

A

Genealogical and Biographical Account

OF THE

DESCENDANTS

OF

ELDER WILLIAM WENTWORTH,

ONE OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF DOVER,

IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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The author has all the numbers of the Register ever issued ; and, as books valuable now, and becoming more valuable by age, he knows of none that he would not sooner spare from his library, than his bound volumes of the Register. All the descendants of the early settlers of New England will find something of their family history there.

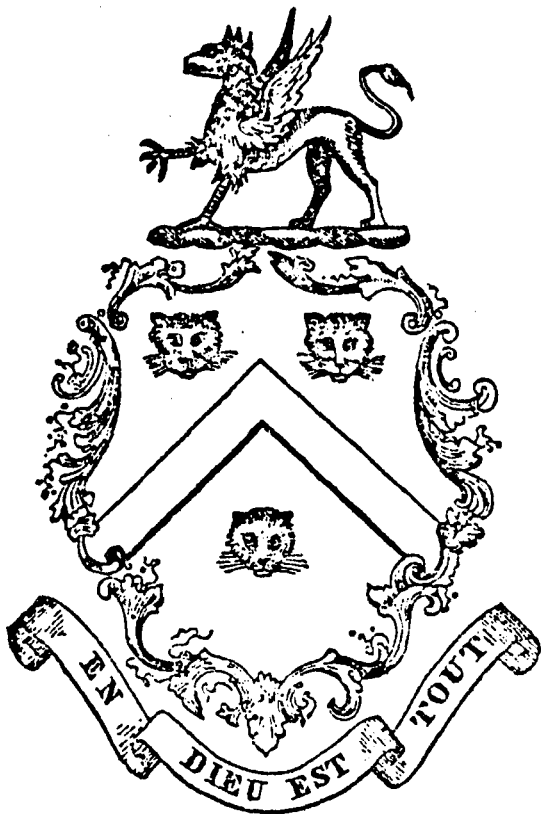
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NOTES ON THE WENTWORTH FAMILY.



HAVING traced back several families by the name of Wentworth, and finding them all originating with Elder William Wentworth, of Dover, N. H., I have devoted a great deal of time to ascertain his origin. In speaking of the Earl of Strafford, Sir Thomas Wentworth, who was beheaded May 12, 1641, Burke, in his *Peerage*, says: "Of this very illustrious family, was William Wentworth, who emigrated from the County of York, in England, to Boston, in America, in the year 1628, and removed subsequently to New Hampshire." He was one of the parties to the deed of four Indian sagamores, to Rev. John Wheelwright, William Wentworth, and three others, made May 17, 1629, which is the first article of Appendix in Belknap's *New Hampshire*, Vol. I., and which was "recorded according

to the original, found on the ancient files of the County of York, Maine, this 28th day of January, 1713." The authenticity of this deed is ably discussed by Savage, in his Appendix to Gov. Winthrop's *New England*, Vol. I.*

An old number of the Exeter (N. H.) *News Letter*, after doubting whether the year of his emigration should not have been 1638 instead of 1628, says: "He was at Exeter in 1639, and was one of the signers of the combination. His original signature is preserved, not only to that instrument, but also in the will of the Rev. Daniel Maud, of Dover, executed on the 17th of the eleventh month, 1654, (Jan. 17, 1655,) which he signed as a witness. In both these cases, his name is written Wantworth. It was frequently written by others than those who bore it as Wintworth, and sometimes as Winford. He is Elder Winford, of page 247, Vol. IV., *Gen. Reg.*

"Elder Wentworth probably left Exeter with Wheelwright, or about the same time, and removed to Dover, where he remained until his death. As a preacher, he was occasionally employed abroad, and officiated in that capacity in this town (Exeter) when he was about eighty years of age. He was preaching here (Exeter) in 1690, and up to 1693. In March, 1693, the town agreed with him to supply the pulpit one whole year, *if he be able*, and to pay him £40 for his services. In June following, however, other arrangements were made for preaching, in consequence, undoubtedly, of Mr. Wentworth's inability, on account of age, to perform the duties of a minister. In 1689, he was remarkably instrumental in saving Heard's garrison, when attacked by the Indians, as is related by Belknap. According to the journal of Rev. John Pike, of Dover, he died March 16, 1696-7; but, according to a statement made by the appraisers of his estate, in their return of his inventory, he died the 15th, instead of the 16th of the month.

* Since this was written, I am informed, by S. G. DRAKE, Esq., of Boston, that original documents have been exhibited to him, which conclusively prove the authenticity of this deed.

His wife Elizabeth survived him, and administered on his estate, which was appraised at £97, 16s. 4d.*

Who his wife was, and whether he was married in America or England, I cannot learn. He was on Dover tax-list, 1650.

Belknap, in his *History of New Hampshire*, says: "William Wentworth was one of the first settlers at Exeter, and, after the breaking up of their combination for government, he removed to Dover, and became a ruling Elder in the church there. In 1689, he was remarkably instrumental of saving Heard's garrison, [At this same massacre, Christine, daughter of Richard Otis, by his second wife, Grace Warren, was taken captive to Canada, described in the history of the Otis family, in April number, 1850, and July No. 1848, of this work, whose descendants (Christine's) married into one branch of the Wentworth family,] as is related in the proper place. After this, he officiated for several years as a preacher at Exeter and other places, and died at a very advanced age at Dover, in 1697, leaving a numerous posterity. From him have the several governors of that name descended. He was a very useful and good man."

Farmer, in his edition of Belknap, gives the name of William Wentworth as one of the combination of thirty-five men, formed August 4, 1639, at Exeter, "to erect and set up among themselves such a government as should be, to their best discerning, agreeable to the will of God."

To "a copy of an address of the town of Dover to the General Court of Massachusetts," dated October 9, 1665, we find the name of William Wentworth signed as one of the "selectmen of Dover."

I can learn nothing of him before he came to this country.

Cogswell, in his *Statistics of the County of Strafford, N. H.*, says: "In the year 1771, under the administration of John Wentworth, the then province of New Hampshire was divided into five counties. They were named by him, after some of his friends in England, Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire, and Grafton. The county of Strafford was named after the Earl of Strafford, who was a distinguished member of the Wentworth family."

Because the Marquis of Rockingham was the friend and patron of the last Gov. John Wentworth, many writers claim a relationship. But his lineage is too well known to authorize such a supposition, except through Elder William, when it is known that the elder Marquis of Rockingham (Thomas Wentworth) was the grandson of the Earl of Strafford by his daughter Anne, and third son of Edward Watson, Marquis of Rockingham. His name was Thomas Watson; but, on becoming heir of the Earl of Strafford's son, who died without issue, he was required to take the name of Wentworth.

Thomas, Marquis of Rockingham, dying December 14, 1750, was succeeded by his son, Sir Charles Watson Wentworth, prime minister, at one time, to George III. He died childless, July 1, 1782, when all his honors, including the Baronetcy, became extinct; but the principal part of the Wentworth estate devolved upon William, his nephew, son of his sister Anne, who married Earl Fitzwilliam, and it is now in the possession of his descendant, the present Earl Fitzwilliam. Sir Charles married Mary, daughter and heir of Thomas Bright, Esq., of Badsworth, Co. of York; and it was for him and his wife that Gov. John Wentworth named his only child, Charles Mary Wentworth, who died childless, in 1845, aged 70.

* I copy from Rev. John Pike's Journal, in Vol. III. *New Hampshire Historical Collections*: "March 16, 1697, Elder Wentworth deceased a few days after he was taken speechless, with a sudden shivering."

The *Saville* family was also very friendly, and this is used as a confirmation of the relationship. But the distance of this relationship is proved by the fact that the relationship of the Savilles to the Earl of Strafford's family was through Sir William Wentworth's daughter Anne (the Earl of Strafford's sister) marrying Sir George Saville, who died in August, 1614.

Gov. Wentworth was not only a man of great natural mental endowments, but an accomplished scholar. He was very liberal, and a great sportsman; and his father, very wealthy for the times, was by no means backward in supplying him with money. Soon after he graduated at Cambridge, in 1755, he went to England, and never failed to attend the race-courses and bet on the horses of the Marquis of Rockingham. In his zeal on one of these occasions, he attracted the attention of the Marquis, and an acquaintance was formed. From his name, although the family connection may have been very distant, it is easy to perceive how an intimacy may have grown up between a gentleman of his accomplishments and the Marquis. [For the history of Gov. W., read Belknap's *New Hampshire*, Adams' *Annals of Portsmouth*, and Lorenzo Sabine's *American Loyalists*, under titles ATKINSON and WENTWORTH.] *

In the Appendix to *Winthrop's New England*, by Savage, Vol. I., Nathaniel Adams, of Portsmouth, says of Elder William Wentworth: "If he was born in 1609, he was twenty years old at the time of executing the deed, eighty at the attack on Heard's, and eighty-eight when he died. His mode of securing the gate at Heard's did not require more muscular strength than many men of that age possess. I see nothing improbable in his being one of the grantees, on account of his age."

