. January 22, 1875. Was educated at Tilton Seminary and the State Normal School, became clerk in the National Bank of Newbury at Wells River, Vt., retiring some months before his death on account of failing health. The summer of 1874 he spent in the Adirondacks, going to Florida in the late fall in hope of warding off what proved to be pulmonary consumption. He lived but a brief month after his return home in December, 1874.

(107). *William Frederick Whitcher*, son of Ira and Lucy Royce Whitcher, b. August 10, 1845: m. 1st, December 4, 1872, at Middletown, Conn., Jeannette Maria, daughter of Dr. Ellsworth and Maria T. Haling Burr, b. Middletown, Conn., December 6, 1845, d. Malden, Mass., September 25, 1894; m. 2d, November 4, 1896, at Stoneham, Mass., Marietta Amanda, daughter of Darius and Mary A. Dean Hadley, b. Woburn, Mass., July 21, 1858. William F. Whitcher, on reaching his majority, abandoned the saw mill and lumber yard, fitted for college at Tilton Seminary in one year, entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in the autumn of 1867, graduating with the class of 1871, with honors, Phi Beta Kappa rank, and winning prizes for excellence in debate and oratory. Studied theology in Boston University, joined the Providence, (now the New England Southern) Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and filled pastorates in South Yarmouth and New Bedford, Mass., and Newport and Providence, R. I. In 1881 he became a member of the staff of the



WILLIAM F. WHITCHER.





Boston Traveller, and its editor-in-chief four years later. In 1892 he became literary editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser, and three years later took charge of the court reports, which have for many years been a special feature of that paper. Resigning this position after the death of his father, he removed to Woodsville, where he now resides. Besides devoting himself to the affairs of the Ira Whitcher estate, he is editor and proprietor of the Woodsville News, and is actively engaged in literary work. Is especially interested in genealogy, American local, and political history and biography, and his collection of books and pamphlets bearing upon these subjects is one of the most extensive and valuable in the state. During his eighteen years residence in Malden, Mass., he served for nine years on the Malden School Committee, was its chairman, and took an active part in political affairs. Since his removal to New Hampshire he has been a member of the legislatures of 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907, serving each session on the Committee on Judiciary, in 1903 on State Library, and in 1905 and 1907 on Banks. Has been trustee of the State Library since 1903, of the Woodsville Free Library since 1898. Is a trustee of the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank. Is a member of the Masonic fraternity, New England Methodist Historical Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and other organizations fraternal and literary. His political affiliations have been with the Republican party since 1887. Has one son :

111. *Burr Royce Whitcher, M. D.*, son of William F. and Jeanette M. Burr Whitcher, b. New Bedford, Mass., November 6, 1878. Prepared for college

in the Malden, Mass., High School, graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1902, from the Dartmouth Medical School, class of 1905. Engaged in hospital work in Boston, Mass., and since 1906 has practiced his profession in that city. Is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

(46). *Sally Whitcher*, daughter of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. May 25, 1817, d. in Bath, March 12, 1893; m. November 11, 1849, Amos, son of Daniel and Lovisa Wilson, b. Landaff, August 29, 1826, d. Woodsville, November 20, 1906.

After their marriage they resided in Benton until about 1866, when they removed to Bath, purchasing a farm about one mile from Swiftwater village, upon which they lived until about 1886, when they purchased a farm nearer the village, where Mrs. Wilson spent the remainder of her life. This was subsequently sold, Amos Wilson making his home thereafter with his daughters. Sally Wilson was a woman of great strength of character, of cheerful disposition, of the warmest sympathies, which found expression in a life filled with helpfulness for others. Her life was one of rare unselfishness. Both her husband and herself were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives were consistent with their profession.

CHILDREN OF AMOS AND SALLY WHITCHER WILSON.

(*All born in Benton.*)

- I. William Francis, b. April 27, 1852, d. Bath, May 11, 1873.



MRS. SALLY (WHITCHER) WILSON.



- II. Susan Mann, b. April 24, 1854 : m. 1st, January 15, 1873, Alvah E. Haywood of Haverhill ; 2d, February 26, 1891, Harvey Dean of Haverhill ; 3d, James M. Spinney of Woodsville. Have no children. They reside in Woodsville.
- III. George Mann, b. October 8, 1855, d. Benton, December 17, 1863.
- IV. Alice Isabel, b. August 19, 1857 : m. December 26, 1877, John Adams, son of George Ray and Susan Gould Noyes, b. Walden, Vt., October 20, 1857. they resided with her parents, purchasing the farm about 1886. In 1903 they sold the farm and removed to Woodsville, where they still reside, Mr. Noyes being in the employ of the Boston & Maine railroad. They have two children, both born in Bath : (1) Leona Agnes, b. June 11, 1880 ; (2) George R., b. August 28, 1887.

47. *Hannah Whitcher*, b. April 4, 1819, d. July 21, 1896, in Woburn, Mass. : m. March 11, 1837, James Austin, son of Samuel and Mary Howe Mann, b. Landaff, August 13, 1816, d. Woburn, Mass., March 23, 1874.

For a few years after their marriage they resided in Newbury, Vt., but in 1849 removed to Woburn, Mass., where they resided until their death. Mr. Mann was a carpenter and builder, and was engaged in building houses until within a few months of his decease. The street upon which he resided for the last eighteen years of his life, and where his widow lived till her death, bears his name, and the buildings upon it were erected by him. They were among the ten original members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Woburn, and Mrs. Mann was the last survivor of these.

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CHILDREN OF JAMES AUSTIN AND HANNAH WHITCHER  
MANN.

- I. George Henry, b. December 11, 1837, d. February 11, 1839.
- II. Moses Whitcher, b. Newbury, Vt., February 11, 1846.
- III. Lucy Etta, b. Woburn, Mass., October 14, 1855. Unmarried. Resides in Lexington, Mass.
- IV. Abbie Louise, b. Woburn, Mass., January 16, 1860 ; m. June 11, 1885, Simeon Edgar of Woburn, Mass., b. February 15, 1849, in Harwich, Mass., son of Simeon and Betsey Smith Kendrick. He is a leather dresser, and they resided at Woburn until 1901, when they removed to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., where they still reside. They have no children.

(II). Moses Whitcher Mann, son of James A. and Hannah Whitcher Mann, m. June 20, 1870, Elizabeth Jenkins Clapp, b. Boston, Mass., November 16, 1847, eldest daughter of Samuel Socrates and Tryphena (Clapp) Holton of Winchester, Mass. Moses W. Mann engaged in business with his father as a builder, for some two years after reaching his majority. At the time of his marriage was in charge of improvements in the western part of Medford, building the first house in the section then opening up, now almost entirely filled with residences, many of which were erected by him, a section now one of the most attractive of the city. He has been actively engaged in building, and has nearly all the years since been a resident of West Medford, doing much to promote its growth and prosperity. He



MRS. HANNAH WHITCHER MANN.





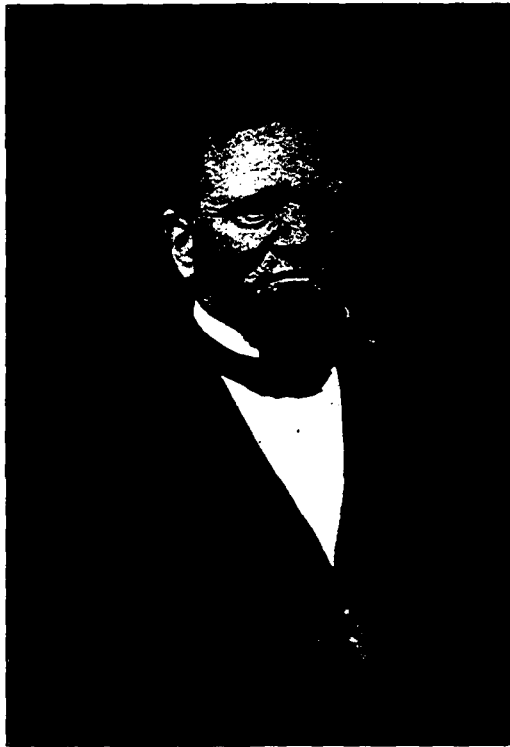
is a member of the Medford Historical Society, and was one of the founders of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, bearing heavy burdens in its early years of growth and development. Their children were all born in West Medford, Mass :

- (1). James Whitcher, b. March 13, 1871, m. May 29, 1895, Christina, daughter of Thomas and Isabella Clarke, b. Halifax, N. S., January 6, 1874. Reside Glens Falls, N. Y. They have children : 1, Mildred Isabella, b. West Medford, Mass., September 7, 1896 ; 2, William Holton, b. West Medford, Mass., August 3, 1901 ; 3, Grace Elizabeth, b. Glens Falls, N. Y., June 13, 1904.
- (2). Georgianna Holton, b. February 7, 1874 : m. December 16, 1896, Harvey Scott, son of Dana Francis and Adella Maria Bacon of Lexington, Mass. Is real estate agent and lives at Arlington Heights, Mass.
- (3). Mabel Maria, b. July 22, 1875 : m. Charles C., son of Hopkins H. and Mary Toppan Meloon of Medford, Mass. Is a glass-worker, resides Medford Hillside, Mass. They have children : 1, Ivy Carmen, b. November 1, 1895 ; 2, Myrtle May, b. September 6, 1898 ; 3, Ernest, b. May 6, 1900, d. May 12 ; 4, Everett, b. May 6, 1900, d. May 6.
- (4). Franklin Merritt, b. Feb. 13, 1879 : m. August 6, 1902, Mabel, daughter of George and Mabel Pitts. Is an architect. Resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

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- (5). Ruby Grace, b. March 7, 1880. Milliner in Glens Falls, N. Y.
- (6) David Whitcher, b. September 17, 1887.

