

# WILLISTON GENEALOGY

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Joseph Williston and Joseph Williston, Jr.

A. D. 1667 — A. D. 1747

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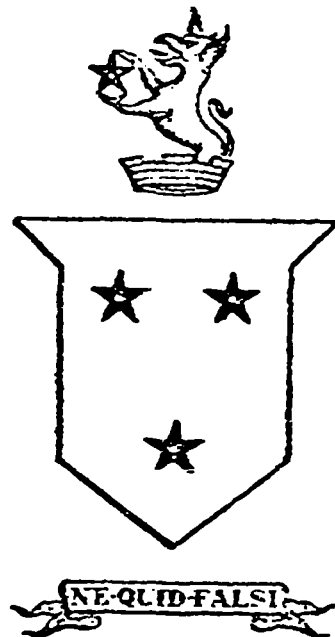
THE DESCENDANTS

OF

REV. NOAH WILLISTON

With Certain Affiliated and Allied Branches

A. D. 1734 — A. D. 1912



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## INTRODUCTORY.

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THE Genealogical and Biographical Records of the Williston Family have had the attention of several of its branches at different periods for over fifty years, but the first effort towards a consolidation of the material was not attempted until 1886, when a movement in this direction was inaugurated by Mr. A. Lyman Williston with Mr. W. Farrand Felch, a genealogist of large experience. Valuable aid was contributed by Rev. Timothy Williston who for many years had been collecting material on his own family lines.

Later it appeared that Mr. Belvin Thomas Williston of Somerville, Mass., was collecting data concerning all Williston lines covering the United States and Canada. Mr. Henry A. Silver was also a valued contributor. These gentlemen are still interested in gathering material for the Williston Genealogy.

The work has developed to such magnitude, however, and the prospect of completing it seems so remote that Mr. A. Lyman Williston has decided to make this abridgment of the general material which will contain only the descendants of his own line from Noah Williston, including therewith certain intimate alliances and affiliations, in the hope that at some future time a complete genealogy may be published.

Northampton, Mass., Aug., 1912.



# THE WILLISTON FAMILY.

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## CHAPTER I.

JOSEPH WILLISTON of Windsor, Conn., was born in 1667 and died Nov. 10, 1747. In 1691-2 he resided in Westfield, Mass. A few years later he removed to Springfield, Mass., where all his children were born and died. March 2, 1699, he married Mrs. Mary (Parsons) Ashley (widow of Joseph Ashley of Springfield), who was born June 27, 1661, and died August 23, 1711.

### CHILDREN

1. JOSEPH, JR., born Dec. 28, 1700; died Aug. 21, 1747.
2. MARGARET, born Mar. 30, 1703; died Nov. 12, 1716.
3. NATHANIEL, born Jan. 28, 1707; died July 18, 1748.

He married second, Sarah (Strong) Stebbins, Nov. 6, 1714, widow of Thomas Stebbins and daughter of Ebenezer Strong and Hannah (Clapp) Strong. She was born Sept. 29, 1681, at Northampton, Mass., and died in 1732.

### CHILD

1. JOHN, born Nov. 6, 1715; died Sept. 6, 1750.

## CHAPTER II.

JOSEPH, JR., born Dec. 28, 1700, died Aug. 21, 1747. Married Jan. 23, 1727, Hannah Stebbins of Springfield, daughter of Thomas Stebbins and Sarah (Strong) Stebbins, who was the second wife of Joseph Williston, Sr. The Probate Court records at Northampton, Vol. 8, page 335, show that Dec. 28, 1753, Hannah Williston petitioned the General Court for permission to sell certain land to educate her son Noah and this was granted. She was born Aug. 17, 1706, and died Mar. 19, 1762, at Springfield, Mass.

CHILDREN All born in Springfield, Mass.

1. NOAH, born Nov. 11, 1728; died Jan. 4, 1732.
2. CONSIDER, born Jan. 6, 1730; died June 6, 1732.
3. JOSEPH, born Dec. 6, 1731; died Dec. 2, 1768.

