GENEALOGY

OF

SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

OBADIAH WHEELER OF CONCORD,

AND

THOMAS THAXTER OF HINGHAM.

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INTRODUCTION.

The genealogist wishes to know: first, the place and date of birth; secondly, the place and date of death; thirdly, the time when, and the person to whom, married; fourthly, the descendants.

Such a plan has been followed in this work.

No claim is made for originality or scholarship.

The facts which have been gathered are recorded for the benefit of those who had neither the time nor the opportunity to collect them.

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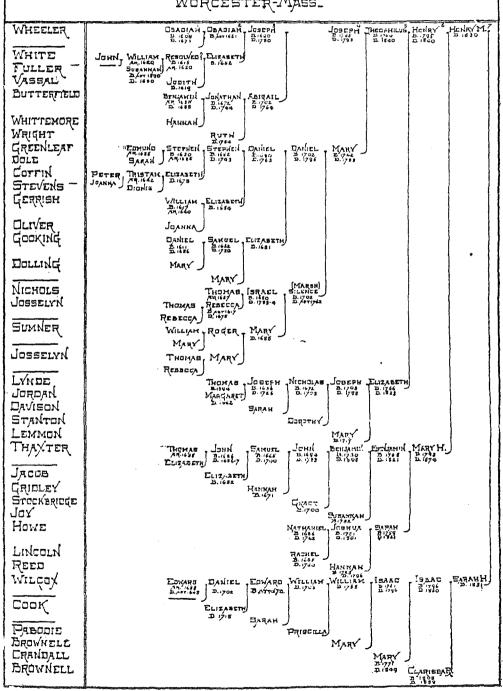
** The abbreviations usual in genealogies are used: b. for born, d. for death, mar. for married, unm. for unmarried, bap. for baptised, des. for descendant; H. C., A. C., D. C., B. C., U. C., for Harvard, Amherst, Dartmouth, Bowdoin and Union Colleges, respectively; Bang., Theo. Sem., for Bangor and Theological Seminaries, respectively. Where the State is not mentioned Massachusetts is to be understood.

· HOW TO READ THE "ANCESTRY."

Example:—In the left hand column of the first line is Wheeler: follow that line towards the right to Henry⁶: follow down to Mary H., and opposite in the left hand column is Thaxter. Henry⁶ Wheeler married Mary H. Thaxter, daughter of Benjamin⁶, son of Benjamin⁵, son of John⁴, son of Samuel³, son of John², son of Thomas¹.

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ANCESTRY HENRY MARTYN WHEELER WORCESTER-MASS.



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SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

OBADIAH WHEELER OF CONCORD,

1635.

The origin of the name WHEELER is unknown. Many families bearing that name are found in and around London, England, for more than four hundred years past. George, Timothy, Obadiah, Ephraim and Thomas Wheeler appear in the earliest records of Concord, Massachusetts. Their English home is unknown. Probably they were related to each other. In 1635 Rev. John Jones and others associated with him arrived at Boston, tarried a while at Cambridge, and formed the Concord Church there in 1636, Rev. Peter Bulkley and Rev. Mr. Jones being chosen to the respective offices of teacher and pastor. A grant of land six miles square having been made to Rev. Peter Bulkley and others, September 2, 1635, this church left Cambridge and settled on the grant at the place bearing the Indian name Musketaquid, now called Concord. This colony may have been formed in England, and it is conjectured that its members came from Kent County, some of the families having been traced to that locality. Some difficulty having arisen between the teacher and the pastor of the Concord Church, Rev. Mr. Jones in 1644 severed

his connection with it, took with him several families, and settled at Fairfield in Connecticut. Ephraim and Thomas Wheeler were of those who departed with him, and their descendants have been numerous in that State.

OBADIAH¹ WHEELER, was one of the original proprietors of Concord, was made a freeman in 1641, owned land in the centre of the town, and lived for a time near the east end of the old burying ground. He also had possessions in Brook Meadow. He was born in England in 1608 and died at Concord in 1671. He had nine children, the first was born in England, and the last was killed by the Indians at Sudbury. His wife's Christian name was Susannah who died in 1649.

OBADIAH², the eighth child of Obadiah¹, and the first of two by his second wife, was born at Concord in 1650 or 1651. He married Elizabeth White, the daughter of Resolved, the brother of Peregrine the first child of the Pilgrims born in this land. She was born in 1652, and her mother was Judith, the daughter of William Vassall of Scituate, a man of wealth who came to New England in 1630 with Gov. Winthrop, returned to England and came a second time in 1635 in the ship "Blessing" with his wife Ann and children. Obadiah dwelt on his father's farm in the southwesterly part of Concord until 1715, when he disposed of his lands and no trace of him after that has been found. His family consisted of eight boys and one girl, all of whom were married and settled in adjoining towns, most of them in what was at that time Lancaster. Numerous descendants are still found in Berlin and Bolton. Two of them, however, Obadiah and Joseph, received from their father his farm lands in equal shares, and probably retained possession of them for a time. Samuel married Joanna Walcott

and settled in Carlisle. Uriah went to Sudbury and married Abigail Rice. His descendants have been numerous.

JOSEPH⁸, the seventh child of Obadiah², was born at Concord in 1690, and lived to the advanced age of ninety years. He married Abigail Butterfield of Menotomy, now Arlington. Her parents were Jonathan, whose father, Benjamin, first appeared at Woburn in 1638, and Ruth Wright, whose ancestor was Deacon John, one of the first settlers of Woburn. Joseph lived on the old homestead at Concord until he followed several of his brothers to Lancaster, and in 1742 purchased a farm of sixty acres on Chestnut Hill, about two miles south of the present town of Leominster. This farm was sold in 1753, and the next year another was bought at a place now called Pratt's Crossing in the same town. A mill pond and grist mill were included in this purchase, and the mill dam and the farm house are still standing. Other farms were owned by Mr. Wheeler. His last home was on George Hill in Lancaster, where he died in 1780. His wife, Abigail, died in 1764, and two years thereafter he married Sarah, the daughter of Ebenezer Allen of Lancaster. He had five children born in Concord, all by his first wife, one of whom, Phebe, was married to Jotham Wilder, a descendant of Thomas of Shiplake, Berks County, England. One was a British soldier and died abroad in the service. Rachel was unmarried. was Joseph also, of whom more hereafter, and Abigail, who became the wife of Louis Conqueret, a French sailor, who was probably lost at sea, and left a daughter Mary. Abigail was married a second time to Joseph Rogers and died at the age of eighty. Her daughter Mary lived to be one year older than her mother. Mr. Wheeler removed his connection with the Church at Concord to the Church of the Second Precinct at Lancaster in the eighty-second year of his age, and he made his Will when he was eighty-eight. A part of his Will is as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen, the fifteenth day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred & seventy eight, I Joseph Wheeler of Lancaster in the County of Worcester in State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman in health and of a sound Mind & Memory, Thanks be given to God: Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for Man once to Die, do Make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament; that is to say, Principally, and first of all, I give & recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the descretion of my Executor; nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God. And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give" etc.

His son Joseph was his Executor, and a few items from the inventory of his estate are given to show the depreciation of the currency at that time. The entire value was £5195.9.8. The Executor charged himself with personal estate to the amount of £3087, which "being reduced by the Scale of Depreciations" left £307.9.5. These items are: "I straight Bodied Coat Jacket and Breeches £120", "I Fine Shirt £15", "2 pair of Stockings £19" "Ten pair of Sheets £261", "3 platters £36", "I Old Bed £60".

JOSEPH⁴, the fourth child of Joseph and Abigail, born in 1735, was under the care of his grandmother after he was three years old; went to school at fifteen years of age to prepare for college; entered Harvard at the age of

eighteen; was graduated therefrom four years later; studied divinity with Rev. Mr. Woodward of Weston, before which he taught school in that town; was approbated to preach at the age of twenty-four, and "ordained to the pastoral care of the Chh. of Christ in Harvard" on the twelfth of December, 1759. Two years later he married Mary Greenleaf, the daughter of Doctor Daniel and Silence (Marsh) Greenleaf of Bolton, formerly a part of Lancaster. Doctor Greenleaf was descended from Edmund of Brixham, County of Devon, near Torbay, England, and it is thought his ancestors were French Huguenots. His father, Daniel, was a Physician and subsequently a Minister of the Gospel. The Doctor practised medicine at Hingham, where he married, and afterwards removed to Bolton, in which town he continued his practice and lived to the age of ninety-three. He married a second time Dolly, widow of Josiah Richardson.* His children numbered ten, of whom Mary was the ninth. She was eighteen and one half years old at the time of her marriage, and died at the age of forty-one, having seen ten children gather around her hearthstone.

Mr. Wheeler erected a house in Harvard soon after his settlement, which is well preserved and is now occupied by Mr. William H. Savage. In his "Chronology" this entry is found: "July 28, 1768. Left the work of the Ministry at Harvard By reason of Illness." The "Illness" is thought to have been the loss of his voice, which, however, could

^{*} Dr. Greenleaf's grandfather, "Captain Stephen," was distinguished in the wars with the Indians, and is mentioned by Mather as commanding a Company in the battle with the French and Indians at Wells, Maine. For several years he represented his native town, Newbury, at the General Court, and in 1689 was appointed the agent of the Colony to treat with the Indians at Pennicook.

not have been permanent.* He continued to reside in Harvard, was active in all the affairs of the town, and bore a conspicuous part in the stirring events which culminated in the Revolution.† He was an ardent patriot, and was entrusted with various public offices. At a Convention of the Committees of Correspondence of several towns of Worcester County held at Worcester August 9, 1774, he represented the town of Harvard. He was a member of the first Provincial Congress held at Salem October 7, 1774, I and of the third Provincial Congress held at Watertown May 31, 1775. He also represented Harvard at the first session of the General Court held at Watertown July 19, 1775. In these assemblies he was placed at the head of important committees. There is a tradition in the family that he was Chaplain to General Washington. This cannot be verified, but it is a fact that he spent several weeks at Washington's Headquarters in Cambridge. tradition is that he assisted in the laying out of the fortifications at Bunker Hill. There is no proof of this, but a cannon ball now in possession of one of his descendants, and a cane in that of another, are tangible witnesses of the probability of the story. The ball was fired from one of the British vessels at a group of gentlemen on the slope of the Hill; it passed over their heads and lodged in the earth near by. In its passage a sucker from an apple-tree

^{*}A contemporary said of him: "He was Evangelical in his sentiments, amiable in disposition, exemplary in life, and distinguished for his talents and attainments."

[†] At the Lexington alarm he marched as a private in Captain Joseph Fairbank's Company in Colonel Asa Whitcomb's Regiment of Militia.

[‡] A letter from him was read and referred to a committee, in which he presented "the propriety, that while we are attempting to free ourselves from our present embarrassment and preserve ourselves from slavery, we also take into consideration the state and circumstances of the Negro Slaves in this Province."

under which the group was standing was cut off and fell at Mr. Wheeler's feet, who secured both the ball and the stick. One source of the tradition is from the wife of one of Mr. Wheeler's sons, Joseph, who lived to the great age of ninety years. Others of the next generation now living at advanced ages recall hearing the story when they were children, and their vain attempts to lift the ball which was too heavy for them.

Mr. Wheeler was appointed Register of Probate for Worcester County in 1775, but continued to reside at Harvard till 1781, when he removed to Worcester, where he purchased an acre and a half of land on Main Street, nearly opposite the present Court House and the "Haymarket." Here he erected a house which report says he brought from Harvard. Not long afterward, adjoining this and on the same lot, he built the house long known as the "Wheeler Mansion." This estate remained in the family one hundred years. In the home of his adoption he was interested in public affairs, held various offices, became associated with the leading men of the town, and was highly respected. He held the office of Register up to the time of his death in 1793.*

Mrs. Wheeler died in 1783, and the following year Mr. Wheeler married Mrs. Margaret Jenison, widow of Captain Israel Jenison of Worcester. She was the thirteenth child of Anthoine and Mary Sigourné, French Huguenots, and her maiden name was Marguerita Olivier. She was born at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and was married in 1746 to Joseph Coolidge, a distinguished merchant of Boston, by

^{*}Of his relation to his family a friend says: "He was a true representative of the good old English gentleman: genial, witty and companionable with his children, he nevertheless sustained and inculcated the dignity of his office and character."

whom she had seven children, one of whom, Margaret, became the wife of Jacob Sweetser of Lancaster. After the death of Mr. Coolidge in 1771 she was married in 1775 to Captain Israel Jenison. Surviving him she became the wife of Mr. Wheeler whom she outlived, and died at the age of ninety, and was buried in the tomb of her son, Joseph Coolidge, in King's Chapel, Boston.