*Chase Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. January 20, 1822, d. Benton, May 4, 1883: m. June 3, 1848, Sarah Royce Whitcher, widow of his brother Moses (39), b. Landaff, October 19, 1813, d. Concord, February 17, 1878.

Chase Whitcher, the third to bear that name, was during his active and energetic life one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his native town. He was, after his marriage, engaged extensively in farming, and also in the lumber business in partnership with his brother Ira, until about 1857, and thereafter, until his death, conducted successfully a large business of his own. He owned, in whole or in part, several sawmills on the Wild Ammonoosuc in Landaff, now Easton, as well as in Benton, and was also a large owner of real estate. Of a generous, impulsive disposition, with warm sympathy for those in distress or in need of financial assistance, he was the constant helper of many, who in their shiftlessness and improvidence abused his friendship and generosity. He became for this very reason in his later years, involved in expensive litigation, which seriously affected the value of his otherwise large property. He represented Benton six times in the state legislature, in 1852, '53, '65, '66, '69 and '70, and was, during a period of more than twenty-five years, almost continuously in the service of his town in various capacities, such as town clerk, postmaster, and selectman. He was a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church of which his wife



CHASE WHITCHER.



was a devoted member, and was always ready to promote any movement which he believed to be for the welfare and prosperity of the community. In his political affiliations he was a life-long Democrat, was active in the councils of his party, and enjoyed an extensive acquaintance with politicians and men in public life. In 1875 he removed his family to Concord, erecting a house on Court Street, now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Edward F. Mann. Much of his own time was, however, spent in Benton, where he still retained large property interests, and where in his old home his last illness and death occurred in 1883.

CHILDREN OF CHASE AND SARAH ROYCE WHITCHER.

*(All born in Benton.)*

112. I. Frances Catherine, b. August 22, 1849, d. Woodsville, October 4, 1889. Was a graduate of Tilton Seminary, an accomplished musician, greatly beloved by a large circle of friends for rare and loveable qualities of character. Was unmarried.
113. II. Elvah Geneva, b. November 19, 1850, m. Providence, R. I., January 10, 1881, Edward Foster, son of George W. and Susan Whitcher Mann, b. Benton, September 7, 1845, d. Concord, August 19, 1892. She graduated at Tilton Seminary, and after her marriage resided in Concord, then for a time in Woodsville, returning to Concord, where, since the death of her husband in 1892, she still resides. Is a member of St. Paul's

Episcopal church, and enjoys a wide acquaintance in church and social circles. Her only daughter, Marian, died in 1896.

114. III. Hannah, b. November 15, 1853, d. October 15, 1854.

(50). *Mary Whitcher*, daughter of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. October 28, 1823, d. Lisbon, March 31, 1895: m. June 1, 1841, Jason, son of John Smith and Sally Boynton Titus of Lyman; b. Lyman, September 25, 1814, d. Lisbon, September 3, 1895.

Immediately after her marriage, she went to reside with her husband on the farm in Lyman, about a mile and a half from the village of Lisbon, owned by his father, and which became her husband's on the death of his parents. Their seven children were born there, and received their education in the Lisbon schools. Mr. Titus was a successful farmer, and about 1880, disposed of his farm and took up his residence in Lisbon village. His wife was a woman of great energy of character, and her devotion to her church, the Methodist Episcopal, was second only to her devotion to her family. The church in Lisbon never had more loyal, enthusiastic, self-sacrificing supporters than Jason and Mary Whitcher Titus.

#### CHILDREN OF JASON AND MARY WHITCHER TITUS.

*(All born in Lyman.)*

1. Charles Harvey, b. October 25, 1842, d. West Somerville, Mass., April 24, 1906: m. January 1, 1865, Lizzie J. Brisson of Boston.

Charles Harvey Titus, on reaching his majority, went to Boston, entering the employ of an express



MRS. MARY (WHITCHER) TITUS.





company, and running as messenger for some years between Boston & Albany. About 1869, he went West and was conductor on several railroads, residing a part of the time in Iowa, and in Colorado. He came East about 1894, and entered the employ of the Concord & Montreal railroad, and later of the Boston & Maine, becoming night superintendent of the North Union station, until failing health compelled his resignation a few months before his death. He was an efficient railroad man, of fine personal presence, deservedly popular with his associates, and his long railroad service both in the East and West gave him a large range of personal acquaintance. His children—(1) Mary Elizabeth, deceased; (2) Charles H., deceased; (3) Jay Sterling Morton, b. July 13, 1875; (4) Bessie, b. July 9, 1880. Jay Sterling Morton resides with his mother in North Deering, a suburb of Portland, Me.

2. Holman Drew, b. August 31, 1845, m. November 7, 1871, Mary A., daughter of John C. and Mary Simonds Atwood, b. Landaff, October 19, 1847. Is a prosperous farmer in Landaff. They have three children: (1) Lizzie, b. Landaff, November 14, 1877, m. October 25, 1898, George F. Clement of Landaff. He is a farmer; represented Landaff in the legislature of 1907. Have one child, Edgar T., b. January 30, 1901. (2) Clara, b. Landaff, February 16, 1881; m. June 3, 1902, Gerald T. Clark. They have one child: Neal, b. May 18, 1903. (3) Harry, b. June 17, 1890.

3. Herman Prescott, b. December 2, 1848, d. Lisbon, October 19, 1889. Was a machinist and inventor. Was unmarried.
4. George Wendell, b. November 14, 1850, d. Lowell, Mass., February 11, 1901; m. 1st, at Amesbury, Mass., March 13, 1877, Ida M., daughter of William and Rebecca Jones of Amesbury; d. March 9, 1881. They had one child, Cora F., b. January 12, 1879; m. 2nd, at Amesbury, December 28, 1882, Mattie J. Runnels. They had three children: (1) Mary Ethel, b. March 13, 1884, m. November 22, 1905, Charles D. Kidder of Lowell; (2) Oscar Bradford, b. February 8, 1886; (3) Jason Wendell, b. August 6, 1894.  
George W. Titus was in the nickel plating business for several years at Amesbury and later at Lowell. Was a man greatly respected and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow and children reside in Lowell, Mass.
5. Theron Woolson, b. May 27, 1855, m. May 10, 1877, Emma E., daughter of James Clough of Lyman. They have three children: (1) Grace May, b. June 15, 1878, m. July 5, 1903, Frank Rymes, and have one son; (2) Florence E., b. March 7, 1885; (3) Ardelle, b. February 10, 1891. Theron W. Titus resides in Ayer, Mass.
6. Fred Milon, b. August 20, 1860, m. 1st, Eva A. Wheelock and they had two children: (1) Mabelle Frances, b. December 4, 1882; (2) Herman Eu-

gene, b. February 23, 1885. He m. 2nd, Mary Rogers, and they have one daughter, Irene. He is now in the employ of one of the largest electrical plants in the world at Schenectady, N. Y., where he now resides.

7. Bertha May, b. December 13, 1864, m. at Lowell, Mass., August 30, 1899, Gardner, son of Henry C. J. Wills, b. May 20, 1859, in Salem, Me. He is a clerk and bookkeeper and they reside in Lowell, Mass.

(51). *Susan Whitcher*, daughter of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. May 20, 1825, d. Benton, October 6, 1854; m. January, 1843, George W., son of Samuel and Mary Howe Mann, b. Landaff, February 19, 1821, d. Benton, January 6, 1901.

Mrs. Mann was a woman of most attractive personality, and her early death in her thirtieth year, leaving five young children, was a sad blow, not only to her own immediate family, but to a large circle of devoted friends. Her husband resided in Benton till his death, and was one of the leading citizens of the town. He filled at different times all the various town offices, was six times elected to the state legislature, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1876, and served for several years as a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He was a Universalist in his religious belief, and an enthusiastic Democrat. For years the conventions of his party would hardly have recognized themselves as such except for his presence. He combined the business of carpenter and builder with that of farmer, and he had large real estate interests in Woodsville.

## CHILDREN OF GEORGE W. AND SUSAN WHITCHER MANN.

(All born in Benton.)

1. Ezra Bartlett, b. November 2, 1843, m. January 7, 1868, Ellen Sarah, daughter of George W. and Sarah Glazier Bisbee of Haverhill, b. August 8, 1844.

Ezra B. Mann entered the employ of the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad in 1863, and remained with the road in the capacity of freight conductor until 1872, when he entered into partnership with George S. Cummings in the drug business in Woodsville, under the firm name of E. B. Mann & Co., and has since continued in this business. Besides the regular business of a druggist, he is also a dealer in paints and oils, drain pipe, explosives, wall paper, newspapers, periodicals and stationery, his store being one of the largest and best appointed in the North Country. He has been an active promoter of every enterprise which has led to the rapid growth and development of Woodsville. He has served the town of Haverhill for several years on the board of selectmen, represented it for two years in the legislature, and is one of the recognized leaders of the Democratic party in the state. He was one of the organizers of the Woodsville Aqueduct and Electric Light Company and is its president. Has been a trustee of the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank from its organization and for several years its president. He is president of the Woodsville Opera Building Association, and has been its manager



EZRA B. MANN.



GEORGE HENRY MANN.



