

A  
G E N E A L O G Y  
OF  
ONE BRANCH  
OF THE  
WOOD FAMILY,  
FROM 1638 TO 1870.



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TO THE  
MEMORY OF MY HONORED MATERNAL GRANDFATHER,  
CAPTAIN ABRAHAM WOOD,  
OF NORTHBOROUGH, MASS.,

AND TO HIS DESCENDANTS, THIS LITTLE WORK, WITH ALL ITS  
IMPERFECTIONS, IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

BY THE COMPILER,

T. W. VALENTINE.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov., 1871.

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[NOTE.—It was the original intention of the compiler to include all the descendants of WILLIAM WOOD in this work, but these were found to be so numerous and widely scattered, and the ancient public and family records so imperfect, that it was found impracticable. Those who have never attempted a work of this kind can hardly realize the amount of labor involved, and the difficulties encountered. It is believed to be as full and perfect, however; so far as the descendants of ABRAHAM WOOD are concerned, as it could be made under the circumstances.

For much valuable aid in the preparation of the work and the gathering of data, the compiler is largely indebted to Dea. Benj. F. Wood, of Westminster, Dea. Samuel Wood, and Anson Rice, Esq., of Northboro', and Henry Gassett, Esq., of Boston. It is also proper to say in this connection, that the Westminster branch of the family have already published a small "Genealogy," and have long had it in contemplation to publish a fuller work, for which they are now gathering materials.—T. W. V.]





## GENEALOGY.

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**WILLIAM WOOD**, the common ancestor of a very considerable portion of the Wood family whose descendants are so numerous in Central Massachusetts, emigrated to New England in 1638, at the age of forty-six, and settled in Concord, Mass., where he died, May 14, 1671, aged 89. He came to this country with his nephew, the Hon. **THOMAS FLINT**, who came from Matlock, Derbyshire, England. He left an only son, **MICHAEL WOOD**, and a daughter, **RUTH**, who became the wife of Capt. **THOMAS WHEELER**. William Wood, "from his connections, and other circumstances, is supposed to have been the acute author of a book entitled '*New England's Prospect*\*.'" *''*

### SECOND GENERATION.

**MICHAEL**, son of William Wood, died at Concord, Mass., May 13, 1674. His children were, **ABRAHAM**, **ISAAC**, **THOMAS**, **JACOB**, **JOHN**, and **ABIGAIL**, who married **STEPHEN HOSMER**.

### THIRD GENERATION.

**ABRAHAM**, son of Michael Wood, died at Sudbury, Mass., in 1742 or 1747. His children were, **SAMUEL**,

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\* So says the late Col. **ABEL WOOD**, of Westminster, by whom most of the early data of the Wood Family was gathered previous to his death in 1846. It may be so; yet, as the work in question was published in London in 1635, three years before our ancestor came to this country, there may be some reason to doubt it. A copy of this work brought \$200.00 at the Sale of the "Rice Library".

**CORNELIUS, HANNAH, REBECCA, RUTH, ABIGAIL, and NATHAN.** Of these, the eldest, Capt. Samuel Wood, removed in 1749, to that part of Westborough which, in 1766, was set off and incorporated as the town of Northborough, Mass., and was the ancestor of all that branch of the family since living in that section. Cornelius settled in Sudbury. Hannah married **DANIEL WALKER**, and settled in Westminster, Mass. Ruth married **DANIEL GOODNOW**, and settled in Sudbury. Rebecca married — **CUTLER**, and settled in Sudbury. Abigail married Dea. **JAMES WALKER**, and settled in Westminster. Nathan married **REBECCA HAYNES**, and, after residing temporarily in various places, finally settled in Westminster, Mass., and was the progenitor of the numerous families of the name living in that section.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

Capt. **SAMUEL WOOD**,\* the progenitor of the branch of the family living in Northborough, was the eldest son of Abraham and Hannah Wood, and was born in Sudbury, March 17, 1710. He married his first wife, **LYDIA GOODNOW**, Feb. 5, 1733; and, after her death, married, Nov. 29, 1739, **KEZIAH**, daughter of John

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\* He removed from Sudbury to Northboro' about the year 1750, and settled on the farm afterward and yet known as "the Dea. Seaver place," near the bridge over the Assabet river. He and his sons, Samuel and Abraham, erected the shops now owned and occupied by the Hon. Milo Hildreth, as a manufactory of ornamental shell-work, and were extensively known as clothiers and fullers for about half a century.

and Abigail Moore, who was born in Sudbury, April 8, 1713. He died in Northborough, March 18, 1760, aged 50. His widow died in the same place, March 11, 1785, aged 72. Their children were as follows :

LYDIA, born in Sudbury, Oct. 28, 1740 ; married TIMOTHY BRIGHAM,\* son of Jesse and Bethiah, in 1760.

SAMUEL,† born in Sudbury, June 28, 1743 ; married SUSANNA FIFE, of Bolton, Nov. 27, 1791, and died in Northborough, Sept. 18, 1818, leaving no children. She died in Northborough, July 9, 1831, aged 77.