Mr. Wheeler had eleven children, all by his first wife, and all born in Harvard except the last who was born in Worcester. Mary, the second child, was married to Ezra Waldo Weld, son of Rev. Ezra and Anna (Weld) Weld of Braintree, a printer by trade, who, after various changes in business, went to the Island of Jamaica and was followed in a short time by his wife, who had a romantic voyage which ended in her sad death on the Island before meeting her husband. On the voyage the vessel conveying her was captured by pirates and rescued from their hands after she had saved the captain's life. She left a daughter, Caroline, whose descendants, Mr. Augustus Toose Hanabergh and family, are living at Carthagena, South America. A son of Mr. Wheeler, Joseph, became the husband of Lucy Sumner, daughter of Rev. Joseph and Lucy (Williams) Sumner of Shrewsbury.* Another son, Daniel Greenleaf, married for his first wife Elizabeth Dupee Sweetser, the

^{*} Joseph was induced by Dr. Elijah Dix of Worcester to settle at Dixfield, Maine, which town was founded by Dr. Dix, and at the time of Joseph's going there, comprised a few houses. Joseph's trade was cabinet-making, but he became a farmer at Dixfield. His life was a continual struggle with hard work and povert? He was deacon of the Church and in addition thereto, as necessity required, served as preacher, clerk, sexton, undertaker and grave-digger. His wife was an energetic woman; one of her sons said of her that he never wanted to see any woman endure the privations and hardships she underwent. A son of Mary Weld, Joseph's sister, was sent to live with his uncle during his minority. After a time he ran away, and gave as a reason for doing so that he was tired of mosquitoes and black stumps.

daughter of Jacob before mentioned; for his third wife, Nancy Clapp, the daughter of William and Priscilla (Otis) Clapp of Scituate, by whom he had eight children, the last one, Elizabeth Lewis, being the only survivor. She was married in 1838 to Henry Hatton Gird of Clinton, Louisiana. Three children were the result of this marriage. The oldest, Joseph Wheeler, was married to Adaline A. Alden, the daughter of Rev. Seth and Persis (Rice) Alden of Bridgewater. He was killed in the War of the Rebellion, leaving a daughter, Josephine Wheeler, now the wife of Everett H. Warren of Worcester.

Another son, John, married first, Rebecca Harris, a sister of Rev. Mr. Harris, Pastor of the Dorchester Church; second, Elizabeth Neil of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and third, Elizabeth Crosby. He went to Dover, New Hampshire, and became an apothecary, having learned his trade of Dr. Elijah Dix. He was Postmaster for twenty-six years; Representative to the General Court; Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas; one of the originators of the Dover Cotton Manufacturing Company; and the first President of the Strafford Bank. He was much beloved, and to be called "good as John Wheeler" was the greatest praise.

His grandson, James Henry, was a physician ranking among the best in his native State. He was President of the New Hampshire Medical Society and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. He was a member of the First Church thirty-nine years and one of its deacons seventeen years. His pastor spoke of him as the "Beloved Physician," the "Christian Gentleman," the "courteous, faithful friend." He held no office outside of his profession and his church.

Other descendants of John are living at Dover, New Hampshire and elsewhere, one of whom, a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Jackson, the widow of Rev. Charles D. Jackson, is still living in New York City.

Moses, another son, resided in Boston. He was a prosperous merchant, married twice and had several children. William A. Rae is the sole surviving member of this branch of the family.

Clarissa, the second daughter, was unmarried, and during her latter years lived with her brothers and sisters. She possessed a gentle, Christian character, never made an enemy, and was remembered, by the children especially, with affection. A relative says of her: "She was an excellent, consistent Christian, kind and courteous in manner, ready to oblige, and never spared herself fatigue or even health itself. I wish there were more ladies as good as Aunt Clarissa."

Another daughter of Mr. Wheeler, Abigail, became the wife of Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods of Andover, most of whose children, ten in number, became distinguished as teachers, authors, and wives of ministers and physicians. Samuel became the father of Joseph Wheeler Woods, a merchant in Boston, and his sister, Mrs. Abbie Wheeler Fiske, the widow of Rev. Frederick A. Fiske of Wrentham. Another son, Leonard, the distinguished scholar and President of Bowdoin College, was unmarried. A daughter, Margaret Oliver, was married to Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, a Professor in Hartford Theological Seminary. Their son. named after his father, was a Minister of the Gospel at Baltimore, Maryland, for several years. Mrs. Lawrence has written several books, and is still living. Another daughter, Sophia Walker Woods, became the wife of Rev. William B. Hayden.

The last child of Rev. Mr. Wheeler, Sophia, was married to Rev. Samuel Walker of Danvers, whose daughter, Hannah

Peasley, became the wife of Rev. Charles Walker of Groton, and two of their children, Mary Sophia and Harriet Sarah, survive.*

The estate of Rev. Joseph Wheeler in Worcester, on which he resided, contiguous to those of Joseph Lynde and Judge Edward Bangs, extended eastward several hundred feet, equally with the others. These grounds were well cultivated and stocked with choice fruits and flowering shrubs. A relative writes about the impressions she received when, a girl of ten or twelve years, she saw these grounds, as follows:

"Each garden was furnished with a closed grapery containing a large closet liberally stocked with all the edibles and delicacies that a company of merry young people would enjoy on a moonlight evening. They entertained each other with music and similar enjoyments that made the occasions life-long memories of vanished joys. It was the first spice of romance I ever tasted, and Worcester was to my fancy like 'Jerusalem the Golden.' I did not imagine it could be surpassed in earthly charms."

Another one speaks in this manner of these gardens:

"In the rear of these mansions were extensive gardens of equal size; across the lower part flowed a purling stream, and rare fruits and choice flowers, fountains and the more common embellishments were results of the industry, taste and skill of the younger branches of the families. Near the centre of each garden was an arbor covered with vines and furnished with seats and also a closet, a deposit for such books and luxuries as might by chance find their way there. Twilight and moonlight often drew together in these pleasant retreats the parents and children of the

^{*} Professor Park of Andover said of Mrs. Woods: "She possessed an exceedingly gentle disposition." During the last years of her life she was an invalid and her husband was untiring in his devotion to her.

families, and in the enjoyment of music and sociability the summer evenings sped away."

THEOPHILUS⁶, the first son and third child of Rev. Joseph Wheeler, born at Harvard in 1764, was seventeen years old when his father removed to Worcester. He was clerk to his father in the Probate Office, and at his death succeeded to his position as Register, which he held till 1836, so that the office was filled by father and son for sixty-one consecutive years. Into the duties of that position he carried not only faithfulness and exactness, but also a genial, kindly spirit, helpfulness, accommodation, generosity and suavity. When some one, either through timidity or ignorance, met with a rebuff from the too severe Judge, he or she was always sure to receive from the gentlemanly Register a balm for the wounded spirit, and to depart with a full understanding of his or her case. Mr. Wheeler was one of the twenty-two original "Associates of the Worcester Fire Society." Some "Reminiscences" of this organization in 1862 refer to him in these words:

"Theophilus Wheeler was most favorably known as the faithful, attentive and upright Register of Probate for many years. He was a most amiable and estimable man, modest and retiring in his manners, particularly simple and domestic in his habits of living, prompt, indefatigable, and conscientious in the performance of all public and social duty. In his office the widow and the orphan found in him a sympathizing and a kind adviser."

A relative writing in 1890 says of him: "He was most hospitable and kind. The rosy hues of early morn irradiate every memory of him and his surroundings." He was a perfect gentleman of the old school, treating all persons with native politeness; strictly honorable in all his dealings, and implicitly trusted. He was scrupulously neat in

his person and attire. He was social and enjoyed the customary Saturday early teas and pleasant evenings passed with relatives and friends under his roof. When the bell rang out the hour of nine he would say "Well, girls, it is time to go home." All departed, the door was barred, lights extinguished, and the family retired for the night.

Mr. Wheeler was Town Clerk from March, 1787, to 1792, when he was again chosen but declined to serve longer. He held the office of Town Treasurer during the years 1799 and 1800. He was one of the Overseers of Schools in 1823, and of the House of Correction in 1826. At the formation of the Worcester Bank in 1804 he was chosen a Director and held the position eighteen years. At the time of Shays's Rebellion in 1786, while the mob was in Worcester he volunteered and served as a soldier, and in the fray the bridle-rein of the horse which he rode was severed by a bullet.

Mr. Wheeler married April 4, 1790, Elizabeth Lynde, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lemmon) Lynde of Worcester. Joseph was a descendant of Deacon Thomas Lynde who was born in England and came to Charlestown in 1634. His children numbered seventeen: Sarah became the wife of Andrew Duncan; Dorothy the wife of Doctor Elijah Dix, a noted physician of Worcester, whose daughter, Mary, was married to Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, for many years pastor of the Church at Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, and father of Clarendon Harris, a longtime resident of Worcester; a grand-daughter was the distinguished philanthropist Dorothea Lynde Dix; Hannah, the wife of Judge Edward Bangs, a noted jurist of Worcester, whose son, Edward Dillingham, was Secretary of the Commonwealth; and Joseph, a

celebrated physician of Hartford, Connecticut; another son, Thomas, settled in Leicester and gave the name to Lynde Brook, one of Worcester's water supplies. Mr. Lynde removed to Worcester at the time Charlestown was destroyed by the British.

Mrs. Wheeler was an invalid during the last years of her life. They had six children, of whom William Duncan married Eliza Cutler Poole, the daughter of Fitch and Elizabeth (Cutler) Poole of Danvers. He died in less than a year after their marriage, leaving a daughter, Sophia Williamina, still living. His wife was a quiet, retiring woman, possessing a beautiful Christian spirit, and endowed with superior mental qualities. He was gifted with a high sense of honor, was warm-hearted, manly and courteous, a favorite with his numerous cousins, while his dignity and generosity awakened their highest respect.

Charles Wheeler, the second son of Theophilus, carried on the store, which was established by his grandfather, for several years, being associated with his brother William Duncan for a short time. He was also in business in New London, Connecticut, for a brief period, apparently as a bookseller. He was a lover of old books and made a collection of them. He was a superior penman, as the entire New Testament written by him testifies. On the fifth day of May, 1819, he was "appointed Scrgeant of a Company Worcester Light Infantry annexed to the sixth Regiment in the first Brigade and seventh Division of the Militia of Massachusetts," John W. Lincoln, Lieut. Col. Com'dt. This position he held till August 14, 1822 when he resigned.

A daughter, Harriet, died of consumption at the age of twenty-one. "She was the dearly loved daughter, the pride and darling of the family. Possessing tender sensibilities, her sympathies melted and flowed into ready channels. Endowed with a delicate, artistic taste she excelled in music, painting and embroidery, and the work of her needle became marvels to her admiring friends. Modest and timid she received their commendations with pleased surprise." Her piano and a piece of needlework on silk are in possession of the writer nearly one hundred years after the fingers that wrought upon them ceased their labors.

The last child of Theophilus, Mary Lynde, was married to William Jennison, the son of Samuel and Sally (Fiske) Jennison of Brookfield. Mr. Jennison was connected with the office of Clerk of the Courts at Worcester for many years. Two children were the result of this marriage, one of whom, Harriet Wheeler, became the wife of Charles Bartlett Damon. She will long be remembered for her large-heartedness, sympathetic nature, kindly spirit, and readiness to listen to the cry of want and to furnish relief. Mr. Jennison was married a second time to Mrs. Mary Cleaves (Fiske) (Walker) of Concord, New Hampshire.

