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HISTORY  
OF  
WALLINGFORD,

CONN.,

FROM ITS SETTLEMENT IN 1670 TO THE PRESENT  
TIME, INCLUDING

MERIDEN,

WHICH WAS ONE OF ITS PARISHES UNTIL 1806,

AND

CHESHIRE,

WHICH WAS INCORPORATED IN 1780.

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"Haply thine eye its ardent glance had cast  
Through the dim shades, the portals of the past ;  
By the bright lamp of thought thy care had fed  
From the far beacon lights of ages fled,  
The depths of time exploring to retrace  
The glorious march of many a vanquished race."

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“It is the privilege of History to impart the experience of age, without its infirmities ; to bring back things long obscured by time, or sinking into oblivion ; and enable us to form some reasonable conjecture of what may happen to posterity.”

POULSON'S *Hist. of Holderness.*

“Our Ancestors wrought in a magnanimous spirit of rivalry with Nature, or in kindly fellowship with her. . . . When they planted, they chose out her trees of longest life,—the Oak, the Chestnut, the Yew, the Elm,—trees which it does us good to behold, while we muse on the many generations of our Forefathers whose eyes have reposed within the same leafy bays.”

HARE'S *Guesses at Truth.*

“Go little booke, God send thee good passage,  
And especially let this be thy prayere,  
Unto them all that thee will read or hear,  
Where thou art wrong, after their help to call,  
Thee to correct in any part or all.”

CHAUCER'S *Belle Dame sans Mercie.*



# HISTORY OF WALLINGFORD.

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## INTRODUCTION.

I HAVE written a History of the town of Wallingford, covering a period of two hundred years. I have offered no brilliant word painting. I have described no battle scenes or heroes ; no political intrigues or crimes of kings. But I have endeavored faithfully to portray the lives and actions of our Puritan ancestors. They came to find an asylum for religious liberty, the very religious liberty for which they had been contending at home, and for which they had become accustomed to suffer privations across the channel. They found few helps and many hindrances to their growth and prosperity in a foreign land and under foreign rule, and they therefore undertook to rear a church and found a colony at the same time in the wilderness, whose vital principle should be the religious ideas for whose sake they had resigned the honors and braved the power of the English crown. Their notions of civil government were not clearly defined, and of the civil institution which their effort was to build, they took little thought and indulged little

anxiety. They only aimed at a pure religion and an independent church. This was their hope by day, their dream by night, and the goal of their continual prayer and effort.

Dr. Johnson said that "he who describes what he never saw, draws from fancy." History should rather be truth in its simplicity. As Horace says, "He hath gained every point, who hath mixed the useful with the agreeable, by delighting and equally improving the reader."

The design of Local History is to preserve the memory of local events and enterprise; to record the manners and customs, the character and services, the sacrifices, the toils and the sufferings of our fathers; to glean from old records and family traditions, material which has been passed over by the historians of the State and country. Until within a comparatively brief period, but little attention has been given to the preparation of local histories, or to the preservation of the materials of which they must be composed. Probably not more than one-half of the towns of New England have any well-authenticated history of their early settlement. A few scattering documents, brief and unsatisfactory letters, and family traditions colored and enlarged as such statements are apt to be, embrace all that can be obtained. A writer has said, that an octavo pamphlet of ten pages, containing well-authenticated facts concerning the year, month, and day in which the first man pitched his tent on the ground where the city of London now stands, his name, his origin, whence he

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1 Omne tulit punctum qui miscuit utile dulci,  
Lectorem delectando pariterque monendo. *De Art. Poet.*, 343.

came, the circumstances in which he came, the object of his coming, and, withal, a minute description of the place as it then was—such a pamphlet would be worth millions sterling to the author or proprietor. How unhappy is the reflection that the early settlements of our towns should be permitted to be forever lost through the apathy or indifference of their inhabitants.

Upwards of two hundred years ago, Thomas Fuller, D. D., of whom Coleridge said that he was “incomparably the most sensible and least prejudiced great man of an age that boasted of a galaxy of great men,” wrote as follows:

“History is a velvet study, and recreation work. What a pite it is to see a proper gentleman to have such a crick in his neck that he cannot look backward! Yet no better is he who cannot see behind him the actions which long since were performed. History maketh a young man to be old, without either wrinkles or grey hairs; priviledging him with the experience of age, without either the infirmities or inconveniences thereof. Yea, it not only maketh things past, present; but enableth one to make a rationall conjecture of things to come.”

No one of the present nations of Europe can tell us a word of their earliest ancestors; the oldest annals of Rome were compiled more than a century and a half after the records were destroyed by the Gauls, and more than three hundred and sixty years after the date ordinarily assigned for the foundation of the city. It is sufficient to read Thucydides' introduction to his history of the Peloponnesian war to perceive how little correct information could be obtained by that diligent inquirer into the antiquities of his country. But it is far different with our early history as a nation. We owe a

lasting debt of gratitude to our ancestors for their fidelity in recording the incipient steps taken by them in settling this new world ; but their descendants soon began to relax their fidelity in this respect. Men were so much occupied with the business of the present hour, that they were forgetful of the past and careless of the future. They possessed neither the ability nor inclination to contemplate their public transactions in the impartial light of history, far less to treasure and to record them ; they were a people humble in their beginnings, unambitious in their aims ; "content with the moral grandeur that alone attends the discharge of their duty, and in silent unconsciousness building up a political structure more sublime in its beauty than the towered palaces of kings."

I know how difficult it will be to make a local history interesting if I confine myself merely to transcripts from old records and dry details. The historian is not obliged to look abroad like the poet for illustrations ; his images are ready ; his field of combat is inclosed. He wants only so much vivacity as will supply color and life to the description. Tacitus informs us that songs were the only memorials of the past which the ancient Germans possessed. We know that the early history of England is a mass of fiction and fable ; but owing to the modern severity of historical research, legends of beauty continually disappear, and the rents in history become plainer as the ivy is torn away. In the exquisite image of Landor, it is like breaking off a crystal from the vault of a twilight cavern, out of mere curiosity to see where the accretion ends and where the rock begins. If, in writing this work, I can turn the attention of the descendants of the Connecticut emigrants from the present to the glo-

rious past—if I can instil into their minds a love for the noble men who left the luxuries of the old world for a life of privation and dangers in a wild and unknown country, I shall consider myself well repaid.

In 1858 I commenced gathering materials for this work, by looking over old files of deeds and papers, searching family, church, town and probate records, the State archives, and interviewing the oldest inhabitants, until I had accumulated a large quantity of interesting information of a local nature. In 1867 I returned to Meriden after an absence of seven years; and the time that could be devoted from my other duties was given to the collecting of genealogical records, and the completion of the history. While thus engaged in 1869, I received a letter from Mr. ELIHU YALE of New Haven, in which he informed me that he had been engaged for nearly fifteen years in compiling genealogies of the Wallingford families. We met and compared notes, and the result was, that I placed my genealogical records in his hands for completion. To these records I have made a few alterations and additions, bringing a few families down to the present generation, and adding notes, principally from Durrie, showing where further information can be obtained of each family.

It is not possible that a work of this description, containing such a mass of facts and abounding in names and dates, should be free from error. A writer has said that when the mind is attentively employed in such researches as tend to illustrate any obscure passages in history or antiquity, every hint, every ray of light that illustrates the subject, gives high satisfaction to the student, and tends to the great entertainment of the

readers of his work.<sup>1</sup> I am also indebted to Mr. YALE, for much valuable information, especially in the biographical notices.

I would here return thanks to all who have assisted me in my researches, and who have taken an interest in the work. I am under great obligations to the librarians of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, New York Historical Society, Yale College, and Massachusetts and Connecticut State libraries, for favors shown.

“I have together gathered and commanded to be written many of those things that our forefathers held.”<sup>2</sup> But “I know that the Argument . . . required the pen of some excellent Artizan ; but fearing that none would attempt and finish it . . . I chose rather (among other my labors), to handle it after my plain fashion, than to leave it unperformed.” *John Stowe*, 1598.

CHARLES H. S. DAVIS.

MERIDEN, CONN., SEPTEMBER, 1870.

<sup>1</sup> Remains of Japhet, p. 184, London, 1767.

<sup>2</sup> Ic thæs togædere geoderrd and awritan het manega thæra the ura foregengan heoldon. *Pref. Leg. Ælfrædi*.

## CHAPTER I.

## PURCHASE OF INDIAN LANDS.

THE present ownership or title to the lands in Wallingford and Meriden is derived, 1. From purchase of the Indians. 2. From the patent of Connecticut under the great seal of England. 3. From the grants made by the Colonial Legislature to individuals, which those individuals had power to convey by deed. 4. From the patent of Wallingford under the seal of the Colony, which gave power to the proprietors of Wallingford to make allotments of land to individuals, who had power to convey these lands thus allotted by deed.

When Davenport and his company arrived at New Haven, they found the territory in possession of the Indians, the original owners of the soil. Within the limits of Connecticut, as its boundaries are now fixed, were probably from twelve to fifteen thousand Indians,<sup>1</sup> broken into many clans or tribes, speaking different dialects, that had a common basis, so that the individuals belonging to one tribe could understand the words spoken by another. In no part of New England were the Indians so numerous as in Connecticut. The great quantities

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<sup>1</sup> Deforest, in his "History of the Connecticut Indians," estimates the number at from six to seven thousand only, while other historians place the number as high as twenty thousand.

of fish and fowl which the country and its waters afforded, were well adapted to their convenience and mode of living. Neither wars nor diseases had so depopulated this, as they had some other parts of New England. Those who lived on either bank of the Connecticut, and were hence called river Indians, were nearly all within the old limits of Windsor, Hartford, Wethersfield, and Middletown. There were ten sovereignties of them in Windsor alone, who could muster, it was said, an aggregate of two thousand bowman. Hartford swarmed with them. The Mattabesitt tribe, then living in and about the present city of Middletown, claimed the land which they afterwards sold to Davenport and his company. At the time of the settlement of New Haven, Sowheag was the great sachem of the Mattabesitt tribe. He had a fort at Middletown, on the high ground near the "narrows," by the river, and his power extended over Middletown, Wallingford and Meriden, and small portions of towns adjoining thereto.

That part of the State now occupied by the counties of New London and Windham, with a large part of Tolland county, was occupied by the Pequots and Mohegans, an exceedingly fierce, warlike and crafty race.<sup>1</sup> But the power of the Pequots was felt beyond these

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<sup>1</sup> On the west of the Connecticut river and extending towards the Hudson, resided the Mohegans. (Bancroft, III. 239). Mohegan is a word, the meaning of which is not explained by the early writers; but if we may trust the deductions of philology, it needs create little uncertainty. The tribe called themselves Muhhekanien; and signified a wolf of supernatural power. This was the badge or arms of the tribe, rather than the name of the tribe itself. The affinities of the Mohegans with the Minci, or Moncees, on the west bank of the Hudson, and through them with the Delawares, are apparent in the language, and were well recognized at the era of the settlement.



bounds. Other tribes had been overrun by their war parties, a tribute imposed, and a paramount dominion established. Prince, in his introduction to Mason's Pequot War, says that this tribe extended westward to Connecticut River, and over it as far as Brandford, if not to Quinnipiack (New Haven). Gookin' states that the sachem of the Pequots held dominion over a part of Long Island; over the Mohegans and the Quinnipiacks; "yea, over all the people that dwelt upon Connecticut River, and over some of the most southerly inhabitants of the Nipmuck country."

Sassacus, the head sachem of the Pequots, was the most intractable and proud of all the New England Indians. He is described as having excelled all the other men of his tribe in courage and address as a warrior, as much as that tribe surpassed all the neighboring ones in its haughty claims to dominion. Sassacus had twenty-six sachems under him, when the English settlers first came to the Connecticut river. Far and wide extended the hunting-fields, the deer-tracks, and the war-paths of this tribe; and all other tribes lived in constant terror of them. If they neglected to pay their tribute, the Pequots would descend upon them, plunder, destroy and carry them captive at pleasure. When they were not molested by the Pequots, the Mohawks, who had extended their conquests as far east as the Connecticut river, would issue their orders, and collect their tribute. When they made their appearance in the country, the Connecticut Indians would instantly raise a cry from hill to hill, "A Mohawk! A Mohawk!" and fly like sheep before wolves, without attempting the least resistance. It is indeed

difficult to describe the fear of these terrible nations, which had fallen on all the Indians in the western parts of Connecticut. On this account they welcomed the arrival of the English among them, little dreaming that a few farmers who busied themselves with tasks fit, in their estimation, only for women, would soon get possession of the choicest lands that had been transmitted through a long line of Indian kings, and, finally, rising up as one man, would sweep whole tribes from the earth, and blot out their proudest names from remembrance. And yet, so desirous were they of English settlements on their territory, that before the first settlement was made in the State, a deputation of Indians appeared in Massachusetts *requesting* the people of that State to send a colony and form a plantation among them in Connecticut.

In the first deed between Davenport, Eaton and others, and the Indians, in 1638, it is expressly stated as a reason why they gave the deed and wished purchasers to settle among them,

“Remembering the heavy taxes and imminent dangers lately felt and feared from the Pequots, Mohawks and other Indians, in regard of which they durst not stay in their country, but were forced to flee and seek shelter among the English ; and observing the safety and ease that the other Indians enjoy, near the English, of which benefits they have a comfortable taste already, which with all thankfulness they now acknowledge, they grant,” &c., &c.

In this part of the country then, the original settlers were not intruders. It is true that the price or consideration paid for these lands was inconsiderable, when viewed from our stand-point. The policy adopted by our fathers in respect to the Indians was characterized

by justice and by kindness. The right of the Indians to the soil was admitted and respected. Patents and charters from the King were never considered good against the rights of the natives. It appears from the documents which I have examined, that the lands in many instances were bought and paid for several times over. If, after any particular tract had been purchased, some sachem or tribe appeared with a claim to the same land, that title also was bought out, and if again other claimants appeared, the purchase was still made again. Part of Meriden was thus bought again and again. And in 1670, thirty-four years after Hartford had been bought of the Indians, and had become populous, there arising some dispute about the title, the lands in Hartford were bought over again. Let any man demonstrate if he can, that in Connecticut a single rood of land was ever acquired of the Indians otherwise than by fair purchase, except what was conquered from the Pequots, in a war as righteous as ever was waged.

The most ancient record in existence at New Haven is the record of two treaties with the aboriginal proprietors, by which the soil was purchased, and the relations thenceforward to subsist between the Indians and the English were distinctly defined. In 1638, the original settlers of New Haven bought of "Momauguin, the Indian Sachem of Quinopiocke, and Sugcogisin, Quesaquauch, Caroughood, Wesaucucke, and others of his council," the tract of land on which New Haven now stands, extending several miles to the northward, and embracing probably North Haven, also. The articles of agreement are to this effect: That Momauguin is the sole sachem of Quinnipiack, and had an absolute power to aliene and dispose of the same: That in consequence of the pro-

tection which he had tasted, by the English, from the Pequots and Mohawks,<sup>1</sup> he yielded up all his right, title and interest to all the land, rivers, ponds and trees, with all the liberties and appurtenances belonging to the same, unto Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport and others, their heirs and assigns forever. He covenanted that neither he nor his Indians would terrify nor disturb the English, nor injure them in any of their interests; but that, in every respect, they would keep true faith with them. The English covenanted to protect Momauquin and his Indians when unreasonably assaulted and terrified by other Indians; and that they should always have a sufficient quantity of land to plant on, upon the east side of the harbor, between that and Saybrook fort. They also covenanted, that by way of free and thankful retribution, they gave unto the said sachem and his council and company twelve coats of English cloth, twelve alchymy spoons, twelve hatchets, twelve hoes, two dozen of knives, twelve porringers, and four cases of French knives and scissors. What the Indians retained after the treaty, was worth more to them than what they had before the treaty. The consideration which chiefly moved them to the cession was not the coats, the knives, and the hatchets, the pewter spoons and porringers, but the safety and manifold advantages of having the English for their neighbors and protectors.

In December following, the settlers made another purchase of a large tract, which lay principally north of

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1 The Indians of Quinnipiack, in this treaty, declared, "That they still remembered the heavy taxes of the Pequots and Mohawks; as that, by reason of their fear of them, they could not stay in their own country; but had been obliged to flee. By these powerful enemies they had been reduced to about forty men."

the former. This was bought of Mantowese, son of the great sachem at Mattabesitt.<sup>1</sup> This tract was ten miles in length, north and south, and thirteen miles in breadth. It extended eight miles east of the river Quinnipiac, and five miles west of it towards Hudson river. It included all the lands within the ancient limits of the old towns of New Haven, Branford and Wallingford, and almost the whole contained in the present limits of these towns, and of the towns of East Haven, Woodbridge, Cheshire, Hamden and North Haven. These have since been made out of the three old towns.

“Articles of agreement betwixt Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport, and sundry other English planters at Quinnypiock on the one part, and Mantowese, son of an Indian sachem living at Mattabezeck, and nephew to Sequin, on the other part, made and concluded the 11th day of December, 1638.

“First, the said Mantowese, in presence and with allowance of Sawseunck, and Indians which came in company with him, doth profess, affirm and covenant to and with the said Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport, and others, above, that the land on both sides the river Quinnypiock, from the northerly bounds of the land lately purchased by the said English of the Quinnypiock Indians, namely, from the pond in the great meadow, about two miles above the great hill, to the head of the river at the great plain toward the plantations settled by the English upon the river of Quinticut, southerly, which is about ten miles in length from north to south; the bounds of which land run also eight miles easterly from the river of Quinnypiock towards the river of Quinticut, and five miles westerly towards Hudson’s river,—doth truly and solely belong to him the said Mantowese, in right of his deceased mother, to whom the said land did appertain, and from whom

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<sup>1</sup> The mother of Mantowese must have been the daughter and heiress of some deceased sachem, for it was through her that the land was obtained.

it justly descends upon him as his inheritance, so that he hath an absolute and independent power to give, alien, dispose, or sell all, or any part of the said land as he shall think good; and that neither his said father, nor any other person whatsoever, have any right, title, or interest in any part of the land described and limited as above, whereby he or any other may hereafter justly question what the said Mantowese now doth, or lay any claim to any part of the said land now disposed of by him.

“Secondly, the said Mantowese being fully acquainted with the agreements lately passed betwixt the said English planters and the Sachem of Quinnypiocck, his council and company, did freely of his own accord, upon full and serious deliberation, give, grant, and yield up, all his right, title, and interest to all the land mentioned and bounded as above, with all the rivers, ponds, trees, and all liberties and appurtenances whatsoever, belonging to the same, to the said Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport, and other English planters, at Quinnypiocck, and to their heirs and assigns forever, desiring from them, the said English planters, to receive such a small portion of land by the river’s side, about two miles beyond the tree over the river in the passage from hence towards the towns at Quincticut, as may be sufficient for his small company, being but ten men in number, besides women and children, which portion of land they desire may, hereafter, upon a view, be assigned, appointed and limited unto them by the said English planters, reserving also to himself and his forenamed company, liberty, in fit seasons and due manner, without prejudice to the English, to hunt and fish and kill beaver, yet therein also to be regulated by the said English, upon discovery of any annoyance, as the Quinnypiocck Indians are in that case.

“Lastly, the said Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport, &c., accepting from Mantowese this free gift of his land as above, do by way of thankful retribution give unto him eleven coats made of trucking cloth, and one coat for himself of English

cloth, made up after the English manner, which being thankfully accepted by the said Mantowese, and the agreement in all points perfected; for satisfaction and full confirmation of the same, Mantowese and Sawseunck have set their hands or marks, this day and year before written.

“MANTOWESE, **X** his mark.  
SAWSEUNCK, **X** his mark.”

“I, John Clarke, being interpreter in this treaty, do hereby profess in the presence of God, that I have fully acquainted the Indians with the substance of every article, to the which they have freely agreed; that is to say, that Mantowese have given to Mr. Davenport and Mr. Eaton all his land which he had by his deceased mother, which he saith is from the head of the great plain to the pond, which he profess to be his, and promise to make it good to our English; and for this he is satisfied with twelve coats; only reserve a piece of land by the river for his men, which are ten, and many squaws, to plant in; and when our cows come there, what harm their dogs do our cattle, they will satisfy for, and we for what harm our hogs do to them in corn; and as for hunting and fishing, they are acquainted and do freely consent to them, as their mark witness. The truth of which, if lawfully called, I shall readily confirm by my oath at any time.

“Per me, JOHN CLARKE.<sup>1</sup>

“We, Robert Coggswell, Roger Knapp, and James Love, do hereby renounce all right to any and every part of the forementioned land. Witness our hands hereunto.

“ROBERT COGGSWELL,  
JAMES LOVE,  
ROGER KNAPP, **X** his mark.”

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<sup>1</sup> This interpreter seems to have been one of the first inhabitants of the colony. The interpreter of the first treaty, was Thomas Stanton, who was for many years a sort of chief dragoman in all important negotiations with the Indians.

That these treaties were ever violated by either party does not appear in history, although Governor Andros had said that the "signature of an Indian was no better than the scratch of a bear's paw." Upon the tract ceded by these treaties, where in 1638 there were subsisting in savage wretchedness not quite sixty men, and the largest estimate of women and children would not make the entire native population more than two hundred and fifty, there are now about 30,000 people, the poorest of which have more physical comforts, not to speak of intellectual and moral differences, than the richest of the Indians enjoyed in 1638. To one who now stands upon the summit of West Peak and looks off upon the immense plain, like a green carpet stretching far off to the Sound, dotted here and there with villages, and the quiet farm houses,

" So rich and picturesque and free,  
The common unrhymed poetry  
Of simple life and country ways,"

it seems scarcely credible that the consideration of this deed was "eleven coats made of trucking cloth, and one coat of English cloth, made up after the English manner," with the reservation of the right to plant and hunt upon the granted premises. But the price was an adequate one. What could the grantors do with money? and the liberty to occupy the land for the two purposes named in the deed, comprised in the mind of an Indian, nearly all that lawyers mean by the term *fee simple*.

The north half of Meriden, was claimed by portions of the Mattabesitt tribe; and when Farmington was settled by the English, there was a band of that tribe, in the southeast part of that town, probably near Kensington.



The north part of our town remained in possession of the Indians, long after they had sold all the adjacent territory. Near the northern limit lay the Belcher farm. Rev. Mr. Perkins, in his "Historical Sketches," says, that

"One Mr. Belcher, very early, but how early we cannot precisely ascertain, had a grant of a large tract of land lying on our present northern border. Whether this was a colonial grant or a royal grant, we do not know, for no trace of deed or grant can be found in the state records or town records."

Hoping to find such a record,

"Through difficulties

And with much pains, expence of time and cost,

Many heapes of worne Records have I turn'd and tos't,"

and success crowned my efforts. Here is the deed :

"Att a Gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly holden at Newhaven October the 14th, 1703 ; Whereas, the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Company of this her Majesties Colonie of Connecticut in Gen<sup>all</sup> Court assembled at Hartford, Aug. the 28th 1661, did give and grant unto Jonathan Gilbert of the said town of Hartford, innholder, dec<sup>d</sup>, three hundred and fifty acres of cuntry land for a farm, and whereas, the said Gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly holden at Hartford March the 13th, 166½, and Octob'r the 12th, 1665, did give and grant to Capt. Daniel Clerke of the town of Windzor three hundred acres of land for the same use, to be taken up partly upon the branches of Mattabesitt River, and partly upon the road from Wethersfield to Newhaven, at or near a place called Cold Spring on the west side of a ridge, of mountainous land comonly called or known by the name of the Lamentation Hills, all which appeares on record ; and the said Jonathan Gilbert did purchase of the said Daniel Clerke his said grant, by which grant and purchase the said Jotath. Gilbert obtained to himself and his heirs a good and lawfull right and title to sixe hundred and fiftie acres of the said cuntry land, four hundred and seventie acres whereof was

laid out to the said Jonathan Gilbert by persons appointed by the said Gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly at and nere the said place called the Cold Spring on the west side of the said Lamentation Hill ; the said four hundred and seventie acres of land comprehending within it three pieces of meadowe, one called the south meadow, another the north meadow, and the third beaver meadow ; and the said Jonathan Gilbert having purchased the native right of the said land, and of the land thereunto adjoining, amounting in the whole to the sume of one thousand acres and upwards of meadow and upland ; and whereas Capt. Andrew Belcher of the town of Boston in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in Newengland, merchant, hath by purchase gained to himselfe and his heirs forever all the estate, right and title that the heirs or assignes of the said Jonathan Gilbert had or might have in or to the said four hundred and seventie acres of land, meadow and upland, and whatever right might accrue to them by the said purchase of the native right, and hath petitioned this Assembly for a pattent to be granted out to him for a full confirmation of the same to him, his heirs and assignes forever. This Assembly considering that the said Andrew Belcher hath expended a considerable estate upon the said land in building tennantable houses and settling tennants therein, and other improvements which are like to be a publick as well as private benefitt, the said tennements being conveniently situate for the relief of travailers in their journeying from place to place, for his encouragement to goe forward with his improvements doe see cause to grant his petition, and doe now give and grant unto the said Andrew Belcher all the said four hundred and seventie acres of meadow and upland (as it is laid out and bounded, or described to be bounded, in a plott or survey thereof exhibited in this Assembly under the hand of Mr. Caleb Stanley, surveyor), to be to him the said Andrew Belcher, his heirs and assignes forever ; and doe order that the said Andrew Belcher shall have a pattent for the said four hundred and seventie acres of land so butted

and bounded as in the said plott is described, the pattent to be signed by the Governour and Secretarie in the name and behalfe of the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Companie of this her Majesties Colonie, which pattent shall be of full force and virtue to all intents and purposes in the lawe for the ensureing and sure making of all the said purchased and granted lands so butted and bounded as aforesaid, and every part and parcell thereof, with all the profitts, priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and from time to time thence arising, unto him the said Andrew Belcher, his heirs and assignes forever, according to the true intent and meaning thereof. Provided always, nevertheless, that there shall be a country road or highway through the said farme or part thereof, as there shall be occasion.<sup>1</sup> Capt. John Hamlin moving to this Court for a grant of a tract of land to Capt. Andrew Belcher, which land lieth between said M<sup>r</sup> Belcher's farme at Merriden and the mountain called Lamentation, this Court doe order Capt. Thomas Hart and M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Stanley jun<sup>r</sup>. to survey said tract of land and make return thereof to this Court in May next, both as to the quantitie and qualitie of said land."

In May 1704, the committee handed in the following report :

"To the Hon<sup>bl</sup> the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of the Colonie of Conecticut sitting in Hartford, May the 11<sup>th</sup> 1704. Whereas, the Generall Assembly of the said Colonie held at Newhaven October the 14<sup>th</sup>, 1703, did order and appoint us the subscribers hereunto to measure and survey a certain tract of land adjoining to Capt. Andrew Belcher's farme called Merriden, and lying between the said farme and the top or ridge of the mountain usually called Lamentation Mountain (which said tract of land the said Belcher did petition for to the said Court), and to make our return thereof to this Hon<sup>rd</sup> Court now sitting, both as to the quantitie and qualitie thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> The survey of Capt. Belcher's farm is recorded in Book D, folio 318, 319, 320.

In pursuance whereof, we, the said subscribers, did survey and measure the said tract of land in maner as follows, viz., from the southeast corner of the said farme we run and measured east (by the needle of the surveying instrument) eighty rods, and then east seventeen degrees, northerly sixtie-eight rods to the top of the said mountain, and from the northeast corner of the said farme, we run and measured east 29 degrees, southerly one hundred and twentie rods to the top of the same mountain. We also found the said mountain to lye and bear near north thirtie degrees easterly, south thirtie degrees westerly, and considering the same with the lines that are the eastern boundary of the said farme (having a plott thereof before us), we found that the said land petitioned for as aforesaid, doth contain about two hundred and eightie acres. And as to the qualitie thereof, by reason that the same is almost wholly consisting of steep, rocky, hills and very stony land, we judge it to be very mean, and of little vallue. All which we humbly present to this Hon<sup>bl</sup> Assembly.

CALEB STANLEY, Survey<sup>r</sup>.  
THOMAS HART.

“This Assembly grants to Capt. Andrew Belcher of Boston, merch<sup>t</sup>, and to his heirs forever, the tract of land mentioned in the above survey, containing about two hundred and eightie acres with the bounds and abutmentts as above exprest, and that he shall have a pattent for the confirmation of it accordingly, to be signed according to lawe in the name of this Assembly. Always provided it shall not intrench upon the properties of any other person, or upon any plantation.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Andrew Belcher was son of Andrew Belcher, who was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639. He was born Jan. 1, 1647. He married July 1, 1670, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Gilbert, and had Andrew, born March 12, 1672; Deborah; Mary, born March 7, 1680; Ann, born March 30, 1684; Martha, born March 29, 1686; Elizabeth, born Jan. 12, 1678; Jonathan, born Jan. 8, 1682; which last was the royal Governor of Mass. 1730 to 1741.

In a deed dated October 15, 1664, the northern part of this tract is called *Merideen*, and in another deed of 1672 it is called *Moridan*, and "bounded partly on the Mattabesick River where it may be allowed of the town of Farmington." This valley was a rich alluvial soil, and might be termed bottom land. But owing to its low situation, the name of Meriden was abandoned for that of "Great Swamp." It was a part of the hunting grounds of the Mattabesett tribe of Indians, and tradition says their lodge or settlement was at the place called now, and has been for many years, "Beckley Quarter."

In the upper part of this purchase, at a place now called "Christian Lane," Richard Seymour and others began a settlement as early as 1686. Here stood the Seymour Fort, or Palisades, within which the cabins were constructed, and to which all the settlers repaired at nightfall, for safety against the Indians, and for quiet rest.<sup>2</sup> The well at which they quenched their thirst, still furnishes the best water. It was dug in the center of the fort. In 1705, twenty-nine persons residing in the "Great Swamp," petitioned the General Assembly to annex unto their bounds

"All those lands that are between our bounds southward,

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<sup>1</sup> The first English settler of this locality was sergeant Richard Beckley, a planter in New Haven Colony, 1639, but moved to this part of the State, which from his day has been called "Beckley quarter." The following shows his title to the land, and is from the records of lands for Wethersfield: "25 Feb. 1680. Lands belonging to Sergt. Richard Beckley and to his heirs and assigns forever, lying in Wethersfield, upon Connecticut river, which he purchased of Terramoogus (Indian), with the consent of the court, and town of Wethersfield."

<sup>2</sup> This fort was made of palisades sixteen feet long, sharp at the top, and firmly set in the ground near together.

and Wallingford bounds northward, for the benefit of the taxes of said lands,"

for the support of a minister. The territorial limits of Wallingford, extended northward, only to Pilgrim's Harbor, or what is now West Meriden. Between Wallingford on the south, Middletown on the east, and Belcher's farm on the north, and part of the west, there lay a tract of land, of somewhat undefined boundaries. The "old road" passed through it. The following appears to have been the earliest deed of this part of Meriden :

"Oct. 15, 1664.

"Know all men by these presents, that I Seaukeet, Indian, ( abiding in or about Hartford, on Conec't.) Sachem, owner and true propriertor of a large tract of Land in the woods towards New Haven att and about the land now in possession of Mr. Jonathan Gilbert,<sup>1</sup> intituled and known by the name Merideen, doe sell unto Edward Higbey, one parcell of land adjoining to the lands of Jonathan Gilbert, aforesaid, Hills, Rocks, brooks, swamps and all other appurtenances, bounded and formerly delivered, by marked trees, and by the land of sayd Jonathan Gilbert and Pilgrim's Harbor Brook or River—all which sayd parcell of land with all prerogatives, privileges and any kind of appurtenances thereon, and thereunto belonging, it shall be lawful for the sayd Edward Higbey, his heirs and assigns, to improve, possess, enjoy, and that forever, as fully and as freely as the said Seaukeet ever did or might have done. In witness thereof, by these presents, I bind myself, my heirs and assigns, quietly and peaceably to

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<sup>1</sup> Extract from the last will and testament of Jonathan Gilbert, Feb. 12, 1682-3. "Item, I give to my son Nathaniel Gilbert, my farm at Meriden, with all the house and land thereunto belonging, and all privileges thereunto to him and his heirs forever, and also I give to him thirty pounds more out of my estate or in cattle to stock the said farm." Hartford Probate Records; Vol. IV.

leave in the full possession of all the premises, the sayd Edward Higbey, never to be molested by me the sayd Seaukeet, my heirs, or any other Indian or Indians whatsoever and so subscribe my name,

the mark  of SEAUKEET.

“In presence and witness of Bryan Rossetter and Mary Gilbert.”

It seems that there were other claimants to the same land, for in 1682 another Indian, by the name of Adam Puit, sold to John Talcott, a tract which, from the description, must have been identical with the one described in the deed of Seaukeet.

Hartford, August 10, 1684. [date of record.]

“Know all men whom this may concern, that I, Adam Puit, Indian, belonging and now residing at Podunk,<sup>1</sup> have and doe hereby morgage all my land lyeing upon the Road towards Newhaven, beyond and next adjoining to Jonathan Gilbert's farme, which tract of land being in length East and West Six Miles, and in breadth North and South five miles, with all the swamps, Rivers and meadow Land lyeing within the said Bounds and limits thereof, to John Talcott of Hartford in Conecticut Colony and his heirs forever. And in case the said Adam Puit do pay for and make full satisfaction for one parcell of Trucking cloaths in hand received of the said John Talcot within one full year after the sale hereof, and in case we the said partyes agree about the said land before the end and term of one year (to say), for the purchase or sale thereof, the said Adam is to receive foure coats more, as full satisfaction for the purchase thereof, the premises not being performed as above said, I the said Adam Puit doe fully and freely

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<sup>1</sup> Podunk, was the original name of a river in Windsor, and was also the name of an Indian tribe, residing near that river.

resign and deliver up the said land to John Talcott and his heires forever, to be theirs to possess, to enjoy, and to hold as their own, forever, as witnesseth my mark on the day and year above said.

“The mark of ADAM



PUIT.

“Witnessed buy us: Sammuell Talcott, Dorothy Talcott.”

“*Hartford, October 18, 1682.*”

“Nesahegan indian, Cherry indian, and wonummiss indian, belonging to Tunksis and Hartford, all appeared at Hartford on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, and certify and witness that Adam Puit above written in the deed of gift aforesaid hath soald right and tittle in the land above said, being about six miles East and West and five miles North and South ; beyond and next adjoining to Jonathan Gilberts farms in the way to Newhaven, which we understand is now sold to Major John Talcott. This we certify and know to be true unto the year and day above written.

“Before me, Robert Treat, Deputy Governor.”

The next year, 1683, Mr. Talcott wrote the following letter to Wallingford, assigning over to the town all his right and title to this land :

“WORTHY GENTLEMEN :

“After Sallutation presented, these may enforme you that I have sent you your long waited for indian Deed and purchase, by my cousan Sammuell Wakeman: it was finished on the second day of the present week. Gentillmen, I confess my many errors by reason of the after Blots, also at the —— of it mistake a name or two in the first part, but recovered in the latter part, for that I hope nothing therein will prove, above the nature of circumstantiall error. As for the substance it will hold firme and good in law, for your security. The truth is I was shortened for time, and having but one



day after the court to write in and draw the modell of the deed before the indians were appointed to be at my house, and then there came a considerable company of them, that I could not doe anything in reference to drawing: it over more faire, being willing to gaine as many hands and seals as I could then, otherwise it would have been more decently prepared and presented to your view: and that time of drawing many people crowding in upon me put me beyond my ordinary pace, and the indian names being many and odd, were hard, difficult to retaine and distinctly and precisely to enter, and hath often been in my thoughts to have reviewed it, but have feered that I should not geet the indians together to signe, they lived in such a scattered way, and a great distance one from another, that in another year in reason would have been little enough to have brought this matter to pass, and thought perhaps some might die whose names were in as — as was almost the case of the young sunk squa, so that I thought it to be a tedious a business, to adventure upon that which had proved soe troublesome already. Some of these your Gintlement may rememember what court it was that the indians agreed in Mr. Adams orchard, they would meet at my house; at that time I had a day as I sayd, before me to write and draw; now hopeing worthy Gentile men and friends you will excuse me wherein I have fallen short of your expectation, granting your favorable acceptance of what I have herewith presented to your view, who am, honoured Gentilement and friends, your reall

friend and faithful Servant,

JOHN TALCOTT."

November, 11th, 1681.

The following is the deed of assignment, to the town of Wallingford:

"Know all men by these presents, that I John Talcott of Hartford, in Conecticut colony, do fully, freely, clearly and absolutely, Alienate, assign and set over, resign and deliver

up all my right, title, and interest, in the within deed of sale,<sup>1</sup> to Mr. Sammuel Street, Mr. John Moss, Lieut. Nathaniell Meriman, Mr. John Brockett, Sergt. Abraham Dowlittle of Wallingford, within the said colony of Conecticut, to themselves for their proper use only benefit and behoof, of themselves and the inhabitants of the sayd towne of Wallingford within the said colony; to them, their heires and assigns forever, to hold, use, occupy and improve the same, withall the emoluments, rents, emunitys, priviledges, franchises, comoditys and appurtenances, whatsoever and herein consigned, granting him and every one of them, full power and authority to Record the same to themselves, their heires and assigns forever, for the confirmation of the premises, for myself, heires, executors and Administrators doe fully ratifie and confirm this assignment unto Mr. Sammuel Street, Mr. John Moss, and to their heires and assigns forever, as witnesseth my hand and seal this fifteenth of May in the year of our lord, one thousand six hundred eighty and three.

“JOHN TALCOTT, seal. ☺

“Witnessed by John Church, Daniel Butler.”

The first deed to the New Haven planters is dated December, 1638, and was renewed in 1645. But on pretense of the Indians, that they had made a reserve of some appurtenances in former grants, another purchase was made, and a valuable consideration given for an unreserved deed of “12 large miles long, and 8 broad;” the breadth extending from “Wharton’s brook to Pilgrim’s Harbor.” The addition of three miles to the breadth, from the last mentioned place, was made by

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<sup>1</sup> The land is not described and bounded in this assignment; but in the original records this assignment is accompanied by a copy of the Adam Puit deed, and in his letter he speaks of this “deed of sale,” as the one received by him from Puit.

the government. This Indian deed is dated at Hartford, May, 24, 1681, and is as follows :

“Whereas our predecessors Mantowese, Sachem, in the yeare one Thousand Six hundred Thirty and eight, in December the eleventh, by a Generall deed off grant, Alienated, en- seosed and sold a tract of land, to Theophilus Eaton, Esqir, Mr. John Davenport, Minister, and to other English Planters of Quinnipiage, Alias Newhaven, as by an instrument at large doth appeare, and soe by a second grant as by an Instrument dated in the year one Thousand Six hundred forty and five. In the month May of that said year, Renewed the former grant, and tract of land, to run from a great pond in Newhaven East meadow Twenty Miles North, and to be thirteen miles in breadth East and west, which said tract of land was made over unto Theophilus Eaton Esquire, Mr. Stephen Goodyear, and Mr. Thomas Grigson gentillmen of the foresaid Newhaven Now know ye, that I, Mantowese his sister sunk sqa, and now wife to Nesumbocum, and munnappask, Mimiaque and munnappask, sunk sqa, matoes son, Matant son, had come right in those the aforesaid lands so sold by our predecessors, and whereas I Mimiaque, Accacant, his son, Mapashunt, Puttugquatum, and Wyashun, have good right and title to land on the west side of Wallingford Bounds, and being desired grants two miles in breadth East and West and the whole length of the said Wallingford bounds, as granted to them by the general court of conecticut colony, shall be added according as shall be hereafter inclusively and absolutely taken within, and unto their bounds granted to the plantation of Wallingford by the foresaid gen<sup>l</sup> court, for avoiding of all differences, that may hereafter arise or happen to be between us Sunk Squa, now wife to Nessumbocum munnapsk sunk sqa, Matoes son, Matant son, mamiaque, Accacant, his son Wagashunt, Puttugquatton and Wayshun, and the Inhabitants of Wallingford, and proprietors of the same plantation, and their haies or assignes, have granted and made

this Indenture, this twenty and fourth of may, in the year one thousand six hundred eighty and one, Between us Sunk Squa wife of Nesumbockum, munapask sunk squa, Matoes son, matant son, mimiaque, Accanant, his son wyashunt, and Mayshon, and Mr. Sammuell Street minister, Mr. John Moss, lieutenant Nathanel Meriman, Mr. John Brocket, and Sergant Abraham Dowlittle, all proprietors within the towneship and plantation of Wallingford in the colony of conecticut in New England, witnesseth that we sunk squa wife to Nebocacum mannappook sunk squa, Matoes son, Matant son mimiaque Accanant his son, Wayashunt and wayshon, being the Rightfull owners successors and rightfull and surviveing heirs, that can make any ——— claime or demand upon, or of propriety in that tract of land, which is circumscribed by Boundearise hereafter mentioned, as being and belonging to the Township of Wallingford, for many good causes and considerations, hereunto us moveing, and for a valuable consideration, sum and sums of currant pay of this country, to us in hand payd in full satisfaction for all our rights, in the forementioned, tract and parcell of land lyeing and being within the towneship of Wallingford, the receipts whereof we doe acknowledge, and by these presents do freely, fully, clearly, and absolutely, give bargains and sell enseose and confirme, unto Mr. Sammuell Street, Mr. John Moss, Leut. Nathaniel Merri-man, Mr. John Brocket, Seriant Abraham Dowlittle, in the behalf of the inhabitants and proprietors, of the lands belonging to the township of Wallingford to them, their heirs, and their assigns for ever, all that tract of land from a place called whortons Brook south and from thence to runn to a pface comonly called pilgrims Harbor, North, being about eight miles distance which is the breadth of the said bounds, and in Length, from East to the west end to be twelve miles, five miles to run east, from the east side quinipiage River and seven miles thereof to run west from the west side of quinipiage River, the whole bounds to be being about eight miles broad and twelve large miles in length to have and to

hold possess and enjoy, all the aforesaid Tract or parcell of land, as it is now bounded with all the immunities, priviledges, rights, pastures, comonage, Timber, wood, Trees, under-wood, Stones, Quaryes, minnerals, Brooks, ponds, Rivers, tithings, profits, comodities, Imoluments, and appurtinances, whatsoever is belonging thereunto, to Mr. Samuel Street, Mr John Moss, Leutt. Nathaniel Merriman, Mr. John Brocket, Seriant Abraham Dowlittle, in behalf of themselves and in the behalfe of the inhabitants and proprietors of the lands belonging to the township of Wallingford, to them their heirs and assignes, for there owne and only proper benefite use and be-hoolfe forever. And we the aforesaid [here follows the Indian names] do warrant, and approve the aforesaid Mr. Samuell Street, Mr. John Moss, Mr. Nathaniell meriman, Mr. John Brocket, Ser. Abraham Dowlittle, that we have full power, good right, and lawful authority to bargaine and sell the before mentioned Tracts withall the appurtenances and singular, the priviledges thereunto belonging, and we the said [here follows the Indian names] give the said Samuel Street [and others] and the rest of the inhabitants and proprietors of the lands within the township of Wallingford, full power and authority, to record the premises to themselves, to their heirs and assignes for ever, and we [here follow the Indian names] do promise, covenant, to and with the said Sammuell Street, John Moss, (and others) and the rest of the inhabitants and proprietors of the township of Wallingford, them, their heires and Assignes shall and may by force and vertue hereof, from time to time and at all times hereafter, and for ever lawfully, peaceably and quietly hold, use and occupie, possesse and enjoy the aforesaid Tract and parcell of land as it is circumscribed and bounded, withall its rights, members, emunities, priviledges and appertinances, and have receive and take the rents, issues, emoluments and profits thereof to their own and only use, and proper behoofe for ever, without any lawful test suite, trouble, molestation, or disturbance whatsoever, from us or any of us, the said sunk squa [here


follow the Indian names] our heires, successors or assignes, or any person, or persons, whatsoever, from by or under us our successors, or assignes, or from by or under us oure or there act, meanes, consent, previty, or procurement. And we sunk squa [here follow the Indian names] both for themselves, heires, and executors, administrators and assignes, shall and do, cleer, and clerely acquitt, exonerate and discharge, or otherwise sufficiently save harmless the sayd Samuel Street [and others] and the rest of the inhabitants and proprietors of the towne of Wallingford, themselves their Associates, their heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, forever, from all former and other grants, gifts, Bargaines, titles, troubles, demands, and Incumbrances, whatsoever, had made, committed, suffered, or done by us or any of us, the aforesaid sunk squa [here follow the Indian names] upon the promises and in witness whereof, we have hereunto, signed sealed and made delivery of the premises aforesaid, in the year one Thousand six hundred, eighty and one, May the Twenty and foure. In the presence wittnesse us.

“JOSEPH EMMERSON,  
MICAH MUDGE,  
PHILIP LEWIS,

COGRINOSSETT  his mark, Interpreter.


















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—USCOA  his mark.

SIMON  his mark, Interpreter.

NECONUMP  his mark.

NODANTE  his mark.

- JOHN PAGAN, Interpreter,  his mark
- TUNSTACUM  his mark.
- AWAWOSE  his mark.
- WAYASHUNT  his mark and seal. 
- WETANT son, his  mark and seal. 
- MIMIAQUE his  mark and seal. 
- ACCANANT his  mark and seal. 
- the SUNK SQUA her  mark and seal. 
- MATTUGQUATUN, his  mark and seal. 
- MANAPUSH, her  mark and seal. ”

The Indians who sold the land to Davenport, Eaton etc., stipulated that they might hunt over the district as before, and that a tract might be reserved for them on the east side of the harbor sufficient for their small population to plant on. Even on this tract the English might use the meadows and cut down the trees at pleasure. Many other conditions were annexed, each party promising not to molest the other, and to make all suitable reparation, if any injury should ever be done. The Quinnipiacs stated the number of their men and

youths at forty-seven ; and covenanted that they would admit no other Indians among them without first having leave from the English. Little did they think, that in the course of years the white population would increase from scores to hundreds, and from hundreds to thousands ; and the deep forests would be cut down ; that the wild animals would disappear ; that the fish would grow few in the rivers ; and the poor remnant of the Quinnipiacs would eventually leave the graves of their forefathers, and wander away to another land. Could they have anticipated that a change so wonderful, and, in their history, so unprecedented, would of necessity follow the coming of the white man, they would have preferred the wampum tributes of the Pequots and the scalping parties of the Five Nations, to the vicinity of a people so kind, so peaceful and yet so destructive.

A reservation of thirty acres, laid out in three lots, of ten acres each, was early made in East Haven for the Quinnipiacs. They cultivated these lots by rotation, each one being planted in its turn while the other two lay unused. The last sachem of the tribe died in 1740. About 1768, some of the Quinnipiacs removed to Farmington, where land was bought for them among the Tunxis, with the proceeds of what they had sold in East Haven. In 1773, there were 1363 Indians in the colony ; a few families and single individuals are still to be found in different parts of the State, but are chiefly of mixed blood. In 1774, there were but four Indians in Wallingford. When the town was first settled the Indians were very much disliked, and in more than one instance, when the hat or contribution box was carried round in the meeting house for money to christianize Indians, instead of a coin, a bullet was dropped in, as if it



were the fittest missionary. Children were often quieted by the cry, "The Indians are coming"!

The male Indians did little manual labor. They spent their time in hunting, fishing, contriving wars and executing them, or, when leisure was allowed for indulgence, in a dull round of animal enjoyments. They had no regular division of time, ate no regular meals, and had no hours set apart for social enjoyment. While her lord lay under the shade of a tree within sight of the cornfield, and snored away the hours of a summer afternoon, the squaw turned up the sods, and drew the dark rich loam around the maize; or, not far off, in the mortar that had been worn ages before in some earthfast rock, her stone pestle fell in regular strokes upon the shining kernels that she had raised the year before, and laid carefully aside, to furnish the requisite supply of "samp," that constituted the staple of the Indian's food. As might be inferred from their habits, the squaws were strong and hardy, and more capable of enduring fatigue than the men, though their figures were not so slender and graceful. Of household furniture they had little. A few cooking vessels of wood and stone, a knife made of shell or a species of reed, made up nearly the whole inventory.<sup>1</sup>

"Poor, crouching children of the brave!  
Lo! where the broad and sparkling wave  
Anointed once the freeman's shore,  
Your father's tents arise no more."<sup>2</sup>

They are gone! No monuments preserve their mem-

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<sup>1</sup> Hollister, 1. 38. Trumbull, 1. 47—48. Deforest's Hist. of the Indians of Conn., 6.

<sup>2</sup> Sands' Yamoyden, 1. 21.

ory, no graven tablets bear the record of their greatness. Beautifully wrote the poet Sprague :

“O doubly lost! oblivion’s shadows close  
 Around their triumphs and their woes.  
 On other realms, whose oft set,  
 Reflected radiance lingers yet ;  
 Their sage and bard have shed a light  
 That never shall go down in night ;  
 Their time-crowned columns stand on high,  
 To tell of them who cannot die ;  
 Even we, who then were nothing, kneel  
 In homage there, and join earth’s general peal.  
 But the doomed Indian leaves behind no trace,  
 To save his own, or serve another’s race ;  
 With his frail breath his power has passed away,  
 His deeds, his thoughts are buried with his clay ;  
 Nor lofty pile, nor glowing page  
 Shall link him to a future age,  
 Or give him with the past a rank ;  
 His heraldry is but a broken bow,  
 His history but a tale of wrong and woe,  
 His very name must be a blank.”<sup>1</sup>

Storey has portrayed with an eloquent pen the fate of the unfortunate Indians ; words that awaken our sympathy, and disturb the sobriety of our judgment. “Two centuries ago, the smoke of their wigwams and the fires of their councils rose in every valley, from Hudson’s

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<sup>1</sup> It has often been wondered how the aborigines of America came to be called Indians ; some have supposed it to be a popular appellation arising from their dark color. In a copy of *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, Antwerp, 1583, by Abraham Ortelius, geographer to the king, there is a map entitled *Typus Orbis Terrarum*, in which I find America called *America sive India Nova*. How it came to get the name of *India Nova* is another question.

Bay to the furthest Florida, from the ocean to the Mississippi and the lakes. The shouts of victory and the war-dance rang through the mountains and glades. The thick arrows and the deadly tomahawk whistled through the forest, and the hunter's trace from the dark encampment startled the wild beasts in their lairs. But where are they? \* \* \* The ashes are cold on their native hearths. The smoke no longer curls round their lowly cabins. They move on, with a slow, unsteady step. The white man is upon their heels, for terror or dispatch; but they heed him not. They turn to take a last look of their deserted villages. They cast a last glance upon the graves of their fathers. They shed no tears; they utter no cries; they heave no groans. There is something in their hearts which passes speech. There is something in their looks, not of vengeance or submission, but of hard necessity, which stifles both, which chokes all utterance, which has no aim or method. It is courage absorbed in despair. They linger but for a moment. Their look is onward. They have passed the fatal stream. It shall never be repassed by them; no, never! Yet there lies not between us and them an impassable gulf. They know and feel that there is for them still one remove further, not distant nor unseen. It is to the general burial-ground of the race!"

## CHAPTER II.

PHYSICAL HISTORY, GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY  
AND MINES.

THE ancient town of Wallingford included within its bounds all the lands within the towns of Meriden, Cheshire, and all the eastern part of Prospect ; and for many years after its settlement was one of the largest and most important towns in the colony. It was ten miles in length from north to south, and the same from east to west. It was bounded north by the wilderness of Farmington (now Southington), and Wolcott ; west by the town of Waterbury ; south by New Haven, and east by Branford and the Totoket mountains. It was watered on the east by the Black Pond, Pistapaug Pond and Muddy river. The Quinnipiac river takes its rise in the town of Farmington, and passes through the whole central portion of the town, affording numerous and valuable mill privileges. Several other streams afford water power to a number of manufactories.

The village is situated 41 deg. 33 min. north, and 73 deg. 14 min. west ; is twelve miles from New Haven, and about twenty-three miles from Hartford, and is beautifully situated on a hill extending nearly a mile and a half from north to south, the whole length of which runs the principal or main street, which is adorned on either

side with elms and maple trees. Parallel to this is the lower street, also adorned with large and lofty elms ; in addition to these, the several cross streets render the walks and drives about the village extremely pleasant and attractive. Beautiful views may be had of the Blue, and also of the Hanging Hills, from the windows of almost every house in the town. The face of the country is somewhat rolling, and is generally well adapted to grazing, but when properly cultivated will produce abundant crops.

The ridge on which Wallingford is situated, consists of a series of more or less detached dikes, succeeding each other in the same order as the different elevations of the trap ridges, and forming on the whole, a well marked curvilinear range. At the commencement it forms a short, very strongly marked curve, consisting of a series of small dikes, composed partly of a very fine-grained, small, fragmentary trap, and partly of a trap conglomerate, traversed by threads of a similar fine-grained trap.<sup>1</sup> These dikes are bordered by an indurated sandstone, partly colored light green, with fragments of red feldspar disseminated. In passing through the village of Wallingford, the range is concealed by diluvium, but has been exposed by excavation. It re-appears near the northeast part of the village, and further north in a sandstone ridge, east of the road from Wallingford to the pass at Black Pond, where it bends abruptly east, and crosses a stream (Wharton's Brook), in a remarkable dike, bordered by green indurated sandstone.

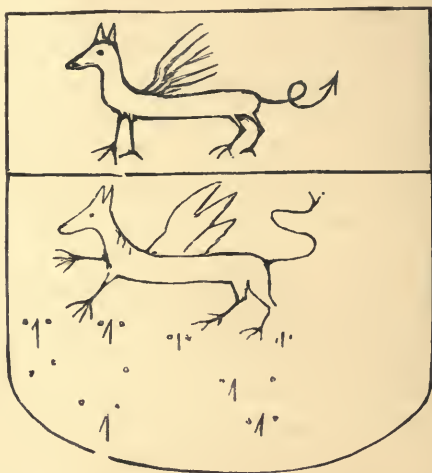
Large beds of sandstone are found in Wallingford and

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1 Several unstratified rocks, whose principal ingredients are feldspar and hornblende or augite, are called trap rocks, from the Swedish word *trappa* a stair; because they are often arranged in the form of stairs or steps.

Meriden. They form large elevations or high rounded ridges, opposite the south point of Lamentation mountain,<sup>1</sup> and of the Hanging Hills, exhibiting an advance in that direction corresponding to that of the main trap ranges. Most of the sandstone is of a coarse, decomposable and variegated variety. Less decomposable varieties occasionally occur, usually in immediate connection with

1 The tradition is, that "a Mr. Chester, who was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, having some business to perform in the south part of the town, which was then a wilderness, became lost in the woods. Being missed, his neighbors went in search of him, making noises in the woods, and uttering *lamentations*. After a lapse of several days, his neighbors had the good fortune to meet with him on the mountain, which has ever since been called Mount Lamentation." The monument of Mr. Chester,



which is one of the oldest in the State, is in the yard of the first Congregational church in Wethersfield. The device over the inscription on the monument has been the subject of much speculation. By some it has been believed to be a representation of some demon in the form of a fiery serpent, which, according to the legends of the times, appeared to Mr. Chester while in the wilderness.

the trap ranges, some of which are well fitted for quarrying. The more common variety usually decomposes speedily when exposed to the atmosphere, forming a coarse gravel, and in some instances, as at the the excavation of the Hartford and New Haven Railroad at Holt's Hill, caused during its decomposition an increased vegetation adjoining its fragments; probably from the lime it contains. In the coarse, decomposable sandstone, traversed by a ravine on the middle turnpike, west of Wallingford, long cylindrical nodules or concretions of a light ash-colored compact limestone, are to be observed, usually somewhat contorted, and breaking in fragments, by joints somewhat resembling those of basalt. A thin bed of a fine-grained red sandstone was observed in the excavations at Holt's Hill, apparently entirely composed of similar but smaller cylindrical concretions, breaking in the same basaltiform fragments.

The trap rocks in the State are chiefly connected with the secondary rocks, which consist of two formations or basins of red sandstone and shale, closely resembling each other in character as well as arrangement, although entirely separated by a wide interposition of the western primary. The trap rocks present a series of dikes and ridges (the last a modification of the dike). There are four extensive trap dikes traversing the primary rocks, two in the western and two in the eastern primary; one of the latter entirely crossing the State, from the Sound into Massachusetts. The different ridges and dikes present in each secondary formation, a system of curvilinear ranges, in a general N. N. E. direction (corresponding to the direction of the stratification in the sandstone, as well as to the general direction of the primary), and with their convexity toward the west. The

trap in the southern subordinate formation presents two distinct lines of elevation, an eastern and a western.

The first of these is the most extensive, and traverses more nearly the center of the formation. It presents a series of four main curves, gradually increasing in elevation and extent from south to north. The third main curve commences in advance of the second main curve, at the mountain rising between Paug Pond and the valley of the Middletown turnpike, north-east of Northford. It extends at first nearly north, in continuous order, forming the high mountain ridge east of Wallingford and Meriden, then advances abruptly to the ridge of Lamentation mountain, and again extends N. N. E. in a line east of Berlin, to the Mattabesick, where it bends rather abruptly east, in receding order, and continues in the same general direction, to near the west bank of the Connecticut, not far north of the south line of Wethersfield. The fourth, and most northern of these curves, is also the most elevated and most extensive. It commences on the south at the Hanging Hills, in strong advancing order, in a line nearly west of the south point of Lamentation mountain, from which last ridge the main line of elevation is continued. It forms at its southern extremity, a short but very strongly marked curve, fronting the south, and bending quite abruptly north, extends at first nearly north in slightly advancing order, to Farmington (Rattlesnake) mountain, where it bears more N. N. Easterly, in continued order, to the Connecticut, at the north point of Mount Tom. It there recedes abruptly to the east in the same manner as the preceding curve at the passage of the Mattabesick, and is then continued nearly east, in the ridge of Mount Holyoke, to within a short distance of the western border of the



eastern primary. This range presents at the S. W. and N. W. points, the two most elevated summits connected with the larger secondary formation; namely, the Hanging Hills and Mount Tom.

The high range east of Wallingford and Meriden presents a series of ridges with a curvature more strongly marked toward the south, and slightly so toward the north, separated from each other by transverse depressions or valleys, more deeply intersecting the range toward the south. The range near the middle point is crossed by a valley, cleft quite to its base, at the road from Wallingford to Middletown. The rock of the summit near the Wallingford and Middletown road, is very coarse-grained decomposable trap, in large square blocks, not a little resembling syenite. In front of the more northern ridge, a large column of trap stands quite detached, in advance of the mural front of the ridge, visible as such however, only from a point nearly in the line of the front of the mountain. The section near the Meriden and Middletown turnpike, consists of a long ridge of nearly uniform elevation, and of greater length than any other section of the range, with a distinctly marked curvature, thus forming a basin occupied by Black Pond. It is bordered on the east by an uninterrupted valley, distinctly exhibiting its curvature. The section extending from the pass at Black Pond north, forms the highest point, next to Mount Tom and the Hanging Hills, in the trap system of the larger secondary formation.

The range commencing at a low point west of the south point of Lamentation mountain, and rising suddenly into the high abrupt range of the Hanging Hills, advances west a short distance, to the south-west and highest point of that range, and then bends abruptly

north, in which direction it proceeds, in advancing order, to Cook's Gap, south of Farmington. It then bears more N. N. Easterly, in a long continuous range, of variable outline, to the Connecticut, at the north point of Mount Tom, when it bends rather abruptly east, in the range of Mount Holyoke, and continues in that direction to within a short distance of Belchertown, Mass.

The southern section of this range presents at its south-east point, a long, low range closely connected with the higher part of the main range, being separated from it only by the narrow pass (or ravine) of Cat-Hole, but extending N. N. E. to a point farther north than the north point of Lamentation mountain; not, however, in a direction exactly parallel to the latter range, but more inclined to the west. It is separated from the third main range, by the long valley, through which the line of the Hartford and New Haven railroad is extended, the summit of which is at a lower level than that of any similar pass through the eastern line of elevation.

This valley is occupied by the basin of Beaver Pond, extending south to a point W. N. W. of the south point of Lamentation mountain, and opening north into the basin of the Mattabesick in Berlin. On the east side of the basin, the sandstone of Meriden extends north along the base of the anterior range of Lamentation mountain, nearly to the old toll-gate south of Berlin. The present range consists of two lines of elevation, separated by a narrow, continuous valley; namely, a higher anterior line, extending along the east side of Cat-Hole, commencing further south, but terminating sooner toward the north; and a lower posterior line, commencing in a group of detached elevations of fragmentary trap and amygdaloid, south-west of Beaver Pond, and continued north in

a long, nearly uniform ridge, to a point nearly west of the north point of Lamentation mountain, where it is succeeded, in advancing order, by a wide, short range, consisting of several parallel ridges of trap.

West of the pass at Cat-Hole, the higher part of the fourth main range commences, in a short, detached elevation, separated from the range further west by a deep cross valley (the Notch), opening nearly north. This ridge presents a high mural front to the south-east and south, and also to the west, toward the Notch, and on the north, sends off two lower spurs from its eastern and western extremities, indicating a strong, marked curvature. These spurs terminate in low points, about half a mile north of the main range. The trap of this southern section of the main range generally consists of the compact crystalline variety; amygdaloid rarely occurring, except in low points or hummocks, near the termination of the different ridges.

By the terms Diluvium and Alluvium, are considered all the unconsolidated materials accumulated on the surface. These are either accumulated loosely and irregularly, or arranged in distinct beds or strata. The former were apparently deposited by currents, sweeping over the general surface, or more confined in their operation; or have been derived from the decomposition of the rocks on which they immediately rest. The stratified materials were apparently deposited from water, in a state of comparative repose, as in lakes and estuaries, and are generally found in valleys or basins. The greater part of the diluvium was apparently deposited by a general current, traversing from N. N. W. to S. S. E. This is satisfactorily indicated, both by the boulders, scattered over the surface, or imbedded in the diluvial earth, and

by smaller fragments included in the latter, as well as by its general character.

Blocks are found scattered through Meriden and Wallingford, which originally came from the northern parts of the State and perhaps within the limits of Massachusetts, N. N. W. from the points where they are now met with. They consist chiefly of the coarse white granite, accompanying the mica slate, the granitic gneiss of the included basins, and a light bluish compact mica slate with transverse scales of mica, such as abound in the vicinity of Conway, Mass. Where the current has been rapid, and the country rocky or stony, the alluvions are gravelly or cobbly, and of little agricultural value. Where the current was slow, and the country of a different character from the preceding, the alluvions consist of a clayey or sandy loam, of greater or less fertility. In the north part of Meriden, there are extensive beds of peat, which may, perhaps, at some future period prove to be a resource of no little importance.<sup>1</sup>

The mineral that is found in the largest quantities in Meriden is the datholite. This is found in large quantities in the ancient volcanic rock, the trap. The very rare and costly salt, borax, has not yet been detected in the United States; nor has been discovered the elementary acid of this salt in an insulated state, with which as it exists in Europe, borax is so easily made. Yet in the datholite, boracic acid is present in the proportion of from twenty-one to thirty-five per cent. Its other ingredients are silica and lime. This is decomposed by means of sulphuric acid; and the borax

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<sup>1</sup> A vertebra of a mammoth was found, several years since, in excavating a peat swamp, at New Britain; the only instance of the kind that has yet occurred in the State.

may be formed by adding carbonate of soda, and withdrawn from the silica and sulphate of lime, by crystallization.

Adjoining the Meriden and Waterbury turnpike, a large red porphyritic rock occurs, with dark sub-porphyrific, and dark micaceous hornblendic alternations. Farther north, at the termination of the formation, the prevalent rock is lighter grey, more granitic, sub-porphyrific, and more rarely small porphyritic, with large beds of a nearly white very feldspathic granitic gneiss. A similar white granitic gneiss, with ferruginous micaceous alternations occupies a narrow band between the red porphyritic rock just noticed, and the formation on the west. Native copper has frequently been met with in the secondary region of the State, both in diluvium and attached to greenstone trap. A mass was found in Wallingford, half a mile west of the Hartford turnpike, weighing six pounds.<sup>1</sup>

It has been said that all the minerals and metals known to man could be found in Connecticut in just sufficient quantities *not* to pay the cost of getting them. It is not perhaps a matter of wise regret that gold and silver do not find a place among the metallic productions of the State. Should these metals be detected within our territory, their pursuit would neither operate favorably upon our agricultural interests, nor tend to the more successful working of the more useful metals that are to be found in the State. That gold is not likely to

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<sup>1</sup> We are indebted for many important facts concerning the Geology of this part of the State, to Dr. J. G. Percival's valuable "Report on the Geology of the State of Connecticut," New Haven, 1842; and Dr. Charles U. Shepherd's "Report on the Geological Survey of Connecticut," New Haven, 1837.

occur to any extent, may be inferred from the limited developments of the gold-formation.

In the Secretary of State's office there is a document dated May, 1712, saying that

"Whereas, the opening and the manufacturing of the Ore, will probably be of great Public benefit and advantage both to such towns wherein the mines are found, and to this Her Majesty's Colony in General. And whereas, Wm. Partridge of Newbury and Jonathan Belcher of Boston, Merchant, both of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, have entered into Articles of Agreement with the Town of Wallingford for the opening of Mines in the Sd Town."

This document goes on to state that all the miners, artificers and laborers connected with the mines, should be exempted from all civil and military duties and from all taxes. Messrs. Belcher and Partridge were to have the exclusive right of working all mines in Wallingford with the exception of iron mines, and they petitioned the Governor to have recorded the articles of agreement. They were,

"To hold, use and improve the mines for, by and during the space of eight years certain from the date of said Lease, and for such further and longer time and term of years from and after the expiration of the said eight years as the said Grantees their Execu<sup>ts</sup>, admin<sup>rs</sup>, or assignes, shall think fit and be pleased to use and Improve the same, not exceeding Five hundred years in the whole, for and under the Considerations, Payments and Reservations therein mentioned and expressed."<sup>1</sup>

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1 In October, 1722, Matthew Bellamy petitioned the General Assembly, "that as your petitioner is living within the township of Wallingford and living very near the place where the miners are at work where there is many of them and especyally will be many now and there being no other person within six or seven miles that can well find them entertainment ex-

Very soon after the settlement of Wallingford, it was thought by many that in some of the hills, mineral wealth was abundant. They conceived that the mountains and hills abounded with precious metals and minerals; and however rich the soil might be, yet that the bowels of the earth would afford them much greater wealth. About the year 1712, two mines were found in Connecticut. One in the town of Simsbury, and the other in Wallingford. They were called copper mines, but it was thought that the copper contained a mixture of a more precious kind. The mine at Wallingford was supposed to be the richest, but the miners were prevented from digging there on account of the great quantity of water which, after they had proceeded some depth, constantly flowed in upon them.<sup>1</sup>

As early as 1712 the legislature enacted laws for the encouragement of the proprietors of the mines at Wallingford and Simsbury, and from the phraseology of the acts, it is quite evident that the mining business was then not a new thing, but had been carried on for some time previous to that date. On the petition of the original proprietors of the lands in Wallingford, in May, 1712, it was enacted that the heirs of the original pro-

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cept your petitioner whereupon your petitioner with the next owners of the mines prayeth your petitioner may have a license by an act of this assembly to keep a hous of entertainment that so your petitioner may without danger provide for and entertain the miners and others as need shall require and your petitioner to be under the same penalty as other persons that are licensed by the assembly court."

<sup>1</sup> The mine at Simsbury was dug until the veins of copper ceased. A prodigious cavity was made, which in after years became the famous prison, called Newgate. This has been of much greater advantage to the State than all the copper dug out of it.

prietors should have an equal share in the mine already discovered, and in all other mines which should hereafter be discovered in said lands.

In October, 1718, John Hamblin, James Wallsworth, Esquire, and Captain John Hall, were appointed commissioners for the mining company at Wallingford for the term of two years; at the expiration of the two years, May 11, 1721, Matthew Allyn, Col. William Whiting, Aaron Cooke and Captain Samuel Mather were appointed commissioners, with power to close up the concern, if found necessary. The legislature and the public expected great benefit from the profits that would accrue from these mines, but it is believed that neither the undertakers, proprietors, nor the colony were ever very greatly benefited by them. Within a few years Mr. A. Bellamy, a descendant of the old Bellamy family, went to Cheshire and re-opened the old shaft near the residence of the late Mr. Elias Gaylord, expecting to find copper; but was unsuccessful, as had been all of his predecessors who had made attempts to work the mines.

In 1737, a company was formed for the purpose of working the abandoned mines; and of this attempt we have an authentic account, as some of the papers relative to it have been preserved by the descendants of Benjamin Royce, one of the partners of the company. These mines were on "Milking-yard hill," and the shafts may still be seen there. Although it is now generally supposed that these excavations were made solely for copper mines, yet these papers indicate an expectation of finding gold. Indeed it is probable that the hope of obtaining this more precious metal was the main inducement for re-opening the abandoned works. A very



considerable quantity of the ore was once shipped to England, as the means of smelting it were not to be found in America; but the ship was lost at sea. Tradition asserts that the foreigners who worked in the mines, concealed, and appropriated to themselves, whatever gold they found. For these reasons or for other causes of failure, the works were once more abandoned, and have never been resumed.

A company was formed called the "Golden Parlour Mining Company," and the following articles of co-partnership were drawn up:

"Articles of Agreement made and Concluded upon this twenty-seventh day of April Anno Domini, 1737, Between Edward Higbee of Middletown, and Walter Henderson of Hartford, both of y<sup>e</sup> County of Hartford, and Thomas Thomas of New York, Arthur Rexford, Sam'll Androus, Benj. Royse, all of Wallingford, in y<sup>e</sup> County of Hartford, afores'd and Josiah Griswold, Thomas Goodwin, Benjamin Stillman, John Pierce, all of Wethersfield in y<sup>e</sup> County aforesaid, Proprietors and Joint owners of a certain peice of land, or Mines in said Wallingford as lesed out to them by Timothy Royce, of s'd Wallingford, as will appear to said Lease, reference thereunto being had to carry on the work in said Mines, witnesseth that we the s'd partys do covenant and agree to, and with each other, and do hereby oblige and bind our Selves to stand to, and perform the following articles, viz: 1. That the Name of S'd Mine, Shall be the *Golden Parlour*. 2. That the Work to be done in said Mines, shall be ordered by a vote of y<sup>e</sup> Majority of y<sup>e</sup> owners, and y<sup>e</sup> Costs and Charges arising on y<sup>e</sup> work of y<sup>e</sup> said Mines, shall be paid according to y<sup>e</sup> proportions in each owners part. 3. That each owner's vote shall be in proportion to what part he owns. 4. That if any owner or owners cannot attend y<sup>e</sup> meeting or meetings, appointed by y<sup>e</sup> Majority of y<sup>e</sup> owners in order to manage y<sup>e</sup> affairs of said mine, they shall have

liberty to appoint any of y<sup>e</sup> owners to vote or act in his or their behalf and said owner so appointed shall vote or act there an shall be esteemed as good and valid as if the owner appointing was himself present. 5. That Mr. Benj. Royce be a Clerk to Enter and keep y<sup>e</sup> votes that may from time to time be passed by the owners or the majority of said owners until y<sup>e</sup> said owners shall chuse another in his room in which case y<sup>e</sup> said Royce is to deliver all y<sup>e</sup> votes he has Entered and kept in y<sup>e</sup> Hands of said owners. 6. That the last Wednesday of July, October, January and April, be days, Stated for y<sup>e</sup> Meeting of said owners at Meriden, to make up the acc'tts of said mine and also to pay what Charge or Cost may arise between each Meeting to y<sup>e</sup> Satisfaction of y<sup>e</sup> undertaker, and if y<sup>e</sup> majority of y<sup>e</sup> owners shall think fitt to order a meeting on any other time, or times besides those herein Stated, y<sup>e</sup> meetings so ordered and y<sup>e</sup> affairs managed therein shall be good and valid. 7. That these articles be committed into y<sup>e</sup> Hands of y<sup>e</sup> Clark for y<sup>e</sup> time being, and if any of y<sup>e</sup> owners desire a Copy hereof y<sup>e</sup> said Clark shall give it him attested under his Hand, he or they satisfying him therefor. In conformation of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned articles, we the Subscribers, have hereunto Sett our Hands and Seals in Meriden, the Day and Date above mentioned.

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| THOS. THOMAS, L. S.    | EDWARD HIGBEE, L. S. |
| JOSIAH GRISWOLD, L. S. | THOS. GOODWIN, L. S. |
| ARTHUR REXFORD, L. S.  | BENJAMIN ROYS, L. S. |
| SAMUEL ANDRUS, L. S.   | B. STILMAN, L. S.    |

JOHN PIERCE, L. S.

In presence of Amos Hall, Moses Parse, Jr., Wm. Hough."

It appears, however, that previous to the formal organization of the company on paper, a partnership had actually existed, for a few months at least, as we find a paper dated the previous February. It is as follows:

"A record kept by Benjamin Roys, Clark of proprietors of

the mines in the land of Timothy Roys in Wallingford, February y<sup>e</sup> 11, 1736-7. Then the owners of the mines in the land of Timothy Roys in Wallingford, being Regularly met together at the hous of John Way in Wallingford, did then make up their Accounts of the Charg expended in the mines, from 8 of November 1736, which charg did amount to the Sum of 86£, 4s, 2d. At a meeting of the proprietors of the mines in the land of Timothy Roys in Wallingford, February y<sup>e</sup> 11, 1736-7, The said owners did make A fair agreement with Arthur Rexford, one of the owners, to Dig ten foot in the north Shaft of said mines, keeping the Smoth wals east and west and about five foot wide finding himself Tools and materials for the Same, to be done in five months, for which work the said proprietor did unanimously agree to give Said Rexford the Sum of eighty-one pounds, 81£ -0 -0."

We have also the record of two other meetings of the company, as here annexed :

" At a meeting of the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Mine in Meriden on ye 27th day of April, 1737, Voted, that Mr. Griswold Should be moderator for Said meeting. That Thomas Thomas be an undertaker to carry on the work in Said mine for y<sup>e</sup> Space of three months next ensuing. That y<sup>e</sup> s'd Thom. Thomas be allowed at the rate of fifteen pounds per month, for so much time as he spends in said service, the time of pay to begin when the Hands begin to work in said mine. That Arthur Rexford having desired to be released from a bargain he made to sink a Shaft of ten feet deep in s'd mine, that he be released. At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> mine in Meriden, on y<sup>e</sup> 27th day of July, 1737. Voted that Mr. Griswold be Moderator for s'd meeting. Also, Voted, by a full Vote of the majority of y<sup>e</sup> owners, that y<sup>e</sup> owners according to their proportionable parts, pay to Georg Bell the Sum of fourty pounds, upon his finishing a job of work he had undertaken to do in the Golden Parler, viz., to sink twelve feet in the deeper shaft nerest to docter houghs

and to leave the bottom of the Shaft nere the wedth and length that it now is, to find himself with all materials, &c., necessary and Sutable to cary on and finish Said work. And at s'd meeting, July y<sup>e</sup> 27, 1737, the s'd owners made up their accounts which did amount to the Sum of 132£, 13s 1d."

These documents contain all the information we now have relative to the mines on "Milking-yard hill." They were probably again abandoned after the unprofitable labor of two or three years. Mining operations on a much smaller scale were commenced in another part of the town. The excavations are about fifty rods east of the turnpike road to Hartford, nearly two miles from the center of the town. Dr. Percival, in his "Geological Survey," speaks of them as excavations for copper; but tradition says that small quantities of gold were found there. But there is no other information whatever as to the mine, its proprietors, products, or the time when it was worked.

About 1750, Mr. Dan. Johnson bought of Mr. Yale, who was one of the first "planters" in Wallingford, a large tract of land lying south of the "Hanging Hills" and within the "Notch," so called, the picturesque pass or glen opening northerly from the old gate-house on the Southington road, toward Kensington. This land was purchased on account of its probable value for mining purposes, and has been retained in the family of Mr. Johnson ever since; though the necessary expense of searching for ores has hitherto prevented them from undertaking mining operations. Within the Notch is an elevation called "Mining Hill," which is said by those acquainted with Geology to abound in indications of valuable minerals.

About eighty years ago, one Mr. Parsons commenced

an excavation a short distance west of the Hanging Hills, just over the line between Southington and Meriden, and found gold in small quantities. It was taken to Hartford, assayed, and found to be pure gold. The search was not continued, probably on account of the cost; for mining operations are usually so expensive that individual enterprise and wealth can rarely afford the cost and risk.<sup>1</sup> Since the above was written, we met the following very interesting sketch of a visit to Meriden, by Professor James Dana, of Yale College :

PROF. JAMES D. DANA'S EXCURSION TO THE HANGING  
HILLS OF MERIDEN.

"The city of Meriden is situated eighteen miles to the north of New Haven on the railroad to Hartford, and is 45 to 52 minutes distant in time. The villages passed on the way are North Haven, 7 miles; Wallingford, 12; Yalesville, 15. The Hanging Hills are trap mountains 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 miles north and northwest of Meriden, remarkable for their steep declivities and high precipitous brows—so bold and lofty in fact as to give to the observer beneath them an impression of overhanging, and hence the name. Those who visit them will appreciate the propriety of the name.

"A mile and a half south of Meriden and three quarters of a mile west of the railroad, at South Meriden, the Quinnipiac river changes from its north and south to an east and west course, on its way from the more western and parallel Farmington valley in which it rises. Since the throwing up of these trap elevations, the old hydrographic basins of Connecticut have been greatly deranged. Instead of the simple north and south Connecticut estuary of Triassic times, terminating at New Haven, there is now a Connecticut river leaving the estuary valley in the latitude of these trap hills,

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1 Perkins's Historical Sketches.

and bending southeastward through a region of metamorphic rocks. Farmington river, which flowed into the estuary from the western heights of Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, still enters the Farmington region; but near Farmington turns abruptly north, flows in that direction sixteen miles at the foot of Talcott mountain and other trap hills of the range, then makes a cut through the range into the Connecticut river valley and joins that river. The Quinnipiac, which starts in the Farmington valley just below the northward bend of the Farmington river, on approaching the region of the trap hills of Cheshire, bends eastward out of the valley in front of the Hanging Hills, into the valley where the Connecticut river might have had its course but for the trap eruptions and disturbances; and finally, the Farmington valley being thus deserted by the Quinnipiac, Mill river at this point commences its flow, taking its rise in the adjoining hills, and becomes the principal stream for the rest of the valley southward to New Haven bay. The bend eastward in the Connecticut was probably a direct consequence of the trap eruptions and the elevations of the sandstone accompanying them, and originated when the old estuary first dwindled to the size of a river in consequence of the rise of the land. But there is less evidence that the other changes mentioned took place at the same time; and it may be that one or more date from the last elevation in the Post-tertiary era.

“The city of Meriden is situated on a small branch of the Quinnipiac, which is called Pilgrim’s Harbor brook, in allusion to the fact that the Regicides stopped here for a while on its banks and named the spot *Pilgrim’s Harbor*. Old Meriden, now the eastern part of the city, occupies the summit of a sandstone hill, a little to the eastward, and is often distinguished as East Meriden. The tall white spire of the Congregational church is seen against the sky in the northward view from the western slopes of the East Rock range. The three Meriden “Hills” stand together on a common line,

facing with defiant front the south, and with the greatest altitude on the right or west. They are called West mountain, South mountain, and Cat-Hole Mountain ; the latter, or the eastern, taking its name from the "Cat-Hole," a narrow valley adjoining it on the west. West mountain has three summits, an eastern, a middle, and a western, separated from one another by a cut down to the lower limit of the mural rocks. The western of the three peaks is the highest ; the recent barometric measurements of Prof. Guyot make it 995 feet above the sea. It is therefore one of the most elevated points in Connecticut, and excepting Mount Tom and Mount Holyoke, the highest trap mountain in the Connecticut valley.

"This group of hills is the broad southern termination of several lines of trap dikes and ridges. The high western line continues through the State northward into Massachusetts, and has a total length of about 55 miles ; it includes in its course, two ridges facing Southington : the second, called High Rock, nearly as high as West mountain ; three on the eastern borders of Farmington : the middle one, Rattlesnake mountain ; the long Talcott mountain between Hartford and Avon ; Newgate mountain in Granby ; Mount Tom, 1,211 feet high, in Massachusetts ; and Mount Holyoke, 1,126 feet high.

"The knotty complexity of this trap region was first unravelled by Percival, who found that remarkable system and order prevailed among the numerous dikes. We refer to the map in his Geological Report for the facts concerning them. It will be found wonderfully impressive by any one who can appreciate its revelations with regard to the stupendous events of this Fire-period in New England history. It shows that the area of Meriden and Berlin was a great center in the eruptions of the era ; that the deep fractures of the earth's crust from which the liquid rock gushed forth were here more numerous and extensive than in any other part of the Connecticut valley, or of all New England ; and that they were opened not only along the half-dozen lines headed by the

Hanging Hills, but also farther to the eastward, Mount Lamentation and other heights between Meriden and the Connecticut river being parts of the system. The country now occupied by the townships of Berlin and Wethersfield was crossed by *eight* of the great rents, averaging one for every mile of breadth. Why these fissures stopped so abruptly in Meriden on a common transverse line, and with a long eastward bend in the principal one, besides also an east and west line of eruptions in front, as indicated on Percival's map, is a question not easy to answer. It is a case somewhat like that of West Rock and the transverse range of Pine and Mill Rocks in the New Haven region, but on a far grander scale.

"Of the several interesting excursions which may be made about Meriden, the most noted is that to the western peak of West mountain. To reach the mountain from Meriden, go westward along Main street, and its continuation, the Waterbury turnpike (passing Fenn's mill-pond, north of the road, two-thirds of a mile on, and, immediately afterward, crossing a road that leads northward to Cat-Hole gap and Kensington); at the forking, 1 1-4 miles out, keep to the right, taking what is called the Southington road, and continue on it about 1 1-2 miles farther (passing half way a road going north to the "Notch" between South mountain and West mountain); and when seemingly a little beyond the sought-for mountain and just after a descent begins in the road, a carriage-path will be seen on the right (north) entering the woods, showing by its stripes of green that it is not much used; after half a mile or more upon this path, gradually ascending most of the way, an open spot is reached where the carriage way ends and the climb begins.