- (1) 4. NOAH, born July 3, 1734; died Nov. 10, 1811.  
 5. THOS. STEBBINS, born July 28, 1737; died Mar. 31, 1814.  
 6. CONSIDER, born Aug. 3, 1739; died Feb. 14, 1794.  
 7. MARGARET, born Nov. 1741; died Feb. 18, 1770.  
 8. GAD, born Oct. 26, 1744; died Sept. 11, 1825.  
 9. HANNAH, born Nov. 7, 1746; died Mar. 19, 1824.
1. NOAH, died in childhood.  
 2. CONSIDER, died in childhood.  
 3. JOSEPH, married July 23, 1752 Mary Morgan at Springfield, Mass.
- (1) 4. NOAH, see page 6.  
 5. THOMAS STEBBINS, hatter, married first Elizabeth Marshfield of Boston, Mass. She died Nov. 14, 1768; mother of four children. He married second Beulah Williston, daughter of John and Sarah Burt Williston, May 3, 1770 and had six children. He was a man of ability and a member of the General Court in 1781.  
 6. CONSIDER, farmer and saddler, married Rhoda King Mar. 24, 1765 at Suffield, Conn., who died May 16, 1628, mother of eight children. He was a Lieutenant of the Conn. Militia in the war of the Revolution, 1776.  
 7. MARGARET, married Abner Bailey at Sharon, Conn., May 9, 1765. She died at Elizabethport, N. J. No children.  
 8. GAD, hatter, married first Lucy Grovesnor of Pomfret, Conn., May 1771, and she died at Brookfield, Mass., Jan. 31, 1782, mother of six children. He married second Martha Wheat of Newton Jan. 19, 1783. She died Oct. 21, 1785, mother of one child. He married third Widow Eunice Brewer of Springfield, Mass., June 1788. She died Dec. 24, 1814. No children.  
 9. HANNAH, married Moses Hitchcock at Brookfield, Mass., Nov. 28, 1770. Died at New Braintree, Mass. She had ten children and twenty-nine grandchildren.

### CHAPTER III.

- (1) NOAH, born July 3, 1734, at Springfield, Mass., died Nov. 10, 1811. Married for his first wife Hannah Payson of Pomfret, Conn., Dec. 10, 1761. She was the daughter of Deacon John Payson and Thankful (Howe) Payson. She was born Jan. 14, 1743, and died Jan. 22, 1771. He graduated at Yale College in 1757, was ordained at West Haven in June, 1760, and was pastor of the church there for fifty-one years until his death. The Connecticut Missionary Society was formed at his house and he twice went on missionary tours into the new state of Vermont.

## CHILDREN

- (2) 1. (REV.) PAYSON, born June 12, 1763 at West Haven, Conn.; died Jan. 30, 1856.
2. SARAH, born June 14, 1765; died Jan. 27, 1798. She had seven children. Married Rev. Richard Salter Storrs, Oct. 12, 1785.
3. (REV.) DAVID HOWE, born July 18, 1768, died Oct. 29, 1845. He settled at Tunbridge, Vt. and Sunderland, Mass. Had four children.
4. HANNAH, born Dec. 16, 1770, died Mar. 27, 1859. Married Feb. 2, 1794, Rev. Ebenezer Kingsbury, and settled at Jericho, Vt. She had nine children.

His two sons were ministers and his two daughters ministers' wives.

NOAH, married second, Hannah Lyman, daughter of John and Hope Hawley Lyman. She died Nov. 4, 1778.

NOAH, married third at Northampton, Mass., Nov. 25, 1779 Eunice Hall, widow, born Sept. 8, 1743, daughter of Josiah Pomeroy of Northampton and Lydia (Ashley), Pomeroy of Ashfield. Died Apr. 4, 1807.

## CHAPTER IV.

- (2) IV. REV. PAYSON, born June 12, 1763, at West Haven, Conn., and died Jan. 30, 1856. Sept. 12, 1790, he married Sarah Birdseye of Stratford, Conn., daughter of Rev. Nathan Birdseye, who was in 1742 the third minister at West Haven, and Dorothy (Hawley) Birdseye, who was born Aug. 26, 1763. In 1783 he graduated from Yale College from which he received the degree of D.D. While a student there he took part in the skirmishing when New Haven was invaded by the British in 1779. In 1789 he was settled as the first minister at Easthampton, Mass. At the age of seventy he resigned and was dismissed Oct. 17, 1833. He preached a half century sermon as he said to "refresh the minds of his people" on Aug. 18, 1839. For the period of twenty-two years thereafter he resided in Easthampton until his decease in his ninety-third year.

## CHILDREN

- (3) 1. NATHAN BIRDSEYE, born Sept. 1791; died Aug. 31, 1795.
- (4) 2. MARLA, born Sept. 2, 1793; died Nov. 15, 1830.
- (5) 3. SAMUEL, born June 17, 1795; died July 18, 1874.
- (6) 4. NATHAN BIRDSEYE, born Aug. 11, 1797; died Dec. 5, 1883.
- (7) 5. SARAH, born Jan. 21, 1800; died July 1, 1833.
- (8) 6. JOHN PAYSON, born Dec. 5, 1803; died Jan. 4, 1872.

## CHAPTER V.

- (4) V. MARIA, born Apr. 2, 1793, at Easthampton, Mass., and died Nov. 15, 1830. Married Benagah Theodore Brackett, who was the son of Benagah Brackett and Lois (Tuttle) Brackett and who was born June 22, 1785.

## CHILDREN

1. JULIA, born in 1814 and died May 23, 1846; married Hiram Woods and had one child, Julia, born Dec. 1845 and died May 8, 1846.
2. SARAH, born Dec. 7, 1816 and died Nov. 28, 1854. Married Rev. Nehemiah Adams, D.D., Boston, Mass., who was born Feb. 19, 1806. They had two children.

## CHILDREN

- SARAH, born April 13, 1851; died Oct. 26, 1879.  
 GERTRUDE, born Dec. 17, 1852; died Nov. 23, 1853.