HENRY⁶, the third son of Theophilus, was born at Worcester in 1795, and entered the Seminary at Andover at the age of twenty-two, intending to study for the Ministry, but was obliged to desist on account of failing health. He succeeded his brother Charles as the keeper of a country store and continued in the business till his death. About 1820 he became engaged to Elizabeth French, the daughter of Asa and Mehitable French of Braintree, and aunt of Judge Asa French, now living at South Braintree, but her early death disappointed his hopes. Six years afterwards he married Mary Howe Thaxter, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Howe) Thaxter of Worcester. A notice of her will be found in the history of the Thaxter

family. They had six children, of whom Sarah Elizabeth lived one year; Benjamin Thaxter lived two years; Sarah Elizabeth and Mary Frances are still living; Henrietta Lynde Parris was married to Rev. John Francis Aiken, the son of John and Mary Means (Appleton) Aiken of Andover. Three children were born to them: Fanny Appleton, who died at the age of twelve; Charles Avery, an artist, and Mary Thaxter are still living.

Mr. Wheeler's life was private rather than public, the cares of his business and the duties connected with his Church engaged all his attention, yet he was not negligent of his responsibilities as a citizen. He was an active participant in the formation of the Calvinist Church in his native town, was its Clerk for five years and Superintendent of its Sabbath School for two, holding both offices at the time of his death in 1840. His reverence for holy things was a marked characteristic and the Sabbath was to him a sacred time. In 1814 he was in a store in Boston with his cousin, John H. Wheeler of Dover, New Hampshire. Subsequently his father placed him on one of his farms in the outskirts of the town, intending to make a farmer of him, but he was ill adapted to that kind of a life, and the attempt was abandoned. His constitution never was vigorous enough for laborious toil, yet he was not idle, and probably his life was shortened by overwork.

HENRY MARTYN⁷, the last child of Henry⁶, was born in 1830 in the house which his great-grandfather brought from Harvard. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester and at the Academies in Leicester and Framingham. He pursued a collegiate course at Amherst and Brown, but was not graduated from either. For six years he was in the office of Clerk of the Courts, and for twentyoight-years-succeeding that in the office of the State

Mutual Life Assurance Company, for a considerable portion of that time being its Assistant Secretary. In 1854 he married Sarah Huntington Wilcox, the daughter of Isaac and Clarissa Richmond (Brownell) Wilcox of Providence, Rhode Island, and a descendant from John Alden of the eighth generation. They had four children, of whom Fannie Thaxter was married to George Thomas Eaton, the son of James Stewart and Louisa (Howard) Eaton of Andover. Mr. Eaton's father taught in Phillips Academy at Andover several years, and was the author of Eaton's Arithmetic. Mr. Eaton was graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1878, taught at Monson, and has been teaching in the Academy at Andover since that time. They have three children. Frank Lincoln Wheeler, the youngest child of Henry Martyn, died at the age of twentysix; he was an Architect, having studied that profession in Worcester and Boston.

HENRY HUNTINGTON⁸, the oldest child of Henry Martyn⁷, fitted for college in the public schools of Worcester, was graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1877, and now lives in Pomona, California. He married in 1891 Adeline Lincoln Cushing, the daughter of John and Delia (Kingman) Cushing of Hingham.

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OBADIAH1, b. England, 1608; in Concord, Mass. 1638;
      freeman June 2, 1641; d. Concord Oct. 29, 1671; mar.
      (1) Susannah ——; yeoman. Chil. by 1st. mar. all b.
      in Concord except the 1st.
               b. England ---; d. ---; mar. Elizabeth
   I Toshua
  II JOHN
               b. Jan. 29, 1640; d. young.
  m Ruth
               b. Apr. 23, 1642.
  IV A son
               b. Nov. 25, 1643; d. Nov. 29, 1643.
               b. Feb. 22, 1644/5; mar. Mary Perry.
   V SAMUEL
  VI TOHN
               b. 1647?
 VII SUSANNAH b. Mar. 16, 1649; mar. - Shipley.
     Susannah d. Mar. 24, 1649; Obadiah mar. again, name
     of wife and date of mar. unknown. He survived 2d wife.
viii Obadiah b. 1651 or 2; mar. Elizabeth White.
  IX JOSIAH
               b. ---; d. Apr. 21, 1676, killed by Indians
     at Sudbury.
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OBADIAH² (Obadiah¹), b. 1651 or 2; mar. July 17, 1672, Elizabeth, dau. of William and Judith (Vassall) White, she b. June 4, 1652. Judith, dau. of William and Ann Vassall, b. 1619. Chil. of Obadiah² all b. in Concord:

(dau. or gr.-dau. of Moses?)

b. Sept. 21, 1673; mar. Hannah Fletcher

II JOSIAH b. Oct. 22, 1675; d. Lancaster Dec. 8, 1738; mar. (1) Martha ———, she b. 1679; d. May 21, 1748. She mar. (2) Capt. Peter Joslyn of Lancaster.

Chil. of Josiah: 1 Martha, mar. (1) Edward Broughton and had three chil., viz.: 1 Sarah, mar. Thomas White; 2 Copia, mar. Silas Rice. 3 Patience, mar. William Richardson. She mar. (2) James Wilder and had seven chil; he descended from Nicholas of Shiplake, Oxon. prop¹. of Sulham Estate, Berks Co., England. 2 Experience, bap. Nov. 28, 1708; mar. Nov. 23, 1726, William Pollard and had ten chil. 3 Ebenezer, bap. Sept. 30, 1711. 4 Thankful, bap. Sept. 30, 1711; d. May 13, 1795; mar. Apr. 8, 1731, Jonas Fairbank and had nine chil. 5 Dinah, bap. June 30, 1717; d. 1772; mar. Sept. 11, 1738, Benjamin Stearns and had six chil.

- III URIAH b. Apr. 13, 1678; d. Dec. 9, 1750; mar. Dec. 28, 1704, Abigail Rice of Sudbury. She d. June 10, 1754. He settled in Sudbury; his desc. are Elisha², Caleb³, Caleb⁴, Ashael⁵, George W⁶.
- IV SAMUEL b. Jan. 23, 1680/81; mar. Joanna Walcott; settled in Carlisle.
- v Jonathan b. July 28, 1683; d. about 1747; mar. Mary

 ———; settled in Lancaster.

Chil. of Jonathan: 1 Mary, b. about 1709; d. July 20, 1795; mar. Apr. 19, 1727, Jonathan Moor, no chil. 2 Hannah, bap. May 24, 1713. 3 Obadiah, bap. May 26, 1717; d. ——, 1805; mar. Hannah (Gaskill?), had eight chil. 4 Jonathan, b. July 3, 1720; d. Aug. 10, 1791; mar. May 9, 1751, Thankfull, dau. of Abraham and Mehitable Baker of Swansey.

Chil. of Jonathan and Thankfull: 1 Jonathan, b. Apr. 6, 1752; mar. —, 1775, Mary Bussum of Smithfield, Rhode Island. 2 Stephen, b. Mar. 13, 1756; d. Feb. 4, 1827; mar. (1) Miriam Barker, (2) Amity (Aldrich) Brown. 3 Peregreen, b. July 4, 1759; d. —, 1824; mar. Sarah Carter of Berlin; shed. —, 1803.

4 Levi, b. Apr. 29, 1768; d. Feb. 27, 1835; mar. (1) Apr. 12, 1792 Mary Carter, (2) July 2, 1814, Olive Colburn; she d. Nov. 25, 1875; youngest dau. of Levi and Olive Wheeler, Olive Colburn, b. in Berlin, April 4, 1829; mar. Sept. 25, 1848, Elijah Carter Shattuck of Berlin; he b. Aug. 27, 1820 in Marlborough. 5 Mary, b. Aug. 5, 1754; d. Jan. 1, 1807; mar. Thomas Watson. 6 Dinah, b. June 10, 1761; d. Feb. 8, 1839; mar. May 7, 1789, William Aldrich of Bolton. 7 Thankfull, b. —; mar. Jan. 12, 1784, Jonathan Baker, her cousin and had eight chil.

- vi Elizabeth b. Feb. 7, 1685/6.
- vii Joseph b. Mar. 7, 1690/91.
- viii Benjamin b. Sept. 29, 1693; d. —, 1759 at New Marlborough; mar. Hannah —; she b. 1698, five chil.
- IX JOSHUA b. Apr. 9, 1696; d. Apr. 11, 1778; mar. about 1720, Annah ; she d. Oct. 26, 1761, four chil.
- JOSEPH² (Obadiah², Obadiah¹), b. Mar. 7, 1690/91 in Concord; d. Feb. 29, 1780 in Lancaster; mar. Mar. 2, 1726/7, (1) Abigail Butterfield, dau. of Jonathan and Ruth (Wright) Butterfield of Menotomy (Arlington); she b. May 11, 1702; d. Oct. 2, 1764. Jonathan Butterfield, s. of Benjamin who was in Woburn 1638 mar. Hannah Whittemore. Ruth Wright desc. from Dea. John, one of the first settlers of Woburn; she. d. 1754. Chil. of Joseph and Abigail all b. in Concord:
 - I PHEBE b. Jan. 11, 1727/8; mar. Mar. 3, 1746, Jotham Wilder of Lancaster; he b. ——, 1710; six chil.
 - II REUBEN b. Dec. 3, 1729; d. July 29, 1763 of small-pox in Ireland, in the service of his Majesty George III. unmar.
 - III RACHEL b. Sept. 15, 1731; d. May 15, 1790 in Lancaster, unmar.
 - IV Joseph b. Mar. 13, 1735.
 - y Abigail b. May 13, 1737; d. Oct. 23, 1817; mar. (1) July 23, 1758, Louis Conqueret, sailor; one chil. Mary, b.

Apr. 19, 1759; d. Feb. 7, 1840, in Lancaster, mar. (2) Sept. —, 1780, Joseph Rogers, no chil. Joseph 8, mar. (2) Aug. 14, 1766, Sarah Allen, dau. Ebenezer Allen of Lancaster, no chil. Ebenezer Allen d. —, 1770.

JOSEPH (Joseph), Obadiah, Obadiah), b. Mar. 13, 1735; d. Feb. 10, 1793 in Worcester; mar. (1) Jan. 8, 1761, Mary, Greenleaf, dau. of Doctor Daniel and Silence (Nichols) (Marsh) Greenleaf of Bolton; heb. Cambridge Nov. 2, 1702; d. —, 1795; desc. Edmund, b. Parish of Brixham, Devonshire, near Torbay, Eng. about 1600. In 1635 he came to this country with his family and settled in Newbury. Silence, b. Hingham July 4 1702; d. Bolton May 13, 1761, dau. of Israel and Mary (Sumner) Nichols and wid. of David Marsh. Mary Sumner 3d gen. from William; Senator Charles Sumner 7th gen. in same line. Joseph grad. H. C. 1757; Minister at Harvard 1761-1768; Com. of Correspondence, member Prov. Cong. 1774-1775; Rep. Gen. Ct. 1775; Reg. Prob. 1775-1793. Chil, all b. in Harvard except the last.

1 ELIZABETH b. Dec. 31, 1761; d. July 18, 1782, unmar.

II MARY b. Apr. 7, 1763; d. Kingston, Jamaica, of yellow fever, May 4, 1799; mar. Mar. 24, 1790 Ezra Waldo Weld, s. of Rev. Ezra and Anna (Weld) Weld of Braintree; he b. ——, 1765; d. Jamaica?

Chil.: I Joseph Wheeler, b. Feb. —, 1791; d. Havana, Cuba, of yellow fever, Jan. 30, 1811. 2 John, b. Aug. 28, 1792; d. Kingston, Jamaica, of yellow fever, Apr. 28, 1799. 3 Elizabeth, b. Mar. 21, 1794. 4 Caroline Eliza, b. —, 1796; d. Carthagena, S. A., April 29, 1836; mar. Oct. 31, 1824, James Toose, s. Thomas and Mary (Slater) Toose of Burneston, North Riding, Yorkshire, Eng. James b. Eng. Oct. 14, 1787; d. Sept. —, 1831 at Honda, S. A. Chil.: 1 Juana Rita, b. June 22, 1825; d. Apr. 25, 1836. 2 Matilda, b. 1827? d. before 1836. 3 Maria Mercedes, b. May 24, 1828; mar. Feb. 19, 1853,

Augustus Schultz Hanabergh of New York, Consul of U. S. at Carthagena twelve years. 4 James, b. Aug. 19, 1831; d. Oct. 10, 1834.