"Along the road thus far, numerous fine views gladden the way. Here and there, glimpses are had of Meriden, and the eastern hills, of Mt. Carmel to the south, and finally of the Cheshire and Southington region and the heights to the west. A prettily wooded bank with a streamlet at its foot follows



the south side of the Southington road for part of the way ; and in other parts the road is bordered by the young growth of an old forest, which suggests the regret that some of the old trees were not left for shade. After passing two or three mill-ponds to the north of the road, another large enough to be called a lake, and none the less beautiful that it is artificial, is seen lying among the forests. Nearly all the way the Meriden mountains are in full sight, grand in all their varying aspects: first, the lofty South mountain, having its brow twice cleft near the middle, and rising on the west to a rounded top ; then the still higher West mountain, presenting to view, in succession, its long eastern line, the castellated middle peak, and, at last, the more elevated and broken western summit: the whole in appearance, and in reality, a mighty ruin, and old beyond all human reckoning. In many places along the mural fronts great columnar masses stand out, clinging only by a single side, owing to the fall of the rocks underneath, and appearing as if just ready to go crashing down the mountain. But they hold on firmly, for the work of destruction in these trappean structures is slow. The long slope which rises at a large angle to hundreds of feet, and bears far aloft the grand lines of battlements, is, to a great depth, made of the stones that have fallen from the heights

“The ascending path commences along the south side of the middle of the two peaks, gradually bends around into the gorge that separates them, finally crosses this gorge over some of the immense fallen blocks that are strewn along its course, and thence turns southward toward the high western summit. The first part of the summit which comes in view is made up, at its lower portion in front, of small columns, hardly longer or larger than a man's leg, that are gradually falling apart and adding thus to the debris. This small-columnar structure characterizes many parts of the Meriden Hills, and, as a consequence, the long slopes of fallen fragments often consist of such pieces of rock—some flat, but

generally of various irregular, polygonal shapes. At the same time, there are no where about the Meriden heights any large regular columns. This seems very remarkable, considering the vast extent of the trap eruptions. But while large columns do not occur, much of the rock of the mountains is free from any distinct columnar structures, and breaks with broad vertical surfaces.

“Just above the point referred to, and further on along the gorge, the trap stands up in long perpendicular walls arising from vertical courses of fracture. The immense blocks of trap that roughly pave the bottom of the gorge remind one who is familiar with the New Haven region of the great trap boulders on its eastern hills. They have the same fine-grained texture, are often tabular in form, and laminated in structure. They look as if they had come from some horizontally stratified bed; but, as just explained, and as becomes apparent before reaching the top, the lamination of the trap is *vertical* instead of horizontal, and precisely similar to that so distinct in Pine Rock and at the eastern of the West Rock quarries. It is hardly possible for one geologically informed to pass along the gorge without querying whether some of those New Haven travelers did not take passage aboard the glacier from these Meriden heights. But the same structure and texture probably characterize the trap ridges throughout their extent northward, so that a positive answer as to the precise place of departure cannot be given. That it was *somewhere along this western range between Meriden and Mount Tom* is very probable. The evidence that they came from the *more western* of the ranges lies in the fact that they are associated in the western part of the New Haven region (and but sparingly in the eastern) with blocks of gneiss and quartz rock that must have come from the adjoining country on the west, and were derived from the *northern* part of the State, or from the region farther north in Massachusetts or Vermont.

“The view from the top of West mountain is remarkable rather for its wide panoramic range than for grandeur of

detail. The same may be said generally of landscapes seen from the *highest* peak of any region, when this peak is much above the other summits in altitude: for the other mountains lose in elevation, and the lower hills are at times flattened out in seeming plains; moreover the loftiest point is out of view, because the observer is upon it. Thus it is here; but there is compensation as usual in the wider range of view, and the grander vistas over the plains and the receding hills

“In the landscape before the eye, a wide undulated surface, seemingly almost a level plain, stretches from Berlin and Meriden, *southward* over Wallingford and North Haven, *westward* over Cheshire, and thence *northward* over Southington into Bristol; and the villages of these townships lie among great patches of forests, meadows and variously cultivated fields. On the east stands a long range of bold trap mountains, from Mount Lamentation (which is seen over the more eastern Hanging Hills) through Middletown or Higby's mountain, (stated to be 899 feet high), Beseck or South Middletown mountain, the Durham range with its Tremont peak (that with the three pointed top) to the Totoket mountain of North Branford and Saltonstall ridge in East Haven. The eye, glancing still southward, finally rests on the Sound, a strip of ocean dotted with sails, bounded by the low sea-barrier, Long Island. Mount Carmel, the “sleeping giant,” lies recumbent just across the borders of Wallingford and Cheshire, the head of the giant bearing S. 18 degrees W.; but it presents only its long back and slopes, looks heavy, and too heavily asleep to be aroused for the short move to the right that would open a view of New Haven. Over its flank, a part of the East Rock range may be seen, and more to the east and south a spire in Fair Haven, and the Light House on New Haven bay.

“To the southwestward, as a counterpart to the trap mountains on the east there is the long West Rock Range. But a line of hills extending toward it from Mt. Carmel shuts out of view its more southern extension. Northward, as

may be observed, it stretches on between Cheshire and Prospect, then bends a little eastward, and soon after loses itself in the open country west of the Meriden Heights; for here the range terminates, about 17 miles from its commencement at Westville. Over and beyond these trap hills to the west and also to the northwest, lies the elevated Woodbridge plateau, a region of metamorphic rocks, attaining its greatest altitude in the towns of Prospect and Wolcott, and thence, declining toward Bristol. Still farther northwest, over Wolcott and Bristol, there are the heights beyond the Naugatuck, and the yet more remote and but faintly discerned Taconic mountains of the Green mountain range. Among the summits on the western horizon, one quite prominent, called Great Mountain, belongs to the country beyond the Housatonic in the vicinity of New Milford, not far from the State boundary.

“Turning now to the northward, other trap hills come into view in a long range, terminating in Mt. Tom and Mt. Holyoke. The nearer, with rampart western front, are the hills overlooking Southington and Farmington; farther on is Talcott mountain, on the western border of the town of Hartford. The ridges of Simsbury and Granby rise beyond, but they are not separately distinguishable, as they are seen only in profile. Mt. Tom shows itself, over what appears to be a low western extension of Talcott mountain, as a round-topped peak, steepest on its western side. To the right is Mt. Holyoke (on the other side of the Connecticut); and still farther east are other summits of the Holyoke ridge. It is of interest here to remember what has already been stated, that these trap hills make one grand curving range, nearly 60 miles long, from West Mountain in Meriden to Mount Tom, and thence, bending easterly, to Mount Holyoke.

“Many villages give life to the landscape. North of Meriden there are Berlin bearing northeast, New Britain, north-northeast, Kensington, Percival's birth-place, south of New Britain, N. 30 deg. E.; south of Meriden, Hanover or South Meri-

den, near a large pond at the bend in the Quinnipiac bearing S. 15 deg. E., Yalesville more distant in nearly the same direction, and beyond Yalesville, the much larger village of Wallingford; in the valley to the west, Bristol, bearing N. 52 deg. W., Southington, N. 30 deg. W.; Cheshire, S. 30 deg. W.; over the Woodbridge plateau, Wolcott, W. 32 deg. N., and Prospect, on the summit against the horizon, W. 30 deg. S. Lamentation mountain bears to the north of west; and the ridge just south is properly a part of it; Middletown or Higby's mountain lies a little to the south of east; Tremont peak, the central peak of the Durham range, S. 30 deg. E.; and just below begins the Totoket mountain. Pistapaug mountain is behind the southern part of the Durham range. A low north-and-south sand ridge connects the Meriden Hills and Mt. Carmel and Whitney Peak.

“The rock of the summit is fine-grained trap, or *crust rock*, as we have called it, while that of the front of the mountain, as may be observed on the way up, is coarse like the East Rock stone. (The crust rock is not so named because separable from that below, but from its being the original exterior of the ejected trap, as proved by its fine texture.) The presence of the crust rock at the top shows that but little of the height of the ridge was worn away by the old glacier as it moved over these summits. In fact, nothing else could be expected; for along this meridian there was probably a few stones in the ice at a level high enough to over-ride or abrade the summit. There are no peaks in the valley to the north as high as this Meriden mountain, either in Connecticut or Massachusetts, except Mount Tom and Mount Holyoke; and stones taken from lower heights would not have risen in the glacier, against gravity, to a higher level except through a combination of circumstances in the slopes that should favor an up-hill push of the ice for a limited distance; and the circumstances about this West mountain do not appear to have been favorable for an upward movement of this kind. The Mount Tom boulders

would have made a narrow line, and would have had but little chance of leaving their mark or much of their freight, on this high Meriden Station. Whatever stones there were must have come from the higher mountains of Vermont or New Hampshire. The movement of the glacier over the central parts of the Connecticut valley was to the *south, or a little west of south*. The course of the scratches is south, according to Prof. Hitchcock, on Monadnoc, N. H., on Holyoke, and Tom, and at Deerfield, and Greenfield, and other places in the valley in Massachusetts. According to Percival, it is S. S. W., just east of the Hanging Hills, and north of Meriden. It is south, in a gorge on Mount Carmel, and S. 10 deg. W., to S. 14 deg. W., over the ledges of the sandstone, east of New Haven.

“Over the bare trap surface of the summit, there are slightly raised lines dividing it into polygonal areas, which indicate that the rock beneath has a somewhat columnar structure. These lines are prominent because of the greater hardness of the rock along them, the intervening surface yielding most easily to the elements. This hardness is due to the filling of thin fissures with silica or some siliceous mineral; and the fissures were a result of the contraction of the rock at the time of its original cooling.

“The long lines of fracture or open seams which intersect the surface are the courses of the *jointi*, on which the laminated character of the rock (or its tendency to break into slabs and tabular masses) depends.

#### THE NOTCH.

“On the return to Meriden, an interesting excursion may be made by taking the road to “The Notch,” between West Mountain and South Mountain. For the purpose of supplying the city of Meriden with water, work is now going forward that will soon place a lake, a mile in length in this gorge. The reservoir will have an area of 77 1-2 acres, and derives its waters from the drainage of the various declivities. When the arrangements are completed, the quiet

lake, lying amid forests in this mountain defile, overlooked by and reflecting the grand old walls that crown the heights, will make a scene of beauty unsurpassed in this Meriden region.

“Another excursion of great attractions may be taken over the Kensington road to the long, narrow Cat-Hole gap or pass, between South mountain and the Cat-Hole mountain. On the way toward the valley the high battlemented South mountain comes into view, almost in front, and makes a majestic sweep around toward the entrance; it thence continues as the western side of the valley with gradually decreased boldness and height. Soon after, there appears on the east a time-worn mural summit of Cat-Hole mountain, and just beyond, a second still bolder front, rising erect above the steep slopes; fancy finds a profile of Washington in the outline from one point of view. Farther on in the valley other vertical rocks are described, though mostly concealed by foliage. The mountain is cut obliquely by gorges, and hence its succession of summits. The slopes of fallen stones, that descend on either side from the heights far above through most of the valley, originally met at the bottom, where many of the large masses lay piled together; and the pass, somewhat difficult under nature's rough macadamizing, then merited its name. There is now an excellent road through it. Many crevices or breaks occur in the high walls of Cat Hole mountain, along some of which the heights may be scaled. The view from the more southern summit, over the Meriden region and the far-away plains and hills, the Sound, and Long Island, is exceedingly fine.

“The Kensington road, before reaching Cat-Hole gap, passes a gateway on the left, which is the entrance to the Poor House grounds, and through these to the “Cold Spring gorge,” another place of great interest, situated just under the lofty front of South mountain. The path along the gorge continues northward, and finally enters Cat-Hole pass. The bottom of the gorge is still in the condition which charac-



CAT-HOLE PASS, WITH WASHINGTON'S PROFILE.



terized Cat-Hole gap before its civilizing improvements, but is probably beyond that in the grandeur of its mountain ruins. Enormous blocks of trap, like houses in magnitude, lie in confusion together, enclosing narrow passages, and numerous dark recesses which may well have been the dens of catamounts and panthers in aboriginal times. There are also shady ways and rock retreats, beautiful with their moss-covered walls, shelves of ferns or flowers, and overshadowing trees, which may give much enjoyment in the exploration.

“The grand pile of rocks at the bottom derived from the heights above, the long steep slope of fallen fragments down which they made their descent, and the mural heights almost overhead seemingly ready for other avalanches, produce an impression of power and sublimity that is seldom an effect of simply motionless rocks. But here every object in the scene suggests motion and violence, terrific in kind and degree. Yet the blocks, gray and green with the vegetation over them, look as if they had lain quietly in their places for ages. The work of destruction above is, however, going slowly forward, and though a long period may intervene, other descents are sure to occur. A long, one storied stone house stands just within the entrance of the gorge, which is made of sticks, or more properly, small columnar pieces, three to four feet long, of trap, and so laid that the ends project very unequally. The queer porcupine-structure, now a dwelling-house, was erected for a ten-pin alley, as an appendage to the “Cold Spring House” (a Water Cure establishment that formerly occupied what is now the Poor House). If it does not, in the meantime, go to pieces by natural decay, it may yet feel the weight of one of the descending 1000-ton masses. Should this happen, a *strike* would be made beyond any former experience of the ten-pin alley.

“Cold Spring gorge has long been famous for its cold waters, as its name implies. In one of the dark cavities among the fallen masses of trap, ice usually keeps the year around, the shade and shelter making the spot a natural ice-

house. Professor Silliman gives one of the earliest published accounts of it in vol. iv, p. 17, of the *American Journal of Science*, after a visit on July 23, 1821. He carried with him to New Haven, a mass of the ice weighing several pounds."

The following is Prof. Silliman's article referred to above:

#### NATURAL ICE HOUSES.

BY BENJAMIN SILLIMAN, SR.

[From the "American Journal of Science," Oct., 1821.]

"That ice is perpetual in some climates is notorious. That it is so even in those of the torrid zone, upon mountains which rise to the height of three miles, is also well known. It is however a rare occurrence, even in cold climates, that ice is perennial on ground which possesses no more than the common elevation.

"An instance of this kind has however recently come to our knowledge, and appears worthy of a brief notice. It exists in the state of Connecticut, in the township of Meriden—midway between Hartford and New Haven. This natural Ice-House<sup>1</sup> is situated in above 42 degrees of north latitude, nearly twenty miles from the sea and at the elevation of probably no more than two hundred feet above its level.

"The country is a part of the secondary trap region of Connecticut,<sup>2</sup> and is marked by numerous distinct ridges of green stone, which present lofty mural precipices, and from

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"1 A convenient point of departure to visit this natural Ice House is from the Inn of Dr. Isaac Hough in Meriden. This Inn is the usual dining place between New Haven and Hartford, and the very intelligent and respectable man by whom it is kept, will cheerfully direct the enquiring traveller, or furnish him with a guide. The distance is not over two miles from Meriden Meeting-house. There is also, near the same place a wild, romantic pass through the Gorge of the mountain which is well worth seeing; it is known in the vicinity by the ludicrous name of the Cat Hole."

"2 A sketch of which is given in the Tour between Hartford and Quebec, page 27."

their number, contiguity, and parallelism, they often form narrow precipitous defiles, filled more or less with fragments of rocks of various sizes, from that of a hand-stone to that of a cottage. The fragments are the detritus or debris of these mountains, and every one in the least acquainted with such countries, knows how much they always abound with similar ruins.

“In such a defile the natural Ice House in question is situated. On the south-western side, there is a trap ridge of naked perpendicular rock, which, with the sloping ruins at the base, appears to be four hundred feet high ; the parallel ridge which forms the other side of the defile, is probably not over forty feet high, but it rises abruptly on the eastern side, and is covered by other wood, which occupies the narrow valley also. This valley is moreover choked, in an astonishing degree, with the ruins of the contiguous mountain ridge, and exhibits many fragments of rock which would fill a large room. As the defile is very narrow, these fragments have, in their fall, been arrested here by the low parallel ridge, and are piled on one another in vast confusion, forming a series of cavities which are situated among and under the rocks. Many of them have reposed there for ages, as appears from the fact that small trees (the largest that the scanty soil, accumulated by revolving centuries can support), are now growing on some of the fragments of rock. Leaves also and other vegetable ruins have accumulated among the rocks and trees, and choked the mouths of many of the cavities among the ruins. This defile, thus narrow, and thus occupied by forest, and by rocky ruins, runs nearly N. and S., and is completely impervious to the sun's rays except when he is near the meridian. Then indeed for an hour, he looks into this secluded valley, but the trees and the rocks and the thick beds of leaves scarcely permit his beams to make the slightest impression.

“It is in the cavities beneath the masses of rocks already described, that the ice is formed. The ground descends a

little to the south, and a small brook appears to have formed a channel among the rocks. The ice is thick and well consolidated, and its gradual melting, in the warm season, causes a stream of ice-cold water to issue from this defile. This fact has been known to the people of the vicinity for several generations, and the youth have, since the middle of the last century, been accustomed to resort to this place, in parties, for recreation, and to drink the waters of the cold-flowing brook.

“It was on the 23d of last July, in the afternoon of a very hot day, when the thermometer was probably as high as 85 deg. of Farh., that under the guidance of Dr. Hough, we entered this valley. After arriving among the trees, and in the immediate vicinity of the ice, there was an evident chilliness in the air, and very near the ice; it was (compared with the hot atmosphere which we had just left), rather uncomfortably cold. The ice was only partially visible, being covered by leaves, and screened from view, by the rocks; but a boy, descending with a hatchet, soon brought up large firm masses. One of these, weighing several pounds, we carried twenty miles to New Haven, where it was exhibited to various persons, and some of it remained unmelted during two succeeding nights; for it was in being on the morning of the third day.

“The local circumstances which have been detailed will probably account for this remarkable *locality* of ice, and scarcely need any illustration or comment.

“This is not the only instance of the kind existing among the trap rocks of Connecticut. There is a similar place seven miles from New Haven, near the Middletown road, in the parish of Northford, and township of Branford. The ice here also (as we are assured) endures the year round. This place we have not visited, but we are informed that it is at the bottom, or on the declivity of a trap ridge. Several years ago, we had the ice of this place brought to us, into New Haven, in the hotter weather of mid-summer. Like that of





*Engraved by Samuel Sartan*

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Meriden, it is very solid ; but like that also it is soiled with leaves and dirt, and although it is unfit to be put into liquids which are to be swallowed, it is as any ice for mere cooling.

“These instances naturally induce the impression that other natural ice houses may exist in various parts of the trap region of Connecticut, and of Massachusetts, and very possibly in other districts, abounding with precipitous, rocky and woody defiles, although the geological formation may not be the same. We should be obliged by any information respecting similar facts existing elsewhere.

“It is perhaps worthy of being mentioned in this connection that an artificial ice house within the knowledge of the writer, is situated on *the top* of a ridge of trap in Connecticut. The excavation was made, simply by removing the loose pieces of trap rock which are here piled in enormous quantities, but composed of fragments of very small size. These loose pieces of stone with the air in the cavities are better non-conductors of heat than the ground which usually surrounds ice houses, for the ice keeps remarkably well in this elevated ice house. Perhaps this will aid us in explaining the phenomena of the natural ice houses that have been mentioned.”

## CHAPTER III.

## WALLINGFORD SETTLED.

IN the year 1669, the question was first agitated of making a settlement at Wallingford,<sup>1</sup> and measures were adopted towards effecting it; but on account of the Indians, the undertaking was of great peril, and was deferred until 1670. At that time Hartford and New Haven had been settled about thirty-five years, and the whole population within the territory now called Connecticut was about ten thousand. Making a new settlement was quite a formidable undertaking. The Indians, though kind, were kind only from motives of interest or fear. How long they would remain so, was a question asked doubtingly, and answered by an apprehensive glance of the eye. Wolves, in thousands, infested the new settlements. They killed the cattle,

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<sup>1</sup> It is evident that as early as 1667, some of the inhabitants of New Haven had become acquainted with the country in and about Wallingford, and no doubt settlements by some adventurers had been made within the bounds of the town; but it was not until 1669, that the people of New Haven took hold of the matter. It appears that Abraham Doolittle and John Peck were on the ground in 1668, and John Moss and John Brockett in the autumn of 1669, which fact was undoubtedly the cause of their being selected as a committee to superintend and manage the affairs of the new village; but it was not until the month of April, 1670, that the first permanent settlement at Wallingford was made.



they stole and carried off the sheep, and did what they could by their unearthly howlings at night, to add to the horrors that thickened on the skirts of the wilderness. The moose, the deer and the bear, roamed at will through the unbroken wilderness.

It was absolutely necessary that the settlers should turn the wilderness into gardens and fields; that they should plant and cultivate the earth, to keep them from starvation. It was necessary to erect and fortify houses, and to make preparations for the feeding and covering of their cattle. It was of equal importance to the planters, not only to make roads for their particular convenience, but from town to town; that, in any emergency, they might fly immediately to each other's relief. But they were willing to work; they had abandoned their estates, their families, and their country, for the obtainment of peace and freedom; and they themselves were ready to traverse the vast wilderness of an unexplored continent, rather than submit to that moral degradation which can alone satisfy the capriciousness of despotism. When once they had put their shoulders to the wheel they never looked back. The grim present was lowering upon them with all its sharp and angular realities. Indians, wild beasts, famine, cold, the diseases that lurk along the borders of new settlements, "the French, the Dutch, the devil," and all other calamities, actual and imaginary, that kept their faculties constantly stretched to the highest tension, gave them no time to look backward. Other men retreated from the world to avoid its cares; they fled to the solitude of nature to begin life anew.

It has already been stated that the original settlers of New Haven in their corporate capacity, owned the whole

tract of land from the Sound up to West Meriden, which tract was about twenty miles long and ten broad. But when the increase of population seemed to render it necessary to push settlements farther into the interior upon the unoccupied lands, they did not sell out farms to such individuals as chose to buy, and allow matters of this kind to take what we should perhaps call the natural course. They proceeded in a much more orderly manner. The people of New Haven, in their corporate capacity and in public meeting, voted to set off a certain portion of their territory to constitute a "village" or plantation. And the General Assembly held at Hartford, October 10, 1667, passed the following resolution:

"Vpon the motion of the deputies of New Haven, this Court grants the towne of New Haven liberty to make a village on the east River, if they see it capable for such a thing, provided they settle a village there within fower yeares from May next."

At a Court of Election held at Hartford, May 12, 1670, the following confirmation or grant was made by the State to the town of Wallingford, of that territory previously assigned and set off to them by the action of the town of New Haven:

"This Court haveing been moved to state the bownds of the New Village that is settled upon the playne as you goe to New Haven, doe grant that their bownds shall com from the Brook at the south end of the great playne, to the northward tenn miles, and from the said [Brook] sowthward to Brandford bownds, and on each side the river five miles, that is five miles on the east side and five miles on the west side the River, provided that the sayd village be carryed on and made a plantation w<sup>th</sup>out any relation or subordination to any other towne, and provided the bownds hereby granted to the sayd village doe not prejudice any bownds formerly granted

to any plantation or perticuler person, or doe not extend to the north any further than wh[ere] the old road to New Haven goeth over Pilgrimes Harbour."

At the same meeting the " Court ordered that the plantation on the playne in the road to New Haven, be called Wallingford." Permission having been granted by the general Court to lay out a village upon the plain, it was necessary to lay out the boundary lines, which seemed to occasion considerable trouble. On the 28th of the 1st month, 1673, it was agreed,

" 1. by the committee for NewHaven underwritt that Wallingford Bownds on the east side of the east River shall be from Brandford line Northerlie to whortons brooke where it crosseth the north Branch, of the S'd Brooke and thence at the brooke Runne into the east River. 2. that New Haven shall runn two miles and a halfe Northward from the Foot of the blew Hills on the milk River upon that River, and the line from a Stake there to the foote of the blew Hills on the east River and from the Sayd Two mile and halfe Stake along our reare west and by north to the ends of their Bownds, which issue they the committee for wallingford consented too and accepted, and this to be a issue in love and peace. memorandum that the committee for New Haven doe consent that the Meadow between the mill River and east river northward above the blue Hills shall be Wallingford, as to the Bulk of it and Liberty of draweing it as they shall see cause an though the line agreed too should cutt through it.

Subscribed by the Sd parties.

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| JOHN MORSE,        | WM. JOANES,       |
| JOHN BROCKETT,     | JAMES BISHOP,     |
| ABRAHAM DOWLITTLE, | SAM'LL WHITEHEAD, |

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1 The town was incorporated eight years after the State received its charter, and five years after the union of Connecticut with New Haven Colony. There are only fifteen towns in the State older than Wallingford.

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| NATH'LL MERRIAM, | MATTHEW GILBERT, |
| SAM'LL ANDREWS,  | JOHN WINSTON,    |
| ABRAM DICKERMAN, | MOSES MANSFIELD. |

“The mark of JOHN **IC** COWPER SEN., to the agreement excepting the memorandum aded about y<sup>e</sup> meadow wherein he objects.”

The next year a committee of two were appointed from New Haven to lay out the bounds of the new village, as we learn from the following entry on the Wallingford town records :

“We whose names are under written being appointed to lay out the bounds of Wallingford According to the generall courts grant we did Runn from the East River comonly called new Haven River upon an east and by South line five miles ; very nere pishatipague ponds, and from there upon a North and by east line untill it meets with Middletowne South bownds ; and on East and by South line till it meets with middletowne west bownds ; and on the west side Newhaven river upon a west and by north line seven miles, as witness our hands this Sixth day of November 1674.

“JOHN WILFORD,  
NATHANIEL WHITE.”<sup>1</sup>

The town of New Haven next appointed a committee, vested with power to manage the affairs of the settlement. This committee held the land in trust, and acted as trustees in all the affairs of the town ; they not only attended to the temporal, but the spiritual affairs of the people ; and the undertakers and all the succeeding planters were obliged to subscribe to the following engagement :

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<sup>1</sup> In 1701 the boundary line was run between the town of Wallingford and the town of Durham, or Cuginchaug. The Wallingford committee were Thomas Holt and John Merriman.

“He or they shall not by any means disturb the church, when settled there, in the choice of minister or ministers, or other church officers, or in any of their other church rights, liberties or administrations, nor shall withdraw due maintenance from such ministry.”

“This shows” says Trumbull, “how strongly the churches in this part of the colony were, at that time, opposed to towns and parishes having any thing to do in the choice of a minister, or in church affairs.” It was voted in January, 1672,

“That in due time there shall bee some care taken to submitt every planter what quantity of land he shall have propriety in and pay Rates for, and that the limitation be made by the major part of the town and the committee appoynted for the receaving of Planters and that the planters that shall hereafter be received shall be accommodated as the major part of the town and the committee shall see cause.”

In May, 1782, the trustees resigned their trust to the town.

The town of Wallingford having been thus inaugurated, several families removed from New Haven to the new plantation. We also find new settlers whose names are not on the New Haven records: persons who came from adjoining settlements. The next year a number of families came from Boston, probably new emigrants from England, as their names are not mentioned as freemen or land holders in the early Massachusetts records. The committee received applications from such as chose to commence a new settlement, and selected those who in their opinion were best qualified for the work. The persons thus selected, mutually covenanted with each other and with the said committee to observe certain

rules and conditions in the following written agreement, to which their signatures were affixed :

31st 11th month, 1669.

"1. The Committee do consent to put the said village designe into y<sup>e</sup> hands of a competent number of persons fitly qualified for that work, provided, they reasonably appear and engage to undertake y<sup>e</sup> same upon their articles and further shall appoint some fit persons of y<sup>e</sup> said number to be a committee with full power to manage their plantation affairs, until the place come to be an orderly establishment within itself.

"2. For y<sup>e</sup> safety and well being of church affairs, for y<sup>e</sup> Ministry and maintainance, the committee do order y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> undertakers and successors, before (they are) admitted shall subscribe to the following engagement, Vide He, or they, as afs<sup>d</sup> shall not by any means Disturb y<sup>e</sup> church when settled there, in their choice of Minister or Ministers, or other ch<sup>'</sup>h officers—or in any of their Ch<sup>'</sup>h Rights, Liberties, or administrations, nor shall refuse nor withdraw due maintainance from such Ministry and until such Ch<sup>'</sup>h be settled, shall submit to such order as y<sup>e</sup> said committee shall make, for a Godly Minister to dispence y<sup>e</sup> word of God among them.

"3. That the said Committee to be appointed and their successors, in receiving of Planters, shall have due respect to New Haven persons, being fit and offering themselves, so far as it can consist with the good of the place and capacity thereof.

"4. Lastly. These articles being accepted, the s<sup>d</sup> company and all others admitted planters among them, shall enjoy their accommodations and Lands, without payment of purchase money to New Haven: to themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, forever, so far as concerns New Haven town's purchase within the village bounds, the said town of New Haven consenting there unto. And we do nominate, Mr. Samuel Street, John Moss, John Brockett and Abraham Doolittle to be a committee whom we hereby impower to

manage all plantation affairs in y<sup>e</sup> said village according to, and in pursuance of the above written articles, and to see the same attended and performed by the planters, either, are or shall be by them the said committe, and also for to disposal and distribution of allotments in some such equal way as shall best suit the condition of the place and y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants thereof, and to use their best means, they can for procurement of some able and fit man to dispense the word of God among them, and lastly, we do impower them, the above-named committee to make choice of such other fit persons into the exercise of their power and trust with themselves, for their assistance, if any such shall appear among them, and the major part of the said committee, hereby appointed or intended, have full power to act in all the premises, as they shall see cause, in pursuance of the said articles and undertakings. In testimony whereof, and to all the said articles and premises, we, the committee appointed by New Haven, thereunto, have set to our hands.

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| WILLIAM JONES,    | JOHN HARRIMAN,     |
| MATTHEW GILBERT,  | JOHN HUMISTON,     |
| WILLIAM BROADLEY, | ABRAHAM DICKERMAN, |
| JEREMIAH OSBORN.  |                    |

The following is the covenant or original agreement of the first planters at Wallingford:

“We whose names are underwritten, being accepted by the Committee of New Haven, for y<sup>e</sup> intended Village as planters, and desiring that the worship and ordinances of God may in due time, be set up, and encouraged among us, as the main concernment of a christian people, doe sincerely and in the fear of God, promise and engage ourselves that we shall not neither directly nor indirectly, do anything to hinder or obstruct any good means that shall be used by the said committee, or others intrusted by them, to promote the premises, by securing a Godly and able ministry among us to dispense to us the word of God, and when such ministry, or

a Church of Christ shall be settled among us, we engage by no means to disturb the same in their choice of a minister or ministers or other ch'h officers, or in, any other of their ch'h rights, liberties, or administrations, nor shall refuse or withdraw due maintenance from such minister or ministry, and farther we doe engage ourselves peaceably to submit to such settlement, and Civil order as the said committee shall direct among us either by themselves, or some others as a committee by them appointed, upon the place, untill the said village come to be an orderly establishment within itself, and lastly we doe engage personally to settle upon the place, by May next, come twelve month, if God's providence inevitably hinder not, and to observe and perform all and every the other articles agreed upon.

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| SAMUEL STREET,     | JOHN MOSSE,     | JOHN BROCKETT, |
| NATH'L. MERRIMAN,  | JERO HOW,       | ZAC'H. HOW,    |
| ABRAHAM DOWLITTLE, | DANIEL HOGGE,   | JOHN MILLES,   |
| WILLIAM JOHNSON,   | THOMAS HALL,    | NATH'L HOW,    |
| BENJAMIN LEWIS,    | THOMAS CURTIS,  | THOMAS YALE,   |
| SAM'L WHITEHEAD,   | JOHN BEECH,     | JOHN IVES,     |
| ELIASAPH PRESTON,  | JEHIEL PRESTON, | JOHN HALL,     |
| ELIAZER HOLT,      | SAMUEL HALL,    | JOSEPH IVES,   |
| SAMUEL ANDREWS,    | ELEAZAR PECK,   | JOSEPH BENHAM, |
| DANIEL SHERMAN,    | SAMUEL POTTER,  | SIMON TUTTELL, |
| SAMUELL MUNSON,    | JOHN PECK,      | SAMUEL BROWNE, |
| JOHN HARRIMAN,     | FRANCES HEATON, | SAM'LL COOK,   |
| SAMUEL MILLES,     | NATHAN ANDREWS. |                |

The committee then proceeded to select a site for the proposed village, which location is described as being "upon the hill, on the east side of the great plain commonly called New Haven plain," which will be at once recognized as the spot on which the present borough of Wallingford stands. They then allotted to each planter a few acres of land for a building spot and a house lot,



“beginning at the southeast of said hill.” Having laid out the south part of the village, then

“Next to the aforesaid house lots it is ordered that there shall be a highway crosse the hill, from east to west of six rods broad,<sup>1</sup> and from thence a long highway of six rods broad on the top of the hill to run northward<sup>2</sup> and on each side of itt to ranges of house lotts of six acres to a lott ; and these lotts to be distributed.”

The settlement was commenced at the south end of the present Main street, on the east side or slope of the hill. The main street having been laid out, at the north end a cross street was laid out from the old colony road over to Wharton's brook ; being the road now running past the house of Mrs. Harley Morse, and south of the residence of Mr. Peter Whittelsey. Afterwards the main street was continued to where the Congregational church now stands, when another cross street was laid out ; then the main street was continued north to the old Peck place, and a cross street laid out to Wharton's brook ; continuing the main street to the old Rice place, a cross street was laid out, and the main street was continued to the top of the town hill, and another cross street was laid out to Wharton's brook. Probably about this time the street called the lower street was laid out. These several streets or highways were all laid out six rods wide, and on each side of the highway were the house lots of six acres each.

After the planters had received their respective allotments, built their houses, and had assumed the form of a regular and settled community, then the committee who

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1 Being the road now leading from the railroad by the Congregational Church, to the main street.

2 Being the north part of the present main street of Wallingford.

had arranged all the preliminaries and incipient stages of the new plantation, surrendered all their power, and the title to the whole territory, into the hands of the planters, who thereby became a corporate body; in other words, a town. The lands within the town limits became thus the property of the town as a corporate body; to be by them disposed of in such ways and to such persons as they might deem fit. It was voted that those who held house lots in the town, and were not residents upon the place, and did not pay their rates within one month after demand, were to forfeit the lots. Also,

“That not any man shall have power to sell by accommodation to another man and leave the town until hee have dwelt upon itt 3 years, and after 3 years he may sell or alienate itt to any such as the town shall approve of. That every man shall have propriety in the timber or trees in each highway that lieth within 3 rodds of his house lott.”

One of their first acts was the allotment of certain portions of meadow and woodland to each planter at convenient distances from the village; which appropriation constituted the farms and private property of such individuals respectively. The land lying on the river as best adapted to their purposes was first used, and described as

“lotts on the river called, New Haven east river, that are layed out to severall of the inhabitants as meddow land. They are to begin at the end of the hill called Blew hill, where it comes to the river, and so to run upward the river.”

At this first apportionment of land, thirty-eight lots were given out to as many individuals or families; some receiving eight and some twelve acres.<sup>1</sup>

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1 “The said lots are to run close ye river and taking in ye land on

In these various transfers of the land, from the town of New Haven to the Committee, thence to the associated planters, and ultimately to individual proprietors, no money or consideration of any kind was paid. The land was worth literally, nothing, until actually settled and cleared. From time to time as families became larger, and individuals became able to bring more land under cultivation, additional allotments were made by town vote, to each planter. At various times there were "divisions" in this manner made, until the whole territory was occupied. In arranging these divisions, the whole population was classed into three "ranks," as indicated in the following vote, according to their ability to pay taxes. In all assessments, the first rank paid double the amount of tax charged on the "loest rank," and one-third more than the middle rank; and in the

both sides and bounded according to the judgment of the surveyors, and by order of the committee.

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| JOHN MILES,        | 12 acres, | BENJAMIN LEWIS,       | 8 acres, |
| JOHN EIVES,        | 8 "       | JOHN BROCKETT,        | 8 "      |
| NATHL. HOW,        | 8 "       | JOHN BROCKETT, senr., | 12 "     |
| JEREMIAH HOW,      | 12 "      | NATHAN ANDREWS,       | 8 "      |
| WILLIAM JOHNSON,   | 12 "      | ZACHARIAS HOW,        | 8 "      |
|                    | 12 "      |                       | 12 "     |
| SAMUEL POTTER,     | 8 "       | THOMAS YALE,          | 8 "      |
| JOSEPH EIVES,      | 8 "       | THOS. HALL,           | 8 "      |
| SIMON TUTTLE,      | 8 "       | SAMUEL MILES,         | 8 "      |
| JOSEPH BENHAM,     | 8 "       | SAMUEL COOKE,         | 8 "      |
| SAM'L HALL,        | 8 "       | SAMUEL MUNSON,        | 8 "      |
| MR. JOHN HARRIMAN, | 12 "      | JOHN MOSS,            | 12 "     |
| ELEAZER PECK,      | 8 "       | THOMAS CURTICE,       | 8 "      |
| MR. SAM'L STREET,  | 12 "      | DANIEL HOPPER,        | 8 "      |
| JAMES EATON,       | 12 "      | SAML. BROWN,          | 8 "      |
| JAMES ANDREWS,     | 12 "      | DANIEL SHEARMAN,      | 12 "     |
| JOHN PECK,         | 8 "       | MR. NATHL. MERRIMAN,  | 12 "     |
| JOHN HALL,         | 8 "       | ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE,    | 12 "     |
| DAVID TUTTLE,      | 8 "       | SAML. THORP,          | 8 "      |

divisions of land the allotments were made out in the same ratio, as appears by this and similar votes. In June, 1673, voted,

“That there shall be allowed for the first division of lands to each planter taking in house lotts, river lotts, and all sorts of land, to the lowest ranke 40 acres ; to the middle ranke, 60 acres, and to the highest ranke, 80 acres, and so to keep for the present.”

It would naturally occur that after the settlement was commenced, other individuals in addition to the original planters would desire to become residents in the town. Such an one was not expected, nor even allowed to buy any wild land. He was to make application to the town, both for permission to live in the town, and for a gratuitous allotment of land. The town in public meeting considered such a request and referred it to a committee for consideration. That committee after examining the testimonials which the applicant could produce touching his character, recommended a compliance with his request, if such testimonials were satisfactory. In the New Haven Colony Laws for 1656, we find

“That none shall be admitted Freemen or free Burgesses within this Jurisdiction, or any part of it, but such Planters as are Members of some one, or other of the approved Churches of New England.”

Also,

“It is ordered, That no single person of either Sex, do henceforward board, diet, or Sojourn, or be permitted so to do, or to have lodging, or house room within any of the Plantations of this Jurisdiction, but either in some allowed Relation, or in some approved Family licensed thereunto, by the court, or by a Magistrate, or some Officer or Officers in that Plantation, appointed thereunto, where there is no Magistrate !”

Also that the head of the family should

“Duly observe the course, carriage, and behaviour, of every such single person, whether he, or she, walk dilligently in a constant lawful employment.”

We find in the records many votes similar to the following:

“12th Feb. 1671. Agreed by y<sup>e</sup> Comitee for y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Wallingford that Isack Rise, and Nehimiah Rise, shall have lotts granted y<sup>m</sup> provided they procure sufficient testamony of theyr good conversation in the place whear they formerly lived. . . . None shall come to dwell as planters in this towne with out there concent and allowence, whether they come in by purchase or otherwise.”

So careful were they in guarding the character of their new settlement, that even the land which was appropriated to individuals as their private property, was held under this condition, that no sale was to be made to any stranger, until the character of the proposed purchaser had also been examined and approved by the town, and leave granted by express vote of the town, for such transfer of land. Thus we find on the town records frequent entries like the following:

“23d Feb. 1677. The towne gave liberty to Nath'l Hickock to sell his accommodation to any such men as y<sup>e</sup> towne shall approve of.” “20th Oct. 1674, voted that Good<sup>n</sup> Foote shall have liberty to buy the lott, y<sup>t</sup> is Joseph Eives provided he procure sufficient testimony of his good conversation in y<sup>e</sup> plase where he now pretendeth to remove.”

Next January, we find

“The teastimony for Good<sup>n</sup> foote being sevesente and axep-  
ted, he was admitted a planter upon the lott that was Joseph  
eives.” “Dec. 20, 1679. The towne Received Jo Brooks a

planter of y<sup>e</sup> loer Ranks provided he bring sufficient testimony of his good Conversation in y<sup>e</sup> place wheare he formerly lived and come next spring to live heare if in suitable providence hinder not."

Not only were those who wished to become permanent residents, necessitated to make application to the town, before they could receive an allotment of the public land, or be allowed to buy out a previous settler, but even temporary residents must obtain permission to sojourn for a time within the town limits. For we find on the records votes similar to the one here copied: "Sep. 1678. The towne gave liberty to Isack Curtice to abide in the town as a sojourner." This Isaac Curtis was from Hartford, and was visiting his son, who was among the first planters of the town. In 1698, the constables of Wallingford were ordered to take and convey Isaac Johnson, (Fenson?) and his wife out of the town. It does not appear for what crime this summary act was to be enforced, nor does it appear that the order was carried into effect. In the month of December following, he was accepted by the town as an inhabitant. Notwithstanding their strictness, black sheep sometimes got into the flock, as we find from numerous entries in the town records. It is amusing at the present day to read their old records, and to see to what extent they carried things in those days. They not only interfered with private rights, but held an espionage over household matters, entirely different from the actions of the first emigrants who settled at New Haven.

In fact, the planters who now began to settle in different parts of the State, were an entirely different class from the early Plymouth colony: no code of "blue laws" were ever enacted by the Pilgrims, but their legislation

was statesmanlike, just and liberal. Yet, without doubt many of the laws which have come down to us, and are familiarly known as "blue laws," are forgeries concocted by some person who wished to show the Puritans in as bad a light as possible. We can never forget the example and benefits they have conferred upon us. We are indebted to them for our laws and our liberties, and during all their trials and hardships, they never forgot their religion, which seemed to be the principal object for which they lived. How appropriately can we apply the language of Kingsley: "Standing upon the accumulated labours of years, we are apt to be ungrateful to those who, with weary labour, and often working through dark and weary nights, built up the platform which now supports us. We complain impatiently of the blindness of many a man's doctrine, who was only incomplete, because he was still engaged in searching for some truth which, when found, he handed on as a precious heirloom to us who know him not."<sup>1</sup>

The following are the names of the original proprietors of Wallingford :

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| SAMUEL STREET,      | EDWARD PECK,       |
| SAMUEL WHITTLESEY,  | JOHN PARKER, Sen., |
| THOMAS YALE,        | JOSHUA CULVER,     |
| JOHN MOSS,          | JOHN HITCHCOCK,    |
| JOHN BROCKETT,      | ROGER TYLER,       |
| NATHANIEL MERRIMAN, | SAMUEL COOK,       |
| SAMUEL THORP,       | HENRY COOK,        |
| JEREMIAH HOW,       | DANIEL MIX,        |
| ISAAC CURTIS,       | SAMUEL BROCKETT,   |
| JOHN ATWATER,       | MERCY MOSS,        |

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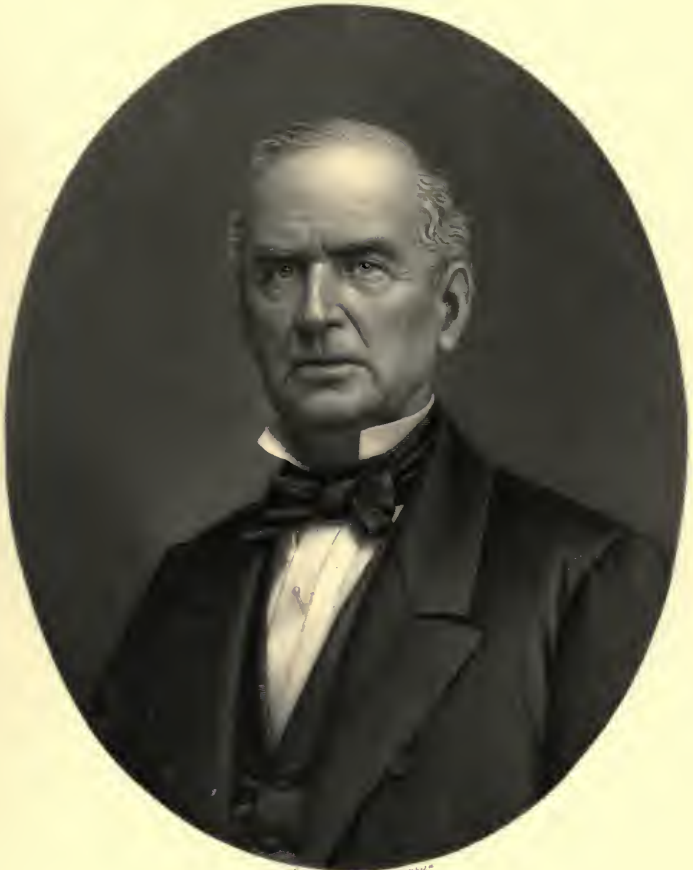
<sup>1</sup> Preface to the Sermons of Taulerus.

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| JOHN HALL,        | DAVID HALL,                     |
| ELIASAPH PRESTON, | JOHN AUSTEN,                    |
| JEHIEL PRESTON,   | ZACHARIAH HOW,                  |
| JOHN MERRIMAN,    | NATHANIEL HOW,                  |
| JOHN BEACH,       | JOSEPH BENHAM, Sen.,            |
| SAMUEL MUNSON,    | ROBERT ROICE,                   |
| JOSEPH THOMPSON,  | WILLIAM EBENATHA,               |
| BENJAMIN HOLT,    | EBENEZER CLARK,                 |
| JOHN PECK,        | SAMUEL HOUGH,                   |
| JOHN LATHROP,     | JOSEPH BENHAM, Jun.,            |
| THOMAS CURTIS,    | JOHN DOOLITTLE,                 |
| NATHANIEL ROYCE,  | JOSEPH ANDRUS,                  |
| DOCTOR HALL,      | THOMAS BEACH,                   |
|                   | ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE. <sup>1</sup> |

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<sup>1</sup> Of the original purchasers of Wallingford, John Brockett died March 12, 1690, æ. 80 years; Abraham Doolittle died August 11, 1690, æ. 70 years; Nathaniel Merriman died February 13, 1694, æ. 80 years; John Moss died 1770, æ. 103 years. These with Mr. Street, æ. 82 (the five purchasers of the town), computing their ages together, make 415 years, or 83 years for each.





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## CHAPTER IV.

## EARLIEST TOWN ACTS.

IN the spring of 1670, when the emigrants commenced their settlement on the land now occupied by the town of Wallingford, the whole population of the State was about 10,000, and settlements had been commenced in Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, Farmington, Saybrook, Middletown, Lyme, Milford, Guilford, Fairfield, Norwalk, Stamford, New Haven, New London, Norwich, Branford, Greenwich, and Haddam. The rest of the State was a wilderness inhabited by Indians. But fifty years had elapsed since the little band of pilgrims had landed from the Mayflower on the rock at Plymouth, which has since been so celebrated in song and story.

In England the past sixty years had been teeming with events of the most momentous consideration in their bearing upon the future destinies of mankind. The first quarter of the century had been occupied by the bigot king, James Stuart. On the day of his accession then did the great British monarchy descend from the rank which it had hitherto held, and during many years under four successive princes of the house of Stuart, was scarcely a more important member of the European system than the little kingdom of Scotland had previously been. Cromwell was no more; and those who had fled before him were forced to content themselves

with the miserable satisfaction of digging up, hanging, quartering, and burning the remains of the greatest prince that has ever ruled England. Then after the imbecile protectorate of Richard, came the long desired restoration. No wonder, that amid such convulsions at home, the English government should have lost sight of that handful of men who, under the shade of the mighty forest trees, stole away from the provincial government at Boston, and set up a new jurisdiction for themselves in the wilds of Connecticut. But the restoration of 1660, which brought tranquility to England, enabled the king to look abroad, and reflect upon the growing importance of Connecticut.

In the midst of dangers, with the Dutch on one side, the Indians on the other, and the powerful colony of Massachusetts not far off, the General Court of Connecticut determined to make a formal avowal of their allegiance to the crown, and apply for a charter. It is not likely that the framers of the constitution of 1639 ever entertained the idea of maintaining a government independent of the crown, but they had wisely kept themselves in abeyance for the time when England, bowed down by her calamities, could no longer stretch her shortened sceptre across three thousand miles of ocean.

On the 23d of April, 1662, letters patent under the great seal received the royal signature, giving to the petitioners the most ample privileges. By this patent, the patentees,<sup>1</sup> together with all the other freemen of

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<sup>1</sup> The names of the patentees in the charter were John Winthrop, John Mason, Samuel Wyllys, Henry Clarke, Mathew Allen, John Tapping, Nathan Gold, Richard Treat, Richard Lord, Henry Wolcott, John Talcott, Daniel Clarke, John Ogden, Thomas Wells, Obadiah Bruen, John Clarke, Anthony Hawkins, John Deming and Matthew Canfield.

Connecticut then existing, or who might afterwards be admitted electors or freemen to the end of time, were given the irrevocable privileges of being "one body corporate and politic in fact and name, by the name of the governor and company of the English colony of Connecticut in New England in America, and that by the same name they and their successors, should have perpetual succession." By these letters patent they are made persons in law, may plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all suits whatsoever; may purchase, possess, lease, grant, demise and sell, lands, tenements and goods in the same unrestricted manner as any of the king's subjects or corporations in England. They are annually to hold two general assemblies—one on the second Thursday in May, and the other on the second Thursday in October—to consist of the governor, deputy governor and twelve assistants, with the more popular element of two deputies from every town or city.

Of course, the territory embraced in the charter, included the entire colony of New Haven. Accordingly a committee were appointed who repaired to New Haven with becoming dispatch, and held a long and earnest conference with the authorities and principal gentlemen there. But the freemen of the colony were highly indignant, and looked with disfavor upon this strange patent that had thus suddenly disposed of their government and political existence, without giving them a premonition of the fate that awaited them. Meetings were called in the towns of the colony, protesting against the union of the colonies, and delegates were appointed to attend the session of the General Court held on the 6th of May, 1663, and a remonstrance against the doings of

the encroaching colony was drawn up and sent to the General Assembly of Connecticut. Numerous sessions of the General Court were called. Discussions innumerable, and protests without number, kept the colony in a constant state of excitement, confusion and enmity; but the doom of this little republic was impending. What could she do against a powerful colony clad in the impenetrable panoply of the royal charter.

On the 13th of December, 1664, the freemen of New Haven held their last General Court, and passed a series of resolutions declaring themselves "now put under Connecticut patent;" and the colony "having drawn the folds of her mantle about her, as if to prepare herself to die with the dignity that became her, found, with a pleased surprise, that union was not annihilation, and in the arms of her elder sister, whom she learned at last both to forgive and to love, 'lay down to pleasant dreams.'"

Six years after the union of the colonies, about one hundred persons, men, women and children, commenced the settlement at Wallingford. Instead of scattering themselves on farms, as is now usual in new settlements, they erected their humble dwellings in a compact village. This arrangement, though inconvenient for an agricultural population, was necessary for defence and safety in these perilous times, when savage wars, and the irregular incursions of the Indians were so frequent. On the 6th of April, 1671, the first town meeting was held in Wallingford. How many of the first undertakers had families when they came to Wallingford to reside, we cannot now ascertain. In the spring of 1671, there were probably one hundred inhabitants.

The first birth in the town was Samuel, son of Samuel

Potter, born September 19, 1671. The first marriage was on the 5th of June, 1673, when one of the first planters, Thomas Hall, and one of Wallingford's fair daughters were joined in the union of heart and hand in bonds indissoluble. In those days it was understood by both parties that the wife was to be "a help-meet for her husband." On this point the minister who joined them was wont to be very emphatic.<sup>1</sup>

The first death in Wallingford, was Samuel, son of Eleazer Peck, who died March 12, 1673. A death in that small community was a great event. The magistrate, the minister, and the fathers of the town, came to the bed of the dying to witness his testament and gather up his last words. It was soon known to every individual of the plantation that one of their number had been cut down. All were eager once more to gaze upon the face they had known so well; they flocked to the funeral; the near neighbors and coevals of the dead bore him on their shoulders to the grave; the whole community with solemn step and downcast eyes, followed him to his long home. Almost from the beginning, the town had the following civil officers, chosen by its own freemen: namely, a board of selectmen, varying in number from three to nine; a clerk, a treasurer, a sealer of weights and measures, one or more surveyors of highways, a constable, and one or more tithing men. In October, 1644, the admirable system of recording all conveyances of land was instituted, and the following law was passed:

"The towns shall each of them provide a ledger book with an index or alphabet unto the same: also shall choose one

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<sup>1</sup> See Dr. Bushnell's Discourse.

who shall be a town clerk or register, who shall before the General Court in April, next, record every man's house and land already granted."

The owners of land, under heavy penalties, were required to present to the town clerk a description of their real estate for record.

"The like to be done for all lands hereafter granted and measured to any; and all bargains or mortgages of lands whatsoever shall be accounted as of no value until they be recorded."

There is nothing in which our nation is more peculiar than that it records its own origin. There is no other nation that does this, the Jews excepted. No one of the present nations of Europe can tell in a word of their earliest ancestors, or even specify the century in which their territory was first taken possession of by them; but all is involved in obscurity, as are the years before the flood. But it is far different with our early history as a nation. We know the men who said they would be free, and who laid the foundation of this mighty republic. We know whence they came, the object for which they came, the spot to which they came, and the year, the month, and the day they took possession. Our nation owes a lasting debt of gratitude to our ancestors for their fidelity in recording the incipient steps taken by them in settling this new world.

With the true spirit of New Englanders, the inhabitants of Wallingford at once secured for themselves religious institutions and public worship. Though necessarily pressed with the excessive labor of erecting their own houses, and clearing away a heavy forest, to procure some land for cultivation, and the great expense



involved therein, yet this little band had from the first, the stated preaching of the gospel. For two years, one Mr. Harriman preached on the Sabbath. He was not a regularly ordained pastor, but was probably an "elder," or church officer of that day, who was appointed to discharge certain duties in the church, and was authorized to preach, in case of the sickness or absence of the pastor. But they designed to secure the services of an ordained minister as soon as one could be found, and the *first tax* ever imposed in the town was for this purpose. The vote stands thus :

"April 21, 1671. It was voated for the incouragement of any fitt person whose hart god may stire up to be helpfull in the ministry, that what some soever shall be Requisitt to the attaining such a man shall be rayed for this present yeare according to every man's proportion of land allotted to him on the river ; the twelve acre lotts to pay 30 s, and the eight acre lotts to pay 20 s."

This tax was not only a heavy one in itself to persons in their circumstances, but pressed still heavier from a fact, the nature of which we at this day can hardly appreciate ; the almost entire destitution of money, or circulating medium. So scanty was the amount of gold and silver, that even as late as 1706, the whole circulating cash in the State was not more than £2,000. In 1670, there must of course have been still less ; and all taxes and debts must have pressed therefore with almost intolerable weight, except when payable in something else than gold and silver. Banks, then, had no existence. We find on the early records accordingly, very many votes, authorizing payments to be made in various kinds of produce. As the New Haven people traded some with the West Indies, one common mode of raising

funds was from hoops and staves, materials for which abounded in our woods and swamps, and for which there was then as now, a great demand in the islands. They were taken to New Haven and sold to the merchants. Thus we find in relation to the first tax, it was voted that "John Mosse and three others, ingage to provide and deliver 1500 good Marchantable pipe staves and deliver them at the place called logmine wharfe," and "others to pay their proportion in the like manner, in some other good pay."

## CHAPTER V.

## FORMATION OF CHURCH.

FROM the first formation of these Puritan colonies, all were compelled to support the Congregational order, which was the order of religion established by the civil government. And not only that ; none had any liberty to worship publicly in any other way. The rigor of this rule began to be abated in 1708, when the General Assembly of the State passed the Act of Toleration, as it was called, by which all persons who soberly dissented from the worship and ministry by law established (i. e., the Congregational), were permitted to enjoy the same liberty of conscience with the Dissenters in England, under the act of William and Mary ; i. e., they were exempt from punishment for not conforming to the established religion, but not exempt from taxation for its support. There could be no ministry or church administration entertained, or attended by the inhabitants of any town or plantation, upon penalty of the forfeiture of five pounds for every breach of this act.

Against some species of dissent, the laws were very stringent. "Quakers, Ranters, or such like" were to be committed to prison, or sent out of the colony. No individual could "unnecessarily entertain or speak more or less with them," on penalty of five pounds ; and the town

that allowed entertainment to be given them must also pay five pounds per week. Quaker books were ordered to be seized by the constable, and the persons in whose possession they were found, were to be fined ten shillings each. By appearing before the County Court, and there in legal form declaring their "sober dissent," they could obtain permission to have public worship in their own way, but were still obliged to pay for the support of the Congregational churches in the place of their residence. There was a further relaxation, as it regards Episcopalians, in 1727, and as it regards Quakers and Baptists, in 1729. They were then exempt from taxation by the established churches, provided they attended the worship of God in a tolerated society of their own denomination. But Congregationalists and Presbyterians had no such exemption. If, for any reason, any of them wished to secede from churches or societies, and worship by themselves, they were still obliged to pay their taxes for the support of the churches from which they had seceded. Every person absenting himself from public worship on the Sabbath without sufficient excuse was liable to five shillings fine. In October, 1696, at the General Court at Hartford, it was ordered and enacted,

"That in every town, plantation or societye within this Colonie where the maj<sup>r</sup> part of the householders of the said town, plantation or societye, who in or by lawe are an allowed societye, are aggreing in the calling and settling of a minister, such minister so called and settled, shall be and accounted the lawfull minister, of such town, plantation or societye, and that all aggreements respecting the maintenance and settlm<sup>t</sup> of such minister made by the maj<sup>r</sup> part of the householders of such town, plantation or society as aforesaid shall be binding and obliging to the whole, and all of

such town, plantation or society, and to their successors, according to all the true intents and purposes thereof."

The "Capitall Lawes" of 1642, ordered that "if any man after legall conviction, shall have, or worship any other God but the Lord God, he shall bee put to death."

Although from the first week of their settlement, regular worship had been maintained in Wallingford, and a regular pastor had been supported by the people, yet no church was organized. In this transaction they proceeded with all the deliberation which the reader of our early histories will remember was characteristic of the original settlers of New Haven and vicinity. In the year 1675, February 3, after there had been ample time for the inhabitants to become acquainted with each other's religious views and feelings, a day of fasting and prayer was observed, with reference to the organization of a church. On the fifteenth of the same month, the inhabitants again met; designating thirteen of their number, to "lay the foundation," that is, to constitute by the due mode of organization, the church. These thirteen, thus constituting the church, were then to admit others, by the ordinary course of examination and profession.

"At a lawful meeting the inhabitants of the town of Wallingford and upon the 15th day of the 2nd month, 1675, it was ordered and enacted by the town, that as there had been conference about establishing a Church of Christ, in the aforesaid town, and also a solemn fast set apart and celebrated by the town unanimously to seek God's guidance in so great a work, they have now also freely and unanimously concluded if it be the will of God, that there shall be a Church of Christ gathered to walk according to the Congregational way, and have also all freely and unanimously

left the management of the same in the hands of the persons whose names are underwritten, that if it be the will of God to incline their hearts, so many of them as may be a competent number for that work, may in his time lay the foundation.

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| “THOMAS YALE,     | NEHEMIAH ROYCE,    |
| ELIASAPH PRESTON, | JOHN HALL, Sen’r., |
| Mr. MOSS,         | Lieut. MERRIAM,    |
| Mr. SAM’L STREET, | Serj’t. DOOLITTLE, |
| NATHAN ANDREWS,   | JOHN HALL, Jr.,    |
| Mr. BROCKETT,     | JOHN BEACH,        |
| BENJ. LEWIS.”     |                    |

At the Court of Election, held at Hartford, May 13, 1675,

“Sundry of the Inhabitants of Wallingford Moveing the court that they might have Liberty to gather themselves into church Fellowship according to the order of the gospel there request being considered. This court grants them their desire they attending the same with the approbation of the Neighbour churches and desire the lords gracious presence and blessing may crown their endeavoures with such success as may advance the glory of God & their Spirituall Good and edification.”

They had as yet no house of worship. They hardly needed one, for their numbers were so small that they could without much inconvenience assemble in a private house. For ten years they met on the Sabbath at the house of Lieutenant Nathaniel Merriman and Ensign Munson, for religious worship. We find on the records, September 10th, 1677, the following entry: “voted that ensign Munson shall have fourty shillings allowed him for meeting in his house this yeare.” One reason however of this delay in erecting a “meeting house” must probably be found in the danger, alarm, and the impover-

ishing effect of the famous Indian war of that period, usually called "King Phillip's war." The derangement of business, and the heavy taxation consequent on the expenses of the war, impoverished the population, and pressed heavily on the new settlement at Wallingford. Having recovered somewhat from the depression and impoverishment consequent on the war, we find them with true New England conscientiousness and public spirit, at work upon their church and school. At the Town-meeting, October 2, 1676,

"The town agreed to have a meeting house built 34 feet long, and 30 feet wide, and desired the townsmen together with Mr. Moss, St. Doolittle and the constable to consider it, treat with some workmen about y<sup>e</sup> price, and make Report to y<sup>e</sup> towne in order to farther proceeding about the matter."



FIRST CHURCH.

After considering the matter, the committee appeared to have come to the conclusion that a smaller and less expensive house would answer their purpose until the colony grew larger; and at a Town-meeting, November 27, 1678,

"The town notwithstanding theyr former order about A meeting house: upon furdr consideration doe now for y<sup>e</sup> present conclude to build a house to meete in on y<sup>e</sup> saboth, of 28 foot in Length, and 24 foot in breadth, & ten foot in stud betweene y<sup>e</sup> growndsill and wall plate, to be comfortably and comleyly fitted up with doers and windowes & flower or flors and other things nedeful in order to the end propounded."

The erection of the meeting-house seems to have progressed very slowly, either from the want of means, or owing to the troubles which they were having at that time with the Indians. In 1681 a further rate was laid to finish the house, and it was voted to "go on and finish the house." Great must have been their poverty, when with all their high estimate of the value of religious institutions, and when we know that nothing but absolute inability could have prevented the most ample accommodations for their church, we find their whole united means inadequate to build and finish a house, which now almost any single journeyman could build out of his own resources.

But as their population and wealth increased, we find the house of worship grew also. In 1690, an addition of sixteen feet was made to the breadth of it. There were now seventy-three families in the town. On the 22nd of June, 1691,

"The Town agreed to Seale y<sup>e</sup> meeting house all round from y<sup>e</sup> Sill up to y<sup>e</sup> plate and to Remove y<sup>e</sup> pulpit to y<sup>e</sup> west end of y<sup>e</sup> meeting house. and to make a comly cover and set over y<sup>e</sup> pulpit." The town also "voted y<sup>t</sup> the meeting house shall be seated in A comly manner and y<sup>t</sup> there shall be an alley from y<sup>e</sup> East door to y<sup>e</sup> pulpit, and an alley from y<sup>e</sup> South door, to y<sup>e</sup> midle alley, and y<sup>e</sup> Short seats on each side of y<sup>e</sup> pulpit shall be made faceing to y<sup>e</sup> pulpit and this worke to be done as soon as may be."

This same year, the town voted that "two pews should be built;" an indication of growth, and even of luxury; for hitherto, the whole area of the house had been occupied with long seats, where all persons sat indiscriminately, except that the men and boys were on one side of the house, while the females sat on the other side. Feb. 15,



1698, it was voted to build an addition to the east side of the meeting house, fifty by twenty feet, making the form of a cross. This house stood until 1717, when it was taken down to make room for the three story meeting house.



SECOND CHURCH, WITH GROUND PLAN.

It is quite likely that some of the good people of that day were shocked at the extravagance, pride and degeneracy developed by the innovation of pews. But growth and change kept on their course; for under date of April 30, 1706, we find,

“The town chose Deken Hall, Samuel Roys, and goodman Culvert, a committee to procure workmen to come and build gallers for the In largment of the meeting house.”<sup>1</sup>

The Rev. Mr. Davenport was present and assisted in laying the foundation of this church; and standing at the foot of the eminence where the village looks off so pleasantly upon the then fair range of woods and streams, preached a characteristic discourse from the words of Isaiah, “My beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The first meeting house was erected on the open space north of the present Congregational church, and almost in front of the open space between the Carrington house and the residence of the late Almer Hall.

<sup>2</sup> So says Lambert, 83; Barber's Hist. Coll., 253; and Hollister, 1, 256; but it may be a mistake, as Davenport removed to Boston in 1667.

At a town meeting, June 4, 1677,

“The Towne desired Eliazur Peck to looke to y<sup>e</sup> boyes on y<sup>e</sup> sabbath that they keep good order at meeting.”

At a town meeting, February 26, 1689,

“The town agreed and votted to build a fort Round y<sup>e</sup> meeting house.”

July 19, 1693-4, Joshua Culver was hired to sweep and take care of the meeting house, “and 18 s. were allowed him for his pains.” By another vote,

“James Westwood was chosen to look after the boys who sit in the uper end of the meeting house, Sabath days, and Samuel Munson to look after the young folks who sat at the lower end of the meeting house. April 25, 1710, The Townsmen were directed to contract with some person to sweep the meeting house from year to year.”<sup>1</sup>

Their churches, or, more properly speaking, meeting houses,<sup>2</sup> were devoid of all beauty and elegance, and consisted generally of rough, unhewn logs put together in such a manner as to be hardly sufficient to keep out wind and rain. The interior was furnished very plainly. Immediately before the pulpit, and facing the congregation, was an elevated seat for the ruling elder; and before that, somewhat lower, was a seat for the deacons, behind the communion table. On the floor of the house there were neither pews nor slips, but plain seats; men and women were seated separately, on opposite sides of

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1 The meeting house was built of logs, with a square roof running up to a point in the center, with a turret. The windows were small, with shutters, and without glass.

2 “There is no just ground from Scripture to apply such a trope as *church* to a house for a public assembly.” Mather’s *Ratio Disciplens*.

the house, and every one according to his office, age, or rank in society, had his place assigned by a committee appointed for that purpose ; seats were placed on each side of the front door for soldiers, and generally a sentinel was stationed in the turret. Of six pieces of artillery belonging to the town of New Haven, three were always stationed by the water side, and three by the meeting house : no fires were allowed, even in the coldest day in winter. Mr. Davenport required all of his congregation to stand up whilst the text was naming ; the reason which was given for it being, that it was the word of God, and deserved peculiar honor.<sup>1</sup>

The ministers of religion were the especial favorites of the colonial government. Their polls and estates were exempted from taxation, and stringent laws were made to secure them the advantages of their position and the respect of their flocks. It was provided that if any Christian so called, should contemptuously behave himself "towards the word preached or the messenger thereof," he should, for the first offence, be reproved openly, in some public assembly, by the magistrate ; and for the second, should pay a fine of five pounds,

"Or else stand two hours openly upon a block or stool four feet high, on a public meeting day, with a paper fixed on his breast written with capital letters:—AN OPEN AND OBSTINATE CONTEMNER OF GOD'S HOLY ORDINANCES : that others may fear and be ashamed."

On Sundays the minister was treated with special reverence. When he passed from the threshold to the

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1 "At Quinniapyock [New Haven], Mr. Davenport preached in the forenoon that men must be uncovered and stand up at the reading the text, and in the afternoon the assembly jointly practised it." Mr. Hooker to Shepard, March 20, 1640.

pulpit, the people rose; and if he formally addressed them in any part of the sermon, those in the galleries, in obedience to parental injunction and usage, in many places, stood and continued standing till the address was concluded.

Every church had its pastor, teacher, ruling elder, and deacons. The pastor, teacher and elder were all ordained with equal solemnity. It devolved on the pastor to inculcate the duties and present the consolations of religion. The teacher was the private expounder of the law; the counselor whose learning, deep piety, calm judgment and refined experience could be depended upon in doubtful matters. The duty of the ruling elder was to assist the pastor in the government of the church, particularly to keep strict watch over all the brethren and sisters, and see that they demeaned themselves in an orderly and godly manner; to prepare and bring forward all cases of discipline, to visit and pray with the sick; to warn the careless, admonish the wayward, and to present the incorrigible before the proper tribunal for discipline, and, in the absence of the pastor and teacher, to pray with the congregation and expound the Scriptures. The office of the deacons was to provide for the Lord's table and care for the sick, and to attend to the secular affairs of the church. The early clergy

“Reasoned high

Of providence, foreknowledge, will, and fate,  
Fixed fate, free-will, foreknowledge absolute,  
And found no end in wondering mazes lost.  
Of good and evil much they argued then,  
Of happiness, and final misery,  
Passion, and apathy, -glory, and shame.”

Their life-long effort was still to climb higher, ever exclaiming,

“—— Paula majora canamus.”

The planters had now after much labor and trouble erected a house for public worship ; but it was one of the many calamities of the colonists, that the meeting-house, through the unfaithfulness or incompetency of some of the workmen, had to undergo very frequent repairs. But this building, and those who worshiped there, have alike mouldered to dust ; but the ground is holy, and should be cherished,

“Like spots of earth where angel feet have trod.”

The record of eternity doubtless contains the names of many to whom the portals of this modest church were the gateways of Heaven. In this little edifice—meaner and more rude in its construction than any building now in the valley—the fathers of the town held their solemn assemblies, offered up their united prayers, and put forth their stern views of doctrine. At the appointed hour, the drum having been beaten, both the first time and the second, the whole population, from the dwellings of the town and the outlying farms, came together in the place of prayer. In plain and carefully kept clothes, the saintly heads of families, with their closely trained and solemn faced children, came, after the toils of the week, to observe holy day. The sentinel is placed in the turret ; those who are to keep ward, go forth, pacing, two by two, the still green lanes.

The imagination cannot but revert to those occasions, with an admiration toned down almost to holy reverence. There, in the midst of a silent wilderness, the hardy, toil-worn settlers and their wives and daughters are

gathered, gazing with moistened eyes at their venerable pastor as he discourses to them from the first verse of the third chapter of Matthew, and warns them "of the temptations of the wilderness;" or listening with bowed heads to the fervent prayer that the God of Israel will endue his servant, as heretofore, with courage and counsel to lead them in the days of their future peril. The curious Indian paused at the door, and was filled with awe as the white man addressed the Great Spirit. In this rude, unfinished structure, is devotion true and pure,—worship, more solemn for the lack of outward pomp. Far away from the busy haunts of men, they seemed, and felt nearer God—more alone with God—than ever before. With reverent joy they rejoiced in that blessed intimacy of communion, and drew from it the strength they needed for the trials and duties that formed the staple of their daily lives. In the eloquent words of Dr. Bacon,<sup>1</sup> through a long course of exercises, which would weary out the men of our degenerate days, these hearers sit or stand with the most exemplary attention. They love the word that comes from the lips of their pastor. They love the order of this house. For the privilege of uniting in these forms of worship, of hearing the gospel thus preached, of living under this religious constitution, and of thus extending in the world the kingdom which is righteousness and peace and joy, they undertook the work of planting this wilderness. To them each sermon, every prayer, every tranquil Sabbath is the more precious for all that it has cost them. It is not strange, then, that their attention is awake through these long services, till,

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<sup>1</sup> Historical Discourses, 51.



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as the day declines, they retire to their dwellings, and close the Sabbath with family worship and the catechising of their children. We seem to hear the utterance of their piety in that old stave of Sternhold and Hopkins:

“Go walke about all Syon hill, yea round about her go ;  
And tell the towers that thereupon are builded on a roe ;  
And mark you well her bulwarks all, behold her towers there,  
That ye may tell thereof to them that after shall be here,  
For this God is our God, forevermore is hee ;  
Yea and unto the death also, our guider shall hee be.”

## CHAPTER VI.

MR. HARRIMAN, MR. STREET, MR. WHITTELEY.

FOR the first two years of the settlement of the town, Mr. John Harriman, although not at that time an ordained minister, preached to them on the Sabbath. Mr. Harriman was a native of New Haven. His father was for many years a respected member of the church, and was long the keeper of the ordinary, or house of public entertainment in that time. The son, having been fitted for college in the grammar school at New Haven, under the eye of Mr. Davenport, was educated at Harvard College, where he graduated in 1667. For about twenty years he resided at New Haven, preaching as a candidate there, also at East Haven and Wallingford. In 1682, he removed to Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

In the year 1672, Rev. Samuel Street, son of Rev. Nicholas Street, pastor of the church at New Haven,<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Street was born in England, and received his education at one of the universities there; and about the year 1638 he was settled at Taunton, in the Plymouth Colony, as colleague with Mr. Hooker, at the first organization of the church there. He removed to New Haven and was ordained, according to the church records, "the 26th of the 9th, 1659." Of the character of Mr. Nicholas Street, as of his life, we know but little. He appears to have been a pious, judicious, modest man. His "Considerations upon the Seven Propositions concluded by the Synod," published as an appendix to Mr. Davenport's more elaborate

was invited to settle at Wallingford; and in April, 1673, he removed his family there, and in 1674 was installed as pastor of the church. After Mr. Street had consented to become their minister, two committees were appointed: one was to see that Mr. Street's goods were brought from New Haven and *landed* at some convenient place, the other to see that they were thence *carted* up to Wallingford. To us this seems to indicate a curious mode of intercourse between the two towns. But then owing to the state of the roads, it was no doubt easier to send the goods from New Haven harbor, up the Quinnipiac river, as far perhaps as North Haven, and from thence by land to Wallingford.

Mr. Street was graduated at Harvard College in 1664, and was forty years old when he came to Wallingford. He received an annual salary before any church was gathered there. It may serve to convey some idea of the character of the people, that in 1673, when their own poor dwellings were hardly erected, and they were struggling with all the untold difficulties of a wilderness, and when their whole number, men, women and children, hardly exceeded one hundred, they voted to build a house for their minister, and to pay him a salary of £50. If our western settlements now had as much courage and energy, we should have small need of Home Missionary Societies. February 24, 1673, "it was ordered that Mr. Street's house be Raised at the Townes charge." At a Court of Election held at Hartford, May 12, 1681,

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book on the same subject, shows great clearness of thought, and some pungency of style. That he was no inferior preacher, may be inferred from the fact that he was found worthy to succeed Mr. Hooker, and that he maintained his standing as the colleague of Mr. Davenport. The whole course of his ministry in New Haven was about sixteen years and a half.

“The Court for the encouragement of Mr. Samuel Streete grant him two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any person or plantation.”

This was laid out April 24, 1682, in Wallingford, and by him conveyed, June 27, 1686, to Mr. John Hulls, of Derby. Jan. 12, 1685, there was granted to Mr. Street,

“A house lott containing six acres as may appear by the act of the town in folio 5, also six acres of Land by exchange with the town in folio 30, being laid out by the town surveigher, and lying on the east side of the town being the sixth house lott in number, and bounded on the south by Abraham Dowlittle, Jun<sup>r</sup>, on the North side and on the west and east end by the town street being fourty eight Rods long and 40 rods wide and so they lye for twelve acres more or less.”

At a town meeting held in Wallingford, April 28, 1696,

“The Town voted to allow Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Street as A recompense of his labour in y<sup>e</sup> worke of y<sup>e</sup> ministry in y<sup>e</sup> year 1696 y<sup>e</sup> full & just sum of one hundred pounds in provision pay, only y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Street is to find himself firewood & he will set A week in y<sup>e</sup> forepart of y<sup>e</sup> sumer & A week in y<sup>e</sup> latter part of y<sup>e</sup> sumer y<sup>t</sup> each man may bring A load of wood or two if y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Street se Cause & y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Street will allow 2 & 6<sup>d</sup> P load to each man.”

During Mr. Street's residence in Wallingford, he exerted a great influence in all the affairs of the town, and was much respected by all the inhabitants. He answered to a letter, Cowper's description of a preacher, such as Paul, were he on earth, would hear, approve and own :

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1 On the town records there are seven other grants of land to Mr. Street, amounting in all to one hundred and twenty acres.

“Simple, grave, sincere ;  
In doctrine uncorrupt, in language plain,  
And plain in manner, decent, solemn, chaste,  
And natural in gesture ; much impressed  
Himself, as conscious of his awful charge,  
And anxious mainly that the flock he feeds  
May feel it too ; affectionate in looks,  
And tender in address, as well becomes  
A messenger of grace to guilty men.”

Mr. Street died January 16, 1717, aged eighty-two years ; a venerable man, to whom age had come “frostily but kindly,” and whose last days were like those of an Indian summer, serene and beautiful, even till the stars appeared in heaven. He was pastor of the church for forty-two years.<sup>1</sup> Time was when the location of a minister in any particular place, as pastor of a church, was regarded as a permanent establishment. Until near the close of the last century, the dismissal of a pastor was an event of uncommon occurrence ; a thing which gave occasion for much remark ; and the cause of dismissal was the subject of earnest inquiry. Councils, when called to act on the question of dissolving the connection between a pastor and his church, long hesitated before coming to a decision. It was long the custom in Connecticut, for the young men and women of a parish to celebrate the occasion of the settlement of a new minister by a ball on the evening following the day of his ordination or installation. This was termed the “ordination ball,” and was sometimes conducted with

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<sup>1</sup> His youngest son, Nicholas, was settled in Groton ; the eldest, Samuel, had three sons, Captain Elnathan, Samuel, and John. The eldest daughter was married to Deacon John Peck, and died before her father. One was married to Theophilus Yale, and another to Joshua Culver. The widow of Mr. Street died July 12, 1730.

such propriety and decorum that church members and even the new pastor would honor the ball with their presence. They ultimately came to be regarded as a scandal, and were at last suppressed by public sentiment.<sup>1</sup>

As Mr. Street became unable to perform the duties of his office, it became necessary to provide a colleague and successor. The forethought and action of the people in the matter are set forth in the following votes:

“July 26, 1708. The town voted that they apprehended it was their duty to take care and Look out to geat another

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1 The following are the items for the “laying out for ye Ordination of Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey of Durham.” Mr. Chauncey’s sister was the wife of Rev. Mr. Whittelsey of Wallingford. He was ordained February 17, 1711.

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| “From Joel Pamerly 15 lbs Pork and 1-2 Bushel Mault. | 4 4    |
| By Beef from Mr. Wadsworth                           | 16 0   |
| By 20 lb. Butter            10                       | 10 0   |
| By 20 lb. Sugar            10                        | 10 0   |
| By 4 Bushel Wheat                                    | 17 0   |
| By Cheese                    4 2                     | 4 2    |
| By Hens, Goose, Turkie                               | 16 6   |
| By a Sheep and fetching from Town,                   | 9 0    |
| By 3 Bushel apples                                   | 3 6    |
| By 2 Quarters of Mutton                              | 3 0    |
| Mault for Beer                                       | 4 0    |
| Barrel of Cyder                                      | 8 0    |
| Chocolate, Pepper ; Spice, Currant, Nutmeg           | 6 0    |
| Metheglin and Rum.                                   | 12 6   |
| Two Piggs, fresh Pork, Salt Pork and Beef            | 6 6    |
| Hireing 5 Horses                                     | 2 0    |
| Labor and trouble of my Family                       | 10 0   |
| Four Neats’ Tongues                                  | 2 8    |
| To ye Camps’ girl 5 6                                | 5 6    |
| Good wife Taylor                                     | 6 0    |
| Good wife Seward                                     | 3 0    |
| Good wife Hecox                                      | 3 0    |
| Good wife Squire                                     | 3 0    |
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minister. . . . The town voted that they would chouse a commetie to Seeke out and to take the advice for the procuring and bring in a minister to seattle in the place."

Five men were chosen as a committee, who invited Mr. Whittelsey to preach; and on the 20th of September,

"The town by a unanimous vot did confiearme the comities agreement with m<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Whittelsey in order to his Seatelment in the work of the minestry in our town."

After preaching some time, the people being satisfied with his labors, invited him to become their pastor. The following is the letter in which the call was communicated:

"MR. WHITTELSEY, SUR:—The subscribers hereof being a committe appointed and empowered by the town of Wallingford as may appear by their record bearing date April 4, 1789; to treat with yourself in order to a settelment with us in the ministry, and for your incouragement to comply with us therein, doe propose to make such grants of Lands and other incouragements following—first we doe give and grant to you the said Mr. Samuel Whittelsey, a six acar lott of land lying neare the meting house; and one acar and a half of the west end Deaken John Hall's home lott for a building lott, to be bought for you: also a peace of Land at south ward side the Leatel quarter on the hill on which the town stands fifteen acars; and seaven acars of pasture land on the north side of Nath'l Ives home lott: also a meadow lott of land in the common field on the west side of the river of twenty acars and known by the name of the parsonage; and fore acars of plaine in the same field called the town lott, also a farm of one hundred and fifty acars of Land att Pilgrim's Harbor called the town farm with all the un laid outt land adjoining, and one hundred pound right in common-age and in all undivided land, all

which shall be to the said Mr. Sam'l Whittlesey, his heirs, executors and administrators and assigns for ever, as an estate of inheritance in fee simple: Likewise the said committee do agree to build a house for the s'd Mr. Sam'll Whittlesey of forty-two feets in Length and twenty feets in breadth, tow stories hie, with a porch and a back kitching and finish it deasantly the said Mr. Samuel Whittlesey to provide glass and nales: which house is to be soe built within tow years: the s'd committee doth farther agree that the said Mr. Whittlesey shall have a Sallery of Seaventy pound a year for the tow first years and the thurd yeare eighty pound and One hundred pound a yeare ever after, soe long as he carrieth on the work of the ministry: which Sallery shall be paid in wheat at five shillings par bushel, rye at three shillings sixpence par bushel, indian corne at two shillings sixpence par bushel, pork at threepence farding par povnd, and if it soe fall out that there doth not come a supply of fire wood yearly to the s'd Mr. Whittlesey by parsons appearing to do it gratis, then the town are obliged to take the care, and find him his wood in some other way—but if the providence of God should so order that the said Mr. Sam'll Whittlesey dye leaving no male Hare that is a natural issue of his bodye, then the six acar lott by the meeting house, and the meadow lott called the parsonage to returne to the town againe, to the true and honest intent and parformans of the preameses we the before named committee have sett our names.

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| “THOMAS YALE,  | JOHN HALL, SR., |
| SAMUEL HALL,   | JOHN MEARIMAN,  |
| THOMAS CURTIS, | JOHN HALL,      |
| JOHN PARKER.”  |                 |

Mr. Whittelsey accepted this call, and in September, 1709, “The town voted and Laid a Rait of eight pence upon the pound for the caring on of the work mr. Sam'll Whittelsey hous fore pence upon the pound to be



paid upon this year's List and fore pence to be paid upon the next year's List." He was installed May, 1710.

Rev. Samuel Whittelsey was born at Saybrook, Conn., in 1686. He was the youngest son of John Whittelsey, who was the emigrant ancestor of all who bear the name, and Ruth (Dudley Whittelsey). He was graduated at Yale College in 1705, and five years afterwards was installed as colleague with Mr. Street. Here he continued until his death, which took place on the 15th of August, 1752, just as he was entering his sixty-seventh year. He was a fellow of Yale College from 1732 to 1752. Mr. Whittelsey married July 1, 1712, Sarah, the youngest daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey of Hatfield, Mass., and granddaughter of President Chauncey of Harvard College. She was born in 1683. She was a woman of active mind and energy of character. For the accomodation of the parish, which at that time included all the inhabitants of the town, she kept a store of goods. Her house was the abode of hospitality, even after the death of her husband. The Governor of the State had been in the habit of taking dinner at Mr. Whittelsey's, when on the way to meet the legislature at New Haven. After the death of Mr. Whittelsey, he passed on one occasion without stopping, very much to her dissatisfaction. "To think," said she, "that he should come to see us so often that his horse refused to go by without stopping until he was whipped; and now that he should refuse to stop and see me in my affliction!" She died October 20, or 23, 1767, aged eighty-four years.