In my unsuccessful but laborious researches to find the connection between the American and English families by the name of Wentworth, I have had access to rare books in this country and out of print in England, which furnished me with some particulars respecting the origin of the name, that I have thought would be of interest to the readers of the Register.

Strafford is a *wapentake*, or hundred, or subdivision of the county of York in England, in what is called the West Riding or west part, and in it are the towns of Wentworth and Woodhouse. My map places them near each other, but is not sufficiently minute to show whether they adjoin. In Wentworth, at the time of the Conquest, A. D. 1066, lived Reginald (or Rynald) de Winterwade, (as written in the *Doomsday Book*, of William the Conqueror.) He had a son Henry. He had Richard. He had Michael. He had Henry. He had Hugh, who died in the year 1200. Hugh had a son William, who called himself William Wyntwood, of Wyntwood. He married Emma, the daughter and heir of William Wodehous de Wodehous; and, from that time, they were called Wentworth, of Wentworth Woodhouse. [For the family descent to the Earl of Strafford,

* The writer has seen, since the foregoing was written, Hon. Mr. Young, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Nova Scotia, who saw Sir (Gov.) John Wentworth but a few days before he died, at the house of Mrs. Brinley, in Halifax, April 8, 1820. He was Governor of Nova Scotia from 1792 to 1808; and ever afterwards, to his death, received a pension of £500 per year. Lady Wentworth died in England, in 1813. Her portrait, by Copley, is in the hands of Asa Freeman, Esq., of Dover, N. H. Their son, Charles Mary, born at Portsmouth, January 20, 1775, was a member of His Majesty's Council, in Nova Scotia, in 1801.

There was a Benning Wentworth, proscribed by the New Hampshire act of 1778, who was of the Nova Scotia Council in 1795, and Secretary of the Province in 1796. He was Treasurer in 1797, and died at Halifax in 1808. His son, Lieutenant Benning William Bentick Wentworth, of the Royal Navy, and heir to the titles and honors of the Earldom of Strafford, died in England, in 1810, aged 21 years. I know not the family of this Benning, and presume he was born in England. [See Sabine's *American Loyalists*.]

from this William, see Collins' *Peerage*, Vol. IV.] It is to this William that the Wentworth coat of arms was first granted.

In a note in the *Biographia Britannica*, under the title of WENTWORTH, I find the following: —

"This is the account of Mr. Collins; who likewise tells us that the name is of Saxon original, as is agreed by all genealogists; but Mr. Thoresby, of Leeds, who has given us a fuller pedigree of this family, observes, that it does not answer to Mr. Collins' remark, that the name is of Saxon original: however, says he, if the name be deduced from the Roman *Venta*, the initial letter whereof was certainly pronounced W, it carries the original still higher as to the antiquity, (though not as to the knighthood, which the family had borne for 600 years.) Thus the greatest part of Monmouthshire, and part of the counties of Gloucester and Hereford were of old called Wentset, or Wentland, from the ancient *Venta Silurum*, perhaps originally from the British *Guen*, or *Gwyn*, [meaning in Latin] *candidus, albus*; for, by a late most industrious author, it appears that *V* consonant is never a dictionary (or primary) initial in the Welch, Cornish, or Armoric; but that the initial *V* in Latin is changed into *Gu* in the British, as well as French, Spanish, and Italian; so that *Guent* or *Went-worth* signifies the White hall, court, or town. If any, continues the same antiquarian, choose rather to deduce it from the river of that name, [Went,] it only moves it a degree farther, the family from the place, that from the water, and that from the color, as was customary with most nations, not only the Greeks and Romans of late years, but the Hebrews of old: witness the Red Sea."

A note to the above refers to Gibson's *Regulæ Generales de nominibus locorum*, published by Edmund Gibson, A. B., *E collegio reginæ*, in 1692. It is a Saxon dictionary, with Latin definitions. The following is what is referred to: "WERTH, WEORTH, WYRTH — Syllabæ *werth, weorth, wyrth*, sive initiales, sive finales, profluunt prædium, platea, curia." Translated: "The words *werth, weorth, or wyrth*, beginning or ending, mean a farm, a plain, a court or house."

Another note refers me to Camden's *Britannia*, originally published in Latin; but I have found a translation published in London, in 1753; and from which I make the following quotations, illustrating the derivation of the name of Vent, or Guent, or Went-werth, weorth, wyrth, or worth: —

Vol. I. p. 138. "On the western bank of this River [Alre] lies the famous city of the British, *Belgæ*, which Ptolemy and Antoninus call *Venta Belgarum*, the Britons to this day *Caer Gwent*, the Latin writers commonly *Wintonia*, and we at this day Winchester."

Vol. I. p. 460. "The Yare has not run far towards the east till a little River Wentsum (by others called *Wentsar*) empties itself into it from the south."

Vol. II. p. 714. "Which name (*Venta Silurum*) neither arms nor time have been able to consume; for, at this day, it is called *Kaer-went*, or the city *Venta*."

Vol. I. p. 461. "Among other brooks that water this place, [the West Riding of Yorkshire,] I must not forget to mention the *Went*, because it arises in a pool near *Nosthill*." And there is a bridge over this stream, called *Went-bridge*, that gives name to the settlement about it.

Vol. II. p. 1092. "Now *Glanoventa*, in the British tongue, signifies the shore or bank of *Went*."

Vol. II. p. 1091. "A little higher, the River *Wents-beck* falls into the sea."

Vol. II. p. 918. "The River Ure * * * runs through the middle of the vale of *Wents-dale*."

Vol. II. p. 709. "The county of Monmouth, called formerly *Wentset* and *Wentsland*; and by the Britons *Gwent*, from an ancient city of that name."

Vol. II. p. 728. "Some of them [the kings] reduced by degrees the upper part of this country, [Monmouth,] which they called *Over-went*, and others the lowlands, called *Nether-went*."

Vol. I. p. 461. "Wherein (as also in the River *Wentsum*, or *Wentsar*) we find the plain remains of the name of *Venta*."

Vol. II. p. 845, "Then it [the River Don] salutes another place, near Wortley, called *Wentworth*, from which many gentry, both in this county and elsewhere, as also the Barons of Wentworth, have derived their name and original."

Vol. I. p. 139. "The original of *Venta* (from which the Bishop of Winchester is often called, in our histories, *Episcopus Ventanus* and *Wentanus*) is, from some, fetched from *ventus* (wind); by others from *Vinum* (wine), and again, by others from *Wina* (a bishop), who all of them might be ashamed of such trifling derivations. I should rather subscribe to the opinion of our countryman, Leland, who derives the word from the British *Guin* or *Guen*, that is, *white*; as if it were *Caer Gwin*, the *white* city. And why should it not? Since, from the color, the old Latins gave the name to the cities *Alba Longa* and *Alba Regia*; and the Greeks to *Leuca*, *Leucas*, and other places. For this *Venta* [*Venta Belgarum*] (as also two other towns of the same name, *Venta Silurum* and *Venta Icenonum*) is situate in a soil of chalk and whitish clay."

Vol. II. p. 714. "Before the name of Monmouthshire was heard of, this whole country was called *Guent*, *Went-set* or *Went's-land*. * * * The aforesaid English names of *Went-set* and *Went's-land*, have, indeed, their origin from the British *Gwent*; by which almost all this country, and part of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire were called, till Wales was divided into counties. But it is made a question by some, whether that name *Gwent* be owing to the city *Venta*; or whether the Romans might not call this city *Venta Silurum*, as well as that of the *Iceni*, and that other of the *Belgæ*, from the more ancient names of a part of their countries. Had the city been denominated, since the Roman Conquest, from the chief city, it would have been more properly called *Gwlad-Gaer-Lheion* than *Gwlad Gwent*."

In this dictionary of Camden, I find a great many names of towns ending in the word "*worth*;" and all that I have been able to trace, had their original termination spelled *werth*, *wyrth*, or *weorth*. Take, for instance, Tamworth, the name of a town in New Hampshire, where, probably, not a man knows its origin, which was taken from a town of the same name in England:—

\ Camden's *Brit.*, Vol. I. p. 635: "It [Tamworth] takes its name from the River *Tame*, (which runs by it,) and the Saxon word *weorth*, which signifies a *yard*, or *farm*, and also a river-island, or any place surrounded by water: as *Keyser's-wert* and *Bommel's-weort*, in Germany, signify Cæsar's Island and Bommel's Island."