A.S. Hanabergh, b. N. Y. Feb. 19, 1825; d. at sea Aug. 24, 1875; his wid. living; five chil.: 1 Augustus Toose; 2 Alfred Herbert, b. July 16, 1856, d. Feb. 21, 1861; 3 Nellie Ursula, b. Oct. 5, 1858, mar. July 22, 1891, Edward O. Weiner; 4 Anita Mercedes, b. Mar. 1, 1861; 5 Albert Mathieu. b. Oct. 23, 1862, d. Sept. 1, 1883.

Augustus Toose, b. Carthagena Jan. 8, 1854; mar. Jan. 8, 1880, Catalina Tono, dau. of Judge Antonio Teodoro and Josefa (Macia) Tono; she b. May 23, 1858; eight chil.: 1 Catalina, b. Nov. 2, 1880, d. Aug. 4, 1882; 2 Augustus Tono, b. Nov. 28, 1881; 3 Carlos, b. July 5, 1883; 4 Maria, b. Oct. 12, 1884; 5 Alfred, b. Nov. 25, 1386; 6 Albert Schultz, b. July 25, 1888; 7 Ernest Weld, b. Mar. 4, 1890; 8 William Wheeler, b. Feb. 19, 1892.

III Theophilus b. Dec. 22, 1764.

IV JOSEPH b. Aug. 27, 1766; d. Dixfield, Me., Jan. 21, 1852; mar. Jan. 13, 1793, Lucy Sumner, dau. of Rev. Joseph and Lucy (Williams) Sumner of Shrewsbury. She b. Dec. 24, 1771; d. April 10, 1863. Rev. Joseph Sumner desc. of George, b. Eng. Feb. 14, 1634, later came to Milton; son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Griffin), b. Jan. 19, 1740, d. Dec. 9, 1824 [Sumner Memorial].

Chil of Joseph: 1 Lucy Williams, b. Worcester Sept, 14, 1793; d. —, 1881 at Rumford, Me.; mar. David Kimball, 12 chil. one, Juliette W., b. Mar. 30, 1826, d. July 30, 1896, unmar. 2 Dorothy Sumner, b. Worcester Sept. 5, 1795; d. Worcester —, 1865; mar. (1) Benjamin Doyen, (2) Elisha Hayden. 3 Sarah Danielson, b. Princeton June 19, 1798; d. Dixfield, Me., Apr. 12, 1843, unmar. 4 Eunice Russel, b. Princeton Feb. 17, 1801;

d. Worcester July —, 1886; mar. Daniel Libby; a son, Daniel Sumner Libby, b. Jan. 17, 1837. 5 Joseph Sumner, b.Dixfield, Me., May 9, 1803; d. —, 1870; mar. Phebe Cole Gleason, nine chil. Mrs. Sarah L. Knox of Hartford, Ct. b. Aug. 27, 1836. 6 Erastus Williams, b. Dixfield, Me., June 17, 1805; d. Worcester Jan. 17, 1893; mar. Oct. 5, 1842, Sarah Pollard, dau. of Stephen and Betsey (Hastings) Pollard of Berlin.

Chil. of Erastus: 1 Joseph Pollard, b. July 28, 1843, 2 Henry Theophilus, b. June 25, 1845; d. Florence, Ala., Oct. 16, 1864 in rebel prison. 3 Edwin Wallace, b. Nov. 13, 1848; mar. Apr. —, 1872, Clara A. Black, dau. of Edward B. and Matilda A., (Freeman) Black of Salem, N. S., four chil. 4 William Jennison, b. Sept. 13, 1851; mar. Feb. 14, 1877, Ida, Stratton, dau. of Samuel and Isabelle (Brimhall) Stratton, one chil., Lottie Belle, b. Jan. 1, 1883.

- 7 Elizabeth Sumner, b. Dixfield, Me., Feb. 22, 1809; d. Worcester July 12, 1879; mar. Jan. 29, 1850, Edwin Conant of Worcester, son of Jacob of Sterling. He mar. (1)——, 1832 Maria E., Estabrook dau. of Joseph Estabrook of Royalston.
- v Daniel Greenleaf, b. Mar. 14, 1768; d. Dec. 10, 1847; mar. Sept. 23, 1799 (1) Elizabeth Dupee Sweetser, dau. of Jacob and Margaret (Coolidge) Sweetser of Lancaster. She d. in childbirth Dec. 15, 1800 and he mar. (2) Nov. 14, 1802, Elizabeth Grosvenor, dau. of Rev. Ebenezer and Elizabeth () Grosvenor; she d. Aug. 18, 1803 and he mar. (3) ——, 1805, Nancy Clapp, dau. of William and Priscilla (Otis) Clapp of Scituate.

Chil. all by Nancy: 1 Daniel Greenleaf, b. Sept. 29, 1806; d. Houston, Texas, Dec. 21, 1857; mar. Hester E. Trickey of N. Y., seven chil. 2 Otis Clapp, b. Feb. 29, 1808; d. St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 6, 1831, unmar. 3 John, b. Aug. 6, 1809; d. California, —, 1870; mar. Almira (Wheeler) Bullock. 4 Frances Maria, b. Jan. 16, 1811; d. Sept. 13, 1868, unmar. 5 Nancy

Clapp, b. Apr. 15, 1813; d. Feb. 8, 1882, unmar. 6 Elizabeth Sweetser, b. Apr. 15, 1813; d. Mar. 29, 1817. 7 Abiel Smith, b. Apr. 16, 1815; d. Oct. 6, 1849; mar. Eliza F. Leonard, dau. of Dr. George and Eliza (Fales) Leonard of Taunton. One dau., Frances O., b. May 22. 1840; mar. Oct. 5, 1859 William G. Benedict, s. of Dr. William McKown and Amelia Burbank (Denny) Benedict of Millbury, two chil.: 1 William Leonard, b. Oct. 5, 1860; mar. Maud Benson of Detroit, Mich. 2 George Wheeler, b. Aug. —, 1862; mar. Oct. 1, 1891 Anna Louise Bull of Quincy, Ill. 8 Elizabeth Lewis, b. Feb. 23, 1819; mar. May 30, 1838 Henry Hatton Gird of Clinton, La., he mar. (1) Sarah Kinsley of West Point, N. Y. and had six chil. by her. Chil. by Elizabeth: 1 Joseph Wheeler, b. at Jackson, La., Oct. 21,1839; d. May 6, 1864, killed in the battle of the Wilderness. He was Capt. Co. B., 57th Mass. Reg., Col. William F. Bartlett. He first enlisted as private in 25th Mass. Reg.; mar. Jan. 14, 1864, Adeline A. Alden, dau. Rev. Seth and Persis (Rice) Alden of Bridgewater, one chil. Josephine Wheeler Gird, b. Nov. 26, 1864; mar. Sept. 29, 1884, Everett H. Warren, s. of William E. and Lydia (Houghton) Warren of Worcester, two chil. 2 William Otis, b. Jackson, La., Aug. 11, 1841; d. Worcester, Mar. 26, 1851. 3 Samuel Woodward, b. Worcester Jan. 6, 1844; d. Lebanon, Ill., July 28, 1846.

vi John b. May 17, 1770; d. Dover, N. H., Apr. 3, 1840; mar. (1) Mar. 12, 1793 Rebecca Harris, dau. of Capt. William and Rebecca (Mason) Harris and sis. of Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris of Dorchester. She was of Malden b. Apr. 17, 1770; d. Jan. 28, 1804. John was an apothecary, Postmaster twenty-six years, Representative to General Court, Associate Justice Court of Common Pleas, originator of Cocheco Mfg. Co., first Pres. Strafford Bank.

Chil.: 1 Rebecca, b. Mar. 21, 1794; d. Jan. 27, 1866; mar. May 23, 1816 William Woodman, Pres. Savings

Bank. 2 Dorothy Dix, b. Feb. 28, 1798; d. Mar. 25, 1849; mar. (1) Charles Woodman, (2) Daniel M. Christie. 3 John Hancock, b. Aug. 29, 1800; d. Aug. 8, 1867; mar. Nov. 22, 1824 Mary Baker, three chil. one, James Henry, b. Sept. 17, 1831; d. Jan. 26, 1893; mar. Oct. 21, 1862, Anne Draper French, dau. of Eli and Hannah Rogers (Draper) French of New York; he b. Sept. 8, 1800, d. July 27, 1868; she b. Aug. 1, 1811. Anne D. b. Apr. 1, 1839, four chil. James H. grad. Coll. Phys. and Surg. N. Y., 1862, ex-pres. and member of Strafford Dist. Med. Soc., a Fellow and pres. N. H. Med. Soc., member Am. Med. Assoc., also U. S. Pension Surgeon. 4 Mary Greenleaf, b. Jan. 14, 1804; d. Apr. 30, 1804.

John mar. (2) Nov. 17, 1805 Elizabeth Neil of Portsmouth,
N. H. She b. Nov. 25, 1780; d. Sept. 6, 1807, no chil.
John mar. (3) June 5, 1810, Elizabeth Crosby, dau. of Oliver and Rachel (Stickney) Crosby of Billerica, Mass.; she b. July 30, 1782; d. June 5, 1857.

Chil. by 3d mar.: I Juliette, b. Apr. 13, 1811; d. June 17, 1888; mar. June 1, 1836, John I. Duxbury. 2 Ann Elizabeth, b. Jan. 12, 1813; d. Jan. 16, 1814. 3 Elizabeth Crosby, b. Sept. 28, 1816; mar. Sept. 13, 1837, Rev. Charles D. Jackson, Rector of St. Peter's Ch., Westchester, N. Y.; he d. June 21, 1871, seven chil., three are living: 1 William Henry, b. Feb. 11, 1841; 2 Frederick Wendell, b. Dec. 11, 1845; 3 Frank Watson, M. D. b. Feb. 4, 1855.

vii Moses b. Apr. 4, 1772; d. Boston, Mar. 27, 1838; mar. (1) Nov. 8, 1807, Elizabeth Porter, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Lamb) Porter of Malden: three chil., the last of whom, Mary Frances, b. May 12, 1813; d. Apr. 15, 1897; mar. Nov. 11, 1834, William A. Rae. They had five chil. all dead except William Augustus, b. June 16, 1845.

Moses⁷ mar. (2) June 12, 1826, Frances Porter, sister of his first wife, one chil.: Isabelle Sophia Frances, b. ——, 1827; d. Dec. 27, 1832.

viii Clarissa b. Feb. 1, 1774; d. Medford, May 26, 1844, unmar.

IX ABIGAIL b. Feb. 29, 1776; d. Andover Feb. 21, 1846; mar. Oct. —, 1799, Rev. Leonard Woods, son of Samuel and Abigail Whitney (Underwood) Woods; he b. Princeton June 19, 1774; d. Andover Aug. 24, 1854; he mar. (2) Lucia J., wid. of Dr. Ansel G. Ives of N. Y. Grad. H. C. 1796. Prof. Theology in Andover Sem. 38 years.

Chil.: 1 Samuel, b. Newbury Oct. 26, 1800; d. Nov. 27, 1884; mar. (1) May 8, 1825, Mary Hale Lowe, dau. of Dr. Abraham Lowe of Ashburnham.

Chil. of Samuel: 1 Samuel Hale, b. July 15, 1827; d. Mar. 6, 1869; mar. Julia A. Carsley of Poland, Me., four chil. 2 Mary Greenleaf, b. Aug. 31, 1831; d. July 12, 1854. 3 Joseph Wheeler, b. July 17, 1829; mar. Sept. 1, 1858, Caroline F. Fitz, dau. of Rev. Daniel and Caroline Kimball (Sawyer) Fitz of Ipswich, six chil. 4 Abbie Wheeler, b. Nov. 7, 1834; mar. Jan. 5, 1869, Rev. Frederick A. Fiske of Wrentham.

Samuel mar. (2) Sept. 5, 1839, Mary Caldwell of Ashburnham; she d. Aug. —, 1875, two chil.

2 Joseph Wheeler, b. Newbury July 30, 1802; d. Andover Nov. 8, 1827; mar. —, 1824, Hannah O. Hawkins of Hanover, N. H.; she b. Jan. 27, 1805.

Chil.: 1 Abigail Elizabeth, b. Mar. 13, 1825, living Andover. 2 Joseph Wheeler, b. Nov. 11, 1827; d. Ashburnham Aug. —, 1844. Hannah mar. (2) George G. Parker of Ashburnham. Chil. 1 George H. b. Oct. 11, 1838. 2 Harriet, b. Apr. 16, 1845.