President Stiles, in an obituary of Mr. Whittelsey, published shortly after his death, in the Boston "*Post Boy*," speaks of him as follows: "He was a gentleman of penetrating genius, solid judgment and extensive

understanding ; indefatigable and unwearied in his application to study and liberal inquiry, by which his acquaintance with the sciences became extensive, his knowledge universal, and in moral wisdom he had few equals. Under the influence of Christian principles, his soul flowed to diffusive benevolence ; he lived the religion he inculcated, and recommended it by the powerful charms of a virtuous example. His talents as a preacher were singular, being master of an engaging elocution and address, and in composition judicious and instructive. He ministered intellectual food, and entertained his audience with the beaten oil of the sanctuary. He labored with delight in word and doctrine. The services and devotions of the sanctuary were his supreme pleasure. In many ways, by his extensive influence, he served the church of Christ, and the public glory of his kingdom. Happy in offspring and a well educated family, his sons under the advantage of a liberal education, survived him in his genius, improvements and Christian character. As a private Christian, he was exemplary, virtuous and pious ; had a natural reservedness of mind which rendered him singular in bearing injuries which the best can't escape ; and when reviled, he reviled not again, but retaliated in gratitude with that meekness and goodness which extorted veneration from the partial, as well as obtained a cheerful tribute from the candid judge of merit. Not less eminent was his patience, especially in the lengthened illness which finished his life. The supports of religion and a well regulated life, shone in the steady calmness and composure of his temper during his illness ; while a mortification in his legs and feet, arising from an ill state of blood and disorder of body, preyed upon him,

and in a gradual decline extinguished his life. Thus died *Samuel* the prophet, full of days and the Holy Ghost; after he had long and faithfully served his generation, he 'fell on sleep, was gathered to his fathers, and all Israel lamented him.'"

Dr. Chauncey of Boston said of him, that he was one of the greatest men in Connecticut. He had not only a clear, strong head, but the clearest way of expressing his thoughts upon any difficult subject, of any one he was acquainted with. "I have heard him say, that when he had clear ideas of any subject he could communicate with the same clearness, and do it with ease." He was one of the most eminent preachers in the colony in his day, a laborious, faithful minister of Christ, applying his whole time to his work, and shone with distinction in intellectual and moral attainments. One of the old writers says: "He was esteemed an heavenly man."<sup>2</sup>

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1 Chauncey Memorials, p. 203. Mr. Whittelsey published an Election Sermon, 1730; a Sermon on the death of John Hall, 1730; a Sermon on the woful condition of impenitent souls in their separate state, 1731; a Sermon on the ordination of his son, 1737.

2 Samuel, the eldest son of Rev. Samuel Whittelsey, was born November, 1714, was graduated in 1729, and held the office of tutor in Yale College from 1732 till 1738. It was during the period of his tutorship that he was invited by the church in Milford to settle as colleague pastor with the Rev. Samuel Andrews. He accepted the call, but a large minority in the parish remonstrated against his ordination, on the alleged ground that he was an Arminian in his theology, and that his preaching savored too little of Christian experience. The council called to ordain him were divided in their judgment of the case; and his ordination was finally the result of a compromise, which resulted, after all, in the formation of a second society. He was ordained November 8, 1738, and continued in the discharge of his official duties till his death, which took place October 22, 1768. His widow, who was a lady of high intellectual and moral qualities, afterwards became the wife of the Hon. Jabez Hamlin, of Middletown, who was, for many years, distinguished in civil life.

The old house with its "two pues" and "galleries," could not well contain the growing population, for some of the hearers had to put up with rather inconvenient church accommodations. But of these they were cut short by the following peremptory and rather uncourteous vote of the town in 1716: "ordered that the alleys in the meeting house be cleared of chairs and stools, and the constable see that it be done." Where the occupants of these "chairs and stools" bestowed themselves after this unceremonious ejection we do not know; but it is quite probable that they agitated effectually the project of a new and better house; for in a few months we find a new church edifice in progress. In September 23, 1717,

"The town by their voat signified that they thought it was there Duty to begin about a new meeting house & chose capt. john Hall, en curtis, ser. Hart, Gideon ives, william ward, joseph parker, Robert Hall, & Sa<sup>tt</sup> Hall a committee to manage the affairs & carri on the work about the new meeting house. . . . And the forms of the house to be like gilford meeting house and be left to y<sup>e</sup> committee to make sum little alteration if they see cause; And layed a rate of eight pence on the pounce for the careing on the metting hous."

A question arose as to the place where the meeting-house should stand; whereupon it was decided that it should stand where "the timbers for the same now lies," which was almost in front of the present Congregational church, the steeple being at the north end of the house, which fronted east. Preparations were going forward during the whole of the year, and in 1718, the house was raised. The committee for raising the frame work of the house divided the inhabitants of the town into three

parts. Each division of the inhabitants was faithfully to attend to the raising of the house when called upon; and should this arrangement fail, then the committee were empowered to hire them. It was

“Voted that the meeting hous floure shall be layed with good single Boards well Rabbited. . . . The towne voated that the meeting hous shall have pues maid all round it and y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> hous shall be long seats.”

This last vote indicates the further increase of luxurious habits, inasmuch as the “two pews” of the old house were multiplied into a whole range of “pues,” built all around the sides of the new house. The next vote was to raise funds for the building.

“April 28, 1719, the Town voated y<sup>t</sup> they would git so many staves as will load vessell and they chose Capt. Hall to make a bargain for y<sup>e</sup> town in y<sup>e</sup> Disposall of y<sup>e</sup> staves, they obliged themselves to git :—in buying glass<sup>1</sup> and nales and promise to indemnifie hall from any damages thereby if he shall need to stand or give bonds.”

The house was completed and occupied in 1720. It was a large house, three stories high, with two tiers of galleries, one above the other, somewhat in the manner

<sup>1</sup> In January, 1719, Mr. John Russel proposed to furnish the glass for the new house, and his offer was accepted. The contract was as follows :

“Wallingford, January 5, 1719.

“John Russel of Wethersfield, Glazier, will oblige himself to make all the Glass for the New Meeting house workman like and to do it as cheap as ye Market price for such Glass, and will begin about May next; and take his pay in good Barrel staves by the last of June at current Market price. Only his necessary charge whilst he is about the work to be borne, he allowing it out of the price of the glass.

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| “In presence of | } | EBENEZER BROWN, | } | JOHN RUSSEL, |
|                 |   | JOHN WINSTON,   |   | JOHN HALL,   |
|                 |   |                 |   | SAM'L HULL.” |

of a theater, and of the "old South" church in Boston ; a mode of building churches quite common during the last century. The upper gallery was of course very high, and as its occupants were almost entirely out of sight, it furnished an admirable place for boys to cluster together and play. Even in the old house it had been found necessary in 1677, to

"Vote that Eliazur Peck be desired to looke to y<sup>e</sup> boyes on y<sup>e</sup> saboth that they keep good order at meeting ;" and again in 1713, "the town chos Serg<sup>tt</sup> Daniel Hall to look after boys on y<sup>e</sup> saboth day."



THIRD CHURCH.

In the new house they found it necessary to deny the boys admission altogether into so tempting a place as the upper gallery, for in

"April 25, 1721, voated that no young man shall go up

into the upper gallery to sett there on the Saboth day under eighteen yeare old.

“September 16, 1716, the town voated and gave liberty that particular men may build a steeple to our meeting house.”

But it was not until January 9, 1728, that a “belfree” was built, the top of which was crowned by a large brass rooster.

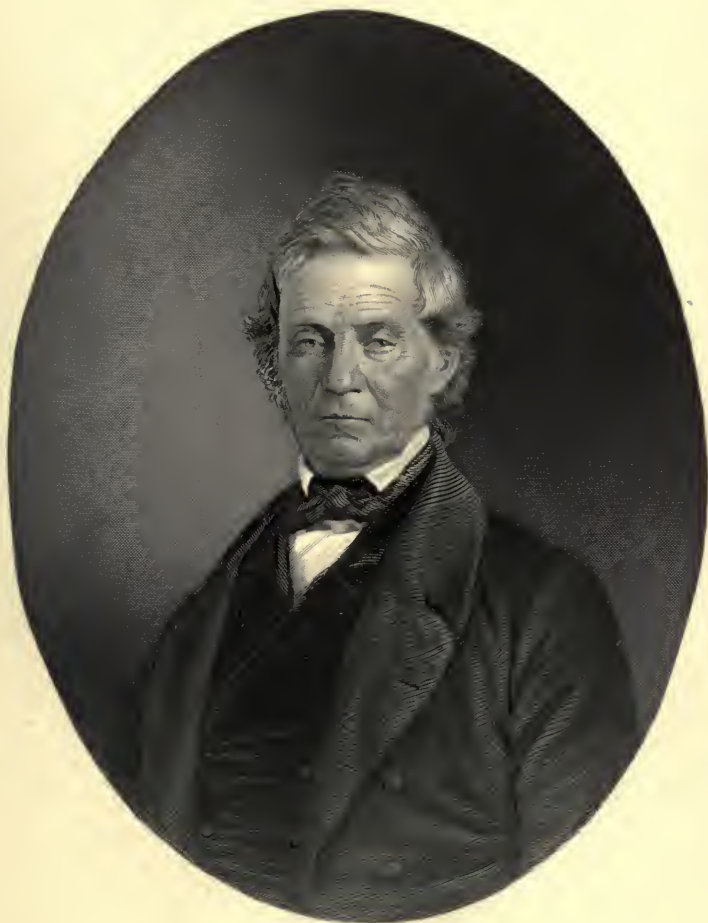
The present custom of renting the seats in churches was then unknown: and in the new house there would be quite a choice between the “pues” and the “long seats.” In order to arrange or prevent all disputes for precedence in the matter, a committee was appointed “to dignify and seat the meeting-house.” In assigning seats to the respective individuals and families, the committee were enjoined by vote “to respect the aged who had been serviceable to the town,” and also “to have respect to those who had borne commissions.” After giving the best seats to these dignitaries, they were instructed to have “this general rule for seating the meeting, viz.: the lists, on which the charges are raised.” If a plan had been devised for creating and perpetuating envy, jealousy and pride, no more ingenious scheme could have been invented for that purpose, than this attempt to arrange people in the house of God, every Sabbath day, according to their wealth and supposed rank. Many an individual would probably form quite a different estimate of his “dignity,” from the committee. What feelings were engendered have been forgotten, except in one instance we learn that one man to whom was assigned a position on the “long seats,” having made known his grievance, had redress as follows:

“The town by their voat gave Capt. John Hall, liberty to

make him self a pew in the new metting hous, near the east Dore, on men's side on his own charge. . . . December 18, 1716, the town voated that Robert Roys should sett in y<sup>e</sup> fore seat in y<sup>e</sup> meeting hous, and that Capt Hall sen<sup>r</sup> shall set in the Deacons seat and capt Hall jun<sup>r</sup> to set in y<sup>e</sup> first pue & Capt. Doolittle to set in y<sup>e</sup> second pue. December 20, 1720, the town gave M<sup>rs</sup> Whittelsey liberty to choose her self a pew in the new metting hous. February 8, 1732 ; voated the ancient comitee shall find some sutable seat for M<sup>r</sup> Studley where he may sett on Saboth Days."

The custom was maintained here until the occupation of the house which was built in 1831. In September, 1718, it was voted that a steeple should be built for the meeting-house, but it was not until 1728, that anything was done in regard to it ; and in January of that year a belfry was built. This house was occupied until 1824, when it was taken down to make room for the fourth house of worship.





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Noah Pomeroy  
Meriden  
Conn

PRESIDENT OF THE MERIDEN BANK



## CHAPTER VII.

## MERIDEN, DOG'S MISERY, FALLS PLAIN.

THE north part of the town, though *owned* by Wallingford, was not a *part* of Wallingford. The title or fee simple of the land was in the town of Wallingford; the right of government was in the State, but there was no town authority in it or over it; it was neither a town, nor constituted a part of any town. The General Court, in anticipation of the loss of the charter by a judgment on the *Quo Warranto*, or of being compelled to surrender it to Andros, now took such measures as were in their power to secure the colony against the future exactions of an arbitrary governor. The charter was *yet* valid, and the governor and company were empowered to dispose of all vacant lands, vesting them in the grantees by a tenure as liberal as that by which the colony now held them, and exempting the proprietors from the levy of quit-rents or any similar exaction. Patents had already been issued to the several towns, and to many individual proprietors. Debts due the colony were to be collected, and whatever surplus should remain in the treasury was to be distributed to the several towns. The grants were intended to put the

vacant lands beyond the reach of Andros or other similarly commissioned governors. At "A Special Gen<sup>l</sup> Court held at Hartford January 26, 1686," it was voted that

"This Court grants Weathersfeild, Midletown and Farmington all those vacant lands between Wallingford bownds and the bownds of those plantations, to make a village therein."

This grant comprised that part of the town called "Belcher's farm," on which was the place called Meriden. But no action was taken until May 9, 1728, when Bartholomew Foster, Ezekiel Roys, John Merriam, Robert Collins, Nathaniel Merriam, Timothy Foster, Thomas Andrews, Josiah Robinson, Joseph Merriam, John Merriam Jun. and William Merriam, petitioned the Governor and General Court,

"That those lands lying between farmington and wallingford with the north of walingford to be a village or parish societie, to reserve M<sup>r</sup> Belcher his farm att the stone house for the present. We doe therefore now cast o<sup>r</sup>selves on y<sup>e</sup> Clemency of this Honored affembly and pray that the stone house farm may be granted to them."

The above petition was granted, and the village called Meriden. Ten years previous to this, some of the settlers living south of Belcher's farm sent the following petition to Wallingford :

"We, the inhabitants bordering and adjacent to the town of Wallingford, do here entreat and request, that you would admit us the subscribers as wholesome and lawful inhabitants into the town of Wallingford. We the petitioners here request that if it may please you the inhabitants of the town of Wallingford to admit us your humble petitioners as town

inhabitants, then your humble petitioners do promise and engage to be subject to your good and wholesome orders, laws and constitutions, as witness our hands.

“BARTHOLOMEW FOSTER,                      JOHN MERRIAM,  
JOHN HOISINGTON,                      SOLOMON GOFFE,  
    JOSEPH HILLS.”

The town voted to comply with the request of the petitioners. But for a time, not all the inhabitants residing in this north part of Meriden were considered citizens of Wallingford, subject to its laws, privileges and burthens, but merely those who had applied in form for citizenship. We find also on the records several special petitions from individuals residing in this same locality, to be allowed to attend public worship in the meeting house, and who were by special vote permitted to occupy a designated seat, on condition of paying a certain annual rent. The citizens of Wallingford, being regularly taxed by town vote for the support of religious institutions, had a right as a matter of course to seats in the church without any price or rent whatever.

It would be tedious to trace out all the transfers of land in this neighborhood, after the Indian title was extinguished. It may be a matter of some interest however, to know some of the principal proprietors and residents in the north part of Meriden about the year 1716. Northward and eastward of West Meriden, lay the farm of John Merriam,<sup>1</sup> of Lynn, Mass., who was the

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<sup>1</sup> “Know all men by these presents, that I John Prout Sen'r, of New Haven, and Col. of Conn., Gent., for and in consideration of ye sum of Three Hundred and five pounds, current money, to me in hand well and truly paid by John Merriam of Wallingford, have sold, granted and C. a certain tract or parcel of Land known by ye name of ye Country farme

ancestor of the numerous families of that name still residing here. He bought three hundred acres for £305. More northerly lay the farm of Bartholomew Foster, of three hundred and fifty acres, which seems to have been west of the present old road, and northward as far as the Kensington road.<sup>1</sup>

North of this was the land of Henry Coles, called the "Coles farm," extending east of Bartholomew Foster, so as to reach the land of John Merriam.<sup>2</sup> North of the Coles farm was the land of Nathaniel Roys; and still farther northward was the Belcher farm, which, or on which was the place called Meriden. The documents give us some information as to the residents in this part of the town, at that period. We derive some additional

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formerly granted to James Bishop of New Haven, by the Governor and Company of ye said Colony of Conn. containing three hundred Acres Abutting south on ye old line of Wallingford Township, North on ye Coles farm, East on a brook, or land formerly Mr. William Jones Esq., west on commons or land of late years laid out to sundry persons of ye said town of Wallingford, situate lying and being the wilderness at a place, commonly called Pilgrim's Harbor northward of Wallingford old bounds and 5 1-2 Acres of hoop land, situated in Wallingford, aforesaid nere ye said farm be ye same more or less, formerly belonging to Robert and Isaac Roys, as witnesseth my hand at New Haven, this 3 day of November in the year 1716.

John Prout.

Mary Prout."

1 "Sept. 19, 1710: Thomas Yale, John Merriam and Thomas Hall, committe of Wallingford, to sell Indian lands, grant to Bartholomew Foster, the Town right to a certain Tract of land of 360 Acres, situated between Pilgrim's Harbor and Merredan, bounded on ye N. E. corner by a Black Oak tree, thence by the road that goeth to Hartford 207 Rods to W Oak tree, thence westward 312 Rods to a Black oak tree, that side bounds by land of Mr. John Hudson, thence Northwardly 112 to a Bl'k oak tree, thence 120 Rods to a Walnut tree, thence on a line to the first station 266 Rods."

2 "At meriden farme, march the 12, 1708, the proprietors of goodman Cools farme met to decide about the boundaries."

knowledge of the inhabitants, as well as of their situation, from the following paper copied from the original petition, now on file in the office of the Secretary of State, at Hartford:

“To the Honorable the Governor and council and house of representatives in General Cort assembled in his Majesties colony of Connecticut att New Haven, Oct. 8, 1724. The Humble petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth, That we are under great disadvantages for want of a Pound nere y<sup>e</sup> Meriden or Stone House and are compelled to drive unruly cattell nere 6 or 9 miles to y<sup>e</sup> nearest pound, which if we had one nere it would save us a Great Deal of troble, and we would carry the marks and brands of those Cattell impounded where the law directs, to the next towns unless the Honorable Affembly, would please to Constitute a man among us to Depose of unruly Creatures as the law directs. Therefore your Humble Petitioners Pray that there may be order for a Pound nere y<sup>e</sup> Meriden, or Stone House, and an office to Despose of impounded Cattell, and your Petitioners as in duty bound will Ever Pray.

“Signed,

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| N. MERRIAM,     | J. PARSONS,        |
| N. MERRIAM Jr., | ELEAZER ASPINWALL, |
| WM. MERRIAM,    | J. MERRIMAN, Jr.,  |
| TIM. FOSTER,    | B. FOSTER,         |
| J. ROBINSON,    | T. ANDREWS,        |
| T. FOSTER,      | D. RICH,           |
| T. GERRUM,      | J. SCOFELL.”       |

While the whole country was in alarm and peril from the Indians, during Phillip's war, no settlements were made beyond the bounds of the compact little village, where the planters had clustered together for mutual protection; though some land which was “in the wilderness,” was granted out at that time. But after

the termination of that war, we find the records full of grants of wild land in distant parts of Wallingford, to actual settlers, some of which were within the present southern limits of our town. At a General Court for the town of New Haven, April 23, 1660,

“The governor desired that the bounds of a p’cell of land towards Connecticut might be sett out for the p’vention of future differences that might otherwise arise betwixt us, w<sup>ch</sup> motion was approved, and thereupon it was ordered y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Yale, W<sup>m</sup> Andrews, John Cowper, John Brackett, Nathaniel Merriman, w<sup>th</sup> the help of Montowees, an Indian, y<sup>e</sup> late pprieto<sup>r</sup> shall set out the bownds w<sup>th</sup> lasting markes, w<sup>ch</sup> is to be done w<sup>th</sup> the first conveyence.”<sup>1</sup>

The setting out of these bounds occasioned a letter, which, in the handwriting of Daniel Clarke, Secretary, is found among the State Records at Hartford,<sup>2</sup> and which contains the first notice that is found recorded of “Pilgrim’s Harbor.” This letter complained of encroachments on the Connecticut Colony by those grants of lands at and above Pilgrim’s Harbor, and that it was not a course

“Furthering and strengthening y<sup>t</sup> friendly correspondency that we desire, and ought to be ppetuated twixt neighbours and confederates.”<sup>3</sup>

1 New Haven Town Records, 11. 316.

2 Foreign Correspondence, 11. Doc. 4.

3 “Honor’d Gent: This Court haveing receaved information, not only by what appears in one of yo’r Lawes respect: the purchase of land from ye Indians, wherin there is a seeming challenge of very large intrests of lands, and likewise by what intelligence we have had of y’or stretching y’or bounds vp towards vs, by making trees on this side Pilgroomes Harbour, w<sup>ch</sup> things, as ye intrench upon o’r intrest, soe they are not satisfying or contentful, nor do we appr’hend it a course furthering or strengthening yt friendly correspondency that we desire, and ought to be ppetuated twixt



At a General Assembly held at Hartford, October 11, 1666,

"This Court orders Edward Higby for making and mainteining the way over Pilgrums Harbour passable for man & horse, shall have his estate & farme free of Countrey [*rates*] for this yeare and next, he mainteining the way soe longe as aforesaid." . . . 1684. "This Court being informed of a small tract of waste land, lying between a farme granted formerly to Mr. Wm. Joanes Esq<sup>r</sup> of New Haven lying upon or near Pilgrim's Harbo<sup>r</sup>, and a farm granted to Mr. Samuel Street of Wallingford, the sayd waste land being about one

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neighbours and confederates ; espetially in that we conceave you cannot be ignorant of our real and true right to those parts of ye countrey where you are seated, both by conquest, purchase and possession ; and tho : hitherto we have bin silent, and altogether forborne to make any absolute challenge to or owne, as before, yet now we see a necessitie at least to revive ye memoriall of o'r rite and interes, and therefore doe desire that there may [be] a cessation of further proceed in this nature, vntil, vpon mature consideration, there may be a determinate settlement and mutuall concurrence twtxt yo'rselves and this collonie, in reference to ye deviding bounds twxt the two colonies. It is further desired and requestd by vs, that if there [be] any thing extant on record w'th you yt may further ye [de]ciding this matter, that it may be produced, and that there may be a time and place appointed, where some deputed for yt end, furnished w'th full power, may meet, yt [so a] loving issue may be effect'd to prevent furth [er tro]ubles. And in case there be noe record of grant or allowance from this collony, respecting the surrend'r, not only of lands possessed by you and improved, but also such lands as it seemes to vs that you, vnd'r some pr'tended or assumed right, have induced by yo'r bounds w'thin yo'r liberties, that you would be pleased to consid'r on some speedy course, wherby a compliance and condescendency to what is necessary and convenient, for yo'r future comforte may be obtained from vs, the true proprietors of these parts of countrey. We desire yo'r returne to o'r gen'll Court, in reference to o'r proposit's, with what convenient speed may be, y't soe what is desired by vs in point of mutuall and neighbourly correspondenc, according to ye rules of justice and rightiousnes, may be stil maintained and continued." At a Court of Election, held May, 1661, the governor, deputy governor, the magistrates, with Messrs. John Davenport, George Hubbard, and Lieutenant John Nash were appointed a committee "for the treating with & is-sueing of any seeming diffarence betwixt them, and of some seeming right to this jurisdiction, which they pretend in a letter sent to this Gen'll Court."

hundred acres more or less, doe grant to the sayd Mr. Wm. Joanes as an addition to his sayd farm the sayd corner of land, to be layd out to him by Mr. Thomas Yale."

Oct. 12, 1715, six acres of land were granted to Jonathan Atwater at "pilgrims harbour." In May, 1742, some persons in Middletown petitioned for unappropriated lands near Pilgrim Harbor, which petition was refused.<sup>1</sup> Some of the earliest grants of land were in and around a swamp called "Dog's Misery." It had acquired the name from the fact that wild animals, when hunted, took refuge in this swamp, which was so thick, tangled and miry, that the dogs of the hunters were baffled or killed in their attempts to reach their prey hidden in this jungle. This swamp is that tract of low land (now partly reclaimed), and swamp, lying south of the Middletown turnpike, and south of the house of Mr. Warren Parsons, extending nearly a mile in a southerly direction. In 1679,

"The town granted to Nathaniel Royce, David Hall, Thomas Hall, Daniel Mix, Joseph Holt, each 3 acres lying on the east side of the meadow called dog's misery, by the southward branch of Pilgrim's harbor,"

that being the name of the whole stream from its mouth up to the pond whence it flows. At the next town meeting, Nov., 1679, "granted to Neh. Royce, Isaac Curtiss, each 3 acres, and Nathaniel How, and Isaac Royce, each 2 acres, and all at dog's misery." At still another meeting, 1679, there was still another grant of swamp, meadow and upland, "about dog's misery," to Yale, Curtiss, Royce and others. In 1685, granted to Walter

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<sup>1</sup> The petitioners were John Bacon, John Bartlett, Samuel Warner, Seth Wetmore, Nathaniel Hubbard, John Hubbard, John Dowd and others.

Jonson 20 acres, "on long hill toward dog's misery." In 1683, "granted to Daniel Hooper 12 acres at dog's misery." In 1700, the daughter of Nathaniel Royce, had "three and a half acres, at dog's misery," as her portion. In 1713, was granted to Jeremiah Hull, a tract of land "lying at Dog's misery commonly so called." Another extract will indicate some quite curious facts, existing at that early period. September 16, 1707,

"The towne chose Eliezer peeck, Joshua culver, David Hall, a commetie to see that [dogs] missery hiway may not be pinsht of the twenty rods in any place from the town to miserie whare it was not laid out before the graint was of s<sup>d</sup> hiway."

This enormous allowance for a road was not uncommon in those days, as there are several other notices in the records, of roads of the like width. Still oftener the records speak of highways six rods wide. It is quite evident too, that the special care of the town to preserve the prodigious width of "missery hiway," shows the importance and growth of the settlement in that quarter. It had long been the custom of the early settlers to use the highways for raising tobacco, and it finally became a subject of complaint; so that in 1693—4 the town of Wallingford forbade any person improving any part of the town streets or commons by fencing, raising tobacco, corn, or anything else.

Whether these persons settled around Dog's Misery at the precise date of these grants, we do not know; but there is evidence that they were there soon after. For as early as 1696, there was great contention about lands, among the owners of property at Dog's Misery, which plainly indicates that the lands about there were considered valuable, and that the place was inhabited. The

party spirit ran high, bad feelings were engendered, and recourse was had to the courts. It appears that the beginning of the trouble was owing to certain persons appropriating land which had already been granted to others. In 1677, at a town meeting, it was voted to reserve a certain watering place for the use of cattle and neighbors adjacent, the watering place being near the property of Nathaniel Royce. After some years Mr. Royce claimed the land and watering place as his property. A committee were appointed to determine whether the land and watering place belonged to the town or to Ensign Royce. Nothing further was heard of this question until March 16, 1696, when the following petition was brought before the town :

Wallingford, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1696.

“We whose names are underwritten being in some mesure sencable of y<sup>e</sup> mezery of Contention & y<sup>t</sup> there is too much of it in our Town & one part of it is about dogs mezery which may hazard Charg to y<sup>e</sup> Town if not timely prevented allso y<sup>e</sup> watering-place so Called between Capt. yaile & Enn Roys has been A great part of our strife for A great while which for y<sup>e</sup> preventing of both troble and Charg upon y<sup>t</sup> account or at least to secure ourselves therefore declare as followeth y<sup>t</sup> for our parts wee enter our descents against any Charg at law about doggs mezery, as for y<sup>e</sup> watering place so Called we are satisfied y<sup>t</sup> Ens Roys Enjoy y<sup>e</sup> land y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Town has granted him & doe hereby declare our desent from any voat to y<sup>e</sup> Contrary or any vote y<sup>t</sup> may hereafter be gained by y<sup>e</sup> Town or any parties for y<sup>e</sup> suing out y<sup>e</sup> Towns or any perticular mans Rights declareing to y<sup>e</sup> world y<sup>t</sup> we will be at no Charge for time to Come about doggs mezery nor y<sup>e</sup> watering place & y<sup>t</sup> such y<sup>t</sup> Cannot find no other way to raise their own spirits but to spend their Estates shall spend of their own Estates & not of ours.

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| “JOHN DOOLITTLE,                           | JOHN PECK, sen <sup>r</sup> .   |
| NEHEMIAH ROYSS,                            | NATH'LL HOW, sen <sup>r</sup> . |
| SAM <sup>ll</sup> BROCKETT,                | JOHN BEACH,                     |
| SAM <sup>ll</sup> LOTHROP,                 | ROBERT ROYS,                    |
| JOHN PECK, jun <sup>r</sup> ,              | JOSEPH ROYSS,                   |
| JOHN HALL, jun.,                           | ROGER TYLAR,                    |
| JABEZ BROCKETT,                            | MICHA MITCHELL,                 |
| ROBERT ROYSS, sen <sup>r</sup> .           | SAM <sup>ll</sup> . ROYS,       |
| JOHN TYLER,                                | JAMES WESTWOOD,                 |
| ISAAC CURTIS,                              | THO. HALL, sen <sup>r</sup> .   |
| SAM <sup>ll</sup> ROYS, sen <sup>r</sup> , | JOHN PARKER, sen <sup>r</sup> . |
| DAVID HALL,                                | JOHN MOSS, juneor.”             |

On the 28th of April, 1696, the following was presented to the town :

“Whereas it has been often moved to y<sup>e</sup> town that Ensign Royce might have y<sup>e</sup> Watering place, at y<sup>e</sup> lower end of his home lot, or pasture, but hitherto has been opposed, y<sup>e</sup> town do now sequester said watering place to lye open to the common highway for ever, never to be desposed of any other way unless every inhabitant of y<sup>e</sup> town do subscribe to the contrary, y<sup>e</sup> which we understand be y<sup>e</sup> true intent of y<sup>e</sup> selectmen when they received it and y<sup>e</sup> mind of y<sup>e</sup> town, received it for the use of cattle and good of y<sup>e</sup> neighbors adjacent against y<sup>e</sup> above said Watering place Should lye open for the above said use forever as may appear by their act in y<sup>e</sup> town book April 24, 1677. The town do by their vote order and appoint Eleazer Peck surveyor with one or too of y<sup>e</sup> Townsmen to lay out said land and Watering place and cause a Record made of it in y<sup>e</sup> Leger Book, of y<sup>e</sup> bounds of it and Capt. Yale, or Ens. Royce pay the cost out of it. They also voted that if the said Royce still neglects or detains record restitution of said Watering place y<sup>e</sup> which y<sup>e</sup> said Roice solemnly promised to do, in y<sup>e</sup> Leger Book of Wallingford, then the town do hereby appoint Capt. Yale to be our attorney, and Lawful Trustee to sue said Royce, at law for our right, to receive estimation of y<sup>e</sup> same.”

Lieutenant Samuel Hall and William Ebenatha dissented from the above vote. Thus after a long contest Mr. Royce was compelled to surrender to the town all right to the watering place.

At a General Court, held May, 1696,

“M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Edwards as attorney for Isaac Curtis of Wallingford petitioned this Court to grant the said Curtis execution upon a verdict of jury given at the countie court at Newhaven the second Munday in Novemb<sup>r</sup> one thousand six hundred and ninetie five in an action depending in the said Court between the s<sup>d</sup> Curtis and M<sup>r</sup> John Hull of the said town of Wallingford, which action the said Curtis comenced against the said Hull for that the said Hull had illegally entred upon and made improvement of three ac<sup>rs</sup> and 3 quarters of meddow in a place called Dogs Miserie which is the proper estate of the plaintiff, to a surrendrie of the s<sup>d</sup> meddow with ten pound damages and cost of Court, in which case the jury find for the plaintiff the case and cost of court. This Court doe see reason and order that there shall be execution granted upon the said verdict of the iurie. May 1697 it was voted and granted by this Court that Capt<sup>n</sup> Thomas Yale of Wallingford should have liberty to renew his former suit in which he was attorney for Doctor John Hull in a controversie between Isaac Curtis and the s<sup>d</sup> John Hull about a piece of meddow at a place called Dogs Misery in the said town of Wallingford, notwithstanding any former act of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court. Giving the said Curtis sufficient notice thereof.”

From the time of the first settlement onward, population slowly increased around “Dog’s Misery” and “Pilgrim’s Harbor.” In 1724, the whole number of families on and around these localities was thirty-five. Contemporaneous with the “plantations” around “Dog’s

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15 s. paid for the petition. Execution delivered to Isaac Curtis. Col. Rec. 4, 165.

Misery," the settlements began to creep up into the western and southwestern parts of the present limits of Meriden. As early as September, 1677, it was

"Ordered also that every planter now in hering shall have according to theyr Ranks 4 acrs, 3 acrs, and 2 acrs of the choyse Land upon the River hopp ground land, beginning att pillgrim's harbor, and what that plais doth not aford they are to please themselves ellswheare."

February 11, 1684, there was granted to John Brockett,

"Four acres of hopp Land upon pillgrim's harbor on both sides the river bounded on y<sup>e</sup> north by y<sup>e</sup> Common, on y<sup>e</sup> East by Samuell Brockett, on y<sup>e</sup> south by y<sup>e</sup> Common, on y<sup>e</sup> west by John Moss senior."

February 4, 1684, was granted to John Moss senior,

"4 acres of hopp Land Lying a Cros pillgrim's harbor brook bounded on y<sup>e</sup> southward Side by me John Brockett his Land, on y<sup>e</sup> northward side by John Lothny his Land, on Both sides by towne Common."

March 15, 1689,

"Two acres of hopp Land lying around Pilgrim's Harbour."

August 23, 1698,

"3 acres of hopp land on y<sup>e</sup> west branch of pillgrim harber."

In 1708, there was granted to

"Daniel Messenger, wax drawer, fore acres of hop Land so called at a place commonly called pilgram's Harbor."

This "hopp ground land" was that which produced the materials for making hoops. Such land, though swampy, was then the most valuable in the town. For in the great scarcity of a circulating medium, and of

means for purchasing all foreign produce, these hoops and staves always found a great demand, and a ready sale in the West Indies. Of course our farmers in trading with the New Haven merchants, found these hoop-poles as useful as cash. Accordingly we find in the records of the town that these "hopp ground lands," were most carefully managed, were granted out in very small quantities, and in the various grants recorded each man was very careful that a piece of this precious land should be included in his farm. In the year 1676, a farm was granted to Levi Fowler, as part "compensation" for building a mill. This was at the place which we now call "the Farms." Sixty acres were granted to him, and are thus described :

"The north stake to be pitched 10 rods to the north-ward\* of the brook, commonly called, Milking yard brook, as you go between Wallingford and Hartford,<sup>1</sup> and in the middle way between the mouth of said brook and the old path ; and so to run a straight line southward so as to cut the edge of the red bank by the east river so called<sup>2</sup> at the utmost part eastward, and so from the northern stake westward 120 rods, and so to hold his depth on the south side."

This land would be very nearly that which constitutes the farm of Mr. Wyllys Smith.<sup>3</sup> Near and around this

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1 This is the brook which the old road crosses at the lower end of the present district, and so called, because cattle were of old there driven into a pen to be milked.

2 This red bank is the little spur or projection around which the railroad sweeps, just before it passes the high stone viaduct or culvert over the turnpike.

3 Yalesville, Sept. 27, 1686, Committee to locate mill on the river. Sept. 29, 1686, Voted to move the mill. Oct. 3, 1688, Land about the mill sequestered. Dec. 27, 1687, Committee to see the Miller and procure a canoe to cross the river, at the mill. Jan. 21, 1689, Grinding at



farm, other settlers soon located themselves. At a town meeting, December 16, 1679,

“The Towne agreed & voated y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> land about y<sup>e</sup> milking yard and on y<sup>e</sup> north side y<sup>e</sup> Brooke at y<sup>e</sup> head of y<sup>e</sup> little plaine which was formerly designed for that end be viewed and provision made for the settling planters as they shall appear.”

This “little plain” was the upper part of the present “farm district.” It was called little plain, in distinction from “fall’s plain,” or “*the* plain,” which is the locality we now term Hanover. The same year,

“The towne yielded to exchange with Sam’l Royce, the 3 acrs of his land att y<sup>e</sup> uper end of little plain, for 3 acrs of y<sup>e</sup> swamp, in y<sup>e</sup> middle of said plaine joining to Good<sup>n</sup> Lewes.”

In another grant to this Samuel Royce, this same spot is called “milkin yard farms,” as bounded south by milking yard brook, and west by milking yard hill. Also in 1679,

“The town granted to Good<sup>n</sup> Lewes 3 acres of y<sup>e</sup> swamp that lieth about middle of y<sup>e</sup> little plains.”

At the same time,

“The towne granted Tho. Yale 3 acres of swamp land, joining to his two acrs that was formerly granted for mendment of his river lott att the loer end of y<sup>e</sup> little plaine.”

In the year 1677, there was a grant of land to Nehemiah Royce and Samuel Royce, of some land “at the head of the plains,” which is another phrase by which Hanover was then designated. A very natural phrase; for at that point, the stretch of level land which extends

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mill regulated. July, 22, 1695, “If Samuel Lorthrop grinds every mans corn well he may keep the mill two months longer, but will be turned out on complaint of the committee forthwith.”

from New Haven, through North Haven and Wallingford, terminates. In 1680 a grant was made "to Sam'l Hough, to settle on the head of the plain near to Nehemiah Royces." In 1689 this "head of the plain," or "falls plain," was considered so beautiful a spot, that it was regularly laid out for a village. The main street was to be eighty rods long, and on each side of it were staked out building lots; the western lots extending to the hill, and the eastern ones to the river. These lots were assigned by raffle, each planter in the town of Wallingford being allowed to draw one lot. The main street of this contemplated village must have been nearly if not quite coincident with the street now in existence, running north and south. The street however, as then laid out, was continued northward to the river.

"Att a lawful towne meetin 19 Febrary, 1689-90, the towne voted y<sup>t</sup> falls plaine shall be cast lots for & laid out according to the above written . . . & mape. The Lotts being Cast each mans Lott is as followeth

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| "MR. STREET,                  | 49, | LIEUT. MERRIMAN,             | 24, |
| MR. MOSSE,                    | 12, | ENS YAILE,                   | 11, |
| MR. BROCKETT,                 | 44, | DR. HULLS,                   | 52, |
| ENS ANDREWYS                  | 4,  | SEIRANT DOOLITTLE,           | 62, |
| — PRESTON,                    | 20, | NATHANIELL ROYSE,            | 40, |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> ROYSE,      | 33, | SAM <sup>11</sup> HULL,      | 03, |
| JOHN IVES,                    | 39, | SAM <sup>11</sup> DOOLITTLE, | 51, |
| DANIEL MIX,                   | 59, | JOSEPH DOOLITTLE,            | 42, |
| EBEN LEWIS,                   | 48, | JOSEPH HOULTE,               | 61, |
| JOHN DOOLITTLE,               | 37, | JOSEPH BENHAM, jun.          | 25, |
| ELEAZER PECK,                 | 19, | JOHN MERRIMAN,               | 58, |
| JOHN PARKER,                  | 01, | JOHN HALL, senr.             | 60, |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> COOK, senr. | 28, | THO CURTIS,                  | 58, |
| THO HALL,                     | 30, | DAVID HALL,                  | 65, |

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| JOSHUA CULVER, 32,               | NATHANIELL HÔW, 09,                 |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> BROCKETT, 55,  | ROGER TYLER, 38,                    |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> THORP, 06,     | JOHN HITCHCOK, 02,                  |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> MERRIMAN, 53,  | ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE, 13,              |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> BROWNE, 29,    | EBENEZER CLARK, 18,                 |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> STREET, 07,    | SAM <sup>11</sup> ANDREWS, jun. 57, |
| SIMON TUTTLE, 14,                | BENJAMIN HOULTE, 10,                |
| EDWARD FEN, 08,                  | JOHN MORSE, 26,                     |
| HENNERY COOK, 31,                | JOSEPH BEENHAM, sen. 63,            |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> STREET, 35,    | NATHAN ANDREWES, 16,                |
| JOHN PECK, 50,                   | JEREMIAH HOWE, 17,                  |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> COOK, jun. 15, | JOSEPH THOMSON, 21,                 |
| HUGH CHAPPEL, 22,                | JAMES WESTWOOD, 05,                 |
| WM. COLE, 23,                    | JOHN BEACH, 64,                     |
| THO BEACH, 54,                   | JOSEPH ROYSE, 47,                   |
| RUSH LOTHROP, 43,                | WILLIAM EBERNATH, 46,               |
| SAM <sup>11</sup> MUNSON, 41,    | WALTER JOHNSON, 36,                 |
| JOHN ATWATER, 34,                | ISAK BEACH, 45,                     |
| NEHEMIAH ROYSE, 27."             |                                     |

In 1694, several grants of land were made to John Peck at "falls plains." The residents in the north part of the town found it very inconvenient to go to Wallingford to attend church, also town and freeman's meetings; and several petitions were sent to the General Assembly requesting permission to become a separate town, or be annexed to other towns nearer to them than Wallingford. At a town meeting held in Wallingford, May 17, 1773, the question was put whether the town would choose an agent or agents, to represent said town at the General Assembly to act on the memorial of the society of Worthington, by their agent Jedediah Norton, petitioning that the land called the Belcher farm, in the society of Meriden, and the inhabitants included thereon,

might belong and be annexed to the county of Hartford and town of Farmington.<sup>1</sup>

It was voted in the affirmative that they would appoint an agent, and chose Macock Ward to represent the town in reference to the memorial. In May, 1786, the following petition was sent to the General Assembly :

“The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Meriden in the Town of Wallingford and County of New Haven, humbly sheweth : That from the Court House in New Haven, the Southern part of Said parish is Distant about Seventeen Miles, and the Northern part of it Twenty three ; and from the Court House in Middletown in the County of Middlesex, the eastern limmits of S<sup>d</sup> parish is Distant but about five miles and its Western limmits about Eleven ; and from the Southern part of said Parish to the Town is four miles, and from the northern part about eleven. That the List of Said parish is about £8000. And in attending upon the Ordinary Business of the Town, Proxys, Town Meetings, &c., and upon their Business at the County and Superior Courts, the Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> parish are subjected to great trouble, inconvenience & expence, from which they would be free'd, if constituted a Distinct Town, and annexed to the County of Middlesex. Wherefore your petitioners pray your Honors to take their case into your wise and equitable Consideration & enact, that S<sup>d</sup> parish of Meriden be Constituted a Distinct Town by the name of the town of Meriden, and included in, and made part of the County of Middlesex, and that the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants have all the rights and privileges usual appertaining to Towns in this State, except the right of Sending two Representatives to the General Assembly, instead of

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1 About 1640, some of the first and most enterprising citizens of Hartford purchased a tract of land from the Tunxis Indians, and commenced a settlement at a place about ten miles west of the city. This settlement was incorporated in 1645, when it was called Farmington. The township was about fifteen miles square, and out of it have sprung the towns of Southington, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington and Avon.

which your petitioners request the privilege of but one, and your petitioners, as in Duty bound will ever pray &c. Dated at Meriden in the Town of Wallingford the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 1786.

“JOHN COUCH,  
SAM<sup>l</sup> WHITING,  
DAN. COLLINS, } Agents in behalf of the Society.”

At a special town meeting held in Wallingford, May 9, 1786, it was voted that they would oppose the parish of Meriden being a town, and chose Col. Street Hall as agent to remonstrate against the petition at the General Assembly.<sup>1</sup> In 1794, the town was petitioned again that the parish of Meriden might be set off as a distinct town and annexed to Middlesex county ; and at a special town meeting the votes of the parish of Meriden appointing Captain Dan. Collins, Capt. Ezekiel Rice, Col. Asa Bray, Brenton Hall and Samuel Whiting a committee to transact said business being read, the meeting adjourned to October 12, 1795. Samuel Woodruff and Caleb Atwater were appointed agents to attend the General Assembly, and were intended to oppose the petition of the parish of Meriden ; and in order to satisfy the inhabitants of the parish, a committee were appointed to consider the subject of holding town, selectmen's and freeman's meetings one third of the time at Meriden ; and who reported,

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<sup>1</sup> At a town meeting held in Wallingford, April 8, 1793, “Chose Street Hall, Dan. Collins, Ezekiel Rice a committee to agree with the Town of Berlin in perambulating the line where the Belcher Farm, so called lies and exchange said farm or such part of it for an equivalent in Land belonging to said Berlin to be annexed to this town or make any other agreement as shall appear to said committee most conclusive to the Interest of this Town.”

“That in our opinion it is highly reasonable and expedient and likely to unite the two Societies together and prevent a separation also taking into our consideration the disagreeableness that the said society of Meriden hath ever been under in attending Town and Freemans Meetings, we therefore think it reasonable that one third part of the Town and Selectmens meetings for the future and also one third part of the Freemans Meetings when liberty is obtained as above mentioned should be holden in said Society. of Meriden.”

“Signed,

ELIAKIM HALL,

EZEKIEL RICE,

ABRAHAM STANLEY,

SAMUEL WHITING,

BRENTON HALL,

CALEB ATWATER.”

The report was accepted with the proviso that the expense attending the application to the General Assembly for carrying this report into effect “be born and defrayed wholly by the Parish of Meriden.” But the inhabitants of the parish of Meriden were determined to be set apart as a separate town; and again in 1803 a petition was sent to the town, and at a town meeting held in September of the same year, the question was put whether the inhabitants of the town of Wallingford exclusive of the Parish of Meriden would consent that the said parish of Meriden be separated from the said town of Wallingford, and constituted and incorporated a separate and distinct town; and on being submitted to the meeting, exclusive of the inhabitants of Meriden, it was voted in the negative. In 1804, another petition was sent to the town of Wallingford in regard to the separation and incorporation of Meriden as a distinct town; and it was voted to choose a committee of equal numbers from the first society of the parish of Meriden to confer on the said petition. The Wallingford committee were Aaron Andrews, Caleb Atwater, Aaron

Hall, and Hezekiah Hall. From Meriden were chosen John Pluymert, Benjamin A. Hall, Amasa Curtis, and Samuel Yale. On September 9, 1805, a joint committee from each society were appointed to confer on the subject, and at a town meeting held September 18, 1805, the report of the committee was read and duly considered.

“Thereupon it was voted that this Meeting do accept and approve of the same, and that said report be lodged in the Town Clerks Office.”

A petition signed by Phineas Lyman and other inhabitants of Wallingford was sent to the General Assembly which met at Hartford the second Thursday in May, 1806, showing that the parish of Meriden in said town constituted in extent, population and property more than one third part of the town of Wallingford, and that they did not in their present situation enjoy their just rights to which they were entitled in common with their fellow citizens, and praying that the parish might be incorporated, with the ordinary rights, privileges and immunities which were enjoyed by other towns in the State. The petitioners were heard, and the facts stated in the petition were fully proved to be true, and it was resolved by the Assembly that

“The inhabitants living within the limits of the parish of Meriden be and they are hereby incorporated into and made a Town by the name of Meriden.”

The first town meeting was held in Meriden after its incorporation, on the third Monday in June, 1806, at one o'clock P. M., and the town officers elected. The following list of “North Farmers,” is taken from the Wallingford records, and from records in the office of the Secretary of State at Hartford :

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| BENJAMIN IVES,     | EBENEZER PRINDLE,  |
| BENJAMIN WHITING,  | ISRAEL HALL,       |
| SAMUEL IVES,       | ELICK ROBERTS,     |
| JOHN IVES,         | ABELL ROICE,       |
| TIMOTHY MERRIAM,   | JOHN WAY,          |
| WILLIAM HOUGH,     | JACOB PARSONS,     |
| JOHN MERRIAM,      | ELIAZER PECK,      |
| THOMAS ANDREWS,    | BARTHOLOMEW FOSTER |
| ISAAC ROICE,       | JOSIAH ROICE,      |
| JAMES SCOVILL,     | THOMAS YALE,       |
| NATHANIEL MERRIAM, | WILLIAM COLES,     |
| JOSEPH COLES,      | NATHANIEL ROICE,   |
| SAMUEL CUTLER,     | EZEKIEL ROICE,     |
| JOSEPH MERRIAM,    | EBENEZER COOPER,   |
| MICHAEL MITCHELL,  | NEHEMIAH MAY,      |
| —— LEAVITT,        | JOSIAH ROBESON,    |
| WILLIAM MERRIAM,   | SAMUEL ANDREWS,    |
| JOHN MERRIAM,      | THEOPHILUS MIX,    |
| ROBERT ROICE,      | AMOS CAMP,         |
| WILLIAM ANDREWS,   | TIMOTHY FOSTER,    |
| JONATHAN SEAMOUR.  |                    |

It is difficult at the present day to imagine the immense difficulties our fathers had to undergo in traveling from one town to another. Over mountains, through swamps, across rivers, fording, or upon rafts, with the compass to point out their irregular way, now in the open space of the forest, where the sun looked in; now under the shade of the old trees; now struggling through the entanglement of bushes and vines, with perhaps a "bridle path" cut out through the trees. Wherever a road had been built it was little better than none at all.



“No line or compass traced its plan ;  
With frequent bends to left or right,  
In aimless, wayward curves it ran.”

From Hartford to New Haven it was a good two days' journey ; the old stone house on the Belcher farm, and Wallingford, being the usual stopping places. There being no mails<sup>1</sup> or newspapers, every traveler on his arrival was instantly besieged with townspeople, inquisitive for the most recent intelligence. “He tells them perhaps that a letter was received in Hartford but a

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<sup>1</sup> The Post Office system was first established in Connecticut in 1693, by special authority from the king. The mail went through the Colony from Boston to New York, once every week. The postage from Boston to Hartford was 9d. In December, 1672, Governor Lovelace of the colony of New York, issued a proclamation “for the more speedy Intelligence and Dispatch of Affayres,” that on the first of January following, a sworn messenger would start from New York for Boston, and accomplish the journey there and back, within the month. Persons who had letters or “small portable goods” for Hartford or Boston, must lodge them at the secretary's office by a given day. The post was to be paid before the “bagg bee seald up.” In 1674, “the court being made sensible of the great damage that might accrue to the publike, by a liberty or boldness which some persons may take to themselves (when employed by order of authority for the conveyance of letters, post and other important occasions of this colony) by profuse and extravagant spending at the ordinaries and other places on the road upon the countryes account,” ordered that the allowance of those persons employed, from the first of May to the middle of October, from New Haven to Hartford, the horse hire to be five shillings, and the man and expenses eight shillings sixpence. From Wallingford to Hartford, the horse hire four shillings, and the man and expenses six shillings. From the middle of October to last of April, to be eight pence more than the above, for every night they lie out. When post offices and post roads were first established in America, the great route from Boston to New York was through New London, which was then reckoned 110 miles from Boston, and 156 from New York. By act of Parliament in 1710, New London was made the chief Post Office in Connecticut. (This act can be found in the Mass. Hist. Coll., 3rd series, vol. 7, p. 71). The postage from New London to Wallingford was fourpence.

week before he left, which had been brought through from Boston in three days. In this letter was the latest intelligence from Europe. The 'Seabird,' after a quick passage of two months, had brought the news of the death of Charles the Second, and the accession of James, four months ago. He gives them the latest account of the elections in Massachusetts and Plymouth, which took place three weeks previous, and adds a few items about the state of the Indians, and the arrivals of emigrants." Contrast that journey with the railroad which connects nearly every town and village, and by which a daily exchange of their inhabitants takes place, by which, as it were, two huge rivers of living beings are flowing side by side in opposite directions. The rivers and lakes have been made navigable, harbors cleared, bordered by docks and quays, and indented by piers; the inland districts are intersected by high roads and canals, and a net-work of railways; which but a short time since was the lonely and scarcely traceable foot-path, the region of desolation, and the haunt of the wild beast and savage. If a survey be taken of the various nations of the earth, it will doubtless be found that the most prominent feature which distinguishes the regions of civilization from those of the savage, and indicates the march of improvement, is the general facility for communication.

At a General Court held at Hartford in October, 1684, it was voted that

"Whereas there is a great neglect found in mayntaining of the high wayes<sup>1</sup> between towne and towne, the wayes being

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1 The various highways were laid out as follows: 1670, the roads in the village of Wallingford, and the "old Colony road;" 1672, Highways considered; 1679, Highway over river ordered; 1692, Highway over river;

incumbred with dirty slowes, bushes, trees and stones, &c., this Court doe therefore order that each plantation within this colony shall forthwith take sufficient care that the highwayes stated between townes be well amended from such defects and so kept from time to time, . . . especially the high wayes or road from Hartford to New Haven, etc."

On the 15th day of December, 1693, the town empowered Ensign Royce to call out some men to assist him in laying out a highway to Haddam. This is probably the road which passes through "Reed's gap," in the north-eastern part of the town. In May, 1766, Messrs. John Yale, John Basset, Timothy Foster, Yale Bishop, Samuel Andrews, Jr., Jonathan Foster, and Jonathan Collins, petitioned the General Assembly that

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committee appointed; 1693, Twenty rod highway between Daniel Mix and Joshua Culver's land; 1694, Highway at Broad Swamp; 1696, Highway to Saw-mill; 1697, John Parker and John Hitchcock appointed to see what highways are needed to the Fresh Meadows, and Mill River; and Samuel Brockett and John Beach to see what are needed between Pond Hill and Muddy River. A twenty rod highway from Falls plain to Stoney River, also from Mathew Howe's to Stoney River, ten rods wide; A highway past Simon Tuttle's to ye Saw Mill; 1700, This year the road to Dog's Misery was made, twenty rods wide, also a highway to the saw mill; also a two rod road between Isaac Curtis and Daniel Mix, between Dr. Hull's land; 1702, two highways on the west side of the river, one by Benj. Hull's, and one to run westward to the south side of Broad Swamp, the other at the north side of said swamp; A highway from the middle bridge, now near Humiston's, past Goodman Beacher's farm, to the east side of the west rocks, two rods wide for "footmen and horses saddled." This road ran to Cheshire, nearly a mile south of the village; Highway to John Cook's and Joseph Mix's; This is the old south road to the south part of Cheshire; Two draft ways on the west side of the river, by Benj. Hull's, one on the south side, and one on the north side of Broad Swamp; April 22, a highway adjoining New Haven line from the river, westward, five rods wide. This old highway is on the south side of the Blue Hills, and north of Quinnipiac factory. It runs past the late residence of Eliasaph Munson to Cheshire, terminating at West Rock on the mountain near Bethany; 1707, highway from Long Hill to New Haven line.

the road from Hartford to New Haven where it passes through Meriden from the "upper line of Belchers old farm, as the most northerly part of S'd Town of Wallingford, down as far in the Sd town as the plain so called" be widened, as it was so narrow in some places as to be very difficult of passage, the road being originally forty rods wide. The present Hartford and New Haven turnpike which passes through the center of the town, was completed in 1800. The inhabitants of Wallingford strenuously opposed the laying out of the turnpike, but when it was completed it was considered a vast, wonderful and curious work; and people came to see it, as they afterwards flocked to see the first railroad. Until the year 1802, there was not a single road in town that was made by being rounded from the center to the sides, in the manner of a turnpike, and as our roads are all now made. They were more frequently lower than the sides, by continual wear, and washing of the rains, rather than raised above them. There can be little doubt that we find in this fact, the reason for laying out roads of the enormous width of six and even twenty rods. For as one track became worn, full of ruts, and sunk below the surface, the traveler could find sufficient room to pick out for himself another and still another track, yet fresh and unworn, in the broad space of one hundred, or three hundred feet reserved for a highway. As there were few laborers and plenty of land, this mode of working the roads was cheaper than the modern process of laboriously constructing one good, rounded track. As to the comfort of the traveler there could not be much question.

The ancient bridge at Humiston's mill was originally situated nearly seventy rods down the river, from where

it is now, and the road up the hill was a little to the north of the bridge, coming out near the house recently owned by Joel Camp; the abutments of the bridge are visible to this day. The bridge now called "Horsford's bridge," was at first built several rods down the stream, from its present location, and was not changed until the present century. The bridge at Yalesville on the east and west road was originally built nearly where it now is, and those on the old turnpike were built by the turnpike company about the year 1800. In 1672, it was voted in regard to the bridge at the "Pines," that Wallingford and New Haven agree jointly to maintain the said bridge. January 31, voted that the making of the bridge over Wharton's brook, shall be paid by the town. December 24, voted that Samuel Andrews, Samuel Munson, Nathaniel Roice, Thomas Curtis, and Benjamin Lewis be a committee to view the place and decide where a bridge could be most conveniently built over the river. Where they located the bridge does not appear; but the presumption is that it was in North Haven, just west of the centre of the village, at a place then called the Pines; as that bridge was supported jointly by New Haven and Wallingford for many years. November 26, 1695, a bridge was ordered to be built at "Goats pains," or at Sergt. Doolittle's cart-way, or some place between them for carts. December 30, 1695, a bridge was built at the mill, by Eleazer Peck. This is at what is now Yalesville, east of the factory, near the residence of the late Charles Cook and Roswell Yale.

The mode of traveling was usually by horseback; and it was not until 1789 that the first wagon was brought into Meriden. It was owned by Mr. Ezra Rice. It was of a very rude construction, being simply a square

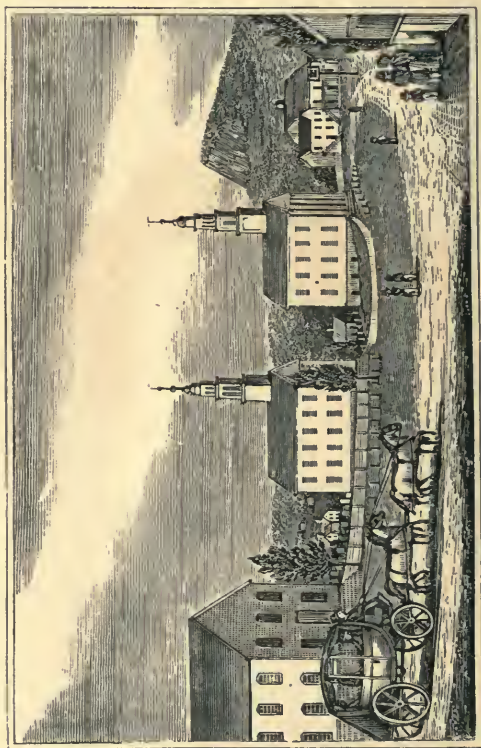
framed box placed on four wheels, drawn by two horses, with ropes for traces, and cords for the guiding or driving lines. Yet it was then thought to be a very elegant establishment. Previous to that time, there had never been owned in the town, but three two-wheel carriages, being very rude, awkward chaise bodies or uncovered seats hung on two wheels, in the manner of our modern chaise. The bridegroom who went to a neighboring town to be united with a partner whom he hoped to find through life a "help meet for him," whether he was gentlemen or yeoman, rode on horseback, and carried her home on a pillion behind him.

In 1835, a petition was presented to the legislature, asking for a charter to construct a railway from Hartford to New Haven. The petition was eventually granted. The most prominent persons in the matter were the Hon. James Brewster of New Haven, Maj. Elisha A. Cowles of Meriden, Richard Hubbard of Middletown and Seth J. North of New Britain. Mr. Hubbard wanted the line carried farther east, in order that Middletown might be on the direct route between New York and Boston. Mr. North was naturally desirous that the line should go farther west, that New Britain might profit by it. But Major Cowles, active and energetic in everything he took in hand, in conjunction with Mr. Brewster succeeded in getting the road located where it now is; so that Meriden came in for all the advantages which would otherwise have accrued to Middletown or New Britain. The route of the Hartford and New Haven railroad had been pointed out by Dr. J. G. Percival; having been determined by him during the progress of a geological exploration of the larger Secondary formation, previous to his general

survey of the State. The route throughout is determined by the geological arrangement of the country, passing in the depression between the eastern and western lines of elevation, in the Trap system, to Meriden, then in that between the third and fourth eastern main range to Berlin. The increase of the western part of the town may be dated from that event.

The great increase of traveling since railways have been in use has produced great and material changes in society. Many who, but a few years since, scarcely penetrated beyond the country in which they happened to have been born, are now induced to visit places far more remote, from the facility and comfort afforded them by railway transit, which enables them to travel over thousands of miles with greater personal ease than they formerly could over fifty. The result of this mutual communication of facts and ideas must be an improved state of society. Great discoveries in science may be ranked among the greatest class of natural events, so great is their modifying influence on human destiny. When considered with respect to its scientific character, magnitude, utility, its harmony of arrangement, and mechanical contrivance, what can equal that greatest of discoveries—the one which most influences human action and happiness—the practical applicability of the expansibility of water into steam as a motive power. Compared to it, how shabby a structure would be the celebrated Roman wall, or even the more extensive one of the Chinese; as for the Egyptian pyramids, they, so far from being fit to be mentioned in comparison with the railway, are merely uncouth monuments of the ignorance and superstition of their founders; woeful testimonials of the debasement to priestcraft of the

wretched slaves who erected them, and are merely evidences of much physical force, having but little aid from science or taste.



MERIDEN IN 1830.

(From Barber's History.)





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Pratt*



## CHAPTER VIII.

## NOMENCLATURE.

## WALLINGFORD.

PROBABLY the names of one hundred out of two hundred and fifty towns in Connecticut, were taken from England; others were derived from some local peculiarity, or from the name of some prominent person, as Chesterfield, Cromwell, Putnam, Ellsworth, Franklin, Madison, etc.; some still retain the old Indian names, Naugatuck, Mohegan, Pequonnock, etc., while others are taken from towns mentioned in the Bible, as Bethany, Bethel, Gilead, Bozrah, Hebron, Bethlehem, etc. The name of Wallingford is derived from the Anglo Saxon *Gwall-hen*, i. e., "old fortification"; and was anciently called Gallena. It is the name of an old town in England, which Leland thus quaintly describes:

"The town of Wallingford hath beene a verry notable thing and welle waulled. The diche of the town, and the crest whereon the waulles stode be yet manifestly perceyved, and begin from the castelle, going in compace, a good mile and more, and so cummith to Wallingford bridg, a large thing of stone over the Tamise. And by the patentes and donations of Edmunde Erle of Cornewaul, and Lord of the House of Wallingford, that ther wer 14 Parich Chirchis in Wallingford. And ther be men yet alve that can shew the Places and

Cemiteries, wher yn the al stooede. At this tyme there be but 3 poore Parich Chirches in the town.”<sup>1</sup>

The town was formerly surrounded by a wall; the castle stood by the river. Camden in his *Britannia*,<sup>2</sup> says, the castle's size and magnificence used to strike me with astonishment.

He believed it to have been built by the Romans, afterward destroyed by the Saxons and Danes, and rebuilt under William I.

The name of Wallingford was given to the tract of land extending southward from the point where the “old road to New Haven goeth over Pilgrim's Harbor, ten miles, and to extend five miles each side of the Quinnickock river,” in 1670, by some of the planters from New Haven.

The name of *Pond Hill* is frequently alluded to in the early records. This locality is said to derive its name from the fact that in the low ground nearly west of the old Barker place, exists a pond of water, just over the line in North Haven, and adjacent to the range of hills; which fact was no doubt the cause of the name being given to that locality.

*Green Swamp* and *Fresh Meadows*, were situated in the western and south-western part of the town, and bear the names to this day. *Hoppen's Brook*, is in Cheshire, and takes its rise a little to the southeast of the village. *Mill River*, takes its rise a little west of Cheshire, taking a southerly course through the town of Hamden, and finds its way into the Sound at New

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1 Itinerary, vol. 2, p. 11; Oxford, 1710.

2 Vol. 1, p. 165.

Haven. *Ridge Hill*, is that high ground in the north part of Hamden and south eastern part of Cheshire. *Samerack Swamp*, is in the eastern part of Wallingford, a little south of the residence of the late Peter Hall. *Muddy River*, takes its rise in the eastern part of Meriden, and running south, empties into the Quinnipiac in North Haven. *Sugar Loaf Hill*, is that eminence lying between the turnpike and river, just south of Humiston's Mills. *Clapboard Hill*, is that land lying east of the residence of Joseph Hough, and north of the late residence of Reuben Rice. *Broad Swamp*, is in Cheshire, about two miles west of Yalesville. *Long Hill*, is that range of hills east of Wallingford, running south. *Tank Hood Road*, is the old highway that formerly ran from the village of Wallingford to Clapboard hill, past the residence, of the late Reuben Rice and Ephraim A. Humiston, to the North Farms road leading to Meriden; this old road is now fenced up in many places, by consent of the town. Dr. Russell, an early settler, formerly lived on this road. *Wharton's Brook*, is the stream east of Wallingford village, running south to the river where it empties, just below Doolittle mill. This mill was built by a Mr. Munson, and was called originally Munson's mill. The first mill ever erected in the town was on this stream, just below the village. *Scotch Rock*, is in the south part of Cheshire, a little north of the residence of Alonzo Brooks; and the high ground east of the rock was called Scotch hill. The rock is very large, running out of the ground nearly twenty feet. *Whirlwind*, is that high land east of the late residence of Luther Hall, and west from Pistapaug Pond. *Totoket Mountains*, are easterly from Wallingford to Meriden.

## PILGRIM'S HARBOR.

The place on which our city now stands was called "Pilgrim's Harbor," in an Indian deed of 1664. In the year 1660, when monarchy was restored in England, many who had acted prominently in the revolution, were obliged to flee for their lives. Some fled to the continent of Europe, some to the American settlements, and some were caught and executed as traitors; and for no other crime than that they partook too deeply of the same maddening cup that turned even the philosophic brain of Milton; and the remains of some of the principal actors in that too fearful tragedy, were treated with profane indignities, such as have not since that day disgraced the name of English freedom.<sup>1</sup>

Two of these, Edward Whalley and William Goffe, in consequence of the rank they had held in the armies of the Parliament, and in the commonwealth of England, were especially obnoxious to the restored king. They arrived at Boston on the 27th of July 1660; John Dixwell came afterwards. As it was not known at that time what disposition would be made of them, and as it was believed that they would be embraced in the general act of indemnity, they were treated by Governor Endicott and the other principal gentlemen of Boston, with all the marks of respect that were thought to belong to men who had filled high places in the government, and whose venerable features and soldierly bearing comported so well with their high reputation, as eminent civilians and military leaders. As soon, however, as it was made known in Boston in what light the king looked upon the official conduct of these men, and that

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1 Camden's Imperial Hist. of England, p. 216.

they were regarded as traitors, a large share of those who had claimed to be their friends, avoided them as if they had been infected with some contagious disease.<sup>1</sup>

Finding that Endicott had called a court of magistrates to apprehend them and deliver them over to the executioner, they took advantage of the friendly disposition manifested towards them by some of the Magistrates and fled out of the jurisdiction of that colony, and sought a refuge in New Haven among the old and tried adherents of Oliver Cromwell. They passed through Wallingford on the 26th of March, 1661, and the next day arrived in New Haven. Meanwhile the royal mandate reached Massachusetts, requiring the governor to arrest the fugitives. As soon as the news of the king's proclamation reached New Haven, they were obliged to abscond; and were concealed for a time in a cave on West Rock, near New Haven, and which still bears the name of "Judges' Cave." Their stay in this cave was short, however, on account of the wild animals who at that time infested the mountains. One night as the regicides lay in bed, they saw a panther or catamount thrust its head into the mouth of the cave. Its blazing eyeballs and unearthly cry so frightened the inmates that they fled from the cave.

They were concealed in various places until October 13, 1684, when they left Milford, where they had been for two years, for Hadley, Mass., then a frontier town, a hundred miles from Milford, and so remote from Boston, Hartford and New Haven, that it did not seem probable that their presence in such a place would be suspected. They traveled only by night, and laid still during the

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<sup>1</sup> Hollister, 1, 236.

day in some shady nook in the woods, or by the bank of a brook where the murmuring of the water invited them to repose. On their journey up this road, they encamped in what is now West Meriden, for several days; it then being a swampy, tangled wilderness, well fitted for concealment. The place thenceforward as having afforded shelter or *harbor* to these men, who though denounced at home as regicides, were honored by our fathers as noble patriots, was called "Pilgrim's Harbor." Now this is a very pretty story, and is quoted by Hollister and others; but unfortunately for the truth of it, I have the copy of a letter in the hand-writing of Daniel Clarke, Secretary, written previous to 1661, in which we find mention of "Pilgroomes Harbour." The regicides passed through Meriden in October, 1664. This letter was written in consequence of some trouble in the settlement of boundary lines.

## MERIDEN.

As early as 1664, another locality lying several miles north of the town, was called Merrideen, Meridan or Meridon. For as early as that, an Indian deed conveying a large tract of land, describes it, or the locality about it, as "entitled and known by the name of Merideen." Subsequent documents speak of land as lying between Pilgrim's Harbor and Merridan. From a deed in possession of Moses Gilbert of Berlin, who is now (1870) living on the same farm owned by Jonathan Gilbert, previous to 1644, we find that Captain Daniel Clark of Windsor deeded to Jonathan Gilbert, April 22, 1672,

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1 Hutchinson, 1, 213; Mass. Hist. Coll. VII. 123; Stiles, Hist. of the three Judges of Chas. 1; Hartford, 1794.



“300 Acres of land (forty of which was to be meadow, by Grant of the Colony to s<sup>d</sup> Clark,) lying, situate, and laid out at a place called *Moridam* where Mr. Jonathan Gilbert's farm is, and bounded partly on the *Mattabesick River* where it may be allowed of the town of Farmington.”

Long before there were any settlements on this territory, and *as early* as there was any house, we find the name Merrideen or Meriden. Mr. Perkins in his *Historical Sketches*, says that there is a tradition that the name is compounded of two words, “merry” and “den;” and that in an old stone house built in that locality, there were so many merry meetings of travelers, that the place acquired the nickname of *Merry-den*. At or before the union of the colonies of Connecticut and New Haven there was a grant made to Mr. Andrew Belcher of a tract of land containing nearly five hundred acres, on condition of his building a stone house or fort with port-holes, and keeping arms and ammunition. With the land, he was to have the right of *keeping tavern forever*. Mr. Belcher did not come himself, but it appears he sent some one to take his place. The house was erected between the years 1660 and 1667. This building proving too small, another was erected about 1690. This remained and was occupied till after the close of the Revolutionary war, with the addition of a wooden building; and whoever lived there kept tavern if they pleased, until the turnpike was made in 1799. It was a noted place during the French and Revolutionary wars. The stone house stood not far from the late residence of Mr. John Yale, in the northern part of the town, and about twenty-five years ago the foundations of the old house were ploughed up. There can not be a shadow of doubt but that Mr. Belcher gave the name, and that it was taken from

Meriden, Warwickshire Co., England. In the parish church at Meriden, in England, are deposited the remains of the Belcher family for many generations ; one Margaret Belcher was a patron of the church in 1582. The resemblance of the valley in which our town is situated, with the stone house or inn, with the town in England, and other associations, doubtless suggested to him the propriety of giving the name to his tract. Camden<sup>1</sup> derives the name from the Anglo Saxon *Mere*, a pool or lake, and *Den*, a valley. Dugdale<sup>2</sup> thus describes the town, as it appeared in his day :

“MIREDEN. This place situate upon London road, having some Inns and Alehouses, built for the receipt of Passengers, grown to late times to the credit of village, doth utterly eclipse the name of Alspath, by which, and none other, the Town itself was known ; even from Saxon times, till about the beginning of King Henry the sixth's reign ; I am of opinion, that the place where the greatest part of Myriden now stands, was very antiently so called ; for the latter syllable *dene* importeth no lene, being the old English word, that signifieth a valley, as this is ; which (I suppose) for the foulness thereof, was at first called Mireden.”

West<sup>3</sup> thus describes the town :

“Meriden, anciently called Alspath, or Ailespede, until the reign of Henry VI, when it bore the name of Myreden, from its low and miry situation. One of the old seats of the Earl of Aylesford is now turned into an inn, (The Bull's Head,) and a noble one it is, commanding fine prospects, and having extensive gardens, pleasure grounds, a fine archery, and bowling green.”

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1 Britannia, 1, 160.

2 Antiquities of Warwickshire, 720; London, 1656.

3 History of Warwickshire, 598; Birmingham, 1830.

Leland describes Meriden in his time, as a "Village 4 Miles by enclosed Ground, having some Corne, Wood and Pasture. And at the End of this Village ranne downe a Broket on the left Hand, and thereby was a Parke."<sup>1</sup> Gorton (*Topographical Dictionary*, London, 1833), gives the population in 1833 as 927, and says,

"Meriden, a parish in the Solihull division of the hundred of Hemlingford, which derived its name from the anciently low and damp situation; The church, dedicated to St. Laurence, has been recently enlarged; patron, the Earl of Aylesford, who has a seat here, surrounded by a fine park, well stocked with deer. An old mansion, formerly a seat of the Earl's, is now converted into an inn, having very extensive pleasure grounds."

Clarke's *British Gazetteer* for 1852, says,

"Meriden, Warwick Co., 100 miles from London, 6 from Coventry, 12 from Birmingham. The village is very pleasing. One of the seats of the Earl of Aylesford, which had latterly been but little used, has been converted into an inn, to which extensive grounds and pleasure gardens are attached. The Meriden poor-law union comprises 18 parishes, with a population of 11,000 persons, spread over an area of seventy-two square miles."

As Mr. Belcher built his stone house as early as 1664; as we find the name Meriden applied to the locality on which the house stood, as early as the house was built; as Meriden in England was distinguished for its beautiful tavern, and as Mr. Belcher's stone tavern was an unusually substantial and costly building for that period, there can be no reasonable doubt that he gave the name to the north part of the town; which name was nat-

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<sup>1</sup> *Itinerary*, V. 96; Oxford, 1710.

urally transferred to the settlements which sprang up around it.

#### BANGALL.

Captain Benjamin Hall had a tavern at the Noah Pomeroy place, which in those days was a place of great resort by parties who came from Middletown, Durham and Wallingford. One night in particular, a large party came from Middletown, and kept up their frolics all night; in the words of Captain Hall, "they banged all creation;" from which circumstance came the name of Bangall.

#### CROW HOLLOW.

William Botsford, in the year 1830, gave the name of Crow Hollow to the locality near Julius Parker's shops, about two miles west of the city, there being such a great number of crows in that vicinity.

#### HANOVER.

A manufacturing company was formed in the fall of 1826, consisting of Elisha A. Cowles, Julius Pratt, Fener Bush, Nathaniel C. Sanford, Howell Merriman, Erastus C. Parmelee and Edward Sanford. All except the last were citizens of Meriden. Of this company, N. C. Sanford was the accredited agent, doing business under the name of N. C. Sanford and Co. The manufacture of augers was commenced by this company in the summer of 1827, near the shop occupied by Bradley and Hubbard at West Meriden. But there not being sufficient water power, this company purchased the lands and water rights on both sides of the Quinnipiac river, both above and below the Fall Plain bridge, so far as was then deemed necessary (and so far as the rights could then be secured), for building purposes and the

control of the water power. They first broke ground in the prosecution of their work, April 23, 1832. Various names had been proposed for the village; and to decide upon one a special meeting of the company was called at the house of their agents (then standing on the grounds now occupied by the Byxbee House). Four only of the members of the company were present at that meeting, viz.: Messrs. Cowles, N. C. Sanford, Meriman and Parmelee. Various names were proposed and were severally acted upon and rejected till the list had been reduced to three. Neither of these could be adopted or rejected by vote of the members present, and it was voted to come to a decision by casting lots, and the first drawn to be the name decided upon. One of the members present was blindfolded. Another then wrote the ballots and placed them in a hat. The blindfolded man then drew out one ballot and handed it to another member who read the name Hanover written upon it. Such was the origin of the name, a name which Dr. Hough at the request of the agent of the company, announced to the people who were assembled on the occasion of the raising of the boarding house, June 6, 1832.

## CHAPTER IX.

## DR. DANA AND THE WALLINGFORD CONTROVERSY.

MR. Whittelsey said before his death, that he observed the symptoms of a latent spirit of strife and division amongst his people, which he expected would discover itself and run high after his decease. After the death of Mr. Whittelsey, the society were for a long time without a pastor, the people were so divided in their opinions and feelings; above twenty candidates having been heard, and they had not been able to unite in the settlement of any candidate whom they had employed. At a Society Meeting, September 5, 1757, it was

“Voted that they would Signify their minds, who they would have to proceed with, in order for Probation, in the Work of y<sup>e</sup> Ministry, in said Society, by Passing Round and Giving in the Name of y<sup>e</sup> Gentleman, they would make Choice of, for that purpose, but those that Dont Vote for any, Signify their minds accordingly.”

The result of the balloting was that Mr. Strong<sup>1</sup> had

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<sup>1</sup> Nehemiah Strong was born at Northampton, Mass., in 1728; was graduated at Yale College in 1755; was chosen Tutor in the College in 1757, and continued in the office three years; was soon after settled as a minister in the parish of Turkey Hills in Simsbury, now Granby; was chosen to the Professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Yale College in 1770; resigned the office in 1781, and spent the remainder of his life in retirement. He died at Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 12, 1807, in the eightieth year of his age.

thirty-eight votes; Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey, son of Rev. Samuel Whittelsey, had forty-eight; Mr. Holmes, ten; and Mr. Hubbard four votes. Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey had preached among them, to more general satisfaction than any other candidate; but there was such a number in opposition to him, that he refused to settle with them. The association had advised the committee of the church and society to call in three candidates, of whom Mr. Whittelsey should be one, and the other two to be named by the minor party, and to hear them preach six sabbaths each, and then to settle him who should have the major vote, and that the minority should then agree to his settlement. Provided, nevertheless, that if the minor party should refuse to nominate, that then the society might proceed in a regular manner to the settlement of Mr. Whittelsey. This advice, it seems, was not acceptable. There was no prospect that the majority, who were fixed in the choice of Mr. Whittelsey, would recede from their choice in favor of any other man. At a special society meeting at Wallingford, March 28, 1758, it was

“Voted that Ensign Theophilus Doolittle, Lieut. Joseph Royce, Caleb Merriman, Esq., Major Elihu Hall, Mr. Charles Whittelsey, Lieut. Caleb Johnson, and Samuel Hall, Esq., be a Committee to use such Measures, as speedy as may be, in Behalf of said Society, as may be by them tho't proper, considering the difficult Circumstances of said Society, to invite a Candidate or Candidates, to preach in said Society, with the Advice of some Rev'd Gentlemen, that are acquainted with the Circumstances of said Society, some convenient Time, and Report make at their next Society Meeting, of what they have done in the Affair, in order, &c.

“A true Copy.

Test. JAMES MILES, Clerk.”

This committee applied to a number of neighboring ministers, who were convened together in the society, upon a day when that church and people were sanctifying a fast, who gave them the following advice, drawn up by Mr. Samuel Hall :

“ Wallingford, 26th April, 1758.

“ We the Subscribers, neighboring Ministers, being desired by Capt. Hall, Maj. Hall, Ensi. Doolittle, Mr. Whittelsey, Lieut. Royce, Lieut. Merriman, and Lieut. Johnson, to give our Advice, what Steps to take under the difficult Circumstances of the first Society in Wallingford, about the Settling a Minister among them, do advise to send to Mr. Holyoke President of Cambridge College, Mr. Appleton, Minister of Cambridge, and Dr. Chauncey of Boston, for their Direction to some suitable Candidate for the Ministry in said Wallingford.

“ SAMUEL WHITTELEY,  
SAMUEL HALL,  
ISAAC STILES,  
THEOPHILUS HALL.”

The committee upon this advice sent the following letter to Cambridge :

“ Wallingford, 28 April, 1758.

“ REVEREND AND HONOURED GENTLEMEN :

“ The Committee of the first Society in Wallingford on Consideration of the bereaved and broken circumstances of said Society, by the Death of their late Reverend Pastor, having advised with the Reverend Elders in their Vicinity thereon, do in Conformity of their Advice, and in great Approbation thereof, hereby most earnestly beg your kind offices for this destitute Flock, to recommend some suitable and worthy Candidate, for the Ministry in this Place ; and that you would be pleased to use your great and good Influence with such Candidate, to accept the Invitation, &c.



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| "CALEB MERRIMAN,<br>SAMUEL HALL,<br>ELIHU HALL,<br>JOSEPH ROYCE,<br>CALEB JOHNSON. | } | Committee." |
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President Holyoke and Mr. Appleton,<sup>1</sup> Dr. Chauncey being absent, recommended Mr. James Dana of Cambridge, a graduate of Harvard of the class of 1753, and then in his twenty-third year. He was accordingly invited to visit Wallingford to preach as a candidate for settlement. He accepted the invitation, and after he had preached a few Sabbaths, both the church and society, with apparent harmony, extended to him a call to become their pastor. A committee of fifteen<sup>2</sup> were appointed "to wait on said Mr. James Dana and Request his acceptance of said Invitation, and Confer with him on Terms and proposals in order to his settlement therein."

He accepted the invitation in the following letter :

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1 Rev. Mr. Appleton sent the following letter to one of the Wallingford committee :

"DEAR SIR—I congratulate you upon the hopeful prospect &c. Mr. Dana is a young Gentleman of so good natural Powers, and these so well cultivated and enlarged by a close Application in his Studies; and has preserved so clear and unspotted a Character, &c., as may serve very much to recommend him to the Esteem and Choice of a people; and such are his Capacities, and Thirst<sup>t</sup> after further Attainments, that I am persuaded, if God shall put him, and continue him, in the Ministry for some Years, he will distinguishingly shine among his Brethren, &c.

"I am &c.,                      NATHANIEL APPLETON.

"Cambridge, Aug. 11, 1758."

2 Samuel Hall, Elihu Hall, Ensign Theophilus Doolittle, Charles Whittelsey, John Hall, John Peck, Deacon John Hall, Caleb Merriman, Lieut. Joseph Royce, Lieut. Caleb Johnson, Capt. Nathaniel Beadel, Capt. Peter Hall, Capt. Eliakim Hall, Abraham Stanley, John Moss.

“Wallingford, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1758.

“BELOVED BRETHREN :

“Your Invitation of me to settle among you in the Work of the Gospel Ministry, I received by your Committee chosen for that purpose ; and apprehend I have duly considered the same, &c. In Answer to this your invitation, I would say, that having sought divine direction &c. I judge it my Duty to accept, and accordingly, do now declare my Acceptance of the same. I embrace the present Opportunity to testify my grateful Sense, &c. I now stand ready to be introduced ‘to the Work whereunto I am called,’ as soon as convenient Opportunity therefor presents itself, &c.

“JAMES DANA.”

Mr. Dana agreed to come to Wallingford for £200 settlement, and £80 the first year, £90 the second year, and £100 “per year annually,” as long as he continued in the work of the ministry in their society. There appeared to be a good degree of unanimity in giving him a call to the work of the ministry in the society. None appeared in opposition, though some, and two or three of the committee were not in the vote. They were not satisfied with respect to his doctrines, and soundness in the faith ; and one of the committee made him a visit, with a view of obtaining satisfaction relative to his doctrines, designing, if he could obtain satisfaction relative to them, to act in favor of his ordination. He, in as mild and decent a manner as he knew how, introduced the matter, and asked him a few questions relating to his doctrines and preaching, expecting that Mr. Dana would, at least, attempt to satisfy him with respect to his religious sentiments. But instead of this, to his grief and surprise, as he testified, Mr. Dana answered him very short, and in a loud and boisterous manner, and treated him with such apparent anger and

disdain, as he never met with from any gentleman before, declaring that he did not regard the opposition a farthing, or words to that effect; that if there were any objections against what he had delivered in preaching, he would answer them before the ordaining council. Also, Mr. Dana said, he was too young to be examined.