## CHAPTER VI.

- (5) V. SAMUEL, son of Payson Williston and Sarah (Birdseye) Williston, born June 17, 1795, at Easthampton, Mass., died July 18, 1874. May 27, 1822 he married Emily Graves, who was the daughter of Elnathan Graves and Lydia (Pomeroy) Graves, who was born June 5, 1797. He established the business corporations and manufacturing industries of Easthampton which have developed to their present magnitude. In 1841 he founded Williston Seminary. Since his death his birthday, June 17th, which was also the 20th Anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, has been observed by the Seminary as Founder's Day. The Semi-Centennial of the Seminary was celebrated June 1891. He was a liberal and generous contributor to Amherst and other colleges and to various benevolent societies, churches, etc.

## CHILDREN

1. ELLEN, born Nov. 25, 1827; died Mar. 28, 1831.
2. DELIA LORD, born Oct. 3, 1829; died Mar. 20, 1831.
3. ELLEN, born, Dec. 10, 1831; died May 3, 1837.
4. DELIA LORD, born Oct. 6, 1833; died June 15, 1837.

## BY ADOPTION

- (9) 1. HARRIETT K. RICHARDS, born Apr. 21, 1829.
- (10) 2. LYMAN RICHARDS, born Nov. 7, 1830.
- (11) 3. CECILIA RISK, born Apr. 6, 1838.
- (12) 4. CLARA BACHELER, born Sept. 27, 1844.



## CHAPTER VII.

- (9) 1. **HARRIETT RICHARDS**, born Apr. 21, 1829. Married William S. Clark May 25, 1853. He died Mar. 9, 1886. He was a college professor, president and scientist. Also successively major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel in the Civil War. Called by the Japanese Government in 1876-7 to organize the first Agricultural College in Japan. Member of Massachusetts Legislature.

### CHILDREN

1. **WILLIAM RICHARDS**, born Dec. 3, 1854; died Sept. 25, 1855, at Amherst, Mass.
2. **EMILY WILLISTON**, born June 9, 1856, at Amherst, Mass. Married Frank W. Stearns, Feb. 26, 1880.
3. **ALFRED FREEMAN**, born Aug. 4, 1857; died Aug. 8, 1857.
4. **ATHERTON**, born June 18, 1859, at Amherst, Mass. Married Alice D. Gilman, April 18, 1895.
5. **WILLISTON**, born Aug. 21, 1860; died Oct. 21, 1861.
6. **FANNIE STEARNS**, born Nov. 9, 1863, at Amherst, Mass. Married William F. Stearns, May 19, 1886.
7. **MARY RICHARDS**, born Mar. 21, 1865, at Amherst, Mass. Married Edward B. Bayley, June 1, 1893.
8. **ELIZA SMITH**, born June 16, 1866, at Amherst, Mass. Married William B. Greenough, Atty.-at-law, Sept. 27, 1893.
9. **EDITH**, born Nov. 20, 1867, at Amherst, Mass.
10. **HUBERT LYMAN**, born Jan. 9, 1870, at Amherst, Mass. Married Frances Snell, April 4, 1899.
11. **BERTHA**, born April 14, 1873, at Amherst, Mass., died June 15, 1891, at Newton, Mass.

### GRANDCHILDREN

- 2 a. **FOSTER WATERMAN STEARNS**, born July 29, 1881, married Martha Genung, June 22, 1905.
- b. **EMILY WILLISTON STEARNS**, born July 18, 1884.
- c. **LOUISA**, married Francis Prescott, Jan. 6, 1906, at Newton, Mass.

### CHILDREN

- (a) **EMILY and ELIZABETH**, born Oct. 6, 1907.
- (b) **FRANCIS**, born March 4, 1909, at Grafton, Mass.
- (c) **JOHN CLARK**, born Dec. 16, 1911, at Grafton, Mass.

- 4 *a.* LOUISE, born Dec. 18, 1902; died Dec. 19, 1902.
- 6 *a.* DOUGLAS CLARK, born Mar. 23, 1893.
  - b.* WILLIAM FOSTER STEARNS, Jr., born July 18, 1900.
- 7 *a.* HARRIETT, born Jan. 11, 1895, at Boston, Mass.
- 8 *a.* BERTHA CLARK, born Sept. 28, 1895, at Providence, R. I.
  - b.* WILLIAM BATES, JR., born Dec. 11, 1899, at Providence, R. I.
  - c.* JANE ASHLEY, born June 19, 1904, at Providence, R. I.
- 10 *a.* WILLIAM SMITH, born Sept. 13, 1900, at Baltimore, Md.
  - b.* STERRIT, born in Dec. 1901; died Dec. 1901.
  - c.* JANET SNELL, born March 29, 1905, at Olivet, Mich.
  - d.* EDITH, born April 8, 1907, at Cambridge, Mass.