JESSE, born in Sudbury, Aug. 28, 1745 ; died (unmarried) in Northborough, Sept. 18, 1783. ♥

HANNAH, born in Sudbury, Dec. 22, 1747 ; married THOMAS,‡ son of Samuel and Hannah Seaver, Oct. 13, 1767, and died in Townsend, Mass., Oct. 17, 1827.

BEULAH, born in Northborough, August 22, 1750 ; married NATHAN JOHNSON,§ son of Edward and Mary, and died in Berlin, Mass., Feb. 24, 1830.

\* Capt. TIMOTHY BRIGHAM was second in command of a Company of Minute Men that marched to Cambridge about the 20th of April, 1775. He died in Northboro', Oct. 5, 1828, aged 92 years, 7 months and 7 days.

† Capt. SAMUEL WOOD was first in command of the Company of "Minute Men," and was at the battle of Bunker Hill on the 17th of June following. He received a slight wound in the retreat of the Americans.

‡ THOMAS SEAVER was the third officer in command, and afterwards received a Lieutenant's commission. He was born in Boston, Feb. 19, 1745, and came from Dorchester to Northboro' when 21 years of age.

§ NATHAN JOHNSON was a soldier in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was also present at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Monument, June 17, 1825. He always claimed to have fired the "last gun" on that occasion. In the latter part of his life, after he had become somewhat childish, people would sometimes say to him, "Uncle Nathan, they say you fired the last gun at Bunker Hill." "Yes," the old man would reply, "and one more after that !"

**ABRAHAM**,\* born in Northborough, July 30, 1752; married **LYDIA JOHNSON**,† daughter of Eleazer and Elizabeth Johnson, of Berlin, April 1, 1773, and died in an apoplectic fit, in Northborough, Aug. 6, 1804.

### FIFTH GENERATION.

*Children of TIMOTHY and LYDIA (WOOD) BRIGHAM:*

**EBER**, born Nov. 25, 1761.‡

**PERSIS**, born Jan. 16, 1764.

**SAMUEL**, born Dec. 14, 1765.

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\* At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, **ABRAHAM WOOD**, then a young man of 23 years of age, and but recently married, was elected Clerk of the Company of "Minute Men," of which his elder brother was Captain, and his brother-in-law afterwards Lieutenant. He marched with the company to Cambridge, but as he was more needed at home to dress cloth, he remained only a short time, until a substitute could be furnished. He was afterwards Captain of the Militia for many years. He continued the business of cloth-dressing until his death, in 1804. Besides holding many town offices, he was Chorister of the Church for many years, and, for those days, was a musician of considerable note. He composed and published one or two small collections of Church Music; also, a "Funeral Elegy on the Death of Gen. Washington," which was republished and sung at the time of Pres. Harrison's death in 1840.

† That "best of grandmothers," **LYDIA JOHNSON WOOD**, was born in Berlin, (on the farm now known as "the Peregrine Wheeler place,") July 31, 1754. That she shared the patriotic spirit of the family and the times, is shown in the fact that she sat up the entire night previous to the departure of the "Minute Men" for the seat of war, and melted her "pewter-ware" into bullets to be fired at the British. The old soap-stone bullet-moulds used on that occasion are yet in the possession of the family.

An excellent portrait of her is yet in possession of her daughter, Mrs. Gassett of Boston. As the writer once stood gazing at it, Mr. Gassett exclaimed, "That is the likeness of the *best woman that ever lived!*" "That is rather an ungallant remark to make in the presence of your wife," said I. "Ah, yes!" he replied, "but it is honor enough for her to be the *daughter* of such a woman!"—She died in Northboro', April 3, 1843, in the 89th year of her age.

‡ This record, meagre as it is, is all that could be obtained.

MITTEE, born Dec. 11, 1767.

LYDIA, born Dec. 26, 1769.

ABIGAIL, born Dec. 29, 1775.

LUTHER, born April 3, 1778 ; married ROSEMOND JONES, and died in Waterford, Me., June 4, 1835.

BETSEY, born in Princeton, Mass., Oct. 22, 1783 ; died ———.

*Child of SAMUEL and SUSANNA (FIFE) WOOD :*

SUSANNA, born in Northboro', Jan. 18, 1795, and died Aug. 7, 1795.

*Children of THOMAS and HANNAH (WOOD) SEAVER :*

SAMUEL,\* born in Northboro', Sept. 7, 1768 ; married AZUBAH MORSE, daughter of Samuel and ——— Morse, Jan. 13, 1793 ; married OLIVE SENTER, 2d wife, Sept. 4, 1799, and died in Northboro', Jan. 25, 1838. His widow, at the age of 92, yet survives him, living in Northboro'.

OTIS, born in Northboro', June 29, 1770 ; died there, Dec. 17, 1775.

THOMAS, born in Northboro', June 29, 1772 ; married EUNICE REDINGTON, Nov. 13, 1799, and died in Walpole, N. H., Dec. 5, 1862.