In my researches, I have found frequent reference to Thoresby's works, and especially to his history of Leeds and Ducatus Leodiensis, but I have never been able to find them, though I have had access to many of the very best libraries in the country.

Dr. Root, in his bi-centennial sermon, delivered at Dover, N. H., Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29, 1839, says: "From the year 1647 to 1662, there seem to have been elders in the church. At least, mention is made

of persons of this title. There appear to have been three at once. Elder Wentworth was parent to the several governors of that name, and was an occasional preacher."

ELDER WILLIAM WENTWORTH had at least eight sons, and perhaps more. I know nothing of his having daughters. His sons were Samuel, Paul, John, Gershom, Benjamin, Sylvester, Ezekiel, and Ephraim.

PAUL. In a deed, dated April 15, 1696, Paul deeds land in Dover, described as "formerly my seat," and calls himself of Newbury. About the same time, Elder Wentworth deeds lands to his son Paul of Newbury. In 1682, he was on the tax-list of Dover. About 1684 or 1685, he signed, with his father and brother Ezekiel, (all of Dover,) and brother Samuel, (of Portsmouth,) a petition to the king, touching colonial affairs. He had 13 children. The names of his daughters are not preserved. William, Sylvanus, Paul, Ebenezer, Aaron, Moses, and five daughters were all baptized May 16, 1696. Two other sons, Benjamin and Edward, were baptized in 1699 and 1701. He and his wife were dismissed from the church at Rowley, Mass., to New London, Conn., in June, 1707. Paul, of Norwich, Conn., Nov. 3, 1730, deeded to his son Paul of Kittery, all his real estate in Dover. Paul, of Norwich, Conn., was probably the son of Paul who went from Dover to Newbury, Rowley, and New London, and so was the grandson of Elder William. Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, of Hartford, Conn., the authoress, daughter of Sophia Wentworth Huntley, traces her descent direct from this branch of the Wentworth family.*

* Since the above was in type, about Elder William Wentworth's son Paul, I have received a letter from Erastus Wentworth, Esq., of Westerly, Rhode Island, which says:—

"What follows, I copied verbatim from the Norwich, Conn., Town Records, March 21, 1848.

"CHILDREN OF PAUL WENTWORTH AND HIS WIFE KATHRINE.—William, born 25th Dec., 1680; Sylvanus, born 28th February, 1681; Paul, 10th May, 1682; Ebenezer, 18th June, 1683; Martha, 9th February, 1685; Macy, 18th July, 1686; Aaron, 13th July, 1687; Moses, 17th April, 1689; Mary, 25th Dec., 1692; Kathrine, 28th July, 1694; Sarah, 8th April, 1697; Benjamin, 28th Dec., 1698, and Edward, 20th June, 1700."

Here are thirteen children, just the number which Farmer's *Register* gives to Paul Wentworth of Rowley. He mentions the names of eight sons, all corresponding with these; and says there were five daughters, whose names he does not give. Reckoning Macy as the name of a daughter, there are five daughters. Farmer does not give the day of birth; but he does the baptisms, which occurred to the six oldest sons May 16, 1696; to Benjamin, 1699, and to Edward, 1701. It is important to know from what church-records Mr. Farmer gathered his information. He says Paul and his wife were dismissed from the church at Rowley to New London, June, 1707. In 1682, Paul (son of Elder William) was on the tax-list at Dover, and this after two if not three children were recorded as born to Paul of Norwich. In a deed, April 15, 1696, Paul, in deeding land in Dover, which he calls "formerly my country-seat," calls himself of Newbury. I have always understood that it was Paul (son of Elder William) who moved to Newbury, that was the Paul of Rowley and New London; and that Paul of Norwich was his son, and grandson of Elder William. Farmer baptizes the thirteen children, however, as of Paul of Rowley, whilst the Norwich records makes them born there. John Kelly, of the Exeter (N. H.) *News Letter*, makes Paul of Norwich, who deeded all his land in Dover, N. H., Nov. 3, 1730, to his son Paul of Kittery, son of Paul of Newbury, and grandson of Elder William. The Norwich records show no further records of Paul, son of Paul of Norwich, born May 10, 1682, and he is, probably, the Paul of Kittery. But, conceding Paul of Norwich to be Elder Wentworth's grandson, where are the children of his son Paul, save this Paul of Norwich? My correspondent farther says: "The descendants of Paul are settled over New York, Connecticut, &c., &c., and Mrs. Sigourney's mother was the daughter of Paul's grandson Jared." He then proceeds with his extracts from the Norwich records:—

"1st. Sylvanus and Elenor, his wife. Children—Sylvanus, born May 9, 1724; Benjamin, died August 27, 1727.

"2d. Benjamin married Mehitable Carrier, January 13, 1726. Children—Jedediah, born Oct. 23, 1726, and died Nov. 27, 1727; Jared, born June 7, 1728; Zerviah, born

JOHN. In 1673, he appointed his father his attorney; and, in 1675, his father conveyed to him certain real estate. Supposed to be the John Wentworth, of Dover, who died about 1719; and his wife Martha, declining to administer on his estate, William Cotton was administrator. In Dover church, July 5, 1719, Martha Wentworth and her children, Richard, Thomas, Ezekiel, and Damais were baptized. Sept. 20, 1719, Martha Wentworth was set off to the church at Somersworth. They may or may not be of his family. On Cocheco (Dover) tax-list, 1668.

SYLVESTER. Elder William, in 1693, deeds to his son Benjamin certain lands upon which his son Sylvester then lived.

EPHRAIM. Was living in 1726, and conveys lands granted to his father, William, by the town of Dover in 1652. Supposed to be the Ephraim, of Somersworth, whose will was dated March 16, 1738, and proved June 29, 1748, and whose children were Ephraim, Spencer, Ezekiel, Samuel, Jonathan, Mary, (Kimball,) Anna, (Ham,) Martha, (Twombly,) and Elizabeth. August 24, 1740, Ephraim, and Mary his wife, were baptized at Dover, with their children Mary, Grant, William, Ephraim, and Martha. Sept. 28, 1740, Spencer, son of Ephraim, was baptized. October 27, 1745, Elihu, son of Ephraim, and Anna his daughter, were baptized. July 31, 1757, Mary, daughter of Ephraim, was baptized. September 13, 1767, Jonathan, son of Ephraim, Jr., was baptized. June 25, 1749, Abigail, wife of Jonathan, and her child Phebe. May 28, 1752, Lydia, daughter of Jonathan. Oct. 11, 1741, Kezia Wentworth, wife of Spencer, and afterwards wife of Thomas Pierce, was admitted to the Dover church.

GERSHOM. Was of the jury, 1677. Stood higher on the tax-list of Dover, in 1682, than his father or either of his brothers, Paul and Ezekiel. His wife was Hannah; and of his children were John and Samuel, to whom he conveyed lands in 1730; to the latter, for the purpose of securing the maintenance of himself and wife during their natural lives. Oct. 2, 1720, Gershom

Oct. 4, 1729; Elizabeth, born May 29, 1732; Mehitable, January 25, 1734; Edward January 13, 1735; Mary, March 9, 1737. Mehitable, the wife of Benjamin, died August 29, 1750. Benjamin, himself, died May 11, 1764.

"3d. William was married to Martha Armstrong, June 16, 1731, by Henry Wills, pastor of the Second Church in Norwich. Children — Phebe, born January 18, 1732; Martha, February 3, 1733; Mary, January 6, 1735; William, August 22, 1736; Joseph, July 14, 1738; Benjamin, July 15, 1739; Hannah, June 3, 1742; Sarah, April 8, 1744.

"4th. Aaron and Elizabeth his wife record the birth of eight children and but one son, Moses, born September 3, 1726.

"5th. Ebenezer was married in Norwich, in 1735, to Ann Staskin. Children — Daniel, born March 5, 1739; Ebenezer, June 26, 1741; Ezekiel, June 20, 1743; Mehitable, December 26, 1745; Ann, May 21, 1748; Dorcas, October 7, 1751."

No records of the three other sons, Paul, Moses, and Edward, is given.

Jared Wentworth, (son of Benjamin,) of Norwich, married Abigail Wilson, of Ashford, January 2, 1761. Children — Mehitable, born October 29, 1761; John Harkness, born December 16, 1763, and died June 13, 1765.

There was a Samuel Wentworth, of Norwich. (whose son I know not.) who married Margaret Hinton, of Groton, September 7, 1736, and had one child, Kathrine, born August 1, 1738.