## CHAPTER VIII.

- (10) 2. LYMAN RICHARDS WILLISTON, born Nov. 7, 1830; died Mar. 7, 1897. Aug. 5, 1857, married Annie Elizabeth Safford Gale, daughter of William Wakefield Gale and Mary Louise (Bigelow) Gale, who was born Oct. 19, 1835. He entered Williston Seminary at its opening in 1841 and graduated at Amherst College in 1850. After teaching in Williston Seminary, he was for several years Headmaster of the Cambridge High School. Resigning this he opened and conducted a flourishing private school for young ladies called "The Berkley Street" which is still continued by his daughter Constance proprietor and principal. In 1886 he was appointed Master of the Girls' Latin School in Boston. He was a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Schools of Boston.

### CHILDREN

- 1. ALICE MARY, born July 10, 1858; died Sept. 11, 1908.
- 2. JAMES RICHARDS, Banker New York and Boston, born Dec. 5, 1859. Married Sophia E. Motie, July 10, 1887.
- 3. SAMUEL, LL.D., Harvard, Professor of Law in Harvard Univ., born Sept. 24, 1861. Married Mary Fairlie Wellman, Sept. 12, 1889.

4. MABEL, born May 16, 1864; died Aug. 14, 1903.
5. ARTHUR LYMAN, graduated at Mass. Inst. Technology, Principal of Wentworth Institute, Boston, born Oct. 11, 1868. Married Irene Louise Simmons, June 25, 1893.
6. EMILY, born Feb. 7, 1871.
7. CONSTANCE BIGELOW, born Feb. 18, 1873.
8. HELEN RICHARDS, born Sept. 5, 1875. Married Henry Seymour Colton, June 13, 1900. Married Gary Nathan Calkins, Nov. 28, 1910.

GRANDCHILDREN

- 2 a. ANNIE LOUISE WILLISTON, born Apr. 6, 1888.
- 3 a. DOROTHEA LEWIS WILLISTON, born Nov. 3, 1891.
- b. MARGARET FAIRLIE WILLISTON, born Oct. 3, 1894.
- 8 a. SEYMOUR COLTON, born Feb. 24, 1901.
- b. GARY NATHAN CALKINS, JR., born March 1, 1911.

CHAPTER IX.

- (11) 3. CECILIA RISK WILLISTON, born Nov. 16, 1838, died Aug. 16, 1904. Married Marquis Fayette Dickinson, Atty.-at-Law Boston, Nov. 23, 1864.

CHILDREN

1. WILLIAM, born Feb. 16, 1869; died Aug. 22, 1872.
2. CHARLES, born July 17, 1872.
3. FLORENCE, born Feb. 10, 1875; died Aug. 27, 1875.

CHAPTER X.

- (12) 4. CLARA BACHELER WILLISTON, born Sept. 27, 1844. Married Rev. Joseph Lanman, Ph.D., May 17, 1871, who was born April 9, 1840 at Norwich, Conn. He graduated at Yale 1864; Andover Theological Seminary 1867.

CHAPTER XI.

- (6) V. NATHAN BIRDSEYE, son of Payson Williston and Sarah (Birdseye) Williston, born at Easthampton, Mass., Aug. 11, 1797; died Dec. 5, 1883, at Brattleboro. Married Margaret Miller, May 7, 1828. She died Oct. 5, 1841. In 1810 he went to Brattleboro, Vt., and began a successful business career as a dealer in drugs, hardware, etc. He was President of the Windham County and of the First National Bank until 1879 when he retired. He died Dec. 5, 1883. He was a man

modest and reserved, of strong family affection, unfailing generosity and sincere piety.

#### CHILDREN

1. NATHAN, born Dec. 12, 1826; died Feb. 13, 1837.
2. PAYSON, born Aug. 6, 1829; died Feb. 7, 1831.
3. MARGARET, born Jan. 13, 1833; died Feb. 5, 1858.
4. PAYSON, born May 21, 1834; died May 21, 1852.
5. MARIA, born Oct. 19, 1835; died Aug. 31, 1865.
6. INFANT SON, born Dec. 1836; died Feb. 1, 1837.
5. MARIA, married Rev. George Leon Walker, D.D., Sept. 16, 1858, who was born in Rutland, Vt., Apr. 30, 1830 and who died in Hartford, Conn. Mar. 14, 1900. He was a distinguished and much beloved preacher, settled successively in Portland, Maine, New Haven and Hartford, Conn. The Mission Chapel connected with the State Street Church of Portland, over which he was settled, was organized as a church in 1873 and was named The Williston Church in honor of his wife, Mrs. Maria Williston Walker. In this church in Feb. 21, 1881 was organized by Rev. Francis E. Clark, D.D., the Christian Endeavor Society, now well known throughout the world.

#### CHILDREN

1. WILLISTON, born at Portland, Me., July 1, 1860; Amherst 1883, Ph.D., D.D., L.H.D. Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale University. Married at Amherst June 1, 1886, Alice Mather, daughter of Prof. R. H. Mather, born at Amherst Nov. 24, 1862.