ORMAN L. MANN.



since the large and commodious opera block was erected. His residence is one of the finest in the village and he is a large owner of real estate. He is an Odd Fellow, Elk, a 33d degree Mason, member of the Raymond consistory, Scottish rite, and of New Hampshire's most famous military organization, the Amoskeag Veterans. He has visited all sections of the country and enjoys a wide acquaintance with prominent men. Has five children, all born in Woodsville :

- (1). George Edward, b. May 7, 1874. Resides in Woodsville, and is superintendent of the Aqueduct and Electric Light Co. Is a Knight Templar and member of other fraternal organizations.
- (2). Ira Whitcher, b. January 8, 1877, m. January 8, 1901, Josephine, daughter of Frank E. and Nellie E. Kibbie Thayer, b. Manchester, July 5, 1879. They have two children: 1, Margaret Burns, b. October 22, 1901; 2, Luvia Jeanette, b. April 30, 1905. Resides in Woodsville and is member of the firm of E. B. Mann & Co.
- (3). Harry Bingham, b. April 22, 1880; is in employ of Boston & Maine R. R.; locomotive fireman.
- (4). Luvia Ellen, b. April 1, 1884; graduate of Woodsville High School and Emerson School of Oratory, Boston; is instructor in elocution, and has fine reputation as reader.
- (5). Henry Carbee, b. July 21, 1886; graduate of Woodsville High School, and Clark University, Worcester, Mass., class 1907. Will study law.

2. Edward Foster, b. September 7, 1845, d. Concord, August 19, 1892; m. Providence, R. I., January 10, 1881, Elvah G. (112), daughter of Chase and Sarah Royce Whitcher, b. November 19, 1850. They had one child, Marian, b. February 13, 1882, d. November 5, 1896.

Edward F. Mann was educated in the schools of his native town and at Tilton Seminary. Entered the employ of the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad in 1865, in the passenger service; was baggage-master, conductor, train despatcher at Concord, assistant superintendent with office at Woodsville, and after consolidation of the road with the Concord, under the name of Concord & Montreal, was general superintendent of the system with office at Concord, until his death, which followed an illness of several months from pulmonary consumption. Of genial manners, thoughtful always for others, he was recognized as one of the most popular of railroad conductors and efficient of railroad officials during his long term of railroad service. No one, however lowly his position, ever asked a reasonable favor of "Ed" Mann and was denied. A Democrat in his political affiliations, he stood high in the councils of his party, and was known as one who did things when he undertook them. He represented Benton in 1871 and 1872 in the New Hampshire House, the North Country senatorial district twice in the State Senate, was the candidate of his party for Congress in 1888, and ran largely ahead of his ticket, being defeated only by a narrow plurality in a district strongly Republican.





EDWARD F. MANN.



3. George Henry, b. February 19, 1848; m. January 26, 1874, Elnora, daughter of David and Myra Clifford Gove, b. Wentworth, December 9, 1850.

G. Henry Mann entered the employ of the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad in 1869, and remained in its service as freight, cattle train and passenger train conductor for a period of thirty-two years, when he left in 1901 to become a partner with his son, Fred H., in the business of a general store in Woodsville, under the firm name of Mann & Mann. He is a Democrat of the radical variety, who never hesitates to express his opinion of corporate trusts and monopolies. He represented Haverhill in the legislature of 1885, being elected after a prolonged contest, while there was no election for the other representative to which the town was entitled. Of his seven children, all born in Woodsville, five are living:

- (1). Luna Ardelle, b. October 22, 1874; d. October 22, 1875.
- (2). Fred Henry, b. July 6, 1876; m. June 16, 1900, Daisy Margaret, daughter of Frank and Laura Richardson Colby, b. Lunenburg, Vt., December 5, 1881. Is in business in Woodsville with his father, under the firm name of Mann & Mann.
- (3). Eda Frances, b. January 1, 1879; d. March 9, 1907; m. September 4, 1901, Dr. Selwyn K., son of Kenson E. Dearborn of Bristol, b. September 10, 1879.

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- (4). Ada Myra, b. December 25, 1881. Is a teacher in the public schools of Concord.
- (5). Harley Elmer, b. October 21, 1883; m. October 9, 1905, Martha Alvina, daughter of William and Sarah Smalley Hardy, b. Haverhill, December 29, 1885. Train despatcher, Woodsville.
- (6). Scott Whitcher, b. December 9, 1885; is a student in Dartmouth College.
- (7). Ida, b. January 15, 1894.
4. Osman Cleander, b. December 18, 1852; d. October 20, 1870.
5. Orman Leander, b. December 18, 1852; m. December 24, 1873, Ella Josephine, daughter of Benjamin and Aurilla Bisbee Haywood, b. November 30, 1852. Is a prosperous farmer in Benton and prominent citizen of the town. They have one child; Grace May, b. November 18, 1876; m. 1st, June 30, 1896, Charles P., son of Charles T. and Sarah Pike Collins. Two children: Eva F., b. February 8, 1900, and Osman M., b. July 18, 1902; m. 2d, July 17, 1904, Charles C., son of Alfred E. and Mary Clark Tyler. Reside in Benton.

(52). *Daniel Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. January 20, 1827, d. March 2, 1894; m. October 20, 1850, Nancy Royce, daughter of Francis and Catherine Moore Knight, b. July 27, 1829.

Daniel Whitcher was a marked personality, of fine physical presence, and endowed with an aggressive activity, he made himself felt as a potential factor in whatever circle he



DANIEL WHITCHER.



moved. On reaching the estate of manhood he associated himself in business with his father, who then resided on the homestead farm in Benton. They were also owners of a saw-mill on the Wild Ammonoosuc in the town of Landaff, where they afterwards resided and where a hamlet grew up subsequently known as Witcherville. The value of this saw-mill and other property depended upon the construction of a highway down the Wild Ammonoosuc valley, giving the products of this locality, and of others up the river in a section of the town known as "Bunga," access to markets. The opening up of the highway was the reasonable thing, and it now seems strange that the towns of Landaff and Bath ever opposed its construction. Daniel Witcher became the chief party to the litigation caused by the petition for the road, and fought through a period of twelve years the controversy to a successful issue, the road being constructed in 1860. This was perhaps the most famous road case ever known in Northern New Hampshire, and there is little doubt that the towns involved on the one hand, and the petitioners on the other, expended money enough during the process of the controversy to have built the road two or three times over. The litigation became a dominant factor in the politics of several towns for years, and much bitterness of feeling was engendered. Daniel Witcher was also engaged in the manufacture of potato starch at a mill which he owned in Witcherville, and at several other mills which he owned wholly or in part in Bath and Haverhill. He was part owner in a tannery which was in successful operation for several years, and he also opened and conducted a general store. In his various activities he was always aggressive, resourceful, never a quitter and usually a winner. Upon the decadence of the potato starch industry and the abandonment of the tannery busi-

ness he removed with his family from Whiteherville to Bath, purchasing a valuable farm property near "Rum Hill," and carried on an extensive lumber business until a short time before his death. He was an ardent and devoted advocate of the Unitarian faith, and was the prime mover in the organization of the Unitarian Society in Bath, and the erection of its house of worship. In politics he was a Democrat. He represented Benton in the legislature of 1858 and 1859, his election each time being the result of a heated and bitter "Bunga Road" campaign, in which he won out by a single vote over the late George W. Mann. After his removal to Landaff and the termination of the road controversy, he represented that town in the legislature, though he had spent the energy of years and much money in fighting the town, not only in road case, but also in its finally successful efforts to secure a division into two townships. His widow resides with her daughter in Salem, Mass.

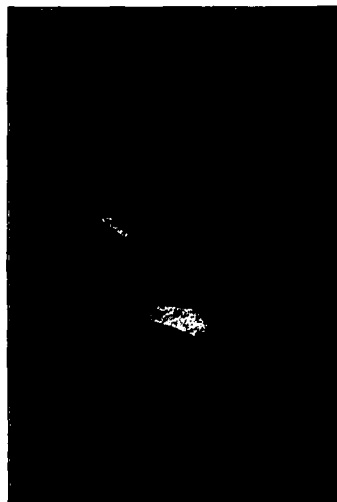
CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND NANCY R. KNIGHT WHITCHER.

115. I. Kate Kiamesh, b. Benton, May 16, 1853; d. Landaff, December 20, 1880. Was a graduate of Tilden Seminary, West Lebanon, and a successful teacher.
116. II. Moses Knight, b. Benton, November 28, 1855; d. Landaff, April 9, 1862.
117. III. Nellie Grace, b. Benton, October 22, 1857; m. September 3, 1888, John D. H., son of Stephen and Rebecca G. Gauss of Salem, Mass., b. January 4, 1861. Mr. Gauss is proprietor of the Saturday Evening Observer and an extensive job printing establishment in





BURR ROYCE WHITCHER.



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SCOTT WHITCHER.

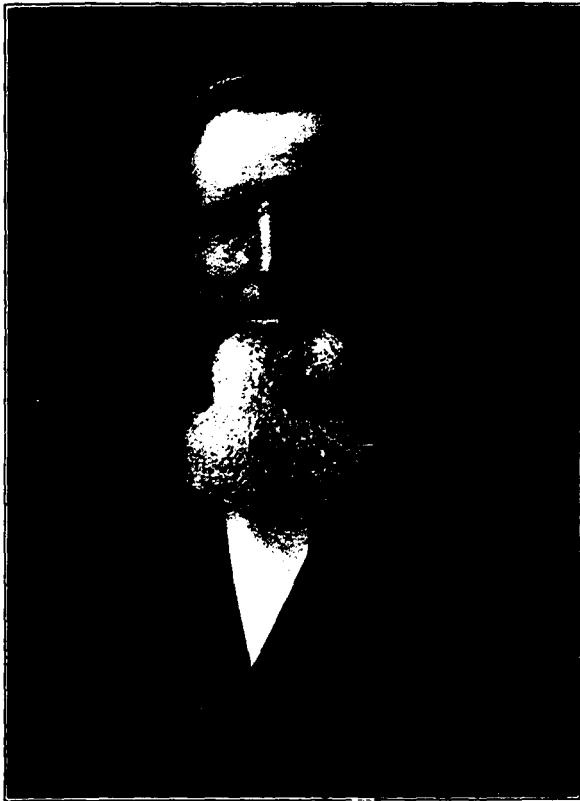


Salem. He is interested in political affairs, is one of the leading members of the Republican party in his section of the state, and has represented his city in the Massachusetts House and his Essex district in the Massachusetts Senate. They have three children: (1) John Whitcher, b. April 1, 1890; (2) Katherine Ferncroft, b. February 25, 1892. (3) Grace Josephine, b. June 1, 1894. They reside in Salem, Mass.