RUTH, born in Northboro', June 30, 1774 ; married WILLIAM B. FLAGG, June —, 1798, and died in Mason, N. H., July 1, 1853.

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\*He was for many years a Deacon in the First Parish Church, Northboro', and held the office of Town Treasurer sixteen consecutive years. ABRAHAM WOOD-SHAVER, Esq., son of the above, is now Cashier of the Northboro' Bank, and has been from its opening in 1854. He is also Justice of the Peace, and has been Town Treasurer and Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature.

BEULAH, born in Townsend, Mass., Oct. 23, 1776 ; married SALOMA SHERWIN, Oct. —, 1797, and died in Townsend, Sept. 17, 1829.

BETSEY, born in Townsend, Feb. 18, 1779 ; unmarried ; died, Nov. 5, 1843.

ABRAHAM, born in Townsend, March 9, 1781 ; married LUCY LAWRENCE, Dec. 21, 1809, and died in Townsend, March 13, 1861.

HANNAH,† born in Townsend, June 4, 1782 ; unmarried ; still living there.

JESSE W., born in Townsend, July 17, 1784 ; died there June 9, 1785.

JESSE, born in Townsend, March 12, 1786 ; married ELIZABETH WARREN, Dec. 13, 1810, and died in Townsend, Dec. 18, 1859.

OTIS, born in Townsend, Aug. 28, 1789 ; unmarried ; died Oct. 7, 1857.

*Children of NATHAN and BEULAH (WOOD) JOHNSON :*

BEULAH, born in Berlin, March 23, 1783 ; married DAVID NEWTON, son of Paul and Keziah Newton, Jan. 18, 1807, and died in Northboro', Aug. 20, 1860. David Newton died in the same place, July 9, 1862.

EDWARD, born in Berlin, May 4, 1785 ; married ANNA PARK, daughter of James R. and Anna Park, April 20, 1817, and died in Berlin, Nov. 15, 1827.

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\* A letter from Townsend, dated Nov. 20, 1871, says, "Aunt Hannah is still living, in her 90th year ; is remarkably well, doing her own work, and her memory is as good as ever. She bids fair to live to the age of her good, old grandmother Seaver, who was supposed to be 102 years old at the time of her death."

**ZENAS**, born in Berlin, May 8, 1787 ; married **SUSAN SHEPARD**, Feb. 29, 1820 ; 2d wife, **ANN JOHNSON**, June 3, 1823 ; 3d wife, **POLLY R. ARNOLD**, April 18, 1832, and died in Berlin, Nov. 11, 1850.

**SUSANNA**, born in Berlin, Sept. 2, 1789 ; unmarried ; still living there.

**AMELIA**, born in Berlin, Feb. 5, 1793 ; unmarried ; still living there.

*Children of ABRAHAM and LYDIA (JOHNSON) WOOD :*

**SABBA**, born in Northboro', Sept. 22, 1773, and died, Oct. 1, 1775.

**KEZIAH**, born in Northboro', April 20, 1775 ; married **ASAPH RICE**,\* son of Amos and Sarah Rice, April 2, 1795, and died, April 3, 1813.

**ABRAHAM**, born in Northboro', Nov. 17, 1776 ; died, July 31, 1779.

**OTIS**, born in Northboro', Aug. 3, 1778 ; died, Feb. 4, 1795.

**LYDIA**, born in Northboro', March 12, 1781 ; married **ASAPH RICE**, as his second wife, June 23, 1813, and died, April 7, 1820.

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\* **ASAPH RICE** was born in Northboro', Nov. 11, 1768. Though he never held many town offices he was often called to serve upon important committees, and few men took a more active part in public affairs. With a mind naturally strong, by reading, reflection and observation, he became a ready debater and a public speaker of considerable power. A teamster from Northboro' to Boston for many years, it could almost be said that every body knew him from one place to the other. He was a brother of the Rev. **LUTHER RICE**, the companion and fellow-laborer of **JUDSON**, the first American missionary to Burmah. **Asaph Rice** died in Northboro', Dec. 1, 1836, aged 68 years.

SARAH, born in Northboro, Feb. 27, 1784, died, Dec. 30, 1807.

ABRAHAM, born in Northboro', March 1, 1786 ; unmarried ; died, June 29, 1821.

ELIZABETH, born in Northboro, Jan. 31, 1788 ; unmarried, and still living in Winchendon, Mass.

SABRA, born in Northboro', Oct. 17, 1791 ; married GILL VALENTINE,\* son of William and Elizabeth Valentine, March 31, 1814, and died in Worcester, August 30, 1865.

JOHN HANCOCK, born in Northboro', Dec. 2, 1793, and died, Oct. 25, 1803.

LUCY, born in Northboro', June 22, 1795 ; married HENRY GASSETT,† of Boston, son of Henry and Persis Gassett, Feb. 17, 1812, and is still living in Boston.