#### CHILDREN

1. AMELIA, born Aug. 9, 1894.
  2. ELIZABETH, born Aug. 2, 1902.
  2. CHARLES, born Sept. 27, 1861; died July 22, 1869.
- NATHAN BIRDSEYE married second Caroline Brewster, Nov. 20, 1845. She died Aug. 19, 1872.

## CHAPTER XII.

- (7) V. SARAH, born Jan. 21, 1800, at Easthampton, Mass., died July 1, 1833. Married Josiah Dwight Whitney at Easthampton, Dec. 4, 1818. He was the son of Abel Whitney and Clarissa Dwight Whitney and was born at Westfield, Mass., July 9, 1786. He located in Northampton and was a prosperous merchant. From 1833-1850 he was cashier of the Northampton Bank. He died Jan. 29, 1869.

#### CHILDREN

- (13) 1. JOSIAH DWIGHT, JR., born Nov. 23, 1819; died Aug. 19, 1896.

- (14) 2. ELIZABETH, born Mar. 30, 1822; died June 23, 1863.
- (15) 3. SARAH BIRDSEYE, born Feb. 11, 1824; died July 9, 1864.
- 4. WILLIAM DWIGHT, born Feb. 9, 1826; died Apr. 3, 1826.
- (16) 5. WILLIAM DWIGHT, born Feb. 9, 1827; died June 1894.
- 6. MARGARET, born Mar. 12, 1829; died June 23, 1836.
- 7. MARIA, born Nov. 12, 1830; died Jan. 10, 1910.
- 8. EDWARD PAYSON, born May 22, 1833; died 1857.
- (13) 1. JOSIAH DWIGHT, JR., LL.D., born Nov. 23, 1819; died Aug. 19, 1896. July 5, 1854, he married Louisa Goddard, daughter of Samuel Goddard. She died May 13, 1882. He graduated at Yale College in 1839. Was Geologist of California and other western and eastern states, Professor of Geology at Harvard University from 1865 to 1896. Mt. Whitney, the highest known mountain in the United States (outside of Alaska) was named in his honor.

## CHILD

- 1. ELEANOR GODDARD, born Nov. 29, 1856, at Northampton, Mass., died May 14, 1882. Married Thomas Allen June 30, 1880.

## CHAPTER XIII.

- (14) 2. ELIZABETH, born Mar. 30, 1822 at Northampton, Mass., died June 23, 1863. She married Samuel Osgood Putnam of Milwaukee, Wis., June 13, 1848, son of Israel Warburton Putnam.

## CHILDREN

- 1. KATHERINE MUSSEY, born May 2, 1849, at Milwaukee, Wis. Married John D. Hooker, Aug. 26, 1869, who died May 28, 1911.
- 2. MARY ELLIOTT, born July 14, 1854, at San Francisco, Calif., married Morgan Shepard, Sept. 21, 1894.
- 3. CAROLINE RANKIN, born Dec. 12, 1855; died Jan. 28, 1894.
- 4. ELIZABETH WHITNEY, born Dec. 25, 1858.
- 5. OSGOOD, born July 24, 1860. Married Clara Churchill Van Wyck, Sept. 25, 1894. Married, second, Lucy Chase Boorum, Oct. 14, 1908.
- 6. EDWARD WILLISTON, born April 18, 1863. Married Eleanor Briggs, Oct. 19, 1901.

## GRANDCHILDREN

- 1 a. LAWRENCE WHITNEY, born June 14, 1873; died Dec. 11, 1894.

- b. MARION OSGOOD, born July 15, 1875.
- 5 a. ELIZABETH WHITNEY, born Oct. 2, 1895.
- 6 a. WINDSOR BRIGGS, born Aug. 1, 1903.

## CHAPTER XIV.

- (15) 3. SARAH BIRDSEYE, born Feb. 11, 1824 at Northampton, Mass., and died at Plymouth, Conn., July 9, 1864. Jan. 19, 1848 she married Rev. Robert Coit Learned, who died April 19, 1867. He was the son of Edward Learned and Nancy (Coit) Learned and was born at New London, Conn., Aug. 31, 1817.

### CHILDREN

1. DWIGHT WHITNEY, born Oct. 12, 1848 at Canterbury, Conn. Married Florence H. Rehard, July 7, 1875. Dwight Whitney Learned, D.D., professor in the Doshisha Kyoto, the leading Christian institution in Japan.
2. EDWARD, born Aug. 14, 1851, at Canterbury, Conn. He married Charlotte Elizabeth (Bean) Bott, Nov. 21, 1899. She died June 29, 1909.
3. GRACE HALLAM, born Mar. 14, 1854, at Canterbury, Conn. Married Abraham Van Dyck De Witt, Jan. 9, 1896.
4. MARGARET WILLISTON, born Sept. 25, 1857; died Dec. 4, 1857.
5. ANNA COIT, born July 8, 1859, at Berlin, Conn. Present residence, New London, Conn.
6. SARAH WHITNEY, born June 25, 1864, at Plymouth, Conn. Married Charles Wesley Chapin, July 23, 1902. Present residence, Wilbraham, Mass.