118. IV. Elizabeth Rowena, b. Benton, July 16, 1859; m. December 20, 1881, Charles E. George, son of Isaac K. George. She has two children: (1) Lamar, b. September 15, 1882. (2) Scott, b. June 5, 1884. She resides with her mother and her two sons, who have taken the name of Whitcher, in Salem, Mass.
- 118.\* Lamar Whitcher is in the employ of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., having supervision of the offices in Northern New England.
- 118.\*\* Scott Whitcher is private secretary to the trustee of the estate of the late Matthew Stickney of Salem.
119. V. Carrie Ardelle, b. Landaff, July 6, 1861. Artist, unmarried; resides in Boston.
120. VI. Josephine Lucy, b. Landaff, April 8, 1863; d. Salem, May 10, 1907.
121. VII. Ira Dana, b. Landaff, October 4, 1865; d. Landaff, February 14, 1867.

122. VIII. Mary Belle Bailey, b. Landaff, February 10, 1869; m. in Bath, May 24, 1891, William V., son of George and Mary Hill Ashley, b. Milton, Vt., May 26, 1864. Reside in Woodsville. Mr. Ashley is train despatcher in the Woodsville railroad office, and his wife conducts a successful millinery business. They have one son, Daniel Whitcher, b. March 15, 1894.
123. IX. Dan Scott, b. Landaff, November 22, 1873; d. Bath, May 17, 1878.

(53). *David Whitcher*, son of William and Mary Noyes Whitcher, b. June 17, 1828; m. February 23, 1853, Sally Ann, daughter of Amos and Huldah Bronson Noyes, b. Landaff, December 29, 1829. He engaged at first in farming in Benton, but just before his marriage purchased the Moses Noyes farm near North Haverhill Village, which he owned for nearly fifty years, and was recognized as one of the most successful farmers in Haverhill, the banner farming town of the state. He never devoted himself exclusively to any single line of farming, always watching his opportunity and devoting his acres to that which offered the greatest profit. During the war of the rebellion, when wool was nearly dollar wool, he utilized nearly all his farm facilities in sheep raising, but when wool growing was less productive his farm became a dairy. He proved that farming, even in Northern New Hampshire, can be made to pay. A few years since he purchased a fine estate in North Haverhill village, where he has since resided, and a little later retiring from active farming, has devoted himself to looking after his investments. He forms his own opinions, is a man of



DAVID WHITCHER.





MRS. PHEBE M. (WHITCHER) BROOKS.





decided convictions, political, temperance and religious, which he never hesitates to avow. He has never been candidate for public office, is a Democrat, a prohibitionist, a Methodist Episcopalian. He has been a trustee of the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank from its organization. Is the last survivor of the sixteen children of William Witcher.

CHILDREN OF DAVID AND SALLY A. NOYES WHITCHER.

*(Born in North Haverhill.)*

124. I. Quincy Noyes, b. December 14, 1853; d. April 1, 1864.
125. II. Hattie Blanche, b. March 28, 1860; m. Simon Sanborn. She lived after her marriage for some years in Contoocook, but a few years since returned to North Haverhill and established herself in a pleasant home presented to her by her father. She has three children: (1) Roy E., b. October 29, 1894; (2) Carl R., b. February 19, 1896; (3) Marion L., b. November 22, 1898.

(54). *Phebe Marston Witcher*, daughter of William and Mary Noyes Witcher, b. February 24, 1831; d. Boston, June 4, 1870; m. in Woburn, Mass., Moseley N., son of Timothy and Eveline Grimes Brooks of Franconia. They resided in Woburn until 1869, when they removed to Boston. She was a woman of attractive personality, a favorite in her family and the social circles of which she was a member. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Woburn.

## CHAPTER V.

## DESCENDANTS OF JACOB AND SARAH RICHARDSON WHITCHER.

(55). *Dorcas Whitcher*, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Richardson Whitcher, b. July 10, 1814; d. 1873; m. about 1841, Joseph Chandler of Lisbon. For the most part of their married life they lived in the towns of Landaff and Lisbon. They were hard-working, honest, God-fearing people, respected by their neighbors in the communities in which they lived, lacking only in the "faculty" of becoming forehanded. They had five children:

1. Joseph, Jr., b. Lisbon, December, 1843; d. Whitefield, March 26, 1906; m. March, 1881, Nancy Jane, daughter of Adams and Mary Morris Streeter of Lisbon, b. May 16, 1856. Joseph Chandler, Jr., enlisted August 13, 1862, in Company G, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, and was honorably discharged July 6, 1865. He was severely wounded in the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, and was transferred to the invalid corps September 17, 1863, rendering service there until his discharge. His widow resides in Lisbon.
2. George, b. 1846, d. 1897; m. Ellen Blair of Haverhill. They had two children: George, who is deceased, and Lona, who is living.



MRS. DORCAS WHITCHER CHANDLER.



3. Ellen, b. 1848; m. Noble Donahoe of Littleton, where she resided until her death.
4. Mary. 5. Martha. Neither of the latter married and both died in their young womanhood, Martha having fitted herself for teaching, and was engaged as a teacher at the time of her death. None of the family are now living. The family record had been carefully kept in the family bible belonging to Dorcas Chandler, and was in the possession of her daughter, Ellen, whose home in Littleton was destroyed by fire a short time before her death. It has been impossible to obtain anything like a satisfactory record of the family.

(56). *Levi Morrill Whitecher*, son of Jacob and Sarah Richardson Whitecher, b. Warren, October 29, 1815; d. Manchester, March 3, 1883; m. Bradford, Vt., Mrs. Eliza (Simonds) Niles, daughter of Elizur and Susan Jenkins Simonds, b. Bradford, Vt., January 14, 1815; d. Manchester, March 18, 1907.

Levi M. Whitecher suffered from an attack of scarlet fever when about eighteen months old, from the results of which he became a deaf mute. When about eighteen years of age he attended school at the American Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb at Hartford, Conn., where he obtained a good common school education, and learned his trade of cabinet maker, which he followed during life. He was a good workman, an intelligent citizen, who kept himself well informed of the events of the day, and was devoted to his family. Availing himself of the best opportunities offered for work at his trade, he lived in Bradford, Vershire and Chelsea, Vt., in Warren, Orford, Lyme and

Tilton, N. H., and Quincy, Mass., finally locating in Manchester, where he died. His widow, a woman of great force of character, survived him by nearly twenty-five years, retaining her mental faculties to a remarkable degree until just before her death in her 93d year. She was survived by two daughters, four grand-children, four great-grand-children, and a half brother, State Senator Elizur Southworth of Illinois, ten years younger than herself. She was the granddaughter of Indian and Revolutionary War soldiers; her father fell in the war of 1812, and she gave two sons by her former husband to the war for the union.

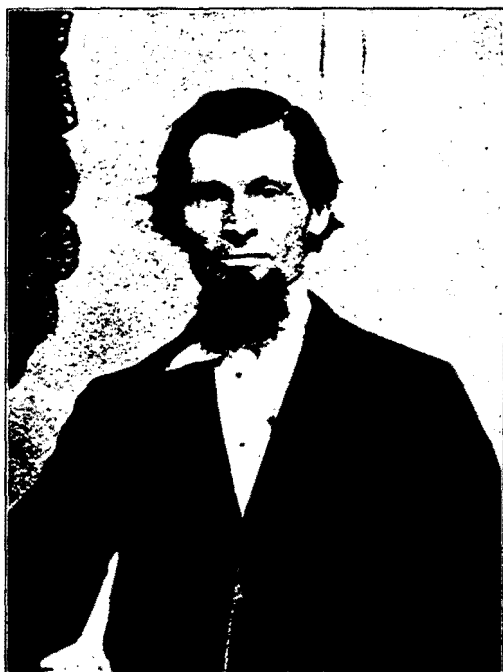
CHILDREN OF LEVI MORRILL AND ELIZA SIMONDS  
WHITCHER.

126. I. Emma Jane, b. Vershire, Vt., December 16, 1849.

She m. 1st, Howard Kibbie. They had one child, George Levi Kibbie, b. Tilton, October 16, 1866; m. 1st, Emily J. Elkins of Mansonville, P. Q., who died in 1904. He m. 2d, Olive M. Porter, of Manchester, N. H. They have no children. Reside in Manchester. He is and has been for some years city editor of the Manchester Union.

Emma Jane, m. 2d, A. W. Hayford. Reside in Manchester. They have two children:

- (1) Albert H. b. July 4, 1870. He has been twice married; 1st to Hattie Wingate of Manchester. Two children: George Harold, b.



LEVI M. WHITCHER.





Manchester, March 10, 1892; 2 Warren Clinton, b. Manchester, October 2, 1893; m. 2d, Minnie O. Cummings of Roxbury, Mass. Two children: 1, Mildred Cora, b. Boston, September, 1903; 2, Nellie Louise, b. Boston, September, 1905. They reside in South Lyndeboro.