Erastus Wentworth, of Westerly, Rhode Island, born 1788, brother of Sherman, born 1781, and Charles, born 1779, was son of Lemuel, born 1752, whose father, James, born 1727, was brother of David, Ezekiel, Sylvanus, and Zion, sons of Shubael, who with his brothers John, Charles, (born 1684,) and Edward, and sisters, Elizabeth, (wife of John Kenney,) and Abigail, (wife of Benjamin Jordan,) supposed to be grandchildren of Elder William, of Dover, N. H., came from what place is not now known, about 1712 to 1715, to that part of Stoughton, Mass., now known as Canton. [See January number of this Volume of the *Register*.] He is father of the distinguished President of Lebanon College, Ill., Rev. Erastus Wentworth, (born 1813.)

Wentworth was baptized. Same month, set off to Somersworth. August 9, 1730, Sarah, wife of Gershom, was also set off. This latter Gershom may refer, however, to a later descendant of Elder William.

BENJAMIN. Died in the year 1728, and his wife Sarah administered on his estate. In 1693, he took a deed from his father, William, of certain lands on which his brother Sylvester lived; and in 1696 took a deed from his brother, Paul, of what was formerly Paul's seat in Dover. His estate was appraised at £305 7s. 6d. His children were William, born August 14, 1698; Sarah, April 16, 1700; Tamsin, Jan. 4, 1701; Benjamin, Dec. 5, 1703; Ebenezer, Sept. 9, 1705; Susannah, Dec. 9, 1707; Joseph, Dec. 22, 1709; Elizabeth, June 8, 1712; Dorothy, July 26, 1714; Martha, July 25, 1716; Abra, (Chadwick,) Feb. 14, 1718; Mark, May 30, 1720. These children may be those of another Benjamin, but they are entered as the children of Benjamin and Sarah Wentworth. And I know of no other Benjamin whose wife was Sarah.

EZEKIEL. In June, 1687, he was fined a mark for not serving on a jury. He was on Dover tax-list, 1672. His children were at least eight, namely: *Col. Paul*, died childless, June 24, 1748, having survived his wife Abra, who was admitted to the Dover church March 30, 1718. He was very rich for the times, and bequeathed £500 or \$2,500 to the church at Somersworth, the interest of which was to be expended in pious and charitable uses, besides giving a silver tankard and cup for the use of the church, which are preserved to this day. He willed the most of his property to his nephew, Col. John Wentworth, on condition that he should send one of his sons through college. Paul, his eldest son, declining, the second son, known as John Wentworth, Jr., of Dover, accepted, and graduated at Cambridge in 1768. Col. Paul lived at Salmon Falls, in Somersworth, now called Rollinsford, in the house occupied by Col. John Wentworth, afterwards by his son, Major Andrew Wentworth, and now by John B. Wentworth, his grandson.

Thomas, died before 1719, as in June of that year, Love, his widow, being married to John Thing, of Exeter, N. H., was administratrix. He had one daughter, Elizabeth, of whom her uncle Paul was appointed guardian in 1721.

John, of whose children were Ezekiel, Thomas, Richard, Mercy, (Butler,) and Damaris. (Brock.)

Gershom, died about 1759, and of his children were Gershom, Benjamin, and Lydia, wife of — Baker. Oct. 1720, a Gershom Wentworth was set off to the church in Somersworth; and also, August 9, 1730, a Sarah, wife of Gershom, and Mary, wife of William.

Elizabeth, wife of — Brown, of Mass., and whose children were Paul, Nathaniel, Ezekiel, and Elizabeth.

Tamson, wife of Hayes. Of her children, were Wentworth, Paul, Abra, Thomas, John, Elihu, Hezekiah, Robert, Samuel, Jonathan, and Elizabeth. There was a Tamson Wentworth admitted to the church in Dover, August 9, 1724.

William, with his brothers, Paul and Benjamin, were, in 1721, cited into court on an application for the appointment of a guardian to the daughter of their brother Thomas, who died before 1719. There was a Wm. Wentworth baptized in the church in Dover, August 22, 1725; also, May 12, 1728, Hannah, daughter of William; also, April 25, 1731, Mary, daughter of William; July 31, 1757, Mary, daughter of William; April 22, 1759, Ichabod, son of William. August 9, 1730, there was a Mary, wife of William, set off to the church at Somersworth from Dover.

Benjamin, is given as the youngest of Ezekiel's children. In the record

of the baptisms of the Dover church, he is entered as "Capt. Benjamin Wentworth," Nov 25, 1722, and so must have been old enough to hold a captain's commission at that time. His wife was Elizabeth. He died about 1731, and his estate was appraised, £1953, 11s. 6d. Col. John Wentworth's family Bible says: "My mother died last week in October 1779." So she must have outlived her husband 48 years, and lived 60 years after the birth of her oldest child. Capt. Benjamin lived on the north-east side of Garrison Hill, in Dover. Their children were John, born March 30, 1719, baptized Dec. 26, 1722; Elizabeth, born Feb. 15, 1721, and baptized with John; Abigail, born February 12, 1723, and baptized February 2, 1724; and Mary, born July 29, 1725, of whom I can find nothing farther, not even her baptism. Elizabeth, married Mark Wentworth, of Somersworth, supposed to be grandson of Elder William, by his son Benjamin. Abigail, married Ichabod Rollins,* of Somersworth, whose second wife was the widow of Joseph Frost, of New Castle N. H. His granddaughter Mary Rollins, married Major Andrew Wentworth, son of John, and grandson of Capt. Benjamin. John was about 12 years of age when his father died, and he was brought up by his uncle Col. Paul Wentworth, who made him his chief heir at his death. John (sometimes called Col. John, and sometimes Judge John,) was elected to the colonial legislature, which sat at Portsmouth in 1768, and was continued there until the colonial government was given up. He was annually elected speaker, from the year 1771. As chairman of the committee of correspondence for the colony of N. H., he called the first revolutionary convention ever held in the State, and was made president of it. It was held at Exeter, July 21, 1774. Thus he was made president of the convention under the new, and still held the office of speaker under the old government. He attended all the conventions at Exeter that were held, until the one in May, 1775, when he had to be at the colonial legislature, as speaker, at Portsmouth. In Jan. 1776, New Hampshire took up an independent government, and he was elected one of the State councillors, which office he held until his final sickness at the session of 1780-81. He was made first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, at the organization of Strafford county, in 1773, with Otis Baker, of Dover, (a grandson of Richard Otis;) (see July, 1848, and April, 1850, Nos. of this Register,) and George Frost, of Durham, (a brother of Joseph Frost, of New Castle, and a descendant of Charles Frost. See July 1849, No. of this Register.) This office he held until the new government, in 1776, elected him Judge of the Superior Court, which office he held until the day of his death. He was colonel, and Otis Baker, Lt. Col., of the 2d New Hampshire regiment, when the review took place, Nov. 10, 1772, before

* The children of his son. John Rollins, were Mary, (married to Major Andrew Wentworth, son of Col. John, and father of John B.;) Hiram, (married to Joanna, daughter of Paul Wentworth, son of Col. John;) John, (still lives, in Lebanon, Maine;) James, (born on the ever memorable 4th July, 1776, still living, at Somersworth, now Rollinsford, married first, Sally, and then Abigail, daughters of Moses Wingate, whose wife was Joanna, daughter of Col. John Wentworth;) George, (a sea captain, who died at New Orleans, of Cholera, 1833;) Elizabeth, (married Tilly Wentworth, a sea captain, son of Paul, and grandson of Col. John, who died at South Berwick, Nov. 12, 1801, afterwards a Pike, and afterwards Christopher How, whose widow she now remains, at Saco, Maine;) Sarah, (married Gilbert Trufant, of Bath, Maine, where both now live;) Abigail, (married a Dearborn, both now dead, leaving one daughter, the wife of Hon. J. Young Scammon, of Chicago, Ill.;) Paul, (drowned when young.) He died January 23, 1821, aged 75 years and 10 months. His wife was Mary Carr, daughter of Dr. Moses Carr, born at Newbury, Mass., Nov. 1715, and died March 30, 1800, at Somersworth; Judge of Court of Common Pleas, from 1776 to 1784. Capt. Benjamin Wentworth lived where Daniel Rollins now lives; and his son-in-law, Judge Ichabod Rollins, lived where Hon. Wm. W. Rollins now lives.