Some other gentlemen waited on him between the meetings, to obtain satisfaction for themselves as to his religious sentiments; and particularly desired him to let them know his sentiments with regard to original sin, the saints' perseverance, and with respect to free will and falling from grace. He made them very short answers, and said he should not tell. They asked him how he liked the platform. He said he had never seen it, but supposed, if he settled, he should settle upon it. They inquired if he had seen the doctrines of faith which Mr. Whittelsey had used? He told them he had. They inquired how he liked them? In reply he asked them why they did not ask him how he liked John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* and *Æsop's fables*?<sup>1</sup> This treatment, and his refusing to give an account of his doctrines, gave much dissatisfaction; for though both the church and society, with apparent harmony, united in giving Mr. Dana a call, the voting of the call was immediately followed by the organization of a strong opposition, promoted, as was supposed, by some of the ministers of the neighborhood. The society, nevertheless, proceeded to vote him a settlement and salary, 140 voting in the affirmative, and 62 in the negative; and Mr. Dana, after consulting his friends, declared his acceptance of their

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1 Some serious Remarks upon the Rev. Mr. Jonathan Todd's Faithful Narrative, &c., by Edward Eells, A. M., Pastor of the Second Church in Middletown, New Haven, 1760.

invitation. A committee was appointed to "Mediate between the Rev'd Mr. James Dana and first Church in Wallingford, and the agrieved Brethren." Some of those who had voted in the affirmative now joined the other party, and insisted that Mr. Dana should be removed from his pastoral office. Some of the leading men in the opposition entered a complaint against Mr. Dana and the church. Against him as unsound in the faith, and against the church for calling him to the work of the ministry under such circumstances, against so large an opposition on account of his doctrines. The complaint was as follows :

"To the Reverend Mr. Samuel Hall, moderator of the consociation, in New Haven county :

"REVEREND SIR—The petition of us whose names are under written, humbly showeth, that whereas the first society and church in Wallingford have been in pursuit of Mr James Dana, of Cambridge, to settle in the ministry among us, and the said church and society have not taken the steps of the constitution of the government, set forth in the Saybrook platform, reference thereto being had. Furthermore, we the members of said church and society, beg leave to charge Mr. James Dana with declaring in public, some time in June last, that there was no sacrifice for wilful transgressions under the law or gospel. He also delivered, some time in the same month, that to suppose a man's sins are necessary and unavoidable, is to excuse the man from guilt, and lay and cast the blame upon God. Aug. 20th, Mr. Dana took his text out of Chronicles, 28th chapter, 9th verse ; under which text he undertook to inform us what were the conditions of our acceptance with God ; and saith our obedience must be sincere, uniform, willing, universal and persevering ; that these were the conditions of our acceptance with God, and what would interest us in his favor ; and that it would be suspended until we had fulfilled the above conditions. Sometime in

July, said Mr. Dana delivered, in one of his sermons, that the gospel makes the practice of the duties of morality, the unchangeable condition of our future happiness. He declared sometime in August or September, that it was not strange if we had new things delivered to us in religion, and supposed we should have further discoveries made to us in every century, till we arrived at a perfect state; which doctrines we look upon as unfounded, not agreeable to the word of God, or the doctrines of the Saybrook platform, and the confession of faith therein set forth; and he has preached twenty-one sermons in Wallingford, and has wholly omitted the doctrines of the new birth, and the safety of appearing in the righteousness of Christ; and he compared the doctrine of faith that the Rev. Mr. Samuel Whittelsey taught, to Æsop's fables and John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress; which we look upon as unbecoming. We do hereby desire the consociation to be called, to hear these, with other grievances, and determine the whole matter; and we will be at the cost; and the house of Caleb Merriman, Esq., is appointed to meet at. He declares he cares nothing about the opposition.

“Members of said church.

“CALEB MERRIMAN, CALEB JOHNSON, DANIEL CLARK, STREET HALL, LEVI MOSS, of the society.

“A true Copy. Test. SAMUEL HALL, Moderator.

“Dated at Wallingford, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1758.”<sup>1</sup>

Thus was commenced the great controversy between the Old Lights and the New Lights, which culminated in the “Wallingford Controversy;” a case which more than all others became a matter of public concern, and opened a distinct era in New England theology and in

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<sup>1</sup> A Faithful Narrative of the Proceedings, of the First Society and Church in Wallingford, in the Calling and Settling of Rev. Mr. Dana, in the Pastoral Office over them; and of the Doings of the several Councils relative thereto, with some Remarks interspersed. By Jonathan Todd, A. M., New Haven, 1759.

the history of the "liberties of the churches." Mr. Dana was set apart to the ministry by an Old Light council, in the face of protest from a respectable minority, and against the solemn edict of the "Consociation of New Haven County," which had met in Wallingford to forbid the ordination of a candidate charged with doctrinal unsoundness, even with Socinian or Arminian proclivities. The bold procedure of ordaining in spite of the prohibition, was a triumph of the principle for which the New Lights had long contended ; and the pens of the time were alive in its censure or its defense. It was a triumph also over the power of the "ecclesiastical constitution of the dissenters;" and Noah Hobart, aided by President Clap and other leading divines of the colony, proved to be a champion no more successful here for the Saybrook Platform than he had been in his addresses to the members of the Episcopal separation in New England. Those on the other side found support for their action in the popular voice, as well as in the voice of a body of ministers trained under the influence of Whitefield's teachings.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Hall, the moderator of the consociation, by the advice of a number of the neighboring elders, and afterwards by the advice of the association, before whom he laid the matter, called the consociation, to meet at Wallingford on the 10th day of October, 1758 ; and he gave out citations under his hand, to Mr. Dana, and the church at Wallingford, notifying them of the meeting of the consociation, and requiring them to appear at time and place.

Agreeably to the call, the consociation convened at

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<sup>1</sup> Beardsley's Hist. of Epis. Church in Conn., 1, 195.

Wallingford, and, whether it was by accident or design is not known ; but so it was, that the two councils, the one called by the church and society to ordain Mr. Dana, the other called by the minority to prevent his ordination, met in Wallingford on the same day ; and a memorable day it was in the annals of congregationalism, and in the ecclesiastical history of Connecticut. The council consisted of Rev. Messrs. Noyes, of New Haven, Hall, of Cheshire, Stiles, of North Haven, Ruggles, of Guilford, Hall, of Meriden, Whittelsey, of Milford, John Brown, of Hingham, Mass., and Mr. Whittelsey of New Haven, colleague with Mr. Noyes, and Mr. Fowler, of Guilford, colleague with Mr. Ruggles. They were all members of the association and consociation of New Haven county, except Mr. Brown of Hingham.

The council met at Mr. Caleb Merriman's. The moderator, as soon as was convenient, proposed to form the body, by choosing a moderator and scribe. This brought on a dispute on the consociation's being called *de novo* or as a new one ; and also on account of some of the members not being qualified according to the constitution. This, however, was soon so far overruled that the council united in choosing a moderator and scribe ; and the consociation was opened with prayer. Upon this, Mr. Dana and the church committee, and the complainants, came in before the consociation, and the complaint was read. The church then declined to submit to the consociation. The church pleaded that, according to the constitution, it could have no jurisdiction in that case. But they said they were ready to hear and answer all objections made to their proceedings before the ordaining council. The consociation wishing to conduct

an affair of such moment in the most amicable manner possible, chose a committee, of which one was of the ordaining council, to treat with the parties and attempt some mode of agreement. In this conference, the minority made this proposal by their agents :

“That in case Mr. Dana would submit to an examination by the consociation then met, and they should approve of him as orthodox, they would concur in his ordination ; for his principles were their chief difficulty.”<sup>1</sup>

But they insisted that this should be determined by the consociation, and not by the ordination council only. To this, Mr. Dana and the committee would not consent. The consociation adjourned to meet in the meeting house the next morning. In the meantime the gentlemen who had been invited to be of the ordaining council, met by themselves and formed, as was generally supposed, to keep the council alive, that they might act, when the way should be prepared by the consociation. It was not suspected even by some who formed with them, that it was with a design of separating from the consociation. When the consociation met in the morning, according to adjournment, they met with it.

On declaration being made that the council was opened, and that all parties concerned had liberty to be heard, Mr. Dana appeared and denied the jurisdiction of the council, and insisted that the complaint exhibited against him was not cognizable by that body, for he was not one of the associated pastors that might be complained of for heresy or scandal to the association ; nor, if he were, had there been any complaint of scandal or

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Eell's Narrative. That this proposal was made, at this time, is attested by five of the principal men in the minority.



heresy made to the association against him ; nor had there been any careful examination of that matter by them.

With respect to this part of his plea, that he was not one of the associated pastors, and that no complaint had been exhibited against him to the association, etc. ; it was observed, that Mr. Dana's preaching to, and accepting the call of a consociated church, to take the pastoral charge of it, brought him so far within the reach of the constitution, that he must be subject to the government of the consociated churches. That it was a maxim among all nations, and so founded in the reason of things that it will extend to all communities, civil and sacred, that whoever comes into a community, and reaps the benefits of that body, must be subject to the laws of it. That Mr. Dana was reaping the benefits of a consociated church, and therefore was subject to the laws of the consociated churches, and that, therefore, a charge of scandal or heresy might be brought against him. That a copy of the charge in substance, was given him by those who opposed his ordination, and that they certified him that they were going to Northbury to the association, and that he refused to attend. That though the complaint was carried to the moderator of the last consociation, yet that it was by his direction laid before the association, and that they had the same opportunity to examine the matter, as if it had been directed to them at the first, and to give advice in the affair ; so that Mr. Dana was subject to the constitution. His cause had been so heard by the association, that they judged it to be the duty of the moderator to convene the consociation and advise him to the measure, that Mr. Dana might be heard on the charge exhibited against him.

Though Mr. Dana denied the jurisdiction of the council, he expressed his desire to give the pastors and delegates of the churches satisfaction by an open vindication of himself; but at the same time, he gave the consociation to understand that he would not be interrogated by them on any point of doctrine, or upon the charge, or that he would not be "wire drawn."<sup>1</sup>

When Mr. Dana had finished what he proposed, the committee of the church and society appeared before the consociation, denied its jurisdiction, and pleaded, first, that the present convention was not a regular consociation. For *all* of the consociated churches were not invited to be present at this council; and the first church in Wallingford had not been notified; and that Mr. Robbins was not a pastor of one of the consociated churches. It was replied, that it never had been the custom of this consociation, to notify a church to send a messenger, when the consociation had been called to consider any matter relating to said church, or their pastor; and that universal practice had shown that the article in the platform had never been understood in the sense of those who had made the objection.<sup>2</sup> With respect to Mr. Robbins it was alleged that he had been received as a member both of the association and consociation; that he was one of the committee of the association and had before sat with the consociation.<sup>3</sup>

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1 Narratives of Messrs. Eells and Todd.

2 It is believed, that there never has been an instance, since the formation of the platform to this time, in this county, of sending a letter to a church or pastor, to sit in a consociation, in which a cause of their own was depending. This would be like notifying a criminal to sit as judge in the very court which was to try him.

3 Trumbull, 2, 484. Dr. Trumbull has related the particulars with

Various other objections were brought up and answered, and the question was put,

“Whether this consociation have a right to hear and determine, in relation to the complaint exhibited against the proceedings of the first church in Wallingford, with regard to the calling of Mr. James Dana, to settle in the gospel ministry among them?”

and passed in the affirmative. Upon this, the gentlemen who were of the ordination council, who had, till this time, joined and acted with the consociation, withdrew themselves wholly from it, and entered into, and presented to the consociation the following protest :

“To the Rev. Mr. Samuel Hall, and other elders and messengers of churches, of this county, convened at the house of Caleb Merriman, Esq., in Wallingford, and acting or pretending to act, as the consociation of this county. We, the subscribers, do hereby declare our dissent from, and protest against whatever resolves may become into, or determined upon by you, for the following reasons: 1, Because, by the ecclesiastical constitution of this colony, a consociation may subsist by adjournment, for a year; a new consociation was called, and met last May, and continued themselves by adjournment, and must be therefore now in being; yet the present convention was called together by a new consociation. 2, Because one of the churches under the constitution, in this county, was not notified to attend the consociation by their delegates. 3, Because you have voted, or resolved by a prerogative act, that Mr. Robbins, of Branford, may sit and act as a member of the consociation, who, with his church, have voted out the constitution, and refused to be regulated by it; and accordingly did not lead his church to choose any delegate. 4, Because the special matters which, by complaint, lie before you, relating to the first church and society

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great honesty of purpose, but not without some bias from his personal and party prejudices.

in Wallingford, and Mr. James Dana, are so brought, that, were you a regular consociation, they could not be taken cognizance of by you, consistent with the essential rights of congregational churches, and the plain directions of the constitution ; and the resolve you have already come into there-upon (if reduced to a precedent) will effectually deprive the churches of their right to choose their own pastors, and to exercise church discipline.”<sup>1</sup>

The consociation met the next morning, according to adjournment, and adopted the following resolutions, viz. :

“Resolved by this consociation, that it shall be esteemed, and it is hereby judged disorderly, for any of the members of this consociation, or any other persons, to proceed to, or be assisting in the ordination of Mr. James Dana, to the gospel ministry, in the first church and society of Wallingford, while the matter is depending before this consociation. And also, it is judged disorderly for the church in Wallingford to proceed in receiving Mr. Dana for their pastor, by ordination ; and for him to accept thereof, until the complaint against Mr. Dana, and the proceedings of said church, cognizable by this consociation, have been heard and determined. Therefore, this consociation earnestly beseech and desire the church to study the things which make for peace ; and all our members not to be assisting in the ordination of Mr. James Dana, and Mr. Dana not to accept thereof, till the matter is fully weighed and considered by this consociation, and full satisfaction given in the matters lying before this body. Voted.

“Test. WARHAM WILLIAMS, Scribe.”

The consociation, at the same time, sent a resolve which they had previously passed, relative to the case of Mr. Dana, which was in the following words, viz. :

“This consociation having duly weighed and considered the

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Todd's Narrative, p. 40.

reasons offered by Mr. James Dana, why he is not bound, &c., resolved, that this consociation have cognizance of the matter, and a right over all who present themselves as preachers and candidates for the ministry, in any of the consociated churches of this county; so far at least, as to forbid, where there is occasion, any such candidates or preachers, to preach in any of the consociated churches, or be ordained in and over them, until such candidates or preachers give full satisfaction to this consociation, to such matters of complaint as are regularly brought against them, before this body. Above voted and resolved.

Test. WARHAM WILLIAMS, Scribe.

“To Mr. James Dana.”<sup>1</sup>

In the morning, before they went to the meeting-house for a public hearing, the ordination council made a proposal for the dissolution of both councils, each leaving their advice to all parties to study the things which make for peace. The consociation declined an acceptance of this proposal, and insisted that they could not put the case out of their hands, and leave it in the power of the church to call another ordination council, and settle Mr. Dana, before the consociation could come together again. At the same time, they were very desirous that both councils should adjourn, and have further time for consideration. For this purpose, the Rev. Mr. Merrick and others, were appointed a committee, to treat with the ordination council; and they expostulated with them, in as tender and moving a manner as possible, that the matter might be deferred for some time; that the heat which then appeared might in some measure, subside; and they gave them assurance, that the consociation would adjourn for a considerable time, if they would consent to a similar

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Todd's Narrative, pp. 50, 51.

adjournment. They urged that there was great danger of their breaking all in pieces, and of great and lasting divisions, if any thing was done suddenly.<sup>1</sup> But the ordination council could not be persuaded to postpone the affair.

Several of the ordination council, when they perceived how matters were going, separated from them. The Rev. Mr. Fowler, colleague with Mr. Ruggles of Guilford, and Esq. Sacket of North Haven, Mr. Stiles, messenger, separated from them immediately, as soon as they perceived they were about to form themselves into a council, distinct and separate from the consociation. Mr. Ruggles also, though he was prevailed upon to sign the protest, yet he was so affected with the affair, that he withdrew from them in the morning, and did not assist in the examination or ordination of Mr. Dana.

The gentlemen of the ordination council having separated themselves from the consociation, after some consultation upon the affair on which they had been convened at Wallingford, put the question,

“Whether this council hath a right to proceed upon matters relative to the ordination of Mr. James Dana, to the pastoral office in the first society in Wallingford, and over the church in said society?”

and the vote passed in the affirmative. Upon the desire of the committee of the church and of Mr. Dana, the ordaining council adjourned to the meeting-house, with a view to give the committee an opportunity to publish their proceedings in calling Mr. Dana, and that he might also have an opportunity

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Eells' Narrative, p. 36.

publicly to manifest his orthodoxy. After this public hearing in the meeting-house, the ordination council returned to Mr. Whittelsey's, the place of their meeting. The following question was then put:

“Whether the church and society have proceeded regularly in their application unto, and call of the said Mr. Dana, to the pastoral office among and over them?”

Voted in the affirmative. The question was also put, “Whether Mr. Dana hath vindicated himself, with respect to the charges and allegations against him, to the satisfaction of this council?”

Voted in the affirmative. The ordination council then proceeded to an examination of the candidate, and after examination, the council voted their satisfaction, with respect to Mr. Dana's knowledge, orthodoxy, and ministerial qualifications. Mr. Dana, at the same time, declared his willingness to settle and take the care and charge of the first church in Wallingford under the ecclesiastical constitution of this colony.

The consociation, before the ordination council had determined to ordain Mr. Dana, certified them that there were ninety-five in opposition to Mr. Dana's ordination. They represented that they possessed half the rateable estate in the society.<sup>1</sup> The moderator intimated to the ordination council that he considered this as a strong objection to the ordination of Mr. Dana. Some of the opposition were men of high standing in the town, and the largest tax-payers. The ordination council, notwithstanding the prohibition and earnest entreaties of the consociation, proceeded to the important question,

“Whether the council will proceed to the ordination of the

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<sup>1</sup> Eells' Narrative, pp. 10, 11, and 33.

said Mr. James Dana, to the work of the gospel ministry, in said church and society in Wallingford?"

Voted in the affirmative. The Rev. Mr. Todd, one of the council, says,

"We looked upon it, that we were called of God to ordain Mr. Dana."<sup>1</sup>

The council accordingly proceeded, in the face of the direct and peremptory prohibition of the consociation, to ordain Mr. Dana at Wallingford. The consociation, regarding the case as one of great difficulty, now invited the neighboring consociation of Hartford county to meet with them, that they might have the benefit of their opinion and advice; and such a meeting accordingly took place three weeks afterwards. The council met and formed in a regular manner, and was the most numerous and respectable ever convened before in the colony, consisting of the most learned and pious divines in the counties of Hartford and New Haven, and of the deacons and justice of the peace, the principal men in the respective churches in the two counties. The Rev. Mr. Russell of Middletown was chosen moderator of the consociation from the county of Hartford, a gentleman of great respectability for knowledge, experience, moderation, and for pacific measures, on all occasions. When the consociations had formed, united, and opened with prayer, the committee of the church in Wallingford appeared before them, and denied the regularity and jurisdiction of the council thus united. That the fullest proof might be given of its earnest desire, if possible, to accommodate the difficulties at Wallingford, a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Dana,

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<sup>1</sup> Todd's Narrative, p. 50.



and the parties, concerning a reconciliation. The committee reported the following proposal of the minority, viz. :

“Whereas the Consociation of New Haven county, and the Consociation of Hartford county, south district, being convened at Wallingford, to hear and determine certain difficulties in the first church and society in Wallingford; and said consociation appointing a committee to reconcile the parties, we the subscribers, members of said church and society, and committee of the minor part, do offer at this time, to the church committee, and Mr. Dana, to have the consociation of the south district of Hartford county examine Mr. Dana’s notes, referred to in the complaint; and another sermon, preached the 8th day of October last; and also examine Mr. Dana, according to their method of examination, and if they find him sound in the faith of the gospel, (and also examine his moral conduct) and if they find him qualified for a gospel minister, we will consent to him, and receive him as our minister: but if he is not qualified as set forth above, then to have him dismissed.

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| “JOHN HALL, 2 <sup>d</sup> , | STREET HALL,    |
| ELIAKIM HALL,                | CALEB MERRIMAN, |
| DAN. JOHNSON,                | DANIEL CLARK,   |
| ABEL PECK,                   | CALEB JOHNSON,  |
| “ISAAC JOHNSON.              |                 |

“Wallingford, Nov. 2, 1758.”

Afterwards, they declared to Mr. Dana, and to the council they were willing to concede that which respected his moral character should not be regarded on trial. This proposal was rejected by Mr. Dana. He refused to be examined by the consociation,<sup>1</sup> but sent them a written Confession of Faith. Numerous other meetings were called, and various resolutions were passed. Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> Eells' Narrative, pp. 38, 39.

Dana denied the regularity and jurisdiction of the consociation, and refused to submit to their determinations. At an adjourned meeting at the house of Charles Sperry, in Wallingford, April 3, 1759, the following resolution was passed :

“Whereas, this united council have judged Mr. James Dana guilty of scandalous contempt, as expressed in our result ; and have used proper measures, in order to bring him to a sense of his sinful conduct, and exercised due patience, he continuing obstinate ; we do therefore, according to that divine direction, 2 Thes. III. 6, and according to the rules of our ecclesiastical constitution, declare him to be unworthy of the communion of churches ; and that henceforth we will not hold communion with him in any acts of ecclesiastical discipline, or special ordinances ; and according to our ecclesiastical constitution, the churches are to approve this sentence, by withdrawing communion with him, which we advise, and expect accordingly.”

It was also voted in council, that

“Whereas, the greater part of the first church of Christ in Wallingford, have promoted the ordination of Mr. James Dana, and received him as their pastor, contrary to the prohibition of the consociation of New Haven county, while a charge of heterodoxy lay against him, before said consociation ; and chose Samuel Hall, Esq., and others, a committee, with instructions to appear before this council, and in the name of said church, to deny their jurisdiction, and refuse to submit to their determination ; and whereas, this council, (as appears in our result, in the session, Nov. 28th, last) have judged, with respect to Samuel Hall, Esq., and the rest of said committee, and all the other members of said church, who acted in choosing the said committee, and giving the instructions aforesaid, that, in case they continue to adhere to the said Mr. Dana, and acknowledge him as their pastor, until the third Tuesday of March next, they shall be judged

guilty of scandalous contempt, and the sentence of non-communion declared against them. And whereas, the above mentioned Samuel Hall, Esq., etc., have, notwithstanding, continued to adhere to the said Mr. James Dana, and acknowledged him as their pastor; we judge said Samuel Hall, Esq. and the rest of the committee, and all the members who acted in choosing said committee, and giving the instructions aforesaid, guilty of scandalous contempt, and proper measures having been taken to bring them to a sense of their sinful conduct, and due patience used, they still continuing obstinate; we do now, according to that divine direction, 2 Thessalonians, III. 6, and the rules of our ecclesiastical constitution, declare them to be unworthy of the communion of churches; and that, henceforth, we will not hold communion with them, in any acts of ecclesiastical discipline, or special ordinances; and according to the rules of our ecclesiastical constitution, the churches are to approve this sentence, by withdrawing communion from them; which we advise, and expect accordingly. And while we declare those members who adhere to Mr. Dana, and are now under sentence of non-communion, to have fallen off from our ecclesiastical constitution; we acknowledge the remaining members as the consociated church in the first society in Wallingford, and are determined to treat them accordingly. This council do appoint the Rev. Messrs. Jonathan Merrick, John Trumbull, Mark Leavenworth and Benjamin Woodbridge, messengers; deacons Ithiel Russell, Jonathan Guernsey, Mr. Stephen Hopkins, and deacon Theophilus Baldwin, a committee of this council, to stand in that capacity for the space of four months from this date, to whom any, or all the members of the first church in Wallingford, now under the sentence of non communion, may apply; and upon their manifesting repentance, they are empowered, in the name of this council, to take off the sentence they are under, and restore them to the privileges of the consociated churches; and if any member shall neglect to apply to the committee aforesaid, within four

months, they may afterwards apply (if they desire it) to the moderator of the consociation of New Haven county, to call the consociation of New Haven county, to call the consociation of said county, for the purpose aforesaid.

“A complaint being exhibited to this council, dated March 22, 1759, by several members of the first church of Christ in Wallingford, against the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Noyes, Isaac Stiles, Theophilus Hall, Samuel Whittelsey, Jonathan Todd and Chauncey Whittelsey, elders; and Robert Treat, Nathaniel Ruggles, Thomas Darling and Ezekiel Royse, messengers, and members of the consociation of New Haven county for breaking off from said consociation, and aiding and assisting in the ordination of Mr. James Dana, &c.; the persons complained of were properly notified. Several of them appeared personally and others by letters, denying our jurisdiction, &c. The council not thinking it proper to act upon the above said complaint, the complainers withdrew it. This council having already, in our result, condemned the ordination of Mr. Dana, as contrary to the word of God, and the ecclesiastical constitution of the churches in this colony, have therein condemned the ordination council, or those who were active therein; we think it our duty more explicitly to declare our judgment relating to them, which is, that they have so violated the good rules of our ecclesiastical constitution, that they ought to be treated as disorderly persons, and not fit to sit in any of our ecclesiastical councils, until they shall clear up their conduct, to the satisfaction of the consociation of New Haven county, for their disorderly breaking off from them, and aiding and assisting in Mr. Dana’s ordination. And we advise the moderator of said consociation, to call the consociation, upon application made to him by said gentlemen.”

“Voted in council.

“Test. WARHAM WILLIAMS,  
EDWARD EELLS, } Scribes of the council.”

Though this council was composed of some of the most respectable gentlemen of the clergy and churches in the colony, for literature, age and candor; and though they took great pains to compromise the difficulties at Wallingford, and appeared to act with coolness and patience, yet their doings were cried out against by the gentlemen of the ordination council, and others who engaged in their cause, as unconstitutional and tyrannical, depriving the churches of their most essential rights. Many hard and severe things were said of them. The Rev. Mr. Todd, who was one of the ordination council, wrote a narrative of the transactions at Wallingford, even before the united council had finished their result. The Rev. Mr. Hart of Saybrook<sup>1</sup> wrote against it immediately. He wrote in a high and positive strain, condemning the council and insisting that their doings were wholly unconstitutional and inconsistent with the essential rights of the churches.<sup>2</sup> The Rev. Mr. Eells,<sup>3</sup> who had been one of the scribes of the united council, wrote a narrative of the transactions of the council, supplying such facts and circumstances as Mr. Todd

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1 Mr. Hart was born at East Guilford, in 1713; graduated at Yale College in 1732; and was ordained pastor of the First church in Saybrook, Nov. 17, 1736. He had the reputation of being an Arminian; was a vigorous controversial writer, and produced several pamphlets that were much read in their day. He engaged with great zeal in the Wallingford controversy, fully justifying the council that acted in the ordination of Mr. Dana. He had a strong aversion to Hopkinsianism, and is said to have been the first to give that name to the system of doctrine which it now represents.

2 Trumbull, II. 505.

3 Mr. Eells was a son of Rev. Nathaniel Eells of Scituate, Mass.; was graduated at Harvard College in 1733; was ordained pastor of a church in Middletown, Sept. 6, 1738, and died Oct. 12, 1776, æ. 64. He published the Conn. Election Sermon, 1767.

omitted, noticing some of those things in his narrative which he judged severe, uncharitable and calculated to render his brethren of the council odious and contemptible. He also made such general remarks as he supposed were necessary for the vindication of the council. The Rev. Mr. Hobart of Fairfield<sup>1</sup> replied in particular to Mr. Hart, in vindication of the council at Wallingford, showing that they had assumed no powers inconsistent with the rights of congregational churches at large, and consequently could not be inconsistent with the ecclesiastical constitution of the colony, and no more than it was the original design of the Saybrook agreement to give them.<sup>2</sup>

The separation that originated in this conflict, continued a number of years. Mr. Dana and the ministers who had ordained him, being cut off from all ecclesiastical and ministerial intercourse with the other pastors of the county,<sup>3</sup> formed an association by themselves, which

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1 Noah Hobart was born at Hingham, January 12, 1706. He was a son of Daniel Hobart, and a grandson of the Rev. Peter Hobart, the first pastor of the church in that town. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1724, and was ordained pastor of the First Congregational church in Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 17, 1733. He died December 6, 1773, aged 68. He published in 1754, "Principles of the Congregational Churches," &c.; and in 1761, a vindication of the piece entitled, *The Principles of Congregational Churches, &c.*, applied to the case of the late ordination at Wallingford occasioned by remarks made thereon by Mr. Hart.

2 There were also published, *A letter to the Rev. Mr. Noah Hobart, by R. Walcott; Some Remarks upon the claims and doings of the Consociation, &c., By Andrew Bartholomew, A. M., Pastor of the Church in Harwinton; The Wallingford Case Stated, &c.*

3 Rev. Joseph Howe of Killingly, Conn., in a letter dated February 14, 1771, says, "I have been preaching about a little now and then, at Guilford and Hartford (West Division); I was engaged to preach at the latter place, but got no farther than Wallingford, where I preached for that great heretic Dana. I don't know but some will call me as great a one

continued until the year 1772, or later, when the controversy was finally terminated, in consequence of pacific overtures made by the ministers then constituting the consociation.<sup>1</sup>

The prejudice against Mr. Dana gradually wore away ; and even those of his brethren whose views of religious doctrine did not fully accord with his own, nevertheless, had a high estimate of his talents and character, and did not hesitate to receive him into their pulpits. And when the revolutionary struggle came on, he rendered himself particularly popular by the very decided part which he took, both in public and in private, in favor of the American cause. Mr. Whittelsey of New Haven was accustomed to exchange with him at least once while the Legislature was in session ; and Mr. Dana, by some of his patriotic sermons preached on these occasions, did much to increase his popularity throughout the State. Many of the members who were predisposed to judge him unfavorably, from having heard his theological views called in question, were so well satisfied with his political orthodoxy, that they came to regard his supposed Arminianism as a very pardonable offense.<sup>2</sup>

After Mr. Dana was disfellowshipped his party continued in Wallingford, and the minor party applied to the New Haven association, who advised them to meet and carry on public worship among themselves, and to apply to the society committee for the use of the meeting-house, when not occupied, and some members of the

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for it. Be that as it will, I meant not to espouse his party, his cause, or his principles."

1 Stiles' Lit. Diary. Bacon's Hist., Dis. 270.

2 Sprague's Annals, I. 566.

association would meet with them to carry on worship. Accordingly, July 22, 1759, Rev. Mr. Woodbridge<sup>1</sup> agreed to officiate for them after Mr. Dana's service in the forenoon and in the evening, which he performed. But a grand-jurors' complaint was entered against him, before John Whiting, Esq., at New Haven, July 26, 1759, for holding a disorderly meeting; and on a warrant, August 14, 1756, he was arrested and brought up for trial; and being unadvised as to the proper course, pleaded not guilty, and begged delay to take advice; and at the adjournment, he asked leave to enter a special plea of guilty, so as to bring the case before the Superior Court, which was denied, and the court pronounced him guilty, and he was obliged to pay a fine or suffer imprisonment; and he stood recorded a transgressor. He prayed the General Assembly, April 24, 1760, that said judgment might be reversed, and a restoration made. This was granted in the lower house, but negatived in the upper house. October 4th, he renewed his petition, and the Assembly considering his innocent intentions, and the veneration due the sacred office, ordered the penalty removed, and the amount of fine and costs refunded.

After the trial of Mr. Dana was ended, the inhabitants were greatly excited in regard to taxes, and the use of the meeting-house. In May, 1760, ninety-six<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Woodbridge was son of Rev. John Woodbridge, the first minister of West Springfield, Mass. He was graduated at Yale College in 1740, and was settled at Amity, afterwards called Woodbridge, in remembrance of him,—near New Haven.

<sup>2</sup> Names of the petitioners: John Hall, Caleb Merriman, Eliakim Hall, Israel Johnson, Elnathan Street, Stephen Hall, Street Hall, John Hall, 2d, Charles Sperry, Stephen Doolittle, Jennings Johnson, Joel Ives, James Royce, Gideon Ives, Jeremiah Hull, Charles Ives, Joseph Francis, Jacob Francis, Thomas Hall, Titus Hall, Ezekiel Hall, Bates Hall, Stephen



persons petitioned the Assembly that they were opposed to the settlement of Mr. Dana, as they had doubts of his orthodoxy when preaching on probation. But the majority, who were much attached to him, and fearing an investigation, did not take the advice of the association in calling and settling him, and before his ordination, articles of complaint against him were presented to the consociation, which he refused to answer. He and his friends denied the authority of the consociation over them, thus declaring their dissent from the church order before practiced by the church and society, and hence the memorialists ought to be acknowledged as the established church and society. The consociation had a meeting and dissolved all connection between Mr. Dana and the church and society, but his adherents outvoted the petitioners in the society, and laid rates, &c., for his support. They prayed that the doings of the consociation of the twenty-third of April, 1760, might be defended, and that the petitioners might have the meet-

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Peck, Able Peck, Jonathan Hall, Samuel Merriman, Levi Moss, Timothy Hart, John Barker, Samuel Street, Benjamin Ford, Daniel Peck, John Miles, Ebenezer Fitch, Joseph Thomson, Daniel Clark, Caleb Johnson, Enos Page, Elnathan Street, Jun., Abner ———, Joshua Doolittle, David Robinson, Giles Hall, Enos Johnson, Sherben Johnson, Reuben Johnson, Jun., Benj. Johnson, Charles Johnson, Edward Fenn, Samuel Street, Jun., Theophilus Merriman, Hezekiah Johnson, Dayton Johnson, Joseph Johnson, John Cook, Jun., Israel Negus, John Cook, John Curtis, Jun., Ephraim Hall, Benjamin Fenn, Daniel Tuttle, Daniel Johnson, Isaac Hall, Ben'j. Culver, Richard Hackley, Abel Merriman, John Mulbree, Clement Hopson, Samuel Hopson, David Page, Timothy Page, Samuel Miles, Stephen Peck, Jun., Elijah How, Samuel Culver, Reuben Benham, John Austin, Jun., Samuel Hall, Benijah Tyler, Theophilus Jones, Jun., Caleb Hall, 2d, David Hall, John Curtis, Wm. Mullbree, Ambrose Hall, Elnathan Thorp, Joseph Atwater, Wm. Bestow, Seth Plum, Samuel Hopson, Jun., John Dudley, John Thomson, Elisha Brockett, Isaac Johnson, Jun., Samuel Jones.

ing-house and the immunities pertaining to the First society.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Charles Whittelsey, agent for the society, replied:

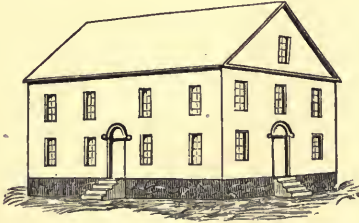
“That on the death of Mr. Samuel Whittelsey, April, 1758, on the advice of neighboring ministers, Chauncey Whittelsey supplied the pulpit with general approbation, only about seven opposing. But on proposing terms of settlement the cloud of opposition gathered thick, and one third of the voters with the co-operation of some neighboring ministers frustrated their attempt. After this, about twenty candidates succeeded, but no one was approved by the opposing party. And by the advise of neighboring ministers, and vote of the society, Mr. Dana was, March, 1758, introduced by a committee and their doings were approved by a society meeting June 20, 1758. But the Minor party, after a vain endeavor to introduce a Consocional council, which was an irregularity, raised a most violent opposition, and although they were released from rates for the support of Mr. Dana, and allowed to worship by themselves, as provided by assembly, yet they persisted and petitioned the General Assembly. The General Assembly were requested to subject the Minor party to taxes, or restrain them from interference.”

In 1762, John Hall, Caleb Merriman, Eliakim Hall and Isaac Johnson, agents for the “constitutional party” who did not adhere to Mr. Dana, gave a history of the difficulties to the General Assembly, and claimed their rights. They prayed that the society and the public interest might be divided. They had called and settled Mr. Waterman, and further prayed that the major party with Mr. Dana, might be required to render an account of monies received, and be prohibited from collecting of them further rates. In April of the same year, a com-

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<sup>1</sup> The petition is in the State Library, Ecclesiastical Records, vol. 13, p. 324.

mittee was appointed to fix the place for a meeting-house within certain limits, specified by vote, and to accept the report locating the house partly on Israel Johnson's lot, and partly on the common. On the memorial of John Hall, jun., and others, May 1, 1762, it was enacted that the minor party be incorporated a distinct ecclesiastical society, and that they be "called, known and distinguished by the name of Wells," and that members might enroll their names within six months, and those who arrive of age, or come into the society, may choose to which they will belong. A committee was appointed to locate a meeting-house, so as not to disturb the other society, and to inquire and propose a division of the property.



THE WELLS MEETING-HOUSE.

The same month, Theophilus Doolittle, Isaac Cook, Samuel Hall, and Reuben Royce, agents for the First society, petitioned that an injunction might be laid on the minor party, prohibiting them from building a meeting-house. This petition was negatived. Lydia Moss, Mary Price and others testified that they could hear Mr. Waterman preach, and the deacon read the psalms, at least twenty-five rods from the place of worship; and that the new meeting-house was but eighteen rods from the old one. The same month a committee of the

minor party petitioned that they had a minister settled over them, and were building a meeting-house ; and as some of Mr. Dana's parish threatened to throw down the house, because built partly on the highway, they prayed that the location might be confirmed to them. When the dissentients proceeded to erect a new meeting-house, an attempt was made to arrest their work ; and a fight over the trenches dug for the foundations brought together the inhabitants for miles around to participate in the scene, or to witness its issue.

Numerous petitions were sent to the General Assembly from both parties, in regard to the division, taxes, &c. May 2, 1765, the agents of the First society in a petition said that there could be no absolute property in the old meeting-house, and that the memorialists' leaving was no advantage to those that remained. They prayed therefore for liberty to tax the Wells society for repairing the steeple and hanging the bell. The Wells society replied that said society and the other societies set off had enjoyed the use of the meeting-house for nearly half a century, and there could be no rule for estimating their interest. As for taxes, they had never paid any, except for schools and some incidental charges. March 25, 1766, it was voted that the First society pay the Wells society £60 for the meeting-house ; that the bell be used in common, and that no taxes granted since December 5, 1758, be collected by members of the Wells society. A remonstrance signed by Messrs. Ingersoll and Johnson was sent in, conveying the idea that the meeting-house was not divisible ; but it was ordered that the inhabitants of the First society pay the inhabitants of the Wells society £60. Execution was granted, and land of Benjamin Atwater was taken and set off to the Wells

society. At a special meeting of the Wallingford First society, held the last Tuesday in December, 1766, a long petition was read, giving a history of the settlement and church affairs of Wallingford.

“By all which appears that it was a fundamental principle that no planters that were or should be admitted, should withdraw due Maintenance from the Minister or Ministry. Yet nevertheless upon the Ordination of the Rev'd Mr Dana a party of the said Antient Society who Voted and Acted in his Call and Settlement have withdrawn due Maintenance from said Minister, contrary to the Original Contract, League and Covenant, have embroiled us in great Strifes and Contentions and now demand a heavy Exaction for the present Meeting House belonging to said first Society in Violation of the first and fundamental principles of said Society. WHEREUPON it is Voted and Agreed that Messrs. John Moss, Benjamin Hall 2d, Daniel Ives, Elihu Hall, Isaac Cook, Peter Hall, Nathaniel Hart and Moses Price be a Committee in behalf of this Society to treat with the members of the present Society of Welles and Expostulate with them on these Matters and Endeavour a Safe and honourable Settlement of that Dispute consistant with the Antient Rights of said first Society and Agreeable with the fundamental Maxims of the first Planters of the same and make Report to this Society. Also to try any other methods to Accomodate the Differences Subsisting between this Society, and the present Society of Welles and make Report to this Society.”

The Committee appointed, reported at the next meeting that they appointed time and place for the purposes aforesaid, and notified the committee of said society of Wells; but that said committee did not meet. Ten persons, members of the Wells society, in a petition sent to the General Assembly in 1767, stated that long and wearisome had been their contentions; and the decree respecting the old house had opened the wounds

afresh; they prayed that the said decree might be set aside, as they wished for part of said house, and that they might be free from taxes for the steeple and bell. The agents for the First society in reply said that before the execution was granted they made overtures to come to terms, to make way for peace and a good understanding, which was prevented. The levy of the execution would make the breach irreparable. They prayed for a committee to recommend a plan of agreement, and that the execution might be suspended. This was negatived. In October, 1768, Benjamin Atwater petitioned the General Assembly that members of the Wells society entered on his land, and at trial before the Superior Court, August, 1768, they recovered judgment against him, for a large amount of costs; and as the sheriff had no right to do this, to take private property, he prayed that said judgment might be set aside. This was negatived. April 24, 1769, he renewed his petition, as the decree affected personal rights, that it might be set aside; this was negatived. May 1, 1770, Mr. Atwater renewed his petition, that an execution could not be levied against a corporate body, on an individual. He prayed the decree might be set aside. This was negatived. March 21, 1771, he renewed his petition and presented a long argument, that, 1. An assembly cannot award and enforce execution. 2. Which was against a society in their corporate capacity. 3. Real Estate cannot be taken except in want of personal estate. He prayed that their judgment might be set aside. This was negatived. Sept. 28, 1772, Oliver Stanley, agent for the First society, petitioned the General Assembly, that the steeple was injured by lightning, and he prayed that the cost of repairing, and expense of

ringing the bell, might be partly paid by the Wells society. This was negatived. Thus matters progressed for a number of years, dividing the town, and alienating brethren.<sup>1</sup>

May 3, 1787, the Wells church and society, each by separate vote, declared themselves unable longer to support Mr. Waterman.<sup>2</sup> In November, 1788, they voted unanimously that they were "desirous of holding Christian fellowship and communion with the church under the care of Rev. James Noyes, notwithstanding the sentence of non-communion passed some years since by a consociated council against said Church." Some of them returned to the old church, and others went to other ecclesiastical organizations; and their church edifice passed into the hands of the Episcopalians about 1831.

The controversy at Wallingford was essentially a conflict between the "Old Light" and "New Light" parties.<sup>3</sup> Dr. Dana was understood to be of the then

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1 The Wells society numbered in the beginning, about fifty members; and at the ordination of their pastor, they were increased to sixty-one. In 1770, they had one hundred and four members.

2 Mr. Waterman was settled October, 1761; dismissed June, 1787; and died November, 1813.

3 At the period of the great attention to religious subjects about the year 1740, the religious part of the community were mostly divided into two parties, the *New Lights* and the *Old Lights*. The New Lights were active and zealous in the discharge of every thing which they conceived to be their religious duty, and were in favor of Mr. Whitefield and others itinerating through the country, stirring up the people to reform, &c. The Old Lights considered much of their zeal as wild-fire, and endeavored to suppress it. The contention between these two parties grew so bitter, that those who were of the New Light party, in some instances, withdrew and formed *separate* churches from those of the standing order. About thirty *separate* congregations were formed from 1740 to 1750. Dr. Dana in his

liberal school of Boston and that region, and of that party which had opposed the revival of religion; his settlement in so large and important a church, would be a triumph of that party, which had already become a minority in the county and in the colony; and therefore the new light men were determined by all means to prevent the ordination, and when the thing was done to undo it if possible. The ministers constituting the consociation of New Haven county were little disposed that one of their prominent churches should be committed to the pastoral care of one whom they considered as having departed so far from their own standard of Christian doctrine. The old light party had previously attempted to use the peculiar constitution of the Connecticut churches as an engine of oppression. They had carried matters with a high hand while they had the power, interfering arbitrarily with the rights of pastors and of churches; and now they found the very machinery which had been so convenient to them, turned against them. The ordination of Mr. Dana marks the complete and final overthrow of the old lights as a dominant party. Their great fortress, "our ecclesiastical constitution" had been seized, and all its guns were turned upon them. A new generation of ministers, trained under the influence of the great awakening, and indoctrinated to

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"Century sermon" preached in 1770, says: "No town of the same bigness in the government hath had fewer of the people called *separates*. In the large parish of New Cheshire, there is not one family of this denomination. In Meriden but two or three. In the old society there are eight or nine families, who assemble for religious worship by themselves." p. 44. A full history of the Old Light and New Light controversy and of separate churches, can be found in Trumbull's Hist. of Conn., 2, 163-195; Tracy's Great Awakening, 310-325; Contributions to the Eccles. Hist. of Conn., 280; Bacon's Hist. Dis., 271.



some extent with the writings of Edwards and Bellamy, had come. The era of New England theology was opening.

Mr. Dana was a young man at the time of his ordination, and had little acquaintance with the colony, and doubtless took his measures partially from the ordaining council. His theological views when he began to preach were those which in that day were becoming prevalent in the region about Boston; views which there, in the course of one or two generations, beginning with opposition to the extravagances and enthusiasm of the revival, and growing into opposition to what was called bigotry and superstition, ripened into Unitarianism.<sup>1</sup> Whatever his sentiments were at the time of his ordination, he doubtless considerably changed them upon further improvement and more mature consideration. He made no secret of it, that he committed numbers of his first sermons to the flames. As the ministers and churches of Connecticut began to be better acquainted with him, and to recover from the fright occasioned by the extraordinary manner in which he was settled, they were constrained to recognize him as a man of great talent and learning, of great judgment and prudence in the management of affairs, of great fearlessness and conscientiousness in performing what he conceived to be his duty, and of eminent public usefulness.<sup>2</sup>

James Dana was a descendant, in the third genera-

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1 "I do not regard it as right to imply that Dr. Dana was a Unitarian, or that he held doctrines inconsistent with those received in orthodox churches. *Vide* his confession of faith, and the testimony of the ordaining council after his examination, &c. He was *suspected*, being from Boston. If the views of others ripened into Unitarianism, *his* did not." *Extract from letter of Rev. E. R. Gilbert.*

2 Bacon's Hist. Dis., 272.

tion, from Richard Dana, who was born in 1620, came from England to America and settled at Cambridge, Mass., in 1647, and died April 2, 1690. He was a son of Caleb and Phœbe (Chandler) Dana, and was born at Cambridge in the year 1735. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1753, and remained there as a resident graduate for several years afterwards, pursuing his theological studies and giving much attention to general literature. In 1758 he was called as pastor of the church at Wallingford, being then in his twenty-third year. In 1768, he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Edinburg. His health being very poor in 1785, Mr James Noyes was chosen as his colleague; but the Doctor's health was soon after, so far restored, that he was able to perform his part of the duties, both public and private, without any serious embarrassment.

In 1789, being then in his fifty-fourth year, Dr. Dana was called to the pastoral charge of the First church in New Haven, then vacant by the death of the Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey. He accepted the call and was installed on the twenty-ninth of April. The installation sermon was preached by himself, and was published. After the council for installing him had met, and the preliminary matters had been attended to, Dr. Dana read a statement of his religious views, written with great care and caution, but containing some pungent allusions to the "new divinity" of that day. After the reading of this document, Dr. Edwards, as the champion of a newer and more thorough orthodoxy, undertook to examine him by asking him questions. The questioning being finished on Dr. Edwards' part, Dr. Dana retaliated, by proposing a series of questions for the examiner to

answer.<sup>1</sup> Both had prepared themselves beforehand ; and both appear to have brought their questions in writing to the place of meeting. Dr. Dana doubtless anticipating some such collision, Dr. Edwards as appeared afterwards, did not obtain satisfaction. Whether Dr. Dana was satisfied, we are not informed. Dr. Edwards is said to have expressed the conviction that "Dr. Dana, besides being opposed to the 'new divinity,' was unsound respecting the Trinity, the doctrine of Election, and the doctrine of future punishment." "Yet," says President Stiles, in recording this fact, "all the rest of the council (except Dr. Edwards and Mr. Austin), were satisfied that the Doctor was sound as to all these points." Dr. Bacon,<sup>2</sup> in referring to this subject, expresses his full conviction of Dr. Dana's orthodoxy in regard to the doctrine of the Trinity, and of future punishment ; but adds, "I think, however, notwithstanding Dr. Stiles' testimony, that his doctrine of Election was nothing more than that which is commonly known as the Arminian doctrine on that subject."

The ministry of Dr. Dana at New Haven was for the most part peaceful and quiet ; but none who remember that the great end of the ministry is to "win souls," and by the blessing of God, to bring men under the full power of the gospel of Christ, can call it successful. The average annual addition to the number of commu-

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1 These questions can be found in Bacon's Historical Discourses, page 396 ; also in Stiles' Literary Diary. Dr. Stiles said that he copied these questions "from the original paper which Dr. Dana had before him in his own hand-writing in council, at the time of asking the questions, and from which he asked the questions. Dr. Edwards asked his questions also from a prepared paper, which he brought into the council, took out of his pocket and used."

2 Hist. Dis., 276.

nicants during his ministry of sixteen years and a half, in New Haven, was only between five and six; ninety-three in all. Two services on the Sabbath, the monthly sacramental lecture, the occasional catechising of the children, and the annual public fast and thanksgiving, were all the religious meetings known in the congregation. Dr. Dana, by his discretion, and his dignified propriety of conduct; by his diligence and courage in visiting the sick, especially in times of pestilence, when some other ministers retreated from the danger; by the venerable beauty of all his public performances, particularly his prayers; and by his unquestionable reputation for learning and wisdom, continued to hold the affections of the people much longer than most men could have done in similar circumstances.<sup>1</sup>

Notwithstanding the growing infirmities of age, Dr. Dana appears to have lost nothing of the respect of his own people or of the community. But in the winter of 1804, he was confined, for some time, by illness; and Mr. (afterwards Professor) Stuart, having then been recently licensed to preach, was employed to supply the pulpit. His preaching was earnest, direct, and pungent, differing herein from that to which the congregation had been accustomed; and so powerful was the impression made by it that they quickly resolved on an effort to secure Mr. Stuart's labors permanently by settling him as a colleague with Dr. Dana. On the 30th of July, 1805, the society by vote signified their will "that Dr. Dana retire from his pastoral labors." This vote was in effect the dismissal of the aged pastor; the younger part of the congregation after listening to the strong,

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<sup>1</sup> Bacon's Hist. Dis., 278.

impetuous eloquence of Mr. Stuart, had found out all at once that their pastor, then threescore and ten years old, was indeed an old man. The relation of Dr. Dana to the church and society was formally dissolved by an ecclesiastical council in December, 1805; and then the way being clear, the society immediately elected Mr. Stuart to be their pastor.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Dana's feelings were deeply wounded by this procedure; and in consequence of it, he attended public worship for several years, in the college chapel.

After Mr. Stuart had left his charge and gone to Andover, Dr. Dana occasionally came back to the old meeting-house to join in worship with those who had formerly constituted his flock. His presence there was grateful to the people, and revived the associations of other days. The society expressed by vote their gratification at seeing him, and their wish that he would worship with them stately. The gentleman who presented him a copy of the vote, gave Dr. Bacon the following account of the interview: "Dr. Dana," said he, "I have a communication for you from the society." "Please to read it sir," said the old man in reply, putting the paper back into the hands of the other, and straightening himself up to a little more than his usual dignity. The vote was read distinctly, and with due emphasis. "Please to read it again, sir," said the Doctor, still sitting in stiff and antique dignity, with his thin, ghastly countenance unmoved, as if he were something between a ghost and a monument. Again the communication was read, with earnest desires that it might make a

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<sup>1</sup> The ordination of Mr. Stuart took place on the fifth of March. He was dismissed on the ninth of January, 1810, having been invited to the professorship of Sacred Literature in the Theological Seminary at Andover.

favorable impression. "It is well," said the old man ; and his voice quivered and broke, as he uttered his reply, "I know not but that I may say, 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.'"

When Mr. (afterwards Dr.) N. W. Taylor was ordained, April, 1812, Dr. Dana officiated as Moderator of the Council, and gave the charge to the candidate. On the first Sabbath after the ordination, Mr. Taylor invited him to take his seat in the pulpit ; and there he was regularly found every Sabbath, as long as he was able to attend public worship. He died after a brief illness, August 18, 1812, at the age of seventy-seven. His funeral sermon was preached by President Dwight.



REV. JAMES DANA, D. D.

Says Dr. Sprague : "When I entered Yale College in 1811, Dr. Dana was a regular attendant at the public service on the Sabbath, in the College chapel. I recollect him as the mere shadow of a man, tall, slender, and in his general appearance more ghostly than any human being I remember to have seen. He used to sit in the pulpit with Dr. Dwight, and I believe pretty

uniformly took part in the Communion service. His prayers were remarkably solemn, reverential and impressive. The only other public service I ever heard from him was the Charge at the ordination of Mr. Taylor, which was pertinent and excellent, and seemed almost as if he were speaking it from out of his grave. I had never but one interview with him, and my recollection of him then is that he was extremely bland and courteous.”<sup>1</sup>

Says Professor James L. Kingsley, of Yale College: “Dr. Dana, I always thought, had more talent than appeared from his publications. The circumstances in which he was early placed led him to be cautious in his language; and habit so confirmed him in an indefinite style of writing that his preaching ordinarily made but little impression on an audience. He sometimes preached in the College chapel, and I have often remarked that for the first third of his sermon he would gain the attention of the students; for the second third it would be difficult to say whether he retained it or not; and for the last third he would lose it entirely. His sermons had a plan; but a large part of his audience would scarcely perceive it, and were soon lost. Dr. Dana continued to write sermons as long as he preached. Old sermons he probably sometimes reproduced; but this he did seldom. For the sermons he had once delivered, certainly for many of them, he seemed to care little. If the fire was failing, I have seen him, to restore it, use a sermon or sermons. If the time for tea had arrived, and the tea-kettle had not boiled, he would sometimes send a sermon into the kitchen, and perhaps with the remark, ‘it will boil now.’ He was the best *textuary* I

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<sup>1</sup> Annals of the American Pulpit, 1, 569.

have ever known. He would not only refer at once any text to its proper place, but if I asked what were the words in any book, chapter, and verse of the Bible, he would generally answer correctly. When he had sold or given away his Concordance to a young clergyman, and some surprise was expressed at his doing it, I remember he put a finger to his forehead, and said sportively, 'My best Concordance I have retained.' From his peculiar style of writing, he was sometimes thought to *mean* what he never intended. Thus, when he was about leaving his society in New Haven, and he supposed that he should preach to his people but once more, I remember that he said at breakfast on the Sunday when he appeared in his desk for the last time, that he should deliver a discourse which he prepared for his people in Wallingford, when he left them in circumstances somewhat similar. That is, when he preached the discourse, it was doubtful whether he should continue any longer in Wallingford, and it was now doubtful whether he should continue any longer with his society in New Haven. He said he had left Wallingford with the best feelings on both sides, and that he had no wish to say in New Haven any thing which might be supposed to proceed from a sense of injury on his part. In taking his Wallingford sermon, he thought he should escape all danger. The sermon I heard. The text was very appropriate for the occasion: Phil. 1. 27; 'Only let your conversation,' &c. The whole of the discourse was kind and affectionate. It was thought, however, to have been written expressly for the occasion; and some said, 'The Doctor has made some very good hits.' Dr. Dana was thought to excel in prayer, especially before the Legislature or in Court. His prayers on such occa-



sions were written and committed to memory. They were short and very appropriate. On one occasion, one of his friends told him that General P., of the south, distinguished as a civilian, but not much distinguished for his attendance on public worship, had remarked that a prayer which he (Dr. D.) had offered at the opening of the Legislature, was the most impressive prayer to which he had ever listened. 'How many prayers do you think General P. has ever heard?' was the reply. Dr. Dana was a man of gentlemanly and dignified manners, and he had a very nice sense of propriety in all his intercourse with others."

Rev. Timothy Mather Cooley, D. D., communicated the following letter to Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit.

"Granville, May 8, 1854.

"My Dear Sir:

"While I was in College, Dr. Dana was minister of the First Church in New Haven; and, during my senior year, I had my home in his family. I had, therefore, a good opportunity of knowing him; and cheerfully comply with your request, in giving you my impressions concerning his character. In his person he was strongly marked. He was of a tall and slender form, and had a sort of shadowy appearance that would have distinguished him even in a crowd. He had a sharp, thin face; but his expression was at once benignant and highly intellectual; and his face was a faithful index to his character. His natural temper was free from all asperity, and full of kindness and good will. His manners were in a high degree urbane and gentlemanly, and shewed that he had been accustomed always to move in the most polished circles. He was one of the most

agreeable companions I ever knew, with great intellectual resources and a large fund of anecdote; and he could accommodate himself with the most graceful ease to the highest and lowest classes; and all were equally delighted with his conversation. In his dress he was remarkably neat, without, however, seeming to be unduly particular. His mind undoubtedly, was of a very high order. He was an acute metaphysician, and had the courage even, to grapple with that intellectual giant of his generation—the elder Jonathan Edwards. He was a remarkably well educated man; had an exact and cultivated taste, and there were few men of his day in New England, whose style of writing was equally pure and faultless. As a preacher, Dr. Dana certainly did not belong to the *most* orthodox class in New England. His sermons were generally very little of a doctrinal character, and were remarkable rather for a chaste and correct style, and excellent practical suggestions, than for a highly evangelical tone, or for direct and earnest appeals. He had uncommon aptness of mind, and would often introduce passages of Scripture with most striking appropriateness; as, for instance, in preaching President Stiles' funeral sermon, he quoted a passage in reference to him concerning Ezra the Scribe. His character as a preacher was formed about the middle of the last century, under the influence which then prevailed at Cambridge and Boston; and it is probable that the type which it then assumed, though it may have been somewhat modified, remained substantially the same during his life. The last time I saw Dr. Dana was after he had become very old, and had entirely lost his sight. I found him however, just as cheerful as when I had known him in former years. I asked him whether he did not find

it difficult to be submissive under so grievous a calamity ; and he answered with the most perfect serenity and cheerfulness, 'Not at all. I would not double an affliction by being unsubmissive under it.'

"Your affectionate friend and brother,

"TIMOTHY MATHER COOLEY."

The following is believed to be nearly a correct catalogue of his published works :

Sermon on the death of John Hall, Esq., 1763 ; Sermon on the death of Chas. Whittelsey, 1764 ; Two Sermons on faith and inscrutable Providence, preached at Cambridge, 1767 ; A Century Discourse in Wallingford, 1770 ; An examination of Edwards on the will (anonymous), 1770 ; An examination of the same continued, (with his name), 1773 ; Discourse at the opening of a new place of worship in Kensington, 1774 ; Election Sermon, 1779 ; Sermon on the tragical exit of William Beadle, &c., 1782 ; Yale College subject to the General Assembly, (anonymous), 1784 ; Sermon on the death of Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey, 1787 ; Sermon on the nativity of Christ, 1789 ; Discourse at his own installation, 1789 ; Discourse on the African Slave Trade, 1790 ; Discourse at the execution of Joseph Mountain, 1790 ; Three Sermons in the American Preacher, 1791 ; Discourse at the installation of the Rev. Abiel Holmes, 1792 ; Discourse at the ordination of Ebenezer Gay, Jr., 1793 ; Discourse at the ordination of Elijah Waterman, 1794 ; Discourse on the folly of practical Atheism, 1794 ; Discourse on the death of President Stiles, 1795 ; Two occasional discourses at the beginning of the year, 1801 ; Sermon at the ordination of Andrew Yates, 1801 ; Sermon on the death of Ebenezer Grant, March, 1803 ; Sermon on the character of Scoffers, 1805 ; Thanksgiving Sermon, 1805 ;, Sermons to young people, 1806.

## CHAPTER X.

## CHURCH AT MERIDEN.

IN 1724, the number of families within the limits of Meriden had increased to thirty-five. The distance to Wallingford being great, and the roads bad, they naturally wished for public worship nearer to their residences. Some families had attended the ministry of the Rev. William Burnham, of the Great Swamp or Kensington parish.<sup>1</sup> According to the custom of that day, however, they did not proceed to accomodate themselves in the matter, until it had been laid before the town, and their express permission obtained. Accordingly in 1724, we find a vote that "in respect to the North Farmers that they may hire a minister for four months this winter on their own charge." In May, 1725, Nathaniel Merriam and others petitioned the General Assembly that the town of Wallingford at their meeting held April 27, 1725, had by their vote granted that there should be a society in or near the north part of Wallingford, upon the condition

"In sd vote mentioned, and appointed a Committee to

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<sup>1</sup> "May, 1722: Resolved by this Assembly that the 2d Society in Farmington, with what of Wethersfield and Middletown is by this Assembly annexed thereto, shall for the future be called and known by the name of Kensington."

state bounds for s<sup>d</sup> society or such part thereof as is intended to be taken out of s<sup>d</sup> Wallingford which together with the lands commonly called Wallingford West Society or to Farmington South Society, we hope are and will be capable of carrying on and supporting the work of a Society and the Gospell ministry among themselves (especially if Mr. Belchers farm were added) and the s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants living very remote from any place of Public worship, viz at the distance of 6, 7, and 8 miles and the nearest 4. We therefore urged by these pressing Difficulties and encouraged by yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>bles</sup> wonted paternal care and goodness do Humbly Pray this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Assembly that we may (with the addition of Mr. Belchers farm affords<sup>d</sup>) be made a District society for setting up and carrying on and supporting the Public worship of God among ourselves with such Liberties powers and priveledges as other such societies have and by law enjoy."

The above petition was granted exclusive of Mr. Belcher's farm, and in 1725, they organized themselves into a distinct Ecclesiastical Society; and that society and the territory they occupied, received the present name of Meriden. For the next two years they had public worship only in the winter season, and their meetings were held in a private house. But at the very outset, there arose a very serious difficulty as to the location of their meeting-house. The inhabitants around "Dog's Misery," would naturally desire that the church should be as near as possible to their farms; and the people at "Pilgrim's Harbor," "the Old Road," and "Milking-yard farms," would be equally desirous of a site convenient to themselves. That part of the town, now constituting "the center," was then entirely uninhabited, or was of so little consequence, that its claims in the matter do not appear to have been thought of.

At length it was decided that the meeting-house should be built on the western slope of the hill, still known as the "meeting-house hill," in which decision, the "Dog's Misery" party had the advantage. In accordance with this decision, the materials were all prepared, and collected at the chosen spot. But the aggrieved party, hoping yet to gain redress, collected men and teams at night, and hauled the timbers over a brook, and up a hill, to a lot on or near which the old Willard Hall house now stands, that being the spot where they wished the house to stand. Of course such a step would excite no small stir. The other party assembled amidst great excitement, and loud and bitter was the controversy. A town meeting was called, and the very men and teams who toiled all night to carry the timbers westward, were compelled to haul them back to the old spot, in broad daylight, amid the taunts and jeers of the assembled people. To them it was more sport in bringing the timbers over than in carrying them back.

. . . . . Facilis descensus Averni ;  
 Sed revocare gradum, . . . . .  
 Hoc opus, hic labor est.

The house was then built on the spot first selected. It was about thirty feet square, and built in the very plainest style. That humble edifice, humble in comparison with the spacious and beautiful structures that now adorn the town, was built and maintained in repair with an honorable zeal for public worship. In such a temple, our fathers maintained the worship and ordinances of God for twenty-eight years, sitting sabbath after sabbath, through a long course of exercises, which would weary out the men of our degenerate days. In December, 1728, Rev. Theophilus Hall began to preach in the

new meeting-house. October 9, 1729, it was resolved to form a church; and on October 22, after a day of fasting and prayer the church was duly organized, and the following persons were gathered as the original members:

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| JOHN MERRIAM, Jr., and wife, | The wife of JOHN IVES,     |
| NATH'L MERRIAM and wife,     | The wife of BENJ. CURTIS,  |
| ROBERT ROYCE,                | JOHN HECOCK and wife,      |
| SAMUEL ROYCE and wife,       | JOHN COLE,                 |
| THOMAS YALE and wife,        | The wife of WILLIAM HOUGH, |
| JOHN MERRIAM,                | The wife of JOHN YALE,     |
| BARTHOLOMEW FOSTER,          | The wife of JOSEPH COLE,   |
| ROBERT COLLINS,              | The wife of NATH'L ROYCE,  |
| DAVID LEVIT,                 | The wife of DAVID RICH,    |
| EZEKIEL ROYCE and wife,      | The wife of DANIEL HARRIS, |
| ABEL ROYCE and wife,         | The wife of S. ANDREWS,    |
| BENJ. ROYCE and wife,        | The wife of TIM. JEROM,    |
| JOSEPH MERRIAM,              | The wife of J. ROBINSON,   |
| DAN. BALDING and wife,       | The wife of W. MERRIAM,    |
| AMOS CAMP and wife,          | The wife of JAS. ROYCE,    |
| BENJ. WHITING and wife,      | WIDOW ROYCE,               |
| SAM'L IVES and wife,         | MARY HOUGH,                |
| EBENEZER PRINDLE and wife,   | EUNICE COLE,               |
|                              | JOHN WAY and wife.         |

The Rev. Theophilus Hall was the first pastor of the church. He was born in Wallingford, April 1, 1707, and was the son of Samuel and Love Hall. He was graduated at Yale College in 1727, and was ordained first pastor of the church in Meriden, Oct. 29, 1729, where he remained until his death, March 25, 1767, in the sixtieth year of his age. In his personal appearance he was quite small in stature, and with suavity of temper and dignity of manners, he united the greatest affability. Persuaded of the truth of Christianity, and deeply sensible of its importance, he was well able to

defend it. Feeling the truth, dignity and importance of his subject, in composing his sermons, he seemed to have caught the fervor of St. Paul in delivering them. Diligent to know the state of his flock, and naturally caring for it, his pastoral visits were frequent and judiciously conducted. Dr. Dana said of him that he was "a man of strong intellectual powers, much esteemed as a preacher, of great firmness and stability, and a zealous advocate for civil and religious liberty." During his ministry about two hundred and fifty person were added to the church. Self-denying, humble, prayerful, full of love for souls, and faithful to the cause of Christ, he unquestionably was. Geoffrey Chaucer, the father of English poetry, draws his picture in the following description of a parish priest:

"A good man there was of religion,  
 He was a poor parson of a town,  
 But rich he was of holy thought and werk,  
 He was a learned man, a clerk,  
 That Christe's Gospel trewely wolde preche ;  
 His parishens devoutly wolde tech,  
 Benign he was, and wonder diligent,  
 And in adversity full patient.  
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Wide was his parish and houses far asunder,  
 But he ne left nought for no rain ne thunder,  
 In sickness and in mischeefe to visite,  
 The feerest in his parish, moche and lite,  
 Upon his fete, and in his hand a staff.  
 But if were any person obstinat,  
 What so he were of high or low estat,  
 Him would he snibben sharply for the nones."

Mr. Hall left a widow and seven children. His eldest son, the Rev. Avery Hall, was pastor of a church in



Rochester, N. Y. The second daughter, Eunice, married the Rev. Andrew Lee, D. D., of Lisbon, Conn., Oct. 15, 1768. Mr. Hall published two sermons on the death of Rev. Isaac Stiles; two sermons on Faith; and a sermon delivered at the ordination of the Rev. Matthew Merriam, of Berwick, Me.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hall lived in a house, not now in existence, which stood on the lot where the present Willard Hall house now stands, on Curtis street, near the city line. He also owned a farm of about one hundred acres, which comprised all the central part of the town. It was bounded by a line drawn from the Town House, and running southerly about one hundred rods, then easterly to a point near the grounds of the old Catholic Church, corner of Olive and Broad streets, thence northerly to the head of Liberty street, and thence to the point of departure. On this farm he built a house for his son. That house now stands in its original location, and is occupied as the Central Hotel.

In 1750, the subject began to be agitated in regard to building a new house, and Mr. Hall offered to give the land which was near the place where the Center Congregational church now stands, which was nearly a mile north of the old church. This place met with much opposition, and April 17, 1752, Ezekiel Royce and Daniel Hough petitioned the General Assembly that the place set by the committee appointed for that purpose, "is upon Rev. Mr. Theophilus Hall's land, which renders it impracticable to use the place for the purpose proposed. . . . The committee supposing the center

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Merriam was a native of Wallingford, and was graduated at Yale College in 1759. He was ordained pastor of the church at Berwick, Me., in September, 1765, and died in January, 1797.

of the society to be north of the place set, where truly it ought to be esteemed by reason of much mountainous and waste land in the northern part of said society." The petitioners went on to show that another place south of the place set by the said committee was much more commodious, and to which the people might resort with less travel. The petition was not granted, and the church was built in 1755. It was about sixty feet long and fifty broad. Originally it was without steeple or bell, but in 1803 a steeple was added and a bell procured. This house was occupied for public worship seventy-six years.

At the time of the decease of the Rev. Mr. Hall, the church in Meriden was in special relation to the neighboring elders and churches, as a member of the Conso- ciation of New Haven county. Churches standing in this relation, had esteemed it their duty to consult the association in times of pastoral bereavement with regard to a suitable candidate to be improved upon probation in order to settlement. Many of the society earnestly requested that the society would pursue this common and orderly practice, which the majority refused; and at the same time, Oct. 5, 1767, voted to invite Mr. Hubbard, a clergyman reputed unsound in the great principles of the gospel, to preach four Sabbaths upon probation. This vote was not unanimous, as forty-two were in favor of the call, and twenty-one opposed it. At the society meeting, the votes on the proposal to present a call to Mr. Hubbard stood, sixty-five in the affirmative and thirty-seven in the negative. They also voted to give him a settlement, as it was called; that is, a gift of one hundred pounds at his settlement, and an annual salary of eighty pounds, which was about equal to \$250; one

half of which was to be paid in wheat, rye and corn.

But the division indicated by these votes appears to have been a very serious one, and the feelings excited in the church very strong. On the twelfth of October, forty-seven<sup>1</sup> of the society preferred a petition to said society, entreating that they would advise with the association as usual, relative to a candidate for settlement, or that application might be made to either of the associations in the Colony to advise them in that important affair, objecting at the same time against Mr. Hubbard, on account of his general character for unsoundness in the great doctrines of the gospel. The major party notwithstanding, on the second of November following, did by their vote, invite Mr. Hubbard to settle among them in the work of the ministry. The minor party upon this, invited the Consociation of the County to meet in Meriden, and exhibited a complaint to the Association alleging that his introduction as a candidate among them was irregular, and that his principles were heretical. Being regularly notified to appear before the Association, and he making no objection with regard to the shortness of the time given him, nor intimating that he desired more, or would ever answer to the complaint before the Association; but denying their right of jurisdiction, the Association recalled his recommendation to the churches, and so far as they were concerned, silenced him. The church proceeded nevertheless, and invited a council to assemble, Dec. 29, 1767, to ordain Mr. Hubbard. They met, but on the same day, the Consociation

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<sup>1</sup> It ought properly to have been forty-three; for four signed after the meeting, which made the whole number forty-seven. These four were against Mr. Hubbard at the time of the meeting, but had not opportunity then to sign.

of the county also assembled in Meriden at the invitation of the minority. The council prepared to ordain Mr. Hubbard, agreeably to the wishes of the majority; the Consociation assembled to aid and advise the minority in opposing the ordination. There was thus presented the unseemly spectacle of two ecclesiastical bodies, assembled as rallying points for the two little parties into which the church was divided. Both of these bodies remained in session four days, sending from one to the other, letters, resolutions and remonstrances, becoming themselves more and more excited, and of course, exasperating the feud among the people which had already become intense.

Mr. Hubbard had for many years been reported unsound in some important articles of the Christian faith, and the Association might possibly with justice have called him to give a new account of his principles before; but he being generally employed in other business, and no complaint being exhibited against him, the Association, whether out of neglect, or tenderness to Mr. Hubbard, never took the matter into consideration until he preached at Meriden on probation, when a formal complaint being exhibited against him, and he refusing to vindicate himself, the Association thought they could not answer a good conscience, unless they proceeded as related above. The major part, notwithstanding, agreed with Mr. Hubbard to settle with them as their pastor, and invited a council to ordain him, who having met and heard the whole affair, and considered the broken state of the society, were of the opinion that it was not best to ordain him.

But it seems the difficulties only became worse. The next May session, the minor party applied to the

Assembly for relief, who granted them a committee to hear the affairs of the society and look into the state of it, and make report thereof; which they afterwards did, and the Assembly released the aggrieved from all taxes to Mr. Hubbard, until the rising of the next Assembly.<sup>1</sup> The committee from the Assembly, previous to their report, advised to the calling in a number of ministers and lawyers, whom they particularly named, as a council to advise the parish in their broken and unhappy circumstances. The minor party in compliance with their advice, agreed to call in the reverend gentlemen nominated by said committee, viz., the Rev. Messrs. Devotion, Salter, Strong, Welles, Johnson, Cogswell and Huntington of Coventry, as a council for advice; and declared by a writing<sup>2</sup> under their hand that they would

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1 This petition which was preferred at the May session, was not heard until the session in October following. "In April, 1768, twenty-eight persons petitioned the General Assembly that the society at Meriden was destitute of a pastor, and invited Rev. John Hubbard Jr. of New Haven to preach; a man reputed unsound in gospel doctrines, against whom the memorialists presented a complaint to the Association, who revoked his license. Yet the Society agreed, November 1767, with him for settlement, and fixed the time for the ordination, which they could not obtain. They then hired him, and laid a tax to support preaching, and to avoid being called to account for disorderly proceedings, the church and society have removed the Ecclesiastical constitution established by law. The petitioners prayed that they might be freed from paying rates and charges, and allowed to hire a minister among themselves." This petition was signed by John Ives, Elijah Scovill, Samuel Penfield, Isaac Hall 3d, Brenton Hall, Dan. Collins, Levi Yale, Amos Camp Jr., Timothy Ives, Abel Yale, Edward Collins, Elisha Scovill, Yale Bishop, Peter Penfield, Isaac Hall, Ebenezer Prindle, Amos Camp, Nathaniel Penfield, Reynold Beckwith, Noah Yale, Gideon Ives, Stephen Perkins, John Hall, Samuel Scovill, David Hall, Elnathan Ives, John Berry. October 4, 1769, fifty-four petitioners desired that the memorial should be prosecuted.

2 The proposal was in these words: "That the Rev. Ebenezer Devotion, Mr. Salter, Mr. Strong of Coventry, Mr. Welles of Stamford, Mr. Johnson

follow their advice, until ready for ordination, and that these gentlemen should nominate an ordaining council for them. With this agreement which was delivered to the society signed by the minor part, the major part of the society refused a compliance; and after much pains taken, finding that they could obtain no one in the colony who would assist them in the ordination of Mr. Hubbard, excepting the two Elders, who were particularly interested in the affair, and had before given their judgment in the matter, they prevailed upon four gentlemen, with delegates from two neighboring colonies (one nevertheless, even of this number being a brother by marriage to the pastor elect, and in this respect disqualified to judge in such an affair) to assist them in conjunction with the others above mentioned. In October, 1768, Isaac Hall, and others, members of the society of Meriden, petitioned the General Assembly, after stating the particulars of the settlement of Mr. Hubbard,

“That there is near one half of the Society in Number and List who cannot in Conscience attend his ministry,

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of Lyme, Mr. Cogswell of Canterbury, and Huntington of Coventry, shall be a committee with whom we will advise respecting a Candidate for Settlement among us in the work of the Gospel Ministry; and whose advice we will follow from Time to Time, 'till we are ready for Ordination. And that whenever we are agreed in a Candidate, and desire his ordination these same Ministers with Delegates from their respective Churches, shall be the Council to ordain him; or we will be advised by them in choosing a Council and will send for such, and such only as they shall advise to.” This proposal was introduced with a preamble setting forth the willingness and desire of the minor part, to unite with their brethren upon any reasonable terms. That they made this proposal in compliance with the advice of the commissioners from the “Honorable General Assembly,” and that they would abide by it. The writing bore date January 9, 1769. Sealed proposals had been before made by the aggrieved, much to the same purpose.

that said Society have laid a tax on the members of it to pay Mr. Hubbard for preaching, and defray the charges of his intended ordination. That by their continuing him in said Society no minister can be settled, nor any orthodox regular Candidate be introduced or improved. That said Society and Church have renounced the Ecclesiastical Constitution of this Colony so that they cannot be called to an account by an Ecclesiastical Council. Though the Memorialists continue to adhere to the established Constitution, which they highly value and praying for relief &c., as per Memorial on file. Resolved by this Assembly that Joseph Spencer, Zebulon West, Esq., and Mr. Jonathan Welles, he and they are hereby appointed a Committee to repair to said Meriden, with full Power and Authority to examine all the Matters and Things complained of in said Memorial or relating thereto, and the State of said Society, and to hear all the concerned, and to make Report of what they shall find with their opinion thereon to this or the next General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next, and that in the meantime the tax mentioned in said Memorial be not levied upon the Memorialists and those who have been aggrieved with said Proceedings of said Society."

In October, 1769, it was resolved that all persons who entered their names with the Town Clerk at Wallingford before the expiration of six months should be exempted from paying any rates laid and imposed by the society for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the settlement and support of Mr. Hubbard. The same year a committee was appointed to make inquiries, &c., and reported that the list of the Meriden society was £8420 16s. 3d.

"Major party list, lawful voters, £4732 11s. 9d.  
Major party, unlawful voters, 415 18 3

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| Minor party, lawful voters,        | £ 3020 19s 3d. |
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| List of neutral and non-residents, | 723 19 6."     |

They thought a division would be ruinous to both parties; "but to oblige the minor party to pay taxes to such a preacher, is an infringement of their rights, and they recommend a council." The minor party said in their petition, September, 1770, that the church and society continued on the Saybrook platform, during the life of their late pastor, from which the major party had withdrawn, but excluded the petitioners from the meeting-house which the major party had forfeited. They prayed to be recognized as the First Society, with right to possess the house, and that a committee be appointed. This petition was signed by Isaac Hall, Amos Camp, Nathaniel Penfield, Noah Yale, Elnathan Ives, Gideon Ives, Moses Mitchell and John Berry. The committee appointed, reported that the major party taxed the children of the minor party when they came of age; which they thought should be refunded, and the children of all when they came of age, and persons coming into the society, might choose to which party they belong. In October, 1774, eight petitioners who joined the minor party, found the charges against Mr. Hubbard without foundation, and returned; but the minor party continued to tax them; they prayed therefore for a release, which was negatived. The petition was signed by James Scovill, Daniel Baldwin, Divan Berry, Benjamin Rexford, John Morgan, Thomas Mix, Jr., Daniel Baldwin, Jr., and Benjamin Ford. The affair seems to have excited a good deal of attention throughout the state; for letters and statements respecting all these proceedings appeared in the papers, and several pamphlets were published, in



which the affair, with all its bearings, and the principles involved, were earnestly discussed.

At length, June 22, 1769, after nearly two years of unhappy controversy, Mr. Hubbard was ordained, and the Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey, of New Haven, preached the ordination sermon. But so strong was the feeling among the ministers of the State, that few would take any part in the ordination; and a council, composed principally of persons out of the State, convened at Meriden, and performed the required ceremonies.<sup>1</sup> In consequence of his settlement a portion of the church and society seceded, organized themselves as a separate body and maintained public worship. They met for some years in a private house, belonging to Captain Shaler, situated near the spot where the house of Mr. George P. Hall now stands, on the road leading to the north-east part of the town, and about one mile from the center. In 1770, there were but eight or nine families who met there. Gradually they all returned, as Mr.

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1 In a "Letter from the Association of the County of New Haven to the Reverend Elders in the Colony of Rhode Island and Massachusetts-Bay who assisted at the Ordination of Rev. John Hubbard," printed at New Haven in 1770; the writer says, "It was *extraordinary* that among so large a number of unexceptionable candidates as were to be found in the colony, they should fix upon one whose character for many years had been exceptionable! It was *extraordinary*, that after a trial of four Sabbaths, and almost fifty in opposition, that they should invite him to settlement! It was *extraordinary*, that after his License was regularly recalled, they should continue their invitation! It was *extraordinary* that a Council of Judges of their own choosing should not judge agreeable to their minds! There were, doubtless, *extraordinary* circumstances attending the Society, that a Council could not be obtained in the Colony, who would proceed to ordination! It was *extraordinary*, that when the union was so small, and the matter was properly under the consideration of the Assembly, that the Church and Society should so strenuously urge the Ordination! These things indeed are unusual and may well be termed *extraordinary!*" p. 10.

Hubbard's unusually kind and amiable disposition, and his persevering course of conciliatory conduct, slowly affected the minds of those who had opposed him.

Mr. Hubbard's great error appears to have consisted in his being in advance of the age in which he lived. In his examination he doubted that Christ was coeval with the Father; and when he was asked what he understood by the words "In the beginning," he said, "the Scripture was somewhat silent, and he chose not to say much about it." In his confession of faith, there is nothing that affords the least evidence that he believed the doctrine of original sin, in the sense in which Calvinistic divines have generally understood it; but the contrary. Mr. Hubbard also rejected the doctrine of "original righteousness;" but believed that man resembled God, or was made in his image, as He was a rational, intelligent being, and as he was Lord and Governor of the new made world, and upright, as he was made capable of righteousness. Not that man had any holiness or conformity to the moral perfections of his Creator, in his state of innocence. This was held to be the grossest Arminianism. Mr. Hubbard was held to be unsound in the doctrine of the "Saint's Perseverance, and of "Regeneration," as generally understood by the Calvinistic divines. Says a writer of that day:

"It was an important Duty which Mr. Hubbard owed to himself, to clear up his character, and give full Satisfaction that he believed the great Doctrines of the Divinity of our Blessed Saviour; of Original Sin, the Perseverance of the Saints, and Regeneration, as received and held in these Churches, if he could have done it consistent with the Truth. He was bound, in Duty, to do it, as the Honor of God,

and his own Peace and Welfare all his Days, were greatly concerned in it. The Peace and Edification of the Church and Society of Meriden, and all the Churches in general required it. This would have made all Things easy and quiet at Meriden; for the aggrieved Brethren respected Mr. Hubbard's Person, and would by no Means have opposed his Settlement, could they have been satisfied with Regard to his religious Sentiments. The Churches would have all rejoiced to have been satisfied in this Matter, and used their utmost Influence to have made his Life peaceful and happy. He must therefore, be highly guilty and inexcusable, in not doing it, provided it could have been done with a good Conscience. These Things, he doubtless well knew. Can any Man therefore, in his Senses, imagine that he would not have done it when every engaging Prospect and Motive urged him to it, had not his Sentiments been really different from what is esteemed sound and orthodox in these churches?"<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Mr. Hubbard was born in New Haven, in a house that stood on Chapel street, near the corner now occupied by the New Haven Hotel, January 24, 1742. He was graduated at Yale College in 1744. His father was Dr. John Hubbard, born at Jamaica, L. I., November 30, 1703,<sup>2</sup> and married in 1724 to Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens. He left eight children, of whom John was the

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<sup>1</sup> Remarks on the Confession of Faith and Examination of Mr. Hubbard; New Haven, 1770.