### GRANDCHILDREN

1. GRACE WHITNEY LEARNED, born July 10, 1876.
3. ELSIE VAN DYCK DE WITT, born Nov. 22, 1896, at Albany, N. Y.
6. MARGARET LEARNED CHAPIN, born Mar. 31, 1904, at New London, Conn.

## CHAPTER XV.

- (16) 5. WILLIAM DWIGHT, LL.D., born Feb. 9, 1827; died June 7, 1894. Married Elizabeth Wooster Baldwin, Aug. 27, 1856. She was the daughter of Roger Sherman Baldwin and Emily (Perkins) Baldwin and was born at New Haven, Conn. Aug. 1824. He graduated at Williams College in 1845—was a most eminent Philologist—Pro-

fessor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology at Yale University from 1854-1896. He published several German, French and Sanskrit grammars and lexicons, also was editor-in-chief of the Century Dictionary.

## CHILDREN

1. EDWARD BALDWIN, born at New Haven, Conn., Aug. 16, 1857; died at Cornwall, Ct., Jan. 5, 1911. Married Josepha Newcomb at Washington, D.C., in April, 1896. She was the daughter of Prof. Simon Newcomb and Mary Caroline (Hussler) Newcomb and was born at Washington, D. C., Sept. 27, 1871. He was Ass't Attorney General of the United States and Justice of the Supreme Court of New York at the time of his death.
2. WILLISTON CLAPP, born at New Haven, Conn., Apr. 2, 1859; died Mar. 11, 1861.
3. MARION PARKER, born at New Haven, Conn., Feb. 6, 1861. Prof. of German, Vassar College.
4. ROGER SHERMAN, born at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 6, 1863; was drowned at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 17, 1874.
5. EMILY HENRIETTA, born at New Haven, Conn., Aug. 29, 1864.
6. MARGARET DWIGHT, born at New Haven, Conn., Nov. 19, 1866.

## GRANDCHILDREN

- 1 a. SYLVIA, born and died in New York City.
- b. WILLIAM DWIGHT, born Aug. 26, 1899, at Wainscott, N. Y.
- c. CAROLINE, born June 25, 1901, at Wainscott, New York.
- d. SIMON NEWCOMB, born April 5, 1903, in New York City.
- e. ROGER SHERMAN, born June 19, 1905, at Wainscott, N. Y.
- f. HASSLER, born Mar. 27, 1907, in New York City.
- g. ELIZABETH BALDWIN, born Mar. 5, 1911, at Cornwall, Conn.

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## CHAPTER XVI.

(7a) SECOND MARRIAGE of Josiah Dwight Whitney. He married Clarissa James, Oct. 13, 1834, who was born at Goshen, Mass., May 16, 1801 and died Aug. 15, 1876. She was the daughter of Elizabeth (Lyman) James, who was a sister of Asahel Lyman of Northampton, Mass.

## CHILDREN

1. JAMES LYMAN, born Nov. 28, 1835; died Sept. 25, 1910. Yale '56; Yale A.M. '65; Ass't Librarian of Boston Public Library.
2. ALICE CLARISSA, born Sept., 1839; died May 25, 1840.
3. ALICE LINCOLN, born Dec. 17, 1840; died June 11, 1900.
4. HENRY MITCHELL WHITNEY, born Jan. 16, 1843; died Mar. 26, 1911. He was Sergeant Major in the 52nd Regiment Mass. Volunteer Militia in the Civil War. He married Frances Wurts at Geneva, Ill., Aug. 3, 1869. She was the daughter of Alfred P. and S. Elizabeth Wurts and was born Sept. 18, 1839. Yale 1864. He was Professor of English Literature and Rhetoric at Beloit College, Wisconsin, also Librarian of the Blackstone Memorial Library at Branford, Conn., after 1899.

## CHILDREN

1. ALBERT WURTS, born June 20, 1870 at Geneva, Ill. Married Martha R. Bill, daughter of Edward W. and Grace W. Bill, Aug. 2, 1899, at Beloit.
2. EDWARD PAYSON, born June 27, 1872, at Beloit, Wis., died Aug. 13, 1873, at Northampton, Mass.
3. CLARISSA JAMES, born Nov. 5, 1874, at Beloit, Wis., died Oct. 29, 1879 at Beloit, Wis.
4. ELIZABETH BARNES, born Nov. 21, 1876, at Beloit, Wis., married Louis R. Moore at Branford, Conn., Sept. 26, 1900, who died Apr. 9, 1910.
5. JOSIAH DWIGHT, born Nov. 11, 1878, at Beloit, Wis. Married Katharine G. Bill, Nov. 11, 1902, at Beloit, Wis.
6. JAMES LYMAN, born Apr. 21, 1881, at Beloit, Wis.
7. WILLIAM DWIGHT, born June 17, 1883, at Beloit, Wis., died Mar. 22, 1891, at Beloit, Wis.