Gov. John Wentworth; on which occasion the Rev. Jeremy Belknap preached his celebrated sermon on "Military Duty," and now to be found in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He died May 17, 1781, aged 61 yrs., having survived his third wife. He married Joanna Gilman, of Exeter, (born July 14, 1720,) December 9, 1742, and she died April 3, 1750. She was a daughter of Judge Nicholas Gilman, who died at Exeter, about 1749, who was the son of Judge John Gilman, who died 1708, and the grandson of Edward Gilman, who emigrated from England to Ipswich, Mass., prior to 1638, and thence to Exeter. One of Mrs. Wentworth's sisters was Sarah Gilman, wife of Rev. James Pike, of Somersworth, whose son was the celebrated Nicholas Pike, author of Pike's Arithmetic; and one of her brothers was Col. Daniel Gilman, whose son Nicholas, born Oct. 31, 1731, was State Treasurer from Jan. 10, 1776, to his death, April 7, 1783, and whose sons were Gov. John Taylor Gilman, U. S. Senator Nicholas Gilman, and State Senator Nathaniel Gilman. By Joanna Gilman, Col. Wentworth had four children, namely:—

I. Paul, was born Oct. 3, 1743, and died Feb. 9, 1781, aged 37. Major second N. H. Reg., 1775; representative from Somersworth to Exeter, 1776 to 1778. Had four children by Molly, daughter of John Higgins, whom he married June 21, 1769, and who died January 15, 1777, aged 26 years and 10 months. He lived at Great Falls. Their children were Joanna, born Nov. 10, 1770, married Capt. Hiram Rollins, son of John Rollins, grandson of Ichabod, Judge of Probate, 1776 to 1784, died May 15, 1802, at Somersworth; Molly, born March 28, 1772, and died, aged six months; Tilly, born July 26, 1773, married Elizabeth Rollins, was a sea-captain, and died childless, at South Berwick, Maine, Nov. 12, 1801; Michael Wentworth, born May 31, 1775, and died August 30, 1777.

Capt. Hiram Rollins was born July 6, 1767, married Joanna Wentworth, Dec. 4, 1790, and by her had the following children, namely: Polly, born August 4, 1792, and died unmarried, May 16, 1829; Paul Wentworth, born Feb. 18, 1795, and died unmarried, at Havana, Sept. 5, 1820; Augustus, born Aug. 29, 1797, married Abiah Winkley, May 24, 1824, now lives at Somersworth, has five children, of whom one is Samuel Winkley Rollins, graduate of Dartmouth College, 1846, and Attorney at Law, Farmington, N. H.; Eliza, born May 24, 1799, and died June 3, 1813; John A., born April 4, 1801, married Mary A. Leighton, lives at Somersworth, and has seven children. Hiram Rollins married a second wife, Jan. 21, 1804, who was Mrs. Mary H. Simes, (formerly Miss Noble,) of Portsmouth. He died Aug. 24, 1843, aged 76 years. His children by his last wife were Joanna Wentworth, born Nov. 6, 1804, married Jeremy H. Titcomb, and has five children; Joseph S., born Aug. 27, 1806, and died June 29, 1807.

II. John, born July 17, 1745, graduated at Cambridge, 1768; read law with Judge William Parker, of Portsmouth; commenced the practice of law in 1773, before the organization of Strafford County, at the organization in that year was appointed Register of Probate, and held the office until his death; was four times appointed delegate to Congress, where, in 1778, he signed the original Articles of Confederation; elected to the legislature from 1776 every year until Dec., 1780, when he took the place of his father in the council, and held it until he took his seat in the Senate, June 4, 1784, where he served until June, 1786; was an active member of the Committee of Safety, from Jan. 20, 1777, to May 28, 1778. In distinction from his father, he was called John Wentworth, Jr. He died of consumption, at Dover, Jan. 10, 1787, aged 42 yrs. He married, in July, 1771, Margaret, daughter of Joseph Frost, of New Castle, son of Hon. John Frost, who married Mary, sister of last Sir Wm. Pepperrel. [See history of Frost Family in July No.,

1849, of this Register.] After his death, she became the third wife of Col. John Waldron, who died at Dover, August 31, 1827, aged 87 years. She died Sept. 30, 1805, aged 57 yrs., with no children by Col. Waldron. The children of John Wentworth, Jr., were John, born April 5, 1772, and died single at Dover, July 28, 1819; Margaret, born May 27, 1773, and died single at Col. Waldron's, aged 28; Elizabeth, born August 9, 1774, and died June 24, 1836. June 1, 1800, she married Hon. Daniel M. Durell, a graduate at Dart. College 1794, lawyer at Dover, member of Congress, and U. S. District Attorney and Judge of Common Pleas. Their only living son is E. H. Durell, graduate at Cambridge, in 1831, and lawyer at New Orleans, and only married daughter is Adeline, the wife of Rev. Jas. D. Greene, late Mayor of Cambridge, Mass.; Joseph, born Dec. 23, 1775, and died single in the West Indies, 1798; Mesheck Weare, born June 17, 1777, and died at sea about 1800; Dorothy, born June 24, 1779, and died at Northwood, Dec. 28, 1849. She married, Jan. 10, 1815, the late Hon. John Harvey, Representative, Senator, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, and Judge of Probate of Rockingham Co. from 1826 to 1838. Their only children are Mrs. Buzzell, of Northwood, N. H., and Mrs. J. A. Treat, Pittsfield, N. H.; Paul, born April 22, 1782, many years Representative from Sandwich, N. H., whence he recently moved to Concord, married March 30, 1814, Lydia, daughter of Col. Amos Cogswell, served through the revolutionary war, Presidential Elector, Senator and Representative from Dover N. H., who married Lydia, daughter of Col. Otis Baker, who was the son of Capt. Thomas Baker, who married Christine Otis, whose capture by the Indians and transportation into Canada, as well as a letter to her after her return, in answer to one from a Catholic priest, by Gov. Burnett, of Mass, are alluded to by Dr. Belknap, in his history of N. H. There are three copies of this letter in the Boston Athenæum, and her autograph is in the family of this Paul Wentworth. The children of Paul and Lydia Wentworth (both now living) were nine, and seven still living, namely, Hon. John, born March 5, 1815, graduate at Dart. College 1836, moved to Chicago, Ill. same year, admitted to the bar 1841, member of Congress from 1843 to 1851, married Marie, only daughter of Riley Loomis, of Troy, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1844; Lydia Cogswell, born July 21, 1816, married, Jan. 14, 1846, Rev. Samuel Lee, of New Ipswich, N. H., Representative in New Hampshire Legislature 1848 and 1849, born in Berlin, Conn.; Col. Joseph, born Jan. 30, 1818, first Register of Deeds for Carroll, Co., Representative from Sandwich in New Hampshire Legislature 1844 and 1845, married Sarah Payson, daughter of Moses Jones, of Brookline, Mass., May 7, 1845; George Wallingford, born Nov. 2, 1820, M. D. at Chicago, Ill., alderman of that city, 1849, 1850, and 1851; Mary Frances, born March 19, 1822, married Rev. W. H. Porter, of Cambridge, Mass., born at Rye, N. H., Sept. 19, 1818; Margaret Jane, born May 25, 1825; Abigail Cogswell, born Feb. 6, 1827, and died at Sandwich, Aug. 8, 1828; William Badger, born Jan. 4, 1830, entered Dartmouth College in 1846, and died at Concord, July 28, 1848; Samuel Hidden, born July 16, 1834.

III. Benjamin, born Oct. 12, 1747, and died Feb. 8, 1753.

IV. Nicholas Gilman, born March 26, 1750, and died Feb. 7, 1753.

Col. John Wentworth's second wife was Abigail, daughter of Thomas Millet, Esq., of Dover, who was Judge of Superior Court from 1740 to 1742, and died 1763, married Oct. 16, 1750, and died July 15, 1767, aged 45 years. His children by her, were eight, as follow:—

V. Thomas Millet, born July 30, 1751, and died Feb. 9, 1753.

VI. Thomas Millet, born Feb. 19, 1753, lived and died in Lebanon,

Maine, Nov. 3, 1841, aged 88. Represented Lebanon, when a part of Massachusetts, 17 years. Jan. 26, 1789, married Rebecca Hasey, of Lebanon, born October 11, 1767, where she still lives in good health and uncommon activity. She was the daughter of Rev. Isaac Hasey, the first settled minister in Lebanon. Of their five children, two died in childhood, and one (Sally) at the age of 17. Thomas M., born August 20, 1795, still lives single in Lebanon, and has been two years its representative. Theodosia, born Nov. 27, 1789, wife of Dr. Geo. Weld, of Sanford, Maine, who has but one child, (Theodosia,) aged 16, living. This Thomas M. Wentworth is recorded among the 168 noes to 187 ayes on the adoption of the Federal Constitution by the Massachusetts House of Representatives, in 1788.