<sup>2</sup> The following is taken from the *New Haven Journal*, and the *New Haven Post Boy*, dated Friday, Nov. 5, 1773: "Last Saturday, Colonel, (that is Dr.) John Hubbard, departed this life; who for many years, has been one and the chief, of the civil authority, and Representative of this town, Judge of Probate for this district, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of New Haven. A gentleman of superior genius, delicate taste, and good education, an honest, faithful man, an able, upright Judge, and Exemplary Christian; who having served his generation by the will of God, fell asleep, *with a hope full of immortality*, grounded on the grace of the gospel, æ. 70.

eldest. Rev. John Hubbard married first Rebecca Dickerman, January 25, 1750, by whom he left two sons, John and Isaac.<sup>1</sup> He married second, Mary Russell. About the year 1783, Mr. Hubbard was seriously injured by being thrown from his sleigh, and thereby disabled from preaching. He lingered until November 18, 1786, when he died in the sixtieth year of his age. He built and occupied a house that stood near where the residence of Mr. Edward Miller now stands, and which now stands a few rods south, on the east side of Broad street. Mr. Hubbard was a man of about the middle size, with an unusually pleasant and benignant countenance. His pleasing manners and amiable disposition won for him the affections of the people. As a preacher he was animated and interesting. The *Connecticut Journal*, dated New Haven, Wednesday, November 22, 1786, says :

“On the 18th inst., died Rev. John Hubbard, senior pastor of the church in Meriden, in the 60th year of his age. After receiving a liberal education in Yale College, where he graduated in 1744, he at length settled in the ministry at Meriden. Here he labored to good acceptance, and Apostolic fidelity for a number of years until, by the providence of God, he was disabled from his work, about two

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<sup>1</sup> John was born January 14, 1751. He married Anna Atwater, in 1775, by whom he had one son, John, who was born January 14, 1778. His wife died February 2, 1778. In May, 1779, he was married to Martha Bradley, by whom he had five children. The first was born March 1, 1780, and died in infancy; Anna was born June 15, 1782; Russell was born Oct. 18, 1784; William was born July, 24, 1787; Dana was born Aug. 17, 1789. Isaac, the second son of Rev. John Hubbard, was born Nov. 22, 1752. He married Jane, daughter of Thomas Berry, Dec. 5, 1782, by whom he had seven children: Rebecca, born Nov. 25, 1783; Mary, born Dec. 24, 1785; Thomas, born Jan. 9, 1788; Isaac, born July 7, 1790, and died Feb. 17, 1812; John, born April 21, 1792; Ezra Stiles, born May 13, 1794; Elizabeth, born Sept. 20, 1796.

years since. The Rev. Mr. Willard was last June ordained colleague pastor with him. His interment was on Monday last, when the Rev. Dr. Dana preached a sermon suitable to the occasion, after which the funeral was attended, both by his relatives, and by an affectionate and mournful flock, with every mark of esteem and respect towards a beloved and worthy pastor, and a character venerable for piety and virtue. He entertained the highest ideas of the dignity and Divinity of Jesus Christ, of salvation by sovereign grace, of the merits of the Redeemer's atonement, and his glorious righteousness, which he judged the only foundation of a sinner's justification and acceptance with God, while he was a firm advocate for moral virtue and real holiness of heart and life. Very useful was he to his people during his ministry, and never was a pastor more sincerely beloved by his flock, which, in his visitations as well as in the ministrations of the sanctuary, beheld his face, as it had been the face of an Angel, for he was conversant among them with gravity, prudence, wisdom and benevolence."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hubbard descended from an honorable line of ancestry. As early as 1630, ten years after the Pilgrim Fathers set their feet on Plymouth Rock, Mr. Wm. Hubbard left his island home, and crossed a trackless ocean to seek a home amid the wilds of America. After a few years he established himself at Ipswich, Mass., which town he represented in the General Court six years, between 1638 and 1646. He afterward removed to Boston, and died about 1670, leaving three sons, William, Richard and Nathaniel. William, the eldest, was born in England, in 1621; came to this country with his father when about nine years of age; was educated at Harvard College, and received his Bachelor degree at the age of 21 years, with the first class that graduated at Harvard College. From the time that he left college till he had passed the age of thirty-five no record of his life remains; but it is ascertained that, during this period he studied theology, and was, for some time, an assistant to the Rev. Mr. Cobbet of Ipswich. About the year 1656 he was ordained as colleague with Mr. Cobbet, who, though in the prime of life, required an assistant, on account of the great extent of his ministerial labours. Mr. Hubbard employed much of his time in historical investigations. His first work was a narrative of the troubles with the Indians in 1676—7, with a supplement concerning the war with the Pequots in 1637, to which is annexed a table

Rev. John Willard, from Stafford, Ct., was settled as colleague pastor in June, 1786, a few months before the

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and postscript of twelve pages. Also a narrative of the troubles with the Indians in New England, from Piscataqua to Paumaquid. The whole was published at Boston in 1677. The same work was printed in London, in 1677, under the title of "The Present State of New England." An edition of fifty copies in two vols. royal 8vo was printed at Albany in 1865. A copy of the original edition was sold at auction in New York in 1864, from the library of Mr. Andrew Wight, for one hundred and thirty-five dollars. Mr. Hubbard's "History of New England" was completed in 1680, but was not published until 1815. In 1682 the author received £50 from the General Court "as a manifestation of thankfulness" for this history, "he transcribing it fairly, that it may be more easily perused." Mr. Hubbard died September 14, 1704, at the age of eighty-three years. He married Margaret, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, and granddaughter of the Rev. John Rogers, who was burnt at the stake in Smithfield, England, Feb. 4, 1555. At the age of seventy-three, Mr. Hubbard married for a second wife, Mary, the widow of Samuel Pearce. His children were John, Nathaniel, and Margaret. John the eldest, and his wife Ann, were living in Boston in 1680. Margaret married John Pynchon, Esq., of Springfield. Rev. John Hubbard, grandson of Rev. William Hubbard of Ipswich, was born at Ipswich, Mass., in 1677; was graduated at Harvard College in 1695, and settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Long Island, in 1698; where after a ministry of seven years, he died October 5, 1705, aged twenty-eight years and nine months. A particular account of his death may be found in the *Boston News Letter* of October 22, 1705, No. 79. Dr. John Hubbard, son of Rev. John of Jamaica, was born at Jamaica, Long Island, Nov. 30, 1703. At the age of two years he lost his father, after which, he, with his mother, removed to Boston, where he received the rudiments of a good education at a grammar school. We next find the family in Hartford, Conn., where his mother was married to Rev. Samuel Woodbridge of East Hartford. At the age of seventeen Dr. Hubbard was apprenticed to a physician. In 1724 he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, and two years after removed to New Haven. In 1730, the Rector and Trustees of Yale College conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts upon Dr. John Hubbard "for his eminent attainments in Latin and Greek, as well as in Philosophy, Medicine, Poetry and Belles-lettres—attainments chiefly due to his own native enthusiasm and unaided efforts." Dr. Hubbard had eight children; John, born Jan. 24, 1727; Daniel, born Dec. 24, 1729; Elizabeth, born July 3, 1731; William, born March 20, 1733; William Abdial, born Dec. 15, 1736; Stephen Whitehead, born Jan. 16, 1747; Leverett and Amelia. The eldest son was the Rev. John Hubbard of

death of Mr. Hubbard.<sup>1</sup> His salary was £100, about equal to \$330, and thirty cords of wood annually; and by agreement the wood was to be taken at 8s. per cord. He also received a *settlement*, as it was then termed, of £200. Since that time, the custom of making donations at the settlement of a pastor—once almost universal in our Churches—has been entirely abandoned here, and throughout the State.

At the time of Mr. Willard's ordination, serious difficulties arose in the Congregation, similar in their origin to those which appeared at the settlement of Mr. Hubbard. The Theological doctrines, styled Arminianism and Calvinism, were then warmly debated throughout the State, and had their respective advocates among the ministers and churches. It seems that Mr. Willard's doctrinal sentiments on some of these controverted points, were distasteful to a portion of the people, and they consequently opposed his settlement. Although there was no organized secession from the church on account of these differences, yet the dissatisfaction remained and increased. Very great numbers during his ministry, either deserted public worship altogether, or

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Meriden. See Holmes' Am. Ann., 1. Hutchinson's Hist. Mass. Mass. Hist. Coll., VII. Felt's Hist. Ipswich. Eliot's Biog. Dict. Young's Chron. Felt's Eccl. Hist. N. E., 1. Am. Quar. Reg. for Nov., 1835. Thompson's Hist. of Long Island, II. 108. Sprague's Annals, 1. 148. Tuttle's Hist. Sketch of Hon. William Hubbard.

1 The following were chosen a council for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Willard: Rev. Ezra Stiles, D. D., President of Yale College; Rev. Joseph Willard, President of Cambridge College; Rev. James Dana, D. D.; Elizur Goodrich, D. D.; Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey; Rev. John Willard; Rev. Jesse Ives; Rev. Enoch Huntington; Rev. John March; Rev. Nathan Williams; Rev. Charles Beers; Rev. Benjamin Trumbull; Rev. Thomas Minor; Rev. John Lewis; Rev. John Foot; Rev. Nathan Fenn; Rev. Abner Benedict; Rev. Benoni Upson; Rev. Wm. Robinson.

transferred themselves to other denominations; so that the congregation was very much diminished and weakened. In consequence of which Mr. Willard was dismissed in the year 1802. He subsequently removed to Vermont, where he died. He is said to have been in his personal appearance, very tall and slender, and to have preached with a good deal of animation. While residing in Meriden he built and occupied the house now owned and used by Mr. Hiram Yale on North Broad, at the head of Liberty street.

In February, 1803, Rev. Erastus Ripley<sup>1</sup> was settled. His salary was four hundred dollars. In the course of his ministry his congregation rapidly diminished. Great numbers joined themselves to other denominations, and at one time it seemed as if the church would become quite extinct. He was dismissed in February, 1822, after a ministry of nineteen years. During his ministry one hundred were added to the church. Mr. Ripley was a very large and commanding man in his personal appearance, and possessed of a strong mind. But his manner of preaching was dry, metaphysical, and destitute of all animation. While here he built and occupied

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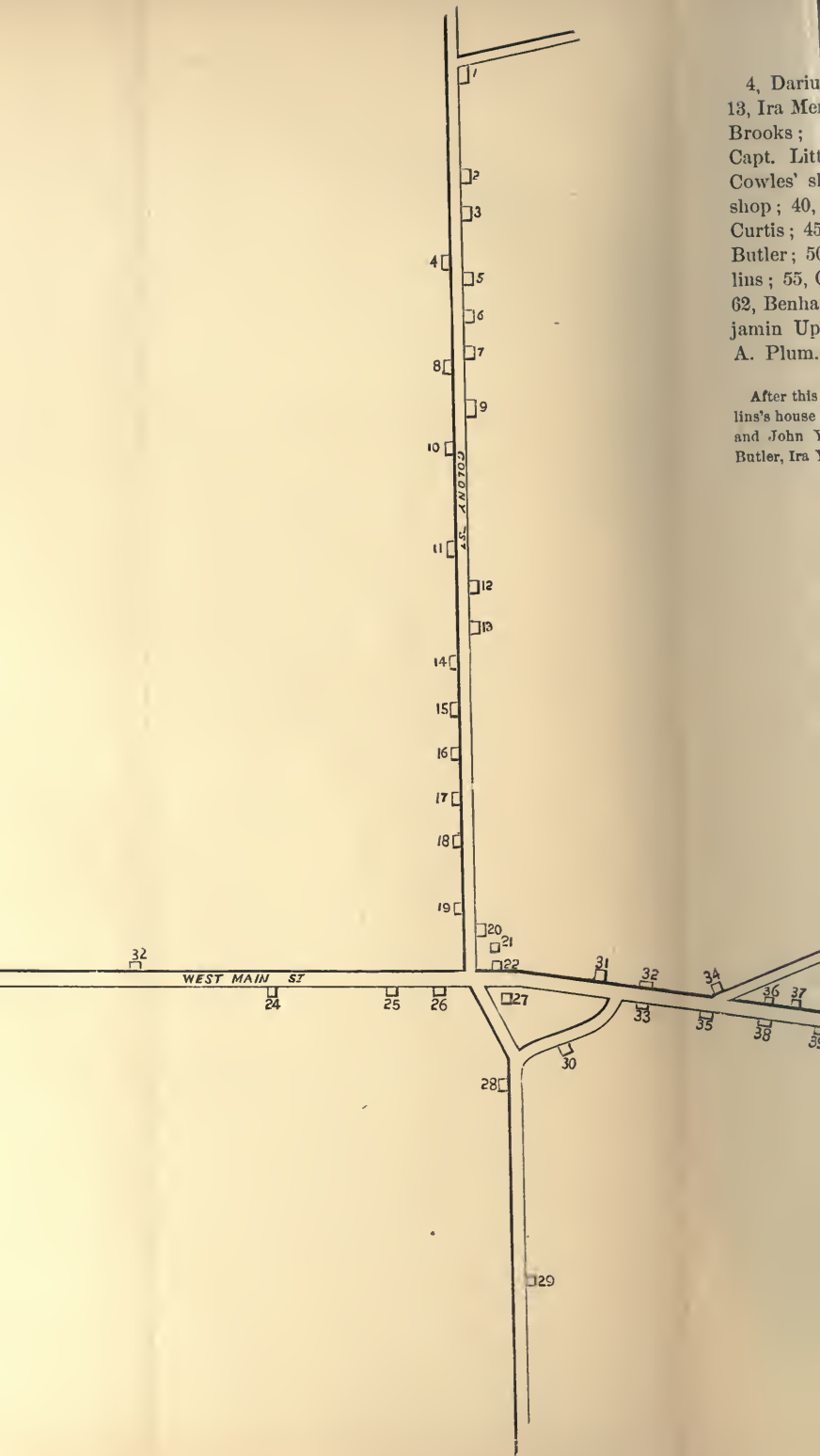
<sup>1</sup> Mr. Ripley was the ninth child of Joshua and Elizabeth (Lathrop) Ripley, and was born at Windam, Ct., June 17, 1770. He belonged to a family which has furnished a good many Congregational ministers. He was graduated at Yale College in 1775, and was a licentiate of the New Haven East Association in 1797. He supplied the church at Brookfield (Newbury,) from March, 1800, till April, 1811. He was ordained at Meriden, February, 1803; dismissed February, 1822; was installed at Goshen parish, now Lebanon, Sept. 24, 1823, and dismissed February 16, 1832. He then supplied the church at Montville about three years, and finally returned to Meriden, where he died November 17, 1843, æ. 73. In 1829 he published a sermon on the *Evil and Cure of Intemperance*. He married Elizabeth, sister of Rev. Jno. Sherman, and had no children. His wife died November 3, 1834.





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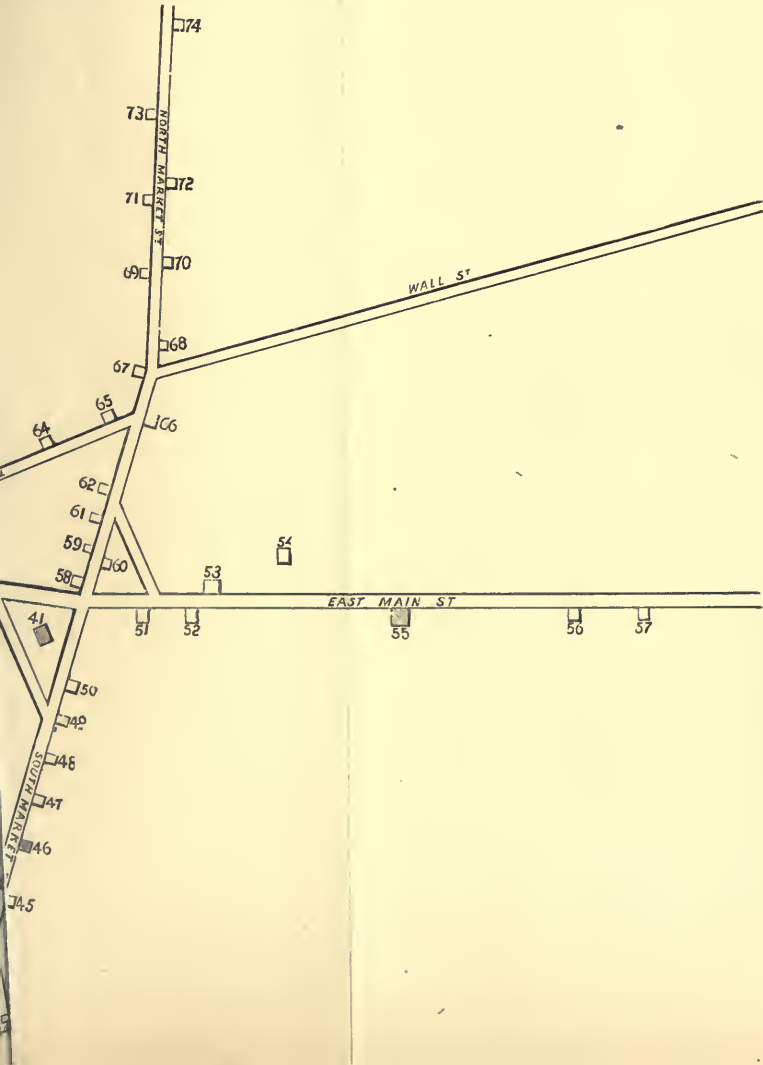
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MAP OF MERIDEN IN 1830.

m; 7, Edward Collins; 9, Gen. Walter Booth; 12, Salmon Merriman; 16, Store; 17, Lorrin Merriam; 18, A. Merriam; 19, Barn; 20, J. S. Merriam; 22, Store; 24, L. Green; 25, Store; 26, Major Cowles; 28, Caleb Austin; 30, S. Perkins; 31, Griswold; 34, Barnes; 35, Capt. J. Mecorney; 37, Orren Belden; 38, F. Farrington; 39, Tyler's Tin & Holt; 41, Church; 42, Episcopal Church; 43, Seth Plum; 44, Amos Clark; 46, Baptist Church; 47, W. Yale; 48, Tin Shop; 49, John [unclear]; 51, Barn; 52, Blacksmith Shop; 53, D. Dayton; 54, Lyman Col- [unclear]; 56, Esq. Andrews; 57, Ivah Yale; 58, Tavern; 59, Barn; 61, Lewis; [unclear]'s Factory; 64, Distillery; 65, J. Hall; 66, Samuel Yale; 67, Ben- [unclear]; 70, Rev. Mr. Ripley; 71, G. Plimet; 72, Watrous; 74,

engraved it was discovered that the artist had made a few mistakes. Above Edward Col- [unclear] road, and on the same side, were houses of Noah Foster, Patrick Clark, Jesse Curtis, [unclear] the other side, and above Darius Benham's, were the houses of Matthew Foster, Samuel [unclear] Twiss, Stephen Bailey, and Sidney Merriman, near whose house stood the old stone fort.





the house opposite the residence of Deacon Walter Booth, on North Broad street.

Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale,<sup>1</sup> commenced preaching in Meriden September 22, 1822; and after preaching five Sabbaths, he was ordained and installed January 15, 1823. During his ministry, the church and congregation increased very much in numbers and prosperity, and about fifty were added to the church. There were repeated revivals of religion, and a new house of worship erected, at a cost of \$7000. Its dimensions were seventy-three feet long, and fifty feet wide. He was dismissed in December, 1833, after a ministry of eleven years. His salary in Meriden was five hundred and fifty dollars.

Rev. William McLain supplied the church one year, from 1834 to 1835. He was afterwards for many years secretary of the American Colonization Society.

In March, 1836, Rev. Arthur Granger was settled.<sup>2</sup> He was dismissed in July, 1838, and became pastor of the South church, Middletown, from April, 1839, to May, 1844, when he was called to the High street church, Providence, R. I., where he died about 1846. In 1837, Rev. Mr. Ludlow attempted to deliver a lecture in the Congregational church on the subject of slavery, when he was interrupted by a mob, who attempted to

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hinsdale was born at Newark, N. J.; was graduated at Yale College in 1815; was installed at Blandford, Mass, January 20, 1836, where he now lives.

<sup>2</sup> At the installation of Mr. Granger, Rev. Mr. Noyes made the introductory prayer; Rev. Mr. Shepherd made the installing prayer; Rev. Joel Hawes preached the sermon; Rev. Mr. Gilbert gave the right hand of fellowship; Rev. Mr. Whitmore gave the charge to the pastor; Rev. Mr. Dutton gave the charge to the people; Rev. Mr. Griggs made the concluding prayer.

break up the meeting. The doors were locked, but were broken down, and Mr. Ludlow was made a target for rotten eggs and other missiles, and was obliged to flee for his life. A long and tedious lawsuit followed this affair, in which a number of prominent persons of the town were engaged. We have elsewhere given a full history of this affair.

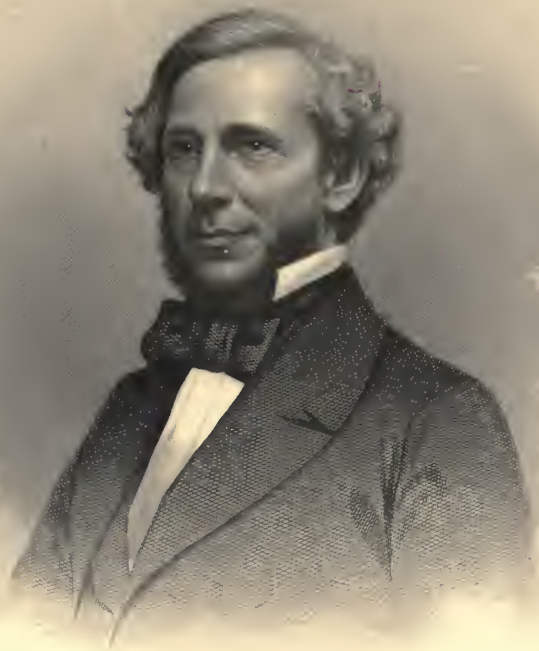
From 1840 to 1841, Rev. Charles Rich supplied the pulpit, but declined a settlement.<sup>1</sup>

May 19, 1841, the Rev. George W. Perkins was installed pastor of the church.<sup>2</sup> The next year twenty-

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Rich was the son of a Boston merchant, Benjamin Rich. He went to sea for a short time, became a methodist preacher; afterward entered Yale College, where he was graduated in 1838; studied Theology at New Haven, and after leaving Meriden was settled for a short time at Washington, D. C., and also at Nantucket, Mass. He afterwards retired from the ministry.

<sup>2</sup> George William Perkins was born at Hartford, Feb. 22, 1804. His father was Enoch Perkins, a lawyer of that city. His mother was Anna Pitkin, a daughter of Rev. Timothy Pitkin, of Farmington, Conn. The great grandfather of Mr. Perkins, on his mother's side, was the Rev. Thomas Clap, for twenty-seven years President of Yale College. Mr. Perkins took a high rank as a scholar, and when he graduated, received the appointment of an oration. After taking his degree in September, 1824, he went to Cambridge, Mass., to take charge of a school. Among his pupils was Margaret Fuller, afterwards Countess d'Ossoli, whose remarkable life and sad death is known to every one. In the autumn of 1825, Mr. Perkins left his school and entered a law-office in New York, having chosen the law as his profession. In 1826, he entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, where he was graduated in 1829, was first ordained at Montreal, in 1829, and in May, 1841, was settled over the church at Meriden. In July, 1853, he sailed for Europe, and returned in November. In 1854 he was dismissed from the church at Meriden, and removed to Chicago, where he died November 13, 1856. His remains repose in the cemetery at West Meriden. Mr. Perkins through life was a hard working man; he published a good deal in the form of pamphlets, reports, articles in periodicals, sermons, &c. While in Chicago, besides his ordinary duties as a clergyman over a large parish, he edited a newspaper, and established a



Eng<sup>d</sup> by A.H. Ritchie

Yours, affly  
G.W. Perkins—





seven persons were converted. In 1844 twenty were converted. In 1847 and 1848, a still more powerful work of grace was enjoyed, and about one hundred professed faith in Christ. In 1848 a division took place in the church, and a portion of the members, with their pastor, removed to West Meriden, the others remaining to worship where their fathers had worshiped before them. Those who removed to the "Corner," claimed to be the First Congregational church of Meriden, and also claimed and retained the church records. Those who remained, therefore, assumed the name of the Center Congregational church of Meriden. The First society erected a church building, at West Meriden, ninety feet in length and fifty-six in width, at a cost of \$8000. In addition to the cost of the house, the land was purchased for \$800. The parsonage cost about \$3000.

Mr. Perkins resigned in July, 1854, and the Rev. George Thatcher was installed, but not settled, November, 1854. He remained until 1860. During his ministry eighty persons were received to the communion.

January 16, 1862, Rev. Hiram C. Hayden was ordained and installed pastor of the church.<sup>1</sup> He

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theological seminary. In 1841 while in Meriden he was offered the Presidency of Wabash College in Indiana. "His discourses were characterized by lucid statement, forcible argument, illustrations that were generally striking and always apt, appeals that were powerful and sometimes (when the occasion required) eloquent. In 1859, a volume of his sermons was published in New York.

<sup>1</sup> At Mr. Hayden's ordination the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. P. Gulliver, Norwich; ordaining prayer by Rev. Hiram P. Arms, Norwich, Conn; charge by Rev. Mr. Folsom, Fair Haven; Right Hand of fellowship, by Rev. O. H. White, Meriden; address to the people, by Rev. J. G. Miller, Branford.

resigned in December, 1865, and was succeeded by the Rev. Wm. H. H. Murray, from Greenwich, Conn., who preached his first sermon, November 11, 1866, and resigned in November, 1868, to accept the charge of the Park street church in Boston. During the year ending November 1, 1868, there was received into membership, one hundred and twenty-two. Of this number eighty-one were admitted on the profession of their faith, and forty-six by letter.

The society of the Center Congregational church was formed on the 29th of September, 1846, by the following persons, who occupied the old church: John Butler,\* Silas Royce, Lyman Collins,\* Walter Booth,\* Levi Yale, Nathaniel C. Sanford, Gardner Barlow,\* Ralph H. Beckley, L. C. Hotchkiss, Russell Coe, Lyman Butler,\* Isaac Butler, James Hall, Stephen Seymour,\* Benajah Andrews, Samuel Clark, Hezekiah Root,\* Ira Preston, Eli Way, Isaac I. Hubbard, Herman Hough, Henry S. Barnes, Joseph B. Jewett, Philip Eddy,\* Sylvester S. Post, John W. Miles, Daniel W. Clark, George A. Sawyer, Ira Curtis,\* Uri Foster, Charles Page, John Hubbard,\* Ezekiel Hall, Julius Yale,\* Henry Royce, Ezra S. Clark, Lewis G. Burgess, Luther H. Root, Elias Sanford, E. P. Parmelee, John W. Hall,\* Henry P. Judd, Alvin E. Bervins,\* Edmund Tuttle, Isaac I. Hough,\* H. J. Tennant,\* Lyman C. Seymour, A. C. Breckenridge, A. L. Beckley, P. Sage, N. B. Wood, Reuben H. Way,\* Henry E. Sanford,\* J. L. Clark, Eli Butler, Luther Root, H. B. Sperry, William H. Yale, Don Alonzo Leeds, Benjamin H. Royce.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Those marked with a \* are deceased.

March 15, 1848, Rev. Asahel A. Stevens<sup>1</sup> was ordained and installed as pastor of the church, and remained until December 11, 1854. On account of the failure of his voice, Mr. Stevens was allowed a vacation in the spring of 1854, and Rev. A. S. Cheesbrough<sup>2</sup> was hired to preach in the spring of 1854, and supplied the pulpit until November, 1855. The Rev. Lewis C. Lockwood was installed June 3, 1857, and dismissed February 22, 1858. The Rev. O. H. White supplied the pulpit from June 29, 1858, until June, 1862. Rev. Joseph Woolley was installed October 22, 1862.

Mr. Stevens in the first year of his ministry, received five hundred dollars salary. Three years later it was increased one hundred dollars. Mr. Lockwood's salary was eight hundred dollars a year. Mr. White's salary was first eight hundred dollars, but it was subsequently raised to one thousand. Mr. Woolley's salary was first one thousand dollars, then increased to twelve hundred, with an annual donation and house rent free. The following persons sustained the office of deacon in the First Church, previous to its division :

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| SAMUEL ROYCE,  | elected Dec. 14, 1729, | died May 14, 1757, æ. 84. |
| ROBERT ROYCE,  | “ Dec. 29, 1729, “     | 1759, æ. 94.              |
| BENJ. WHITING, | “ Nov. 1748.           |                           |

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1 Mr. Stevens was born at Cheshire, Conn., December 25, 1815, and was graduated from the Yale Theological Seminary, in the summer of 1847. He is now settled in Lacon, Ill.

2 Mr. Cheesbrough was born at Stonington, Conn.; was graduated at Yale College in 1835, and at the Yale Theological Seminary, and was licensed to preach in 1839. In December, 1841 he was settled as pastor of the Congregational church at Chester, Conn., where he remained until 1853. After leaving Meriden he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in traveling abroad, until July, 1858, when he was settled over the Congregational church in Glastenbury, Conn.

BENJ. ROYCE, elected Nov., 1748, died Jan., 1758, æ. 53.  
 EZEKIEL ROYCE, " Nov., 1748, " Sept., 1765, æ. 67.  
 EBENEZER COWLES, " Dec. 26, 1765, " July, 1800.  
 BENJ. ROYCE, Jan. 1, 1757, " Jan. 20, 1758.  
 JOHN HOUGH, " Feb. 24, 1788.  
 JAMES HOUGH, " Sept. 14, 1794.  
 ISAAC HUBBARD, " July 5, 1796.  
 NATHANIEL YALE, removed, June, 1806.  
 ZENAS MITCHELL, " 1814.  
 SILAS ROYCE, " Oct. 16, 1853.  
 WALTER BOOTH, elected Sept. 1, 1814, Died 1870.  
 PHINEAS HOUGH.  
 NATHANIEL C. SANFORD.  
 BENJ. H. CATLIN, elected March, 1848.  
 HOMER CURTISS, " " "  
 DAVID N. CAMP, " " "  
 JOHN YALE, " " " Died 1870.

Since the division of the church, the following persons have sustained the office of deacon in the Center Congregational church :

WALTER BOOTH, died, April 30, 1870.  
 SILAS ROYCE, " Oct. 15, 1853.  
 PHINEAS HOUGH, removed.  
 NATHANIEL C. SANFORD, removed.  
 NORMAN B. WOOD.  
 EDMUND TUTTLE, removed.  
 BENJAMIN H. ROYCE.

The Hanover Congregational church was organized February, 1853, and consisted originally of twenty-five members who were dismissed from the church at Meriden. Rev. James A. Clark preached for the society from December, 1853, until 1855. Rev. Jacob Eaton was settled May 28, 1857, and dismissed in 1861. A revival occurred in 1853, and eight were added to the church on

profession. In 1857, another revival of great power occurred, which resulted in the conversion of twenty-five young persons, sixteen uniting with the church at one time on profession.

The following ministers were raised up from the Congregational church in Meriden: Matthew Merriman, Avery Hall, Isaac Foster, Thomas Holt, Samuel J. Curtis Erastus, Curtis, Charles E. Murdock, Daniel C. Curtis, Ralph Tyler, Lyman C. Hough.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Jesse Ives, was a native of Meriden, and was graduated at Yale College, in 1758. He was a Congregational minister in Monson, Mass. He was settled June 23, 1773, and remained in office thirty-two years and a half, until December 31, 1805, when he died aged, seventy-one years.

## CHAPTER XI.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WALLINGFORD AND MERIDEN.

WHEN the commissioners of Charles the Second visited Connecticut in 1665, they carried back a report that the colony "will not hinder any from enjoying the Sacraments and using the Common Prayer Book, provided they hinder not the maintenance of the public minister." But it was not until 1708 that there was any legal provision for such liberty. In that year the General Assembly of Connecticut passed what was called the "Act of Toleration," by which all persons who soberly dissented from the worship and ministry by law established, that is, the Congregational order, were permitted to enjoy the same liberty of conscience with the Dissenters in England under the act of William and Mary. But notwithstanding they were allowed to have public worship in their own way, they were still obliged to pay for the support of the Congregational churches in the place of their respective residences.

A petition was sent to the "honorable the Governor, Assistants and Representatives in General Court Assembled, this 15th of May, 1727," and signed by the church wardens and vestry of the Church of England in Fairfield, praying to be excused from paying taxes to

any dissenting minister, or to the building of any dissenting meeting-house.

“And whereas we were, ten of us, lately imprisoned for our taxes, and had considerable sums of money taken from us by distraint, contrary to his Honour the Governor’s advice, and notwithstanding solemn promises before given to sit down and be concluded thereby in this affair, we pray that those sums of money taken from us may be restored to us again.”<sup>1</sup>

Upon this petition, the General Assembly enacted that all persons who were of the Church of England, and those who were established by the law of the colony, living in the bounds of any allowed parish, should be taxed by the same rule and in the same proportion for the support of the ministry ; but where it happened that there was a society of the Church of England, having a clergyman so near any person who had decided himself to be of that Church that he could and did attend public worship there, then the collector was to deliver the tax collected of such persons to the minister of the Church of England to whom he lived near, who was also authorized to receive and recover the same ; and if such proportion of taxes was not sufficient in any society of the Church of England to support the incumbent, such society was authorized to levy and collect of those who professed and attended that Church, greater taxes at their discretion. The parishioners of the Church of England were also excused from paying any taxes for building meeting-houses for the established Church of the colony.<sup>2</sup> In 1722, the Rev. Samuel Whittelsey, with

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<sup>1</sup> State Archives ; Ecclesiastical Documents, vol. III. p. 188.

<sup>2</sup> See the Statute on page 340 of the Law Book of the Colony, edition of 1715.

a number of the clergy, met from time to time in the library of Yale College, and examined a few theological books sent over in kindness from the mother country. They examined the doctrines and practices of the Primitive Church, and compared them with the model of their own discipline and worship ; and the farther they pushed their inquiries, the more uneasy they became. As light would break in upon the darkened chambers of their toil, they were compelled at last to welcome it ; and they finally sent into the Trustees a formal statement of their views, and declared for Episcopacy, or doubted the validity of Presbyterian ordination.<sup>1</sup> Overwhelming was the sorrow and wide the consternation as the tidings of it passed from town to town and village to village. "I suppose," says President Woolsey,<sup>2</sup> "that

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1 ["To the Rev. Mr. Andrew and Woodbridge and others, our Reverend Fathers and Brethren present in the library of Yale College, this 13th day of September, 1722.]

"Reverend Gentlemen: Having represented to you the difficulties which we labor under in relation to our continuance out of the visible communion of an Episcopal Church, and a state of seeming opposition thereto, either as private Christians, or as officers, and so being insisted on by some of you (after our repeated declinings of it) that we should sum up our case in writing, we do (though with great reluctance, fearing the consequence of it) submit to and comply with it, and signify to you that some of us doubt the validity, and the rest are more fully persuaded of the invalidity of the Presbyterian ordination, in opposition to the Episcopal ; and should be heartily thankful to God and man, if we may receive from them satisfaction herein, and shall be willing to embrace your good counsels and instructions in relation to this important affair, as far as God shall direct and dispose us to it.

"TIMOTHY CUTLER, JOHN HART, SAMUEL WHITTELSEY,  
 JARED ELIOT, JAMES WETMORE, SAMUEL JOHNSON,  
 DANIEL BROWN."

"A true copy of the original. }  
 "Testify DANIEL BROWN." }

2 Hist. Disc. delivered at the 150th anniversary of Yale College.



greater alarm would scarcely be awakened now, if the Theological Faculty of the College were to declare for the Church of Rome, avow their belief in Transubstantiation, and pray to the Virgin Mary."

The General Assembly was to have a session in the ensuing October, and Saltonstall, the Governor of the colony, of whom Dr. Trumbull speaks as "a great man, well versed in the Episcopal controversy," was invited to preside over a debate held the day after the session commenced. The debate was a stormy one, and both sides claimed the victory. The defence of the Episcopacy by one of the number, exciting some irritating remarks from the other side, the Governor abruptly put an end to the debate. The abrupt termination of the debate was soon to save to Congregationalism three of the signers of the declaration, Eliot, Hart and Whittelsey, who only doubted the validity of Presbyterian ordination; and they continued in their respective places, and for the rest of their days "were never known to act or say or insinuate anything to the disadvantage of the Church."<sup>1</sup> As we have said, this defection of Mr. Whittelsey created the greatest excitement in Wallingford. The Rev. John Davenport, in a letter to Rev. Doctors Increase and Cotton Mather, dated at Stamford, Sept. 25, 1722, says: "two societies, branches of the famous New Haven, one on the north and the other on the south, are mourning because of their first ministers, in so little a time after their ordination, declaring themselves Episcopal, and their ordination, lately received, of no value, because *a non habentibus potestatem*."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Beardsley's Hist. of Epis. Church in Conn., 1. 42.

<sup>2</sup> Hawk's Doc. Hist. of Epis. Church in Conn., p. 68.

The precise time that the Episcopal church in Wallingford was gathered, is unknown.<sup>1</sup> In 1729, the church wardens and thirteen members of the church in Wallingford, sent the following letter to the Bishop of London :

‘ May it please your Lordship :

“ We, the Churchwardens and parishioners of Wallingford and the adjacent parts in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, beg leave to offer our humble duty to your Lordship. We are a Church but newly planted, and however content we are at present to have the service of the Church only once a quarter by a minister, on every Lord’s day besides we perform the service as far as is proper for laymen ; but in that part we are something deficient for want of sermon books, &c., which we cannot easily procure in this country. We are sensible the Rev. Theodore Morris cannot leave his other parishes oftener, yet we hope God, in his providence, will so order it, that we may at last be oftener attended ; there are many ready to join in our communion, and have nothing to object to it, but our having service so seldom by a minister. We greatly rejoice that we are assisted in learning to know which is the true Church of Christ, and the manner how we ought to worship. But with melancholy hearts we crave your Lordship’s patience, while we recite that divers of us have been imprisoned, and our goods from year to year distrained from us for taxes, levied for the building and supporting meeting-houses ; and divers actions are now depending in our courts of law in the like cases. And when we have petitioned our governor for redress, notifying to him the repugnance of such actions to the laws of England, he hath proved a strong opponent to us ; but

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<sup>1</sup> In 1734, there were five Episcopal parishes in Connecticut, with Church edifices and settled ministers ; viz., Johnson at Stratford ; Coner at Fairfield ; the elder Seabury at New London ; Beach at Newton and Redding.

when the other party hath applied to him for advice how to proceed against us, he hath lately given his sentence 'to enlarge the gaol and fill it with them' (that is the Church.) But we supplicate both God and man that our persecutors may not always prevail against us. And now that God may bless your Lordship, and the charitable endeavors of the honorable Society, and enable them to send more labourers to a harvest truly plentiful, is the sincere prayer of

"Your Lordship's Most dutiful and obedient servants,

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|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| "THOMAS IVES,<br>NORTH INGHAM, | } | Churchwardens. |
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| EBENEZER WAINWRIGHT, | SHADRACK SEAGOR,  |
| JOHN BELLAMY,        | THOMAS DEWLITTLE, |
| WAITSTILL ABINATHER, | AARON TUTTLE,     |
| PHINEAS IVES,        | MATTHEW BELLAMY,  |
| EBENEZER BLAKESLEY,  | ENOS SMITH,       |
| JOHN MEKY,           | THOMAS WILLIAMS,  |
| GEORGE FISHER."      |                   |

Nothing further is known of this society until June 20, 1741, when the Rev. Theophilus Morris, writing from Derby to the Secretary of the society for the promotion of Christian knowledge, says :

"I have taken another Church into my care at Wallingford, which consists of twelve families, I engaged to attend them once a quarter, which they seem to be satisfied with, for they know it is as much as I can do for them. I procured Mr. Thomson, whom I mentioned before, to officiate every Sunday in some one parish in my absence, and as his prudence and discretion have rendered him entirely agreeable to the people, he proves very serviceable to me."

Three months before this, the members of the Church of England at Wallingford and North Haven united and

formed a parish by the name of "Union Church," and erected a Church building near Pond Hill. They sent an appeal to the Bishops of London for assistance, in which they stated :



UNION CHURCH, POND HILL. "With melancholy hearts we crave your Lordship's patience, while we recite that divers of us have been imprisoned and our goods from year to year distrained from us for taxes, levied for building and supporting "Meeting houses," and divers actions are now pending in our courts of law, in like cases, and when we have appealed to our Governor, for redress, he has proved a strong opponent to us, and has lately ordered our opponents to enlarge the Gaol, and to fill it up with the Episcopalians."

In 1743, the Churchwardens of Wallingford sent the following letter to the Secretary :

"Wallingford, in New England, December 1st, 1743.

"REVEREND SIR : We, the inhabitants of Wallingford, members of the Church of England, make bold on behalf of ourselves and at the request of our bretheren inhabiting in the neighbouring towns of Guilford and Branford, to inform you that we are twenty-five masters of families that are members of said Church, and meet together every Lord's day and edify ourselves, as well as we can, by reading ; and while the Reverend Mr. Morris was in these parts, we were edified to our great comfort ; our number then increased, and many more were coming in to join us, but he being removed from us, and Mr. J. Lyon cannot attend us, we are now destitute, and our dissenting bretheren from year to year are distressing us with executions for meeting-houses, rates, steeples and bells for them ; so that our present melancholy circumstances crave your good offices with the honorable Society. We are willing to do the best we can toward the support of a minister, and make no doubt but in two or three years' time we shall be

able to raise £20 sterling per annum toward the support of a minister. We humbly pray we may be assisted with a minister, and, might we choose for ourselves, we having experienced the Rev. Mr. Morris, would heartily wish he might be the person; and could a method be found for quelling the perpetual demands of our dissenting bretheren for meeting-houses, rates, &c., it would greatly add to the growth and consolation of our distressed Churches, and we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

“HENRY BATES, } Churchwardens,  
JOHN WARD, } and several others.”

Dr. Samuel Johnson, under date of March 28, 1749, referring to the growth of Episcopacy, mentions that in Middletown and Wallingford, the Church had increased, and that Mr. Camp<sup>1</sup> had continued to read to them with good success, and thought he would be a worthy and useful person. In 1753, he was appointed to Middletown, Wallingford, and the parish of New Cheshire. In 1750, the Rev. Ebenezer Punderson,<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Ichabod Camp, son of John Camp, was born at Middletown, and graduated at Yale College in 1743; read services and sermons in Wallingford in 1748; after his ordination, he divided his labors between Middletown and Wallingford, from 1753 to 1760, when he removed to Louisburg, Virginia. Some years afterwards he was murdered by his son-in-law. He was a man of excellent character and principles. His wife, Mrs. Content Camp, died while he officiated at Middletown, and on a tablet in the church her name was placed.

<sup>2</sup> Rev. Samuel Seabury to the Secretary of the Venerable Society for Propagating the Gospel:

New London, March 30th, 1734.

Reverend Sir: These wait upon the honorable Society by the hands of Mr. Ebenezer Punderson, who comes to make his application to my Lord Bishop of London and the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for orders and a mission. He hath been educated in Yale college, Connecticut, where I had a particular acquaintance with him, and where he always had the character of a sober person. About five years ago he was called to preach in the Presbyterian or Independent way, at

who was the successor of Samuel Seabury in the Congregational ministry at Groton, but who declared for Episcopacy and was ordained as a priest in England in 1734, preached for a time in Wallingford and adjoining towns, and whatever ministerial taxes they had been assessed to pay, he ordered to be entirely applied toward building their churches and maintaining readers among them, without appropriating any part thereof to himself. In a letter dated October 18, 1750, he says, "the next day rode to Wallingford, preached to a pretty congregation, baptized three children."<sup>1</sup> At a town meeting, held at Wallingford,

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Groton, near New London, where he soon received ordination; but falling under doubts and scruples concerning their power of ordination and method of church government, and, at the same time, acquainting himself with the church of England, he found himself obliged, upon true and regular conviction, to embrace her communion, and thereupon he laid down his ministry in which he was settled to good advantage; but a considerable number of the people at that place being also convinced of the reasonableness and necessity of church communion, and having strong affection for the person of Mr. Punderson, on account of his abilities and pious, exemplary life, have been very solicitous with him to make his application to the honorable Society for Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts for a mission to that place. In testimony of which they have signed a desire or petition to the honorable society, with the promise of contributing a certain sum considerably to his support and maintenance, and it is most probable that many more will conform to the church of England upon better knowledge of it and acquaintance with it.

1 "Mr. Punderson was ordained at Groton, December 29, 1729. Mr. Adams of New London preached the sermon. On the first day of January 1733—4, Mr. Punderson made a communication to the society, avowing himself 'a conformist to the Episcopal Church of England,' and expressing doubts of the validity of his ordination. This notice was received in the first place with amazement and sorrow, and a committee was appointed to reason with him and endeavor to convince him that his ordination was canonical and his position safe and desirable. Of course this measure was unavailing. A council was convened at the house of Capt. Morgan Feb. 5th, and the connection dissolved." *Miss Caulkins' History of New London*, p. 420.

December 20, 1757, the following memorial was presented:

“THE MEMORIAL of us the subscribers on behalf of ourselves, and others our Breatheren who have Declared our Conformity to the Doctrine Discipline and Worship of the Church of England, who did for Some years Past assemble Together for Divine Worship near Pond Hill, and have more Lately, for our Convenience Met at the Lower End of the first Society in said Wallingford and How having Entered into a Covenant Engagement by Subscription to build a Church in said First Society do Now Signify our Desire Petition and Request to the Inhabitants of said Town That they would Grant us To Build a Church on the West side of Mix’s lane (so Called) Viz. the West side the Countray Road in the East End of Said Lane, so as not to Obstruct or Hinder the Passing of his Majesty’s Subjects and we hope and Desire to Cultivate Cherish and Maintain Christian Charity Love and Freindship with our Freinds and neighbors, Members of this Community of all denominations of Christians. And shall Esteem such a favour a mark of your Good Will Love and affection and your Memorialist Shall Ever Pray.

“ Wallingford Decr 20, 1757.

“JOSEPH RICE, JUNR,  
TITUS BROCKITT,  
DAVID COOK,  
ABEL THOMSON.”



SECOND EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This church was built in 1758, on the north-west corner, above the present church. In this church was placed an organ by David Cook, who brought it from England. The church formed a union with the Wells society, after which they placed the organ in the Wells house, where it underwent some repairs, and was used until the erection of the new church edifice, when the old organ was sold to the society at North Haven. Here it was used until 1869, when it was sold to Wm. P. Gardner, Esq., of New Haven.

Dr. Johnson, under date of 1762, speaking of one of his missionary tours, says that Mr. Andrews was appointed missionary to Wallingford, Cheshire and North Haven.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Andrews remained in charge of the socie-

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<sup>1</sup> Samuel Andrews was born at Meriden, June 4, 1737, and was the youngest of eight sons. He was graduated at Yale College in 1759, and in 1761, he went to England to receive Holy Orders. In 1767 he undertook a long journey into "different towns and governments to the northward," preaching and lecturing, and administering the sacrament as he passed from village to village. He penetrated to Allington, in New Hampshire, one hundred and fifty miles from his home; and though he was the first clergyman who had appeared among the settlers, he found that a layman from Connecticut had been there before him with the services of the church of England. When on the fourth of July, 1776, the Thirteen Colonies, through the Congress at Philadelphia, declared themselves independent of Great Britain, all connection with the mother country was solemnly dissolved, and the American people were released from any allegiance to the sovereignty of the King. The Declaration involved the Episcopal clergy in new trouble. As faithful Missionaries of the Venerable Society, from which came their chief support, they honestly believed themselves bound by their oaths of allegiance taken at the time of their ordination, to pray for the Sovereign whose dominion the colonies had thrown off; and guided by the forms of the Liturgy, they could omit no part in conducting public worship without doing violence to their own consciences. Mr. Andrews was placed for a time under heavy bonds, and was not allowed to visit even a parishioner without special leave from the Selectmen of the town. In 1781, he removed to New Brunswick, and became the first Rector of St. Andrew's Church in the parish of St. Andrews. Here he lived in affluence, and died at an advanced age.



ties of Wallingford, North Haven and Cheshire for several years. It is but justice to his memory to say that he executed well the office to which he had been called. To a consistent and unaffected piety, were added talents of a popular kind, and attainments more than respectable. He published some of his occasional discourses ; and among the number was a *Farewell Sermon* to his people in Connecticut, and a *Discourse on the Death* of his friend and brother in Christ, the Rev. James Scovill, who was a minister of the church in Waterbury, and accompanied Mr. Andrews to the British provinces, and settled in New Brunswick. Like most of the clergy of that period, Mr. Andrews was remarkable for his cheerfulness and amiability. In his intercourse with his people, he had none of the gloom of the ascetic, nor any of the forbidden levity of the man of the world. He remembered that he was charged with the holiness of his flock ; and while he "taught them as one having authority," he did not forget himself to practice in private the lessons which he gave in public. Mr. Andrews was the last missionary to this church in the employ of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts." He received annually from that source thirty pounds sterling ; and this, in addition to what was contributed by his parishes, enabled him to live in a style of more comfortable independence than many of our clergy at the present day.

In 1770, there were sixty-three families attending the Episcopal Church. There were eighty-six communicants, and one hundred and sixty-five baptisms by Mr. Andrews. In Cheshire in 1770, there were forty-seven families, sixty-four communicants and eighty-six baptisms ; and in Meriden, six families, fourteen communi-

cants and twenty baptisms. In Wallingford in 1770, there had died in twelve years, fifty-six members of the Episcopal Church. When Mr. Andrews first came to Wallingford the people had just recovered from the "thunderings and lightnings, and earthquakes ecclesiastical," which had so long divided that community. The Episcopal clergy had taken no part in the theological disputes which the Independents carried on among themselves. They quietly watched the progress of events, and seemed to feel, as the Rev. Mr. Chandler expressed himself in writing to Dr. Johnson on a later occasion, "if these dissenters will but confute one another, it will save us the trouble." They were accused to the Society, and to their friends in England, with attempting to make proselytes; and this accusation was urged in order to depreciate their services, and prevent them from securing the boon they had so long implored—an American Episcopate. But Johnson denied this, and vindicated his brethren when he wrote to Archbishop Secker from New York; and after referring to his experience of thirty-one years in Connecticut, said,

"I never once tried to proselyte dissenters, nor do I believe any of the other ministers did; we never concerned ourselves with them till they came to us; and when they did we could do no other than give them the best instructions and assistance we could in making a right judgment for themselves. And so far were we from promoting or taking advantage of any quarrels that happened among themselves, that in many instances we obliged them to accomodate matters with their former brethren, or at least do all they could towards an accomodation, before we would receive them to our communion."

The pamphlets published by both parties of the

Independents, stirred up such an acrimonious spirit, and threw so unsatisfactory a light upon the real questions involved, that many among the people escaped from the controversies to find peace and enjoyment in the communion of the Episcopal church.<sup>1 2</sup>

Edward Winslow, the missionary at Stratford, was frequently called to officiate to the people at Wallingford. On the 29th of December, 1760, he addressed the follow-

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1 Beardsley's Hist. of the Epis. Church in Conn., 1. 195.

2 Dr. Johnson in writing to the Archbishop of Canterbury under date of July 13, 1760, says, "The Church is generally in an increasing and flourishing condition, and much the more so, on account of the violent contentions of the Dissenters among themselves, which in effect drive people into the Church. The Wallingford affair was again before the Assembly last May, and the lower house were still more zealous in the cause of the minor party, which seems the prevailing disposition of the country, so that there probably will be a great struggle to get out the governor and several of the upper house for not favouring them; and I here send your Grace two pamphlets relating to these controversies, that have been published since my last. The parties are both upon bad extremes. Hart and Yale, &c., are followers of Taylor, Foster, &c.; and, I doubt Socinianism is at the bottom, and the President, Hobart, &c., are most rigid Calvinists, and intend at any rate to oppose the others to their utmost. Meantime the Church is every where in peace, and the Clergy orthodox. It is a great detriment to the Churches at Middletown and Wallingford that Mr. Camp hath left them, induced partly by his necessities, and partly by the persuasion of Governor Dobbs, to move to North Carolina. How they are to be supplied I am at a loss to know; they ought each to have a minister, and I wish the Society were in a condition to settle at least forty pounds on the former and thirty pounds upon the latter, who hope for one Mr. Andrews, a candidate of good character, and one Treadwell, said to be a worthy youth, who has lately appeared for the Church, both bred at New Haven College, where I found three hopeful young men preparing for orders. Mr. Punderson seems a very honest and laborious man; yet the Church at New Haven appears uneasy, and rather declining under his ministry, occasioned, I believe, partly by his want of politeness, and partly by his being absent so much, having five or six places under his care. I wish he were again at Groton and some politer person in his place, and another at Guilford and Branford."

ing letter to the Secretary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts :

“ Stratford, December 29th, 1760.

“ REVEREND SIR :

“ During the past six months have been baptized here and at Wallingford nineteen white infants and two negro children, and several persons added to the communion of this Church. The present number of communicants is near one hundred and fifty, and I have still the satisfaction to be able to acquaint you that our people continue steadfast in their attachment to the Church, and, in general, careful to evidence the purity of their profession, and their sincerity in it, by endeavoring to make its substantial fruits and ornaments appear in their own personal improvement, in maintaining a union among themselves, and in giving no occasion of offense to others. By this means, through the divine blessing, the Church in this town preserves its ground, notwithstanding a restless spirit of opposition is but too evident in some of our dissenting brethren of influence and authority among us. This has an unhappy tendency to keep up the prejudices of many who are otherwise not ill affected to the doctrines and worship of our Church, and are much disposed to live in friendship. Much artifice is used by the leading persons among the Dissenters in this colony to prevent their people from attending our service, and to possess them with the absurd notion of their worship and discipline being an establishment here, from which ours is a separation ; but their own late divisions and distractions among themselves, with regard to doctrine and discipline, have already unsettled so many and must necessarily have the like effect with others, that, I doubt not at all, there will be seen numbers gladly embracing the refuge from these confusions, and those wholesome means for all needful instruction and improvement in christian knowledge and practice, which our happy constitution will afford them. This is manifestly the present care at Wallingford and in its immediate neighborhood, where the church

congregation has so far increased that the people think themselves in a condition to make some suitable provision for sending home for holy orders, and for supporting a deserving young man, who has been some time employed as a reader among them. They dare not presume upon the society's assistance, further than to crave the liberty to apply for part of the salary granted to Middletown and Wallingford, should they in their goodness see fit to allow it. The people who belong to the congregation at Wallingford, and live at some distance, have lately built themselves a small church for their greater convenience in the winter season, when their families can not well attend at the other. I continue to officiate at Wallingford about once in six weeks, which, by the reason of the distance of near thirty miles, and the needful care of my particular charge, is as frequent attendance as I am able to give.

“ I am, Reverend Sir, the Society's,

“ And your most obedient servant,

“ EDWARD WINSLOW.”<sup>1</sup>

During the Revolution the interests of all denominations suffered greatly, but the Church of England had the hardest lot of all; for she, especially as represented

<sup>1</sup> Rev. Edward Winslow was born at Boston, and was graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1741. He succeeded Dr. Johnson as missionary at Stratford. He preached a number of times at Wallingford, but on peculiar circumstances of his family, he requested a removal, and the Mission of Braintree, in the neighborhood of his friends in Boston, being offered him he thought proper to accept it. He died in 1780. It was said of him that besides “excelling all in the colony as a preacher; he was behind none of them in discretion and good conduct; and being rector of the first Church, and otherwise duly, if not the best qualified, I wish, when Commissaries are appointed, he may be a Commissary, being also of the most creditable family and education; and as he has a large, young, growing family, and is obliged in that situation to live at the most expense of any of them, it would be highly expedient, if practicable, to add ten pounds more to his support.”—*Dr. Johnson to the Archbishop of Canterbury, July 13, 1760.*

by her clergy, was considered as the very impersonation of rebellion ; many of the clergy were forced to leave the country. The very small number who were enabled to continue their ministrations, succeeded in doing so, either by their remarkable prudence, or by engaging in conflicts or submitting to deprivations, which must have rendered life itself little less than a burden. The close of the war found the Episcopal Church in a state of the deepest depression. Her altars prostrate or deserted, her ministers gone or disheartened, herself the object of political odium and suspicion, without the inherent power of perpetuating her own polity, her cause, in the view of men, seemed well nigh desperate. So mourned her friends ; so vaunted her enemies.

Shortly after the return of peace, the Episcopal clergy of Connecticut resolved to send one of their number to England, with a view to his obtaining Consecration as Bishop. On the twenty-first of April, 1783, Dr. Samuel Seabury was chosen, and shortly after sailed for England. It was necessary that the candidate for Episcopal consecration should take oath of allegiance to the king, and of obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury. But it was feared that there would be a renewal of that opposition which had kept Dr. Seabury from his native State during the whole period of the Revolutionary war. They feared that the State of Connecticut would not give her consent to the exercise of his functions, and that he would not be obeyed. The obstacles thrown in his way were enough to dampen the zeal of any but a stout, earnest and believing heart. He wrote to the clergy of Connecticut who were now on tiptoe with expectation, stating the fear entertained in England, that the General Assembly of the State would prevent a

Bishop, should he be consecrated, from entering on the discharge of his Episcopal labors. A convention of the clergy was forthwith called at Wallingford, February 27, 1787, to determine what was to be done. As the Assembly was then in session at New Haven, a committee was appointed to confer with the principal men of the Legislature, and solicit the passage of an act authorizing a Bishop to reside in Connecticut, and to exercise the Episcopal functions there. The gentlemen to whom this request was made, replied, as they well might, that it was not necessary to pass such an act, as the law of Connecticut was already in conformity with their wishes.<sup>1</sup> Certified copies of the statutes of the colony in relation to this matter were made out and forwarded to England without delay. Although the evidence was conclusive, other objections were started. Wearied at length with the opposition and delay which he encountered in England, and despairing of success in that quarter he at last bethought himself of the Episcopal Church of Scotland. To this Church, as free from the state, and unencumbered by political restraints, he determined to resort. Here his application met with a cordial response, and the favor he asked was readily granted.

In 1786, Sept. 21, Bishop Seabury admitted as Deacon at Derby, Reuben Ives,<sup>2</sup> who that year had graduated at

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<sup>1</sup> See page 21 of "The General Laws and Liberties of Connecticut Colony," edition of 1672; also statute of 1727, ante.

<sup>2</sup> Reuben Ives was the son of Zachariah Ives of Cheshire, and was born in that town, October 26, 1672. He was graduated at Yale College in 1786, at which time the institution was under the Presidency of the celebrated Dr. Stiles. His attachment to the Episcopal Church was always strong, and he had early resolved to devote his energies and talents to the promotion of her interests. The state of the country was such, and the

Yale College. For some time he was the assistant of the Bishop of New London. The organization of the parishes in Meriden, Southington, and Hamden, was



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due to the ministrations of Mr. Ives, who in the beginning of 1788 had accepted the Rectorship of the Church in Cheshire, his native place, for two-thirds of the time, with the privilege of occupying the remaining third in missionary duties in the neighboring towns.<sup>1</sup>

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want of ministerial services so great, at the time of his leaving college, that Bishop Seabury, who had two years before visited Scotland and returned clothed with the highest Episcopal authority, deemed it necessary to dispense with much theological education; and accordingly admitted Mr. Ives, together with his friend and classmate, Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Bronson, to the order of Deacons in St. James' Church, Derby, September 21, 1786. For some time after his ordination, Mr. Ives was with the Bishop at New London, in the capacity both of pupil and assistant minister. He married a daughter of the Rev. John R. Marshall of Woodbury, a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Mr. Ives was a great lover of church music, and was one of the first to introduce chanting in Connecticut. He died October 17, 1836. His daughter married Dr. A. I. Driggs of Cheshire.

<sup>1</sup> The Cheshire Academy, founded in 1794, and the first institution of the kind strictly belonging to the Church in New England, and one of the first in the country, owed its existence to the efforts of Mr. Ives.



He remained in Cheshire over thirty years, after supplying the Church at Wallingford and Meriden parish. Rev. Tillotson Bronson<sup>1</sup> occupied the pulpit at Wallingford on several occasions, as also did Rev. Messrs. Solomon and Abraham Blakesley. The Rev. Charles Seabury,<sup>2</sup> the youngest child of Bishop Seabury, preached at Wallingford a number of times. Near the close of 1794, Rev. Seth Hart,<sup>3</sup> who had preached for the Episcopal Society of Waterbury, removed to Wallingford, and remained nearly four years.

In 1801, Rev. Ammi Rogers<sup>4</sup> assumed the charge of the parishes of Branford, Wallingford and East Haven. Rev. Messrs. Joseph Perry and Plumb, supplied the

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1 Dr. Bronson was born at Plymouth, Conn., in 1762; was graduated at Yale College in 1786; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Seabury, Sept. 21, 1787, and Priest Feb. 25, 1788. In 1795, he was called to the Rectorship of St. John's church, Waterbury, and in 1805, was elected Principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire. He died Sept. 6, 1826.

2 Charles Seabury was born at Westchester, N. Y., May 29, 1770; he removed with his father to New London, under whose supervision he studied theology, and was admitted to the holy order of Deacon June 5, 1793, and was ordained Priest July 17, 1796; was settled at New London, and Setauket, L. I. He died Dec. 29, 1844.

3 Seth Hart was born at Berlin, Conn., June 21, 1763; was graduated at Yale College in 1784; was ordained Deacon Oct. 9, 1791, and Priest Oct. 14, 1792. He preached first at Waterbury, and from 1794 to 1798 was Rector of the churches in Wallingford and North Haven. Some difficulty having arisen in the parish at North Haven, he resigned it and was called to St. George's church, Hempstead, L. I., where he remained until his death, March 16, 1832. He was a good classical scholar, an amiable man, a successful teacher, and an acceptable preacher. He died of paralysis, as also did his son, Rev. William H. Hart. On Mr. Hart's removal from Waterbury, several individuals liberally inclined, united and bought his house and five acres of land, and conveyed the whole to the church forever.

4 Ammi Rogers was born at Branford; was graduated at Yale college, in 1790; ordained Deacon by Bishop Provoost of New York in June, 1792, and Priest at a later date.

pulpit at Wallingford at various times, as also did Rev. Virgil H. Barber.<sup>1</sup> In 1822, Rev. James Keeler<sup>2</sup> became the Rector of St. Paul's Church at Wallingford.

He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Bottsford, who remained but a short time. In 1824, Rev. Ashbel Baldwin<sup>3</sup> removed to Wallingford, where he officiated several years. He afterwards preached at Meriden, North Haven, and Oxford, until 1832, when he became disabled by age for any active duty. His voice was very clear and loud, and it seemed the louder, coming as it did from one who was considerably under size. He walked haltingly, in consequence of one leg being shorter than the other. He abounded in anecdotes, and he evidently had a great relish for them in the conversation of other

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1 Virgil Horace Barber was ordained by Bishop Jarvis in 1805, and was called to St. John's church, Waterbury, where he remained till 1814, when he was elected Principal of the Academy, and Rector of the church at Fairfield, N. Y. About 1817, he declared himself a Romanist. It was doubtless through his influence that his father, the Rev. Daniel Barber, about a year after made a similar avowal.

2 James Keeler was born at Norwich, April 20, 1787; studied under Rev. Dr. Bethel Judd; ordained Deacon by Bishop Hobart in 1818. In 1822, removed to Wallingford as Rector of St. Paul's church; was ordained Priest by Bishop Brownell, November 4, 1823. In 1828, became Rector of St. Andrew's church in Meriden. He died at Janesville, Iowa, June 26, 1833.

3 Ashbel Baldwin, son of Isaac Baldwin Esq., was born at Litchfield, March 7, 1757, and was graduated at Yale College in 1776. Soon after leaving college he received an appointment in the Continental army which he held for some time, and which proved of great importance to him in his latter years in securing to him a pension, when he had little, if any, other means of subsistence. He was married to Clarissa, eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Johnson of Guilford, and grand-niece of the Rev. Dr. Johnson of Stratford. He was ordained Deacon, August 3, and Priest, Sept. 18, 1785, by Bishop Seabury, and was immediately called to the Rectorship of St. Michael's church in his native place. In 1793, he became the Rector of Christ church, Stratford, and remained there until 1824. He died at Rochester, N. Y., in 1846, in the eighty-ninth year of his age.

people. His kind and affable manners and social habits rendered him a welcome guest at the tables of the more wealthy parishioners, and he had the power of accommodating himself with equal facility to those in the opposite extremes of society. Mr. Baldwin was long a member of the standing committee of the Diocese, was delegate to the General Convention, Secretary of the Diocesan Convention for many years, and several times Secretary of the General Convention. His uncommon self possession and promptness in giving expression to his opinions, gave him great advantage in a deliberative assembly, over many of his brethren who were not inferior to him in good judgment or in general ability. After Mr. Baldwin left, the pulpit was supplied for a time by the Rev. Mr. Lucas.

Since 1832, the following clergymen have assumed the Rectorship of St. Paul's in Wallingford :

WILLIAM CURTIS, 1832-1836. JOSEPH BREWSTER, 1850-1853.  
LEMUEL HULL, 1836-1839. CHAS. S. PUTNAM, 1853-1858.  
R. M. CHAPMAN, 1839-1840. JOHN TOWNSEND, 1858-1864.  
HILLARD BRYANT, 1841-1850. EDW'D M. GUSHEE, 1864-1870.

Four edifices have been erected for the Episcopal society in Wallingford. A rude structure, about the year 1741, in a northern district of the township; a second on the lot now held for a public school, in the north part of the borough; the third on nearly the present site. This was destroyed by fire, Oct. 27, 1867. It was valued at \$15,000, and insured for \$4,700. The corner stone of the fourth church was laid by Bishop Williams, May 26, 1868, and consecrated Sept. 2, 1869. The new church is built of Portland sandstone, and is finished with black walnut and southern pine. The entire length is 124 feet; the width 58 feet; the height 62

feet. The church will seat 700 persons. Its cost was about \$65,000.

The Episcopal Church in Meriden was originated about the year 1789. The following is the agreement by which the parish of St. Andrews was formed:<sup>1</sup>

“Meriden, April 13th, 1789.

“We whose names are underwritten do declare our conformity to the Church of England and are desirous of enjoying the worship and Sacraments of said Church, do consent and agree to support the same:

“REUBEN IVES, CLERK.

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| “DENISON ANDREWS, | JOHN B. DOUGLAS, |
| MOSES ANDREWS,    | EZRA BUTLER,     |
| ISAAC ATWATER,    | LEVI DOUGLAS,    |
| MARVEL ANDREWS,   | WATTS HUBBARD,   |
| SIMEON PERKINS,   | SETH D. WOLF,    |

“SOLOMON YALE.”<sup>2</sup>

For several years their assemblies for public worship convened at a private house in the western part of the town. December 28, 1789, it was voted “to keep up meeting this year,” and to hire Mr. Ives to preach. In 1792, Isaac Atwater, Seth Wolf, and Simeon Perkins, were appointed a committee for the purpose of erecting a church, but nothing further was done in the matter until 1795, when it was voted to erect a church at the

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<sup>1</sup> The original document was deposited in the corner stone of the church erected in 1836.

<sup>2</sup> On the back of this document was endorsed the following: “December, 13, A. D. 1793. Public money from Mr. Merriam, £0 15 3. Delivered to Mr. Perkins, out of which £0 3 11 was due to him. August 22, A. D. 1794. Sent to Mr. Ives by Mr. Butler, cash £0 15 0. Moses Andrews. January 28, A. D. 1790. Sent to Mr. Ives by Mr. Butler, cash £3 0 0. April 9, sent to Mr. Ives by the hand of Mr. Douglass, cash £1 2 0. May 30, Paid to Mr. Ives at his house, cash £1 2 8. February 18, A. D. 1796, paid to Mr. Ives, cash £0 12 0.

south-east corner of the green, provided the land can be obtained. The year previous it was voted to hire preaching six Sundays for the year ensuing. In 1803, Mr. Virgil Horace Barber was hired for six Sabbaths, and Nicholas Andrews was chosen to be a committee to agree with the Wallingford committee for his services. In 1806, it was voted to build a Church on the ground belonging to Joseph Merriam, and shortly after it was voted to build the Church within sixty rods of the meeting-house;<sup>1</sup> also that the house for the use of public worship be under the direction of the Episcopal society, but that the doors be opened to Baptists and Presbyterians when not occupied by the Episcopal society. A committee was appointed to petition the Assembly for a Lottery, to raise money for furnishing the Church, but the petition was not granted. April 22, 1811, it was voted "to hire Parson Ives to perform divine service and preach for us one sixth part of the year ensuing." Mr. Ives resided at Cheshire, but supplied the Church at Meriden until 1824. In 1821, the Meriden parish voted not to unite with the Wallingford parish that year.<sup>2</sup>

In 1816, October 18, during the pastorate of Mr. Ives, the first house of worship was consecrated<sup>3</sup> as St. Andrew's Church, by the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hobart,

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1 The Congregational.

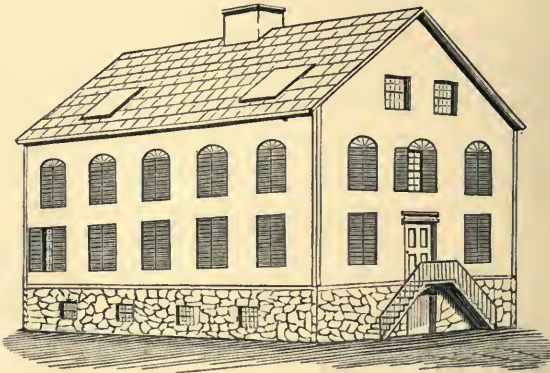
2 The following is the receipt of Mr. Ives, for his salary, for his last year's service at Meriden: "Received of the Parish of St. Andrews church in Meriden, for services from Easter 1823, to Easter 1824, one hundred and one dollars and fourteen cents, being in full for said year.

"Meriden 18 May, 1824.

REV. REUBEN IVES."

3 This building was forty-five feet long and thirty-six feet wide. The building has been converted into a dwelling house, and removed to Liberty near Broad street, where it now stands.

D. D., Bishop of New York,<sup>1</sup> who at the same time confirmed thirty-eight persons. In 1825, Rev. Ashbel Baldwin became Rector of the Church, on a salary of



FIRST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MERIDEN.

three hundred and three dollars. Since 1826, the following clergymen have had charge of the parish :

- 1826, NATHANIEL BRUCE ;
- 1828, JAMES KEELER ;
- 1832, ROBERT A. HALLAM ;<sup>2</sup>
- 1835, EDWARD INGERSOLL ;
- 1837, JOHN M. GUION ;<sup>3</sup>
- 1839, MELANCTHON HOYT.

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1 While the Diocese of Connecticut was for several years without a Bishop after the death of Dr. Jarvis in 1813, Bishop Hobart consented, in 1816, to extend his Episcopal jurisdiction to that See; and he held this provisional charge until 1819, when he was relieved by the consecration of Dr. Brownell.

2 Dr. Hallam was called to the Rectorship of St. James' church, New London, in 1834, and assumed the charge January 1, 1835. He is the eighth rector of that church.

3 Mr. Guion was graduated at Columbia college in 1826, and at the General Theological Seminary in 1829. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Hobart in 1829, and Priest the year following.

August 21, 1839, it was voted "that Edwin E. Curtis be authorized to supply the pulpit after the 1st of October, at which time the Rev. Mr. Hoyt's resignation takes effect."<sup>1</sup>

1840, S. STEBBINS STOCKING;

1841, CHARLES W. EVEREST;

1843, JOHN T. CUSHING;

1844, CYRUS MUNSON;

1848, JOSEPH BREWSTER.

June 8, 1848, the corner-stone was laid of the second house of worship. The church was consecrated February 6, 1850, by Bishop Brownell. This church was a pretty Gothic edifice, of brown stone. Its cost was about \$12,000. It was eighty feet long and forty-five wide.

1849, ABRAM NEWKIRK LITTLEJOHN;<sup>2</sup>

1851, GILES HENRY DESHON.

The increase of the population in the western and northern part of the town, and the necessity of providing additional accommodations for the parish, rendered it necessary to erect another and larger edifice near the

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1 Mr. Curtis was to see that the pulpit was supplied with some clergyman.

2 Dr. Littlejohn was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1824; was graduated at Union College in 1845, and was ordained Deacon, March 18, 1848, and Priest in November, 1850, soon after entering upon the rectorship of Christ church, Springfield, Mass. He remained in Meriden ten months. He was afterwards Rector of churches in New Haven, and Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1856, he received the degree of D. D., from the University of Pennsylvania, and soon after was elected to the Presidency of Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y. For ten years he was lecturer on Pastoral Theology at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown. Nov. 11, 1868, he was elected Bishop of Central New York, at the Episcopal Convention at Utica. He declined the appointment, and on the 19th of November was elected Bishop of Long Island, which he accepted.

Town Hall. The corner-stone was laid August 8, 1866, by the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. The second church was taken down, and the stone was used in building this third church. It was consecrated November 7, 1867.<sup>1</sup>

The ministers of the Church of England in Connecticut in 1740, numbered seven ; in 1755, eleven. Episcopal parishes in 1750, twenty-five ; houses of worship in 1750, twenty-four ; Episcopal parishes in 1800, sixty-two. Increase in the half century, thirty-seven. The increase was largest soon after Whitefield's first visit to New England, and just before the war of the Revolution. Mr. Goodrich,<sup>2</sup> in 1774, said, "The number of the Epis-

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1 At the laying of the corner stone, the procession composed of the choristers, twelve in number, the architect, builders, building committee, wardens and vestry, deacons, priests and the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D. D., the celebrant, marched from the Institute rooms in the Town Hall. On reaching the church, the procession opened, the Bishop and clergy passing through, repeating the CXXII Psalm. The Bishop then proceeded with the service. The Rector of the parish, Rev. G. H. Deshon, then read a list of documents placed in the stone, viz., all those originally in the corner stone of the old building, laid in 1848, together with a copy of the last will and testament of Moses Andrews Esq., (whose name and memory the church most warmly cherishes and reveres), a copy of the Journal of the Convention of the Diocese of Connecticut, for 1866, the *Connecticut Churchman*, The *Meriden Recorder*, and specimens of the fractional currency then in use in the United States. There were present besides the Bishop and Rector, Rev. Drs. Beardsley of New Haven, Goodwin of Middletown, Hallam of New London, The Rev. Messrs. Adams of Hazardville, Baldwin of New Britain, Chamberlain of Birmingham, Gushee of Wallingford, Huntington and Mallory of Trinity college, Mason of New Haven, Niles of Trinity College, Townsend of New Haven, Ward of Cheshire, and Witherton of Buffalo, N. Y., Priests ; and the Rev. Messrs. M'Cook of St John's Chapel, East Hartford, and March, assistant minister of Christ church, Hartford, Deacons Mr. Henry Dudley of New York was the architect, and the cost of the Church was about forty thousand dollars.

2 Minutes of Convention, for 1774, p. 62.



copalians are about one in thirteen of the whole number of inhabitants; and probably there would be no great difference from the proportion were the account of all the towns come in." The church in this colony had a long and feeble minority, forming as she did, part of the Diocese of the Bishop of London, and being of course far removed from all immediate Episcopal inspection, and having no means of keeping up her ministry, except as she received fresh supplies from England, or sent her own sons thither for ordination. The early clergy struggled hard to establish the foundations of the church in the colony, and to overcome those prejudices with which they were compelled to contend.<sup>1</sup>

It has already been said, that from almost the first settlement of the colony, there had existed in it an established religion which belonged to the government, and was as firmly upheld by it as any branch of the civil machinery. Says a writer, "Intolerant principles were so deeply implanted in the inhabitants of New England, that all efforts to eradicate them at this period proved ineffectual."<sup>2</sup> In the elegant and forcible language of one of Connecticut's historians, "It is impossible that the opinions of any one generation should be locked up in a vault strong enough to keep them from age to age in their primitive condition. Dampness will gather around

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1 In 1705, a youth among the Friends wished to espouse a fair Puritan maiden, but the Quakers disapproved his marrying out of their society, and the Congregationalists his marrying into theirs; so in despair he thus addressed her: "Ruth, let us break from this unreasonable bondage. I will give up my religion, and thou shalt give up thine; and we will marry and go into the church of England, and go to the devil together." "And they fulfilled their resolution," the Puritan historian says, "*so far* as going into the church, and marrying, and staying there for life."

2 Hannah Adams' New England, p. 117.

them and steal away their vitality, violence will break open the doors that imprison them, and set them free, or their deliverance will be left to the more slow but equally rude action of the rains and frosts, which will soften and crack asunder the mortar and stones, until, if the key does not drop from the arch, there will be found many seams and crevices in the walls for the entrance of the winds. So it has been in the old world and so was it in the new."<sup>1</sup> Since the year 1713, when Episcopacy was first introduced into Connecticut, we have seen it grow to number in this state one hundred and thirty-four parishes, one hundred and forty-nine clergy, fifteen thousand nine hundred and thirty-four communicants, and with an annual contribution for Missionary, Church and other purposes, of over two hundred and nineteen thousand dollars. It may be interesting to mention here, that the annual stipend allowed the Episcopal clergy in the colony of Connecticut, was usually from £40 to £50 sterling; and unless the people provided a suitable parsonage and glebe, and contributed an equal amount yearly toward his maintenance, the clerical office was hardly surrounded in any place by a dignity and decency sufficient to command respect. Few of the Missionaries had any private means, and though they lived frugally, in conformity with the habits of the times, they were obliged occasionally to state their wants and the disadvantages of an inadequate support.<sup>2</sup>

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1 Hollister, II. 540.

2 The Mission of St. John the Evangelist, at Yalesville, belongs to the parish of Wallingford.



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## CHAPTER XII.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN WALLINGFORD AND MERIDEN.

THE first Baptist church organized in the colony was planted in Groton in 1705. The second was organized in Waterford (then part of New London) in 1710. The third was organized in Wallingford in 1735, consisting of about ten families, with Timothy Waters as pastor. The history of the earlier Baptist churches in Connecticut are especially interesting, because they grew up at a time when there was a legalized union of church and state. For a series of years they stood as visible exponents of divine doctrines and principles. We are to view the organization of the Baptist church in Wallingford with its thirteen members, not as we should now view the formation of a society, or voluntary association, in similar circumstances, simply as the frothy effervescence arising from the spirit of the age, but rather as a noteworthy illustration of heroic faith. Society-making had not then become, as now, a prevalent epidemic. These Baptist pioneers did not float along in the current of general opinion, but studied the Bible themselves. They organized a church because they thought there was no such local organization as the New Testament describes, composed exclusively of baptized believers, existing there, and because they devoutly sought a religion which wore every discernable mark of Apostolic genuineness.

The political ecclesiasticism which was established by law throughout the State, was enforced by fines, by extortion, by imprisonment, and by branding. The following laws stood on the old Colony Law Book :

“Nor shall any persons neglect the public worship of God in some *lawful* Congregation, and form themselves into separate companies in private houses, on penalty of ten shillings for every such offence each person shall be guilty of.”<sup>1</sup>

In 1723, a law was passed making the penalty of the above offence against a *lawful* congregation, twenty shillings. “Whatsoever person not being a *lawfully allowed* minister of the gospel,” administered the sacrament to his flock, was fined ten pounds for every such offence and suffered besides “corporeal punishment by whipping, not exceeding thirty stripes for each offence.” Many clergymen and members of the Baptist church were imprisoned for exhorting non-payment of assessments, and preaching the doctrines of the Bible as held by Baptists. In February, 1744, at Saybrook, fourteen persons were arrested for holding a Baptist meeting. The charge brought against them was, “holding a meeting contrary to law, on God’s holy Sabbath day.” They were arraigned, tried, fined and driven on foot through a deep mud to New London, a distance of twenty-five miles, and thrust into prison, without fire, food, or beds, where they remained enduring dreadful sufferings for several weeks. It was once so unpopular in Wallingford to be a Baptist, that when certain men were baptized, their wives felt that they had lost caste in society, and yielded to tears to assuage their sorrow for their fallen husbands.

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1 Acts and Laws, p. 139.

The Baptist church in Wallingford had been organized but a short time when Rev. John Merriman was ordained their pastor.<sup>1</sup> By the advice of Governor Talcott, the Wallingford society had not required any taxes from them for a number of years. In the "great awakening" they were aroused to a concern for the great interests of their souls; and their pastor in behalf of himself and people, had invited some of the neighboring ministers of the established church to preach for them; observing that as to the internals of religion they could heartily join with them, though not in the mode.

In December, 1741, Rev. Philemon Robbins,<sup>2</sup> a "New Light" minister of the Congregational church in Branford, received a letter from the pastor of the Baptist church in Wallingford, informing him that Dr. Bellamy had preached to their society to mutual satisfaction, and desiring that he would do the same. He was pleased to accept the invitation, and appointed a meeting for the purpose, January 6, 1742. But two days before the time specified, a deacon from Wallingford brought him a

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1 Mr. Merriman was subsequently pastor of the Baptist church in Southington. The following record is taken from his tombstone in a small burying ground in the western part of the town. "The Rev. John Merriman died on Feb. 17, 1784, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. He was a Calvinistic Antipedo Baptist minister.

Here lies the body death has bound,  
Whose soul with ministerial gifts was crown'd,  
His life his Master's doctrine did adorn,  
And waits his last reward till the auspicious morn."

Another stone bears this inscription: "In memory of Mrs. Jemima, wife of ye Rev Mr. John Merriman. She died Oct. 11, 1764, in ye 64th year of her age."

2 Philemon Robbins was the son of Nathaniel Robbins, and grandson of Nathaniel Robbins who emigrated from Scotland to Massachusetts in 1670. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1729, and was ordained at Branford, Feb 17, 1731. He died August 13, 1781.

letter signed by forty-two men of the town, desiring him not to preach to the Baptists, without assigning any reason for the request but their own wishes. The messenger who conveyed him this letter, also presented him with a line from the Rev. Mr. Stiles, of North Haven, and Mr. Hemmingway, of East Haven, advising him not to preach in the Baptist meeting-house in Wallingford. Mr. Robbins could see no reason why these gentlemen should desire that he should not preach to the Baptists. It appeared to him rather unkind, and contrary to a christian spirit, to prevent their having preaching, when they thirsted for the word of life, and there was a more than common prospect of doing good. He had given his word, and appointed the day, and though he had some hesitation with respect to it at first, after he had received the letter from Wallingford, he determined to go according to his engagement, and preached two sermons. For this he was complained of to the consociation of Congregational Churches of New Haven county, February 9, ensuing, as a disorderly person, as follows :

“I, the subscriber, do signify, by way of complaint to this reverend consociation, that on the 6th day of January last past, the Rev. Philemon Robins did enter into the first society in Wallingford and preach in a disorderly manner, in contempt of the authority of this consociation, without the consent of the Rev. Mr. Whittlesey, pastor of said society, contrary to the act of the Guilford council, contrary to the act of this consociation, and contrary to the desire of two neighboring ministers, and a great number of church members in Wallingford.