(2) Nellie Mabel, b. Quincy, Mass., March 13, 1873; m. John Wesley Smith of Manchester. They have no children.

127. II. Sarah Ellen, b. Chelsea, Vt., January 12, 1851; m. Clarence Leslie, eldest son of Gilbert and Abigail Robinson Jeffers of Orford. They lived in Orford till about 1877, when they removed to Manchester, residing there until 1905, when they removed to New Boston, where they now reside. They have one child, Emma Frances, b. Manchester, October 19, 1879. Is unmarried and resides with her parents.

(57.) *Hazen Whitcher*, son of Jacob and Sarah Richardson Whitcher, b. Warren, May 21, 1817; d. Stoneham, Mass., May 14, 1891; m. Benton, February 12, 1838, Sally, daughter of Kimball and Sally Streeter Tyler, b. Benton, May 27, 1810; d. Stoneham, Mass., October 20, 1899.

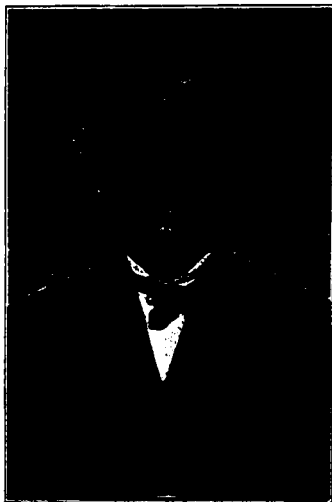
Hazen Whitcher received his education in the schools of his native town, and went to Benton with his father, where he learned the carpenter's trade and engaged in farming, his farm being near that of his father, until 1846, when he went to Stoneham, Mass., where he engaged in business as

a carpenter and builder, following this for a number of years, becoming one of the principal builders of the town. In connection with this he carried on the undertaking business, and later the manufacture of picture frames until 1871, when he engaged in the hardware business, having previously sold the frame manufacturing business to his son-in-law. He continued this business till about 1886, when he retired to look after his real estate holdings in Woburn as well as in Stoneham. In his early business years in Stoneham he served as deputy sheriff for four years, and was on the police force of the town for sixteen years, and for more than half of this time was chief. He was successful in his business ventures and accumulated a handsome property. Quiet and reserved in his bearing, unostentatious in manner of life, he had the uniform respect of his fellow townsmen, and was always faithful to trusts committed to his hands. In religious belief he was a Universalist, and was sexton of the Universalist Church until the property was sold in 1869, after which he worshiped at the Unitarian Church until his death.

CHILDREN OF HAZEN AND SALLY TYLER WHITCHER.

128. I. Hannah H., b. 1839 ; d. 1847.  
 129. II. Betsey Tyler, b. 1841 ; d. in infancy.  
 130. III. Sarah Richardson.

(130.) *Sarah Richardson Whitcher*, daughter of Hazen and Sally Tyler Whitcher, m. July 1, 1862, Oliver Hutchins, son of Caleb Moree and Betsey Hubbard Marston, b. Sandwich, December 17, 1837.



HAZEN WHITCHER.



The early education of Col. Oliver H. Marston was obtained in the schools of his native town and later in the high school of Stoneham, to which town he first came in 1855. Returning to Sandwich on reaching his majority, he engaged in the manufacture of pails, continuing in this business until 1862, when he raised the larger part of a company of volunteers in Sandwich, was commissioned captain, and his company went to the front as a part of the Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. In the memorable battle of Cedar Creek, Capt. Ripley, the officer in command of the regiment, was taken prisoner, and the command fell upon Captain Marston. He was wounded early in the morning in the left arm, but retained command during the battle, and his wound was not dressed until twelve hours after he was shot. A few months later he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel and was placed in command of the regiment. His regiment was in Augusta, Ga., at the time of the capture of Jefferson Davis, and it was detailed to escort him, with Alexander H. Stevens and several of Davis' cabinet officers, who had also been captured, from the railroad station to the steanboat by which they were taken to Savannah. After being mustered out in July, 1865, he engaged in trade in Sandwich in a general store until 1869, when he went to Stoneham, and shortly afterward went into business with his father-in-law, Hazen Whitcher. He is still in business in that town, making a specialty of manufacturing machines for measuring medicinal powders, and machine-folded powder papers for laboratories, druggists, etc. He has been a member of the Stoneham school committee and chief of police for two years. He is a prominent member of the Congregational Church, a charter member and first Worshipful Master of King Cyrus lodge F. & A. M., a

member of J. P. Gould Post 75, G. A. R., and of various fraternal and benevolent organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Marston have one child :

Mary Williamine, b. April 17, 1863 ; m. Stoneham, October 18, 1888, Arthur Libbey, son of Emery and Hannah Lincoln Souther, b. Stoneham, July 11, 1865. They reside in Stoneham. Have two children : (1) Oliver Marston, b. August 22, 1889 ; (2) Harriet Whitcher, b. February 3, 1893.

(59.) *Alonzo Addison Whitcher*, b. Warren, June 8, 1821 ; d. Stoneham, Mass., January 16, 1854 ; m. July 20, 1848, Jerusha, daughter of Joseph and Mehitabel Towns of Lisbon, b. April 25, 1825 ; d. Philadelphia, Pa., December 19, 1901.

Alonzo A. Whitcher went from Benton to Stoneham when a young man, where he was employed in the shoe business at the time of his early death, giving promise of a successful career. His widow, a woman of sterling qualities of character and highly esteemed by all who knew her, survived him for nearly fifty years.

CHILDREN OF ALONZO A. AND JERUSHA TOWNS WHITCHER.

131. I. Elvah J., b. 1849 ; d. October (?) 1851.
132. II. Ella Frances, b. October 7, 1852 ; m. June 28, 1877, William Solomon of Baltimore, Md. They have one child, Sarah S., b. Baltimore, Md., December 27, 1882. They reside in Philadelphia, Pa.



ALONZO A. WITCHER.





(61). *Jacob Whitcher, Jr.*, b. Groton, Vt., June 8, 1827; d. Woburn, Mass., January 17, 1878; m. 1st, Stoneham, Mass., April 24, 1851, Sophronia G., daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Jaques, b. Sanbornton, May 27, 1827; d. Woburn, Mass., August 31, 1863; m. 2d, Woburn, Mass., April 24, 1864, Celenda Thompson, daughter of Warren and Eliza R. Fox, b. Woburn, Mass., July 27, 1840.

Jacob Whitcher, Jr., went from Benton to Stoneham about 1849, having previously learned the trade of carpenter, but a year or so later established himself as a carpenter and builder in Woburn, where he remained in business until shortly before his death, when failing health forced him to retire. He did a successful business in building by contract, and about 1860 established a lumber yard in Woburn, becoming a large distributor of lumber, while at the same time he was actively engaged in building by contract. He was a man of great energy, of thorough-going integrity in business matters, and had gained a solid business success when stricken with the dread disease cancer. On beginning business for himself he inserted an initial in his name, and was always known as Jacob C. Whitcher. By his first marriage he had one child:

133. Helen Sophronia, b. Woburn July 27, 1852; d. January 17, 1863.

CHILDREN OF JACOB C. AND CELEND A. FOX WHITCHER.

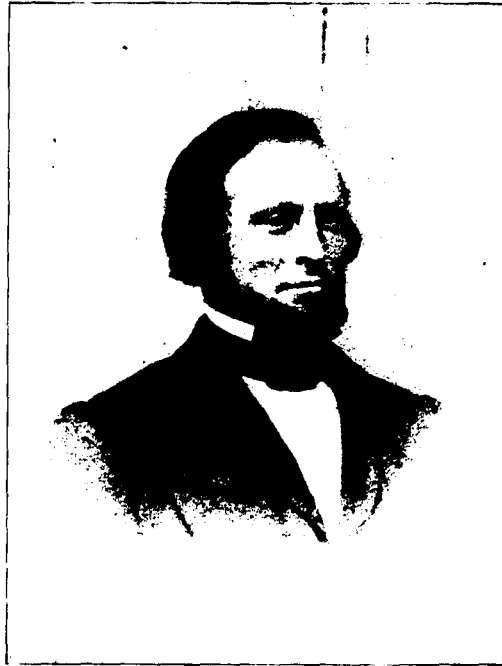
*(All born in Woburn, Mass.)*

134. I. Arthur Warren, b. October 3, 1865.

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135. II. Jacob Franklin, b. March 31, 1869, d. December 7, 1875.
136. III. Jennie Eliza, b. December 13, 1870, d. May 23, 1882.
137. IV. Mary Celenda, b. October 29, 1874; d. West Newton, Mass., April 20, 1902; m. April 5, 1898. Henry A. T. Dow. One child, Henry Kenneth, b. February 18, 1901.
138. V. Carrie Louise, b. June 28, 1877; d. March 10, 1900.

(134). *Arthur Warren Whitcher*, b. October 3, 1865; m. June 17, 1896, Edith May, daughter of George E. and Arvilla Nickerson of East Madison, N. H., b. November 8, 1874. They reside in Woburn, Mass.; have no children.