3 Mary Greenleaf, b. Newbury Oct. 3, 1804; mar. Sept. 26, 1822, Rev. Thomas Mather Smith, six chil. 4 Leonard, b. Nov. 24, 1807; d. Dec. 24, 1878, unmar; grad. U. C. 1827, And. Theo. Sem. 1830, Prof. Theology Bangor Sem. and Pres. B. C. 5 Daniel Bates, b. Sept. 20, 1809; d. St. Louis, Mo. May 29, 1892; mar. Jan. 1, 1839, Elizabeth H. Pierce, six chil. 6 Abby Wheeler,

b. July 25, 1811; d. —, 1883; mar. Apr. 29, 1838, Dr. Richard H. Salter, six chil. 7 Margaret Oliver, b. Apr. 12, 1813; mar. May 20, 1839, Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, Prof. Hartford Theol. Sem.; he. d. Sept. 4, 1883; she was a teacher before mar., has written several books; four chil., one Rev. Edward A., Pastor of Ch. in Baltimore, d. Nov. 10, 1893. 8 Harriet Newell, b. Aug. 19, 1815; d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Apr. 26, 1893; mar. Oct. 1, 1835, Rev. Abijah R. Baker, 6 chil. 9 Sarah Abbott. b. June 19, 1817; d. Sept. 3, 1836, unmar. 10 Sophia Walker, b. May 12, 1819; d. Nov. 8, 1892; mar. June 23, 1841, Rev. William B. Hayden; he d. June —, 1893. Pastor of Ch. at Portland, Me.

x Levi b. Oct. 22, 1779; d. Worcester Mar. 8, 1781. xi Sophia b. Worcester, Jan. 20, 1782; d. Danvers Oct. 8, 1831; mar. May 17, 1807, Rev. Samuel Walker of Danvers; he b. Haverhill Jan. 27, 1779; d. Danvers July 7, 1826; grad. D. C. 1802; Pastor of Ch. Danvers from 1805 till his death.

Sophia had nine chil., five d. infants: 1 Hannah Peasley, b. Jan. 1, 1811; d. June 14, 1861; mar. Apr. 29, 1835, Rev. Charles Walker of Groton; he b. Rindge, N. H., Nov. 21, 1795; d. Groton Oct. 23, 1847; grad. D. C. and And. Theol. Sem.; Pastor of Ch. Groton, five chil. two living: Mary Sophia, b. Feb. 25, 1839; Harriet Sarah, b. Mar. 15, 1843. 2 Theophilus, b. Feb. 22, 1813; d. Apr. 15, 1890. 3 Nathaniel, b. Feb. 3, 1816; d. Dec. 26, 1885; mar. Dec. 16, 1845, Susan White Seaver Grant, dau. of Dea. Moses and Mary (Gore) Grant of Boston. Mary Gore desc. of Gov. Gore of Mass.

Chil. of Nathaniel: 1 Annie, b. Feb. 9, 1848; mar. William D. Bloney. 2 Grant, b. Sept. 14, 1851; mar. June 7, 1888, Mabel Shaw of Boston, she b. Portland, Me. 3 Amelia Gore, b. June 9, 1858; mar. Oscar Iasigi of Boston; he d. Jan. 18, 1884, in Steamer City of Columbus.

4 Harriet, the remaining child of Sophia, b. Apr. 4, 1818; d. Mar. 26, 1829.

Joseph mar. (2) May 20, 1784, Marguerita (Olivier) (Coolidge) (Jennison), dau. of Anthoine and Mary (Sigourné) Olivier, French Huguenots. She b. Annapolis, N. S. Nov. 8, 1726; d. Boston Dec. 25, 1816; mar. (1) Nov. 18, 1746 Joseph Coolidge of Boston; eight chil.; one, Margaret, b. Apr. 23, 1753, mar. 1772 Jacob Sweetser of Boston, afterwards of Lancaster, and had twelve chil. Marguerita mar. (2) Dec. 9 (or 26), 1775 Capt. Israel Jennison of Worcester. She bur. in King's Chapel, Boston.

THEOPHILUS (Joseph 4, Joseph 8, Obadiah 2, Obadiah 1), b. Harvard Dec. 22, 1764; d. Worcester Aug. 14, 1840; mar. Apr. 4, 1790, Elizabeth Lynde, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Lemmon) Lynde of Worcester. She b. Oct. 1, 1756; d. Mar. 7, 1833. Joseph Lynde b. Stonington, Conn., Jan. 7, 1703; d. Worcester 1788; desc. from Thomas, b. Eng. 1504, d. 1671, and Margaret (Martin) (Jordan); she d. 1662. Joseph had sixteen chil. besides Elizabeth, and of them Sarah, b. Feb. 21, 1743/4, mar. Andrew Duncan; Dorothy, b. May 23, 1746, mar. Dr. Elijah Dix, gr.-father of Dorothea Lynde Dix, the philanthropist; Hannah, b. July 4, 1760, mar. Judge Edward Bangs, father of Edward Dillingham Bangs, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Joseph came to Worcester from Charlestown when it was destroyed by British. Mary Lemmon was dau, of Joseph and Elizabeth (Phillips) Lemmon. The mother of Elizabeth was Ann, dau. of William and Anne (Brackenbury) Foster. Anne Brackenbury was the dau. of William and Alice) Brackenbury.

Theophilus Wheeler was Register of Probate, Worcester County, forty-three years; Town Clerk five years; Town Treasurer two years; Overseer of Schools and of House of Correction; Director Worcester Bank eighteen years; served as soldier against the Shays insurgents. His chil. were:

I WILLIAM DUNCAN b. May 24, 1791; d. June 23, 1834; mar. July 11, 1833, Eliza C. Poole, dau. of Fitch and Elizabeth (Cutler) Poole of Danvers. She b. Jan. 22, 1805; d. Nov. 16, 1893.

One chil.: Sophia Williamina, b. Apr. 22, 1834.

II CHARLES

b. Aug. 10, 1793; d. Mar. 7, 1827, unm.

III Henry

b. Sept. 30, 1795.

iv Henrietta

b. Sept. 30, 1795; d. Aug. 14, 1796.

v HARRIET

b. Jan. 30, 1797; d. Apr. 12, 1818, unm.

vi Mary Lynde b. Apr. 15, 1799; d. July 18, 1834; mar. Aug. 22, 1825, William Jennison, s. of Samuel and Sally (Fiske) Jennison of Brookfield. He b. Brookfield Jan 10, 1790; d. Aug. 27, 1866; desc. of Robert who arrived in Watertown 1637. His mother, Sally, was dau. of Rev. Nathan Fiske of Brookfield. William had a bro. Samuel for many years treas. Worc. Co. Inst. for Savings.

Chil.: 1 Harriet Wheeler, b. June 19, 1826; d. Nov. 2, 1896; mar. Dec. 13, 1849, Charles Bartlett Damon, s. of Benjamin and Sophia (Nichols) Damon of Concord, N. H. He b. May 29, 1822; d. Feb. 27, 1887, no chil. 2 William Charles, b. Aug. 24, 1830; d. Sept. 23, 1851, unmar.

William Jennison mar. (2) Oct. 20, 1836, Mary Cleaves (Fiske) (Walker) of Concord, N. H., wid. of Edward Muzzy Walker of Lebanon, N. H. She had three chil.:

1 Mary Augusta, b. Sept. 16, 1825; d. Feb. 14, 1868, unmar. 2 Edward Muzzy, surv. one year. 3 Edwarda Muzzy, b. St. Augustine, Fla., Mar. 22, 1831; d. Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 16, 1887; mar. Nov. 14, 1850, Charles F. Bradley, s. of Enoch and Abby A. (Hildreth) Bradley of Milwaukee. He b. Jan. 5, 1818; d. Feb. 20, 1893, no chil.

HENRY (Theophilus, Joseph, Joseph, Obadiah), b. Sept. 30, 1795; d. Oct. 11, 1840; mar. July 12, 1826, Mary Howe Thaxter, dau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Howe) Thaxter of Worcester. She b. Sept. 26, 1793; d. Nov. 19, 1874. See Thaxter Genealogy. Chil.:

- 1 SARAH ELIZABETH b. Feb. 17, 1828; d. Mar. 2, 1828.
- II Henry Martyn
- b. Aug. 7, 1830.
- III SARAH ELIZABETH
- b. Oct. 6, 1832, unmar.
- IV MARY FRANCES
- b. July 6, 1834, unmar.
- v Benjamin Thaxter b. Feb. 28, 1836; d. Mar. 9, 1838.
- VI HENRIETTA LYNDE PARRIS b. Feb. 28, 1839; mar. Jan. 18, 1870, Rev. John Francis Aiken, s. of John and Mary Means (Appleton) Aiken of Andover. He b. Lowell Oct. 31, 1835; d. Chichester, Vt., Aug. 18, 1880; desc. from Edward, b. 1660, came to Londonderry, N. H. in 1720. John Francis grad. D. C. 1858; preached at Abington, Braintree, Pawlet, Vt. and Chichester, N. H.

Chil.: 1 Fanny Appleton, b. Aug. 16, 1871; d. Boston June 19, 1883. 2 Charles Avery, b. Sept. 29, 1872. 3 Mary Thaxter, b. July 2, 1874.

Rev. John F. Aiken mar. (2) Addie E. Andrus of Pawlet, Vt., one chil., John, b. Aug. —, 1879.

- HENRY MARTYN⁷ (Henry ⁶, Theophilus ⁶, Joseph ⁴, Joseph ⁸, Obadiah ², Obadiah ¹), b. Aug. 7, 1830; mar. June 13, 1854, Sarah Huntington Wilcox, dau. of Isaac and Clarissa Richmond (Brownell) Wilcox. She b. Providence, R. I., Sept. 2, 1831; d. Aug. 21, 1896; desc. from Isaac ⁷, Isaac ⁶, William ⁶, William ⁴, Edward ⁸, Daniel ², Edward ¹ at Newport, R. I., 1638. William ⁴ mar. Priscilla Pabodie, gr.gd.-dau. of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden who came in Mayslower, 1620. Isaac ⁷ b. Tiverton, R. I., Feb. 5, 1796; d. Mar. 13, 1850. Clarissa, b. Little Compton, R. I., Nov. 23, 1803; d. Providence, R. I., Sept. 29, 1889. Chil. of Henry M. Wheeler:
 - 1 Henry Huntington b. July 19, 1855.
 - II FANNIE THAXTER b. Aug. 16, 1857; mar. June 29, 1882, George Thomas Eaton, s. of James Stewart and Louisa (Howard) Eaton of Andover. He b. Andover Feb. 13, 1856. James Stewart was s. of Thomas (b. Fitchburg Sept. 6, 1777; d. Mar. 11, 1864) and Betsey (Stewart) (b. May 14, 1775; d. Nov. 3, 1850), and was b. Nov. 13,

1816; d. Oct. 10, 1865. Chil.: I James Howard, b. Colchester, Ct., June 21, 1842; d. Beloit, Wis., Jan. 5, 1877; grad. A. C. 1865, Prof. Chem. Beloit Coll. 2 William Wells, b. Colchester, Ct., Aug. 24, 1846; grad. A. C. 1868, Prof. Greek Middlebury Coll. Vt. 3 George Thomas. 4 Louise Adelaide, b. Andover Feb. 20, 1860; mar. June 7, 1888, Dr. Alanson Joseph Abbe, s. of Frederick Randolph and Mary Thaxter (Thayer) Abbe. He b. Feb. 18, 1861. Chil.: I Alice Thayer, b. May 7, 1890; 2 Frederic Eaton, b. May 2, 1892.

Chil. of Fannie and George Thomas Eaton: 1 Fannie Louisa, b. Apr. 18, 1884; 2 Thaxter, b. July 28, 1887; 3 Helen, b. Dec. 27, 1888.