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\* GILL VALENTINE was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Sept. 8, 1788. His father afterwards removed to Northboro', and for many years kept the old "Jonas Ball Tavern." He attended Leicester Academy in 1806-9, taught school a season or two, and was afterwards a trader in Hanover, N. H., Northboro', Templeton and Worcester. He was at one time Select-man, Assessor, Constable, one of the School Committee, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Measurer of Wood and Bark in Northboro', and at the same time Deputy Sheriff and Postmaster—which last office he held four or five years. In Worcester, he was a member of the Common Council two years ; Board of Aldermen one year, was City Auditor fifteen years, Sealer of Weights and Measures seven years, Justice of the Peace eighteen years. (which office he yet holds), and was for about sixty years a Land Surveyor and Conveyancer. He is now living in Northboro', in the 84th year of his age. His second wife, yet living, is Mrs. Sarah Bartlett, daughter of the late Col. John Crawford, of Northboro'.

† HENRY GASSETT, Esq., was born in Northboro', Feb. 1, 1774, on the place now owned by Samuel Clark, Esq. He graduated at Harvard University in 1795, and was, for many years, a successful merchant in Boston, where he died, Aug. 15, 1855, aged 81 years. In 1830, he presented to his native town the sum of \$3000, which has since been known as the "Gassett Fund," and which, besides having paid a very considerable sum annually to the First Parish, now amounts to nearly \$6000.



MARY, born in Northboro', Nov. 15, 1796; married JOSEPH DAVIS,\* son of Hon. Joseph and Lydia Davis, May 20, 1823, and died in Templeton, Jan. 3. 1869.

SAMUEL,† born in Northboro', Feb. 22, 1799; married ELIZABETH BOWMAN,‡ daughter of Joseph and Anna (Valentine) Bowman, April 16, 1826, and is still living in Northboro'.

### SIXTH GENERATION.

*Children of ASAPH and KEZIAH (WOOD) RICE :*

SENECA, born in Northboro', Aug. 21, 1796; died, Dec. 15, 1800.

ANSON,¶ born in Northboro,, Oct. 25, 1798; married LUCY SHERMAN,§ daughter of Isaac and Hannah Sherman, July 1, 1822, and is still living in Northboro'.

SELDEN, born in Northboro', March 31, 1801; died, August 4, 1802.

\* Capt. JOSEPH DAVIS was born in Northboro', Feb. 12, 1800. After being a merchant in Northboro' some years (where he was also Captain of a military company), he removed to Templeton, and was Postmaster of the village of Baldwinville for more than twenty years. He was Representative from that town, and held other offices there. He died, there Nov. 5, 1868.

† He was, for many years, a Deacon and Clerk of the Baptist Church, but has generally declined all town offices.

‡ She died in Northboro', May 18, 1868, aged 61 years.

¶ He was Captain of the "Northboro' Grenadiers" four years, Town Clerk three years, Assessor three years, Select-man one year, Postmaster fourteen years. Justice of the Peace twenty-eight years (and yet in that office), and Assistant U. S. Assessor for five years, besides many other minor offices.

§ She died in Northboro', July 16, 1868, aged 77 years.

ELSEY, born in Northboro', Jan. 22, 1803 ; married FOSTER SHAW,\* May 3, 1826, and died, Mar. 29, 1865.

SELDEN, born in Northboro', June 21, 1805 ; died, Dec. 10, 1811.

MARY, born in Northboro', Oct. 9, 1808 ; married CHARLES M. BAILEY, Dec. 24, 1832, and now resides in Clinton, Mass.

JOHN,† born in Northboro', Dec. 17, 1810 ; married MIRIAM HOWE, daughter of Asa B. and Charlotte Howe, November 8, 1832, and is yet living in Northboro'.

*Child of ASAPH and LYDIA (WOOD) RICE :*

SELDEN, born in Northboro', Aug. 18, 1816 ; married ALICIA S. STONE, daughter of Abijah and Elizabeth S. Stone, of Hopkinton, Mass., Sept. 8, 1840, and is yet living in Syracuse, N. Y.

*Children of GILL and SABRA (WOOD) VALENTINE :*

GEORGE GILL,‡ born in Northboro', Feb. 12, 1815 ; married CATHARINE B., daughter of Nathaniel and Dolly Brigham, Oct. 8, 1839, and died there, Feb. 24, 1869,

\* FOSTER SHAW was born in Palmer, Mass., Jan. 16, 1798, and died while on a visit to his son, in Saco, Me., Sept. 14, 1866, aged 68 years

† He has been a Representative in the Legislature, frequently a Moderator of the Town Meetings, and is yet one of the Directors of the Northboro' Bank.

‡ He was, for many years, one of the Select-men of Northboro', and was Chairman of the Board at the time of his death. He was also, for many years, one of the Assessors, and was Postmaster from 1854 to 1861.