VII. Benjamin, born March 17, 1754, and died April 14, 1754.

VIII. Joanna Gilman, born June 21, 1755, and died Dec. 24, 1806. She married, in 1780, Capt. Moses Wingate, a farmer in Dover, son of John, and great-grandson of John Wingate, who came from England, and lived at Dover, and had three sons. Moses Wingate was born Nov. 23, 1744, represented Dover in the legislature with Col. John Waldron, in 1798, and died April 29, 1829. They had four children, namely: Sally, born Aug., 1784, married James Rollins, of Somersworth, son of John, whose father Ichabod* married Col. John Wentworth's sister, died April 19, 1827, leaving one child, James Wingate Rollins, graduate at Dartmouth College, 1845, Attorney at Law, Boston; Abigail, born March, 1787, and married the above James Rollins after her sister's death, and has no children; John, born May, 1782, married Mary, daughter of Andrew Tom, Esq., of Dover, and died at Dover, Sept. 5, 1827, leaving four sons and four daughters, Mary, born Feb. 13, 1806, Joanna, born March 10, 1808, Susan, born May 5, 1810, John, born Aug. 12, 1812, George, born April, 1814, Eliza, born Sept., 1816, Moses, born March, 1819, Andrew, born 1821; William Pitt Moulton Wingate, born July 7, 1789, lives at Dover, and has four sons and three daughters, Moses, born March 13, 1823, Eliza C., born Aug. 4, 1824, Joseph W., born July 15, 1827, Sarah A., born Oct. 17, 1829, Mary F., born Jan. 27, 1835, Jeremiah Y., born June 15, 1842, Henry M., born March 27, 1845. His wife was a daughter of Philamon Chandler, a merchant of Dover.†

IX. Abigail, born April 23, 1757, died October, 1812, married Ichabod Butler, of South Berwick, Maine, who was in the war of the Revolution, who died in 1812, son of Samuel Butler. Their children were John Wentworth, died at sea when 18 years of age; Harriet, still single, lives at Sanford, Maine; Ichabod, born at South Berwick, June 13, 1793, a lawyer at Sanford, Maine, married, in 1823, Mary, widow of Moses Morrill, of Sanford, and daughter of Daniel Wise, Esq., of Kennebunk, (having one child by her first husband, Hannah Catharine, wife of James B. Libby, of Portland,) who died May, 1825, leaving two sons, Edward Heyman, surviving

* Judge Ichabod Rollins, born 1727, died Jan. 31, 1800, aged 73, was son of Jeremiah Rollins, who moved from Greenland, N. H., in 1711. His son John represented Somersworth in 1789.

† "JOHN WINGET," in 1660, was on "Dover Neck," now estate of Wm. P. Wingate, m. Mary, dau. of *Hate-Evil Nutter*, d. Dec. 9, 1687. His children, *Caleb*: *Ann*, b. Feb. 18, 1667; *John*, b. July 13, 1670, f. of John, Jr., f. of Capt. Moses; Col. *Joshua*, of Hampton, b. Feb. 2, 1679, m. *Mary*, dau. of *Henry Lunt*, of Newbury, Nov. 9, 1702, d. Feb. 9, 1769; Ch. *Paine*, of Amesbury, f. of Joseph of Hallowell, John, and Paine of Stratham. (see letter in *Pierce's Harv. Univ.* 315;) *Mary*, b. June 14, 1708, m. *Timo. Pickering*, f. of *Timo. Pickering* of Salem; *Love*, b. April 4, 1720, m. Rev. Nath'l Gookin, of North Hampton, Nov. 17, 1748, d. April, 1809, f. of Hon. Daniel Gookin, of N. H.

her about a year, and Moses Morrill Butler, born March 8, 1824, graduate Bowdoin College 1845, now lawyer at Portland, whose father, Ichabod, died March 11, 1833; George, died at sea, leaving one child, Esther A., wife of John Dean, of Paris, Maine; Edward Heyman, died young.

X. Andrew, born Feb. 12, 1759, and died March 26, 1759.

XI. Susanna, born Aug. 2, 1760, and died Aug. 4, 1833, married, May 5, 1785, Col. James Carr, of Somersworth, (now Rollinsford,) son of Dr. Moses and Mary Carr, of same place. He was born April 22, 1748, and died March 11, 1829, on the farm where his father lived and died. He entered the revolutionary war, at its commencement, as a first lieutenant in Capt. Jonathan Wentworth's company, in Col. Poor's regiment, and came out a major, sheriff of Strafford Co., representative seven years. Their children were Paul W., born Dec. 1, 1785, died Sept. 26, 1786; Andrew, born March 30, 1787, married at about 30 years of age, settled in Lebanon, Maine, and died Oct. 19, 1817, leaving a daughter, Clara, married a Caverly, in Limerick, Maine, now dead, leaving a daughter about 12 years old; Susan, born Jan. 16, 1789, still living, single, on the old homestead; Clarrissa, born Dec. 6, 1790, and died Dec. 9, 1795; Moses, born Sept. 30, 1792, followed the sea, was at New Orleans 1823, about to sail around Cape Horn, and never since heard from; Samuel W., born Oct. 6, 1794, married Rebecca Odiorne, of Rochester, N. H., member of New Hampshire legislature, moved to Yalla Busha Co., (Coffeeville,) Miss., in 1836, where he and his wife and two only children, Sarah and Elizabeth, now reside, his only son, Oliver, dying at the age of 19, in 1847; James, born Oct. 22, 1796, settled at Deep Creek, Norfolk Co., Va., where he married Elvira, daughter of John and Rebecca Weston, died Aug. 19, 1833, leaving two out of eight children, James, and Susan married to a Mr. Moore; Frederic Wm., born March 31, 1799, settled at same place, married Anne, daughter of the same Westons, now a childless widower; Tilly Wentworth, born Nov. 5, 1801, settled in Gates Co., N. C., there married, in 1825, Elizabeth, the only daughter of Keadah Ballard, in 1841 moved to Yalla Busha Co., (Coffeeville,) Miss., where he now resides, having eight daughters and two sons, (Frederic, aged 23 years, being at San Francisco,) besides one son, aged 18, having died in 1847; Oliver P., born June 4, 1806, married Armine, daughter of John Wentworth, moved to Coffeeville, Miss., in 1836, where they now have five children living.

XII. Andrew, born April 20, 1764, major and brigade inspector of 2d N. H. regiment, and representative from Somersworth; married Mary, the daughter of the John Rollins who had married Mary Carr, and whose father, Judge Ichabod, (Councillor in 1789,) married Abigail, daughter of his grandfather, Capt. Benjamin Wentworth, for his first wife, and the widow Joseph Frost, of New Castle, the father of John Wentworth, Jr.'s wife, for his second. He lived in the house occupied by his father and great uncle, Col. Paul Wentworth, at Salmon Falls, now called Rollinsford, and the house now occupied by John B. Wentworth. Their children were five, namely, Abigail, married J. Thompson, of Durham, Clarissa, married to John S. Durell, of Dover; Maria, single; Paul Rollins, single; and John B. Wentworth, married to Statira Goodwin, of South Berwick, Maine, who have several children, one of whom (Abba D.) married Ebenezer S. Nowell, of Somersworth. John B. has represented Somersworth many years in the legislature.

The third wife of Col. John Wentworth was widow Elizabeth Cole, wife of Capt. Amos Cole, of Dover, and originally a Wallingford. She

had four children to add to his already large family. He married her June 1, 1768, and she died July 11, 1776, having by him two children, namely:—

XIII. Abra, born April 15, 1769, married William Pitt, son of Col. Moulton, of Moultonborough, and after his death, John S. Durell, of Dover. She had no children, and died the last of all Col. Wentworth's children.

XIV. Samuel, born Sept. 21, 1770, was married, had three children, but none ever married. Father, mother, and children, all died at Dover.

Thus, of all the numerous children of Col. John Wentworth, of Somersworth, none of their posterity in the male line survive but Paul Wentworth and his sons, of Sandwich, N. H., by his wife Gilman; and none but Thomas M., of Lebanon, Maine, John B. and Paul R. of Rollinsford, by his wife Millet, and their sons, still survive. Was on tax-list at Dover, 1659.

SAMUEL, son of Elder William, born about 1641, at Portsmouth, died of small-pox, March, 1690, where he was a hotel-keeper, had a wife Mary. He was made a free man 1676. Their children were as follow:—*

I. Samuel, born April 9, 1666, married Hannah, daughter of Andrew Wiggin. She died before 1704. He died about 1712. Children, if any, not known. He lived at Boston.