III ELLEN LOUISA

b. Jan. 11, 1859; d. Apr. 1, 1864.

lv Frank Lincoln

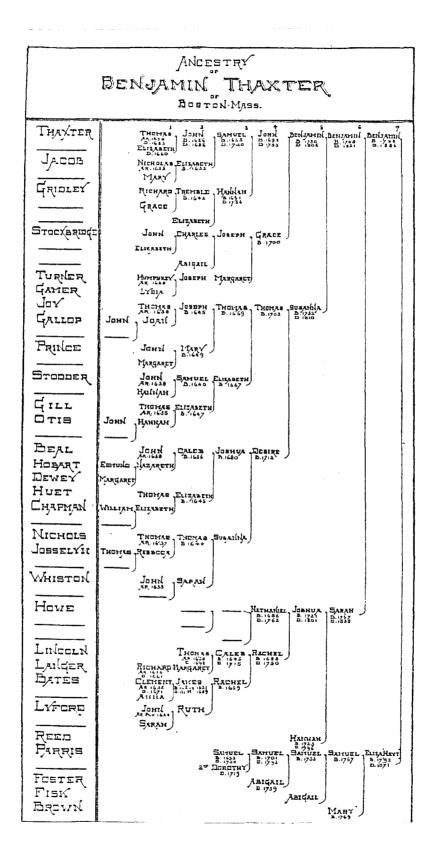
b. Feb. 21, 1866; d. Sept. 13, 1892,

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HENRY HUNTINGTON 6 (Henry Martyn, Henry, Theophilus, Joseph, Joseph, Obadiah, Obadiah), b. July 19, 1855; grad. A. C. 1877; mar. at Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 29, 1891, Adeline Lincoln Cushing, dau. of John and Delia (Kingman) Cushing of Hingham. She b. Apr. 3, 1835. John b. Hingham Jan. 13, 1797; d. Weymouth May 5, 1860; s. of John and Christiana (Thaxter) Cushing. Christiana was dau. of Benjamin and Susanna (Joy) Thaxter. See Thaxter Genealogy. Henry Huntington Wheeler resides at Pomona, Cal.

WILCOX (WILCOCKS).

- Edward¹, first one in New England; admitted inhabitant of Newport, R. I., 1638.
- Daniel² (Edward¹), mar. Nov. 28, 1661, at Plymouth, Mass., Elizabeth, dau. of John Cook of Tiverton R. I. He settled at Tiverton and d. July 2, 1702.
- Edward (Daniel 2, Edward 1), mar. about 1700 Sarah -----.
- William⁴ (Edward⁸, Daniel², Edward¹), b. Dec. 26, 1706; mar. Oct. 16, 1732 Priscilla Pabodie, dau. of William and Judith Pabodie and gr.-dau. of William and Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie and gt.-gd.-dau. of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden, who came in the Mayflower in 1620.
- William⁵ (William⁴, Edward⁸, Daniel², Edward¹), b. Jan. 24, 1733; mar. (1) Mary Brownell, (2) Phebe (Lake) Thompson, wid. of John Thompson.
- Isaac (William, William, Edward, Daniel, Edward), b. Dec. 30, 1761; d. 1796 at sea; mar. Mary Crandall, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Church) Crandall.
- Isaac⁷ (Isaac⁶, William⁵, William⁴, Edward⁸, Daniel², Edward¹), b. Feb. 5, 1796; d. Mar. 13, 1850; mar. Oct. 8, 1823 Clarissa Richmond Brownell, dau. of Zebedee and Sarah (Grinnell) Brownell. Isaac was first named Ezra; at his father's death the change was made.
- Edward (Isaac , Isaac , William , William , Edward , Daniel, Edward), b. Mar. 9, 1825; d. Feb. 15, 1860; mar. Nov. 23, 1852 Lucinda Lyon.
 - Sarah Huntington Wilcox, dau. of Isaac⁷, b. Sept. 2, 1831; d. Aug. 21, 1896; mar. June 13, 1854 Henry Martyn Wheeler. See Wheeler Genealogy.



GENEALOGY

OF

SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

THOMAS THAXTER OF HINGHAM,

1638,

THROUGH THE BRANCH REPRESENTED BY

BENJAMIN THAXTER,

Late of Boston.

*** Especial indebtedness for valuable assistance from Mr. George Lincoln of Hingham is hereby acknowledged.

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1638.

THOMAS 1 THAXTER, the first of the name in Hingham, Massachusetts, was granted a house-lot in 1638 near the "Training Field" at the centre of the town. He was the ancestor of all who have borne this surname in Hingham and vicinity, and probably in the United States. Families of Thaxters constituted a considerable proportion of all the inhabitants of Hingham at an early date. There is scarcely a doubt that he came from Hingham in England. A few years later than the date above mentioned he purchased of Captain John Mason of Pequod fame, a dwelling house and land formerly belonging to Robert Peck, situated on Bachelor, now Main Street, near the Old Meeting House, and the deed of sale for this was acknowledged before Mr. Endecot. Two years later he made several purchases of land at Broad Cove and at Weymouth River; also, in 1652, bought the house and land where his son John resided. He was a linen-weaver by occupation, a

deacon of the church, and was made a freeman in 1642. His wife's name was Elizabeth, who outlived him and was married a second time to William Ripley, a widower; surviving him she took a third husband, John Dwight of Dedham, and died in 1660. Thomas died in 1654 leaving a property valued at £230. He had six children of whom Sarah became the wife of Thomas Thurston of Medfield.

JOHN², the oldest of the children of Thomas¹, who probably came to Hingham from England with his father, married in 1648 Elizabeth, the daughter of Nicholas She was born in England in 1632, and Mary Jacob. and, surviving her husband, was married a second time in 1691 to Daniel Cushing, a widower. John was chosen Lieutenant in 1644 and afterwards Captain. serving against the Dutch in New York he "was prefered for" (promotion?) under orders from Cromwell. In 1680 he was in command of a troop of cavalry. He was a Selectman for eight years, and Representative in the General Court in 1666. His residence was on North street, where now stands St. Paul's Catholic Church. A grave-stone erected to his memory by Adam W. Thaxter, in the Hingham Cemetery, bears the following inscription:

HERE LYES BURIED
Yº BODY OF CAPT
JOHN THAXTER
AGED 61 YEARS
DIED MARCH Yº 14
1686/7

Elizabeth, his widow, came of a thrifty family. Her father left a goodly estate at his death, and after giving to his wife Mary by will "the bed which she usually lyeth upon", household furniture, etc., bequeathed the balance to his seven children then living. Elizabeth did not have

to remain long a widow, for an ardent lover appeared in the person of Daniel Cushing, a widower and the efficient Town Clerk of Hingham, Representative, Magistrate, etc. He was considerably older than Elizabeth, but this did not deter him from pressing his suit. She was shrewd and knew the value of a good bank account. He was advanced in life and had five sons interested in their father's estate. Their marriage was brought about after considerable negotiation, he being seventy-two and she fifty-nine years old.

John² had twelve children, all born in Hingham, of whom Thomas married Mrs. Lydia Logan, the daughter of John and Deborah (Austin) Coffin, born in Nantucket, 1669; this was her third marriage. Thomas died in 1704 without issue. He was in active service under Captain Church at Martha's Vineyard and adjoining islands, and was known as Captain. He was Selectman two years. Three of John's children married into the Cushing family.

Samuel³, the seventh child of John², was one of the most prominent citizens the town of Hingham has produced. He married Hannah, the daughter of Tremble and Elizabeth Gridley of Boston. Colonel Thaxter was a man of marked ability, a Magistrate, delegate to the General Court for several years, an Assistant, and otherwise distinguished in public trusts. He resided at the paternal homestead on North street. His death is noticed on the records of the town as follows: "Hon. Samuel Thaxter, late one of His Majesties Council and Colonel of this Regiment, being in the 76th yr of his age, dyed." He was well educated, and a large, powerful man. A distinguished divine once said he had rather have the good will of Colonel Thaxter than a whole parish in his favor. At a Town Meeting held in the Old Meeting House an athlete and a fighting character was among those present, but being the

worse for liquor was turbulent and wordy. Colonel Thaxter, as Moderator of the meeting, ordered him to desist; this caused him to rave and swear more violently until he finally dared the Moderator out to fight. No notice of this was taken at the time further than to have him removed from the house. A few days after, however, the Colonel met him on the street when he was sober and gave him a good, sound thrashing before several of the fellow's friends. He then gave him some useful advice, warning him that the Meeting House was not the place for such demonstrations as were made at the late meeting, and, further, gave him to understand that he, the Colonel, was not to be insulted on any occasion. Samuel⁸ had four children, Elizabeth, the oldest, was married first to Captain John Norton, afterwards to Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, a widower, and became the mother of Major-General Benjamin Lincoln of the Revolutionary Army.*

JOHN⁴, the eldest son of Samuel⁸, born in Hingham, was an influential man and an extensive farmer; but his usefulness was cut off in the prime of life by his early death at the age of thirty-nine. His wife Grace, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Turner) Stockbridge of

^{*}A grandson of Colonel Thaxter, Major Samuel, an officer in the French and Indian wars, was captured in the massacre at Fort William Henry, tied to a tree by the Indians, stripped of his clothing except a shirt and leather breeches preparatory to burning. He appealed to two French officers who were passing by for protection; pulling out his commission from his breeches pocket he asked them if they treated commissioned officers in that way. One of them cut the throngs that bound him with his sword, and said in imperfect English, "Quick walk." He did "quick walk," and made his way during the night to Fort Edward with his feet torn and bleeding. He was reported dead in Hingham, and Rev. Dr. Gay preached his funeral sermon from the text in 2d Samuel 18:33. One fine morning Major Thaxter came into town on horseback, and was met by Mr. Caleb Bates, who held up both his hands and exclaimed, "Why, Major, we've buried you!"

Pembroke, was descended from John who came to New England, 1635, in the ship Blessing. Soon after his arrival he erected mills and became a thrifty land owner. His mansion house in Scituate was a garrison in King Philip's war. When taken down several years since bullets fired at the inmates by the Indians were found imbedded in some of its timbers. The father of Grace lived to be more than one hundred years of age. The house in which John tesided on South street is standing, well preserved, and is occupied by the Catholic Priest. Grace was married again to Samuel Lincoln, a widower. John's children were eight in number and born in Hingham.

BENJAMIN⁵, the seventh child of John⁴ and Grace, was born in Hingham and married 1750 Susanna, the daughter of Thomas and Desire (Beal) Joy. He was a wealthy farmer, and there were but three persons in the town at the time of the Revolution who paid a larger tax. Perhaps a portion of his property came to him through his wife, who was an only child. Her father was a well-to-do citizen in the north part of the town, and his home place Benjamin⁵ afterwards owned and dwelt upon. The house of Benjamin⁵, was situated on Main street, a short distance from the Old Meeting house and on the opposite side of the road. About 1779 this house was destroyed by fire which broke out while the family was attending a launching at the town cove, and was caused by a defect in the chimney. A very hot fire had been made in the brick oven that morning for the purpose of baking beans, and the wood work around the chimney caught from an abrasion of the mortar. Whether this always popular New England dish, which has been among the Saturday night and Sabbath morning delicacies of the table for the inhabitants of the South Shore since the Pilgrims landed, was

not perfectly cooked, that is, "slack baked," cannot be known, although tradition confirms this view. A new house was immediately erected and stands very near the site of the one that was burned.

The following inscriptions are upon grave-stones in Hingham Cemetery:

In Memory of M'
Thomas Joy
who died Jan'y 14
1766 Aged
62 Years 6 Mon'
& Eight Days
Death's fleps are Swift
& yet no noife it makes
Its hand uncen
& yet most surely takes.

Erected
to the memory of
JOHN, JOSEPH,
BENJAMIN
and
SAMUEL THAXTER
and their immediate
descendants
by the surviving members
of the Thaxter Family.

1844.

Our Fathers, where are they? They are not here. They are risen.

Benjamin⁵ and Susanna had nine children, all born in Hingham. Grace was married to Solomon Blake; Christiana became the wife of John Cushing, a widower, a brother of Peter H. of Weymouth, who married Deborah, a daughter of Jotham Jacobs of Hingham; Desire was married to Doctor Levi Lincoln and their daughter Eliza Norton became the wife of Nathan Rice, a merchant of Boston doing business many years with Benjamin Thaxter, a nephew of Desire. Another daughter, Helen, was married to Doctor John Ware, a distinguished physician, and still another, Adeline, was the wife of Daniel Treadwell, professor at Harvard College. Nathan Rice's children were Elizabeth Lincoln, unmarried and living in Boston; Caroline Parsons, the wife of Rev. John F. W. Ware;

Helen, who was married to Mr. Ware after her sister's death; Sophia Thaxter, the wife of Doctor Gorham of Exeter, New Hampshire.; and Benjamin Thaxter, who married Louisa West and is now living in Worcester.