THOMAS YALE.”

Mr. Robbins replied, that Governor Talcott had advised the Wallingford collectors not to distrain ministerial taxes from them ; and that the public authority of the



State sent them their annual proclamations for Fasts and Thanksgivings, as to other societies. Besides he had not entered Mr. Whittelsey's parish, but had preached to a people entirely different from his. With respect to his preaching, contrary to the advice of two neighboring ministers, and a great number of church members, he observed, that he knew no rule in the word of God, or the Saybrook platform, which obliged him to comply with their desire in his preaching, nor could he see any reason in such desire. He observed that there was nothing in the complaint accusing him of the violation of any of the divine commands, or of doing anything contrary to the word of God. The consociation, nevertheless, resolved :

“That the Rev. Mr. Robbins so preaching was disorderly : That Mr. Robbins should not sit as a member of this council for his disorderly preaching.”

Mr. Robbins, upon the reading of the resolutions of the council, returned home, expecting no more complaints or trouble, and he was sustained in his course by his own church. Very unexpectedly to him, a complaint was exhibited against him, to the association which sat at Cheshire, in May, 1743. Mr. Robbins accidentally heard of it, soon after, but he could not learn who were the complainants, nor what number of them there were, nor what were the articles of complaint. The next association which met at North Haven, again took the matter into consideration, and drew up the following confession, which they presented to him :

“Whereas I, Philemon Robbins, was condemned by the consociation of New Haven county, for disorderly preaching, in the first society in Wallingford ; I do now acknowledge that my preaching there was disorderly ; and I purpose to

preach disorderly no more, and desire the reverend association of New Haven county to overlook it ; I purposing and resolving, if opportunity favor, to go to said consociation, and acknowledge the said disorderly preaching before them, in order to be restored to their favor.”

As he could not acknowledge that his preaching to the Baptists was contrary to the word of God, or the Saybrook platform, and as he did not believe in his conscience that it was disorderly, he refused to subscribe to the confession. He offered a confession of his own, but the association would not accept it. But as the people were uneasy that he was not on good terms with the association, and as a good understanding with his brethren in the vicinity was desirable, he went to the association the next year in May, while it was sitting in North Branford, and offered three confessions to the association. The first was in these words :

“I the subscriber do acknowledge that I preached at Wallingford, within the bounds of the first society, and without the consent of the Rev. Mr. Whittelsey, pastor of the first society, on January 6th, 1741-2, and now do acknowledge, that my preaching there was a breach of the order that the ecclesiastical authority of New Haven county have come into, by an agreement and vote, A. D., 1741, and so disorderly preaching in that respect, as it was contrary to said vote. And now I declare that it is my full purpose, at present, not to preach contrary to said vote of said authority ecclesiastical, for time to come, nor contrary to the act of the general assembly in May, 1742. And further, I humbly ask that the association of New Haven county would overlook what is past, and receive me to sit with them, &c. as formerly, and recommend me to be received by the consociation, upon my making this acknowledgment before them, which I stand ready to do when opportunity presents.

“PHILEMON ROBBINS.”

It was a long time debated in council, whether this confession should be received or not. Some were for it; but finally a majority appeared against it, and it was rejected. He offered them a second, but that did not satisfy them. He told them he had a third to offer, if they would hear it. They refused; but one of the association wished to have it, and promised to return it to him again, and there was no doubt but that the association heard it. It was as follows:

“I the subscriber do humbly acknowledge that I preached at Wallingford, within the bounds of the first society, to the people called the baptists, January 6th, A. D. 1741-2, for which the reverend consociation have secluded me from the privilege of sitting with them, and people at home and abroad have been uneasy: I do therefore declare, that, though if I was instrumental of any spiritual good to any souls there, I must so far rejoice; yet upon every other account, I am sorry that I went; and desire the association and consociation of said county to overlook it, and receive me to sit with them, &c., as formerly.

“PHILEMON ROBBINS.”

Finding that nothing which he could conscientiously say would satisfy the association, he went home, hoping that what he had said might give satisfaction to his own people, though it had not to the association. Another complaint was privately drawn up and presented to the association sitting at Amity, May 29, 1745, and a paper was drawn up, signed by fifteen members of the first society of Branford, requesting the consociation to take into consideration the difficulties and grievances they were laboring under. At a meeting of the association held at Waterbury, September, 1745, Mr. Robbins offered another confession, stating that he could not after more than three years study, medi-

tation and prayer, be convinced in conscience that his so preaching was contrary to the holy scriptures, or the mind of God. The confession concluded as follows:

“And now, gentlemen, I humbly beg forgiveness: let my ignorance of its being a crime apologize for me, that I may be restored. And I would humbly offer one motive to engage your compassion, viz. a prospect of peace among my people, who have been uneasy, for I think that in other respects, they are friendly and kind; but this case has been an uneasiness with them, and a principal uneasiness, if I may judge by their complaints, or what I hear from their own mouths. And therefore, gentlemen, as you are professed lovers of peace, you will undoubtedly promote it, by restoring your unworthy servant.”

The association would not accept this confession, nor give it so much as a second reading. After some further prosecution of the affair, the consociation proceeded to depose him from the ministry and the communion of their church. The record is as follows:

“This Consociation do now and upon the whole judge and determine the said Robins unworthy the ministerial character and Christian communion; and accordingly do, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the word of God, and the powers invested in this Consociation by the ecclesiastical constitution of the government, depose the said Robins from his ministerial office, and ministerial and pastoral relation, to the first church in said Branford, and debar and suspend him from communion in any of the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This occurred in 1747. Subsequently a petition was preferred before the General Court, that they would eject Mr. Robbins from his meeting-house, that a regular minister might be settled in his place. It should be observed

that his church had previously voted to renounce the jurisdiction of the consociation. The Sabbath after he was deposed, Mr. Robbins preached from 1 Cor. 9: 16; "For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." Some of the people went to meeting with hesitation whether he would attempt to preach, or if he should, whether they should stay and hear him or not; but he made such an extraordinary prayer as arrested all their attention and deeply impressed their minds. They judged that such a prayer had never been made in that house. They all tarried to hear what he would preach. And here again he gained their attention and entered deeply into their feelings. They imagined that his discourses were not less extraordinary than his prayer. He continued preaching, and performed all ministerial duties as he had done before, and the people attended his ministrations. The society advanced his salary and encouraged him by public acts of generosity. In the year 1755, about seven years after, he was invited to sit with the consociation at the ordination of Mr. Street, at East Haven, and no objections were made on account of any thing which had passed in the times of his trouble. He attended the consociations until the time of his death, in 1781. Yet his church sent no messenger with him.<sup>1</sup>

There is no evidence that this First Church in Wallingford continued in existence after the year 1750. But

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<sup>1</sup> A History of New England, with particular reference to the denomination of Christians called Baptists, by Isaac Bachus, Boston, 1779-84, 11. 631. Trumbull's Hist. of Conn., 11. 196-233. A plain Narrative of the proceedings of the Rev. Association and Consociation of New Haven county, against the Rev. Mr. Robbins, of Branford, since the year 1741, and the doings of his church and people. 1743. Sprague's Annals, 1,367.

no doubt it exerted much influence toward the formation of another church in the town, nearly fifty years later. The immediate cause of the organization of the church whose history is now to be sketched, may probably be found in the occasional labors of certain Baptist ministers attached to other churches in the State. Among these, the influence of Rev. Solomon Wheat is most apparent from the records. The first conversions to Baptist principles among those who afterwards constituted the church, appear to have occurred under his preaching. And the first two candidates baptized repaired to Glastenbury, his place of residence, for the ordinance. August 23, 1786, seven males and five females met at the house where Charles Ives now lives, and "by mutual agreement spent the day in fasting and solemn prayer to Almighty God to succeed and bless their endeavour to build him an house, and that He would form them into a gospel church." The pledge, "We therefore agree to unite to make the following covenant with God and with one another," &c., was signed by

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| ISAAC HALL,        | SAMUEL MIX,     |
| CHARLES IVES,      | LEAH PECK,      |
| EPHRAIM HOUGH,     | SARAH IVES,     |
| ZENA BROCKETT,     | MARY HULL,      |
| ASEPH MITCHELL,    | JERUSHA MATOON, |
| CHARLES IVES, Jr., | ESTHER MATOON,  |
| ISAAC HALL, Clerk. |                 |

On the 7th of October, following, the church was publicly recognized, after due examination of their articles of faith and church order; the Rev. Solomon Wheat of Glastenbury, and a delegation from the church over which he presided, giving the right hand

of fellowship. The form of covenant adopted by them is very full and explicit, and expressed in language of great strength and solemnity. It should be remarked that the church was formed, their worship held, and their first house of worship erected within the present town of Meriden. No records remain of their action as a society, and hence information is wanting on some points, in which it would be desirable. Their church records however, are measurably full, and afford many hints of their general condition. They seem to have been without a house of worship for many years, and hence must have held their meetings in private dwellings, school-houses, etc. For several years they were generally held in the south-eastern part of the town of Meriden, at the residence of one of their members.

In the year 1801, fifteen years from their organization, a dwelling-house was purchased and located near the division line of both towns, but within the limits of Meriden, and refitted as a house of worship. As may be supposed, it was of moderate size, and devoid of all ornament. Yet it served about fifteen years as a shelter and rallying point for Baptists, who gathered from Meriden, Wallingford, Cheshire, Hamden, North Haven, Westfield and Berlin. And unpretending as the building was, yet the language of the admiring Israelite concerning Zion, might be accommodated to the works of saving mercy wrought within it. "The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people that this and that man was born there." To many it proved "the house of God and the gate of Heaven." This building was called the "Temple," and was situated just north of the residence formerly occupied by Ivah Curtis. It was

about thirty-five feet long and twenty-five feet wide. And now that it has passed the second time to the uses of a private dwelling, it is still associated in the memories of some with tried and faithful friends and brethren, whose voices, long since stilled in death, they were there wont to hear, as they sang the praises of God, and spoke his word with power.

It is somewhat remarkable that this church remained without the regular service of an ordained minister for even a longer period than they lacked a house of worship. It was not until May 20th, 1806, that their first pastor was ordained, making in all twenty years from the date of their organization. Yet, it should not be inferred from this that they were wholly destitute of the preaching of the gospel, and the administration of the ordinances of Christ. Doubtless they were enjoyed by them at stated seasons, in days of the greatest destitution. And there appears from their records no cause for doubt that the worship and order of a church were regularly maintained by them, from the time of their existence as a church. And they appear to have had more ministerial service than most churches which are destitute of pastoral care. Their first pastor seems to have conducted their worship and supplied their pulpit, much, if not most of the time, for several years previous to his ordination; and he probably by exchanges secured the services of ordained ministers for the regular administration of the ordinances. But during their comparative, and even their greatest destitution, we have cause to regard them as on the whole a prosperous church.

It appears from this record that their discipline was eminently Scriptural and laborious. No complaint was



tolerated against a member until the aggrieved or complaining member had taken the first and second steps of labor prescribed in the 18th chapter of Matthew. And then the complaint must assume the form of a written allegation. Then they seem to have been prepared to bestow upon it any amount of time and labor which justice to the parties and the interests of religion might demand. And we have evidence also, that they practically recognized the right of the church to the gifts of its members, to a degree by no means common among us at the present day. Brethren of tried character and ability were regularly appointed by a vote of the church to conduct their religious services in the absence of ministerial aid. And the memory of many of these members is still fragrant, as characterised by eminent purity and devotion of life, and by the habit of frequent and powerful exhortation from the Word of God. And it may be doubted whether in any recent period it has been favored with as many able Christian exhorters as it had at the beginning of the present century. Moreover, in view of the disadvantages under which they labored for many years, from the want of a house of worship and of needful pastoral service, and added to this, the strong prejudices and civil disabilities with which they were called to contend, we may regard them as prosperous in the point of numbers.

In 1791, this church dismissed thirteen males and eleven females to form another church in the south part of the town. They were soon recognized as the "Second Baptist church in Wallingford," by delegates from the First and Second Baptist churches in Danbury. Their house of worship was known as the "Separate Meeting House," and was located about a mile south of

the present village. Their "Articles of Faith" were very full and decidedly Calvinistic. In doctrine they were in sympathy with the "Separates," who had left the churches of the standing order after the adoption of the "Saybrook Platform," and the "Halfway Covenant."

It is impossible to trace the history of this second church from the records of the first, as we meet with no more than a single recognition of them afterwards. This church had no pastor until the year 1800, when Seth Higby was called to the pastorate. He continued his labors with them until his death in 1804. After this the church had no settled pastor, but was supplied much of the time by ministers from neighboring towns. Elders Lester and Green frequently visited them. In 1793, seven years from the formation of the first church, it had numbered in all sixty-four members. This rate of increase is probably greater than that generally realized by the Baptist churches during the last twenty years.

In 1803, they dismissed twenty-nine of their number to form a church in Waterbury. Among the members of the 2d Baptist Church in Wallingford, who formed the first Baptist church in Waterbury, were Zenas Brockett, David Frost, and Isaac Terrell. For several years it was their custom, and the custom of those afterwards associated with them, to visit the church of their adoption at least once every month, and this journey, a distance of twelve miles, they usually performed on foot. By these brethren, meetings were established and conducted in the town of Waterbury; and Nov. 10, 1803, a church was organized of those previously connected with the Second Baptist Church in Wallingford. Preëminent in this movement were the brethren whose names

are above recorded; men who deserve a cherished and honored memory as leaders of the infant church, and as Christians of tried integrity of character and purity of life.

In 1804, a church was formed in Westfield parish, Middletown, by members dismissed for that purpose from the Second Baptist Church of Wallingford. That church maintained its existence nearly fifty years, and saw days of peace and usefulness. More recently, it experienced heavy trials, resulting in the reduction of its membership. Reduced still farther by the removal of members to other places, it finally disbanded. Yet it lived not in vain. It has given back to the church from which it originated a number of valued members, and to other and remoter churches it has made its contributions of active laborers in the cause of Christ.

In 1811 the second society in Wallingford disbanded, and a part of their number united with the labors of Joshua Bradley, who was living in Wallingford. Mr. Bradley came from Rhode Island in 1809, and being a thoroughly educated man, commenced teaching and preaching in the village of Wallingford. Soon an academy was built for him, and he preached a part of the time in that. There was no organized Baptist church in the center, while he labored in the town. But there was a (Baptist) congregation of that order, and they met for worship a part of the time in what was known as the "Wells House." A Mr. Wells held Calvinistic sentiments, and with many others separated from the old Congregational church, and erected a new house of worship which was located where the Episcopal church now stands. The Baptists worshiped in it until their present house of worship was erected in 1822.

There are many now living who testify to Mr. Bradley's faithful and incessant labors during a period of seven or eight years, while he taught in the Academy and preached on the Sabbath. He did not escape the persecution of those days. On one occasion he was forcibly taken from the school-room by an officer of the law, and hurried away to New Haven and confined in jail. His friends immediately bailed him out. When he was preaching in New Haven, about the time of the constitution of the First Baptist church in that city, he was tried before the Superior Court. In the language of the indictment, he was charged with "drawing away from their respective Pastors and Ecclesiastical Societies, to which they belonged, many of the citizens." But in every trial his enemies were confounded; and the opposition to him resulted in the furtherance of the gospel.

At this time there was no Baptist church in Wallingford. What was the First church in the north part of the town, was still in existence, but the house of worship was in Meriden. In 1806, when Meriden was incorporated as a town, a part of the township was set off from Wallingford, as has been before stated. The line of division between the two towns was run a little south of the Old "Temple." After this the church was called the "Baptist church in Meriden." The house of worship stood about three miles from Meriden center, and about four from the center of Wallingford. It was found at length to be unfavorable with respect to the centers of the population around them. Hence, after long, perhaps too long delay, it was resolved to rear the banner which had been given them to be displayed because of the truth, in the center of Meriden. This appears to have been done also, with the view to a

separate organization for the center of Wallingford. Accordingly in 1815, measures were taken for the erection of a house of worship in the village of Meriden. This appears to have been done mainly at the expense of that part of the members who resided in Meriden, and who would naturally attend at the new place of worship. The building was probably erected the same year; and although left unfinished in the interior, was applied to the uses for which it was designated. Whether the members in Wallingford united with them in worship for a time, or maintained a separate meeting at the old place or in Wallingford village, does not appear from the records. When the brethren in Meriden erected a new house of worship, the members living in Wallingford then began to think of forming a separate church of their own. Accordingly, as the record reads,

“The Baptist Church in Meriden being fully persuaded that it would be for the advancement of Zion, to constitute a Baptist Church in Wallingford out of their number, voted to call a council for that purpose.”

At the call of the Meriden church, a council was convened May 15, 1817, and the present Baptist church of Wallingford was then constituted, consisting of thirty-four members. In 1821, when the Hartford Association met in Sandisfield, Mass., the church reported eighty members. Their first pastor was Rev. Samuel Miller. Henceforth, the paths of the two bodies diverge, or rather run distinct, though parallel. Let us follow the history of the church in Meriden.

Greatly weakened by the loss of one-half or more of its members, the progress of the church was not rapid, if indeed it has ever been so, in point of enlargement. Two other churches preceded it in the village, in the

order of time, and one of them which had existed from the year 1725, more than fifty years before the existence of the Baptist church had gathered around it the mass of the population. The small meeting-house, for two or three years naked in the interior, and the small number of attendants, presented a painful contrast with the numbers and circumstances of their brethren adjoining them. Many pronounced the attempt a failure at the beginning; and probably for sometime afterwards had little apprehension of proving false prophets. Years of toil, and apparently of unrequited toil, awaited the brethren. Yet amid periods of comparative weakness and barrenness there were seasons of limited success, and of brightening prospects. A revision of the roll of members, reported October 3, 1819, showed the whole number of members to be seventy-three.

But the year 1820 appears to have been one of increase, both in point of numbers and of strength, and hence of reviving hope and courage. About twenty persons were added to their number by baptism. Some valuable additions were made to the church in succeeding years; but no general revival followed until the year 1829. In the autumn of this year a more extensive revival of religion commenced, than the church had before witnessed since its organization. A revision of the records which took place a few years afterwards, involving the destruction or loss of the former roll of membership, has rendered it impossible to determine the number added to the church during that revival. It is believed however, that about twenty were received. While the work was rising and spreading rapidly, the pastor of the church was suddenly removed to his account. The short interval of four days only, occurred

between vigorous health and active labor, and his death. Four days later the wife of the pastor was removed by death. Five days more, and one of the deacons of the church, who, for nearly twenty years had proved himself a firm friend and advocate of the church, lay prostrate in death.

Rev. William Bentley was secured for the temporary supply of the pulpit, and under his preaching, an impulse was given to the church which it has probably never wholly lost. Father Bentley was naturally possessed of considerable mental energy, and especially great intensity of feeling, and vividness of imagination. His language was often awkward and blundering; but the moment his mind began to glow, it became simple and touching, and often quite eloquent.<sup>1</sup> In June, 1830, Rev. Russell Jennings assumed the pastoral charge. During this year, the house of worship was removed, and received an addition to its length, together with a spire, and a basement room used as a vestry. Mr. Jennings remained until November, 1832, a period of two years and five months. In September ensuing, 1833, Rev. Nathaniel Hervey became pastor of the church, and continued in that relation about one year. April 1, 1835, Rev. George B. Atwell was called to the pastoral charge, and retained it two years. In May

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Wm. Bentley was born at Newport, R. I., March 3, 1775. At the age of fifteen, he was sent to Boston to learn a trade of a baker; was baptized May, 1791. At the end of his apprenticeship he commenced business as a baker in Boston. He was first licensed to preach in 1806, and was first settled at Tiverton, R. I. From thence he removed to Worcester, Mass., where he preached three years with a salary of one hundred dollars per annum. In 1815, he removed to Wethersfield, Conn., where he remained six years; after which he sustained no pastoral charge, but preached in various parts of the State. He died December 24, 1855, aged eighty years.

ensuing, 1837, Rev. Leland Howard succeeded him, and served until June, 1838.

In August, 1838, Rev. Harvey Miller entered upon the services of the church, which he served in all fidelity until called to his rest and reward on high, upon which he entered August 27, 1856, having served the church as pastor eighteen years.<sup>1</sup> He was a genial and loving friend, with rare conversational powers, and a favorite with all. As a preacher, his sermons were full of rich thought and evangelical truth, and his delivery was rapid, animated and energetic.<sup>2</sup>

In 1848, the society increasing with the growth of the town, erected for themselves a large and beautiful church, not far from the site of the former one. The cost of the new house, completed and furnished, together with the land and the lecture-room, was \$9,500. Its dimensions are seventy-six feet long and fifty-three feet wide.<sup>3</sup>

April 1, 1857, Rev. D. Henry Miller entered upon

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1 Church Manual, 1861.

2 Rev. Harvey Miller was born in Wallingford, April, 3, 1814. His father, Rev. Samuel Miller, preached in this town twenty-three years. On his seventeenth birth-day, 1831, he was baptized by Rev. Simon Shailer, and two months after united with the church. He preached his first sermon in the North Farms' school-house, Sabbath evening, June 5, 1831, from John III: 14. After preaching in various places for nearly a year, he entered upon a course of study at Hamilton Theological Institute in 1832. His health failing him he left the Institution in June, 1836, and went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was ordained November 23, 1836. After preaching there two years he came to Meriden, where he was married to Mrs. Sarah R. Ives, May 21, 1839. His pastorate in Meriden extended through eighteen years. He preached his last sermon in this church, August 17, and died on the 27th, 1856, aged 42 years.

3 In 1869, an addition was built on the west end of the church, to contain an organ, which was presented by Edward Miller, Esq.



the duties of the pastorate, at the unanimous call of the church. A work of grace soon blessed his labors, and ninety-three persons were received in the ordinance of baptism, and forty-nine by letter and experience, during the first two years of his ministry. The membership at this time was 474.

During his pastorate the Second Baptist church in West Meriden was organized, June 4, 1861, by members dismissed from the First Baptist church. A lot for a church edifice was secured at a cost of \$400. A chapel was built at a cost of \$1,700, in which the society worshiped until their church was built. This church is built of brick, with brown stone trimmings, after the modern Gothic style of architecture. Its dimensions are eighty-two by forty-two feet, with transepts seventy-two feet wide extending twenty-five feet on one side, and thirty-three on the other, making the entire width of the church across the transept to be one hundred feet.

Mr. Miller closed his connection with the church, and entered the service of his country as chaplain in the 15th regiment.<sup>1</sup> He was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Mason, who remained here about one year. Rev. Henry A. Cordo was settled over the society in 1864, and remained until September, 1866. He was followed by Rev. Otis Saxton, who supplied the pulpit until Septem-

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. D. Henry Miller was the eighth son of James and Mary A. Miller, of Charlestown, Mass. His mother was a daughter of one of the heroes of Bunker Hill. Mr. Miller was born in Jersey City, Oct. 31, 1825; was graduated in 1845; took degree of A. M. in 1849 from Madison University. He was ordained at North Stonington, Conn., Nov. 17, 1847. In 1866 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the University of Lewisburg, Penn. Became pastor at Meriden April 1, 1857, where he served successfully, and left the church to enter the service of his country during the rebellion. In 1868, he was called to the Broad St. Baptist church of Elizabeth, N. J.

ber, 1867, when he left for Valparaiso, Wisconsin. June 7, 1868, Rev. Almond Barelle<sup>1</sup> was installed as pastor of the church.

We will now return to the Wallingford church. When the Rev. Samuel Miller was dismissed to join the church in Meriden, his associate, Rev. Sedgwick Rice, in connection with Rev. Mr. Wilson, who preached a part of the time, had the oversight of the church until 1825, when Rev. Seth Ewer was called to the pastorate. He continued his labors until July, 1827. From that time to 1831, the church was successively supplied by Elders Glazier, Kimball and Knowlton. In 1831, Simon Shailer was called to the pastorate. Under his ministry a good number were added to the church. Early in 1837 he was succeeded by Francis Hawley, who, in 1841 was succeeded by Mr. Batcheler. In 1843 Mr. Batcheler adopted "Millerite views," and thus created division in the church, which resulted in the exclusion of many from its fellowship. In 1844 A. E. Denison was called to take the pastoral charge of the church. When he commenced his labors, the church was in a low state; but with his judicious efforts there was soon a good degree of union and prosperity in the church. In 1847 they remodeled their house of worship, and added the front part and steeple at a cost of nearly \$3,000. In 1850 Charles Keyser became pastor of the church, and was succeeded in 1853 by S. B. Grant. In 1855 Rev. R. J. Adams was called, and during his pastorate the

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Barelle was graduated at Madison University, and was a student at the Rochester Theological Seminary. He was first located at Central City, Colorado, where he remained three years. His next pastorate was in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained two years. Sept. 24th, 1864, he married Miss Julia E. Merchant at Central City, Colorado.

church enjoyed two revivals, and seventy-one were added to the membership. January 19, 1870, Mr. Adams was installed as pastor of the Baptist church in Holyoke, Mass., and was succeeded by the Rev. A. C. Bronson in 1870. The church has suffered greatly from a frequent change of pastors. During the fifty-two years of its existence it has had no less than fifteen. The longest terms of office were held by Messrs. Shailer and Denison; the one five years, and the other seven years.

It is worthy of notice, that at the call of this church, a convention of delegates from nine churches met in the academy at Wallingford, Sept. 15, 1825, and formed the New Haven Baptist Association. Since 1826, there have been added to the church by baptism, three hundred and ninety-three; by letter, ninety-five. As nearly as can be estimated, there have been connected with the church since its formation over six hundred members.<sup>1</sup>

The doctrinal views of the Baptist churches are like those of the early Puritans, and their church organization is strictly congregational, holding that none are proper subjects of Christian ordinances, but professed believers, and thus of course excluding unconscious babes from the ordinance of baptism. Their church government is essentially democratic. As a denomination, it is believed they have ever in all countries, and at all times, been opposed to the interference of the civil authority in matters of conscience; believing as Roger Williams has said, in that great cardinal principle, the full enjoyment of "soul liberty." It is worthy of special note, that the Rev. Asahel Morse, then pastor of the first Baptist church in Suffield, was one of the

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<sup>1</sup> Minutes of N. H. Bapt. Ass., 1859.

delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1818, and that the article in the constitution, on religious liberty, is from his pen.<sup>1</sup>

The following is a list of the regular pastors who have been settled over the church in Meriden :

|                   |       |                       |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| DANIEL WILDMAN,   | 1789, | Served one year.      |
| NATHANIEL NORTON, | 1791, | “ “ “                 |
| SAMUEL MILLER,    | 1806, | “ twenty-three years. |
| RUSSELL JENNINGS, | 1830, | “ two years.          |
| NATHANIEL HERVEY, | 1833, | “ one year.           |
| GEORGE B. ATWELL, | 1835, | “ two years.          |
| LELAND HOWARD,    | 1837, | “ one year.           |
| HARVEY MILLER,    | 1838, | “ eighteen years.     |
| D. HENRY MILLER,  | 1857. |                       |
| H. G. MASON.      |       |                       |
| HENRY A. CORDO,   | 1864, | “ two years.          |
| ALMOND BARELLE,   | 1868. |                       |

During the vacancies in the pastoral office at different times, the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. S. Wheat, and Elders S. Higby, Parsons, Graves and Beach, and Rev. Messrs. William Bentley, Otis Saxon, and other clergymen. The following have served the church as deacons :

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| EPHRAIM HOUGH, 1788.   | CHARLES IVES, 1788.          |
| JESSE DICKERMAN, 1789. | JEDUTHAN HIGBY, 1792.        |
| JOHN HALL, 1800.       | AMBROSE HOUGH, 1802.         |
| SEDGWICK RICE, 1814.   | ASA BUTLER, 1814.            |
| OTHNIEL IVES, 1816.    | RANSOM IVES, 1816.           |
| GERSHOM BIRDSEY, 1830. | JOHN HALL, re-elected, 1830. |
| AUGUSTUS HALL, 1830.   | NATHAN F. GOODRICH, 1830.    |
| SAMUEL I. HART, 1851.  | HORACE PRATT, 1851.          |
| LYMAN CLARK, 1853.     | RUSSEL B. PERKINS, 1853.     |
| ALANSON BIRDSEY, 1860. |                              |

<sup>1</sup> Hollister, II. 561.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## SETTLEMENT OF MESSRS. NOYES AND GILBERT.

IN 1785 Dr. Dana's health had become so much enfeebled that he found himself inadequate to discharge all his duties; and by request, the church and society with great unanimity chose Mr. James Noyes to be his colleague. Mr. Noyes belonged to a line of ministers which at the time of his death had existed during two hundred years in uninterrupted succession. The family of Noyes is of Norman descent, and originated in England with William de Noyes, one of the followers of the Duke of Normandy in his conquest of England in 1006. The family settled in Cornwall, England, in the reign of Charles I. William de Noyes of St. Burian, was Attorney General, and his son Humphrey was a Colonel in the Royal army and married to the heiress of Lord Sandys.

Rev. James Noyes, the emigrant, was born at Choulderton, or as Brook has it, Chaldrington, in Wiltshire, England, in the year 1608. His father, who had a high reputation for learning, was a minister and school-master in that town; and his mother was a sister of the Rev. Robert Parker, a famous Puritan divine. Mr. Noyes was graduated at Brazenose college, Oxford. After he had entered upon the work of the ministry, he felt that

he could not conscientiously conform to all the instituted ceremonies of the Established Church; he therefore formed the purpose of seeking a home on this side of the ocean. Shortly before carrying this purpose into effect, he was married to Sarah, the eldest daughter of Joseph Brown, of Southampton. He came to this country in 1634, being accompanied by a younger brother, Nicholas Noyes, and his cousin, Thomas Parker. Shortly after his arrival he was called to preach at Mystic (now Medford), and remained there a year. A church was gathered at Newbury, of which Mr. Parker was chosen pastor, and Mr. Noyes teacher. Mr. Noyes, at the close of his life, endured a long and tedious illness with the most cheerful submission. He died October 22, 1656, in the forty-eighth year of his age, having been minister at Newbury more than twenty years.

Mr. Noyes left six sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to become the heads of families. His eldest son James, was born March 11, 1640; was graduated at Harvard college in 1659; began to preach at Stonington, Connecticut, in 1664; was ordained pastor of the church there September 10, 1674; and died December 30, 1719, in his eightieth year. Moses, another son, was born at Newbury, December 6, 1643; was graduated at Harvard College in 1659; was ordained the first minister of Lyme, Connecticut, in 1693, having preached there twenty-seven years before a church could be formed; and died November 10, 1726, aged eighty-three.<sup>1</sup> Joseph Noyes was the son of Rev. James Noyes of Stonington. He was graduated at Yale College, 1709, and was a tutor there from 1710 to

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<sup>1</sup> Mather's *Magnalia*, III. Brook's *Lives*, 161. Coffin's *Hist. of Newbury*. Sprague's *Annals*, I.

1715; was ordained pastor of the First church in New Haven, July 4, 1716; where he died June 14, 1761, aged seventy-three years.<sup>1</sup> He left two sons; John, who was graduated at Yale College in 1753, became a preacher, but was prevented from settling in the ministry by imperfect health, and died greatly lamented in 1767. He married Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph Fish of Stonington, and had three sons, two of whom afterwards became clergymen. One of them, John, was graduated at Yale College in 1799, was ordained pastor of the church at Norfield, parish of Weston, Ct., May 31, 1786, and died May 15, 1846, in his eighty-fourth year. He published a Half-century sermon in 1836.

The other son, James, the successor of Dr. Dana at Wallingford, was born in New Haven, August 4, 1764. He was graduated at Yale College in 1782, and ordained colleague pastor with Rev. James Dana, May 4, 1785, being then in his twenty-first year. He continued to discharge the duties of the pastoral office till June 5, 1832, i. e., for forty-seven years; in all which long period, almost half a century, he was prevented from performing his public duties, by ill health, only on two Sabbaths. His relation with his people was dissolved amicably and at his own request. He continued, however, to reside among them until his death, February 18, 1844, sustaining with them and with his successor, the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, the most friendly relations. His funeral was attended on February 20. Several members of his family being ill, prayer was offered at the house by the Rev. Stephen Dodd, of East Haven. An excellent and very appropriate sermon from Hebrews 13: 7, was pronounced by the Rev. Edwin R. Gilbert, with sacred

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<sup>1</sup> Bacon's Hist. Dis., p. 200. Allen's Biog. Dict.

music from the choir, while an attentive audience (almost the entire population), listened, with manifestations of deep feeling. An address was delivered at the grave by the Rev. Saul Clark, of Meriden; it was solemn and affectionate, and the sick family were warmly commended to favor and sympathy.

Mr. Noyes was distinguished for a sound judgment both in his public discourses and in his personal deportment, which was always discreet, amiable and conciliating. He was a lover of peace and harmony, and passed through difficult times, in a trying position, in so happy a manner as at once to maintain the dignity of his office and character, and still to command the respect and good will of all; for it is not known that he ever had a personal enemy. His prayers, especially on peculiar occasions, such as cases of domestic affliction, were remarkable for their elevation, spirituality, and adaptation to the circumstances of every case. His language was select and happy, and so peculiarly his own, that it appeared always original but still met every feeling of the mourner; and he never hesitated or used an inappropriate word. His house was eminently hospitable, and a hearty welcome was given to the friend and the stranger, both by him and his excellent partner, who died in January, 1838. Out of fourteen children, they buried eight, and most of them of mature years. The death of Mr. Noyes was peculiarly happy; during the week of his illness with lung-fever he was patient, cheerful, affectionate and joyful in hope; he took leave of his family, one by one, with counsels and prayer, and when he died those who loved him most could not wish that he might return, for

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”



No picture of the "good parson" that was ever drawn could exceed in beauty that of the Rev. Mr. Noyes, whose life and manners had that indescribable beauty, completeness, and sacredness, which religion sometimes



WALLINGFORD IN 1830.

(From Barber's History.)

gives when shining out through a peculiarly congenial natural temperament. The following entry was made by Mr. Noyes on the church records :

“From the day of my ordination May 4th, 1785, I was continued in office till June 5th, 1832; having preached to the people of my charge, forty-six years and six months. During this period with the addition of four months, two hundred and seventy-nine have been admitted to communion; five hundred and forty have received baptism; and six hundred and ninety have died.

“JAMES NOYES.”<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Mr. Gilbert,<sup>2</sup> then in his twenty-fourth year, and a recent graduate of the Yale Theological Seminary, succeeded to the pastoral office, and was ordained October 3, 1832. He still remains pastor of the church, being the oldest *pastor* in Connecticut performing the duties of the office, with one exception; viz., Rev. Dr. Elbridge of Norfolk, his college and theological classmate. The church membership in 1832 was about one hundred and fifty. Notwithstanding deaths and remov-

<sup>1</sup> For descendants of Mr. Noyes, see genealogies.

<sup>2</sup> Edwin Randolph Gilbert, son of Peyton R. and Anna Gilbert, of Hebron, Conn. (ecclesiastical society of Gilead), was born Feb. 10, 1808. His father was a plain, substantial farmer, of more than ordinary intelligence and worth. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, and was several times elected their representative in the Legislature, and once a member of the State Senate. Rev. Mr. Gilbert was fitted for college by Rev. Amos Bassett, D. D., of Hebron, and in the academies of Monroe and Westfield, Mass. He entered Yale college in 1825, and was graduated in the class of 1829. One of his classmates says of him, that he was a diligent student, and much esteemed by members of his class, especially by those most intimately acquainted with him. He passed immediately into the theological department of Yale college, and was licensed at the end of the second year by the New Haven East Association, and was installed pastor of the First church in Wallingford, Oct. 3, 1832. While in college, Mr. Gilbert was a great admirer of Dr. Taylor, and has ever been one of the best representatives of his theological system. Mr. Gilbert was elected a member of the corporation of Yale college in 1849; the mantle of his father-in-law, Rev. Aaron Dutton, fell most worthily upon him.



*Engraved by Samuel Sartain*

*E. R. Gilbert*  
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als, it is now two hundred and eighty-nine. During his ministry a new church edifice, designed to seat seven hundred and ten persons, has been erected at an expense of about \$40,000. The corner-stone was laid June 16, 1868, and it was dedicated May 21, 1869.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## THE GREAT AWAKENING. REVIVALS.

We have but little information in regard to the general state of religion in the churches of this town during the earlier periods of their existence. But we know that from the year 1700 and onward, throughout all New England, experimental and vital godliness had very much decayed. The doctrines of Christ grew more and more unpopular; family prayer, and all the duties of the gospel were less regarded; ungodliness prevailed, and infidelity was making alarming progress. Out of the church, was to be seen a general carelessness. In it, a spirit of deep slumber; a want of discipline; want of active brotherly love; want of everything, almost, but cold profession. As the good people who planted the town died and the new generation came on, there was a sensible decline as to the life and power of godliness. The generation which succeeded were not in general so eminent and distinguished in their zeal and strictness of morals, as their fathers. The third and fourth generations became still more generally inattentive to their spiritual concerns, and manifested a greater declension from the purity and zeal of their ancestors. This is not the place to enter upon a discussion or even a full enumeration of the causes of this declension. The

“half way covenant,” the numerous and almost incessant wars which oppressed and harassed the people, and the fierce political agitations of the day, were, no doubt, among these causes.

In 1715, the General Association said, “that there was a great want of Bibles, great neglect of public worship on the Sabbath,” and complained of intemperance and other vices. Trumbull remarks, “that there was little of the power of religion; that professors were worldly and lukewarm, the young people loose and vicious, family prayer was neglected, the Sabbath was profaned, taverns were haunted, intemperance and other vices increased, and many of the ministers preached a cold and lifeless morality.”<sup>1</sup> Wallingford did not differ much in these respects from the rest of New England, and in our town as elsewhere, formality, irreligion and declension prevailed to a mournful extent. From the records we find that year after year not more than one or two united with the church annually.

In 1735 there began a most remarkable religious awakening under the preaching of the celebrated Jonathan Edwards, at Northampton, which was the cause of the greatest revival of religion ever known in New England. It spread throughout Connecticut, and the feeling and interest manifested in the great themes of religion were intense and absorbing. Childhood, manhood, old age, the learned and the ignorant, the moralist and the skeptic, men of wealth and the highest official position, as well as paupers and outcasts, were numbered among its converts. Says Trumbull, “Negroes and Indians, on whom before no impression could be made, were heard

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<sup>1</sup> Hist. Conn., II. 137.

with others making the great inquiry."<sup>1</sup> In some places not a solitary person could be found whose mind was not concerned for his soul's interest. In 1740 and 1741, various towns in Connecticut were most wonderfully affected. People flocked together on all days of the week in great crowds to hear the word of God; they would fill the houses and then stand clustered around the doors and windows, pressing eagerly to hear; they would go from one town to another wherever there was public worship.

In the autumn of 1740, the Rev. George Whitefield arrived in New England directly from Charleston, and produced an excitement never before known in our religious history. His itineracy, like the blazing cross of the Lady of the Lake, was the signal for an uprising. Fired by his passionate oratory, the masses revolted from the chill formalism of a dead ministry. He sailed from Charleston to Newport, where venerable parson Clapp, tottering with age, welcomed him as though he had been an angel of God. All classes caught the enthusiasm, and New England was in a blaze of excitement. A revival such as modern times had not before witnessed was the consequence. There was great intensity of feeling, and great diversity of sentiment and angry controversy followed. Those who favored the new doctrines and practices were called New Lights, while those who chose to adhere to the good old ways of their fathers, discountenancing innovation, were denominated Old Lights. The clergy were divided, "while the magistrates and principal men of the commonwealth" were on the side of the Old Lights.

Notwithstanding Whitefield was a priest of the Epis-

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<sup>1</sup> Hist. Conn., II. 144.



copal Church, he grew more bold under the impulse of his successes and excited feelings, and finally threw aside as an oppressive yoke, all reverence for the authority and teaching of the Church; and thereupon the Congregational ministers opened wide their arms to embrace him, and their sanctuaries to admit him, that he might be heard by the vast crowds which everywhere crowded to their portals.

He preached in Wallingford in Mr. Whittelsey's church about the middle of October, 1740, and also in Mr. Hall's church in Meriden parish. Our records of that date inform us of considerable accessions to the church. From Wallingford Mr. Whitefield proceeded to New Haven, and shortly after preached again at Wallingford, taking for his text the eighth verse of the eightieth Psalm: "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt, thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it." While in Wallingford his wife joined him, having come from Hartford. Before leaving the town he preached while standing in his chariot to a large multitude, and soon after started for New Haven, large multitudes following him several miles on foot or on horses. When a church or meeting-house could not be obtained he preached in the open air, a practice which he had inaugurated in England, and justified by saying, "I thought it might be doing the service of my Creator, who had a mountain for his pulpit and the heavens for a sounding-board, and who, when his gospel was refused by the Jews, sent his servants into the highways and hedges." When he took his leave of Boston, it was supposed that twenty thousand persons assembled to listen to his farewell sermon. Late in October he reached New Haven, and was affectionately welcomed and entertained at the house of

Mr. James Pierrepont, a brother-in-law of Edwards, and a sympathizer with his religious views. People came in from the country a distance of twenty miles to hear him, and many neighboring ministers also sought the opportunity of personal intercourse with a clergyman whose zeal and eloquence were so widely known.

Whitefield seems to have been a man of more zeal than judgment; better fitted to rouse and agitate than to guide and instruct; and in the few years between his first visit and his second, a thick growth of mischievous enthusiasm and disorganizing extravagances had sprung up in his track, and were unquestionably the result in part of his unbalanced and unguarded teaching.

In 1745 the following resolve was "come into," by the General Association of the State:

"Whereas there has of late years been many errors in doctrine, and disorders in practice, prevailing in the churches of this land, which seems to have a threatening aspect upon these churches; and whereas Mr. George Whitefield has been the promoter, or at least the faulty occasion of many of these errors and disorders, this association think it needful for them to declare that if the said Mr. Whitefield should make his progress through this government, it would by no means be advisable for any of our ministers to admit him into their pulpits, or for any of our people to attend upon his preaching and administrations."

But after all we honor the name of Whitefield. Doubtless

"The tear  
That fell upon his Bible was sincere."

He was no doubt a true evangelist, earnest, faithful, fervent, self-sacrificing, eloquent as if gifted with a tongue of fire. Whitefield's power was comparable to

the supernatural ; and it was in this view that John Foster, at a later day, found the only solution of his success. Says a writer, "In the pulpit his appearance and manners exceeded the dreams of apostolic grace. A youth of elegant form, with voice of enchanting melody, clear blue eyes, endurance which knew no exhaustion, a fancy which ranged both worlds, were all fused by a burning zeal for the salvation of souls. Such was Whitefield at twenty-five, and as such he was worthy of that ovation which he received at Boston when governor and council went out in form to welcome him. The evangelist bore his honors meekly, and hospitality did not weaken the vials of wrath which he poured upon the unfaithful. He found, as he said, in New England, 'a darkness which might be felt.'"<sup>1</sup>

A great many itinerant clergy traversed the State. Among the most efficient and zealous laborers in the work were Tennant, Bellamy, Pomeroy, Mills, Davenport, and others. Many of the clergy of the colony however, strenuously opposed the measures employed and the effects produced, and many of the magistrates and other leading men joined with them in denouncing the "itinerating clergy" and their converts as enthusiasts, new lights, and ranters. On the 24th of November, a grand council of ministers and messengers delegated from all parts of the colony, met at Killingworth, as directed by an act of Assembly, to discuss the whole subject of traveling ministers, the disorders occasioned by them, the odium they brought upon settled ministers, and the countenance they gave to separatists. This council condemned as disorderly the preaching of one minister within the

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1 W. Frothingham.

parish of another without his leave. In conformity with this ecclesiastical decision the General Court, in May, 1742, enacted a stringent law directed chiefly against irregular ministers and exhorters, entitled, "An act for regulating abuses and correcting disorders in ecclesiastical affairs;" by which,

"Any person not an ordained or settled minister who should attempt publicly to teach or exhort without the express desire and invitation of the pastor or a major part of the church and congregation, should be bound in the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money not to offend again."

Any foreigner or stranger not an inhabitant of the colony, whether ordained or not, was ordered "to be sent as a vagrant person from constable to constable, out of the bounds of the colony." The assembly not only passed laws against these alleged irregularities, but the several ecclesiastical bodies interposed their authority to check the innovations of the new lights. After numerous attempts to discipline the refractory preachers, the consociations and associations proceeded to suspend or expel all the new light pastors in the colony. In May, 1742, the General Assembly passed an act very severe on itinerant preachers. This act, in part at least, had its origin in the consociation of New Haven county, as appears from the instructions which they gave to their delegates whom they sent to the council, which were suggested first by the Rev. Samuel Whittelsey, of Wallingford, who had in the beginning received Mr. Whitefield with open arms. Trumbull considers this act of the General Assembly as an "outrage to every principle of justice."

The trial of Rev. Philemon Robbins of Branford for preaching to the Baptists at Wallingford in 1742, was

continued till 1747, and resulted in his deposition from the ministry. In 1744 the Rev. Mr. Pomeroy was brought before the assembly in consequence of a bill of indictment filed against him by Elihu Hall, Esq., of Wallingford, for publicly saying that the late laws of the colony, made concerning ecclesiastical affairs, were a great foundation to encourage persecution, and to encourage wicked men to break their covenants ; and that if they did not, it was no thanks to the court ; and that the law which was made to stop ministers from going about to preach in other towns, was made without reason, and was contrary to the word of God. He was found guilty, and ordered to pay the cost of prosecution, which was £32 10s. 8d., and to be bound to his peaceable and good behavior in a bond of £50.

It is not to be denied that many gross errors and irregularities followed in the train of this remarkable revival. Many of the most enthusiastic of its subjects forsook their pastors and their usual places of worship, and followed the "itinerants" from parish to parish and from town to town. Some of the preachers and exhorters encouraged the most boisterous manifestations of feeling during the public worship on the part of the audience, and sought to arouse them by raising their own voices to the highest key, accompanied by violent gestures and the most unnatural agitation of the body.<sup>1</sup> From that period there appears to have been no season of revival in this town for the space of seventy-four years. As a natural consequence, both religion and the church had arrived at a point of great declension and feebleness. The congregation had become very small, and was daily becoming weaker.

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<sup>1</sup> Hollister, i. 470.

In 1814, while Rev. Mr. Ripley was in the pastoral office, a revival occurred. Previous to that time, the church for several years had annually diminished by deaths and dismissions, without corresponding additions. In the fall of that year a few of the brethren in connection with the pastor commenced a weekly prayer meeting, and the pastor commenced a series of pastoral visits to all the families of the congregation. He found with equal surprise and joy, that in all the houses at which he called, one or more persons were under deep religious impressions, and that the whole community seemed pervaded by divine influence. The revival soon developed itself in the increased attendance on public worship, in the deep conviction of sin evidently produced on the minds of large numbers, and probable conversion of many individuals. In the course of three or four months it is thought that nearly one hundred were converted, and about eighty of them subsequently united with the church. In 1822 eighty-one families were connected with the church, and one hundred and forty-nine persons constituted its members. Another revival occurred in 1829, during the ministry of Rev. Mr. Hinsdale, resulting in fifty persons uniting with the church. In the winter of 1833-4, while Rev. Wm. McLean was supplying the pulpit, a revival occurred in which seventy persons united with the church. In 1837 about forty were converted and united with the church. In the month of February, 1840, during the ministry of Rev. Charles Rich, commenced a revival more extensive and powerful than had ever before been witnessed in this place. For some time previous Rev. Dr. Taylor had preached stately on the sabbath, and as afterwards appeared, his powerful and solemn discourses had prepared

the minds of the people for the scenes which were to follow. About one hundred and thirty were converted, and one hundred connected with the church, and about as many more with the other churches of the town. The first sabbath school was commenced in 1818 with one hundred and thirty pupils; it was kept only during the warm season until 1830. In 1831 it contained two hundred and thirty-one members; and in that year seventeen of them united with the church. In 1832 adult classes became connected with the church. In 1837 it contained two hundred and seventy-four members. In 1841 the school contained two hundred and sixty-five members, and in 1847 five hundred and seven.

## CHAPTER XV.

## SCHOOLS.

IN New England, ever since the first free school was established amidst the woods that covered the peninsula of Boston in 1636, the schoolmaster has been found on the border line between savage and civilized life, often indeed with the axe to open his own path, but always looked up to with respect, and always carrying with him a valuable and preponderating influence. Next to the minister, ruling elder and magistrate, he was regarded with the profoundest respect ; and when he walked through the village, or rambled in the fields, with his head bowed down in meditation upon some grave moral question, or solving some ponderous sum, the boys dared never pass him without pulling off their hats. He was among the few who received the title of "Mr.," and stood next to the minister in the minds of the people ; just as he does in Goldsmith's inimitable description in "The Deserted Village."

The school-boy's situation at that day was no sinecure. He was compelled to make many a deep indentation in his brain with the sharp points of sums in arithmetic not easy to do, and with sentences not readily subjected to the rules of grammar, and long words difficult to spell. Tough points in theology, seasoned with texts of



scripture, and coupled with knotty questions of election, of faith, of works, and saving grace, formed a wholesome sauce to the more secular learning. Bits of practical philosophy, maxims that had been tested and found to be solid old English proverbs, scraps of experience pickled down in good attic salt; something of civil polity and political economy, reverence of gray hairs, and respectful treatment to woman, were among the things that he was obliged to learn. Rough he might be and often was, but stupid he could not be; for knowledge, and that of a kind not easily digested, was beaten into his skull as if by blows upon an anvil. Gentle or simple, he must submit to the same dry rules of application.<sup>1</sup>

Connecticut has long been distinguished for her common schools. The code of Laws established by the General Court in 1650 recognized their importance.

“It being one chiefe project of that old deluder Sathan to keepe men from a knowledge of the Scriptures, as in former times keeping them in an unknowne tongue, so in the latter times by perswading them from the uce of Tongues, so that at least the true sence and meaning of the originall might bee clouded with false glosses of saint seeming deceivers, and that learning may not bee buried in the grave of our Forefathers, in church and common wealth, the Lord assisting our endeavors. It is there fore ordered by this Courte that every Townshipp within this jurisdiction, after the Lord hath increased them to the number of fifty householders, shall appoint one within their town to teach all such children as shall resort to him, to write and read, whose wages shall be paid either by the parents or masters of such children, or by the inhabitants in general.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hollister.

<sup>2</sup> Trumbull's Colonial Records, Vol. 1. p. 554.

In 1677 a fine of ten pounds annually was imposed upon any county town that should "neglect to keep a Latin School according to order;" and upon any town in the colony that should neglect to provide a school for more than three months in each year a fine of five pounds was levied. In 1690 the schools in Hartford and New Haven counties were made free schools. The ancient records of Wallingford contain no allusion to the matter of public schools at an earlier date than 1678, eight years after the settlement of the village. On the twenty-seventh of November in that year it was voted in town meeting that

"The towne complied with what y<sup>e</sup> select men motioned & consented for y<sup>e</sup> encouragement of such a schoolemaster as y<sup>e</sup> select men shall approve of to allow ten pounds a yeare and three pence a weeke for all schollers males or females from six to sixteene years ould so long as they goe to schoole."

It is quite evident that schools had existed long before; probably here as elsewhere, the school and the church took root together, and grew up with the first log cabin in the forest. For in Connecticut the schoolmaster has not been far off when the minister has been settled, and the school-house has been side by side with the church. Thus did our predecessors, like all the other founders of New England, develop a far-sighted religious wisdom, and a profound sagacity, which none of the princes and statesmen of this world knew. For all possible and conceivable ends had the power, blood and wealth of nations been squandered for thousands of years, except for the only true ends of the state, the formation and elevation of *men*. The fathers of New England designed to raise up religious and intelligent men. They alone ever conceived, or at least actually carried out, the

scheme of educating the people. In this point of view, the everlasting pyramids, the matchless splendors of Babylon, the great masterpiece of architecture, St. Peter's, are less imposing and valuable than the log school-houses of primitive New England.

In 1680, Elijah Preston agreed to teach such children as should be sent to him for four months for ten pounds, and he "to find house-room, and the schollors wood." In 1684, the town granted £10 to the teacher out of the public treasury, and required the pupils to pay £5 in addition. In 1689, the town voted £5 for a school, and the next year £4. In 1691, the town voted that all the money for schools should be raised by those who sent children to school. October 4, 1693, the town voted to give, and did sequester all the land lying between the old country road and the old mill, including the mill-pond, to the use of the school. December 15, 1693, John Parker and Joseph Thompson were chosen a committee with instructions to employ a teacher; and £6 were appropriated for the maintenance of the same, part in winter, and part in summer. In 1694, they gave £6 to schools. In 1695, Eleazer Peck, John Parker, and John Moss, were chosen a school committee, and £6 were given for the use of schools. The same year the town authorized the committee to employ a woman to teach in summer, and a man in the winter. The next year £6 were appropriated to schools. In 1697, the care of procuring a school-teacher was given to the selectmen to procure one as cheap as they could, and to enquire about building a school-house. The town also decided that the school-house should stand in the street between John Moss's and Joshua Culver's. The same year they

voted to forbear building the school-house, but in December following they decided that the school-house should be twenty feet long and fourteen feet wide, and to be built at the expense of the town. In 1698, it was voted that each pupil should pay a penny a week. In 1702, it was voted that a school-house be built, they having hitherto hired a room for that purpose. The same year at a Court of Assembly at Hartford, it was ordered that the respective constables of the towns in the colony should levy the sum of forty shillings upon a thousand pounds, and deliver it into the hands of the committee,

“Provided the said committees or select men will give them certificate under their hands of their receipt of said money and improvement thereof for the maintenance of schools in their townes respectively according as the said law directs, which the said committees and select-men upon receipt thereof are hereby required to doe.”

In 1711, fifty acres of land and money were voted to schools. In September of the same year,

“Ye town voated that they would chous a commity to treet with ye Scool Master concerning his terms in order to a settolment & bring report to ye town. At ye same Metting Mr Henry Bates scool Master gave the following proposals Namely.

“Gontel Men. Upon second considerations I doe hereby propose that if ye town for incoragment will be pleased for to make sure and conferme to me fifty acres of land whar I shall care to take it up whar it is not already taken up; & let me have the improvement of ye old Mill pon so called and all other Lands that belongs to the scool and fifty pounds a year for ye time we shall agree upon the town appointing a commity to agree with me and all those that sends children

to cast in thar mite towards purchaseing a hom sted and upon condition i may be yours to serve,

“HENRY BATES.

“Att ye same meting ye town voatted thar accepttans of ye above s<sup>d</sup> proposell, and chose capt. Merriman, Sam<sup>l</sup> Munson, s<sup>r</sup>. john ives, for thair comitte to agree with ye s<sup>d</sup> scool mastter. December 24, 1713, ye town voatted y<sup>t</sup> the money conserning ye scool Respecting children shall be raised upon all ye children that live within a mille & half of ye scool hous, from six year old to teen, Whether they go to scool or nott.”

If we were to judge by some of these records, there were among these teachers some who were but poorly qualified for their employments. They are well described by John Trumbull in his “*Progress of Dulness*.”

“He tries, with ease and unconcern,  
To teach what ne'er himself could learn ;  
Gives law and punishment alone,  
Judge, jury, bailiff, all in one ;  
Holds all good learning must depend  
Upon the rod's extremest end,  
Whose great electric touch is such,  
Each genius brightens at the touch.  
With threats and blows, excitements pressing,  
Drives on his lads to learn each lesson ;  
Thinks flogging cures all moral ills,  
And breaks their heads to break their wills.”

Female instruction must have been greatly neglected, when the daughters of men who occupied important offices in the town and church, were obliged to make a mark for their signature. December 29, 1713, it was voted that all children between the ages of six and sixteen that reside within a mile of the school house, whether they go to school or not, and those who attend

one week shall pay for half a year. And John Moss and Samuel Culver were appointed to see that the teacher keeps his hours. The next year it was voted that all the children that go to school shall pay two shillings a head, and all the rest to be paid out of the town treasury. To this the following persons dissented, viz. :

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| “JOHN HODGKINS,    | } West side of the river.” |
| BENJAMIN BEACH,    |                            |
| THOMAS WILLSHINE,  |                            |
| JOSEPH PARKER,     |                            |
| THOMAS BROOKS,     |                            |
| JOSEPH CLARK,      |                            |
| NATHANIEL ANDREWS, |                            |
| JOHN PARKER,       |                            |
| MATHER BELLAMY.”   |                            |

December 19, 1715, the following petition was presented at town meeting :

“The farmers residing on the west side of the river, to the town of Wallingford humbly show, that your neighbors have for some considerable time many of us dwelt remote from the town and under great disadvantage as to the great duty of educating our children, and the time allowed we wil keep a school according to law, and the bounds we desire is that West of the River as high as Timothy Tuttle and Timothy Beache’s, and we hope that you will grant our request, in consideration whereof we subscribe friends and our names,

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| “JOHN HOTCHKISS, | JACOB JOHNSON,   |
| JOSEPH PARKER,   | JOHN DOOLITTLE.” |

The request was granted, and the town was divided into two school districts in 1715. In 1719 they voted to have three schools, one over the river two months, and in the north part near Samuel Andrews’, one month. In 1720, “every scholar that enters the school between the twentieth of September and the last of April, shall each

bring half a load of wood, and if they fail, then they shall pay a fine of sixpence, to be looked out for by the committee." January 10, 1721, the town gave Mr. Bates, the schoolmaster, liberty to sit in the first pew in the front gallery of the new meeting-house. April 25 of the same year, "the farmers on the west side of the river, and the north farmers shall have the proportion of our schools, and this vote shall stand until the town see cause to alter it;" and a committee was chosen to see that it was carried out. December 11, 1722, one farthing was added to the pound for the benefit of teaching at the farms such as could not comfortably come to the town to the school, they paying poll money, the same as those attending in town.

About this time the management of schools was transferred to school society committees, by an act of the General Assembly. December 29, 1724, it was decided that a new school-house should be built in the lane where the old pound was; to be twenty-five feet long and twenty feet broad; and Lieutenant Moss, Sergeant Nathaniel Curtis and Henry Turhand were chosen a committee to build said house.

The school-house in what is now the Yalesville district was originally on the east side of the river, near the residence of Elijah Hough; and was not removed from there until about the year 1800, when a new school-house was built, and the bounds of the district changed and enlarged. The present school-house is the second one built on the site situated on the west side of the river.

The Union Academy<sup>1</sup> in Wallingford was chartered

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<sup>1</sup> The term "Academy," which in England had been applied to seminaries of learning established by non-conformists, to distinguish them from

in 1812, upon the petition of Samuel Cook, and for many years was in a flourishing condition. The academy building stood on the land now occupied by the house of Mrs. Samuel H. Dutton. In 1818, there were forty-five pupils. Our elegant Academies and highly improved schools are but the developments and natural growth of the early schools at Wallingford.

For a long time the only books in common use in district schools, were the "*New England Primer*" and the "*Psalter*." The edition most commonly used was entitled, "The New England Primer, improved for the more easy attaining of true reading of English. To which is added The Assembly of Divines, and Mr. Cotton's Chatechism. Boston, Printed by Edward Draper at his Printing Office in Newbury street and Sold by John Boyle in Marlborough street, 1777."<sup>1</sup> This book contained a frontispiece of "The Hon. John Hancock, Esq., President of the American Congress," and a picture of John Rogers in the flames, and his wife and nine children looking on; also an illustrated alphabet beginning with

"In Adam's Fall  
We finned all,"

and ending with,

"Zacheus he  
Did climb the Tree  
Our Lord to fee."

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the schools and colleges of the Church of England, seems to have been applied, very naturally, by the sons of the Puritans to similar institutions in this country; and though not confined to schools founded by Congregationalists, was generally applied to such. Some of these institutions ceased to exist after a few years, while others were merged in the higher departments of common schools; but many of them were incorporated by the General Assembly, and became permanent educational institutions.

<sup>1</sup> The first edition was printed by R. Pierce for Benjamin Harris at the London Coffee House in Boston, 1692.



Arithmetic was taught in their common schools, the teacher only having a book, and writing the sums for the pupils, and showing them how to do them. "Dilworth's Spelling Book, or New Guide," was introduced in 1740. The author was an Englishman, and died in England in 1781. His book was for a time in common use. Trumbull alludes to it thus, in 1772 :

"Our master says, (I'm sure he is right),  
There's not a lad in town so bright,  
He'll cypher bravely, write and read,  
And say his catechism and creed,  
And scorn to hesitate or falter,  
In Primer, *Spelling Book*, or Psalter."

Dilworth's "*Schoolmaster's Assistant*," or arithmetic, was published after his spelling book had been well received, in 1743. It was much used in Connecticut.<sup>1</sup>

The school ma'am taught the children *to behave*, to ply the needle through all the mysteries of hemming, over-hand, stitching and darning, up to sampler ; and to read from A B C through the spelling-book to the Psalter. Children were taught to be *mannerly* and pay

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<sup>1</sup> The following books were in use in the schools of Connecticut at the various dates : *Spelling Books* : Dilworth's, 1740 ; Dyche's, 1750 ; Perry's, 1780 ; Webster's, 1802 ; Murray's, 1819. *Arithmetics* : Jeak's, 1713 ; Hill's, 1752 ; Pike's, 1786 ; Adams', 1802 ; Daboll's, 1814. *Readers* : Webster's Selections, 1785 ; American Preceptor, 1792 ; Columbian Orator, 1800. *Geographies* : Gordon's, 1708 ; Guthrie's, 1785 ; Morse's, 1790 ; Cumming's, 1813 ; Adams', 1815. *English Dictionaries* : Bailey's, 1745 ; Dyche's, 1750 ; Johnson's, 1759 ; Entick's, 1770 ; Perry's, 1783 ; Walker's, 1806. *English Grammars* : Salmon's, 1759 ; Lilly's, 1761 ; Webster's, 1785 ; Alexander's, 1797 ; Murray's, 1806. *Latin Grammars* : Garretson's, 1704 ; Burr's, 1757 ; Adams', 1800 ; Biglow's, 1809. *Latin Dictionaries* : Ainsworth's, 1736 ; Cole's, 1743 ; Young's, 1762 ; Entick's Tyro Thesaurus, 1808. *Greek Grammars* : Vossius', 1700 ; Wettenhall's, 1739 ; Milner's, 1761 ; Valpy's, 1808. *Greek Lexicon* : Schrevelius, 1700 to 1774. *Book-Keeping* : Snell's, 1710 ; Perry's, 1777 ; Booth's, 1789 ; Turner's, 1800.

respect to their elders, especially to dignitaries. In the street they stood aside when they met any respectable person or stranger and saluted them with a bow or courtesy, stopping modestly till they had passed. This was called *making their manners*. Peculiar reverence was paid to the minister. Bold was the urchin who dared to laugh within his hearing. That reverend personage was accustomed to catechise them once a month in the meeting-house, and to accompany the exercise with many a stern reproof or grave admonition.

The early schools were somewhat rude, and we may smile at their evident defects. But the world had never yet seen such men—so poor that they could not build a hut twenty-four by thirty feet ; so harassed and perilled by a savage war that they went to their Sabbath worship armed with muskets, while night and day their little village was guarded by block houses and patrols ; and yet in that deep poverty and from their first day in the wilderness nobly sustaining the preaching of the Gospel and schools, virtually free to every child among them. The early settlers in the towns which composed the two original colonies of Connecticut and New Haven, came with their families and all the family relations existing from the first. They came with all the elements of the state combined in vigorous action, and with a firm purpose to make the then wilderness their permanent home. They came with earnest religious convictions, made more earnest by the trials of persecution. United in a common faith, bound together by strong sympathies and already organized in churches for religious improvement, it was in harmony with their circumstances that they should seek the intellectual and moral culture of their children.



*Engraved by Samuel Sartain.*

John Parker



## CHAPTER XVI.

## WYOMING AND THE SUSQUEHANNA COMPANY.

IN the year 1754 a company was formed in Connecticut for the purpose of purchasing a large tract of land lying west of the province of New York, on the Susquehanna river, and belonging to the Six Nations. This tract extended about seventy miles north and south, and from about ten miles east of the river Susquehanna westward two degrees of longitude. This territory was admitted, by the best lawyers of the nation, to belong to Connecticut by virtue of her charter. It had been conveyed away by King James I. in the most ample manner possible, by letters patent under the great seal of England, bearing date November 3, 1620, to the Duke of Lenox, the Marquis of Buckingham, the Earls of Arundel and Warwick, with divers other persons, by the name of the council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling, ordering and governing of New England in America. This patent describes the bounds of Connecticut as extending "throughout the main lands," "*from the western ocean to the south sea.*" This would include the whole of New York, and the principal part if not the whole of Pennsylvania.

The Susquehanna company consisted at first of eight hundred and forty persons, and included a number of the inhabitants of Wallingford. The project of establishing a colony in Wyoming had been started by sundry individuals in Connecticut in 1753; and in the following year, after the Susquehanna company was formed, a number of agents were commissioned to proceed thither, explore the country and conciliate the good will of the Indians. A purchase was made which included the whole valley of Wyoming and the country westward to the sources of the Alleghany.

Here was nature in unconcealed loveliness. The magnificent forests, the luxuriant fertility of the soil and the climate gave promise of golden harvests and pleasant homes as the rewards of industry and enterprise. Game of every sort was abundant. The quail whistled in the meadow; the pheasant rustled in its leafy covert; the wild duck reared her brood and bent the reed in every inlet; the red deer fed upon the hills; while in the deep forests, within a few hours' walk, was found the stately elk. Standing upon "Prospect Rock" on the Pokono mountain range, and looking westwardly, the entire valley can be surveyed at a single view, forming one of the richest and most beautiful landscapes upon which the eye of man ever rested. Through the center of the valley flows the Susquehanna, the winding course of which can be traced the whole distance. Several green islands slumber sweetly in its embrace, while the sight revels amidst the garniture of fields and woodlands; and to complete the picture, low in the distance may be dimly seen the borough of Wilkesbarre.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The greatest effort of Campbell's genius was undoubtedly his "Gertrude of Wyoming," a poem in the old style of English pathos and poetry,

When the agents returned with such glowing accounts, no wonder that every town in the colony was ready to furnish emigrants to this paradise; but the Indian war for several years prevented their settlement. In 1763 a number of emigrants from Connecticut visited the valley, cleared up some land, sowed their grain, and returned home. During the following spring they went back to Wyoming with their families, with the determination of making a permanent settlement; taking with them their stock, farming utensils and household furniture. Their crops had proved abundant, they were delighted with their new homes, and they began to anticipate a life of peace and plenty. If we may believe Campbell,

“The happy shepherd swains had nought to do  
But feed their flocks on green declivities,  
Or skim perchance the lake with light canoe,  
From morn till evening’s sweeter pastime grew.”

But on the 15th of October they were suddenly startled by the sound of the warwhoop, which was followed by a fierce attack from a large party of savages. The settlers were entirely unprepared for such an assault, and about twenty men were killed and scalped. The remainder of the men, women and children fled to the mountains, and ultimately found their way back to Connecticut.

In 1768 the Susquehanna company determined to renew the attempt to settle the lands at Wyoming. Two hundred pounds Connecticut currency (\$667,00), was

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founded upon the desolation of Wyoming by the Indians in 1778. The Wyoming of Campbell is and will be a creation lovely to the heart and imagination of mankind. But the poet has given to the world a creation that is only imaginary. The “lakes,” the “flamingo,” and the “mock bird” are all strangers to Wyoming, and the historical allusions in the poem are not correct.

appropriated to provide implements of husbandry, provisions, arms and ammunition, for those who might require assistance, and forty persons were to set out forthwith, and two hundred others were to follow the succeeding spring. At a meeting held at Hartford it was resolved that five townships, each five miles square, should be surveyed and granted each to forty settlers, on condition that those settlers should remain upon the ground, "man their rights," and defend themselves and each other from the incursions of all rival claimants. By the tenth of April two hundred and seventy able bodied men had left their homes in Connecticut for Wyoming.

In January, 1773, the General Assembly determined to extend their jurisdiction to the settlers, and incorporate them into a town by the name of Westmoreland, with the same privileges as other towns in the colony enjoyed. As the Susquehanna company had its opposers, and as many imagined that the claim of the colony was unfounded, the measures which the Assembly adopted, produced considerable excitement in the colony. A meeting was called at Middletown to take the subject into consideration. At a town meeting held at Wallingford, March 21, 1744, the selectmen presented the petition of a great number of the inhabitants, requesting a legal town meeting for the purpose of consulting proper measures relative to the affairs of the Susquehanna lands, "so far as they Judge Conducive to the Interest of this Colony."

"It was thereupon motioned by a Prop<sup>r</sup> of said Purchase so Called that a peice printed and Published at New London addressed to the candid Publick should be read to said Meeting and said Motion was opposed, and that a peice Published at New Haven in the Connecticutt Gazette, Signed



many, Should be first read which proposed a Convention at Middletown of the respective Towns in this Colony by their agents or Committee to Consult Salutary Measures touching the Matters aforesaid, and the same was agreed to be read accordingly, then the first mentioned peice was read purporting an answer to the Same, and followed with peices Published in the New Haven Gazette with the State of the Case of said Claim with the opinion of the attorney General &c., and others Council Learned in the Law, also Several Manuscripts were offered and read ; particularly the Speech of Gov<sup>r</sup> Fitch on the Subject matter to the Deputies of the Six Nations in General assembly of this Colony may 1763, the List of the Colony and the Proceeding and Votes of the Susquehanah Company at Windham on the 9th Instant, and after a full Debate and Consultation thereon,"

The question was put whether they would nominate and choose a committee to represent the town of Wallingford at Middletown on the last Wednesday of March. It was voted in the affirmative, and Col. Elihu Hall, Benjamin Hall and Capt. Thaddeus Cook, "were Nominated and Chosen a Committee in behalf of said Town to attend upon and Join s'd Convention." At this convention twenty-three towns were represented, and a petition and remonstrance were ordered to be printed and dispersed through all the towns in the colony, that the general sense of the public might be had thereupon. This petition called in question the right of the Assembly to extend its jurisdiction to lands west of the province of New York :

"Measures which your remonstrants conceive to be of a very dangerous tendency, and pregnant with the greatest mischief to them and their posterity, and highly derogatory to the honour and interest, and destructive to the peace of the colony, and a great grievance."

They claimed that the proprietors of the Susquehanna company were members of the last General Assembly, and deeply interested in the questions discussed, and did sit and act in the Assembly in the very matters in which they were deeply interested. The Assembly were requested to suspend the Wyoming settlers from interfering in the voting, being represented or otherwise transacting in the affair of government.

This party and their memorials met with very little countenance by the people in general; by many they were made a subject of banter and ridicule. At a town-meeting of the inhabitants of Wallingford, held April 11, 1774, the committee who were appointed to attend the Middletown Convention, presented the "Remonstrance," which being read, a stormy debate arose, and papers and pamphlets were produced on both sides of the question, and it was put to vote whether they should be read in the meeting; it was decided in the negative, and after sundry debates the question was put whether the town would accept the "Doings or the Remonstrance agreed upon by the Middletown Convention."

"The Town Voted that the Moderator of said Meeting ordered the Vote to be recorded that they Excepted the Doings of said Committee at the Middletown Convention."

In 1775, the Wyoming colony had become so numerous that it was taken under the protection of the government of Connecticut, and organized into a township as a part of Litchfield county, by the name of Westmoreland. The spirit that had roused the people of the colonies to resist the oppressive acts of the mother country, met with a cordial response from the settlers of Wyoming. In the year 1776 the militia of the town-

ship were formed into the 24th regiment of Connecticut militia, and they furnished the continental army with nearly three hundred officers and soldiers to fight the battles of the country, which left the settlement at Wyoming weak and unguarded.

Wyoming was a part of Connecticut. Her sons were there with their good English names, shrewd sense, unostentatious home-bred tastes, habits of economy, schools, religion, laws, industry and valor. Let us suppose that we too are there, and that it is early January of the eventful year 1778. Hill and glade smile as the morning sun glances over the mountain, to woo and melt at last the cold unsullied snow. The hale cattle and the dainty sheep nipping the hay that lies in heaps around the stack in the open meadow, while the farmer who has just fed them stands with his hands in his pockets, regarding their growth with a complacent smile that is the outward sign of the promise that his heart has made to itself of thrift for his sons, and marriage portions for his daughters, are additional features in the picture. Should he ask you to accompany him home and breakfast with him, you need not excuse yourself or hesitate lest his busy wife and pretty daughters, whose complexions show that they once belonged to New Haven county, should blush at the scantiness of the repast. They will set before you buckwheat cakes and venison, or it may be salt fish and the nice fragments of the wild turkey that flanked the loin of beef for yesterday's dinner.<sup>1</sup>

But this quiet state of things was not to last long. It

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<sup>1</sup> Hollister's Hist., II. 340. Miner's Hist. Wyoming, 208 9. Chapman's Hist. Wyoming. Stone's Hist. Wyoming.

began to be rumored abroad that the Indians meditated an attack on the settlement. The settlers began to guard themselves with increased vigilance. Regular garrison duty was performed in the several fortifications by classes of the militia in successive order. Message after message was sent to their absent husbands in the continental army by the now thoroughly frightened women, begging them as they loved them and their tender babes, to come home. But Congress refused to let them go until every commissioned officer from Wyoming except two, had resigned; and many privates had deserted. But they reached their loved ones too late. A combined British, tory and Indian force had spread devastation and waste on every side. A terrible battle was fought; and a massacre, awful in its details, commenced. About one hundred and sixty of the Connecticut people were slain, or more than half of the able men in the valley. The valley was deserted, and nearly every house and barn were burnt. The entire region presented a scene of devastation and ruin.

“On Susquehanna’s side, fair Wyoming!  
Although the wild flower on thy ruined wall,  
And roofless homes a sad remembrance bring  
Of what thy gentle people did befall;  
Yet thou wert once the loveliest land of all  
That see the Atlantic wave their morn restore.”

The remainder of the people endeavored to seek safety in flight. The dense forests and swamps that surrounded the valley of the Wyoming were teeming with the widowed women and fatherless children of the pioneers, who were wending their way back towards Connecticut with blighted hopes and broken hearts. Wyoming was a home to them no longer.

“Waste were those pleasant farms, and the farmers forever departed!  
Scattered like dust and leaves, when the mighty blasts  
of October  
Seize them, and whirl them aloft, and sprinkle them far  
o’er the ocean.”

The bodies of the slain lay unburied until the 22d of October, when a military guard of twenty-five men, under the direction of a lieutenant, collected their remains, dug a large hole and buried them.

The New England spirit of enterprise and love of adventure were soon manifested in new settlements in the Wyoming valley; a fort was built, and the few families who returned to the scene of their troubles proceeded to cultivate the fields. But by the unjust decree of Trenton, in 1782, the settlement was torn from Connecticut, and subjected to the authority of Pennsylvania, contrary to the wishes, and without the consent of the inhabitants. By this unrighteous act, Connecticut, which had held rank in the confederacy of 1775, as a colony of the first magnitude, and had been literally the keystone State of the confederacy during the revolutionary struggle, had met every crisis with the greatest promptitude and vigor, and had made such great sacrifices to establish the cause of liberty and independence, underwent the mortification of seeing the integrity of her territory violated, her size diminished, her laws solemnly enacted nullified without her consent, and her rank in the Union reduced.<sup>1</sup> But compromising and confirming laws were passed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, under which the Connecticut settlers were allowed to retain their farms.

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3 Hinman's Connecticut in the Revolution, 17.

## CHAPTER XVII.

THE FIRST CORN MILL. ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF  
YALESVILLE.

THE first planters of Wallingford, as in all new settlements, soon discovered the importance of having a mill for grinding their corn. Consequently they were not long in making preparations for the erection of one on Wharton's brook, a little south of the late residence of Joseph Doolittle. As early as 1673, at a town meeting on the 30th day of January, it was "ordered that Lieut. Fowler be invited to come and confer with the townsmen about building a mill as he had proposed, so that the town might exactly know what his proposition was, that it might be reported to the town, and action taken accordingly." No further action was taken on the subject until February 24th of the same year, when Mr. Moss, Lieut. Merriman, Thomas Yale and Benjamin Lewis were chosen to confer with Lieut. Fowler concerning the mill, and liberty was granted them, provided Fowler would not agree to such terms as they might propose, to accept of his ; thus showing their great anxiety for the establishment of a mill in the town. Nothing appears to have been accomplished, as the committee made no report of their doings.

A contract was however made by the committee with

Lieut Fowler, and the work of building a mill was commenced. On the fifth day of the fourth month, 1674, John Hall Jr., Nathaniel Royce, Benjamin Lewis and Nathan Andrews were chosen to look after the interests of the mill, and to cause the work to be duly accomplished. A vigorous move was now made to push the work. A town meeting was called on the third day of July, 1674, and a rate of sixteen shillings on the smallest lots, and twenty-four shillings on the middle lots, and thirty-two shillings on the largest lots, was laid, and ordered to be paid in the following manner: One-half of a third part in wheat and peas in equal proportion, and the remainder in Indian or other corn; the wheat, if winter wheat, at five shillings per bushel; summer wheat at five shillings eight pence; peas at four shillings, and corn at three shillings and sixpence, to defray the expense of the mill, and in carrying on the work at and about the same, also about Mr. Street's house then being erected.

The great difficulty of procuring help to accomplish the work about the mill, induced the town at a meeting held August 26, 1674, to order and direct the committee to call out the inhabitants of the town to work at the mill. The committee found some difficulty in carrying out the above order; therefore on the twentieth day of October, 1674, a further committee was appointed, consisting of Samuel Andrews, Thomas Curtis and Thomas Hall, to assist the former committee in prosecuting the work; and if on call any should refuse to work at the mill, they should pay a fine of five shillings. As this vote was the last one passed by the town on the subject, it is supposed that the committee found no further difficulty in finishing the work about the mill.

The mill having been completed, a meeting of the town was called, and held December 12, 1674, ordering the inhabitants to bring in their corn to the mill, that the same may be ground; and that Wednesday and Thursday in each week be set apart for grinding at the mill. As no record can be found of the contract made with Lieut. Fowler respecting the mill or his interest therein, that part of its history must forever remain in obscurity. During the season following, the mill-dam was frequently damaged by the sudden rise of water in the stream, and frequent calls were made on the people to assist in making repairs. At a meeting of the town held September 23, 1675, an appropriation of forty shillings was made, and a committee appointed to cause the mill-dam to be kept in order. April 6, 1675, the town gave Lieutenant Fowler six acres of land upon the mill plain, on the south side of the path that leads to the mill, adjoining Wharton's brook. April 27, 1675, a further grant was made to Lieut. Fowler of sixty acres of land on the east side of Wharton's brook, east of the mill, and adjoining said brook. The selectmen were to lay it out according to their best judgment, and for convenience to the mill and people of the town. This grant is very nearly, if not exactly, that tract of land which was the farm of the late Michael Doolittle.

On account of some difficulty between the town and Lieut. Fowler, in carrying out his contract made with the committee, he not being willing to confer further with them, sent his son John Fowler to act in his behalf. At a meeting of the town September 16, 1676, John Fowler appeared in behalf of his father, as his agent respecting all former contracts of his father about the mill. He engaged in his own name, and drew up



and signed a contract with the town of Wallingford, upon condition the town granted the sixty acres of land as promised, situated as follows :

“The north stake ten rods northward of the brook commonly called Milking Yard brook as you go between Wallingford and Hartford in the Middle way between the mouth of said brook and the old path, and to run in a strait line southward, so as to cut the edges of the red bank by the east river, so called, at the utmost eastward. And so from the norther stake westward 120 rods, and so as to hold his depth on the south side paralell and the river southward till he have the full complement of sixty acres.”

What action the town took in relation to this matter does not appear ; but the following vote, passed March 5, 1676, indicates the result :

“Voted, in case Lieut. Fowler dissented from his former contract with the town about the mill, and it falls out that Jo. Lothrop prove to be the man that takes the matter in hand to procure the mill to be built anew, and kept in repair for the use of the town, the town will give him twenty pounds for his encouragement in the work.”

Nathaniel Royce was instructed in behalf of Jo. Lothrop to call out men to work at the mill, every man according to his proportion until the thirty pounds were paid. Lieut. Fowler's management and the location of the mill were not satisfactory to the people of the town, and as he could not give further assurances, or would not fulfil his contract with them, the dam and race had been greatly damaged by the flood, and mill gearing often out of repair, causing much trouble and annoyance ; and Mr. Fowler failing to perform his engagements, it was decided that the mill should be removed to a place that

had been selected previously for that purpose at the first falls on the river, (now Yalesville).

The old site of the first mill was on Wharton's brook a little south of the hill on which the village stands, and a little below the late residence of Joseph Doolittle. Traces of the old dam and race are now visible. Before entering upon the history of the First Falls mill, it may not be out of place to give some of the town's action relative to the old mill-site flowing ground, which being sequestered was rented from time to time for different purposes, and to different individuals. November 14, 1679, the land where the mill stood was given to Mercy Moss. It is described as being on the west side of Long Hill, near the south end of Wharton's brook. March 13, 1693, the townsmen were instructed to let the old mill-pond for seven years to John Doolittle, for two pounds and two shillings per year, current provision pay, he keeping the fences in good repair, and to leave them so. October 4, 1693, the old mill-pond was by a vote of the town sequestered, with all the land between the country road and the old pond place, the use of which was to be applied to the benefit of schools; no part of which was to be disposed of or sold, without the consent of every individual planter.

The site of the mill at the "First Falls" was examined at an early date and selected as a desirable place for a mill; therefore it was decided at a meeting of the town on the fourth day of June, 1677, that the mill should be removed there, or to some other place more convenient if it could be found. Nothing further was done until the 10th of September, 1677. Some three months after they had decided on the removal, the town voted to send for Jo. Lothrop to come and conclude an agree-

ment with them about the mill. It appears that this vote was carried into immediate effect ; for on the 13th day of September, 1677, three days only intervening, the town voted that "if Jo. Lothrop go on with all speed and complete his mill which he had begun, leaving all future agreements between himself and the town for more suitable time, then the town grants him his thirty acres of land by the mill as he desired, as a part of his first division as a planter ; that is, he is to go five rods below the mill, forty rods above the mill, and so to run back southward until he gets his thirty acres." The town also gave him forty-four acres of land peculiar to his mill ; that is, four acres were added to his river lot of eight acres, making it twelve acres in all, and this to be situated as follows : "forty rods by the river, and running back eastward until he can find twelve acres at the falls which had been selected as a site for the mill ; also forty acres of upland to be in one piece, or two, as he may choose, provided he does not come within half a mile of the river commonly called New Haven east river, or within two miles of the town, or interfere with any former grants." The town also remitted his rates levied for the purpose of paying for the mill-dam and other work about the mill which belonged to the town to perform. The town also agreed "that the first thirty pounds and the last thirty pounds granted and to be levied for carrying on the work of the mill be now levied according to the three ranks of allotments ; that is to say the highest rank to pay twenty shillings, the middle rank fifteen shillings, and the lowest rank ten shillings ; this for the first thirty pounds, and also for the second rate levied. Sergeant Abraham Doolittle was chosen and authorised to call out as many of the town as he may need to work at the mill."