THOMAS WESTON,\* born in Northboro', Feb. 16, 1818 ; married HARRIET, daughter of John and Annie (Ward) Dryden, in Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1844, and now resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

ELIZABETH WOOD, born in Northboro', Oct. 24, 1820 ; married CHARLES W., son of David and Polly Marden, June 24, 1847, and now resides in Hartford, Ct.

SARAH ANN, born in Northboro', May 12, 1822, and died, Aug. 2, 1840.

HENRY ELLIOTT, born in Northboro', July 5, 1834 ; married MARY J., daughter of Nathaniel and Henrietta Woodhouse, Nov. 3, 1857, and now resides in Hartford, Ct.

*Children of HENRY and LUCY (WOOD) GASSETT :*

HENRY,† born in Boston, Feb. 7, 1813 ; yet unmarried, and resides in Boston.

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\* He commenced his career as a teacher in the year 1836, in that part of Lancaster, Mass., which is now included in the Village of Clinton. In 1837-8-9, he taught in his native town ; in 1840, in the State of Pennsylvania, (where the present wife of Gen. John W. Geary, now Governor of that State, was one of his pupils) ; in Ashland, Mass., in 1841 ; and, in 1842, removed to Albany, N. Y., where he was Principal of a Public School 11 years. He was Superintendent of the Albany Orphan Asylum in 1853-4 ; was Alderman of the Ninth Ward in 1852-3-4, was Editor of the *N. Y. Teacher* two years, and, in 1855, became Principal of Public School No. 19, Brooklyn, (now containing over 1600 pupils), which position he yet holds. He was also Deacon, Clerk, Chorister, and S. S. Superintendent of Baptist Churches in Albany and Brooklyn for many years.

The only specialty he claims in his professional life is his efforts to excite more *esprit de corps* among teachers. In 1838, he called and presided over the first Convention of Teachers held in Worcester County. In 1845, he originated the N. Y. State Teachers' Association, (the oldest of the 25 State Associations in this country). In 1857, while President of the N. Y. State Association, he made the first movement which resulted in the organization in Philadelphia of the *National Teachers' Association*, which is the largest and most important body of teachers in the world.

† He was graduated at Harvard University in 1834.

OSCAR, born in Boston, May 10, 1815 ; unmarried ; died there, Dec. 24, 1861.

ALBERT, born in Boston, Jan. 27, 1818 ; unmarried ; died there, May 8, 1838.

LYDIA WOOD, born in Boston, June 8, 1819 ; unmarried ; died in Northboro', May 9, 1836.

CATHARINE, born in Boston, March 13, 1822 ; married EDWARD R., son of Ephraim and Jane T. (Reynolds) Hall, Oct. 5, 1854, and now resides in Boston.

EDWARD,\* born in Boston, July 3, 1823 ; married MARIA W. PERCIVAL, and now resides abroad.

ELEANOR, born in Boston, March 9, 1825 ; married WILLIAM B., son of Daniel C. and Desire G. Bacon, Sept. 24, 1845, and died March 11, 1849.

FRANCIS, born in Boston, Sept. 23, 1826 ; unmarried ; died, March 15, 1865.

WALTER, born in Boston, Nov. 11, 1828 ; died, Oct. 5, 1846.

*Children of JOSEPH and MARY (WOOD) DAVIS :*

MARY ELIZABETH, born in Northboro, Dec. 29, 1823 ; married TRASK RAY, May 10, 1844, and now resides in Templeton, Mass.

LYDIA ANN, born in Northboro', Feb. 16, 1825 ; married Hon. GILES H.,† son of Abel and Abigail H.

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\*He was graduated at Harvard University in 1843.

† Mr. WHITNEY was born in Boston, Jan. 18, 1818, and was graduated at Harvard University in 1837. Entering the profession of Law he practiced for a while in Westminster, Templeton and Baldwinville, and, in 1855, removed to Winchendon, where he is yet engaged in the duties of his profession. In 1851, he was elected a member of the Massachusetts Senate from Worcester County, and has

Whitney, Nov. 28, 1850, and now resides in Winchendon, Mass.

LUCY GASSETT, born in Northboro', Oct. 15, 1826 ; married STEARNS DE WITT HARRIS, July 30, 1846, and now resides in Rockville, Ct.

JOSEPH, born in Northboro, Feb. 29, 1828 ; married ELIZABETH N. WILDER, Aug. 27, 1850, and now resides in Boston.

THOMAS WOOD, born in Templeton, Mass., Aug. 30, 1829 ; married CARRIE G. UNDERHILL, Sept. 13, 1860, and now resides in Boston.

GEORGE E., born in Templeton, April 19, 1833 ; died, Feb. 14, 1834.

*Children of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (BOWMAN) WOOD :*

ABRAHAM, born in Northboro', Nov. 20, 1828 ; died, June 23, 1831.

SAMUEL,\* born in Northboro', Feb. 13, 1831 ; married LUCRETIA G., daughter of Cyrus and Susan Hubbard, of Concord, Mass., April 22, 1862, and now resides in Northboro'.