Arthur Warren Whitcher served his apprenticeship in the drug business during his high school vacations and high school course. Graduating from the Woburn high school in 1883, he took a four-year course in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1887. He entered business for himself in 1891, purchasing a drug store in Woburn, where he enjoyed a liberal patronage until he sold his business in February, 1898. In 1889 he became secretary, and in the following year treasurer of the Woburn Cooperative Bank, holding these positions until 1898, when he resigned. It was early in this year that he was attacked by the Klondike fever, and disposing of his business, he headed an expedition comprised of nine men and penetrated the wilds of Alaska. They wintered in latitude 66° 30' north, on the Hogatsakakat river, a branch of the Koyukuk river, a north-



JACOB C. WITCHER

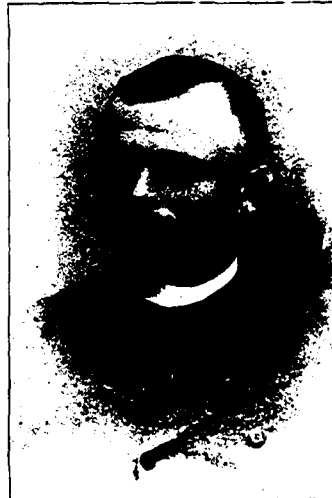




ARTHUR M. WHITCHER.



JAMES H. WILLOUGHBY.



WILLIAM FRANCIS FULLAM.



ern tributary of the Yukon. They secured vastly more experience than gold, and the expedition from a financial standpoint was a failure. He returned to Woburn in the summer of 1899, and, on regaining his health, somewhat broken by the hardships of the previous winter, re-purchased his former business early in 1900, and has conducted it successfully since. He has never held public office, but has been actively interested in many movements for the public good. In 1893 he became interested in the much discussed renewal of the lease of the post office building, and was active in securing the removal of the office to its present leased location. In 1900 he first suggested securing a Congressional appropriation for the erection of a Federal building in Woburn. In 1901, a Mr. L. M. Harris had Woburn entered upon the calendar, and in 1906 an appropriation of \$12,000 for the purchase of a site was secured. The appropriation for the building, \$63,000, will doubtless be made the coming winter. As in all such cases there was at once more or less of disagreement as to a site. A number of sites were offered, but all were declared unavailable except one in the rear of the main business street of the city, and inconvenient of approach, and this met with the decided disapproval of a majority of the citizens. The *day* the deal was to be closed by the government for this site, a delay was granted in response to the following telegram: "15,000 residents Woburn and Burlington insist on further consideration post office. Await advice." After four months of persistent but quiet work a proposal, offering for the sum of \$10,000 a lot near the public library building, conveniently accessible from all points, was made the Treasury department and was accepted by the department August 6, 1907. The Woburn Journal of August 9 says of the contest relative to the site:

“It must be conceded that the favorable termination was due to the activity of Mr. A. W. Whitcher and Mr. Charles F. Remington. They worked hard but not in the interest of any one of the several bidders.” The Daily Times said: “It appears that one of the most interesting wire-pulling matches of the town has come to a head.” The Woburn City Council, after a flash-light photograph had been taken of the assembled citizens in the council chamber, approved at 10.05 p. m. of the construction of a new street made necessary by the selection of this lot of land, and in a few days was read from the sign post the name adopted at his suggestion, “*Federal Street*,” done in gold, overlaying a bright red post card, green stamped, and cancelled, September 26, 1907, the date of birth of a new era in the city’s history. Mr. Whitcher is interested in the collection of historical relics, and among articles of the Colonial and Revolutionary period has the bayonet belonging to the flint lock musket which was carried by Chase Whitcher at the battle of Bennington in August, 1777.

(62). *Sarah Jane Whitcher*, b. Coventry, August 10, 1830; d. Windsor Locks, Conn., April 19, 1864; m. Middletown, Conn., June 21, 1860, the Rev. Andrew Kerr Crawford, b. Economy, Nova Scotia, April 22, 1830; d. Oakland, Calif., October 11, 1897.

Sarah Jane Whitcher was not quite four years of age at the death of her mother and but ten years old when her father died. She lived in the families of her father’s relatives until she was fourteen or fifteen, when she secured employment in the mills at Lowell, Mass., where she saved from her earnings a sufficient sum to give her a few terms in Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass. While there she met Andrew K. Crawford, who was preparing for college,





MRS. SARAH J. WITCHER CRAWFORD.



and an attachment was formed, resulting in their marriage on the day of his graduation from Wesleyan. Of devoted and self-sacrificing piety, they had each consecrated themselves to the service of foreign missions, and it was a grievous disappointment to them that when they had fitted themselves for this work, they had passed the age limit at which the Methodist Episcopal Church accepted missionaries for the foreign field. They entered the home work, Mr. Crawford joining the New York East Conference, and filled important pastorates in that conference until 1869, when he was transferred to the California Conference. His wife was his devoted and helpful co-worker until her early death. He filled appointments in the California Conference until 1884, and was subsequently professor in the University of the Pacific. Was principal of an academy in Olympia, Wash., in 1894-95, and returning to California became a Congregational clergyman until his death. His grandfather settled in Nova Scotia during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and by so doing was unable to present his claim to the Earldom of Crawford and Lindsay, to which he believed himself the rightful heir on the extinction of the titular line in 1809. They had two children :

- (1) Sarah Adalette, b. Windsor, Conn., June 28, 1861; m. June 20, 1894, Benjamin Fred Hall, druggist and real estate broker in Palo Alto, Cal., where they now reside. She graduated from the University of the Pacific, San Jose, Cal., in the class of 1884, and until her marriage was engaged in teaching in Olympia, Wash., and in California. Children: 1, Lucy Alice, b. November 7, 1895; 2, Myron Crawford, b. May 8, 1897.

- (2) John Wesley, b. Windsor Locks, Conn., April 19, 1863; m. about 1890, Mrs. Belle Athern. Is a house painter and decorator at Clements, San Joaquin Co., Cal. One child, Ilene, b. September 1, 1900.



WILLIAM W. WILLOUGHBY.



CHAPTER VI.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH DAVIS AND  
MIRIAM WHITCHER WILLOUGHBY.

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35. (1). *William Whitcher Willoughby*, son of Joseph Davis and Miriam Whitcher Willoughby, b. February 26, 1816; d. Somerville, Mass., August 10, 1877; m. September 21, 1845, Harriet M. True, of Holderness, b. April 10, 1823.

Mr. Willoughby established himself in business in Somerville, Mass., as carpenter and builder, was successful in his business and a highly respected citizen. His widow still resides in that city, making her home with her son, George T. Willoughby.

CHILDREN:

- (1). George T., b. Somerville, Mass., June 28, 1846; m. September 11, 1878, Ann Maria Field, daughter of Moses and Malinda Sprague of Boston, who died December 7, 1903. Two children: 1, Mabel S., b. September 4, 1879, d. April 1, 1892; 2, Bertha T., b. March 26, 1888. Mr. Willoughby succeeded to the business of his father which he conducts successfully.
- (2). Harriet M., b. Somerville, January 23, 1856. Resides with her mother and brother in the family residence on Central street.

35. (2). *Fatima Willoughby*, daughter of Joseph Davis and Miriam Whitecher Willoughby, b. October 19, 1818; d. Chelmsford, Mass., September 23, 1867; m. Samuel Putney, b. (Woodstock, N. H., 1817)? d. Chelmsford, Mass.——

CHILDREN :

- (1). Mary Ella, b. Chelmsford, Mass., 1852 (?); m. Luther C. Upham, and resides at Old Orchard, Me. They have two children: 1, George W., who is married and resides in Biddeford, Me., and 2, Ruby M., who lives with her parents in Old Orchard, where they are proprietors of the Sea Side House, a well-known summer hotel.
- (2). Josephine, b. Chelmsford and died at the age of eighteen months.

35. (3). *Samuel W. Willoughby*, son of Joseph Davis and Miriam Whitecher Willoughby, b. May 6, 1822; d. April 20, 1860; m. 1848, Elizabeth Ann Merrill, b. 1828, d. April 22, 1852.

Mr. Willoughby was associated with his brother William W. as carpenter and builder and resided in Boston, where his two sons were born.

CHILDREN :

- (1). James Henry, b. Boston, October 27, 1848; m. June 30, 1874, Jennie Lind Howard of Chelmsford, Mass. He fitted for college at New Ipswich, N. H., and graduated at Dartmouth College in the class of 1873. En-





SAMUEL W. WILLOUGHBY.



gaged in teaching. Was principal of the high school in Middleborough, Mass., for thirteen years, and subsequently principal of the high school in Dover, N. H., for one year, and of the high school in Nashua for two years. Is at present with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. with headquarters in Boston. His family reside in Nashua. He has been actively interested in public affairs in the city of his residence: is a Republican in politics, and in some campaigns has taken an active part. Is a member of the Masonic and other fraternities. Children: 1, Maude Howard, b. June 10, 1875; 2, Ruth Marion, b. September 21, 1876; 3, Blanche Sullivan, b. June 11, 1878; 4, Edith Hapgood, b. January 23, 1882; 5, Alice Merrill, b. October 23, 1886; 6, Walter Irving, b. December 27, 1888, d. January 8, 1889; 7, Florence Ladd, b. December 15 1891.

- (2). Charles William, b. Boston, April, 1850; d. Minneapolis, Minn., 1893; m. in Minneapolis and left at his death two children: Charles W., Jr., and Blanche M. He went west when a young man and at the time of his death was foreman of construction for the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Minneapolis.

## CHAPTER VII.

DESCENDANTS OF ELISHA AND MARTHA  
WHITCHER FULLAM.

(63). *Francis Fullam*, son of Elisha and Martha Whitcher Fullam, b. Warren, August 5, 1821; d. in Saratoga, Cal., January 26, 1889; m. April 27, 1847, Harriet N. Darling of Rutland, Mass.

(64). *William Fullam*, b. Warren, February 14, 1823; d. North Brookfield, Mass., December 20, 1893; m. Rutland, Mass., November 23, 1848, Ann Maria Bryant of Lunenburg, Vt.