By the action of the town it appears that Mr. Lothrop was ahead of the town in his work, and that the town were behind in theirs. It also appears that the town were to build the dam and race. October 30, 1677, the town ordered that one day's work more be added to each man in addition to what was previously levied. The town ordered, November 13, 1677, every planter to forthwith work one day each at the mill; "and if any refuse, they are to be pressed; and should any be behind in not paying their former dues, they are also to be pressed." Liberty was given to Sergeant Doolittle to take men from the dam work to help goodman Lothrop about his work proper to the mill, the said Lothrop paying the town for the same.

Up to this time the work had been driven with energy both by the town and Mr. Lothrop, each performing their part to the full satisfaction of the other, when a cloud came over them in the destruction of their dam, which had cost them much labor and expense. It was carried away by the great pressure of the water from above. Notwithstanding this great calamity the people showed themselves to be men of nerve, and resolved to go ahead, and at once sent for goodman Miller, a man of experience in such matters, to give advice as to the best way to proceed in repairing the mill-dam. Goodman Thorp was the messenger sent to Middletown for Mr. Miller, carrying a letter from the town of Wallingford desiring him to come and advise with them. What advice he gave does not appear. The matter rested until spring, when on the twenty-third day of April, 1678, the town decided to take away the sluice in the former dam before building a new one; and on the twenty-second of May the work of repairing the dam was ordered to be

carried on forthwith. The training day for May was suspended, and each man was to work at the mill on that day. No doubt the work went on to completion, for we find no reference to the mill or mill-dam until May 23, 1679, when the miller was instructed to grind one day in each week, and that on Mondays. On the eighth day of September, 1679, a committee was chosen to look after the affairs of the mill, and it was ascertained that the miller could not do the grinding necessary for the inhabitants in one day. It was therefore ordered September 29, that two days be set apart for that purpose, viz.: Mondays and Thursdays.

Thus matters went on until Aug. 25, 1680, when the town gave the whole control of the mill into the hands of the committee who had been previously appointed to look out for the interest of the mill and its affairs generally. The business affairs of the mill had by this time become of great annoyance and trouble between the town and the miller, and the town had become completely tired of the trouble arising from it; and to allay further trouble passed the following order, November 8, 1680: "That the miller attend and perform his grinding Mondays and Thursdays, and continue grinding until his mill be cleared, if the water holds out; and that every man has his turn whether he is there himself or sends one of his children or servants, according to agreement; that is, if he brings his corn first, and is there present to desire it, or not, as soon as the hopper is clear; and if no such case occurs then he shall have liberty to attend to the grinding of any one of the town who may bring his corn, and will wait until it is ground; and that the miller does not grind away his water for strangers to the injury of the town's inhabitants." No doubt they anticipated that

the passage of this order would be the means of giving satisfaction to the people of the town, but in this they were greatly mistaken; and we find, June 13, 1681, the town voting to give the whole control of the mill into the hands of the miller, provided that he would keep the same in repair and grind the town's corn as it ought to be. October 14, 1681, the town entered into a contract with John Lothrop, and were for a time partially relieved from the care and perplexity of the mill, and no more was heard about it until September 27, 1686, when it was found that it needed great repairs.

A committee was chosen to fix upon a site for a mill on the river, and two days afterwards an order was passed ordering its removal. Thus it would appear that a site a little further down the stream would be better than the one originally selected, and there appears to be no doubt but that the mill was removed several rods down the stream; and in order to make the location sure forever as a mill-site, the people of the town in town meeting assembled, October 3, 1687, agreed and voted that all the land about the mill and that on which it stands, and the river, shall be sequestered as town's commons, not any part thereof or parcel of the same ever to be sold or granted to any person or persons except by the consent of every individual planter belonging to the town. This land was bounded west by the entailed land, foreign to the mill, by the river and the highway on all the other parts (the mill being on the west side of the river); and as there was no means of crossing except by fording the river, the town at a meeting held December 27, 1687, ordered that a canoe be procured for the purpose of crossing the river to get to the mill from the east.

The work of removing and repairing the mill having been accomplished, the town, at a meeting held January 21, 1689, passed an order directing how the affairs relative to grinding were to be performed at the mill, and thus assumed the entire control of its affairs. December 17, 1694, the people having become dissatisfied with crossing the river in a canoe, resolved to build a bridge, so that persons could get to the mill horseback. This was a great improvement over the old plan of crossing the river in a canoe. January 22, 1695, a tax of one-half penny was levied to defray the expense of the bridge at the mill. The bridge was no doubt built almost exactly where the bridge now is, just east of Parker's factory, and on the old road leading to Wallingford. At this meeting Samuel Lothrop, a son of John Lothrop, was appointed to take charge of the mill for two months, on condition that he performed his work well, and ground every man's corn well ; but he was given to understand that he could not stay in the mill if he failed to perform his work in a satisfactory manner. He appears to have given satisfaction, as he continued in charge of the mill until 1697, when Thomas Hall was chosen miller. December 31, 1700, it was ordered that the miller devote four days to grinding in each week in the winter, viz., December, January and February, and three days in each week for the remainder of the year.

On or about the ninth day of March, 1704, John Lothrop's heirs sold to Tyler and Stanley all of their interest in the mill, and in 1707 William Tyler made a contract with the town concerning it. From this time the town seems to have surrendered all control over the mill and miller, the mill having passed into the hands of Wm. Tyler, who had purchased the interest of Mr. Stan-

ley. The mill and all of the privileges connected with it remained in the Tyler family nearly a hundred years, until the decease of the late Samuel Tyler, who left it to one of his daughters, and it was sold by her guardian, Nehemiah Rice, to the late Charles Yale, who made extensive repairs and alterations, and changed the name of Tyler's mills to Yalesville. The old buildings were destroyed by fire a few years ago.



## CHAPTER XVIII.

## SLAVERY. SMALL POX.

SLAVERY had existed in Connecticut, though to a very limited extent, from an early period. There were a number of slaves in Wallingford and Meriden who labored on farms and in families. These slaves were some of them brought directly from Africa, or quite as often from the West Indies, with which a brisk commerce was carried on by the people of Connecticut, they often sending for a likely young negro and paying for him with the productions of their farms. In 1680 thirty slaves were brought from Barbadoes and sold at an average price of £22 each. In a letter on the 5th of July, 1773, his Majesty's secretary inquired of the Governor of Connecticut as to the population of the colony. The answer of the Governor in 1774 was that the number of whites was 191,372, and the number of blacks 6,464. Nearly all the blacks were slaves. At an early period some Indians or Indian families who had become by treachery or crime peculiarly obnoxious, were sold as slaves. In 1646 we are told that "an Indian woman fled from her master" to the Dutch.<sup>1</sup> We find in the *Connecticut Gazette* for January 5, 1764, the fol-

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<sup>1</sup> This took place at Hartford, near which, at a place still called "Dutch Point," the Dutch had then a small fort and garrison.

lowing advertisement: "Just imported from Dublin, in the brig Darby, a parcel of Irish servants both Men and Women, and to be sold cheap, by Israel Boardman, at Stamford."

Joseph De Mink, a freeman, born in Bravo, one of the Cape Verd Islands, with the consent of his father went to Buena Vista, March, 1755; and being desirous of returning home met with Captain Phineas Cook of Wallingford who promised to take him to Bravo, but passed by that Island to the West Indies, brought him to Wallingford, and delivered him to David Cook, his father, who sold him as a slave to Noah Wadhams of Goshen, for £52 10s. Wadhams being satisfied that he was a negro and a freeman, brought action against Cook, who compounded with him, and Joseph was returned. He feared Cook might again dispose of him, and petitioned the General Assembly for relief. A number of witnesses were brought forward, including David Bates, Moses Ventres, Titus Tuttle, Gad Wells, Levi Comstock, Street Hall and others, who testified that Joe was a thievish, lazy fellow, and it was not safe to turn him loose on the community. The Assembly appointed Thomas Seymour as his guardian, and declared Joseph a free subject of the king of Portugal, and ordered Captain Cook to pay him £15 damages and £15 costs into the treasury, and ordered Mr. Seymour to take care of Joe and obtain for him a passage home.

Samuel Tyler of Wallingford, had a negro girl, Nellie, aged nine years, who was entitled to freedom at eighteen years of age, her mother being a free Indian. Tyler claimed her for life, and brought action before the county Court, April, 1746, and before the Superior Court, February, 1748, and judgment was rendered against him.

One of the first slaves in Wallingford was Cæsar, the property of the late Samuel Cook, whose father and grandfather had each in succession been his owner, from his infancy. He died about the year 1820 at the age of eighty-two years. Colonel Edward Barker, Elihu Hall and others were owners of slaves. At an earlier date Isaac Brockett owned a negro boy by the name of Esau. Cato was the name of Col. Barker's negro. He ranked high as a fiddler in the community, and was generally called upon to furnish the music for balls on the nights preceding the annual thanksgiving, and other occasions when dancing was expected. By an old colonial law white men were sometimes sold into slavery for intemperance, theft, idleness, etc. Simon Smith and Daniel Clark were frequently sold to Samuel Cook, for a small annual payment to the town. By an early statute of the colony, all single persons who lived in idleness, might be bound out to service.

Immediately after the Revolution, a statute was made declaring that no negro or mulatto child born in this State after March 1, 1784, should be held to servitude after he or she should arrive at the age of twenty-five years. By this statute any negro, mulatto, or Indian servant found wandering beyond the bounds of the town to which he belonged, without a pass from a justice of the peace or his master, might be arrested by any one as a runaway. If a slave was caught out at night, after nine o'clock, without an order from his master, any person might apprehend and bring him before a justice of the peace, who might sentence him to be publicly whipped on the naked body. In 1848 the Legislature enacted for the first time that no person should be held in slavery in this State.

When slaves were married it was done only with the consent of their masters, just as children in their minority were married with the consent of their parents. This consent was carefully recorded by the minister who married them. They were indeed considered as members of the family and baptized as such on the plan of "household baptism." For we meet with entries on the church records like the following:

"March 1, 1741, baptized London, servant of John Webb."  
 "Sep. 12, 1742, baptized Primus, servant of Lazarus Ives."  
 "Sep. 6, 1747, baptized Champe, a negro of Lazarus Ives."  
 "April 24, 1748, baptized negro child of John Merriam."

About twenty of these baptisms are recorded within a period of forty years. The deaths among the slaves were also recorded no less carefully than the decease of the whites, though in somewhat less respectful terms. Thus in the register of burials for 1736, is this entry:

"Aaron Lyman's negro." "Nov. 15, 1737, Theo. Mix's negro man." "Feb. 25, 1745, a negro man of Serg't. Jerom." "Feb. 28, 1748, Serg't. Jerom's negro child."

Even the reverend man who officiated at funerals met with losses of the same nature, for I find this entry: "June 8, 1758, *my* negro child, Gin." The following are copies of two from among a number of legal instruments of sale, which are regularly signed, sealed and witnessed by the parties respectively, like deeds of land. The names of the contracting parties are omitted.

"Know all men by these presents that I — of Meriden, Widow, for the consideration of thirteen pounds Lawful money, already received of — of s'd Meriden, do sell and make over unto the s'd — his Heirs and assigns forever, all my Right and title to and Interest in the Negro Girl named time, that was the Estate of the s'd deceased, and that

was let out to me for the settlement of s'd estate, and do hereby promise to warrant the same against all claims whatsoever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Second day of May, Anno Domini, 1760.

“—— ——— L. S.

“Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

“—— ———,  
—— ———.”

“Know all men by these presents, that I —— ———, of Wallingford, the County of New Haven, and colony of Connecticut in New england, Have Sold and Delivered unto —— ———, of s'd Wallingford, one negro man called by the name of Steep, about eighteen years old who is in perfect health according to the best of my knowlidg, for which negro I have Received of s'd —— ———, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, old tenor,<sup>1</sup> to my full satisfaction and do promise to warrant and defend the sale of the above s'd negro, dureing the term of his natureall life against all the lawfull claims of any person whatsoever, in witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal, this first day of March, A. D.

1743.

—— ——— L. S.

“Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

“—— ———  
—— ———.”

“ Middletown, July 8, 1760.

“Received of Abel Curtis (of Meriden) Forty Pounds, In full of a Negro Boy Called Ben, about nine years old which S<sup>d</sup> negro Boy I Promis to warrant and Defend against all Lawful Claims & demands of any Person whatsoever as witness my hand.

GEO. PHILLIPS.”

At a town meeting held in Wallingford, April 7, 1766,

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<sup>1</sup> This “old tenor” money consisted of bills of credit issued by the State in the terrible embarassments and debts consequent on the English, French and Spanish wars; which wars always involved the colonies in great danger and expense. These bills at one time became so depreciated that they were received as ten for one, and even twenty for one.

“Voted, with regard to the poor of the town, that the selectmen of said town, shall meet at the dwelling house of Mr. Philemon Johnson, in said town on the third Monday of instant April, at two of the clock in the afternoon, and there expose them to Public Vendue to be supported by those that will do it the cheapest by the week, month, or year, for said town, and also to dispose of those under their care that are able to do some service for their support in the same manner.”

Chatham Freeman was a slave of Mr. Noah Yale. One of Mr. Yale's sons was drafted, and Mr. Yale offered Chatham his freedom if he would go as a substitute and serve seven years. Chatham served seven years, then returned home and received his freedom. Mr. Yale had a female slave named Rhea, whom Chatham desired to marry. Mr. Yale told Chatham that if he would work for him seven years he would give the girl her freedom and that he might marry her. Chatham agreed to the proposition; served seven years and received his reward. A descendant of this sable couple is now living in the eastern part of the town. Another descendant, Robert Prim, will be remembered by our old inhabitants, as Robert and his violin were indispensable requisites at every party or merry-making.

#### SMALL POX.

Vaccination was introduced into this country by Dr. Waterhouse of Boston, who first vaccinated his son. The introduction of varilous inoculation by the influence and patronage of Cotton Mather, was a subject of much speculation. The clergy were defenders of inoculation. The conduct of the medical faculty, who exerted their whole force to annihilate it, was “violent and outrageous.” A sermon against the dangerous and sinful practice of inoculation, preached in London, in July, 1722,

by Edward Massey, was reprinted in Boston. Zabdiel Boylston was one of the earliest inoculators for small pox in this country. His experiments commenced with his son, in 1720, and in a year extended the disease to two hundred and forty-seven persons, of whom but six died. In Wallingford, on the 31st of March, 1777, it was

“Voted that no Person belonging to any other Town shall be admitted to Come into this Town to Inoculate with the Small Pox.” “Voted that no person Shall hereafter be allowed to Inoculate in this Town with the Small Pox.” “Voted that the Informing officers Enter Complaint against the Leaders of Inoculation in this Town with the Small Pox.” “Voted that no Person who have been Infected with the Small Pox in this Town shall be allowed to Go abroad amongst People untill they have been out and Cleaned up a fortnight on Penalty of the Law.” “Voted that any Person Belonging to any other Town presuming to Come into this Town to Inoculate with the Small Pox Shall Suffer the Penalty of the Law.”<sup>1</sup>

At a Town Meeting held at Wallingford December 18, 1792, the petition of “William B. Hall, physician and surgeon,” was presented,

“Praying liberty to erect an hospital on his Fathers farm quite remote from the publick road or dwelling house, for the purpose of inoculation for the small pox, or to inoculate at any other place which they should think most proper, under the immediate inspection and direction of the Civil Authority and selectmen of said Town, on Condition said Hall be under bonds to pay all expences that the Town or any of its Inhabitants may be put to in case the infection should spread thro his Carelessness or neglect, and in every

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<sup>1</sup> Wallingford Records, Book I. p. 15. State Records, Liber D, Folio 110-11.

such case to pay into the Town Treas<sup>y</sup> Forty shillings or any other sum that should be desired."

This petition was granted by the town. In 1793 Aaron Andrews, Ensign Hough, and Bilious Kirtland, "all of said Wallingford, physicians, and surgeons," requested permission to inoculate in such house or houses as should be judged safe, convenient and proper. Their petition was granted. In 1801 Dr. Ensign Hough and Dr. Wm. B. Hall wished to test the kine pox vaccination, and having obtained the house now occupied by Mr. Ira Preston in the eastern part of the town to be used as a pest-house, prevailed upon Mr. Samuel Paddock of Meriden and Mr. Bradley of Middletown to become the first patients. Dr. Hough attended the patients one day, and Dr. Hall the next. Messrs Paddock and Bradley were each vaccinated three times, and remained sick at the pest-house for over three weeks.





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## CHAPTER XIX.

## WALLINGFORD AND MERIDEN IN THE WARS.

VIRGIL, as he commenced his world-renowned epic, could hardly have announced a grander subject than when he wrote, "*Arma virumque cano.*" Man and his weapons of warfare, inseparable in their close connection, in their mutual interdependence, how much have they together accomplished! We can scarcely separate one from the other.

The fathers of our country were early conversant with a state of things widely different from what now exists. Driven by religious oppression to seek an asylum on this side the ocean, they came in successive feeble bands, and planted themselves on a sod, until then, untrodden by the foot of civilized man. They were far from the influence of despotism, and no servile band could there burst in on their Sabbath-day ministrations, tear their pastor from the sacred desk and immure him within the walls of a prison. But we see them seated with their weapons by their side ready at any moment to repel the attacks of the ferocious Indians, who were exasperated by the alleged encroachments on their rights. Scarcely had the first log cabin been built by the pioneers, when the Indians, forecasting the growth and fruitfulness of resources incident to the English race, began to devise

means for their destruction. While the Indians appeared friendly to the new settlers, they stole their cattle, they shot arrows from their secret lurking places, at the farmer when he went into his field in the morning, or murdered his wife and children when they were left unprotected at home.

At the time Wallingford was settled it was thought that Philip, chief sachem of the Wampanoags, was using all his address to incite a general insurrection of the Indians for the purpose of exterminating the English. Philip was a sachem whose proud spirit of independence, whose heroism and whose misfortunes, have rendered him the most famous of all the New England aborigines. Philip formed no general league, no great conspiracy against the English; but he was smarting from humiliations inflicted upon himself and his brother; and, like most of his race, he looked with anger and dismay upon the steady progress of the foreigners in spreading over and occupying the country.<sup>1</sup> The inhabitants of the newly formed settlement of Wallingford were greatly troubled at the warlike rumors which reached them every day, and

. . . . "Short of succor, and in deep despair,  
Shook at the dismal prospect of the war."<sup>2</sup>

Houses were fortified, sentinels were appointed, and on the Sabbath in the little log building without chimney or steeple, while the voice of Mr. Street is engaged in solemn thanks to God for his mercy and faithfulness in bringing them to their land of promise, the armed sentinels pace backwards and forwards in the narrow space

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<sup>1</sup> DeForest's Hist. of the Indians of Conn., p. 279.

<sup>2</sup> Multaque dura suo tristici cum corda putabant. Virgil's *Æneid*, VIII. 522.

which they call a street. Every man has a loaded musket by his side, and powder-horn and shot-bag slung around his neck ; for the savages may burst like thunder on their homes and let loose the tomahawk and scalping-knife on their families at any moment.

In 1673 the General Court ordered "That five hundred dragoons be forthwith rayseed, to be ready upon one howers warning to defend any place in this colony, assaulted by an enemy." The proportion for Wallingford was eight. The war broke out in the summer of 1675, just about a century before the commencement of our own struggle for independence, and continued with uninterrupted fury until the autumn of 1676. Connecticut entered with spirit into the struggle. Her sons left their husbandry and followed Treat and Talcott to the scene of danger. It was a fierce and bloody war, in which both parties aimed at extermination. The war on the part of the Indians was a war for freedom and existence, and when that was no longer possible it became a war for revenge. August 27, 1675, Mr. Street's and Lieut. Merriman's houses were ordered to be fortified. At the same time,

"In respect to the present doings of y<sup>e</sup> Indians itt was ordered that the inhabitants secure themselves and the principall of theyr goods by fortifying about too houses. Also that eveure man bring his armes and amunition compleat on the Saboth day that he may be able in a fitt posture to doe service if need Require." "That selectmen gaurd as sentinells on y<sup>e</sup> Saboth, and y<sup>e</sup> rest of the town ward 4 men every Saboth and 2 every weeke day ; that they begin to ward when the watch breaks up and hould on till y<sup>e</sup> watch be sett again ; that they begin and end, at the dawning and shutting in of the day." "October 15, 1675, Ordered that those persons at the end of the town if they see cause to fortifie any of theyr

houses which they can agree upon for their saftie in these times of dainger what theyr full charg is shall be defraied out of ye town's treasury. Also that any that are willing to be asistant to make too flankers att Left Merriman's barne shall have due recompens out of ye towne treasurie."

Their mode of "fortyfiing a house" was as follows: At a short distance from the house, ten feet perhaps, and all around it a log wall was erected, with the ends of the logs dove-tailed into each other at the corners, and carried up to ten or twelve feet in height, with such openings as might suffice for pointing muskets at an attacking enemy. The "Seymour fort," which stood in Christian Lane just back and south of the residence of the late Mr John Goodrich of Berlin, was made of palisades sixteen feet long, sharp at the top, and firmly set in the ground near together.<sup>1</sup> Such erections were ample protection against any strength which the Indians were able to exert. Though no battle was fought near them, yet the inhabitants were kept in a constant state of alarm which greatly hindered their agricultural operations, and were compelled to fortify and garrison their little village as if actually in a state of siege.

In fact every settlement within the bounds of Connecticut was mercifully preserved from the presence of the enemy. No village was swept away by the storm of war. No rural sanctuary was laid in ruins. No laborer shot by the ambushed savage, fell in the furrow. No

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<sup>1</sup> Within this fort the settlers repaired at nightfall for safety against the Indians and for quiet rest. The well at which they quenched their thirst still furnishes the best water. The fort was built about 1686. Thomas North, ancestor of the North families of New Britain, the Seymours and Gilberts clustered about the fort. Dr. Joseph Steele, the Standleys, Rootes, Harts, Nortons, Cowles, Nehemiah Porter, Joseph Lankton, Newel, Gridley, Bronsons and others were located south of the fort.

father returning to his house, found all desolate—the calcined bones of his children mingled with the ashes of his dwelling. No mother torn from her sick bed, saw her babe dashed in pieces against her own hearth-stone. Such things there were in other parts of New England, but they were not in Connecticut. Yet here were alarms and watchings; here were levies of soldiers; here every store-house, every dwelling yielded its supplies to feed the army; here was that sad sight—the young, the brave, the hope of gray-haired sires, the strength and pride of the plantation, marching away from the homes that looked to them for protection. Here were dreadful tidings from the camp and the battle.<sup>1</sup> Although there were no battles fought in Connecticut, yet five men at least, within her limits, were sacrificed by sudden shot from a lurking foe.<sup>2</sup>

April 28, 1674, eight persons were chosen in Wallingford as a guard for the Sabbath. In 1681 forts were ordered to be erected in the town, and in 1690 a fort was built around the meeting-house. The arms of private soldiers were pikes, muskets and swords. The muskets had matchlocks or firelocks, and to each one there was “a pair of bandoleers or pouches for powder and bullets,” and a stick called a *rest*, for use in taking aim. The pikes were ten feet in length, besides the spear at the end. “Ten foot in length, at least, is the wood.” A train-band consisted of not fewer than sixty-four men,

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1 Bacon's Hist. Dis., p. 162.

2 Josiah Rockwell and John Reynolds of Norwich were slain January 28, 1675-6, on the east side of Shetucket river, which they had crossed for the purpose of spreading flax. John Kirby of Middletown, was slain between Middletown and Wethersfield. Edward Elmore or Elmer, was slain in East Windsor. Henry Denslow slain in Windsor. William Hill of East Hartford, wounded but not killed. These were all in 1676.

and not more than two hundred. It was constituted of twice as many musketeers as pikemen ; the latter being selected for their superior stature. The officers of a band were a Captain, Lieutenant, an Ensign and four Sergeants.

Wallingford furnished her quota of troops for the French and Indian wars of 1690, and again in 1694 for the defense of Albany. The whole amount of taxes paid by Wallingford in common with other towns for the defense of New York and Massachusetts, amounted to the enormous burden of about twenty pence on the pound ; so that at the close of the year 1695 the colony had drawn from the pockets of the people and paid out seven thousand pounds. We cannot but admire the self-sacrificing spirit of the citizens, especially when we remember that they submitted to this heavy drain from their resources from the most magnanimous and unselfish motives that ever actuated a people.<sup>1</sup>

In 1691, there was great difficulty and disturbance in Wallingford in regard to the choice of military officers ; and there being but little majority in the choice, and dissatisfaction growing out of the same, it was carried to the General Court, who could

“See good reason not to confirm the choys, and order that L<sup>nt</sup> Merriman and Ensign Yale shall continue to be the commission officers of the traine band of Wallingford as formerly, untill this Court shall order otherwise, or the Governor.”

This did not seem to settle the difficulty, for in October, 1691, we find that,

“Whereas the good people of Wallingford, by reason of some variaty of apprehensions that hath fallen out between

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<sup>1</sup> In 1684, there were sixty-one taxable persons in Wallingford. Amount of tax, £2,967.



them, sit uneasy, and their seams to be a breach made of their peace, and differences seem to be increasing among them ; for the issue of all matters and controversies between them that are not for the present stated and determined by this court already, this court doe nominate and appoynt L<sup>nt</sup> Col. Allyn, Capt. Sam. Talcott, Mr W<sup>m</sup> Pitkin, and the Rev. Mr Sam<sup>ll</sup> Hooker, and Mr Perrpoynt, they or any two or three of them, to be a comittee in behalfe of this court to hear and determine all maters of controversie that have arisen between the good people of Wallingford since their looking towards of military officers, and the good people of Wallingford to appoesse so far as to be peaceable under the same."

In 1692, it was ordered that Lieut. Nath. Merriman and Ensign Thomas Yale should have the rule and command of the train-band, until the court should order otherwise. In October of the same year,

"This court having heard and considered the matter of Wallingford in respect of their military officers, doe declare that they cannot see reason to confirm the former choise of military officers formerly, but do order and appoynt L<sup>nt</sup> Col. John Allyn and capt. Stanly in som convenient time to appoynt a meeting of the trayne souldiers in Wallingford, and to lead them to an orderly choise of a captain, lieutenant, and ensign, and sarg<sup>ts</sup>, and they are to receive blanck commissions from the Gov<sup>r</sup>, and upon the choys, if they approve of the said choys, they are to deliver such as shall be chosen commissions, impowering of them to take the charge of the trayne band of Wallingford under their care and discipline according to law."

Whether this settled the matter, history or tradition showeth not. In 1704 Lieutenant Samuel Hall was appointed Captain of the train-band, Sergt. John Merriman Lieutenant, and Sergt. Thomas Curtis, Ensign, "and all the said officers are to be commissioned respectively." In October, 1698, the General Court

granted to Sergt. John Merriman of Wallingford, fifty acres of land, in consideration of his father's service in the Pequot war, to be taken up where it would not prejudice any former grant. At the same time fifty acres of land were granted to Thomas Hall of Wallingford, in consideration of his father's service in the Pequot war. Captain Thomas Yale, and Sergeant John Merriman were appointed to lay out these grants. In 1709, the proportion of troops for Wallingford was twelve.

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The origin of the Revolutionary War was to be traced to the imperial instincts of England. The colonies wished for their freedom; the mother-country was not sufficiently disinterested to grant it; the colonies declared their independence, and the English people felt insulted, and determined to put the rebels down. But the capacity to do so did not wait on the inclination, and the English found a vigorous resistance from a people of their own race, whose habits, political traditions and moral courage were kindred to their own. The ideas of Lord Chatham towards the colonies were those of a great, but splendid tyrant, who thought more of the power of England than of the happiness of America. Only one man, Edmund Burke, regarded the whole contest with a philosophic mind. But he had no social influence or personal authority corresponding with his genius and ambition. The people through the whole contest were uncertain and capricious, neither ready to part with their ambition and the colonies, nor desirous of the expenditure of wealth requisite for carrying on an internecine contest with the descendants of the outcast Puritans.

The American Colonies were inhabited by an earnest yet philanthropic people. They had sprung from the blood of the better order of England, and their culture had eminently fitted them to think before they ventured to act. Historians have loved to eulogize the manners and virtues, the glories and benefits of chivalry. But what have the Puritans and their descendants accomplished? If they had the sectarian crime of intolerance, chivalry had the vices of dissoluteness. The knights were brave from gallantry of spirit; the Puritans from the fear of God. The knights were proud of loyalty; the Puritans of liberty. The knights did homage to monarchs in whose smile they beheld honor, whose rebuke was the wound of disgrace; the Puritans, disdainng ceremony, would not bow at the name of Jesus, nor bend the knee to the King of Kings.<sup>1</sup>

On the 22d of September, 1763, three men high in power, held an interview in a dingy chamber in London, and there sketched the outline of a plot that was to rob the British Empire of half its glory, and deluge a continent in blood. The result of the meeting was, "to write to the commissioners of the stamp duties to prepare the draft of a bill to be presented to the parliament, for extending the *stamp duties in the colonies*." This act required that all paper and parchment used in the transaction of business, should be stamped, for which a duty should be paid; and all writing on unstamped materials was declared null and void. When the news of the passage of this act reached Boston, there were visible everywhere tokens of astonishment and apprehension. When the news reached Hartford, the General

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1 Bancroft's History, I. 468.

Assembly appointed a committee to assist Governor Fitch in preparing a protest. Such was the exhibition of popular feeling against it, that the law was repealed in March, 1766. At a town meeting held in Wallingford, January, 1776, it was voted, that

“Whereas it appears from antient Records and other Memorials of Incontestible Validity, that our Ancestors with a great Sum Purchased said Township, at their only Expençe Planted, with great Peril possessed, and Defended the Same, we are Born free (having never been in bondage to any) an Inheritance of Inestimable Value. Voted and Agreed that if any of said Inhabitants, shall Introduce Use or Improve any Stamp Vellum Parchment or paper, for which tax or Tribute is or may be Demandable, such Person or Persons shall Incurr the Penaltie of 20s to be recovered by the Select Men of said Town for the Time being for the Use of the Poor of said Town.”

The following petition was sent by the first society, to “the Inhabitants of the Society of Wells assembled in Society Meeting, Dec. 1st, Tuesday, A. D. 1766:”

“Gent<sup>rs</sup>: The General Assembly of this Colony have set a very Laudable Example in Disavowing the authority of the Parliment of Great Brittain in regard to the Late American Stamp Act, because in their private Judgment the same was inconsistant with the true principals of the freedom of the English Constitution. A Noble Spirit of LIBERTY was roused in this and all the Colonies through this Extended Continent and they made a Bold Stand for their Liberty. When Reasoned humble Petitions decent Remonstrances, prevailed not with the British Parliment, America as well as this Colony like bold and brave Sons of persecuted Puritans, Resisted, and the great and renounded Right Honorable Comoner Mr Pitt, declared in a British Senate speaking of the Stamp Act and of the Americans, ‘I rejoice that they have resisted.’”

The repeal of the Stamp Act was followed by other oppressive statutes of a kindred sort ; but the most prominent and immediate cause of the war was undoubtedly the Boston Port Bill. This act of the British Parliament to destroy the trade of Boston, excited universal sympathy throughout the colonies. Numerous town meetings were held, speeches were made, and resolutions were passed, many of which found their way to England and caused the ears of the British ministry to tingle, and their cheeks to redden with anger. Almost every town sent donations to Boston for the relief of the poor of that place. At a town meeting held at Wallingford in November, 1774,

“In consideration of the sufferings of the people of Boston in the Common Cause of Liberty, a committee were appointed to collect subscriptions for their relief, and it was voted that the Committee send to the selectmen of the town of Boston such donations as shall be received by them, to be disposed of at the discretion of said selectmen of the town of Boston for the benefit of the indigent sufferers by the Port Bill.”

In October, 1774, the General Assembly met at New Haven, and a law was enacted to raise one-fourth of the militia for the special defense of the colony, formed into companies of one hundred men each, and into six regiments. The companies from Wallingford were commanded by Captains Isaac Cook and John Couch. In May, 1775, Wallingford received by order of the General Assembly, £146 14s. 10d. for the services and expenses of the men of that town in the Lexington alarm in April. In 1776, Wallingford, in connection with Waterbury, Cheshire and Durham, formed the 10th regiment. On the 14th of June, 1776, Governor Trumbull

convoked by his special order a General Assembly of "the Governor and company of the English Colony of Connecticut, in New England, in America." Samuel Beach and Captain Thaddeus Cook were the Representatives from Wallingford. At this Assembly it was

"Resolved *unanimously*, that the delegates of this colony in General Congress, be and they are hereby instructed to propose to that respectable body to declare the United American Colonies *Free and Independent States*, absolved from all allegiance to the King of Great Britain, and to give the assent of this colony to such declarations."

While the members of the Assembly were without a dissenting vote promulgating these sentiments to the world, the committee of Congress, composed of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston, were engaged in preparing the form of the Declaration of Independence, to which, on the 4th of July, was affixed the signature of Lyman Hall, a native of Wallingford, who was chosen a member of the Continental Congress in May, 1775, from Georgia, of which state he was elected Governor in 1783. This was the first solemn declaration by a nation of the only legitimate foundation of civil government. In the eloquent words of Adams, "it was the corner-stone of a new fabric, destined to cover the surface of the globe. It demolished at a stroke, the lawfulness of all governments founded upon conquest. It swept away all the rubbish of accumulated centuries of servitude. It announced in practical form to the world, the transcendent truth of the inalienable sovereignty of the people." Had we remained subject to England, the American colonies would have been without doubt what we see to-day in the Australian colonies—a great country without greatness ;

living a reflex life and not an original one ; without art, without literature, without originality, an instrument of civilization still material and gross. But after all England is dear to us. There are the graves of the ancestors of our Carvers, our Brewsters, our Hancocks, and our Adamses ; of our Henrys, and our Pinckneys ; of Washington. Its language is ours. Its religion is ours. Its history is ours. We delight to think that Milton, and Cowper, and Shakspeare, and Newton, and Bacon are no more theirs than ours.

In January, 1777, it was voted that the selectmen of Wallingford provide tents according to the act of the General Assembly requiring said town to provide tents. A tax of two pence on the pound was levied for that purpose. It was also voted that the selectmen provide all articles necessary for the comfort of the army in accordance with the act of the General Assembly. A two pence tax was laid to cover such expenses. March 31, 1777, it was voted that the town would give a bounty to those engaged in the continental service. Also voted,

“That Each Soldier that Engage in the Continental Service for the Quota of Wallingford Shall be paid by the Town the Sum of five pounds Lawful money by the year for three years unless Sooner Discharged, to be paid the Beginning of Each year. Voted fourpence halfpenny on the pound for the aforesaid Purpose.” “December 16, 1777, Voted a tax of three-pence on the pound for the Benefit of the Soldiers and their Familys that are now in the Continental army.”

In September, 1777, Wallingford was appointed a place of rendezvous for the second brigade. The same year it was voted,

“That the Families of all those who are Convicted of

Torieism or Inimical to the States of America and the heads of all the Familys that have absconded to Lord How, they and their Family shall be removed to Lord How." "Voted that the Select-men of said Town Secure the Estates of all those Persons that are Inimical to the States of America."

At the General Assembly held at Hartford August 13, 1777, James Benham of Wallingford stated that by the influence of designing men he was induced to go to Long Island, and was there induced, partly by threats and partly by necessity, to enter the service of the enemy, until the proclamation offering pardon to such as should leave the British service and return to Connecticut was issued; but by sickness was detained after the 1st day of August, 1777 (the time limited in said proclamation); that he escaped on the 7th day of August 1777, and returned home with the determination of becoming a good subject of the State. The Assembly pardoned him, on condition of his taking the oath of fidelity, and discharged him from imprisonment, upon his paying the cost of apprehending and confining him, to the time of his discharge.

Governor Franklin of New Jersey (son of Dr. Franklin), was brought to Connecticut in 1776 (taken by a convention of his province, as a virulent enemy of the colonies), to be confined there in such manner and place as Congress should direct. Governor Trumbull having taken his parole informed him that he might go to Wallingford; after remaining there a few months he was permitted to go to Middletown. While in Middletown he wrote several letters to Governor Trumbull, more sharp than respectful, and he was finally confined without pen, ink or paper, and sent under guard to the Litchfield jail. In 1777, Ralph Isaacs of Durham was



supposed to be inimical to the State, and it being considered dangerous to the American cause to suffer him to be at large in Durham, he was arrested, and by order of the Governor and Council, sent to Wallingford to be under the civil authority and selectmen, and kept in one of the societies of that town. Abiathar Camp, who was a noted Tory, resided in New Haven, but also had a house in Wallingford. He was arrested at New Haven by order of the Assembly, but was permitted to remove to his home in Wallingford. But it seems that he did not conduct himself in a manner agreeable with the feelings of the inhabitants of the town, for we find that they

“Voted that Abiathar Camp formerly of New Haven now being in the town of Wallingford, Shall not Dwell in said Town nor be an Inhabitant of Said Town.” “Voted that the Selectmen of said Town Go and Warn said Camp Abiathar Immediately to Depart said Town.”

Mr. Camp went to Eastbury and shortly after applied to the Assembly by petition, in which he stated that he was a professor and member of the Church of England; and asked to be indulged in a free exercise of his religion in attending religious worship at Middletown on Sabbath-days, &c., which was the nearest church of England to Eastbury. The petition was negatived. Feb. 11, 1777, Col. Hall of Wallingford appeared before the Governor and Council for directions concerning the tories at Wallingford. At a town meeting held at Wallingford January 14, 1778, a committee of nine persons<sup>1</sup> were chosen to consult the articles of Confederation proposed by Congress, and make a report at an adjourned meet-

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<sup>1</sup> Caleb Cooke, Andrew Andrews, Deacon Samuel Street, Deacon David Hall, Major Reuben Atwater, Timothy Hall, Samuel Beach, Deacon Ebenezer Cowles, Deacon John Hough.

ing. The committee appointed, reported at an adjourned meeting as their unanimous opinion, that the following instructions be immediately forwarded to the representatives of the town, viz.:

“To Col. Street Hall and Mr David Brooks, representatives of the Town of Wallingford in the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, now Setting at Hartford:

“GENTLEMEN:—Your Constituents Confiding in your abilities, & public Spirit think it unnecessary to give you direction in the General business of your appointment, but as the Important Subject of acceding to the ‘articles of Confederation and perpetual union between the united States of America’ lies before the General Assembly, we shall freely offer you our sentiments upon it—these articles have been considered by us as far as the Time would allow, with a deliberation and impartiality due to so interesting a subject. We admire and applaud the wisdom of the illustrious patriots, representatives of the united States in General Congress—the liberality of their Sentiments; their mutual Candor and Condesention; their patient attention to the weighty enquiry on what basis an independent, free and permanent empire may be erected by these States. an Empire which may equally secure to the respective States their distinct prerogatives, and unite their Councils against a Common Enemy. an empire which from its advantages for Commerce, population and extension together with the Singular Circumstances of the present Struggle for its existance, Promiseth to be the most stable and formidable on the globe. the result of the deliberation of the public Council of these States on this great Subject we have waited for with much expectation. We are Sensible it is of importance that a Form of Government for the united States be agreed upon as soon as possible—it gives us great pleasure that we can so cordially acquiesce in much the greater part of the Articles of union proposed and thought it would have been agreeable to our own inclination

had we one or two things in Several of the Articles been different yet we would not be so illiberal as even to mention things of small Comparative moment.

“ We therefore concur with the Articles in every particular, except that which determines the proportion of each State Shall bear of the public expence, according to the value of their Lands, buildings, and improvements Respectively, the mode of estimating the value thereof to be directed and appointed from time to time by Congress, Art. VIII. To this you are directed to dissent first, because the mode of estimating Land &c. is not ascertained. In a matter which so nearly affects us and our posterity, we Cannot place an implicit Confidence even in the wisest and greatest of men. Secondly, Because it is difficult to know the differences of real estate, and Still more so to find people that are not interested in mistaking them. In addition also to the difficulty and expence which must attend the proposed estimate, its being Subject to frequent alterations will probably excite jealousies and tumults which will bear an unfriendly aspect on the wished for union. thirdly and especially, because laying the whole of Each States proportion of the Common Expence on Land, buildings, and Improvements will be unequal—buildings are a perishing Interest, attended with expences not profit. In the northern states their number, and in general their quality much exceed the proportion in most of the Southern States. this mode therefore Subjects the former to a disproportionate part of the public burthen it moreover lays an heavy tax on the necessaries of Life, and tends to introduce great inequality of condition both which are incompatible with a Free government. Besides the various improvements and Profits of the soil in the different States, the Same improvements are attended with very different expence, in the Northern and Southern States ; In the former, from the coldness of the Climate and high price of Labor, the neat profits of a farm Small. it is often observed that after a deduction of the Expences the owner instead of

Income from his farm is involved in debt. In the Latter from the plenty of Laborers and low price of labor added to the fertility of the Soil, the Clear profits are great Rich plantors in the Southern States are better able to Pay the public tax on their polls, than the greatest part of the husbandmen in the northern States on their Lands, from which with all their diligence and discretion they get but a Scanty Subsistence for their families, the Length and Severity of the winter Consuming all that is gathered in Summer. when the Inhabitants of a State are all free Subjects, taxes says the great Montesquieu, may be laid either on persons, on Lands, on Merchandise, on two of these or on all three together. the duties felt least by the People are those on Merchandise. The same inimitable writer remarks 'that taxes Should not follow the proportion of peoples property, but the proportion of their wants Every man is entitled to an equal Share of what is necessary for Nature; and whatsoever is necessary for Nature ought not to be taxed. if the Body of the people in any State are permitted to enjoy only Just what is necessary for Subsistence the least disproportion in the tax will be of the greatest Consequence.' to what is necessary for nature, Succeeds the usefull which ought to be taxed, but less than the Superfluity and the Largeness of the Taxes on what is Superfluous prevents Superfluity. Such were the Sentiments of the Greatest civilian of the Present age. While you are to dissent from the 8th article for the reasons afore-said you will submit it to Consideration, whether the following mode of proportioning the part each State Shall Defray of the Common expence may not be equal, viz., one third of the tax to be laid on Land, Provided Some mode of ascertaining the Value can be pointed out, one third on the polls—and the other third on exports—any State can pay taxes according to the Number of Laborers or according to its exports so far at least as this exceeds the import of necessary articles. We have only time to offer hints of our Sentiments on the important subject, corroborated by the greatest name in the

Political world, your own Judgment and opportunity will readily suggest many things coincident herewith—you will consider gentlemen, that the proposed confederacy is to be perpetual that it will when once established, Collect Strength Daily—that if there are any material objections to the plan of Confederation before you now is the only opportunity to State them—that it is of the last moment to lay the foundation of a new empire right in every Respect; especially in a point so essential as taxation. which thing forced these States into the present war with BRITAIN—that the State of Generations yet unborn depends on the confederacy now forming. However solicitous we are to have a Confederacy of these States Speedily accomplished, we had rather it were Deferred a Little longer, than that any wrong principles Should be interwoven with it. Should an inequitable mode of taxation be adopted into the Constitution of the confederate States, we could not even apply what the eminent writer before named Says of the Constitution of England, his words are, it is not my business to Examine whether the English actually enjoy Liberty, or not, it is sufficient to my purpose to observe that it is established by their Laws.

“Voted at said Meeting to accept the above Report of the committee.

“July, 1781, voted that those men who were Draughted for three months Tower of Duty be paid by the Town 20s a month in Silver or Equivalent in other Money while in Service.”

The struggle which succeeded the Declaration of Independence was long and arduous, and nobly was it maintained. One spirit seemed to animate the whole country, that of resistance to oppression. The injuries inflicted, the battles fought, the sacrifices of property and life endured, and the final victory and triumph, are written on the pages of history. Wallingford men were to be found in many a hard fought battle; they carried

with them marks of honor from Bunker Hill, the blazing lines of Saratoga and Yorktown, the blood-dyed waters of the Brandywine, the dreary snows of Valley Forge, the streets of Lexington and Concord, from Trenton and Monmouth, Camden, Bennington, and other hard fought fields of battle. Dr. Dana while at Wallingford, took an early and decided position in favor of our national independence. At that time, while the revolution was approaching, public sentiment in Connecticut had by no means become unanimous as to the expediency of attempting to stand against the British government, or of taking any measures which might sever the tie between the colonies and the parent empire. The eastern part of the State was somewhat in advance of the western, and if I mistake not, the "new lights," as a body, were a little before the old light or conservative party as a body. So slow was Governor Fitch in coming up to the grand movement of the day, and consenting to the adoption of strong measures, that during the agitations consequent upon the stamp act, he lost the confidence of the people and lost his office.

It was not far from this time that Dr. Dana, then a young man, was invited to preach for Mr. Whittelsey in New Haven, on one occasion while the Legislature was in session in that place. Many, particularly of the eastern members, would have refused to hear so suspected a preacher if they had not understood that he was strongly on their side in politics. Their curiosity and their confidence in his political orthodoxy overcame their dislike of his ecclesiastical irregularity. His audience therefore included all the leading political men of the colony. Expecting, or at least hoping for such an audience, he had prepared himself for the oc-

casion. His text was Heb. 11: 24, 25. "By faith, Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." And though to men not in the habit of looking for a double sense, the sermon might have seemed far enough from having any political bearing, there were few in that audience who did not see the meaning. As the preacher illustrated and vindicated the conduct of Moses "when he had come to years," it became very plain that Connecticut having come to years was old enough to act for herself, and trusting in the God of Israel, to refuse to be any longer dependent upon Pharaoh.<sup>1</sup>

In the eloquent language of Boutwell,<sup>2</sup> "the American Revolution was a clear indication, in itself, of what the colonies had been, and what the republic was destined to be. Had the Revolution been delayed, no history, however minute, could have given to the world so accurate a knowledge of the colonists from 1770 to 1780 as it now possesses. It was the full development of all their past history; it was the concise, vigorous, intelligible introduction to their future. It was a great illustration of preëxisting American character. Neither religious nor political fanaticism was an element of the American Revolution. It was altogether defensive; defensive in its assertion of principles, defensive in its warlike operations."

At this late day it is impossible to obtain a complete list of the persons who served in the war. In addition

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1 Bacon's Hist. Dis., p. 273. This incident is related on the authority of Judge Chauncey, one of the hearers of the sermon.

2 Dedication of the Davis monument, at Acton, Mass.

to those who as militia men were called occasionally into service, the persons whose names are annexed were soldiers in the regular army from Wallingford, including the Meriden parish. The greater part of the names were found in contemporaneous records, manuscript or printed, and a very few have been added on the testimony of descendants whose account the author deemed trustworthy. Let us pay to their memory and their virtues the most respectful and acceptable tribute, by cultivating a love of the principles by which they were actuated, and by assiduously striving to preserve the blessings which they won.

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| COL. THADDEUS COOK,                 | CAPT. ELIHU YALE,           |
| CAPT. JOHN COUCH, <sup>1</sup>      | CAPT. ISAAC COOK,           |
| LIEUT. JOSEPH SHAILER, <sup>2</sup> | LEMUEL COLLINS,             |
| LIEUT. DIVAN BERRY,                 | JOSEPH TWIN,                |
| B. REXFORD, Jun.,                   | LAMBERTON CLARK,            |
| ABNER ANDREWS, <sup>3</sup>         | EDWARD MERRIAM,             |
| DANIEL ROBERTS,                     | SILAS BELLAMY, <sup>4</sup> |

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1 John Couch held a commission, and was prisoner for several years on Long Island.

2 Joseph Shailer was a lieutenant in the regiment of Col. Meigs, a corps distinguished for its gallantry and efficiency. Subsequently he was engaged in the frontier war with the Indian tribes in the year 1791. Having received a Captain's commission, he raised a company of soldiers from this town and vicinity, and joined the forces of General St. Clair in their expedition against the Indians on the Miami. At the time of St. Clair's disastrous defeat, with terrible slaughter of his troops, Captain Shailer was absent as commander of some garrisoned fort in the rear. About that time he and his son venturing to hunt a short distance from the fort, were attacked by Indians. His son was killed and scalped, but Capt. Shailer escaped. He settled in Ohio at the close of the war and died there. I find the following in the church records of this town: "1789 Capt. Joseph Shailer is debarred from church privileges for using profane language."

3 Lost the use of one arm in the service.

4 Died of yellow fever.



JAMES BALDWIN,  
 CHATHAM FREEMAN,<sup>1</sup>  
 EPHRAIM MERRIMAN,  
 OLIVER COLLINS,  
 BLACK BOSS,<sup>2</sup>  
 JOASH HALL,<sup>3</sup>  
 SERG'T. LEVI MUNSON,<sup>4</sup>  
 RALPH RICE,  
 AARON RICE,

JOHN IVES,  
 ENOS HALL,  
 AMBROSE HOTCHKISS,  
 JOSIAH MERRIMAN,  
 ASAHEL MERRIAM,  
 DANIEL CRANE,  
 ISAAC HULL, Jun.,<sup>5</sup>  
 GEORGE HALL,<sup>6</sup>  
 ELDAD PARKER.<sup>7</sup>

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1 A slave of Mr. Noah Yale. The circumstances of his enlistment are related elsewhere.

2 Black Boss was a slave of Abel Curtiss; and like his colored friend preferred the harsh discipline of the camp and the perils of battle even, to that very mild form of slavery which existed in Connecticut. The name here given is a nickname; but is the only one by which he was ever known, according to the information of those elderly people who remember him.

3 Joash Hall rode on horseback to aid the troops of Connecticut when they pursued the British troops on their retreat from Danbury; he rode within half a mile of the action at Compo, there left his horse and engaged the enemy for some time; but at last retreated to his horse and mounted him; but the horse was soon shot under him by the enemy. The Assembly ordered Mr. Hall to be paid for the horse the sum of £19 lawful money.

4 Levi Munson was at the battle of Ticonderoga, and was taken prisoner with Col. Ethan Allen in his attempt upon Montreal, and was confined with others in a room at Halifax, among felons, thieves, and negroes.

5 Isaac Hull Jun. was a lieutenant in the third company, first regiment of light horse in this State. The troops were ordered by an act of 1776 to the western part of the State, to join the forces under General Wooster—the captain of the company being at the time sick—and Hull took command of the company from the 25th day of October, 1776 to the last day of December, 1776, for which service neither himself or his company received any pay. The Assembly in October, 1773, ordered the pay-table to adjust the pay roll of said troop of light-horse, by the rule before allowed by Congress to the troops of light-horse in this State while in service of the country; and “draw on the Treasurer, *and charge the same to the Continent.*”

6 Killed in army in 1791.

7 Eldad Parker was killed with twenty-six others during the attack on West Haven by the British in the summer of 1779. In the same engagement Mr. Atwater and a negro both from Wallingford, were wounded.

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| GOODRICH, <sup>1</sup>   | MOSES BALDWIN, <sup>3</sup> |
| HOTCHKISS, <sup>2</sup>  | SAMUEL RICE, <sup>4</sup>   |
| MOSES HULL. <sup>5</sup> |                             |

Robert Rice of Wallingford was drafted and ordered to join the continental army, but by lameness of his feet for years he was unable to march and do the duty of a soldier, and was therefore dismissed from the draft and service in the battalions raised in this State for the continental army. At the alarm in Danbury, Aaron Ives of Wallingford volunteered and went to Compo, and was in the engagement at Compo hill, where he was wounded in his leg, by which misfortune, when he was helped from the battle-field his horse was missing, with his saddle, bridle, great-coat, blanket, and a bag with three days' provisions. His horse he afterwards found, but lost the other articles, which were ordered to be paid for by the Assembly.

In 1776, the following persons from Wallingford enlisted in the regiment commanded by Colonel Philip Burr Bradley, of Ridgefield: Jarius Wilcox, Francis Wilcox, Samuel Abby, Thaddeus Ford, James Francis,

1 Killed in army in 1791.

2 Killed in army in 1791.

3 Moses Baldwin was in the six months campaign under Capt. Couch in Colonel Bradley's regiment in 1777, and received from the State £9 8s. 6d. for sickness and losses sustained after he was taken prisoner in the above campaign. In 1778 he received £2 1s. on account of loss of clothes at Fort Lee.

4 Samuel Rice received from the State £6 5s. for sickness and losses sustained while a prisoner during the six months campaign.

5 Moses Hall was the father of the late Chauncey Hall of Meriden, and was in Canada at the surrender of Fort St. Johns. He was also at New Haven, Danbury, New London, and was at Albany when Burgoyne surrendered.

Jonathan Hall, jun., Asahel Deming. Each of the above signed the following document :

“I —— of Wallingford, do hereby acknowledge myself inlisted a Soldier in a Regiment now raising by the Colony of *Connecticut*, to be under the Command of Philip Burr Bradley Esq., subject to the Orders and Regulations of said Regiment and entitled to their Privileges, until the first day of January, 1777, unless sooner discharged by proper Authority. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand this 26th Day of June, A. D. 1776.”

The following persons composed the company raised by Captain John Couch, in Meriden, July, 1776 :

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| LIEUT. DIVAN BERRY,   | SERGT. TIMOTHY HALL,    |
| CORP. ASAHEL DEMING,  | BENJ. REXFORD,          |
| STREET YALE,          | JONATHAN HALL,          |
| REUBEN BELLAMY,       | SAMUEL RICE,            |
| JUSTIN RICE,          | NATHANIEL YALE,         |
| SAMUEL JOHNSON, Jun., | STEVEN ATWATER,         |
| WATE RICE,            | SAMUEL JOHNSON,         |
| ASAPH MERRIAM,        | NATHANIEL DOUGLASS,     |
| DANIEL YALE,          | DAVID HALL,             |
| RUFUS HALL,           | GIDEON IVES,            |
| MOSES BALDWIN,        | AMOS HALL,              |
| JOEL HALL,            | BENJ. AUSTEN,           |
| THOMAS IGGLESTON,     | EPHRAIM MERRIAM, Fifer, |
| JOEL MARCHANT,        | DANIEL COLLINS,         |
| MOSES WARNER,         | THADDEUS AVERITT,       |
| JAMES FRANCIS,        | FRANCIS WILCOX,         |
| CALEB HALL,           | SERGT. JARIUS WILCOX,   |
| SAMUEL ABBEY,         | JESSE COOK,             |
| EBENEZER HOUGH,       | AMASA HALL,             |
| ENOS MIX,             | THOMAS MIX,             |
| CALEB HOUGH,          | JOHN ROBINSON,          |
| JARED BENHAM,         | —— HOLT,                |

JOSIAH MERRIMAN.

December 19, 1780, Captain Berry received orders from Colonel Thaddeus Cook, to have his company in readiness to march at short notice for Horseneck. Let us honor these noble men, for they perilled their lives in behalf of liberty when

“T’was treason to love her, and death to defend.”

#### CIVIL WAR.

Events of unparalleled magnitude have succeeded each other with unprecedented rapidity, “as if,” to use the language of an eminent Scotch writer, “they had come under the influence of that law of gravitation, by which falling bodies increase in speed as they descend, according to the distance.” Within the last century, our country has emerged from the condition of a weak and dependent colony, has passed through one long and bloody war to achieve a national existence, and a ten-fold bloodier one to preserve that existence and make it worth preserving; and having extended its territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific and increased its population from less than three millions to more than thirty-three, it stands to-day equal to any of the empires of the other continent, if not superior to the greatest of them in all that constitutes true greatness.

During the last few years we have passed as individuals, and as a nation, through the greatest and darkest crisis the earth has ever beheld; one where the most gigantic crime that can be committed against man, struggled for conquest against the highest blessings he can enjoy; wherein the noblest nation upon the globe, with agonized exertions, tried to save its bared throat from the bloody knife in the hands of her own children—children nursed from her own bosom and reared by her with

excess of all tenderness—while others of her children sought to pinion her hands and stifle her cries that the diabolic deed might be accomplished.

Grand providential movements sweep in a wide orbit. They may seem intensely destructive, while they are the needful preparations for future blessings. The little republic of Greece, whose heroic history has filled so large a space in the world's annals, had a baptism of fire and blood many times repeated. Marathon, Thermopylæ, Salamis, Plataea, crowned names in the legends of civilization, were but the graveyards of her heroes. The fall of Rome and the extinguishment of the old pagan civilization, seemed to cover the world with the starless night of settled barbarism. But we know that above the wide social ruin there sprung better races, better institutions and a better life, personal and national, than paganism in its best state ever produced. Great Britain had her full share of perilous crises and torturing trials. From the bloody meadow of Runnymede, where Magna Charta was wrung from the infamous John, to the Revolution and Declaration of Rights under William of Orange, for four and a half troubled centuries, England's green fields were crossed and re-crossed by the deadly tramp of armies. Yet her conflicts have made England what she is. The wretched dynasty of the Stuarts in England, which according to Macaulay, "had produced seditions, impeachments, rebellions, battles, sieges, proscriptions and judicial massacres," seemed an interminable age of darkness and blood to both Puritans and Presbyterians. But we have lived to see that it cemented the English Constitution so firmly, that over changeful centuries it has held the nation together, and evoked a rare civilization.

The fiery and frosty trials of our Puritan ancestors on both sides of the Atlantic—their colonial sufferings, their Indian wars and massacres, and especially their terrible struggle for independence—purified and elevated them, burned up the dross of their characters and fitted them for their great career. In the progress of nations, principles have survived powers, and honest hearts have conquered dishonest hosts. We have passed through terrible scenes of strife and bloodshed, but we live to see one Capital, one President, one Congress, one Government for all this land. And one flag, the same whose stars twinkled cheeringly in the dark night of Revolution, of 1812, of Mexican struggles, and of the recent most hideous rebellion; the same whose stripes twice drove England from our shores, silenced Mexican hostility, and crushed the most monstrous hydra-headed insurrection that ever arose in any nation; that flag we now see peacefully waving over every hamlet, in every state and territory from the St. Lawrence to the Rio Grande, from the rocky headlands of Maine, to the golden shores of the Pacific.

Nearly every battle-field of the rebellion had its Meriden representatives. With Grant in his repeated and telling blows against the main army of the rebellion; with Sheridan in his brilliant movements in the Shenandoah; with Sherman in his arduous but glorious march through the "hollow shell" of the so-called Confederacy; with Hooker "above the clouds;" with Terry at Fort Fisher, and wherever call has been made for brave and valiant work, Meriden sent to the war the flower of her young men. Ardent and enthusiastic lovers of their country, they freely relinquished the alluring prospect of a useful and in many instances a brilliant

future, to encounter the mortal dangers of the field and the camp. Enduring and indefatigable on the march, cool and steadfast in action, patient under privation and ready in obedience, they offered their talents, their hopes, their health and their lives on the altar of patriotism, for the safety and welfare of their country.

In the beginning of the war, the Meriden company, constructed on the basis of a militia company, was the first accepted by the Governor. An immense war meeting was held, at which Charles Parker presided, and speeches, exhorting to action, were made by O. H. Platt, Dexter R. Wright, Rev. D. Henry Miller, and G. W. Wilson, afterward captain. A company was immediately raised, and a Colt's revolver presented to each man by Charles Parker. The sum of \$5000 was raised for equipments. It would be interesting to follow the history of each company that went from Meriden, but we must be brief, and bear in mind the maxim of Cicero that "there is nothing in history more delightful than a pure and perspicuous consciseness."<sup>1</sup>

While we are now writing, the first chapters of this work are passing through the press. It would be impossible in the brief time allotted us, to make this chapter complete, as we have not yet been able to make a complete list of the men who served in the war from Wallingford and Meriden. It is the author's intention to publish soon a "Soldier's Memorial," giving a full account of the part borne by Meriden and Wallingford during the war; a full list of the soldiers, personal incidents concerning them, the battles in which they were engaged, and full biographical details. We can only add here the Meriden Roll of Honor:

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<sup>1</sup> Nihil est in historia, pura et illustri, brevitate dulcius. *Cicero in Bruto*, 75.

A LIST OF THE MERIDEN SOLDIERS WHO HAVE DIED  
IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster Marshall C. Augur, Henry Avery, Henry D'Angelist, William F. Aekerman, George W. Andrus, Alonzo S. Atkins, Capt. Julius Bassett, Osear M. Bailey, Francis D. Baker, Wallace W. Bates, John E. Barlow, A. H. Barr, Lyman A. Beach, Marshall Belden, George Blake, John C. Brooks, George Burrows, James Butler, John Byxbee, Andrew Carlin, John D. Comstock, James I. Cook, Daniel Crowley, Oscar Crusius, James Cassada, William Cassada, Charles Catlin, Maurice C. Clark, Silas Davis, George V. Dagle, John K. Doolittle, James Doran, Watson W. Davis, David Dunham, Captain and Chaplain Jacob Eaton, James S. Ely, James M. Ford, Henry Finken, James M. Foster, Sergeant Alfred P. Green, James Greenland, Charles Gangloff, George M. Garrett, Patrick Green, Charles F. Green, Julian A. Griffin, Sylvanus A. Hall, Thomas Harvey, George Harwood, Andrew B. Hitchcock, Sylvanus Hull, Captain William H. Johnson, John S. Jameson, Alvin Kenney, Henry W. L. Kcach, Lientenant Henry B. Levi, Harrison Lamphear, Madison Lamphear, William Lewis, Charles H. Lewis, George H. Lewis, Henry A. Lathrop, George W. Lester, Charles P. Lewis, Lieut. Edwin J. Merriam, Abraham Miner, Jas. A. Miller, Henry W. Miller, Charles T. McWhinnie, William Maschmeyer, Edward Maschmeyer, Michael Mallory, Michael Magee, Charles R. McCorncy, Jacob Meyer, Giles Norton, Aaron Johnson Pratt, Henry A. Plumb, Edward Parmelee, James B. Parker, William H. Peterson, Felix Quinn, John Quinn, J. G. L. Roberts, Joseph Raneorn, Lawrence Riley, A. I. Richards, William W. Richardson, I. L. Richmond, Derrick A. Roberts, Cyrus Root, Chauncey W. Roberts, Oliver Sellew, Selleck Scott, Benjamin R. Sherman, John H. Simmonds, Licut. William W. Thompson, F. A. Taylor, Elihu Talmadge, James Thrall, Edward D. Todd, Thomas Waldron, Joseph H. Walker, John E. Warner, Edmund E. Westerhood, Joel Yale, Henry A. Edgerton, Henry Butler.

Total, one hundred and eight.



Of the above, the following are interred in Meriden :

## MERIDEN CEMETERY.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAS. S. HULEY, 15th Conn.,   | DAVID DUNHAM, 15th Conn.,      |
| OSCAR BAILEY, 15th Conn.,    | EDWARD A. PARMALEE, 16th       |
| JOEL YALE, 3d Conn.,         | Conn.,                         |
| GEO. L. ROBERTS, 15th Conn., | CHARLES F. GREEN, 15th Conn.,  |
| Lieut. WM. H. JOHNSON, 8th   | Corp. WM. G. LEWIS, 8th Conn., |
| Conn.,                       | GILES NEWTON, 15th Conn.,      |
| CHAS. H. LEWIS, 8th Conn.,   | SILAS DAVIS, 7th Conn.         |
| GEO. H. LEWIS, 15th Conn.,   | JAMES GREENLAND, 15th Conn.,   |
| MORRIS C. CLARK, 8th Conn.,  | JAMES THRALL, 7th Conn.        |

## WEST MERIDEN CEMETERY.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES FOSTER, 1st Conn.      | CHARLES CATLIN, 5th Conn.,  |
| Cavalry,                     | ALFRED P. GREEN, 7th Conn., |
| JOHN C. BROOKS, 12th Conn.,  | Lieut. HENRY B. LEVI, 15th  |
| Lieut. MARSHALL C. AUGUR,    | Conn.,                      |
| 15th Conn.,                  | JOSEPH JONES, Navy,         |
| HENRY A. LATHROP, 8th Conn., | HENRY W. BUTLER, 1st Conn.  |
| Lieut. EDWIN MERRIAM, 7th    | Artillery,                  |
| Conn.,                       | HARRISON LAMPHEAR, Sea-     |
| MADISON LAMPHEAR, 14th       | man,                        |
| Conn.,                       | GEORGE BLAKE, 7th Conn.,    |
| WM. GIESCKE, 11th Conn.,     | EDMUND D. TODD, 2nd Heavy   |
| HENRY AVERY, 2nd Conn.,      | Artillery,                  |
| LEWIS OSBORNE, 42nd Mass.,   | N. C. JONAS, 8th Conn.      |

## CATHOLIC CEMETERY.

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FELIX QUINN, 9th Conn., | JOSEPH CASSADY, 9th Conn.,     |
| WM. CASSADY, 1st Conn.  | JAMES BUTLER, 9th Conn.,       |
| Artillery,              | JOHN RICHARDSON, died in 1870. |

“ Many in sad faith for her,  
 Many with crossed hands sighed for her ;  
 But these, our brothers, fought for her,  
 At life's dear peril wrought for her,  
 So loved her that they died for her.”

The expenditure of Meriden for bounties, premiums, commutations and support of families, was \$91,371 33. The estimated amount paid by individuals for bounties to volunteers and substitutes was \$10,715 53. Grand List for 1864, \$4,300,981. In Wallingford, the town expenditures were \$40,750 00. Individual expenditure, \$6,200 00. Grand List, \$1,796,416. The following is a

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IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Col. Arthur Dutton, 21st Conn. Vols., and Capt. Engineer Corps, U. S. A. ; buried at Baltimore. Nehemiah Hough, 32d Iowa Vols., buried at Vicksburg.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BURIED IN WALLINGFORD :

Henry T. Hough, 15th Conn. ; Thomas Lynch, 15th Conn. ; Augustus Morse, 15th Conn. ; Austin Phelps, 15th Conn. ; Delevan W. Ives, 15th Conn. ; Oliver S. Munson, 15th Conn. ; Gilbert Clark, 15th Conn. ; James Parker, 15th Conn. ; John Webb, 17th U. S. Reg. ; Ralph W. Pomeroy, 189th N. Y. ; Derrick S. Pomeroy, 29th N. Y. ; Joel Camp, 27th Conn. ; Patrick Condon, 27th Conn. ; Timothy Carral, 27th Conn. ; John Callahan, 15th Conn. ; John Regan, 15th Conn. ; Francis Rourke, 2d Ky. Rifles.



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## CHAPTER XX.

## FUNERAL CUSTOMS, GRAVEYARDS, &amp;c.

A WELL known writer has said that nothing is more characteristic of the early state of New England than the old grave-yards which solemnize her ancient towns. Their monuments, epitaphs and decorations show at once the prevalence of religion, the backwardness of taste, and the poverty of the times. The number of buried octogenarians attests the steady habits and salubrious clime, while the superior funeral state of the ministers and deacons, bears witness to the social importance of those dignitaries of the church. The ancient burial grounds chain with a spell of which the modern cemetery with its showy marbles knows nothing! We turn from the fresh mortality which chills us with its recent sorrows, to those mossy headstones whose faint inscriptions tell of generations long since freed from toil. Here one may find the rude monuments of those who still walk the earth and lead its progress, and here the heart may run over, as Byron says,

“With silent worship, of the great of old!  
The dead but sceptered sovereigns, who still rule  
Our spirits from their urns.”

They still live, though their bodies have been mingled with the earth. In those seasons when "calling shapes" walk the earth, and "aery tongues syllable men's names," we can, by the united aid of imagination and memory, see them singly, or in gathered groups, like a cloud of witnesses looking down upon us; we can hear them utter words of encouragement, or warning, to be heeded by the living.

One of the earliest records in relation to grave-diggers was in 1677, when we find that "Will. Ebernatha's price for digging graves is five shillings for grown persons and two shillings and sixpence for children." It was the custom when a person died during the night, to toll the church bell at sunrise; if the death occurred in the daytime, the bell was tolled at sunset. Three distinct strokes were given for a male adult, two for a female, and one for a child. On the brow of a large, sloping hill, in the southeastern part of the town, peacefully rest the remains of some of the first settlers of Meriden. Here the frail memorials,

"With uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture decked,  
Implore the passing tribute of a sigh."

Several years ago, the town properly determined to perpetuate the memory of the original inhabitants in an appropriate monument, to be erected in the early burial ground. This monument, which is surrounded by a high iron fence sixty feet square, is of freestone, and contains the following inscriptions:

On the south side,

Erected  
By the town of Meriden,  
1857.

On the east side,

In Memory of the First Settlers of the TOWN OF MERIDEN  
who were buried within and near this enclosure, and  
whose names so far as known, are inscribed on  
this Monument.

The Meeting-House in which they worshiped, and the first  
erected in the town, stood about 50 rods west of  
this memorial.

On the north side,

Obituary. Rev. Theophilus Hall, Pastor of the First  
Church, March 25, 1769, æ. 62; Mehitable Hall, Sept. 11,  
1767, æ. 16; Timothy Jerome, Feb. 23, 1757, æ. 26; Abigail  
Way, Sept. 12, 1741, æ. 12; Daniel Hough, July 25, 1768, æ. 49;  
Thos Beech, May 14, 1741, æ. 83; Phebe Merriam, Feb. 23,  
1753, æ. 23; Hannah Ives, Nov. 5, 1770, æ. 70; Capt. Josiah  
Robinson, Apr. 2, 1766, æ. 67; Theophilus Mix, July 3, 1750,  
æ. 53; Rachael Andrus, Jan. 11, 1756, æ. 33; Timothy  
Andrews, Nov. 25, 1743, æ. 23; Hannah Royce, Jan. 12,  
1761, æ. 91; Samuel Johnson, Mar. 2, 1777, æ. 23.

On the west side,

Obituary. Benjamin Curtiss, Oct. 29, 1754, æ. 52; Aaron  
Curtiss, Dec. 18, 1763, æ. 20; Rebekah Lyman, Nov. 8, 1748,  
æ. 44; Joseph Cowles, Nov. 30, 1760, æ. 83; Mindwell  
Cowles, April 17, 1770, æ. 89; Sarah Bishop, May 31, 1760,  
æ. 43; Elizabeth Merriam, June 11, 1767, æ. 70; Elizabeth  
Penfield, Nov. 20, 1765, æ. 18; Deacon Samuel Royce, May  
14, 1757, æ. 85; Ezekiel Rice, Esq., Sept. 4, 1765, æ. 66;  
Ebenezer Roys, Jan. 20, 1759, æ. 53; Joseph Merriam, Aug.  
24, 1752, æ. 49; Deborah Merriam, August 12, 1761, æ. 52;  
Ruth Merriam, Nov. 12, 1755, æ. 72; Mindwell Rice, June  
15, 1769, æ. 27.

Most of the grave stones have either been displaced  
or broken, and many are entirely unintelligible. We  
copy a few inscriptions :

In Memory of

THEOPHILUS HALL,

Pastor of ye Church, who having for 37 years discharged the duties of his function with distinguished fidelity and accomplished Christian life, the uniform disciple of Jesus Christ deceased March 23, 1769, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his Age.

They that be wise shall shine as ye brightness of ye firmament.

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In Memory of Mrs. Mehitable Hall Daugh<sup>tr</sup> of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Theophilus & M<sup>d</sup><sup>m</sup> Hannah Hall died Sept<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1707 aged 16 years.

Happy ye dying youth whose early steps have trod ye Christian road of pious virtue up to god.

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In Memory of M<sup>r</sup> Christopher Robinson died Dec<sup>br</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1760 in ye 26<sup>th</sup> year of his Age.  
as you are now so once was I,  
Prepare for death for you must die.

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Here lies ye Body of Oliver Son of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer & Abigail Roys he died Dec<sup>br</sup> ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1753 in ye 7<sup>th</sup> year of his Age.

These forewarnings Remember Well  
Death and Judgment heaven & hell.

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In memory of M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Johnson Jun<sup>nr</sup> who Departed this life March 2<sup>nd</sup> A D 1777, in ye 23<sup>rd</sup> year of his Age.  
Come Blooming youth when this you Read,  
O, See my Fate.

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Dea<sup>n</sup> Ezekiel Rice Esq., Aged 66 years Departed this Life Spt<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1765.

To God and Man a faithful Friend ;  
In Serving both his life did spend.  
His Sun is set his work is done,  
Lies here beneath this Gloomy Stone.



So Great & Good both High & Low  
To Conquering Death their knee must bow.

In Memory of Sarah wife of Mr. Yale Bishop,  
died May 31<sup>st</sup> 1766 in ye 43<sup>rd</sup> year of her Age & was buried  
with her infant on her arm.

The following is the deed of the old burying-ground,  
corner of Broad and Olive street :

“ I, John Hubbard of Wallingford, in the County of New Haven, for the consideration of the sum of nine pounds lawful money received to my full satisfaction, of the inhabitants of the parish of Meriden, do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm, one certain piece of land situate and being in the parish of Meriden, containing three quarters of an acre of land, off from the northeast corner of said Hubbard’s land, northward of said Hubbard’s house, beginning at the highway, a heap of stones the corner, from thence running twelve and a half rods westwardly to a heap of stones, from thence running nine rods southwardly to a heap of stones, from thence running eleven rods eastwardly to the highway to a heap of stones, from thence running eleven and a half rods by highway to the first lands, and is bounded north upon Mary Hall’s lands, and west and south upon said Hubbard’s land, and east upon the highway. To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the inhabitants of the parish of Meriden, forever, for their proper use and behoof, as a burying place. [Here is inserted the usual form of guarantee.] Given under my hand and seal the 15th day of March, in the 11th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George III, of Great Britain, &c. king, annoque Domini, 1771.

“ JOHN HUBBARD.”

To pay for the land, the following paper was drawn up and subscribed :

“Whereas the inhabitants of the parish of Meriden, did in

their meeting on the 18 of February last, agree to purchase a piece of land of the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, for a burying yard, we, the subscribers being desirous of a speedy accomplishment of said affair, do herewith our names subscribe the several sums that we will give towards purchasing said piece of land, and do promise to pay them to the parish committee within nine months after said committee shall procure a deed to secure the same to the use of the parish as aforesaid.

“Meriden March 11, 1771.

|                     | s. d. |                | s. d. |
|---------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| “SAMUEL LEAVITT,    | 3     | HANNAH HALL,   | 2     |
| NOAH YALE,          | 5     | ABEL HAWLEY,   | 2     |
| EBENEZER COWLES,    | 3 6   | SAM'L JOHNSON, | 3     |
| EZEKIEL RICE,       | 1 5   | SOLOMON RICE,  | 1     |
| DANIEL HOWELL,      | 3 6   | JOSEPH COWLES, | 3     |
| EBEN'R COWLES, Jr., | 1     | WAIT RICE,     | 1     |
| SAMUEL WHITNEY,     | 1 6   | BEZALEEL IVES, | 3     |
| JOHN MILES, Jr.,    | 1     | TIMOTHY COLLS, | 1 6   |
| THEO. HALL,         | 2     | THOMAS HOUGH,  | 1     |
| JOSIAH MERRIMAN,    | 1     | EZRA RICE,     | 2     |
| TITUS RICE,         | 1 4   | AARON HULL,    | 1     |
| THOMAS MENHAUR,     | 1 6   | MOSES HALL,    | 1 3   |
| THOMAS BERRY,       | 2     | BENJAMIN RICE, | 2     |
| TIMOTHY FOSTER,     | 3 4   | AARON LYMAN,   | 4     |
| ABIGAIL RICE,       | 2 1   | AMASA RICE,    | 1.”   |

In 1842 the question was agitated in Meriden in regard to laying out a burial ground a few rods east of the town, and in 1845 land was purchased from the estate of Wm. Yale deceased, and Lyman Collins. The stone arch over the entrance was built in 1847.

The customs at funerals in different parts of New England were for many years somewhat peculiar, and were long since modified or abandoned. The distribution of gloves, rings and scarfs at funerals prevailed to such an extent, that in 1721, the Legislatures of Massa-

chusetts passed a law against the usage. Town authorities complied with the fashion so far, that they distributed these articles at the burial of their paupers, and the expense was charged over to the town. At the funeral of the wife of Governor Belcher of Massachusetts in 1736, more than one thousand pairs of gloves were distributed among the attendants.<sup>1</sup>

A death in a small community was a great event. The magistrate, the minister and the fathers of the town came to the bed of the dying to witness his testament and gather up his last words. It was soon known to every individual of the plantation that one of their number had been cut down. All were eager to gaze once more upon the face they had known so well; they flocked to the funeral; the near neighbors and coevals of the dead bore him on their shoulders to the grave; the whole community with solemn step and downcast eyes followed him to his long home. Riding at funerals was not then in vogue; and a hearse was unknown. A horse litter may in some cases have been used; but the usual mode of carrying the dead was on a shoulder bier. In this way persons were sometimes brought into town for interment even from a distance of five or six miles. Frequent rests or halts were made, and the bearers often changed. These funeral customs continued down to the period of the Revolution.<sup>2</sup>

There was no spot more sacred than the one behind the meeting-house, marked with a few rude monumental stones. In the eloquent language of Dr. Holland: "There swelled the first mound over a white man's breast, and there, one by one, as the years rolled away,

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1 Hollister's Hist. of Conn., I. 439.

2 Miss Caulkins' Hist. of New London, p. 267.

rose other mounds. The rank grass waved over them, the night-straying cow stumbled among them, and unseemly shrubs sprouted between them, and at long intervals, were cut away. There, one after another, those whose life has informed these pages were gathered, and there the brown sandstone, roughly finished, and quaintly carved and clumsily inscribed, was placed above their heads. There they lay when the wintry blast was driving, and when the summer sun was shining; when the trees were shedding the purple of autumn and assuming the green of Spring. Some fell by the red man's arm, and were borne thither in fear, and buried in the presence of faithful muskets and threats of vengeance. Some were borne there in old age, an old age that died in fear after a life of fear. Among these slept the maiden with the bloom upon her cheek and life's discipline all untried, and the sweet infant of days, and the mother parted prematurely from the children of her love, and the man just risen to manhood. Year after year the frost came down and heaved the ground, now this way, now that, till the mounds settled down to the level around them, and the stones sank down into the mould, or leaned in indiscriminate and inharmonious angles, or fell prone along the graves, face to face with the skeletons whose names they bore."<sup>1</sup>

The earliest stones in the burial ground at Wallingford dating from about 1700 to 1750, were mostly of slate and are pretty well preserved, though the inscriptions being shallow and somewhat lichen-covered, are difficult to decipher. Then followed a period of about fifty years in which the monuments were of sandstone;

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<sup>1</sup> Bay Path, p. 415.

and of these, most of the earliest are so far corroded by lichens and the elements, that the epitaphs are quite obliterated. After the beginning of the present century, marble prevails; and the old fashioned letterings and grotesque carvings of faces and figures, give place to a more modern style.

We give herewith copies of some of the inscriptions:

Here lies interred the remains of Mrs Sarah Hall relict  
of Mr Joseph Hall who departed this life July  
8th 1796, in the 30 year of her age.

The blast which nipt my youth will conquer thee;  
It strikes the bud, the blossom and the tree.

Another inscription is followed by the quaint lines:

Lovely companion come to see  
The clods that cover me  
Look at my right hand and view  
The clods that are reserved for to cover thee.

[Doctor Isaac Lewis, 1784.]

As I am now gone down to dust  
Five of my children came here first  
The rest may see as they pass by  
That we are now before them gone.

The following has been copied from the original stone on to a new monument:

The Reverent Mr: Street  
Departed: This Life: Ien: y<sup>e</sup> 16 1717 Agged: 82

The following are specimens of the didactic pendants following the name and date of some of the departed:

He sleeps no longer on the brink of fate,  
nor leaves one loitering wish beneath the Starrs.

Man at his Best State is Vanity.

Though death the king of terrors be  
 And nature dread the awful day  
 Yet Christ the King of Saints we see  
 Hath took the sting away.

Heaven gives friends Why should we complain  
 If Heaven resume Our friends again.

Farewell Vain World, Dust Hast thou Been to me,  
 Dust and the Shadow, I do leave with thee.

Life uncertain ; Death is sure ;  
 Sin the wound & Christ the cure.

The grave is honored where the Christian lies  
 'Tis but the ark that wafts him to the Skies.

From Death we see no age is free.

At an adjourned meeting held July 4th, 1741-2, the following resolutions were presented :

“Whereas the first society in Wallingford having by their vote in their meeting, Dec. 1740, agreed to fence their burying-ground with a good five rail fence, and chose a committee for that purpose, and at their meeting in December 1741, upon reconsideration, voted that the committee chosen for that purpose should deposit therein until the society order otherwise, by reason of some ill conveniency in stopping up a highway as it must if they take in all the graves, in said burying-ground, for which reason the question was put to the town, whether the proprietors of the common field should have liberty to fence the plains, and adjoin it to the rear of the home lots from Capt. Theophilus Yale's dwelling house, down to Daniel Doolittle Jr's dwelling house, and make a good gate at each end, and make a good gate and a good fence at each lane which will accomodate that affair in fencing said burying-yard without fencing on purpose according to former note.”

## CHAPTER XXI.

## METHODIST CHURCH.

THE first seeds of Methodism were sown in Connecticut in 1789;<sup>1</sup> and that year the Rev. Jesse Lee preached in Wallingford and other places, passing three months in the State. In 1790, when the circuits of New Haven, Hartford and Litchfield were established, there were but four Methodist ministers in New England. Yet there were more ministers than classes, and scarcely more than two members to each preacher. But under the earnest and devoted labors of the pioneers of Methodism, the doctrine and discipline inculcated by Wesley gradually extended over the State.

Quite early in the history of the church there was a class of five persons in the east part of Meriden. They had no meeting but in private houses, and were visited by a circuit preacher once in two weeks. There was also a small class of four or five which met in the west part of the town. Mr. Charles Baldwin, on his decease, bequeathed them a lot which was sold, and the money was used in building a school-house near the entrance to the cemetery. It was burned down before completion.

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<sup>1</sup> This is the date given by Dr. Bangs, though it appears from the "Memorials of Methodism" by Rev. Abel Stevens, that Rev. Messrs. Cook and Black had preached in Connecticut a year or two previously.

In 1838, Rev. John Parker, who has done more for the Methodist cause in this town than any other person, applied to the conference to supply Meriden with preachers, and Rev. J. E. Searles was sent. He preached in a hall at West Meriden, owned by James S. Brooks. Mr. Parker afterward applied to have him withdrawn, and paid back to the society all they had paid for his support.

In 1840 a young man named Collins, who was filled with a conviction that the world was coming to an end, was sent. He preached earnestly and many were converted. From this nucleus the society was formed and was called the primitive Methodist society. Alexander Miller was the next preacher. He preached two years, and a great many were converted under his preaching. After him came William Somersides.