ALBERT,† born in Northboro', Feb. 19, 1833 ; married EMMA, daughter of William and Emily Allen, July 7, 1867, and is now a physician in Worcester, Mass.

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also been a member of the House of Representatives twice from the 1st Worcester County District, composed of the towns of Winchendon and Ashburnham. He is also Justice of the Peace and Quorum, Notary Public, and Qualifying Officer.

\* He was one of the Select-men for two years.

† He was educated at Dartmouth College, and settled in Worcester in 1865, where he now holds the office of City Physician.

CHARLES JOHNSON, born in Northboro', Aug. 28, 1838 ; married HELEN S., daughter of Elisha and Frances Dodd, June 21, 1866, and lives in Hartford, Ct.

LYDIA ANN, born in Northboro', March 19, 1844 ; died, Sept. 22, 1848.

EMMA ELIZABETH, born in Northboro', March 14, 1848 ; died, April 25, 1851.

#### SEVENTH GENERATION.

*Children of ANSON and LUCY (SHERMAN) RICE :*

MARTIN LUTHER, born in Northboro', Dec. 2, 1824 ; married MARY W. MAYNARD, of Boylston, Dec. 22, 1846, and now resides in Springfield, Ohio

CHARLES ANSON, born in Northboro', May 1, 1826 ; married ANJENETTE, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Fay) Otis, March 25, 1849, and now resides in Northboro'.

JOHN ASAPH,\* born in Northboro', Feb. 22, 1829 ; married MARGARET V. S. CULVER, daughter of Lewis H. and Anna E. (Sebring) Culver, of Aurora, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1855, and now resides in Chicago, Ill.

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\* Mr. RICE is, and has been for many years, one of the proprietors of the well-known "Sherman House," Chicago, which was burned in the Great Fire, Oct. 9, 1871. He was also the collector and owner of the famous "Rice Library," one of the largest and most remarkable collections of rare and valuable books ever gathered in a private library in this country. It was sold at auction by Bangs, Merwin & Co., New York, in March, 1870, and occupied six days in its sale. The catalogue used at the sale is a volume of 556 closely printed pages, and is in itself a work of rare bibliography. It was sold in 2667 lots, many of which contained several volumes each, and the aggregate of the sale amounted to \$42,262.69. One copy of "Elliott's Indian Bible" brought \$1050, and a rare copy of "Dibdin's Tour," with its portraits, drawings, views, &c., brought \$1929. Mr. Rice seems to have a sort of Bibliomania, and, even since the sale, seems to be indulging his taste in that direction.

MYRON GRENVILLE, born in Northboro', Oct. 10, 1830 ; married SOPHIA A., daughter of Hervy and Margaret I. Burton, Republic, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1859, and died in Northboro', Nov. 9, 1864.

MARY FAIRBANKS PENNY, born in Northboro', Oct. 14, 1832 ; married ROSCIUS W. JONES, Northboro', Oct. 25, 1851, and now resides in Northboro'.

SOLON WOOD, born in Northboro', Oct. 19, 1835 ; married SARAH F. PERRY, Albany, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1859, and now resides ———.

*Children of FOSTER and ELSEY (RICE) SHAW :*

HENRY F., born in Northboro', Dec. 16, 1826 ; died in a Hospital, in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 7, 1862.

HARRIET E., born in Northboro', Sept. 28, 1826 ; married BENJAMIN E. W. DAVIS, April 9, 1850, and is now living in Shrewsbury, Mass.

STEPHEN FOSTER, born in Northboro', Aug. 17, 1830 ; married LUCY A. Low, Belchertown, Mass., Jan. 17, 1855, and is now living in Saco, Maine.

CHARLES L., born in Northboro', Aug. 20, 1832 ; is supposed to have died of starvation in the Rebel prison at Andersonville, Dec. 18, 1864.

MARY A., born in Northboro', Feb. 3, 1835 ; married WILLIAM E. HALL, Dec. 2, 1857, and is now living in Marlboro', Mass.

JOHN R., born in Northboro', May 17, 1837 ; died there, April 20, 1838.

JOHN R., born in Northboro', March 17, 1839 ; died in Shrewsbury, Aug. 6, 1844.

LUCIE E., born in Shrewsbury, Mass., Dec. 23, 1841; now resides in Marlboro', Mass.

*Children of JOHN and MIRIAM (HOWE) RICE :*

CHARLOTTE KEZIAH, born in Northboro', Dec. 24, 1833 ; married Dr. J. HENRY ROBINSON, Nov. 9, 1859, and now resides in Southboro', Mass.

JOHN, born Jan. 27, 1835 ; died, Jan. 28, 1836.

JOHN, born Sept. 27, 1836 ; died, Sept. 29, 1836.

FRANK, born in Northboro', Nov. 19, 1837 ; died, Jan. 12, 1842.

SARAH BAILEY, born in Northboro', Oct. 31, 1839 ; died, Oct. 17, 1849.

FRANK HOBART, born in Northboro', Aug. 12, 1842 ; died, Feb. 11, 1856.