William Fullam went to Worcester, Mass., in 1845, and learned the carpenter's trade of Capt. Lamb, a well-known builder of that city. In 1848 he established himself in North Brookfield, and was a resident of that town for nearly half a century. He was a man of great decision of character, of untiring energy and industry, and his business was a large and lucrative one. Most of the buildings erected in North Brookfield for a period of forty years were built by him or under his supervision. He did much by his public spirited activity to promote the prosperity of his town, and his integrity was never questioned. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, and for many years previous to his death he never failed to be found in his accustomed place in church and Sunday school.



FRANCIS FULLAM.





WILLIAM FULLAM.





## CHILDREN :

*All born in North Brookfield, Mass.*

- I. Grace Ella, b. February 19, 1852; m. March 13, 1873, James M. Doane of North Brookfield. They lived in Brockton for some years, where Mr. Doane was employed as a cutter in a shoe factory. At the present time they reside in North Brookfield. They have one daughter, Florence, b. November 10, 1873; m. October 7, 1897, Frank W. Clark of Brockton.
- II. Lizzie Marin, b. February 28, 1854; d. April 18, 1854.
- III. William Francis, b. October 1, 1855; m. December 31, 1878, Anna Maria Kingsbury. He was educated in the public schools of North Brookfield and at the Leicester Academy. In 1879 he became a partner with his father as contractor and builder, under the firm name of William Fullam & Co. Since the death of his father he has carried on the business, his two sons, William Harrison and Frederick Arthur, being associated in business with him. He is one of the leading citizens of his town, has served as selectman and water commissioner, is president of the Board of Trade, and a trustee of the North Brookfield Savings Bank. Is a member of the First Congregational Church. He has three children: (1) William Harrison, b. August 15, 1880; m. November, 1902, Nellie Goodwin of Rutland, Mass. They have two children: Ruth Anna, b. October

19, 1903, and Grace, b. April 19, 1907. (2) Frederick Arthur, b. May 23, 1883; m. March 22, 1904, Edna A. Boyd of Oakham, Mass. They have two children: William Francis, b. October 14, 1904, and Kenneth Bullard, b. November 15, 1896. (3) Charles Francis, b. February 25, 1885.

- IV. Frederick Lincoln, b. April 7, 1859; m. 1st, May 21, 1884, Alice Maria Bryant; d. February 14, 1888; m. 2d, June 1893, Etta R. Rice of Barre, Mass. After leaving school he was associated with his father in the lumber business and in building, and later was engaged in business for himself in Barre and North Brookfield, Mass. He is at present Superintendent of the Worcester County Gas Works at Leominster, Mass. Resides at Clinton, Mass.

(66). *Lemuel Fullam*, son of Elisha and Martha Whitcher Fullam, b. Holderness, May 23, 1830; d. West Brookfield, Mass., December 23, 1893; m. 1st, September 22, 1853, Lucy T. Johnson of North Brookfield; d. March 9, 1857; m. 2d, Susan F., daughter of William and Martha A. Marsh Adams of West Brookfield.

Lemuel Fullam, after spending his boyhood in New Hampshire and Vermont, obtained employment in a boot and shoe factory in Rutland, Mass., and about 1854 engaged in manufacturing boots and shoes at North Brookfield for the Batchelder Company. After a year or two he became inspector of goods for a large boot and shoe jobbing house in New York, but in 1858 went to West Brookfield and built a factory of his own, and until 1882, when his establishment was burned, he conducted a large and successful business, the



LEMUEL FULLAM.



largest of any manufactory in town. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion he sustained heavy losses from the failure of his principal customers who had a large Southern trade, but his creditors granted him an extension, and with returning prosperity he paid them every dollar due them with interest. When his factory burned in 1882 he retired from business, but by no means from the activities of life. He had a wide acquaintance among shoe and leather men, and ranked as an exceptionally able business man. There were few manufacturers of his day who had as complete a knowledge of all departments of the work as he. During his business life Mr. Fullam took an active part in town affairs. He was progressive and instituted village improvements which have made West Brookfield one of the most charming spots in Worcester County. He insisted upon good roads, good sidewalks and a good fire department. He led the town into building a system of concrete walks, by building the first one from the railway station to the town hall at his own expense. If once interested in a project, he was a man of great energy, and few men would or could adhere to a course of action so persistently as he if he thought he was in the right. Possessed of great executive ability, his services were ever at the call of the poor and struggling, and he was the confidential adviser and helper of scores of young men who were striving to make their way against odds. It will be noted that his elder brother, William, died in North Brookfield on Wednesday, December 20, 1893. His funeral was on Saturday, and his brother Lemuel was not feeling in his usual health, and decided that he would not accompany his family to the funeral. When they returned they found him in bed, unconscious. He never rallied, but died at eleven o'clock, at the same hour his brother had passed away in

North Brookfield three days before. The two brothers were men of large stature and of great physical strength, a characteristic of both families of Fullam and Whitcher. Jacob Fulham, the first son of Col. Francis Fulham, founder of the family in America, is noted in history for his daring and prowess as an Indian fighter, and was known as the strongest man in New England, unless that claim were disputed by Thomas Whittier, 1622-1696.

## CHILDREN :

*All born in West Brookfield, Mass.*

- I. Martha, b. January 4, 1860 ; m. September 14, 1886, Frank Warren, son of Warren Augustus and Mary F. Burgess Blair, b. West Brookfield, December 15, 1857. Martha received her education at the Worcester Oread Institute, Wellesley College and the Boston Art Museum. Mr. Blair prepared for college at Williston Seminary and graduated at Amherst College, class of 1880. He entered the newspaper profession, was editor and part owner for twelve years of the Worcester Telegram, was later managing editor of the Boston Transcript, and is now night editor of the Boston Post. They have one child : Margaret Amidon, b. Worcester, Mass., July 23, 1887. Student in Smith College.
- II. Charles Adams, b. November 29, 1864 ; d. October 17, 1865.
- III. Mary Lucy, b. September 28, 1866 ; d. February 28, 1867.
- IV. Frank Lemuel, b. January 6, 1870 ; m. September 12, 1906, Mabel Annie, youngest daughter of Oliver



MRS. HARRIET (FULLAM) FAIRBANKS.





Eaton and Harriet N. Porter French of Newport, R. I. He was educated at Worcester Academy and Harvard College, Lawrence Scientific. After graduation he held positions as chemist, first with E. R. Squibb & Sons, Brooklyn, N. Y., then at the United States Torpedo Station, Newport, R. I., then with the International Smokeless Powder Works, Parlin, N. J., where he is now superintendent. Is a member of American Chemical Society; is a Congregationalist.

(68). *Harriet Fullam*, daughter of Elisha and Martha Whitcher Fullam, b. Granby, Vt., August 23, 1836; m. October 5, 1856, Isaac, son of Ebenezer and Margaret Gleason Fairbanks, b. Brimfield, Mass., April 14, 1833; d. North Brookfield, Mass., April 19, 1906.

Harriet Fullam left Benton with her mother when about fourteen years of age, and after attending school in North Brookfield for a time, worked in a tailor's shop in North and West Brookfield and Woburn, Mass., until her marriage. They lived on a farm for a few years, when Mr. Fairbanks became book-keeper and foreman in a lumber yard until a few years before his death.

## THEIR CHILDREN :

- I. Dwight Edward, b. Burlington, Mass., July 7, 1858; d. North Brookfield, Mass., January 10, 1868.
- II. Fannie Rosa, b. North Brookfield, Mass., October 22, 1876. After completing her public school course she spent two years at the Missionary Training Institute, South Nyack, N. Y., but on account of

her mother's age and health, has never left home to enter the missionary work. They are members of the Congregational Church and reside in North Brookfield, Mass.



DAVID M. WHITCHER.



## CHAPTER VIII.

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID AND PHEBE P.  
SMITH WHITCHER.

Phebe P. Smith, wife of David Whitcher, b. March 7, 1799, was daughter of Joseph and Betsey Marston Smith of New Hampton. After the death of her husband in Coventry, April 3, 1835, she returned to New Hampton with her children, and died there July 20, 1880.

(69). *Joseph Smith Whitcher*, son of David and Phebe P. Smith Whitcher, b. Warren, August 25, 1828. He learned the carpenter's trade, but has in later years devoted himself chiefly to farming. Resides in New Hampton, where he has been a useful and respected citizen. Has served on the school board and is a member of the Free Baptist Church. Is unmarried.

(70). *David Marston Whitcher*, son of David and Phebe P. Smith Whitcher, b. Coventry, June 30, 1831; m. October 13, 1862, Julia A., daughter of Jonathan Perkins and Catherine Neal Norris, b. Meredith, May 7, 1843.

David M. Whitcher learned the carpenter's trade and also engaged in farming in Center Harbor and Meredith, and has taken an active interest in town affairs, holding various official positions. Is a member of the Meredith Congregational Church. Has a daughter:

(139). Ellen Ardelle Whitcher, daughter of David

M. and Julia A. Norrie Whitcher, b. Center Harbor, September 13, 1863; m. January 1, 1884, Frank A., son of James and Elizabeth Davis Bartlett, b. January 20, 1853. They reside in Meredith and have one son: Perkins Norris Bartlett, b. March 21, 1885.