## GRANDCHILDREN

- 1 a. HENRY DWIGHT, born April 25, 1904.
- b. ELIZABETH WURTS, born Nov. 9, 1907.
- c. MARTHA WOODS, born Aug. 6, 1909.
- 4 a. PHILIP WILSON, born Jan. 15, 1902.
- b. JOSIAH WHITNEY, born Jan. 24, 1904.



- 5 a. KATHERINE DAY, born Jan. 15, 1904.  
 b. MARY ALICE, born Dec. 24, 1906.  
 5. ELLEN DOUGLAS, born Jan., 1845; died July 27, 1846.

## CHAPTER XVII.

- (8) V. JOHN PAYSON, son of Payson Williston and Sarah (Birdseye) Williston. Born Dec. 5, 1803, at Easthampton, Mass.; died Jan. 4, 1872, at Northampton, Mass. Married Mar. 6, 1827, Cecilia Lyman, daughter of Asahel Lyman and Lucy (Parsons) Lyman, born Aug. 6, 1805. In his early years he taught in the schools of his native town and in Northampton. On account of weakness of the eyes he was obliged to abandon his cherished purpose of a College Education. He commenced business in Northampton as Druggist, Chemist, and Manufacturer. In 1846 with his brother Samuel and others he engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods in Florence. He was connected with various other Corporations, Manufacturing, Banking and Educational as Director and Trustee and was an able financier. He was a reformer and philanthropist whose humane and Christian charities beginning at home have compassed the globe.

## CHILDREN

1. ASAHEL LYMAN, born Dec. 17, 1827; died Mar. 19, 1832.  
 2. JOHN PAYSON, born Nov. 19, 1829; died Sept. 13, 1834.  
 3. LUCY LYMAN, born Oct. 6, 1832; died July 18, 1836.  
 (17) 4. ASAHEL LYMAN, born Dec. 13, 1834;  
 5. LUCY LYMAN, born Nov. 5, 1836; died Nov. 3, 1842.  
 6. SARAH BIRDSEYE, born Nov. 14, 1838; died Jan. 1, 1843.  
 (18) 7. HANNAH MORE, born Aug. 11, 1841;  
 8. SAMUEL, born Jan. 26, 1844; died Aug. 11, 1845.  
 9. CHARLES RENSRAW, born Mar. 13, 1846; died Nov. 18, 1846.

## BY ADOPTION

- (19) 1. MARTIN LUTHER Bachelor, born Mar. 20, 1843.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

- (17) 4. A. LYMAN WILLISTON, Manufacturer and Banker, born at Northampton, Mass., Dec. 13, 1834. Williston Seminary 1852; Amherst, M. A. 1881; married in Northampton June 12, 1861 Sarah Tappan Stoddard, M. A. daughter

of Solomon Stoddard, professor of Greek and Latin at Middlebury College, Vt., and Frances Elizabeth (Greenwood) Stoddard. She was born in Middlebury, Vt., May 29, 1839. Their Golden Wedding was celebrated in 1911 at their summer home, Goshen, Mass. His business career commenced with the manufacture of cotton goods at Florence, a suburb of Northampton, where he resided until his return to the center in 1882. In addition to his private business he has been and is now actively connected with various leading business and educational institutions in this vicinity, among others a member of the Public Library Committee and Chairman of the Trust Fund Committee of the City; Director since 1877 and President since 1887 of the First National Bank; Trustee since 1867 and Treasurer since 1873 of Mount Holyoke College; Trustee since 1873, President 1885-1895 and Treasurer since 1880 of Williston Seminary; Trustee since 1876 of Smith College and member of its Finance Committee.

Mrs. Williston died suddenly April 13, 1912. She was a woman of exceeding loveliness of Christian character combined in a marked degree with superior business and administrative ability. She was broadly interested in charitable work and all questions of collegiate work for women. For thirty years she was a member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Holyoke College, serving constantly on the Committee on Teachers and other important committees. She was a strong and steadfast supporter of Mrs. Gulick in founding and maintaining the International Institute for Girls in Spain, a charter member and one of its most valued directors. She was also one of the founders of the Lathrop Home for Aged and Invalid Women in Northampton and its able President for more than twenty-five years. "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

#### CHILDREN

1. MAY, born at Florence, Mass., May 7, 1863; died May 12, 1863.
2. JOHN PAYSON, born at Florence, Mass., May 23, 1864; died April 23, 1879.
3. LUCY, born at Florence, Mass., Aug. 7, 1866. Married Charles Merrick Starkweather in North-