FREDERICK S., born in Northboro', Dec. 5, 1853 ; lives in Northboro'.

LAURA H., born in Northboro', Sept. 12, 1856; died, Sept. 13, 1856.

*Children of CHARLES M. and MARY (RICE) BAILEY :*

SARAH SOPHIA, born in Northboro', May 12, 1839 ; died, Jan. 20, 1841.

MARY JANE, born in Northboro', Mar. 3, 1840 ; lives with her parents, in Clinton, Mass.

CHARLES E., } Twins { born in Northboro', June  
GEORGE E., } 17, 1842 ; Charles E. died  
in Sterling, Mass., Nov. 1, 1865 ; George E. died,  
June 28, 1870.

OSCAR MIRICK, born in Sterling, June 15, 1853 ; died there, May 11, 1854.



*Children of SELDEN and ALICIA (STONE) RICE :*

HENRY SELDEN, born in Ashland, Mass., Sept. 9, 1842 ; died, May 18, 1848.

GEORGE LELAND, born in Ashland, Mass., May 31, 1845 ; married NETTIE BAKER, Feb. 8, 1870 ; lives in Syracuse, N. Y.

JOHN KEYES, born in Ashland, Mass., April 9, 1847 ; lives in Syracuse, N. Y.

LYDIA WOOD, born in Worcester, March 10, 1850 ; lives in Syracuse, N. Y.

SARAH ALICIA, born in Worcester, Nov. 4, 1853 ; died, Aug. 20, 1856.

MARY HILDRETH, born in Worcester, Dec. 26, 1857 ; lives in Syracuse.

LIZZIE SHEPARD, born in Syracuse, Sept. 13, 1861 ; lives in Syracuse.

*Children of GEORGE G. and CATHARINE (BRIGHAM)  
VALENTINE :*

GEORGE LEWIS, born in Northboro', May 13, 1841 ; died Oct. 7, 1848.

HELEN MARIA, born in Northboro', May 7, 1845 ; lives in Northboro'.

SARAH ELIZABETH, born in Northboro', Dec. 4, 1850 ; lives in Northboro'.

HARRIET DOLLY, born in Northboro', Oct. 19, 1853 ; lives in Northboro'.

*Children of THOMAS W. and HARRIET (DRYDEN)*

## VALENTINE :

HARRIET ADA, born in Albany, Dec. 10, 1844; lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

THOMAS WALTER, born in Albany, March 1, 1847; died in Worcester, Sept. 1, 1848.

THOMAS WILMOT, born in Albany, July 4, 1849; lives in Brooklyn.

ELI PERRY, born in Albany, Dec. 22, 1850; lives in Worcester.

JOHN GILL, born in Brooklyn, Nov. 21, 1855; yet lives there.

*Children of HENRY E. and MARY J. (WOODHOUSE)*

## VALENTINE :

HENRIETTA WOOD, born in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28, 1858; died there Jan. 23, 1860.

NATHANIEL GILL, born in Hartford, Conn., Aug. 2, 1863; lives there with his parents.

*Children of EDWARD R. and CATHARINE (GASSETT)*

## HALL :

HENRY GASSETT, born in Boston, May 10, 1858.

EDITH, born in Boston, April 17, 1865.

*Children of EDWARD and MARIA W. (PERCIVAL)*

## GASSETT :

WALTER, born in Dorchester, Mass., Oct. 8, 1855.

ARTHUR, " " " May 2, 1857.

PERCIVAL, " " " Oct. 26, 1858.

CHARLES, born in Hong Kong, China, Sept. 26, 1861.

LUCY, born in Upper Clapton, Eng., Dec. 20, 1863.

*Child of* WILLIAM B. and ELEANOR (GASSETT) BACON ;  
ELEANOR GASSETT, born in Boston, March 2, 1849.

*Children of* TRASK and MARY E. (DAVIS) RAY :

LUCY HARRIS, born in Templeton, Mass., Jan. 8, 1847 ; died there, Aug. 9, 1848.

MARY DAVIS, born in Templeton, Sept. 10, 1849.

ANNIE WOODBURY, born in Templeton, April 20, 1853 ; died there, Sept. 10, 1854.

GERTRUDE MOORE, born in Templeton, June 18, 1854.

HARRIET WOOD, born in Templeton, Sept. 21, 1856.

CARRIE LOUISE, born in Templeton, Nov. 18, 1859 ; died there, Aug. 1, 1861.

WALTER HARRIS, born in Templeton, Aug. 24, 1862.

*Children of* Hon. GILES H. and LYDIA ANN (DAVIS)  
WHITNEY :

ABBY L., born in Templeton, Mass., Jan. 28, 1852 ; died there, July, 1852.

ELLA A., born in Templeton, Mass., Jan. 10, 1853 ; died there, Aug. 18, 1853.

ELIZABETH W., born in Templeton, Mass., April 7, 1854.

ALFRED H., born in Winchendon, Mass., Oct. 1, 1855.