II. Parnel, born Oct. 21, 1669, and died, probably, before her father, as she is not mentioned in his will.

III. John, born June 16, 1672. Lt. Governor from 1717 to 1729, and died at Portsmouth, Dec. 12, 1730. Married Sarah, the daughter (and said to be the only child that lived to maturity) of Mark Hunking, a councillor of the province. Their children were sixteen, of whom fourteen survived their father namely:—

I. Benning, graduated at Cambridge, 1715, Governor from 1741 to 1766. By his first wife, he had one child only, John, who died childless, Nov. 8, 1759. Second wife was Martha, daughter of Richard Hilton, who had no children by him. She afterwards married Michael Wentworth, a recent emigrant from England, and had by him Martha, who married Sir John Wentworth, who was a lawyer at Portsmouth, about 1800, and was recently from England. They removed to London. He died, some years ago, in France. She may or may not be alive. [See Belknap and Adams' *Annals of Portsmouth*.] John was son of Thomas, who was brother of last Gov. John.

It was objected to Gov. Benning Wentworth, that he had too many of his family in office. A scrap, found among Secretary Waldron's papers, headed *Family Government*, reads as follows:—

"Geo. Jeffrey, brother-in-law, president of the council, treasurer, chief justice, and justice of the admiralty. [He married Sarah Wentworth, widow of councillor Archibald McPhedris, of Portsmouth, who died 1728.] Jotham Odiorne, brother, married his grand-daughter, second Judge and Justice, [connection not known, as Gov. Benning had no grand-daughter. It may be, that one of Gov. Wentworth's brothers married Odiorne's grand-daughter. Odiorne lived at New Castle, was councillor in 1724, was Judge from 1742 to 1747 and died August 16, 1748, aged 73.] Henry Sherburne, cousin &c., Councillor, &c., [Gov. Benning's father's (Gov. John's) sister Dorothy married the elder Henry Sherburne,] Theodore Atkinson, brother-in-law, secretary, chief justice of inferior court, &c., [Atkinson, married Hannah Wentworth, widow of Samuel Plaisted, of Berwick, Maine.] Richard Wibrid, governor's brother married his sister, councillor. [Do not know which brother. Wibrid was of Portsmouth, and

* In the Portsmouth burying-ground, there still exists a tomb-stone with the following inscription: "Samuel Wentworth, Sr., died March yr. 1690, in the 50th year of his age."

died Sept. 25, 1765, aged 63.] Ellis Huske,* wife's brother married governor's sister, a councillor. [Do not understand this connection. Huske, was of Portsmouth, and died 1755.] Samuel Solley, who married Geo. Jaffrey's daughter, a councillor. [The name of Samuel Solley is kept up in the family of William Wentworth, Governor Benning's brother. Solley is put down as of Portsmouth, and as councillor, between 1740 and 1753, but the time of his death is not given.] Thomas Packer, a brother-in-law, high sheriff, [Packer married Gov. Benning's sister, Rebecca.]

II. John, of Portsmouth, graduated at Cambridge, 1723, was made Judge of Probate Sept. 25, 1765, and continued in that office until his death in November, 1773. This name is often confounded with that of Judge (Col.) John Wentworth, of Somersworth, who was never Judge of Probate. His wife was Sarah, and his children, Hugh-Hall, Mary, (wife of John Chapman,) Rebecca, (wife of Gillam Butler,) and Sarah, (wife of Gregory Purcell.)

Under the head of John, of Portsmouth, Judge of Probate, the second son of Lt. Gov. John, I speak of his third child, Rebecca, as married to Gillam Butler. I should have added in brackets as follows:—

[This Gillam Butler, was embraced in the New Hampshire act of November 1778, "to prevent the return to this State, of certain persons, who had left the State and joined with the enemies thereof," as also was Gov. John Wentworth, his brother-in-law John Fisher, Benning Wentworth, (whose pedigree I cannot trace out,) Andrew Pepperell, Sparhawk, *alias* Andrew Pepperell, Esq., and many others.]

III. Hunking, died 1784, chairman of the Portsmouth Committee of Safety, and one of the most efficient friends of the Revolution. [See *American Archives*.] It was to him, that Gov. John Wentworth alluded in his letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, Nov. 15, 1774, (Belknap's *Appendix*, Vol. III,) where he says of the rebels: "They also proceeded to choose a committee of forty-five persons, chiefly out of the number then present, who stile themselves a 'Committee of Ways and Means.' I hear half the number refused to act. The remainder convened together, and prevailed on Mr. Wentworth, an old gentleman of seventy-eight years, and lately extremely impaired by frequent epileptic fits, to be their chairman." His wife was Margaret, and his children Elizabeth, (wife of Samuel Warner,) and Sarah, (wife of John Penhallow, father of the late Hunking, and Benjamin Penhallow.) He was clerk in the Court of Common Pleas from 1742 to 1770.

[There was a Samuel Penhallow, of Portsmouth, native of Cornwall, England, judge, from 1714 to 1726, and chief justice from 1717, councillor in 1702, who died Dec. 2, 1726, aged 61. He was also Register of Deeds from 1702 to 1705, and also from 1719 to 1722. His son John Penhallow, of Portsmouth, was Register of Probate from 1731 to 1735, and clerk of Superior Court, from 1729. He died 1735. He must be the one referred to as marrying Hunking Wentworth's daughter. Hunking Penhallow was councillor in 1822 and 1823, and died Sept. 24, 1826, aged 60.]

IV. William, married Margarey, the first Sir Wm. Pepperrell's sister, of Kittery, and lived at Portsmouth or Kittery. Their children were, William and Andrew Pepperrell, (both died single, at sea.) John, Samuel-Solly,

*Ellis Huske (his son) was post-master at Boston, and the publisher of the *Boston Weekly Post Boy*. He is the person, it is said, who recommended to the British government the Stamp Act of 1765.

Jane, Hannah, Abigail, and Margarey Pepperrell. These last six all were married but Samuel-Solly, who was governor of one of the West India Islands, and wrote to his brother John, the fall before the Revolution broke out, that he was as rich as he wanted to be, and often made his relatives in America valuable presents. The time and place of his death is not known. John, was born at Kittery, and died at Cape Elizabeth, aged about 60, in 1784. He was a captain in the revolutionary war, and served seven years. John had two children by Hannah Furnald, Margaret P. and Andrew P., both of whom were born and died at Kittery. His second wife was Sarah Bartlet, and by her he had Foster, (now in Lisbon, Me.) John, (died young at sea,) Samuel-Solly, (died in Danville, Me.) Nathan, (died young and single,) William, (who died young and single,) and Hannah, (married Abner Jordon.) Benning, was born in Kittery, Oct. 2, 1763, was in the revolutionary war five years with his father, John, and now lives, aged 87 years, in Ross Co., Ohio, nine miles from Chillicothe. His wife, now living, was Phebe Sawyer, born at Cape Elizabeth, in 1771. Their children are, Andrew P., born Nov. 18, 1792, and married Esther Dennison, of Freeport, Maine; Sarah B., born Dec. 3, 1794, and married James Garulon, of Maine; John H., born Feb. 27, 1797, and married Mary Spencer, of Kentucky, and afterwards Mrs. Catharine Ruddell, who was an Alexander, of Illinois; he now lives at Fort Scott, Mo. Benjamin S., born June 25, 1799, and died in southern Illinois, June, 24, 1849; His wife was Nancy Parks, of Ohio. Mary W., born Feb. 12, 1802, and married John Finley, of Ohio; Shuah J., born April, 25, 1804, and married John Robinson, of Ohio. Susan M., born April 3, 1812, and married Jacob Grubb, of Ohio. Abigail P., born Sept. 18, 1814, and married Stephen March, of Ohio. All of these children have children living, and they have been so numerous that Benning Wentworth, great-grandson of Lt. Gov. John, has over fifty grandchildren living.*

V. Samuel, of Boston, graduated at Cambridge, 1728. His daughter, Frances Deering, married her cousin, Theodore Atkinson, Jr., Secretary of