- ampton, Mass., Oct. 24, 1894. A.B. Amherst 1886. Business Real Estate and Insurance. He was the son of Charles Graves and Sophronia Warriner (Merrick) Starkweather and was born at Northampton, Mass., Mar. 29, 1864.
4. ROBERT LYMAN, born Jan. 12, 1869, at Florence, Mass. Williston Sem. 1888. A.B. Amherst 1892. He married Margaret Randolph Bryan in Charlottesville, Va., June 22, 1901. She was the daughter of John Randolph Bryan and Margaret Randolph (Minor) Bryan and was born at Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 13, 1876. He is Trustee and Ass't Treasurer of Mount Holyoke College and also of Williston Seminary, Director of First National Bank, Northampton, Mass., and the Easthampton Rubber Thread Co., and Director and Treasurer of the Y. M. C. A.
  5. ELIZABETH, born Feb. 27, 1871, at Florence, Mass. Married Herbert Spencer Bullard, in Northampton, Feb. 14, 1906. He was the son of Charles H. Bullard and Susan Augusta (Spencer) Bullard and was born May 19, 1865, at Hartford, Conn. Yale College; Ph.B. 1887, LL.B. 1895. Atty-at-Law. Judge of City Court of Hartford, 1905—.
  6. HARRY STODDARD, born Dec. 15, 1872, at Florence, Mass. Williston Seminary, 1892, Amherst A.B. 1895, Princeton E.E. 1899. Married Sydney Augusta Stevens at Washington, D. C., Oct. 30, 1907, daughter of Sidney Augustus and Eleanor (Tucker) Stevens, born at Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 19, 1880. He is now Treasurer and Manager of the Massachusetts Electric Mfg. Co., of Lynn, Mass.

#### GRANDCHILDREN OF A. LYMAN WILLISTON

- 3 *a.* LYMAN WILLISTON STARKWEATHER, born Nov. 17, 1897, at Hartford, Conn.
- b.* SARAH STARKWEATHER, born Dec. 8, 1899, at Hartford, Conn.
- c.* ESTHER STARKWEATHER, born Mar. 22, 1903, at Hartford, Conn.
- 4 *a.* WILLIAM WARDLAW, born Oct. 9, 1904, at Northampton, Mass.
- b.* JOHN PAYSON, born April 25, 1906; died May 24, 1907. at Northampton, Mass.
- c.* ROBERT LYMAN, JR., born May 5, 1909, at Northampton, Mass.
- 6 *a.* HARRY S., JR., born Aug. 12, 1908, at Lynn, Mass.

## CHAPTER XIX.

- (18) 7. **HANNAH MORE**, born Aug. 11, 1841, at Northampton, Mass. Married Aug. 11, 1864, Rev. George Sayles Bishop, D.D., son of William Samuel Bishop and Mary Willard (Sayles) Bishop, born at Rochester, N. Y., June 28, 1836. He graduated at Amherst College in 1858 and Princeton Theological Sem. in 1864. Author and publisher of "The Doctrines of Grace," "Commentary on Galatians" and many sermons, pamphlets and articles in Journals and Reviews. President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in 1899. Vedder Lecturer before the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, N. J. Now Pastor Emeritus of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Orange, N. J.

## CHILDREN

1. **REV. WILLIAM SAMUEL BISHOP**, D.D., born Aug. 26, 1865, at Northampton, Mass. Married Mary Eliza Luttrell, June 17, 1907, at Washington, D. C. She was the daughter of Capt. Thomas J. Luttrell and Elizabeth (Hopkins) Luttrell, and was born in Washington, D. C., July 19, 1876. Graduated at Rutgers College in 1887 and General Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1891. Author of "The Development of Trinitarian Doctrine in the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds." Professor of Dogmatic Theology in University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., 1902.
2. **MARGARET WILLISTON BISHOP**, born Sept. 29, 1868, at Newburg, N. Y.; died Jan. 20, 1876, at East Orange, N. J.
3. **EDWARD HODGE BISHOP**, born Sept. 10, 1874, at East Orange, N. J. Graduated at Princeton University in 1897. Now instructor in Modern Languages in Irving School in New York City.

## CHAPTER XX.

## BY ADOPTION

- (19) 1. **REV. MARTIN LUTHER WILLISTON**, was born March 20, 1843, at Attleboro, Mass. He graduated at Amherst, 1864; Andover Seminary, 1868; Union Seminary, 1869. He was First Sergeant of Co. K 52nd Regiment, Mass.

Vol. Militia in the Civil War. He married May 29, 1869, Louise Greenwood Stoddard, daughter of Prof. Solomon Stoddard of Middlebury College, Vt. After several pastorates in Illinois and Iowa and two years study in Germany, he returned to the East, settling in Conn.

#### CHILDREN

1. AGNES LOUISE, born April 25, 1870.
2. CHARLES STODDARD, born July 21, 1871. Married Helen Teresa Peirce, Mar. 27, 1902.
3. FRANCES GREENWOOD, born May 28, 1875. Married Jesse Desmukes Burks, Aug. 9, 1900.

#### GRANDCHILDREN

- 2 *a.* CHARLES PEIRCE, born July 8, 1903; died July 20, 1903.
- b.* PEIRCE BACHELER, born Aug. 3, 1905.
- c.* HELEN STERLING and CHARLES STODDARD, born April 16, 1908.
- d.* JUDITH, born Mar. 5, 1910.
- 3 *a.* JESSE WILLISTON, born Dec. 20, 1901; died Dec. 30, 1901.
- b.* BARBARA WILLISTON, born Dec. 22, 1902.



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