BENJAMIN⁶, the fourth child of Benjamin⁵, when a young man, was a clerk in the store of Joshua Howe at Abington. He became acquainted with Mr. Howe's daughter Sarah and they were married in 1783. Her mother's maiden name was Hannah Reed, of Dighton, probably. Benjamin⁶ subsequently farmed it in Abington, and in 1792 moved to Worcester and purchased a farm in the north part of the town, which remained in the family nearly fifty years. When asked by a relative the reason for the removal he laughingly replied, "To escape pine lands and Orthodoxy." He did leave the former behind him, but the latter came with him in the person of his estimable wife. Mr. Thaxter was a successful farmer and brought his land to a high state of cultivation. His family attended Dr. Bancroft's Church while he lived. Mrs. Thaxter was a woman of great decision of character, of an independent disposition, and looked well to the ways of her household. She survived her husband eighteen years and died at the age of eighty-one. Their children were Sarah, who became the wife of Joseph Avery of Plymouth, whose married life was cut short by his sudden death seven years after they were united; Mary Howe, the wife of Henry Wheeler, referred to in the history of the Wheeler family; Martin, Francis and Fanny Lincoln, all of whom were unmarried. Martin went into business at Mobile, Alabama, and died there. Francis carried on the farm after his father's death. This family was distinguished for the uprightness, generosity and honesty of its members; for the high standard set for the various attainments of life; for the

earnest desire for knowledge, gratified, however, only to a limited extent by circumscribed conditions; and by a self-forgetfulness which shone with great lustre in the unselfish life of Fanny Lincoln. The house which they occupied in Worcester, built about 1735, is still standing.

BENJAMIN⁷, the third child of Benjamin⁶, was a successful merchant in Boston for more than half a century, and was esteemed for probity of character, uprightness in all his dealings, a pure life, and unselfishness, and kindness to everyone. At the time of his death he was the oldest merchant in Boston. He formed a copartnership with Mr. Nathan Rice in 1816, and the firm of Rice & Thaxter did business during their entire connection at the same spot on Long Wharf. Mr. Rice died in 1852. The old sign over their store was so weather-beaten by sun and rain, storm and tempest, as to be scarcely legible for many years before its removal. The firm stood high in the estimation of all business men, being noted for the honor and integrity of all its transactions. Mr. Thaxter was considered one of the highest type of Boston merchants. One who knew him intimately for sixty years, said, "He was as near a perfect man and merchant as could be found. I never heard a word against him, and I could not put my finger on a fault." He was quiet in his tastes, and never accepted public office. He was, however, for twenty-seven years a Director of the Eagle Bank, and one of the Trustees of the Provident Institution for Savings of Boston for many years. His death at the great age of ninety-eight closed this line of Thaxters. But what a grand termination of a long and noble ancestry!

Mr. Thaxter went to Boston probably in 1800 or 1801. About the year 1805 he was sent out as supercargo of a small schooner to Lisbon by Mr. Henry Sigourney and

Mr. Thomas Thaxter of Boston, and "his conduct was such as not only to meet our highest approbation but that of persons acquainted with him at Lisbon." Those merchants recommended him to Mr. Samuel Smith and conjointly they "sent him on a difficult voyage to Cadiz. His business was conducted with such a degree of honesty and discretion as to gain a very powerful friendship from Mr. Smith, who, I believe, would have trusted him with anything." Either on this voyage or a subsequent one in 1813, while going to Alexandria by water in a boat of eight tons to load a vessel with flour, he and the boat's crew of six were overhauled at the mouth of the Delaware river, by a boat from a British frigate, after a hard race of three or four hours in the endeavor to escape. Their colors were hauled down, "with three cheers from the enemy, we were carried down to the frigate, treated politely and permitted to proceed." They continued their course to the Chesapeake, where they were fired upon from the frigate Plantagenet and their boat nearly sunk. They were detained on the frigate, treated with kindness and abundantly fed with tender, juicy mutton for nearly five weeks, when they were transferred to the Dragon of seventy-four guns, where they remained only a few days and then were set at liberty. Mr. Thaxter says further, in a letter from which these quotations are made: "We do not wholly despair of getting the ship to sea, or if not may possibly transport the cargo to New Haven." He succeeded in landing the cargo at its destination without much profit either to himself or his employers, as he said.

On the Plantagenet there was a smart but blustering lieutenant, a regular John Bull, who was longing to handle a Yankee frigate. He wished to have two Yankee ships alongside, one on either quarter. One day the news of

Perry's victory reached the frigate, and no more boasts were heard from the doughty officer, to the no small delight of the Yankee prisoners.

When Mr. Thaxter contemplated going into business, his future partner, Mr. Nathan Rice, applied to Mr. Thomas Thaxter for his opinion of him, who said: "I do consider him a young gentleman of the best moral character, from a very correct & good family, indefatigable in business, a cautious, discreet & prudent man, and by his own energy has gained a character far before any young man I am acquainted with.".. "At present I have such an opinion of him that I should not be afraid to give him the greatest trust. I do not believe he will ever misplace the confidence put in him."

Mr. Thaxter married in 1828 Eliza Parris (Hayt) of Boston, a widow, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Brown) Parris. Mr. Parris was a descendant of Rev. Samuel of witchcraft notoriety. Mrs. Thaxter was first married to Elna Hayt of Boston in 1814, a music dealer and umbrella maker. He died in 1819 or 1820. His father possibly was Elna, a merchant of New York, who went to Boston before the close of the Revolution. His mother was Sarah (Sackett) of Connecticut. Mrs. Thaxter was a handsome woman, dignified in her manners, courteous in all her intercourse with others, sympathetic in her nature, a model housekeeper and an affectionate wife. She and her husband were united in a generous hospitality and in a liberal but quiet and unostentatious bestowal of their means to the needy and deserving.

GENEALOGY.

THOMAS¹, b. in England. In Hingham 1638; d. Feb. 4, 1653/4; mar. Elizabeth ———; she surv⁴ him and mar. (2) Sept. 29, 1654 William Ripley, wid¹. surv⁸ him she mar. (3) Jan. 28, 1657/8 John Dwight of Dedham and d. July 17, 1660. Thomas¹ Thaxter adm⁴ Freeman May 18, 1642. "Linen Weaver." Dea. of Ch. Chil.:

- 1 John b. Eng. 1626.
- II ELIZABETH b. 1629.
- III THOMAS b. 1632; d. Jan. 6, 1646/7.
- IV SARAH b. 1635; mar. Dec. 13, 1655, Thomas Thurston of Medfield.
- v Daniel. b. 1638; d. Apr. 22, 1663.
- vi Samuel b. Hingham May 19, 1641; d. May 27, 1725; mar. (1) Dec. 19, 1666 Abigail Church, dau. of Richard and Elizabeth (Warren) Church; mar. (2) June 13, 1678, Deborah Lincoln, dau. of Thomas and Avith or Anis (Lane) Lincoln; seven chil. by first wife, three by second. This Thomas Lincoln was the first of the family in this country; he came from the west of Eng. 1635-6. Known as the "Cooper."
- JOHN² (Thomas¹), b. in Eng. —— 1626; d. Hingham March 14, 1686/7; mar. Dec. 4, 1648 Elizabeth Jacob, dau. of Nicholas and Mary Jacob; she b. in Eng. —— 1632 and

surv^g him mar. (2) March 23, 1690/91 Daniel Cushing, wid^r; he b. Hingham, Eng. Apr. 20, 1619; d. Hingham, Mass., Dec. 3, 1700; mar. (1) Jan. 19, 1645 Lydia Gilman, dau. of Edward and Mary (Clark) Gilman; Daniel was Selectman many years, Town Clerk thirty-one years, dele. to Gen. Ct. 1680–1682, 1695. Chil. of John², all b. in Hingham.

- 1 John b. Dec. 4, 1651; d. soon.
- II THOMAS b. June 4, 1654; d. Sept. 3, 1704; mar. Dec. 31, 1696 Mrs. Lydia Logan of Boston, her third marriage; she dau. of John and Deborah (Austin) Coffin and b. June 1, 1669 at Nantucket. Thomas had no chil. Selectman 1689, 1702.
- ıп Joseph b. June 1, 1656; mar. Mary ——. No chil.
- IV SAMUEL b. Nov. 17, 1658; d. young.
- v ELIZABETH b. Feb. 19, 1660/1; d. Apr. 6, 1727; mar. Dec. 8, 1680 Daniel Cushing, Jr.; he b. Hingham July 23, 1648; d. May 5, 1716. "Weaver," Constable 1684. Ten chil.
- vi Benjamin b. Feb. 4, 1662/3; d. March —, 1720/1, unm.
- vii Samuel b. Aug. 6, 1665.
- viii Mary b. Aug. 19, 1667; mar. (1) Nov. 28, 1688
 Theophilus Cushing; he b. Hingham June 7, 1657; d.
 Jan. 7, 1717; eleven chil. She mar. (2) Jan. 11, 1721/2
 Capt. Joseph Herrick of Beverly.
- IX DEBORAH b. Sept. 14, 1669; mar. Oct. 17, 1687 Thomas Cushing of Scituate or Boston, s. of John and Sarah (Hawke) Cushing; he b. Dec. —, 1663.
- x Sarah b. Sept. 26, 1671; mar. (1) Oct. 1, 1691 Nathaniel Holmes; mar. (2) March 18, 1713/14 John Cushing of Scituate.
- XI DANIEL b. Aug. 1, 1675; d. June 9, 1676.
- XII JONATHAN b. Ap. 18, 1677.
- SAMUEL^a (John^a, Thomas¹), b. Aug. 6, 1665; d. Nov. 13, 1740; mar. Dec. 29, 1691 Hannah Gridley, dau. of Tremble and Elizabeth Gridley of Boston. She b. Apr. 19, 1671;

d. Jan. 26, 1756. Samuel was magistrate, del. to Gen. Ct. 1697, 1708 to 1712 inc., 1714 to 1718 inc., Assistant, Selectⁿ 1695, 1705, 1706, 1714. Chil. all b. in Hingham.

- I ELIZABETH b. Sept. 18, 1692; d. Jan. 11, 1762/3; mar. (1) Jan. 12, 1715/16 Capt. John Norton; he b. Dec. 13, 1680; d. Aug. 5, 1721, three chil.; Town Clerk 1717 to 1721 inc., teacher of gram. sch. 1714, Selectman 1719 to 1721 inc. She mar. (2) Oct. 31, 1723 Benjamin Lincoln wid; he b. Hingham Aug. 17, 1699; d. March 1, 1771; he mar. (1) Dec. 8, 1720 Mary Loring, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Leah (Buckland) Loring; she b. Hingham Sept. 16, 1696; d. May 20, 1721. Benjamin Lincoln Selectman sixteen yrs., Town Clerk, Rep. Gen. Ct. 1746 to 1748 inc., Majesty's Council 1753 to 1770 when he resigned. Eight chil. all by Elizabeth.
- 11 John b. Jan. 6, 1693/4.
- III SAMUEL b. Oct. 8, 1695; d. Dec. 4, 1732: mar. (1)
 Jan. 3, 1721/2 Sarah Marshall, d. of John Marshall; she
 b. Apr. 5, 1700; d. July 26, 1727. Samuel mar. (2) Mar.
 5, 1729/30 Mary Hawke, dau. of James and Mary (Gill)
 Hawke; she b. Oct. 13, 1711 and surd him, mar (2) Dec.
 12, 1733 Rev. John Hancock of Braintree. Samuel had
 three chil. all by first wife.
- IV SARAH b. ----
- JOHN⁴ (Samuel⁸, John², Thomas¹), b. Jan. 6, 1693/4; d. Apr. 6, 1733; mar. Jan. 15, 1718/19 Grace Stockbridge, dau. of Joseph and Margaret (Turner) Stockbridge of Pembroke; she b. —— 1700 and surv^g him mar. (2) Jan. 25, 1740/1 Samuel Lincoln, wid^r; he b. Hingham Feb. 1, 1690/1; d. March 6, 1758; mar. (1) Feb. 27, 1713/14 Ruth Cushing, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Thaxter) Cushing. Ruth b. Hingham July 22, 1692; d. Feb. 26, 1736/7; eight chil. by Ruth, one by Grace, viz. Margaret, b. June 23, 1741/2. Chil. of John⁴ and Grace, all b. Hingham. 1 HANNAH b. Jan. 27, 1719/20; d. Jan. 8, 1783; mar. Apr. 24, 1738 Francis Barker; he b. Pembroke ——, 1714;