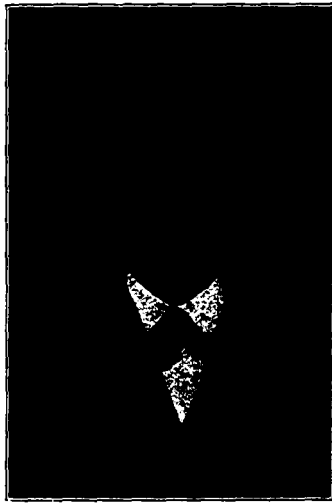
(71.) *Daniel Batchelder Whitcher*, son of David and Phebe P. Smith Whitcher, b. Coventry, July 6, 1833; d. New Hampton, 1902; m. September 9, 1875, Elmina Josie, daughter of William and Eliza Smith Brown of Meredith, b. February 22, 1853.

Daniel B. Whitcher was a successful farmer in New Hampton, quiet and reserved, devoted to his family and his church, Free Baptist, taking an active interest in town affairs, but declining any official position.

CHILDREN OF DANIEL B. AND ELMINA BROWN WHITCHER

*(All born in New Hampton.)*

140. I. Phebe M., b. November 14, 1876; m. October 20, 1906, Harry E., son of Enoch and Mary Foss Flanders of New Hampton. Reside in New Hampton.
141. II. Eliza M., b. May 25, 1878; m. December 25, 1900, Joseph S., son of William and Abbie Knight Gordon, b. September 19, 1877. They reside in Westbrook, Me., and have two children: (1) Dorothy M., b. October 23, 1901; (2) Adelaide S., b. November 12, 1903.



DANIEL B. WHITCHER.





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142. III. Mina J., b. December 8, 1880; m. December 8, 1904, Carl M., son of Marlin S. and Ellen F. Carr Meader, b. Haverhill, November 14, 1880. They reside in North Haverhill.
143. IV. Milton J., b. May 16, 1885.
144. V. Algernon D., b. May 28, 1893.

## CHAPTER IX.

## MISCELLANEOUS AND MEMORANDA.

Mention has been made in a previous chapter of the brothers of Chase Whitcher, John and Reuben, elder, and Joseph younger than he, who came to Warren. Joseph does not appear to have permanently settled in town, as his name appears on the list of voters but three times, nor is there any record of his having married in town or having a family there.

John Whitcher, b. Salisbury, Mass., June 19, 1749; m. December 6, 1770, Sarah Marston of Salisbury, b. October 14, 1748. Their eleven children were all born in Warren.

- 1, Joseph, b. November 10, 1772
- 2, Reuben, b. December 30, 1773.
- 3, John, b. August 10, 1775.
- 4, Betty, b. October 3, 1778.
- 5, Sarah, b. October 17, 1779.
- 6, Henry D., b. October 30, 1782.
- 7, Obadiah, b. October 11, 1784.
- 8, Batchelder, b. August 3, 1787.
- 9, Obadiah 2d, April 23, 1789.
- 10, Jeremiah, b. January 29, 1790.
- 11, Rebecca, b. December 19, 1795.

Reuben Whitcher, b. Salisbury, Mass., October 5, 1751; m. September 17, 1776, Elizabeth Copp, b. Hampstead, April 14, 1761. They lived in various places after their

marriage, but finally settled in Thetford, Vt., about 1795. There is a record of six children.

- 1, Betsey, b. Wentworth September 10, 1777.
- 2, Dorothy, b. Piermont, March 8, 1779.
- 3, Joshua, b. Piermont, June 9, 1781.
- 4, Joseph, b. Moretown, Vt., January 22, 1783.
- 5, Reuben, b. Thetford, Vt., March 8, 1785.
- 6, Samuel, b. Warren, December 18, 1786.

Mary Noyes, wife of William Whitcher (30), was, as previously noted (page 32), the eldest daughter and child of Samuel and Sarah Collins Noyes of Landaff. Her ancestry is traced to

Nicholas Noyes, b. in England, 1615-1616, and who came to Newbury, Mass., in 1633. He married Mary Cutting.

2. Timothy, son of Nicholas and Mary Cutting Noyes, b. Newbury, Mass., June 23, 1655; m. 1680. Mary Knight. He saw service in King Philip's war.
3. Timothy, son of Timothy and Mary Knight Noyes, b. Newbury, Mass., January 2, 1690; m. 1718. Lydia Plummer.
4. Sylvanus, son of Timothy and Lydia Plummer Noyes, b. Newbury, Mass., February 24, 1719; m. 1741, Phebe Chase.
5. Samuel, son of Sylvanus and Phebe Chase Noyes, b. Plaistow, September 12, 1760; m. Sarah Collins. Samuel Noyes d. February 27, 1846. Sarah Collins Noyes d. June 4, 1853, aged 91.

## CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND SARAH COLLINS NOYES.

*All born in Landaff.*

- 1, *Mary*, b. November 5, 1787; m. February 15, 1807, William Whitcher of Coventry.
- 2, *Phebe*, b. ———, 1789.
- 3, *James*, b. August 13, 1791; m. 1812, *Violette Coburn*.
- 4, *Samuel*, b. November 27, 1793, d. July, 1835; m. *Mercy Priest*.
- 5, *Caleb*, b. February 28, 1796.
- 6, *Amos*, b. April 3, 1797, d. 1880; m. 1824, *Huldah Bronson*.
- 7, *Daniel*, b. 1798, d. 1859; m. *Susan Quimby*.
- 8, *Nathaniel*, b. June 10, 1800; m. 1st, *Betsey Bartlett*, 2d, *Mrs. Luella Keniston*, 3d, *Aurilla Cole*.
- 9, *Jonathan*, ———; m. *Harriet Cole*.
- 10, *Polly*.
- 11, *Susan*.
- 12, *Moses*, b. 1806, d. 1852; m. 1st, *Mary Howe*, 2d, *Lydia Royce*, 3d, *Zylphia Clark*.

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Joseph Davis Willoughby of New Holderness was married in Warren to Miriam, daughter of Chase and Hannah Morrill Whitcher, December 23, 1812, by Abel Merrill, Justice of the Peace.

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In the sixty-five years since 1842, there have been but twenty-five years in which a son or grandson of William Whitcher of Benton has not been a member of the New Hampshire legislature.

Henry N. Witcher of Landaff (83), son of Winthrop C. and Mercy Priest Witcher, d. September 9, 1907.

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The following may be taken as a specimen of rural graveyard literature during the first half of the 19th century; it appears on a small headstone in the Landaff cemetery:

“Taken by the resistless hand of Death  
from the fond Embrace of a loving  
Mother, Betsey, daughter of William  
and Lucinda C. Witcher, who died  
April 14, 1842, aged 5 years and 2 days.”

“Betsy, Betsy, art thou fled  
And left us here in tears?  
Early enrolled among the dead  
To sleep till Christ appears!”

No portrait of Chase Witcher or of his wife Hannah Morrill was ever made, and nearly all of their children had died before the days of the daguerreotype or of its successor, the photograph. The author esteems himself fortunate that he was able to secure photographs of two of these, the eldest son, William Witcher, late of Benton, and the youngest daughter, Martha Witcher Fullam, late of North Brookfield, Mass. Chase and Hannah Morrill Witcher had 38 grandchildren, of whom 31 lived to marry, and of these photographs or reprints from daguerreotypes were secured of 25. These were of all kinds from poor to good, but they were each the best that could be obtained. But four of these grandchildren are now (1907) living: David Witcher of North Haverhill, Joseph Witcher of New Hampton, David M. Witcher of Center Harbor and Mrs. Harriet Fullam

Fairbanks of North Brookfield, Mass. Of great-grandchildren there have been 100, of whom 51 are now, so far as known, living. Of great-great-grandchildren there have been 119, of whom 102 are living. Of great-great-great-grandchildren, fifth generation from Chase and ninth from Thomas, there have been born 51, of whom 46 are now living. There have been two of the sixth generation from Chase and tenth from Thomas, of whom one is living, Dorothy May Jarvis, born September 9, 1905.

The views of the Whittier home in Haverhill, Mass., are from photographs taken by Mr. Edward Denham of New Bedford, Mass., who kindly furnished them for this work. One is a front view taken near the Haverhill and Amesbury road, and the other from the road to Plaistow, showing the rear of the house and the famous flower garden so beloved by the poet. The house was built by Thomas Whittier in 1688, and remained in the family until the death of the poet, when it became the property of the Whittier Memorial Association. It is of interest to the world at large as the birthplace of the Quaker poet, as the scene of perhaps his greatest poem, "Snow Bound," but it has a special interest also to the descendants of Chase Whitcher of Warren, as being the home of his great grandfather, Thomas Whittier, built in his later years, after he had become comparatively well to do and increased in worldly goods. The house was badly damaged by fire October 17, 1902, but was speedily restored to its original appearance, while the family furniture, relics and souvenirs were saved by the heroic exertions of Mrs. J. M. Ela, who at that time and since has had the care of the house. As it stands to-day it is a fine example of the old Colonial farm house, showing little trace of the ravages of two hundred and nineteen years, and is rich in its family and historical associations.

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The house built by Chase Whitcher at Warren, near the Glencliff station, on the White Mountains Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and near the Warren Summit post office, is a much more modest structure, and shows vastly more the ravages of time and decay, but it was the home of Warren's "boy settler," the house where both he and his son Chase, Jr., were licensed in the early years of the nineteenth century "to keep open tavern and to sell spirituous liquors," and has to-day the distinction of being the oldest house in the town of Warren. It has passed out of the possession of the family, and is now owned and, with some modern additions, is occupied by its owner, Mr. Charles Tyrrell, as a residence.

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- On page 32, in third line, for *seven* read *eight*.  
On page 32, in fourth line after *Samuel*, insert *Caleb*.  
On page 33, for *50 XI* read *49 XI*.  
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On page 39, in fifteenth line, for *William Harrison Blake*  
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