ANDREW J., born in Winchendon, Mass., Sept. 25, 1857 ; died there, May 15, 1863.

*Child of* JOSEPH and ELIZABETH N. (WILDER)  
DAVIS :

JOSEPH, born in Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 5, 1851 ;  
now resides in Boston.

*Child of* Dr. ALBERT and EMMA (ALLEN) WOOD :

ALBERT BOWMAN, born in Worcester, Mass., June  
28, 1869.

*Children of* CHARLES J. and HELEN S. (DODD)  
WOOD :

HARRY GASSETT, born in Hartford, Conn., May 3,  
1867.

LIZZIE FRANCES, born in Hartford, Conn., Dec. 14,  
1868.

CALLIE DODD, born in Hartford, Conn., June 21,  
1870.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION.

*Children of* MARTIN L. and MARY W. E. (MAYNARD)  
RICE :

MARY EMILY, born in Northboro', Feb. 2, 1848 ;  
lives in Springfield, O.

ANSON MARTIN, born in Northboro', Mar. 7, 1850 ;  
died there, Dec. 18, 1851.

SARAH LAVINIA, born in Northboro', June 24, 1852 ;  
lives in Springfield.

ADDIE MARIA, born in Northboro', Feb. 18, 1857 ;  
lives in Springfield.

*Children of* CHARLES A. and ANJENETTE M. (OTIS)

RICE :

EDWIN FAY, born in Northboro', Dec. 20, 1849 ; still lives there.

CHARLES HENRY, born in Northboro', Dec. 7, 1853 ; still lives there.

*Children of* JOHN A. and MARGARET V. S. (CULVER)

RICE :

WALLA E DE GROOT, born in Hamilton, C. W., Nov. 10, 1859 ; lives in Chicago, Ill., with his parents.

MARGARET SHERMAN, born in Chicago, Ill., April 27, 1865 ; lives in Chicago, Ill., with her parents.

LEWIS ANSON, born in Chicago, Ill., April 7, 1871 ; lives in Chicago, Ill., with his parents.

*Children of* MYRON G. and SOPHIA A. (BURTON)

RICE :

WALTER GRENVILLE, born in Republic, O., Sept. 22, 1860 ; died in New York, Nov. 7, 1861.

LILLIAN SHERMAN, born in Republic, O., Jan. 1, 1862.

MYRON BURTON, born in East Saginaw, Mich., Oct. 1, 1864.

*Children of* ROSCIUS W. and MARY F. P. (RICE)

JONES :

ANSON RICE, born in Northboro', March 15, 1852 ; died there, March 4, 1857.

FANNIE KEZIAH, born in Keene, N. H., Aug. 18, 1860 ; lives with her parents in Northboro'.

*Child of* BENJAMIN E. W. and HARRIET E. (SHAW)  
DAVIS :

CHARLES EDWARDS, born in Shrewsbury, Mass.,  
Dec. 25, 1856 ; lives there with his parents.

*Child of* STEPHEN F. and LUCY A. (LOW) SHAW :

NELIE BUSHNELL, born in Saco, Me., Oct. 7, 1863 ;  
lives there with her parents.

*Child of* WILLIAM E. and MARY A. (SHAW) HALL :

CARRIE FRANCES, born in Milford, Mass., June 16,  
1858 ; lives in Marlboro' with her parents.

*Children of* Dr. J. HENRY and CHARLOTTE K.  
(RICE) ROBINSON :

FRANK HENRY, born in Southboro', Mass., March  
7, 1862 ; lives there with his parents.

RICHARD SHAW, born in Southboro', Mass., Nov.  
11, 1867 ; lives there with his parents.

## ERRATA.

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1. In the introductory paragraph of the "Genealogy," on page 5, fifth line, for "forty-six," read "fifty-six." The quotation in the same paragraph should be credited to Shattuck's "*History of Concord*," instead of Col. Abel Wood, as stated in the note at the bottom of the page. Moreover, from additional evidence recently received, it is now believed that Shattuck's supposition in relation to the authorship of "New England's Prospects" is well founded.

2. In the last note at the bottom of page 7, for "that occasion" read, "the former occasion."

3. On page 16, third paragraph, instead of "Lydia Wood," read "*Lucy Wood*."

4. Amelia Johnson, (see third paragraph on page 11,) died in Berlin, November 27th, 1867.

5. On page 17, last paragraph, for "1867" read "1868." In this connection it should be stated that Dr. Wood received his degree of M. D. from Harvard University instead of Dartmouth College.

THOMAS W. DAVIS, (page 17, paragraph 3,) was educated at the Rensselaer Institute, Troy, N. Y., and the Scientific School, Cambridge, Mass., and is now City Surveyor of Boston, which office he has held since 1868.

On page 22, sixth item, for "September, 28th," read "*December, 28th.*"

To the list of the children of the Hon. GILES H. and LYDIA ANN (Davis) WHITNEY, on page 23, add the following :—

Mary D. Whitney, born in Winchendon, April 6th, 1859; yet lives there.