* Benning, grandson of Lt. Gov. John's son William, was named by Gov. Benning, who was about presenting him a township of land when he died, October 14, 1770, aged 75. In the French war, John Wentworth, son of William and father of Benning, received a Lieutenant's commission, under his uncle, Sir William Pepperrell, in Capt. Osgood's company, for the invasion of Canada; and Capt. Osgood dying in Canada, of smallpox, John succeeded him to the end of the campaign, under Brig. Gen. Prebble. In 1776, John received a Captain's commission, and his son Benning enlisted under him, and was at Ticonderoga, the year before Burgoyne was taken, under Col. Willard. They both were sent to Cambridge as a part of the guard to Burgoyne's troops. At Cambridge, they were under Col. Gerrish. They were also at Spring Point, Casco Bay, under Col. Noyes. Benning now receives a pension of \$81 per annum. Capt. John was the only one of William's sons who had children. William, and his daughters Hannah, Jane, and Abigail, have died since Benning's remembrance; but William's wife and daughter Margarey, died before. Benning's half-sister died since, and his half-brother, Andrew P., died about twenty-five years ago, at Kittery, and had four daughters and one son, John, now living on his farm in Kittery, about three miles from Portsmouth. William's daughters, Abigail married Charles Peoples, of Cape Elizabeth, Margarey married Thomas Cutts, of Kittery, Hannah married John Furnald, of Kittery, and Jane married Simeon Davis, of Cape Elizabeth. Benning's brother Samuel-Solly, died at Danville, Me., had two sons and five daughters; and his brother Foster, living in Lisbon, Me., had two daughters and three sons, (of whom one son and one daughter are dead, both leaving children.) His sister Hannah, wife of Abner Jordan, died about three years since, in Lisbon, Me., leaving a large family of sons and daughters. Capt. John Wentworth's second wife, Sarah Bartlett, of Kittery, died at New Gloucester, Me., in her 97th year, after having been the wife of Capt. John Wentworth, Capt. Clement, Capt. Bildad Arnold, and Capt. Nathaniel Evelith, and outliving them all. Benning left Maine, thirty-two years ago.

the State of New Hampshire, who died Oct. 28, 1769. And then, two weeks after, Nov. 11, 1769, married her cousin, Gov. John Wentworth. [See Lorenzo Sabine's *American Loyalists*.]

VI. Mark Hunking, councillor of the province, died Dec. 27, 1785. His wife was Elizabeth. Their three children were, Gov. John, a graduate at Cambridge, 1755, who married his cousin, Mrs. Atkinson, daughter of Samuel Wentworth, of Boston: and they had but one child, Sir Charles Mary Wentworth, who died single at Kingsand, Davenport, England, in April, 1845. [See Belknap's *New Hampshire*, Adams' *Annals of Portsmouth*, and Lorenzo Sabine's *American Loyalists*.]—Thomas, a graduate at Cambridge, 1758, and died in 1768; who married Anne, daughter of John Tasker, of Marblehead, Mass., by whom he had Mark, of the Royal Navy, John, of the Inner Temple, Elizabeth, (Mrs. Minchin,) Anne, (Mrs. Shiefe,) and Anna Bella, (wife of Francis Gore, Esq.,)—Anna, wife of John Fisher, Royal Naval officer at Portsmouth, who with his family left New Hampshire with Gov. John Wentworth, and, on going to England, was made Secretary to Lord George Germaine. His estate was confiscated with that of the other tories by the New Hampshire law of 1778.*

VII. Ebenezer, merchant, at Portsmouth, died February or March, 1757, wife was Mary, and only child, Rebecca, who married her cousin George, son of Daniel Wentworth.

VIII. Daniel, known as "Capt. Daniel," wife was Elizabeth, and died at 26 years of age, leaving two sons, Col. Joshua, and Capt. George. The latter, who was for many years collector of the port of Portsmouth, on the 27th March, 1766, married his cousin Rebecca, only child of Ebenezer Wentworth, whose children were, Nathaniel, Mary, George, Joshua, (all died unmarried,) Sally, (who died in the family of her sister, Mrs. Bradley, in Charlestown, Mass., in 1849, unmarried, aged 73,) Frances L., (widow Bradley, of Charlestown, Mass., and mother of widow Swan, of Boston, Mass.,) Daniel and Ebenezer. Daniel, had an only son, a sea-captain, who died single, and three daughters, Mrs. Buchman, of Eastport, Maine, Mrs. Timothy Hull, of Boston, and Miss Wentworth, of Hancock Avenue, Boston. Ebenezer still lives in the Governor Wentworth house, in Portsmouth, N. H., and has two single daughters, and five sons, living, viz.: Mark Hunking, George J., and Alfred S., (all of Cincinnati,) and John Langdon, and Algernon Sidney, (both of Philadelphia.) Col. Joshua Wentworth, born 1742, married Sarah Peirce, in March, 1774, and died Oct. 19, 1809, aged 67 years, colonel of first New Hampshire Regiment 1776, Representative, Councillor in 1786, Senator four years, appointed delegate to Congress about 1779, but did not attend. His letters, preserved in the American Archives, prove him one of the most valuable men in Portsmouth during the American Revolution. In early times, the Governor was called President. At the election in 1790, he received a

* *Children of Thomas, brother of last Gov. John.* Mark died on a voyage from Portsmouth to the West Indies. John went to England when young, returned about 1800, as Sir John; married the daughter of Michael Wentworth by Gov. Benning's widow, lived at Little Harbor, near Portsmouth, and returned to England with his wife about 1816, and has since died childless. Ann married William Sheafe, of Portsmouth, in 1788, and died at P. in 1806, leaving eleven children, of whom seven (two still single) are now living, and among them Mark Wentworth Sheafe, of Dorchester, Mass. Caroline married Edward Minchin, a native of Ireland, once in the naval service of Great Britain, then a merchant at Boston, then moved to England, and, at last dates, was living at an advanced age at Dublin. His wife died many years ago, leaving several daughters, and some of them married in England. Arabella married Francis Gore, formerly Governor of Canada, and who was living in 1849 in London. Mrs. Gore died childless within about ten years.

strong vote for President, and was the second highest candidate. His wife died Oct., 1807, aged 50 years. Their children were fifteen, of whom only four lived to years of maturity, namely, Anne Jeffrey, born July, 1780, still living, the widow of Samuel Larkin, of Portsmouth, whose only son is Lieutenant Samuel Larkin, of United States Navy, two of their sons having previously died in the navy; and whose daughters are, Mrs. E. L. Childs, and Mrs. A.N. Zeverly, both of Washington city, and three still single. Joshua, born Dec. 1785, and died May, 1816, leaving a daughter who married William Parker, of Portsmouth, and a son Joshua, who moved to Lowell, Mass., and recently died there; and whether he left children or not I cannot say. Elizabeth, wife of William Bodge, of Portsmouth, born April, 1787, and died childless, Sept., 1825. Adeline, born Dec., 1796, and still living single, in Portsmouth.

IX. George, of whom I can find no account.

X. Hannah, who married Samuel Plaisted, of Berwick, Maine; and, after his death, Hon. Theodore Atkinson, a graduate at Cambridge, in 1718, clerk of court of Common Pleas, Colonel, Collector of the Port of Portsmouth, Sheriff, Councillor, Secretary of the Colony, and Judge of Superior Court, born at New Castle, Dec. 20, 1697, died Sept 22, 1791, aged 82 years. In his will, he gave £200 to the Episcopal church at Portsmouth, the interest of which was to be expended in bread, to be distributed on Sunday, to the poor of the parish. The only child of Mr. Atkinson and his wife Hannah, that I can learn of, was Theodore, Jr., the first husband of the wife of Gov. John Wentworth.

XI. Sarah, wife of Archibald McPhedris, Councillor in 1722, and afterwards married George Jeffrey, graduated at Cambridge, 1736, clerk of the Superior Court, Councillor, Provincial Treasurer, and paid over to Nicholas Gilman, Treasurer, under the revolutionary government, £1516, 4s., 8d., and died at Portsmouth, 1802, aged 86 years. Her daughter, Mary, was wife of Hon. Jonathan Warner.

XII. Mary, wife of ———, Nelson, of Boston, and afterwards, of John Steele.

XIII. Elizabeth, wife of ———, Loud.

XIV. Rebecca, wife of Thomas Packer, who was sheriff of New Hampshire, from 1741 to the day of his death, June 22, 1771.

IV. Mary, sister of Lieutenant-Governor John Wentworth, and daughter of Samuel, was born February 5, 1674. Nothing else known.

V. Ebenezer, son of Samuel, born April 9, 1677, supposed to be the Capt. Eben Wentworth, alluded to in the Autobiography of Rev. John Barnard, (*Massachusetts Historical Collections*, Third Series, Vol. V., page 190,) as commanding, in 1707, the store-ship of 14 guns and 28 men, sent to reduce the fort at Port Royal, now Annapolis.

VI. Dorothy, daughter of Samuel, born June 27, 1680, wife of Henry Sherburne, Councillor, of Portsmouth, born 1674, and died Dec. 29, 1757. Their children were, Samuel, Mary, John, (father of the late Judge John Sherburne, and also of Governor John Langdon's wife,) Ann, (wife of Hon. Woodbury Langdon,) and Dorothy, (Gilman.)

VII. Benning, born June 28, 1682, and died before his father; which made him not over eight years of age. He was the last child of Samuel.

In naming the eight of Elder William Wentworth's children, I have consulted my own convenience, not being able to ascertain the order of their births.