- d. Hingham June 16, 1795. "Master Shipwright." Ten chil.
- II JOHN b. Nov. 22, 1721; d. Oct. 6, 1802; mar. Feb. 24, 1743/4 Anna Quincy, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Norton) Quincy of Braintree. Nine chil.
- III JOSEPH b. Aug. 22, 1723; d. Oct. 12, 1808; mar. Dec. 8, 1742 Mary Leavitt, dau. of Hezekiah and Mary (Beal) Leavitt. Eleven chil.
- IV GRACE b. July 18, 1725; mar. Feb. 12, 1745/6 Henry Perkins of Boston.
- v Elizabeth b. Dec. 29, 1727; d. July 3, 1728.
- vi Benjamin b. Apr. 20, 1729; d. May 12, 1729.
- vii Benjamin b. June 7, 1730.
- VIII ELIZABETH b. Sept. 6, 1732; mar. May 14, 1752 George Lanc; he bap. Hingham June 6, 1731; d. May 12, 1790. "Shipmaster", later teacher in pub. schools, Hingham. Seven chil.*
- BENJAMIN⁶ (John⁴, Samuel⁸, John², Thomas¹), b. June 7, 1730; d. July 4, 1805; mar. Nov. 8, 1750 Susanna Joy, dau. of Thomas and Desire (Beal) Joy. Thomas Joy b. Hingham June 25, 1703; will proved Feb. 21, 1766. Constable and Selectman. Susanna b. Hingham Oct. 7, 1732;

In memory of
CAF GEORGE LANE
who died May 3, 1790 Ætatis 59
PETER LANE lost at sea 1779
Ætatis 22
FERDINAND LANE
Died at New York Sept 10, 1793
Ætatis 25

Here lies to silence and the grave consigned The Husband tender and the Father kind Whose sons far distant found a foreign grave Where no stone shall their memory preserve Yet on the Resurection morn shall meet The Father & the Sons with joy replete.

^{*} Inscription on grave-stone in Hingham:

- d. Jan. 31, 1810. Benjamin Thaxter was Constable 1759. Chil. all b. Hingham.
- I GRACE b. Feb. 16, 1751/2; d. July 26, 1795; mar. Apr. 5, 1770 Solomon Blake; he b. Boston June 22, 1744; settled in Hingham; d. Jan. 21, 1799; merchant. Seven chil.
- II BENJAMIN b. Dec. 15, 1753; d. June 21, 1754.
- III SUSANNA b. July 13, 1755; d. Deerfield Feb. 20, 1828; mar. Oct. 17, 1779 Joshua Barker; he b. Hingham Mar. 24, 1753; d. Apr. 2, 1800. Two chil.
- iv Benjamin b. Mar. 21, 1758.
- v Thomas b. July 21, 1760; d. Sept. 13, 1839; mar. Aug. 27, 1786 Anna Thaxter, dau. of John and Anna (Quincy) Thaxter. Two chil.
- vi Francis b. Dec. 12, 1763; d. Nov. 30, 1801; mar. (1) Dec. 19, 1789 Frances Lincoln, dau. of William and Mary (Otis) Lincoln; mar. (2) Feb. 22, 1798 Deborah Thaxter, dau. of Jonathan and Bethia (Lincoln) Thaxter; one chil. by first wife, two by second, viz.: Francis, b. June 19, 1799; d. July 18, 1828 at Matanzas, Cuba?; James, b. Aug. 29, 1801; d. May 21, 1824 at Natchez, Mississippi, of yellow fever.
- VII CHRISTIANA b. Dec. 2, 1766; d. Sept. 1, 1847 at Weymouth; mar. Dec. 20, 1787 John Cushing, widr; he b. Hingham Aug. 18, 1763; d. March 14, 1803. He mar. (1) Lucy Thaxter, dau. of Col. John and Anna (Quincy) Thaxter; one chil. by Lucy named Lucy. Five chil. by Christiana: I Crissey, mar. William Pomeroy of Cambridge; 2 Fanny Lincoln; 3 Silence Burr, mar. Feb. 25, 1816 John Beal Widr; he b. Hingham Aug. 21, 1779; d. July 25, 1863; mar. (1) Martha Bates, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Beal) Bates; she b. Hingham July 13, 1783; d. Jan. 1, 1811. Chil. by Martha, John Cushing, mar. Jane Proctor. 4 John, b. Jan. 13, 1797; d. May 5, 1860; mar. Delia Kingman of Boston; six chil: 1 George Arms. 2 John, b. Nov. -, 1820; d. Nov. 15, 1844. 3 Francis Thaxter, d. young. 4 Peter, whose name was changed

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viii Desire b. Mar. 25, 1770; d. Sept. 1, 1847; mar. Nov. 2, 1794 Levi Lincoln Jr.; he b. Hingham Dec. 12, 1767; d. May 24, 1829; Physician, Selectman 1803, 1804, Representative Gen. Ct. 1805. Chil.: 1 Elizabeth Norton, b. Oct. 24, 1796; d. Oct. 3, 1848; mar. May 28, 1817 Nathan Rice; he b. Hingham Dec. 27, 1789; d. Mar. 5, 1852 at Jacksonville, Fla. Chil. of Elizabeth N. and Nathan: 1 Elizabeth Lincoln, b. May 13, 1818. 2 Caroline P. b. Sept. 27, 1820; d. Sept. 18, 1848; mar. May 27, 1844 Rev. John F. W. Ware. 3 Helen W., b. Sept. 21, 1822; mar. Oct. 10, 1850 Rev. John F. W. Ware, husband of Caroline P., deceased. 4 Charles L., b. Oct. 6 or 10, 1826; d. in six months. 5 Nathan P., b. May 26, 1829, unmar. 6 Sophia Thaxter, b. July 18, 1832; mar. Oct. 10, 1855 Dr. William H. Gorham of Exeter, N. H. 7 a son, dead. 8 Benjamin T., b. Feb. 7, 1839; mar. Aug. -, 1862 Louise West of Charlestown, N. H. 2 Helen, b. Dec. 20, 1798; mar. Apr. 22, 1822 John Ware, M. D. of Boston. 3 Adeline, b. May 24, 1804; d. May 27, 1885; mar. Prof. Daniel Treadwell of Harvard Coll. b. Apr. 11, 1773; d. Sept. 22, 1776. IX MARTIN

BENJAMIN 6 (Benjamin 5, John 4, Samuel 8, John 2, Thomas 1), b. Mar. 21, 1758; d. Worcester Apr. 21, 1821; mar. Jan. 10, 1783 Sarah Howe, dau. of Joshua 1 and Hannah (Reed) Howe of Abington; she b. —— 1757; d. Sept. 21, 1838. Joshua b. Swanzey ——, 1721; d. Dec. 24, 1801; mar. Dec. 26, 1754; his wife, dau. of Jacob and Sarah (Hersey) Reed, b. ——, 1723; d. Oct. 18, 1796. Chil. of Joshua 1 and Hannah:

1 Mary, b. —, 1764; d. June 2, 1792. 2 Rachel, b. —; d. Jan. 14, 1818; mar. Aug. 17, 1804 Bethuel Drake, wid^r of Easton. 3 Nathaniel, b. —, 1755; d. July 19, 1814; mar. Ruth Colson; Chil.: 1 Betsey. 2 Mary, mar. Rev. William Shedd. 3 Joshua.

4 Hannah, b. —, 1760; d. July 8, 1843; mar. John King; Chil.: 1 John. 2 Joshua, mar. Hannah Torrey; Chil.: 1 Mary Torrey, d. Jan. 5, 1887; mar. Rev. Dennis Powers; he d. July 1, 1886. 2 Joshua Howe. 3 Josiah Torrey. 4 Mehitable Torrey. 5 John Avery, b. Aug. 16, 1822; mar. (1) Ellen Ware Pierce, dau. of Rev. Willard Pierce. Chil.: 1 Alice Pierce. 2 Henrietta Torrey, mar. Ashton Howard Pratt. 3 Fanny Shepard, mar. Granville R. Farrar. John Avery mar. (2) Sarah F. Hayward, dau. of Dea. Elias Hayward of Braintree; Chil.: 1 Alice Elizabeth. 2 Sarah Avery, mar. Carlos P. Faunce.

3 Sally. 4 Hannah. 5 Benjamin, mar. late, Susan H. Noyes, wid.

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- I MARTIN b. Abington 1783; d. Bay of St. Luis, Fla., Sept. 21, 1826, unmar.
- II SARAH b. Abington Mar. 26, 1786; d. Worcester Feb. 17, 1873; mar. Aug. 30, 1815 Joseph Avery of Plymouth, s. of Rev. Joseph Avery of Holden; he b. Dec. 3, 1779; d. Aug. 5, 1822.
- III Benjamin b. Abington June 2, 1788.
- IV FANNY LINCOLN b. Abington Mar. 29, 1791; d. Worcester Aug. 31, 1859, unmar.
- v Mary Howe b. Worcester Sept. 26, 1793; d. Nov. 19, 1874; mar. July 12, 1826 Henry Wheeler. See Wheeler Gencalogy.
- vi Francis b. Worcester Apr. 5, 1797; d. Sept. 14, 1851, unmar,
- BENJAMIN⁷ (Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁶, John⁴, Samuel⁸, John², Thomas¹), b. Abington June 2, 1788; d. Boston Sept. 6, 8

1886; mar. Dec. 3, 1828 Eliza (Parris) (Hayt), dau, of Samuel and Mary (Brown) Parris of Sudbury; she b. Sudbury Sept. —, 1792; d. Boston Feb. 20, 1871; mar. (1) Sept. 29, 1814 Elna Hayt, possibly s. of Elna, formerly of N. Y. city, later of Boston, who mar. Sarah Sackett of Conn. Samuel Parris a desc. of Rev. Samuel of Salem. Eliza Parris had two sisters: 1 Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1793; d. Apr. 7, 1876; mar. July 15, 1816 Ezra Coolidge Gates, s. of John and Catharine (Coolidge) Gates of Ashby; they had four chil.: 1 Joseph Parris, lived 5 days. 2 Elizabeth Sophia, b. Sept. 9, 1818; d. June 6, 1876; mar. June —, 1842 Rev. John Edward Farwell; five chil.: 1 Edward Sherman, b. June 2, 1847; mar. Helen Maria Rogers, dau. of John Prentis and Maria (Woodman) Rogers. 2 Rev. Parris Thaxter, b. Dec. 11, 1856; mar. Dec. 13, 1884 Margaret Cushing Loring, dau. of David and Margaret (Mitchell) Loring. 3 Mary Parris, b. Nov. 20, 1820; d. Sept. 23, 1841. 4 Catharine Coolidge, b. Oct. 5, 1828; mar, Mark R. Wendell.

2 Sophia B., second sister of Eliza Parris, b. —, 1794; d. Aug. 13, 1881; mar. Nov. 2, 1820 Horatio Masa Willis; he b. Petersham July 22, 1786; d. Stamford, Conn., Aug. 29, 1865; three chil.: 1 Sophia W., b. —; d. Aug. 19, 1845. 2 Horatio Parris, b. —, 1824; mar. Rebecca Barron Edgar, dau. of Dr. David A. Edgar of Staten Island. 3 Julia E. Parris, b. —, 1826; d. June 5, 1881; mar. Oct. 27, 1847 Walter Van Wagner Lawton; he d. Sept. 30, 1888.

ERRATA.

Page 11, line 26: For Mary Sigourné read Mary (Sigourné) Olivier.

- " 23, " 19: For Elizabeth, dau. of William read Elizabeth dau. of Resolved.
- " 35 " 9: For Chicester, Vt. read Chichester, N. II.
- " 35 " 17: For one chil. John read John B. (Aiken).
- " 46 " 23: For brother of Peter II. read cousin.

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** Abbreviations used in this Index: T. for town; C. for city; hus. for husband of; w. for wife of; s. for son of; dau. for daughter of. Small numerals over names distinguish individuals of the same name.

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