The conference was to have sent Philo Hawkes as the next preacher, but believing that the world was to come to an end on a certain date, he did not come. Rev. John Parker then called a meeting and formed them into a church, and in 1844 the presiding elder of the district, Nathan Clark, sent Rev. S. Howland, who had then been but three weeks in the university at Middletown. From that time to the following annual conference he received eighteen into the church. They had the regular class-meetings and prayer-meetings. In 1845 Rev. George A. Hubbell was appointed by the New York conference to labor in Meriden; and in 1846 Rev. J. E. Searles was sent. During these two years the appointment was a branch of the Cheshire circuit, but in 1847 it was made a station, and Mr. Searles was appointed preacher in charge.

In 1848-9 Rev. Albert Nash occupied the station; in



1850 Rev. P. Chamberlain; in 1851-2 Rev. F. Bottome; in 1853-4 Rev. N. Meade; in 1855-6 Rev. George C. Creevy; in 1857 Rev. J. L. Peck; in 1858-9 Rev. Wm. McAlister; in 1860-1 Rev. George A. Hubbell, for the second time; in 1862 Rev. C. Kelsey; in 1863-4 Rev. Charles Fletcher; in 1865-6 Rev. Frederic Brown; in 1867-8 Rev. Francis B. Tower; in 1869 Rev. John Pegg, Jr., a graduate of Wesleyan university, of the class of 1849. During the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Tower, two hundred and fifty persons presented themselves at the altar, there were two hundred conversions, and the net gain to the church was one hundred and fifty members. In 1847 they completed and occupied their new church. It was built at an expense of six thousand dollars. Its dimensions were sixty feet long and forty feet wide.

The corner-stone of the new Methodist church on Main street, was laid Wednesday, October 31, 1866. The ritual service was read by Rev. E. E. Griswold, the presiding elder, followed by a sermon delivered by Rev. Moses L. Scudder. The following clergy were present: Rev. Messrs. Heman Bangs, of New Haven; F. H. Newhall, D. D., of Middletown; Wm. McAllister, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; T. H. Burch; C. E. Glover; J. E. Searles, of New Haven; A. M. Allen, of Southington; W. W. Bowditch, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. B. Elkins, of Simsbury; and J. M. Buckley, of Brooklyn, N. Y.<sup>1</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> The box in the corner-stone was made of sheet-copper, sealed air-tight, and was twelve inches square by six inches deep. The contents were as follows: 1, Bible; 2, Methodist Hymn-Book; 3, Discipline of the M. E. Church; 4, Methodist Catechism; 5, List of officers and members of the Meriden M. E. Church; 6, List of Building Committee; 7, List of Centenary Committee; 8, Architect's card; 9, Photograph of new church; 10, Card of mason builders, Perkins and Lines; 11, Christian Advocate

society were mainly indebted to the Rev. Francis P. Tower for the idea of erecting the edifice in the year 1869, it having been suggested by him that it be built as a centenary church, in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of American Methodism. The church cost about seventy-five thousand dollars. The

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and Journal ; 12, The Methodist ; 13, Zion's Herald and Wesleyan Advocate ; 14, Stevens' Centenary of Methodism ; 15, Six Centenary Hymns by Rev. George Lansing Taylor ; 16, Corner-stone hymn by Rev. F. P. Tower ; 17, Manual of 1st Cong. Church of West Meriden ; 18, Manual of Cent. Cong. church ; 19, List of members of West Meriden Baptist church ; 20, List of officers and members and the Confession of Faith, of the 1st Universalist church of Meriden ; 21, List of members of the Lutheran Evangelical St. John's church of Meriden ; 22, List of the number and names of the various Churches in Meriden ; 23, List of the officers, teachers, and scholars of the Sunday School of the M. E. Church of Meriden ; 24, *N. Y. Independent* ; 25, *The Nation* ; 26, *Meriden Recorder* ; 27, *N. Y. Daily Tribune* ; 28, *N. Y. Daily Times* ; 29, *N. Y. Daily Herald* ; 30, *N. Y. Daily World* ; 31, *National Temperance Advocate* ; 32, *Conn. State Temperance Journal* ; 33, U. S. fractional Currency of the denomination of three, five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents ; 34, U. S. coins of the denomination of one, two, three, and five cents ; 35, Three cent U. S. Postage stamp ; 36, Price List of articles manufactured by Charles Parker ; 37, The same of Edward Miller & Co. ; 38, The same of Bradley & Hubbard ; 39, The same of Meriden Britannia Co ; 40, Programme of Exercises of the corner stone laying and the centenary celebration ; 41, 14th annual report of the State Reform School ; 42, Proceedings of the 22d annual session of the Conn. Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance ; 43, Constitution of grand and subordinate lodges of Good Templars in Conn. ; 44, Exposition of independent order of Good Templars ; 45, Circular of J. Wilcox & Co. ; 46, List of officers and members of the Ladies' centenary association ; 47, List of officers and members of the 1st Baptist church of Meriden ; 48, List of officers and members, and constitution and by-laws of Meridian Lodge, No. 77, Free and Accepted Masons ; 49, Same of Keystone chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons ; 50, Same of Hamilton council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters ; 51, Same of Center Lodge, No. 94, F. and A. Masons ; 52, List of officers and members of Star of Hope Lodge, No. 26, independent order of Good Templars ; 53, Card and samples of work of the U. S. Screw Company.

Messrs. Charles and John Parker jointly contributed between thirty and forty thousand dollars. Future generations will make their memory fragrant for this generous, noble-hearted and commendable bequest. The dimensions of the church are sixty feet wide within buttresses, and one hundred and twenty-one feet in length, with a recess in the rear nineteen feet deep, making the entire length one hundred and forty feet. The organ cost six thousand dollars.

## CHAPTER XXII.

## UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

IN the year 1821, the first sermon in Meriden by a Universalist preacher was delivered by Rev. Mr. Brooks of Massachusetts. This service was held in the evening, at the residence of Noah Pomeroy in the eastern part of the town. From twenty to thirty persons were present, a considerable portion of them doubtless from motives of curiosity. No further meeting was held till December, 1823, or January, 1824, when Rev. Nehemiah Dodge, then of New London, preached one evening in Mr. Pomeroy's house. Mr. Dodge had been a Baptist preacher of celebrity, and had preached under the auspices of the Baptist denomination in all this vicinity. He officiated from 1816 to 1821 in the Baptist church in New London, and remained in the church till 1823, when he was excluded on the ground that he had embraced Universalist principles. After the sermon a Baptist brother, Deacon John Hall, attacked the preacher's sentiments and a spirited little controversy was held.

Some six years elapsed, when next in order came Rev. John Boyden, then a very young man, of Berlin, who preached in the hall of the old tavern, corner of Main and Broad streets, and also in the north center school-house, April 4, 1830, February 26, April 25, and Sep-

tember 26, 1833. The average attendance on Mr. Boyden's ministry here was about twenty. At this time the avowed Universalists in the town were Noah Pomeroy, Calvin Coe, Daniel Yale, Darling Dayton and Mrs. Calvin Coe. But very few ladies attended the meeting, as it was hardly considered respectable for females to do so.<sup>1</sup> The compensation of the preacher was ten dollars per Sunday, and was mostly paid by Messrs Pomeroy and Coe. Mr Pomeroy, being with his family, an attendant at the Baptist church, and a liberal contributor to its expenses, asked the use of the vestry of that church for Mr. Boyden to preach in, but was refused; whereupon he withdrew his attendance and support.

Soon after, late in 1833 or early in 1834, Rev. Horace Smith, then the successor of Mr. Boyden at Berlin, and who had formerly been a Baptist minister, preached three or four sermons in the old north center school-house. Early in 1834, there preached one evening in Mr. Pomeroy's house, Rev. Stephen R. Smith, then probably of Albany, N. Y. Some fifty persons were present. Not far from this time, Dr. Luther Parmelee and his father moved into the town and attended the meetings; and during the latter part of Mr. Boyden's ministry, Hezekiah Rice settled here, and with his wife joined the society. Early in the same year, 1834, Rev. Thomas Miller, of Long Island, but a native of Wallingford, uncle of the late Rev. Harvey Miller of this town, and who had been a Baptist preacher, preached a single evening in Noah

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<sup>1</sup> The following is on the records of the First congregational church of this town, May 15, 1837: "Mr. Alson L. Talmadge, for embracing the doctrines of universal salvation, be no longer considered a member of this church."

Pomeroy's house. Beginning with April, 1834, and extending to April, 1835, Rev. W. A. Stickney, then of Berlin, lectured here in the tavern hall and in the old north center school-house the fourth Sunday evening in each month, making in all twelve discourses. When the Baptists vacated their old meeting house (the present academy building), the purchase of it for the use of the Universalists was talked of, and Messrs. Pomeroy, Coe and H. Rice proposed contributing five hundred dollars each for that purpose, but the project failed. Scattered over a period of thirty-two years, viz., from 1821 to March, 1853, there were delivered in the town about forty sermons and lectures, equal to twenty Sundays labor, by seven or eight different clergymen.

On the thirteenth of March, 1853, Rev. Abraham Norwood, then and for several years after the State missionary, preached in the present academy hall, having in the morning sixty hearers, in the afternoon eighty, and the same number in the evening. After the close of the evening service he found written on the blank leaf of a conference hymn-book which he had supplied for the singing, the words of this invocation: "May the cuss of God go with you." Rev. J. J. Twiss, then of Stamford, preached the first and second Sundays of April, 1853. On the evening of the first day of his ministry, a meeting was held, and a committee of five appointed to see how much could be raised to build a place of worship. January 15, 1854, Rev. Mr. Norwood preached to fifty, seventy, and sixty hearers; and the next evening in East Meriden to thirty listeners. March 5, 1854, a committee reported that seven hundred dollars had been subscribed, and that the brethren were ready to settle any minister that might be sent them.

On the twenty-third and thirtieth of the following month Rev. James Gallagher,<sup>1</sup> of Easton, Pa., preached as a candidate, and was invited to become the pastor, at a salary of seven hundred dollars. The call was accepted, and Mr. Gallagher became the first Universalist pastor of Meriden, commencing on the second Sunday in June, 1854. On the 30th of May, 1854, a constitution was adopted, and the following names attached to it, viz. : Noah Pomeroy, Calvin Coe, E. E. Smiley, Wm. H. Golden, John S. Blake, Moses Waterman, Isaac C. Lewis, J. V. Thayer, B. F. Stevens, Edwin Dayton, Monroe Barns, John L. Ives, B. R. Stevens, H. E. Welton, James T. Pomeroy, E. R. Aspinwall, John C.

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. James Gallagher was born in Philadelphia in 1813. At an early age he learned a trade ; but while visiting Bridgeton, N. J., he met with Rev. Abel C. Thomas, through whose influence he became interested in the cause of Universalism, and was induced to enter the ministry. He removed to Philadelphia shortly after, and was married to Miss Frances C. daughter of Rev. David Oliver. At the same time he continued to work at his trade by day, pursuing his studies with great perseverance by night under Rev. A. C. Thomas. In 1837, he delivered his first address before the Young Men's Institute in Philadelphia, and shortly after he received a call from the Universalist society of Pottsville, Pa., where he labored very successfully for five years ; then moved to Providence, R. I., where he remained but a short time, and accepted a call from the first Universalist society of Newark, N. J. The society prospered under his care during his sojourn of five years ; but he met with a sad bereavement in the death of his beloved wife, who died of consumption, leaving four motherless children to his care. In 1850, he became pastor of the church in Easton, Pa., where he remained six years, being united in marriage while there, to Miss Jane Brown, of Philadelphia. In June, 1854, he was called to Meriden. In 1857, he removed to Hamilton, Ohio. After supplying the pulpit there for three months, he was taken suddenly ill one Sunday in the midst of his sermon, and was removed to his house, where he lay in great suffering for three weeks, until his death, July 11, 1857. He was buried on Sunday, July 12, from the Methodist church, it being larger than the Universalist, their minister officiating in the services. His remains were afterward removed to Newark, N. J.

Marvin, J. V. Foster, Charles Pomeroy, Norman W. Pomeroy, Philip Sage Pelton, P. S. Bliss, Jr., Silas Gladwin, G. E. Leonard, Aaron Gardner, and Isaac P. Lewis. At the annual meeting held in April, 1855, a year later, thirteen new names were added to the society's list. At a meeting held January 31, 1860, it was found that four thousand and three hundred and twenty dollars had been subscribed toward the building of a church, and that six hundred and eighty dollars in addition were required before further progress could be made. This remaining sum was subscribed by persons present. The church was dedicated December 5, 1860. The whole expense incurred in the building of the church and adjoining sheds, not including carpets and upholstery, was nine thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars and eighteen cents.

The Rev. Mr. Gallagher remained with the society two years and a half, preaching his farewell sermon January 25, 1857. He settled in Hamilton, Ohio, and died on the 16th of the following July. He was a man much loved and respected by all who knew him; and the savor of his Christian life and influence contributed toward their elevation as a society in the respect of their fellow Christians. Rev. Abel C. Thomas, in a letter to the author, says, "So lived and died one of the best men that ever lived."

From January up to the first of September, 1857, there preached as candidates for settlement, Rev. J. Farrington, C. A. Bradley, J. K. Shepherd, N. C. Hodgdon, J. G. B. Heath, and F. E. Hicks. Mr. Hicks was invited to become the pastor, and entered upon his duties August 1, 1857. He suffered much from ill health, and his ministry terminated about the middle



of the following May (1858), although he had been unable to preach for some two months previous. He soon removed to Dover, N. H., where, as is believed, he enjoyed a successful ministry of some three or four years. From this place he went to western New York for a space, and then accepted a call from the second church in Lowell, Mass., where he preached until his death.<sup>1</sup>

After the removal of Mr. Hicks, for a few months sermons were read and the liturgy used by Norman W. Pomeroy, Andrew Coe and Abraham Norwood. On the 12th of December, 1858, Rev. Calvin Gardner of Maine preached and continued to do so for three months ; not as desiring to be the pastor, but making what he termed a "ministerial visit." He died very suddenly of heart disease at Waterville, Maine. Next came for one or two Sundays each, Revs. A. B. Manley, L. L. Record, Albert Tyler, G. V. Maxham, N. C. Hodgdon, J. Fisher, and perhaps one or two others. Some of these were candidates. On the first of July, 1859, Rev. Henry Eaton commenced his pastorate with the society. His health was very poor when he came, and bodily infirmities increased upon him, so that on the 29th of January, 1860, he tendered his resignation. Removing to Worcester, Mass., he lingered a year or two, suffering much, and finally died, May 26, 1861.<sup>2</sup>

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1 Rev. F. E. Hicks was born at Bristol, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1831. He studied for the ministry under Rev. J. H. Tuttle ; preached his first sermon at Fulton, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1853 ; was first settled at Victor, N. Y. ; was settled at Meriden, Oct., 1857, and dismissed Aug., 1856. Settled at Dover, N. H., from which church he was dismissed Oct., 1861. Removed thence to Leroy, N. Y., and afterwards to Lowell, Mass., where he died.

2 Rev. Henry Eaton was born at South Reading, Mass., Nov. 27, 1825. He was the youngest of seven children. In early life he removed to

On September 1, 1860, Rev. Frederick Foster became pastor of the society. His connection with the society was terminated March 3, 1861. He settled at Ware, N. H., where he died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Foster was a graduate of Dartmouth College, of the class of 1840, and was an excellent classical scholar. After taking his degree, he pursued his classical studies so assiduously, that in a few years he had gone through nearly the whole range of Greek authors, with a digest of their contents. His classical studies led to a dry, metaphysical style of preaching, and his ministry in Meriden was not successful. After the removal of Mr. Foster, the pulpit was supplied by Revs. Thomas Borden, Benjamin Whittemore, W. A. Stickney, N. C. Hodgdon and A. Norwood, one or more Sundays each, till June 2, 1861, when Rev. Moses Stoddard became the preacher, and continued to supply the pulpit until February 1, of the following year. From this period, February 1, 1862, to July of the same year, Mr. Norwood preached. Rev. J. H. Farnsworth was installed pastor of the church November 1, 1862, and remained

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North Malden, now Melrose, Mass. He attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old, when he entered a store in Boston as clerk, where he remained two years; then with his brother William he established a shoe-store; subsequently he set up for himself in the same business in Newburyport. He studied for the ministry under his brother Rev. Edwin A. Eaton, with the exception of a brief period spent at the theological school at Clinton, N. Y. He was first settled at Hanson, Mass., where he remained about a year; then at East Bridgewater nearly the same length of time; then at Milford for seven years; then at East Cambridge two years; then at Waltham two years; and finally at Meriden. After his removal to Worcester his cough became very bad, and his bleeding exhausting. He knew that his pilgrimage on earth must ere long close, and deliberately prepared for the event. He died at Worcester, early Sabbath morning, May 26, 1861, in the thirty-sixth year of his age.





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seven years, when he removed to Springfield, Vt. Mr. Farnsworth was a very efficient pastor, and did more than any other to build up the society. He was also for several years acting school visitor. Rev. Martin J. Steere, formerly of Lewiston, Maine, was settled over the church in the fall of 1869. Without any reference to pastoral changes, twenty-six different clergymen have supplied the Universalist pulpit since the organization of the society in May, 1854, to the time of the settlement of Mr. Farnsworth.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Anniversary Discourse, delivered in the 1st Univ. Church, Meriden, Nov. 12, 1865, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth, Pastor.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

## MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.

WHEN in accordance with the prevailing usage in New England, the inhabitants suspended all secular toil at the going down of the sun on Saturday,<sup>1</sup> and began their Sabbath service with an evening prayer, a psalm and a season of solitary self-examination, it was with more gladness of heart than that which Burns ascribes to the "Cotter's" children on coming home, after the week's drudgery is over, to exchange salutations around the old hearth stone and receive anew the paternal bene-

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<sup>1</sup> The Puritans did not all commence their Sabbath on Saturday evening. Mr. W. Perkins, in his "Cases of Conscience" published in 1806, argues strongly in favor of beginning the Christian Sabbath "in the morning and so to continue till the next morning, and not in the evening till the evening. [Book 11. ch. 16.] The views of Mr. Robinson, his theological pupil, are nowhere expressed, unless the subsequent usage of his church at Plymouth may be taken as such an expression; which is quite as likely to have been derived from John Cotton, whose opinion on all such points was well nigh supreme in the New England churches. This old custom of keeping, or pretending to keep Sabbath evening as part of holy time, which in many families was continued some ways into the present century, has nearly or quite ceased; not so much, it is hoped, from lax principles of Sabbath-keeping, as from an enlightened persuasion that, in the words of the old Puritan above cited, "the Sabbath is to begin where other ordinary days begin, according to the order and account of the church wherein we live."

diction.<sup>1</sup> On the Sabbath, with no more labor than was barely sufficient to supply food for themselves and their cattle, which had been provided as far as might be on the previous day ; with as few and noiseless steps as possible, both in-doors and out ; with but little talking, and that in a subdued voice, they entered upon a round of private meditation, family devotion and public worship, which engaged their delighted and unflagging souls till the sun went down ; an event which usually found them with catechism in hand, or repeating the sermons of the day.

For eighty or ninety years, not more than ten different tunes were used in public worship. Few congregations could sing more than the five tunes now known by the names of *York*, *Hackney*, *Windsor*, *St. Mary's* and *Martyrs*. All who were present in the church were expected to unite in this part of worship. In 1731 the town had before them a petition of certain persons for the use of the meeting-house, that they might there meet and learn to sing. After some demur, the request was granted. Having learned to sing, the singers naturally wished to give the congregation the benefit of their new acquisitions. This disturbed some old habits, and a town meeting was convened to hear the complaints of those who could not endure "the singing in the new

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1 " Wi' joy unfeign'd brothers and sisters meet,  
 An' each for other's welfare kindly spiers :  
 The social hours, swift-wing'd unnotic'd fleet ;  
 Each tells the uncous that he sees or hears ;  
 The parents, partial, eye their hopeful years ;  
 Anticipation forward points the view.  
 The *mother*, wi' her needle an' her sheers,  
 Gars auld cloes look amaist as weel's the new ;  
 The *father* mixes a' wi' admonition due."

*The Cotter's Saturday Night.*

way," as they termed it. The matter could not be settled; dispute arose, and the meeting adjourned. Another meeting was called, and after much debate the matter was compromised by voting,

"That this Society Desire and agree to Sing in y<sup>e</sup> public assembly on y<sup>e</sup> Saboth half y<sup>e</sup> time in y<sup>e</sup> new and half in y<sup>e</sup> old way for six Saboths; and after that wholly in y<sup>e</sup> new way."

The *Bay Psalm Book*, prepared by New England divines, of whom three were Welde and Eliot of Roxbury, and Mather of Dorchester, was issued from the press at Cambridge in 1640. It was the second book printed in British America, and went through seventy editions. This book was used throughout the colony. The following two stanzas are from the nineteenth Psalm, which is rendered by Addison, "The spacious firmament on high," &c.:

"The heavens do declare  
The majesty of God;  
Also, the firmament shows forth  
His handiwork abroad.  
Day speaks to day, knowledge  
Night hath to night declared;  
There neither speech nor language is,  
Where their voice is not heard."

Instrumental music was absolutely proscribed: it was thought to be condemned by the text, "I will not hear the melody of thy viols" (Amos v. 23), and was disparagingly compared to Nebuchadnezzar's idolatrous concert of the "cornet, flute, dulcimer, sackbut, psaltery and all kinds of music."

Preaching with notes was very little practised. Mather says that Warham, of Dorchester, afterward of Windsor, was the first person who read sermons in New



England.<sup>1</sup> The approved length of a sermon was one hour, measured by an hour-glass which stood upon the pulpit. The reading of the Bible in public worship without exposition was generally disapproved. Children were baptized in the meeting-house, generally on the next Sunday after their birth ; sometimes on the day of their birth if it took place on Sunday.

The New England preachers were of a character peculiarly adapted to the severe exigences of their day. They stood as iron men in an iron age. However rude in other social features, the early settlers, as they worked their way to the frontier, demanded the soothing influences of pastoral care ; and the first institution reared in the forest was the pulpit, the next the school-house. Were Davenport and his compeers alive, were Street and Whittelsey, and Dana and Noyes, and multitudes of the early ministers of New England now alive, and among us, there are no ministers of religion now living, who, for learning, eloquence, character, or anything that adorns humanity, could pretend to be their superiors. The clergy of New England have as a body, been distinguished for a rare union of the speculative and the practical. In both points they have been so remarkable, that in observing the great development of either of these qualities by itself one would naturally suppose that there was no room for the other.

Marriages in olden times were celebrated by the governor, assistants or commissioners. Clergymen rarely performed the ceremony before 1700. The bridegroom who went to a neighboring town to be united with a partner whom he hoped to find a "help-meet for him," whether he was gentleman or yeoman, rode on

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<sup>1</sup> Magnalia, Book III. ch. XVIII.

horseback, and carried her home on a pillion behind him. They had no wheeled carriages or wagons until the middle of the eighteenth century, and very few until the revolutionary war was closed. In 1789, according to Perkins, the first wagon was brought into Meriden. It was owned by Mr. Ezra Rice, and was of a very rude construction, being simply a square framed box placed on four wheels, drawn by two horses, with ropes for traces, and cords for the guiding or driving lines. Yet it was then thought to be a very elegant establishment. Previous to that time there had never been owned in the town but three two-wheeled carriages, being very rude, awkward chaise bodies or uncovered seats hung on two wheels in the manner of our modern chaise. A gentleman whose business led him at various times into every house in Meriden, states that in 1802, there was but one carpet in the whole town.

The houses at first were constructed of logs, with the ground, or in some cases if the soil was wet or the occupants were persons of taste and substance, with split logs, for a floor. They were "good and substantial dwellings, at least eighteen feet in length, and sixteen feet wide, and nine foot between joynts, with a good chimly," of stone and clay mortar, according to the requirements of the subscribed articles. In the course of time framed houses came into use. These frames were made of heavy oak timbers, some of them eighteen inches in diameter. The rafters were larger than the plates, sills and beams of our modern country houses, and supported split sticks called in the rude architectural language of the day, "ribs," that were laid across them at regular distances, and to which long rent shingles of cedar were fastened with tough wrought nails. The sides

of the building were covered with oak clapboards rent from the tree and smoothed with a shaving-knife. Houses were palisaded in the following manner: a deep ditch was dug around the house; logs were then placed perpendicularly in the ditch all around it, leaving a space only for a gate. The logs were sharpened only at the top, placed close together, and extended eight, ten or twelve feet above the ground. The earth was then returned and beaten around the logs, till they stood firmly. This with a gate well secured, was a pretty good defence against a sudden attack.

Cider was the most common beverage of the country. Some beer was drank. They had no tea nor coffee, and at first very little sugar or molasses. Molasses was often distilled after importation. Broth, porridge, hasty-pudding, johnny-cake and samp, were articles of daily consumption. They had no potatoes, but beans and pumpkins in great abundance. A good cow was worth from twenty-five to thirty pounds, and a pair of bulls or oxen, forty pounds. The highest price for men's shoes was six shillings, for women's three shillings and eight pence. Pattens made of wood, with an iron ring on the sole to keep the feet from the moist ground, were sold for about fifteen shillings a pair.

In 1702 six shillings and eight pence was equal to an ounce of silver. In 1749, the period when bills of credit were abolished in Massachusetts, there being more than seven millions of dollars in paper in circulation, fifty shillings was judged only equal to an ounce of silver. In 1785 Connecticut granted exclusive permission to Samuel Bishop, Joseph Hopkins, James Hillhouse and John Goodrich, to establish a mint and coin money for the State. The grantees subsequently formed a copart-

nership with Pierrepont Edwards, Jonathan Ingersoll, Abel Buel and Elias Shipman for coining coppers. The amount inspected by the board appointed for that purpose, during the three years the mint was in operation, was 28,944 pounds of coined copper. One hundred and twenty pieces of the coin were turned out in a minute. There were twenty-nine varieties of the issue of 1785; twenty-seven of the issue of 1786; and one hundred and sixty-four of the issue of 1787.<sup>1</sup> In Massachusetts, at one time, the scarcity of small coin was so great that a law was enacted, declaring that bullets should pass for farthings. Very naturally, therefore, it was common in contracts for work, salaries and taxes, to make a specific agreement that payments might be made in various kinds of produce, with the prices attached. From various old documents, I have extracted the following list of prices of various articles in Wallingford:

- In 1673 corn was 3*s.* per bushel. In 1674 winter wheat was 5*s.* 6*d.*; summer wheat 5*s.*; peas 4*s.*; corn 3*s.* In 1679 winter wheat 5*s.*; summer wheat 4*s.* 6*d.*; peas 3*s.* 6*d.*; corn 2*s.* 6*d.*; pork 3 1-2*d.* per lb.; beef 2*d.* In 1710 wheat 5*s.*; rye 3*s.* 6*d.*; corn 2*s.* 6*d.* In 1755 wheat 4*s.*; rye 2*s.* 6*d.*; corn 2*s.* In 1770 wheat 6*s.* 8*d.*; rye 4*s.* 6*d.*; corn 3 *s.* 6*d.*; oats 2*s.* 2*d.*; pork 3 1-2*d.* per lb.; beef 3*d.*; butter 1*s.*; cheese 7*d.* In 1641 mechanics' wages were 1*s.* 8*d.* per day in Massachusetts.

The first stage in Connecticut ran through Meriden on the old colony road, in 1784. When the first stage went through Meriden on the Hartford and New Haven turnpike, it attracted crowds from the surrounding country, as did the first train of cars. As has been before stated, about 1662 a stone building was erected

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<sup>1</sup> It was supposed by some that the bust upon some of these coins was originally intended to represent George the Third.

on the Belcher farm, and permission granted to Mr. Belcher to keep a tavern there forever. In 1673, in Wallingford, Lieut. Merriman was chosen

“To keep an ordaynary and promised to make trial for one year provided every planter resident, provide and laye in place wheare he apoynts 20 good sufficient rails for fence and 4 posts redy morticed by the middle of May next.”

Amos Hall kept the great tavern in Wallingford, in the time of the Revolutionary war. He married Mary, daughter of Ephraim Johnson of Wallingford. After his death she married Colonel Isaac Lee, Oct. 9, 1783. She died Dec. 22, 1810, aged 73. Mr. Porter Cooke, who died in 1860, left the following document :

“I, Porter Cooke, saw General Washington in Wallingford at Jeremiah Carrington’s tavern over night October 18 and 19, 1789. The General took a walk into the upper street as far as the Wells meeting-house and back, the citizens following him.”

In 1790, and for sometime before, when the whole population of the town was not more than nine hundred, and as late as 1812, there were five if not eight taverns within the limits of Meriden. As these taverns always kept ardent spirits, and as the population of the town was small, and as the amount of travel then was much less than it is now, these facts would indicate a low state of morals. In 1647 the colony ordered that no person under twenty years of age should use any tobacco, without a certificate from a physician ; and no others, although addicted to its use, unless they were ten miles from any house, and then not more than once a day. On the records we find this curious entry :

“It is ordered that there shall be one good hogshead of beer for the captain and minister.”

On the tenth day of April, 1775, a vote was passed instructing the representatives by Capt. Thaddeus Cooke and Deacon Samuel Beach, to ask the General Assembly to make Wallingford, with a part of Northford belonging to it, a probate district. Meriden was set off from the Wallingford probate district in 1838, the legislature of that year constituting the town of Meriden a probate district by that name. The first record was made July 19, 1836.<sup>1</sup> It was customary in early times to enter on the town records the sale and transfer and description of personal property, and particularly animals of all kinds. The following are specimens of many thousands :

“Branded for John curtis a brown hors colt coming one year old with some white hairs in y<sup>e</sup> forehead & the left shoulder.” “Exchanged by David cook Jun<sup>r</sup> a bay hors two years old to John beecher, booth of Wallingford with a star in y<sup>e</sup> forehead, said cook gives beecher 30 pounds bute.” “The beginning of Janewary, 1706, Sold to Samuell Roys to me, Joseph Whitin of harford, a bay hors about 5 year old sum whit one won of his foore feet 2 notchis, one the back sid of Left Ear brandid y one the left shoulder.” “The 5 of March, 1709, for sayd hall, a Blackish culered mare colt, one yeare coming a few whit hars in the forhad a few whit hars Below the Eys sum whit Beetwene y<sup>e</sup> Nostrils Brandid y on the Left shoulder.”

The following was the Town Clerk's oath :

“Whereas you A. B. are chosen and appoynted to be Town

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<sup>1</sup> The judges of the court have been, James S. Brooks, from 1836 to 1844; Benajah Andrews from 1844 to 1846; John Parker from 1846 to 1847; Benajah Andrews from 1847 to 1850; James S. Brooks from 1850 to 1851; Hiram Hall from 1851 to 1852; Orville H. Platt from 1852 to 1857; Hiram Foster from 1857 to 1860; George W. Smith from 1860 to 1867; Levi E. Coe since 1867.

Clarke or Register of the town of Wallingford, you doe swear by the great and dreadfull name of the everliving God, that you will faythfully and carefully execute the place and office of a Town Clarke according to your best skill, for the town of Wallingford, and make entery of all such grants, deeds of sale or mortgages of lands, as shall be compleated according to law, and all marriages, deaths, births and other writings as shall be brought to you and you desired to record ; and that you will grant and deliver necessary coppyes when required of you and pay tendered for the same. So help you God, in our Lord Jesus.”

In 1678 Mr. John Moss of Wallingford was “appoynted and impowered by this Court to joyne persons in marriage according to law, to administer oaths to persons upon necessary occasions, and to grant warrants and take testimonies.” As in every new country, wild animals were numerous and troublesome. The town offered a bounty for killing them. As early as 1678, eight years after the town was settled, we find it voted that “2 shillings more be added to the bounty given for killing each wolf.” As late as 1702, this reward for killing wolves was still continued, and in February, 1713, we find this vote :

“The town voatted y<sup>t</sup> they would alow five shillings to him that tracks a wolf or woolfs into a swamp, and then giv notice of y<sup>e</sup> same, and then raises a company of men so that y<sup>e</sup> wolf or woolfs be killed.” “January 12, 1676, the Towne Refused to alow Tho. yale any thing of the young wolfe y<sup>t</sup> were in y<sup>e</sup> beley of y<sup>e</sup> woolfe he killed.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In 1815 a wolf was killed in the southwestern part of Saybrook. Two bears were killed in Haddam in 1754 and 1767, and one in Bethany in 1796. Deer were in Middlesex county up to 1765. The last moose seen in that part of the State is believed to have been one killed in 1770 in Saybrook. Wild turkeys were found as late as 1790. A panther was shot in Windsor in 1767.

Our Puritan Fathers were men. We freely confess and lament that they fell into some grievous errors, which, however, were not so peculiarly theirs, as the common errors of the time. Witches were hung at that day in Old England as well as the New. James I, James II, Queen Elizabeth, Lord Bacon, Lord Coke, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Mansfield, all believed implicitly in witches. If the Puritan inhabitants of New England executed witches, so did the great and good Sir Matthew Hale; yet the annals of human judiciaries know no purer name. He sentenced more than one poor wretch to death for familiarity with the devil, long after our fathers had abandoned the superstition. A law was enacted in Connecticut, that "if any man or woman be a witch, that is, hath or consulteth with a familiar spirit, they shall be put to death." The records of the New Haven colony do not show that there ever was an execution within that jurisdiction, for that crime; and I am inclined to think that the last trial for witchcraft in the State took place in Wallingford. Captain Daniel Clark, as "attorney in behalf of our Sovereign Lord the king," arraigned

"Winnifrett Denham Senr, and Winifrett Denham Junr, both of Wallingford for having familiarity with Sathan the Enemy of God and mankind, and by his aid doing many preternaturall arts by misteriously hurting the bodies and Goods of Sundry persons, viz., of Jno. Moss Junr, Joseph Roys and Ebenezer Clark, with divers others to the Great Damage and Disturbance of the Public peace &c."

There was considerable excitement and much controversy over the trial, and the Denhams, father and son, were acquitted. The grand jury returned upon the bill of charges, "*ignoramus*."<sup>1</sup> The records of the colony

1 A word formerly indorsed by a grand jury on a bill of indictment, in



show strong presumptive evidence that the courts and the public sentiment of the colony were not favorable to such accusations ; and while our fathers were hesitating and doubting if such a crime existed, England, Scotland, Germany and Massachusetts were sending hundreds of men and women to the gallows. Sir William Blackstone, as late as the period of the American Revolution, embodied the remark in his excellent Commentaries upon the laws of England, that "in general *there has been such a thing as witchcraft.*"<sup>1</sup>

In early times rum was largely consumed. A half-pint of it was given, as a matter of course, to every day laborer, more particularly in the summer season. In all families, rich or poor, it was offered to male visitors, as an essential point of hospitality or even good manners. Women took their schnapps, then named "Hopkins' Elixir," which was the most delicious and seductive means of getting tipsy that had been invented. Crying babies were silenced with hot toddy, then esteemed an infallible remedy for wind on the stomach. Every man imbibed his morning dram, and this was esteemed temperance. There is a story of a preacher who thus lectured his parish: "I say nothing, my beloved brethren against taking a little bitters before breakfast, especially if you are used to it. What I contend against is this dramming, dramming, dramming, at all hours of the day." Tavern haunting, especially in winter, when there was little to do, was common, even with respectable farmers. Balls at the tavern were frequented by the

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cases in which, after hearing the evidence, they deemed the accusation groundless: equivalent to "not found."

<sup>1</sup> B. IV. Cap. 4, §VI. See also Addison's Spectator, 117.

young; the children of ministers and deacons attended though the parents did not.

#### SABBATH-DAY HOUSES.

Until a period within the memory of persons now living, it was not the custom to warm houses of public worship. Indeed, some would have deemed it an innovation sadly ominous of degeneracy, if not of actual profanation, to make the house of God comfortable. Of course the hearers, in cold weather, must have sat in an atmosphere the very thought of which makes one shiver. Those who had traveled several miles to reach the place of public worship, as many of them did, entering the house half-frozen, literally found "cold comfort." The meeting house was warmed chiefly by the sun, for a chimney, stove or furnace was unknown. It is related of the Rev. Solomon Williams of Northampton, Mass., that he used to preach in a blue great coat, with a bandanna handkerchief about his neck, and woolen mittens on his hands. As prayer and sermons then were much longer than people at the present day will endure, the winter hearers of those days must have endured a species of martyrdom. It is said that sometimes preachers complained bitterly that their voices were drowned by the noise of persons stamping or knocking their feet together, in the attempt to get up a little warmth.

As a partial relief to such suffering, some persons built near the church, what are often mentioned in the old records as "Sabbath-day houses." These "Sabbath-day" houses as they were called, were about sixteen feet square, with small windows on three sides, and a chimney, built of stone or perhaps part brick, on the outside, with a large fire-place attached. This room was furn-

ished with rough seats ; and here the short intermission between the services was spent in mutual greetings, inquiries after health, and perhaps comments on the morning sermon. It is a curious illustration of the tenacity with which old habits are cherished, that here as elsewhere, the proposal to make the house of God comfortable and healthful by means of stoves, was met with very decided opposition. Even in 1831, when the new house in Meriden was built, it was with great difficulty that the society could be induced to allow chimneys to be built, though they were to be erected gratuitously. I copy the following from a number of similar deeds :

“To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Know ye, that I Jane Hubbard, of Meriden in New Haven County, for the consideration of thirteen Dollars received to my full satisfaction of Roswell Cowles of Said Town, County, aforesaid, Do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Roswell Cowles his Heirs and assigns forever, a certain ould Sabbethday Hous formerly owned by William Johnson and the Heirs of Dec. Isaac Hubbard late of Meriden, Decesd, and Stood Southerly of Said Meriden Meeting hous on the West Side of the Road, Runing South from Said Meeting-house.  
August, 24, 1808.”

This building stood near the residence of Hiram Bradley.

#### BEATING THE DRUM.

One of the early customs of the town was to beat a drum, or blow a conch shell when occasion required the calling of a public meeting. To this practice the poet alludes :

“New England’s Sabbath day  
Is heaven like, still, and pure.  
Then Israel walks the way  
Up to the temple’s door :

The time we tell,  
 When there to come  
 By beat of drum  
 Or sounding shell."

We find in the old records frequent mention of this curious custom. As early as 1673 is the following vote: "June 17, 1673, Sam'll Monson shall be allowed 40s. for maintaining and beating the Drum in good order for the yeare insuing." In 1675 it was voted, "that Jeremiah How, have 40s. allowed him for beating the drum, Sabbath days and other days." In 1676 £2 16s. were allowed "for beating the drum Sabbaths, lecture days, and for town meetings." Again it is voted, "for beating drum, sabbaths, lecture days, trainings, and *keeping in repair*, 20s." In 1694 the town voted three pounds to purchase a new drum. In 1696 the drum was beaten through the main street of Wallingford, from Daniel Mix's to Caleb Merriman's on Thursday night or Friday morning, proclaiming that a meeting of the town would be held on the next Tuesday at eight o'clock. This was considered a sufficient notice for such meetings. The house of Mr. Mix stood about where Mrs. Edgar Atwater now lives, and Mr. Merriman's house where Mr. Peter Whittelsey now lives, so that the drummer had to go through nearly the whole settled portion of the village. With an increase of population more sound was needed, and of course a larger drum. We find therefore, a vote for the purchase of the instrument, with the order to sell the old one: "December 25, 1705. The town sould the little drum to Thomas Hall at an outcry of fifteen shilings and threepens to be paid this yeare." In December, 1713, it was voted that "ye town's Men shall take care that thare be sum sutable person agreed

with for betting the Drum upon ye Lords Days." We find this practice continued in 1714. It was probably kept up until a bell was purchased in 1727, when the town voted to build a belfry, and we may suppose that they then purchased a bell, and gave up the drum after it had done service about sixty years.

## THE OLD ELM.

The old tree at the head of Colony street, Meriden, which was cut down on the 26th of August, 1868, was planted at the suggestion of Dr. Isaac Hough in the early part of November, 1834, by Mr. William J. Screen, who was living at Binghampton, N. Y., in 1868. He procured the tree, a white elm about seven inches in diameter, in the gap known as the Notch road. After he had dug the hole, the tree was trimmed by Dr. Hough, who, during his life, watched it with great care, and were he alive, it would no doubt be standing to-day. The planting was an affair of general interest, and was participated in by Major Cowles, Judge Brooks, Howell Merriman, Isaac I. Tibbals, Lewis S. Green, Henry C. Butler, and others. The tree was planted and grew, as the city grew and thrived; and as its manufactories arose, so did the elm spread forth its branches and increase in beauty and in strength. Under its ample shade stump speakers have orated, lecturers have lectured, divines have held forth, and quacks have gulled the public and carried thousands of dollars from the town. When the peddlers of the future flock to the usual trysting place they will find it no more. Ichabod! their profit as well as its glory has departed.

No vandal would have dared to suggest the idea of applying the axe to the roots of the old tree, had not an accident precipitated such a consummation. On the

9th of March, 1863, a terrific fire destroyed the whole block of buildings from the depot, including the depot itself, the post-office, and all buildings as far as the corner of Main street. Here the fire exhausted itself, but the heat was so intense that it destroyed one-half of the elm tree, damaged its foliage, burnt up its boughs and blackened one-half of its entire trunk. But it survived the shock, and as the buildings arose on the blackened ruins, so it put forth its green boughs and bright leaves, and the second spring from the conflagration saw it as luxuriant and beautiful as ever. Like the town it was progressive, and always a sign of hope to the dispirited and a triumph to the successful. But many of the eyes that saw the old tree planted, are now closed in death, and the tree itself having seen the city at its feet grow up strong and healthy, and likely to outrival any of its neighbors, could not close its existence at a better time.

In the year 1868 a large fissure was discovered on the east side of the trunk about ten feet from the ground. During the month of August a strong east wind increased the fissure so that every time the tree swayed it suggested uncomfortable reflections that it would fall, and the Street Commissioner, Mr. Boardman, after consultation with the proper authorities, decided it should be razed. Consequently the axe was applied to the roots by the commissioner in person. And after two and a half hours' hard work, ex-constable Pratt put on the finishing stroke, and as the gongs rang out the hour of noon, the old tree fell as the sun dies in the west.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Obit. in *Republican*.

## MERIDEN NEWSPAPERS.

The first paper printed in Meriden was issued in September, 1844. It was edited by Mr. O. G. Wilson, and published by Wilson and Van Duzer, at "\$1 50 per annum, in advance." It was called the *Northern Literary Messenger*, and was published in quarto form, five wide columns to a page, and was afterward enlarged to folio size. It was mainly devoted to miscellaneous reading, with but very little of a local nature. The paper was originally published at New Haven, but afterwards removed to this place. The office was in a building occupied by the Odd Fellows up town, which then stood on the site where Rebstock's saloon now stands. The building was burned down. Messrs. Wilson and Van Duzer published the *Messenger* about three years, when Van Duzer retired from the firm, and a new series of the paper was commenced in quarto form, devoted to literature and the arts, edited by an association of gentlemen, and published by Wilson and Bailey in the old Academy building up town, at \$1 25 per annum. The office was composed of a lot of old material, and the paper lived about a year, when its funeral obsequies were performed. Mr. Wilson removed to Saybrook and there died.

In 1852 Mr. F. E. Hinman, who, five years previous had set up a job office, issued the prospectus of a proposed newspaper, of which the Hon. O. H. Platt was to be editor. It was called the *Connecticut Organ*, "A Family Journal and Business Newspaper, Devoted to the Interests of its Patrons." Mr. Hinman, after issuing the paper about a year, disposed of his right and title to Mr. James N. Phelps, of New Haven, when to its name was added that of *New Britain Journal*, and it became

"A Family Paper, devoted to Temperance, Literature, Science, Mechanic Arts, Morals, Education, Agriculture, General Intelligence, Latest News, and containing a compound of all the intelligence proper to be inserted in a Family Journal." Its pages contained very few advertisements, and the amount of original matter required to be set each week, soon ate the concern out of house and home.

Mr. Phelps sold out to Mr. James Lewis, who published the *Whig*, which was the largest paper ever published in Meriden. The *Whig* ran for about three years. With Mr. Lewis were associated as editors Hon. O. H. Platt and George W. Rogers.

In July, 1850, the *Meriden Transcript* was established by Lysander R. Webb and Co., and was continued until August, 1856. The *Transcript* was considered one of the best and most ably conducted papers in the State. It was published at one dollar and a half per year. Mr. Webb at last concluded to go west, and Mr. Platt, having in a measure tired of editorial duties, and desiring to devote his time and energies exclusively to the practice of his profession, the publication of the *Transcript* was relinquished.

In November, 1856, Robert Winton, a Canadian, who had formerly been connected with a newspaper, as editor, in North Adams, Mass., came to Meriden and being encouraged thereto, and pecuniarily aided by a few of our leading manufacturing firms, took possession of the printing establishment and issued the first number of the *Meriden Chronicle*. Mr. Winton published the *Chronicle* about two years and a half, when it was suspended.

About a year after this, a gentleman by the name of



Stillman, from Middletown, established the *Banner*. He bought out Robert Winton for 1800 dollars, giving him his note. The *Banner* waned but a short time, and then died. The paper was published in the interest of the Democratic party. Mr. Stillman enlisted in the service of his country.

On the 29th of August, 1863, the *Meriden Recorder*, "A Paper for the Million, Independent in Everything, Neutral in Nothing; Devoted to Matters and Things in General, to the Pure, the Good, the True and the Beautiful, in Particular," was published by Messrs. Riggs and Dorman "at their office in Smith's New Building, West Meriden, Conn." These gentlemen had purchased the material of Mr. Storer's office in New Haven. Mr. Riggs had served in the war, and commenced with a good list of soldier subscriptions. He also established a job printing office. The paper was enlarged with its twenty-seventh number, and has made several additions to its size since. Mr. Dorman's connection with the paper ceased with the close of the first volume.

On the 21st of March, 1867, the *Meriden Weekly Visitor* was started under the editorship of Mr. Marson Monroe Eaton, formerly of the *Waterbury Chronicle* and of the *Hartford Post*. On the first of January, its editor commenced the *Daily Visitor*, which, in a place no larger than Meriden, was a bold speculation. On the 9th of March, 1868, the *Visitor* was merged into the *Daily and Weekly Republican*; and edited by Messrs. Marcus Delavan and George Gibbons. The name of the *Weekly* was afterwards changed to the *State Temperance Journal*. In 1869 Mr. Luther G. Riggs commenced the publication of the *Daily News*, being a daily edition of the *Meriden Recorder*.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## STATISTICS.

THE population of Connecticut in 1701 was 30,000; 1749, 100,000; 1756, white, 128,212; black, 3587; 1774, white, 191,392; black, 6,464; 1775, 133,000; 1790, free whites, 232,374; other free persons, 2,808; slaves, 2,764; total, 237,946; 1800, slaves, 951; total, 251,002; 1810, slaves, 310; total, 261,942; 1820, 275,248.

The following table shows the progress of Wallingford in population and property during 26 years of its early history:

| <i>Year.</i> | <i>No. of Planters.</i> | <i>Val. of Estates.</i> | <i>Year.</i> | <i>No. of Planters.</i> | <i>Val. of Estates.</i> |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1678,        | 49,                     | £2346.                  | 1693,        | 83,                     | £3966.                  |
| 1679,        | 51,                     | 2419.                   | 1694,        | 60,                     | 4226.                   |
| 1680,        | 50,                     | 2466.                   | 1695,        | 95,                     | 4227.                   |
| 1681,        | 52,                     | 2652.                   | 1696,        | 75,                     | 4298.                   |
| 1682,        | 55,                     | 2645.                   | 1697,        | 75,                     | 4464.                   |
| 1683,        | 52,                     | 2718.                   | 1698,        | 80,                     | 4862.                   |
| 1684,        | 61,                     | 2967.                   | 1699,        | 88,                     | 5057.                   |
| 1685,        | 63,                     | 3072.                   | 1700,        | 120,                    | 5492.                   |
| 1686,        | 69,                     | 3366.                   | 1701,        | 100,                    | 6096.                   |
| 1687,        | 72,                     | 3546.                   | 1702,        | 122,                    | 6216.                   |
| 1689,        | 73,                     | 3698.                   | 1703,        | 118,                    | 6522.                   |
| 1691,        | 76,                     | 3959.                   | 1704,        | 120,                    | 6662.                   |
| 1692,        | 80,                     | 3827.                   | 1705,        | 100,                    | 6868.                   |

In 1723 the number of inhabitants was 1100. In 1700 there had been three hundred and sixty-nine births in the town, and from that time to 1723, when a new parish was made, eight hundred and ninety-four; in all 1263 in fifty-two years. The deaths were about four hundred from the beginning of the town to the foundation of the first parish out of it.

“The following is an account of the Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wallingford on the first Day of January, 1774. The orders for Numbering the People came from the King and Council.

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| “The Sum of the Old Society,        | 2130,  |
| The Sum of the New Cheshire Parish, | 1933,  |
| The Sum of the Meriden Parish,      | 852,   |
|                                     | <hr/>  |
|                                     | 4915.  |
| The Sum Total of all the whites,    | 4777,  |
| The Sum Total of all the blacks,    | 138,   |
|                                     | <hr/>  |
|                                     | 4915.” |

Population of Wallingford in 1790, 3375; 1800, 3214; 1810, 2325; 1820, 2237; 1830, 2418; 1840, 2204; 1850, 2595.

Population of Meriden in 1810, 1249; 1820, 1309; 1830, 1708; 1840, 1880; 1850, 3559. The census of 1860 gives to Meriden a white male population of 3904; white female, 3481; total white, 7385; colored male, 30; colored female 11; total colored, 41; aggregate, 7426.

In the first forty-five years from the formation of the parish of Meriden, there were 1100 births, 846 baptisms, 288 admissions to communion, and 368 deaths.

The following persons were in Meriden in 1770: John Ives, Jedediah Norton, Samuel Penfield, Thomas Mix, Jr., Jonathan Yale, Samuel Scovill, Edward Collins, Amos

Camp, Jr., Aaron Dunbar, Noah Yale, Jr., Elisha Scovill, Stephen Perkins, Brenton Hall, Daniel Collins, Nathan Scovill, Jacob Webster, Daniel Scovill (1779), Amos Camp, Moses Yale, Isaac Hall, John Berry, Levi Yale, Noah Yale, John Hall, Abel Yale, Divan Berry, Yale Bishop, John Morgan, Reynold Beckwith, Jr., Gideon Ives, Nathaniel Penfield, Amasa Ives, Jr., Aaron Horsford, Joseph Higby, James Scoffield, Jonathan Collins, Peter Penfield, John Yale, Jr., Reynold Beckwith, Rufus Hall (1775), Moses Mitchel, Miles Hall, Jr., Daniel Yale (1775), ——— Mitchel, Elijah Scovill.

In 1815 Jesse Ives bought of Benjamin Merriman six acres of land running north and west from the corner of Colony and Main streets, where the Meriden House now stands, for six hundred dollars ; and it was considered as money thrown away. About the same time twelve acres running south from where the second Baptist church now stands, were mortgaged for eight hundred dollars, the interest being forty-eight dollars a year ; this the owner was unable to pay, and he offered to give the land for the note, but the person from whom the money was borrowed refused to take the land, not considering it worth the money.

Deputies to the General Court at Hartford, from Wallingford :

|                     |                        |                     |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1678.               | 1679.                  | 1680.               |
| John Brockett,      | Abram Doolittle,       | Lieut. N. Merriman, |
| Lieut. N. Merriman. | Eliasaph Preston,      | John Brockett.      |
|                     | Lieut. Nath. Merriman. |                     |
| 1681.               | 1682.                  | 1683.               |
| Lieut. N. Merriman, | John Moss,             | Abram Doolittle,    |
| John Brockett.      | John Brockett.         | John Moss,          |
|                     |                        | Lieut. N. Merriman. |

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| 1684.<br>Abram Doolittle,<br>John Moss,<br>Thomas Yeale.                               | 1685.<br>John Brockett,<br>Lieut. N. Merriman.                                   | 1686.<br>Thomas Yeale,<br>John Moss.                              |
| 1687.<br>Ens. Thos. Yale,<br>Dea. John Hall,<br>John Moss.                             | 1688.<br>Dea. John Hall,<br>Ens. Thos. Yale.                                     | 1689.<br>Mr. Thos. Curtice,<br>Ens. Thos. Yeale.                  |
| 1690.<br>Mr. Thomas Yale,<br>Dea. John Hall.   | 1691.<br>Dea. John Hall,<br>Mr. Eliasaph Preston.                                | 1692.<br>Thomas Yale.   |
| 1693.<br>Thomas Yale,<br>Ens. Nath. Royce.   | 1694.<br>Capt. Thos. Yale,<br>Dea. John Hall,<br>Ens. Nath. Royce.               | 1695.<br>Dea. John Hall,<br>Capt. Thos. Yale.                     |
| 1696.<br>Capt. Yale,<br>Eliasaph Preston,<br>John Hall.                                | 1697.<br>Capt. Thos. Yale,<br>Dea. Hall,<br>Jno. Merriman,<br>Sergt. Thos. Hall. | 1698.<br>Sergt. Jno. Merriman,<br>Sergt. Thos. Hall.              |
| 1699.<br>Thomas Hall,<br>Nathaniel Rice,<br>Lieut. Sam. Hall,<br>Sergt. Jno. Merriman. | 1700.<br>Lieut. Sam. Hall,<br>Sergt. Jno. Merriman,<br>Sergt. Thos. Hall.        | 1701.<br>Sergt. Jno. Merriman,<br>John Hall,<br>Lieut. Sam. Hall. |
| 1702.<br>Ens. Nath'l Royce,<br>David Hall,<br>Capt. Thos. Yale.                        | 1703.<br>John Merriman,<br>Sergt. John Hall,<br>Samuel Hall.                     | 1704.<br>Capt. Thos. Yale,<br>Ens. Nath'l Royce.                  |
| 1705.<br>Capt. Samuel Hall, Lieut. Jno. Merriman.                                      |  |   |
| Commissioners from Wallingford :   |  |   |
| 1678.<br>Mr. Moss,<br>Lieut. Merriman.   | 1680.<br>John Moss, Sen.   | 1681.<br>John Moss,<br>John Brockett.                             |

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|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1682.                     | 1684.                                     | 1686.                            |
| John Moss.                | John Moss.                                | John Moss.                       |
| 1687.                     | 1689.                                     | 1690.                            |
| John Moss.                | Thos. Yale.                               | Capt. John Beard.                |
| 1691.                     | 1692.                                     | 1693.                            |
| John Morse.               | John Reynolds,<br>Mr. Morse,<br>Mr. Yale. | Capt. Thos. Yale,<br>John Morse. |
| 1694.                     | 1695.                                     | 1696.                            |
| Mr. Morse,<br>Capt. Yale. | Mr. Morse,<br>Capt. Yale.                 | John Morse.                      |
|                           | 1697.                                     |                                  |
|                           | John Morse,                               | Capt. Thos. Yale.                |

In 1788 Messrs. Street Hall and Samuel Whiting of Wallingford were appointed delegates to the convention at Hartford which ratified the constitution of the United States. In 1818 the convention which formed the State Constitution, was holden at Hartford, and the following were appointed delegates : from Meriden, Patrick Clark ; from Wallingford, John Andrews and William Marks. The assistants or magistrates who constituted the Upper House of the Assembly, and in early times were the Supreme Court of the State, were the leading men of their times. The following were appointed from Wallingford :

John Hall, nominated 1719 ; elected 1722 ; retired 1730.  
Benjamin Hall, " 1749 ; " 1751 ; " 1766.

In 1864 the following persons in Meriden were over seventy years of age : Benj. Atkins, Asahel Baldwin, Elias Baldwin, Ransom Baldwin, Warren Beach, Gershom Bennett, Gershom Birdsey, *Walter Booth*, Fenner Bush, *Elah Camp*, *Abel D. Clark*, Asahel Curtis, John W. Hall, Samuel I. Hart, Phineas T. Ives (83), *Simeon*

*Hovey*, Lauren Merriam, *Samuel Paddock*, *Noah Pomeroy*, *Julius Pratt*, Chester Rice, Henry Stiles (80), Benj. Upson, Jacob F. Whitmore, Jeremiah Wilcox, Julius Yale, *Levi Yale*, Noah Hall.<sup>1</sup>

Meriden was incorporated as a city by the Legislature in July, 1867. The first city meeting was held at the Town House, August 12, 1867, and Henry C. Butler chosen moderator. The following officers were chosen by ballot :

Mayor, CHARLES PARKER.

Clerk, JOHN H. BARIO.

Aldermen,

WILLIAM J. IVES,

GEORGE W. LYON,

HIRAM BUTLER,

JEDEDIAH WILCOX.

Councilmen,

LEMUEL J. CURTISS,

AARON L. COLLINS,

OWEN B. ARNOLD,

ISAAC C. LEWIS,

CHARLES L. UPHAM,

JARED. R. COOK,

CHARLES A. ROBERTS,

JARED LEWIS,

HEZEKIAH H. MILLER,

HORACE C. WILCOX,

ELI IVES,

DENNIS C. WILCOX,

AUGUSTUS C. MARKHAM,

JOHN C. BYXBEE,

ELI BUTLER,

WALTER HUBBARD.

City Sheriffs, PATRICK GARVEY, JAMES BELDEN. Treasurer, ASAHEL H. CURTISS. Collector, SAMUEL O. CHURCH. Auditor, JOEL H. GUY.

Andrew J. Coe was first judge of the city court. In 1868 Ratcliffe Hicks was chosen City Attorney. In 1868 Charles Parker was re-elected Mayor. In 1869 Russell S. Gladwin was elected Mayor. In 1870 Isaac C. Lewis was elected Mayor.

In 1840 the votes in Meriden for presidential electors

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<sup>1</sup> Those in italics have since died.

were as follows : Democratic 216, Whig 177, Abolition 14. In 1844 Democratic 248, Whig 206, Abolition 38, Scattering 1. In 1856 Fillmore 19, Buchanan 424, Fremont 604. In 1860, Lincoln and Hamlin 687, Douglass and Johnson 293, Bell and Everett 10.

#### HIGHWAYS IN MERIDEN.

1806, Dec. 1, road from Asahel Rice's across to or near Patrick Clark's. 1813, Nov. 9, road from Simeon Perkins's shop to turnpike. 1817, road from foot of high hill. 1820, road from the house of the late Samuel Leavit, to house of Liberty Perkins. 1820, road from bottom of hill near Enos Hall's, across to Nehemiah Rice's. 1820, road from John Yeoman's to or near Samuel Way's. 1825, road near Amos Austen's. 1828, the "Cornwell road" laid out. 1829, road laid to connect with the road west of Matthew Foster's, with the Cat-hole road. 1832, road from Calvin Coe's to Denison Parker's. 1836, road from Noah Pomeroy's to New road. 1839, road near Charles Paddock's. 1839, road near Noah Pomeroy's, Watson Ives's and John L. Blake's. 1845, road from Julius Pratt's comb factory, to Railroad depot. 1845, road from Stephen Atkins's to Samuel Yale's land northerly. 1845, road from Harry Griswold's to or near Hough's mills. 1846, road from Ivah Curtis's to Yalesville. 1846, road from Ivah Curtis's southwest through Othniel Ives's lands. 1846, road from Samuel Baldwin's to Noah Pomeroy's. 1847, road from Episcopal Church to Caleb Austen's. 1848, road from Episcopal Church to Lucas C. Hotchkiss's. 1850, road from Catholic Church to Samuel Gear's. 1850, road from burying-ground to Andrew Mills's. 1851, road from Noah A. Linsley's to Moses Burr's. 1852, Hobert street laid out.



JUDGES OF THE PROBATE COURT OF WALLINGFORD.

Wallingford was made a Probate District in 1776, including Meriden, Cheshire and Columbia, now Prospect. The following have been Judges of the District :

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Caleb Hall, 1776, 8 years,    | E. H. Ives, 1844, 2 years,                     |
| Oliver Stanley, 1784, 25 "    | J. R. Merriam, 1846, 1 year,                   |
| G. W. Stanley, 1809, 9 "      | E. H. Ives, 1847, 3 years,                     |
| J. P. Kirtland, 1818, 1 year, | Augustus Hall, 1850, 1 year,                   |
| R. Hitchcock, 1819, 10 years, | E. H. Ives, 1851, 2 years,                     |
| J. D. Reynolds, 1829, 9 "     | Ebe. S. Ives, 1852, 16 "                       |
| E. M. Pomeroy, 1838, 4 "      | Ira Tuttle, 1868, 1 year,                      |
| Augustus Hall, 1842, 2 "      | Franklin Platt, 1869, is the<br>present Judge. |

Judges in Cheshire Probate district have been :

|                  |                |                     |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Silas Hitchcock, | Asa J. Driggs, | Edward A. Cornwall, |
| Wm. L. Foot,     | Wm. T. Peters, | Wm. T. Peters, just |
| Elihu Yale,      | Wm. L. Hinman, | elected.            |

GRAND LIST OF WALLINGFORD FOR 1701.

| £                    | £                       | £                    |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| John Ives, 74,       | Mathew Bellamy, 22,     | Simon Tuttle, 79,    |
| Wid. Merriman, 14,   | Henry Cook, 118,        | John Peck, 69,       |
| Tho. Matthews, 28,   | Tho. Hall, Jun., 23,    | Sam'l Munson, 69,    |
| Joseph Ives, 40,     | Jonathan Hall, 22,      | Eben. Clark, 90,     |
| Samuel How, 27,      | E. Royce & serv't, 121, | J. Hitchcock, 98,    |
| Zachariah How, 33,   | Mill, 10,               | Lieut. Hall, 99,     |
| Mathew How, 32,      | Francis Kendrick, 32,   | Dr. John Hull, 115,  |
| John Brocket, 87,    | R. Royce, Jun., 43,     | Deacon Hall, 74,     |
| Z. How, senr., 53,   | Sergt. Thorp & ap 102,  | Thomas Hall, 112,    |
| Gideon Ives, 36,     | David Hall, 66,         | Theo. Doolittle, 45, |
| Walter Johnson, 46,  | John Austen, 33,        | Samuel Street, 59,   |
| Nicholas Street, 43, | Nathaniel Ives, 26,     | John Beach, 50,      |
| Nath'l Hall, 29,     | Capt. Tho. Yale, 168,   | Dan'l Doolittle, 34, |
| Samuel Royce, 48,    | Ebenezer Lewis, 52,     | J. Merriman, 137,    |
| Joshua Culver, 120,  | Nath'l How, 66,         | Wm. Hendrick, 49,    |

| £                   | £                      | £                   |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Eleazer Peck, 101,  | Sam'l Cook, Jun., 64,  | J. Munson, 50,      |
| Ens. Andrews, 64,   | Sam'l Cook, sen., 111, | Wid. Merriman, 11,  |
| David Hall, 41,     | Nath'l Andrews, 25,    | Tho. Beach, 79,     |
| John Moss, 153,     | Josiah Doolittle, 40,  | Benj. Beach, 32,    |
| Nath'l Curtiss, 24, | Tho. Richardson, 27,   | Sam'l Brockett, 82, |
| John Cook, 39,      | James Alling, 28,      | Benj. Royce, 29,    |
| Dea. Preston, 96,   | J. Royce & 1 ap. 78,   | Wm. Kendrick, 22,   |
| Wm. Andrews, 48,    | Wm. Abernatha, 28,     | C. Merriman, 75,    |
| Edward Fenn, 60,    | Joseph Parker, 24,     | A. Doolittle, 109,  |
| John Tyler, 51,     | Benjamin Hall, 50,     | John Atwater, 113,  |
| John Hull, 79,      | Richard Wood, 41,      | Daniel Mix, 116,    |
| John Parker, 27,    | Ebenezer Hull, 25,     | N. Royce, 100,      |
| Isaac Curtiss, 93,  | Thomas Curtiss, 80,    | Elijah How, 20,     |
| Sam'l Royce, 102,   | John Doolittle, 45,    | Nath'l Tuttle, 28,  |
| J. Westwood, 28,    | Samuel Lathrop, 36,    | Wm. Abernatha, 64,  |
| Joseph Cook, 30,    | Hugh Chappel, 18,      | E. Doolittle, 39,   |
| Daniel How, 40,     | John Lathrop, 18,      | John Parker, 74,    |
| Jacob Johnson, 46,  | Minor Phillips, 18,    | Roger Tyler, 36,    |
| John Peck, 40,      | Joseph Thompson, 73,   | Sam'l Curtiss, 21,  |
| Robert Roys, 60,    | James Benham, 26,      | J. How, senr., 47,  |
| Wm. Tyler, 57,      | J. How, jun., 34,      | Wid. Holt, 33.      |
| Total, £6261.       |                        |                     |

## REPRESENTATIVES FROM MERIDEN.

1820, Levi Yale; 1824, Amos Curtin; 1825, Wm. Yale; 1829, Walter Booth; 1830, Titus Ives; 1831, Ashabel Griswold; 1832, Noah Pomeroy; 1833, Enos H. Curtis; 1834, Eli C. Birdsey; 1836, Asahel Curtis; 1837, Horace B. Redfield; 1838, Walter Booth; 1839, James S. Brooks; 1840, Eli C. Birdsey; 1842, Ira Couch; 1843, Henry Stedman; 1844, James S. Brooks; 1846, Elias Howell; 1847, Ashabel Griswold; 1848, Isaac C. Lewis; 1849, James A. Tracy; 1850, Wm. S. Ives; 1851, Hiram Hall; 1855, James S. Brooks; 1856, Levi Yale; 1857, James S. Brooks; 1858, Asahel H. Curtiss; 1859, Wm. W. Lyman; 1860, Andrew J. Coe; 1861,

Owen B. Arnold; 1862, Isaac C. Lewis; 1864, Orville H. Platt; 1865, Oliver S. Williams; 1866, Isaac C. Lewis; 1867, Andrew J. Coe; 1869, Orville H. Platt; 1870, John Parker.

## TOWN CLERKS OF MERIDEN.

June, 1806, Amos White; Nov., 1806, Isaac Lewis; 1823, Patrick Lewis; 1826, Amos Curtis; 1830, Patrick Lewis; Feb., 1834, *Albert R. Potter*; Oct., 1834, Eli C. Birdsey; 1843, *James S. Brooks*; 1844, Joel Miller; 1845, Lyman Butler; 1849, Hiram Hall; 1854, Linus Birdsey; 1854, John Ives; 1857, Russell J. Ives, assistant; 1860, Chas. L. Upham, assistant; 1865, Levi E. Coe; 1866, John N. Bario.

From Report of the Committee of the Pay Table Office, May 15, 1783:

“Amount of balances due from the several Towns in this State on account of State Taxes for which Execution has been granted by the Treasurer. Wallingford:

|                      | <i>Continental Currency.</i>       | <i>State Currency.</i> | <i>Specie.</i> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Bal. 12s. Tax, 1780, | £8451                              | 13s. 11d.              |                |
| “ Nov. “ “           | 14923                              | 3                      | 8              |
| “ Dec. 24s. “ “      | 63393                              | 12                     | 8              |
| “ Feb. 12d. “ 1781,  |                                    |                        | £119 4s. 6d.   |
| “ Mar. 24s. “ “      | 3447                               | 5                      | 8              |
| “ July 2d. “ “       |                                    |                        | £127 6s. 6d.   |
| “ Dec. 2d. “ “       |                                    |                        | 132 6 9        |
| “ 2s. 6d. “ “        |                                    |                        | 947 19 8       |
| “ Mar. 9d. “ 1782,   |                                    |                        | 226 10 11      |
| “ Apr. 3d. “ “       |                                    |                        | 76 15 2        |
| “ July 12d. “ “      |                                    |                        | 811 17 4       |
| “ Sept. 2d. “ “      |                                    |                        | 131 10 3       |
|                      | £90221 15 11 £119 4 6 £1480 16 7.” |                        |                |

## CHAPTER XXV.

## MERIDEN DEED.

“At a general assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford on the second Thursday, in May, 1806, upon the petition of Phinehas Lyman and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Wallingford in the County of Newhaven shewing to this Assembly, that the Parish of Meriden in said Town constitutes in extent, population and Property, more than one-third part of said Town, and that they do not in their present situation enjoy their just rights to which they are entitled in common with their fellow citizens ; praying that said Parish may be incorporated with the ordinary rights, privileges, and immunities which are enjoyed by other Towns in this State by Petition on File dated February 14th, A. D., 1804. This Petition was preferred to this Assembly at their Session holden at Hartford on the second Thursday in May, 1804, and was legally served on the Inhabitants of said Town, and returned, and by legal continuances came to this session of said Assembly, when the said Inhabitants were three times publicly called and made default of appearance. The Petitioners were heard and the facts stated in said petition were fully proved to be true. *Resolved*, by this Assembly, that the Inhabitants living within the limits of said Parish of Meriden be and they are hereby incorporated into and made a Town by the name of *Meriden*, and that they and their Successors Inhabitants living within said limits are and shall forever be and remain a Town and body politic with the ordinary rights,

privileges and immunities which are enjoyed by other Towns in this State by virtue of their respective incorporation, and the right to elect and send one Representative only to the General Assembly until by law they shall be entitled to elect and send two. That the dividing line between the first Society in said Wallingford and said Parish of Meriden be and remain the dividing line ; That all Persons who shall be resident in said Town including said Parish and supported in whole or in part by said Town and Parish at the rising of this Assembly, and also all Inhabitants of said Town and Parish who shall then be without the limits of said Town and Parish, and afterwards return and become chargeable with all charges and expenses which shall arise by reason of any such person or persons, shall be apportioned between said Town of Wallingford and said Town of Meriden according to the amount of their respective Lists for August 20th 1804 as completed and returned to the Town Clerk's Office ; said division and apportionment in case said Towns shall not agree, to be made by three disinterested Persons of whom two shall be chosen by said Town of Wallingford and one by said Town of Meriden ; and with a just reference to the number and expense necessary for the support of such chargeable Persons ; That all Debts which shall be due to said Town at said date shall be divided and apportioned between said Towns according to the Lists and in the manner herein before prescribed relating to chargeable Persons ; That the said Town of Meriden shall repair and when necessary build the Bridge of which one-half is within the limits of said Town of Wallingford, across Wallingford River so called, known and called by the name of Falls plains bridge, at the cost and expense of said Town of Meriden ; That all Collectors of Taxes granted or which shall be granted before said time, shall have power to collect the same as fully as if the Resolve had not passed ; That said Town of Meriden shall hold their first Town meeting at the meeting-house in said Meriden on the third Monday in June next at one o' clock afternoon, and proceed to the choice of

all Town Officers. The Moderator of said meeting shall be named by Warrant signed by George W. Stanley Esquire Justice of the Peace for New Haven County, and Posted on the Public Sign post in said Meriden at least ten days previous to said third Monday, and said George W. Stanley Esquire shall be Moderator of said Meeting; and in case of the absence of said Justice, Ephraim Cook Esquire a Justice of the Peace for said County is hereby informed to sign such Warrant and preside in said Meeting."

"Meriden, June 24th, 1806. A true Copy of Record,

"Examined by SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary."

"AMOS WHITE, Town Clerk."



*L. P. Wright.*







## CHAPTER XXVI.

## THE CELEBRATION AT WALLINGFORD IN 1858.

THE ceremonies connected with the erection of a monument at Wallingford to the memory of Hon. Lyman Hall, took place Monday, July 5, 1858, the day after the Anniversary of our National birthday. The ceremonies attracted a large number of visitors to Wallingford, mostly from New Haven and Meriden, though nearly all the surrounding towns were well represented. The day was an unusually fine one; a pleasant breeze contributed to render the temperature endurable, and although the sky was cloudless, and the sun poured down its fiercest rays, there were none of the usual complaints of oppressive heat.

At sunrise the ringing of bells and a national salute, announced the coming ceremonies of the day. The arrival of the cars, from 9 to 1-2 past 9 o'clock, brought in a large number of visitors from abroad, who were received at Masonic Hall and the Town Hall, where was a bountiful supply of fruit, cake, confectionery, &c., prepared by the ladies of Wallingford.

The following gentlemen were the OFFICERS OF THE DAY: *President*, Roderick Curtiss, of Wallingford. *Vice Presidents*, Ira Tuttle, Wm. Francis, of Wallingford; Charles Parker, of Meriden; E. A. Cornwall,

of Cheshire, and David M. Hotchkiss, of Prospect. *Tablet Bearers*; Wallingford, Col. Ward Johnson, Calvin Harrison, Joel Hall, Jesse Tuttle, Sam'l C. Ford. Meriden, Gen. Walter Booth, Ira Twiss, Almeron Miles. Cheshire, Benjamin Ives, Dr. Wm. T. Peters, T. H. Brooks. Prospect, David M. Hotchkiss, Capt. Wm. Mix. Each of the above named Bearers wore the three cornered hat of Revolutionary times, and their antique appearance commanded much attention.

The line formed in front of the Town Hall, under the direction of ex Sheriff Parmelee, the Marshal of the Day, assisted by the following Aids-de-camps: Col. Dwight Hall, Col. Hezekiah Hall, Major O. I. Martin, Turhan Cooke and Samuel Cooke, Esqs.

The procession, under the escort of the National Blues, with the New Haven and Wallingford Bands, proceeded on its march to the Congregational church. The procession passed into the church in due form, the Orator of the day, Thomas Yeatman, Esq., the officiating Pastor of the Church, Rev. Mr. Gilbert, and the President ascending to the Pulpit. The choir then sung with excellent effect, accompanied by the organ, the words:

“My country—’tis of thee,” &c.

The Rev. Mr. Gilbert then read the 100th Psalm, and offered an appropriate prayer, after which the President announced the Orator, Thomas Yeatman, Esq., of New Haven. Mr. Yeatman, in the course of his oration which was compact and brilliant, gave some details of the life and character of Mr. Hall, and of his service to his country at a period when the possibility of her national independence was surrounded with doubts and difficulties which required unwearying effort and perseverance to overcome. At the conclusion of the oration

the procession was again formed, and after a march through the principal avenues of the town, reached the Depot, where the marble tablet was received and was conveyed in the line to the Burying Ground, near the centre of which was the monument on which the slab was to be placed. Around it the military formed a square, within which Gov. Holley took his position, and delivered an eloquent address. Three guns were then fired in honor of LYMAN HALL, and his associate signers of the Declaration in Georgia.

The Declaration of Independence was then read from the monument by Henry Lyman Hall, a grand-nephew of Dr. Lyman Hall. The band then played a dirge and the procession took up its line of march for dinner. Before leaving the cemetery we will describe the monument. Upon a mound of earth, handsomely turfed, is a large flat freestone, which is nearly nine feet long by six feet wide. Upon this rests a very large block of freestone, nearly three feet high, with rounded corners and handsome mouldings, on the fourth side of which is this inscription :

“The State of Georgia having removed to Augusta the remains of LYMAN HALL, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and there erected a monument to his memory, the tablet originally covering his grave was in 1857 presented by Wm. D’Antignac to this State, by whose order it is deposited in his native town.”

Upon the tablet, which is of white marble of nearly three inches thickness, is the following inscription :

“Beneath this stone rest the remains of the Hon. LYMAN HALL, formerly Governor of this State, who departed this life the 19th of October, 1790, in the 67th year of his age. In the cause of America, he was uniformly a Patriot. In the

incumbent duties of a husband and a father, he acquitted himself with affection and tenderness.

“But reader, above all, know, from this inscription, that he left this probationary scene as a true Christian and an honest man.

“To those so mourned in death, so loved in life,  
The childless parent, and the widowed wife,  
With tears inscribes this monumental stone,  
That holds his ashes, and expects her own.”

Arriving at the pavilion, the company were soon seated at the tables, which were spread for a thousand persons, and every seat was occupied. These tables were protected from the sun by the shade of the trees and a cloth awning. They were bountifully spread and carefully attended by the ladies of Wallingford. The President called the company to order, after which the divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. David Root. The wants of the appetite having been satisfied, patriotic toasts and speeches followed. The following were among the sentiments offered :

1st. The day we celebrate—the glorious birthday of a nation. It was immortalized in 1776 by the act of delegates from 13 States; it is celebrated to-day by thirty millions of freemen.

2nd. The memory of Washington. It is enshrined in the hearts of a grateful people.

3d. The memory of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence. They inscribed their names with their *own* hands on the tablet of immortality.

4th. Lyman Hall, the friend of human rights, the advocate of freedom—a signer of the immortal Declaration. His fame is embalmed in the hearts of the people who commemorate this occasion by placing his tomb-stone among the graves of his ancestors.

5th. The President of the United States.

6th. The Governor of Connecticut.

7th. The heroes and statesmen of the Revolution. The fruits of their glorious deeds increased with each returning year.

8th. The press—a pioneer in the cause of American freedom. May it be as true to the principles our Fathers established, as it was quick to give the signal to strike down the oppressor.

9th. Connecticut as she is now. She now exports *men* to every State in the Union.

10th. State courtesies. To Georgia Connecticut sends grateful thanks, for honor paid the memory of a patriotic son ; his monument in his adopted State, and his tomb-stone in his native State are memorials of lasting friendships between sister states.

11th. North, South, East and West. “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

12th. Our free schools. The index of the enlarged and intellectual views of the citizens of our commonwealth—the foundation for permanency and prosperity in our civil institutions.

13th. The fair, the mother, sister, wife and daughter. The tenderest ties which bind us to life. Our salvation and hope in youth—our bliss in manhood—our solace in old age. How unfortunate the man destitute of her influence in either relation.

The company dispersed in season for an early tea, after which the festivities were further continued by a splendid display of fireworks. The day and its associations will be long remembered by those who participated in them. The whole arrangements were highly creditable to the citizens of Wallingford, and none deserve more praise than the ladies, who spared no pains to make the occasion one of happy memories.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

## CHESHIRE.

CHESHIRE was originally a part of Wallingford, and was made a society in 1723, consisting of about thirty-five families. In 1718 Homer Brooks, Stephen Hotchkiss and Mathew Bellamy, complained to the General Assembly that

—“By reason of the distance from the town and difficulty in the way, we are under great disadvantage to appear on the public worship of God and also for Edicating our Children,”—and petitioned that they might have the privilege of setting up worship for themselves, and be constituted a parish. Messrs. James Wadsworth, Nathaniel Yale, and Samuel Bishop, were appointed by the Assembly to examine into the affairs of the “West Farmers,” as they were called. They found the number of families to be about forty-five, “including in ye numb’r sum few new beginners that have not famelys,” and the value of estates to be about two thousand pounds, and thought best that they still remain with the town of Wallingford. But the question of separation was still agitated, and in 1723 the district was constituted a society. The west society had considerable trouble to fix a situation for their meeting-house, so they petitioned the General Assembly,

“That having made some essays to fix the place for the Setting the first meeting House for S<sup>d</sup> worship and finding our endeavors of that kind to be attended with some difficulties and dissatisfaction among ourselves, we have unanimously agreed to address the Hon<sup>ble</sup> assembly and do accordingly thereby pray that a Committee Chosen be appointed by this assembly may fix and determine the place for building the first meeting-house in our society. Signed,

“THOMAS BROOKS,  
JOHN HITCHCOCK,  
NATH<sup>l</sup> BUNNELL.”

A committee of three was appointed, the ground selected, and the first church built in 1724. The second church was built in 1738, on the public common, and the present one was built in 1826. The following have been pastors :

|                           |                  |           |             |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| SAMUEL HALL, <sup>1</sup> | Dec., 1724,      | died      | Feb., 1776. |
| JOHN FOOT, <sup>2</sup>   | Mar., 1767,      | “         | Aug., 1813. |
| HUMPHREY H. PERRINE,      | June, 1813,      | dismissed | Apr., 1816. |
| JEREMIAH ATWATER, D. D.,  | Apr., 1816,      | “         | July, 1817, |
|                           | died July, 1858. |           |             |
| M. KELLOGG,               | Nov., 1818,      | “         | Nov., 1819. |
| ROGER HITCHCOCK,          | Sept., 1820,     | died      | Jan., 1823. |
| LUKE WOOD,                | Dec., 1824,      | dismissed | 1826.       |
| JOSEPH WHITING,           | Oct., 1827,      | “         | Dec., 1836. |
| ERASTUS COLTON,           | Jan., 1838,      | “         | July, 1843. |
| DANIEL MARCH,             | Apr., 1845,      | “         | Nov., 1848. |
| DANIEL S. RODMAN,         | Oct., 1849,      | “         | Dec., 1854. |
| C. W. CLAPP,              | May, 1855,       | “         | May, 1857.  |

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1 Rev. Samuel Hall was graduated at Yale College in 1716, where he was a tutor from 1716 to 1718; was ordained pastor of the church in Cheshire in Dec., 1724, and died in 1776. He preached the Election Sermon in 1746, which was published. His daughter Ann, married Nov 13, 1752, Warham, second son of Rev. Stephen Williams.

2 Mr. Foot was ordained colleague pastor with Mr. Hall.

DAVID ROOT,                      Oct., 1857, dismissed April, 1859.  
 J. S. C. ABBOTT,                April, 1860.

The number of male members of the church at first was eleven. In 1770 it had three hundred male and female members, and at that time Mr. Hall had baptized 2013. The number of births in forty-seven years was 2500; deaths 700. The first deacons of the church were Stephen Hotchkiss and Joseph Ives. On the resignation of the latter, Timothy Tuttle was chosen, and on the death of Deacon Hotchkiss (Deacon Tuttle resigning) Edward Parker and Stephen Hotchkiss (son of the first of that name) succeeded.

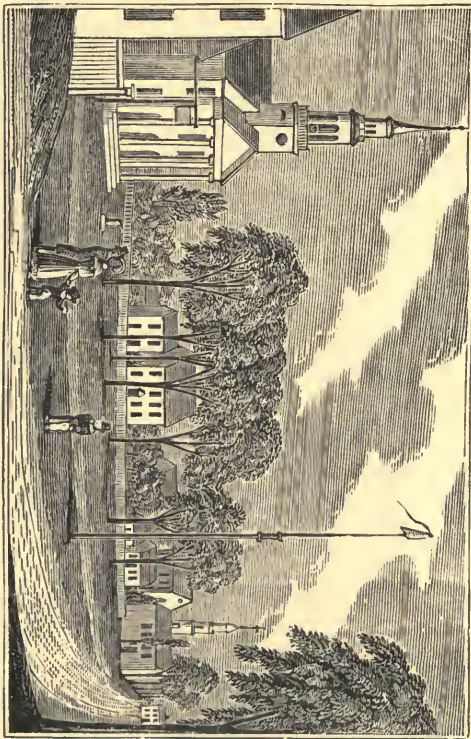
Mr. Foot received into the church 603, baptized 1767, and buried 1109. Mr. Whiting received into the church 241, baptized 165; Mr. Colton received into the church 139, and baptized 61. Mr. Hitchcock had been a deacon of the church, and stipulated that one-fifth of his salary of five hundred dollars should be reserved by the society annually, and put at interest for the future support of the ministry. He was taken sick one year after his settlement, and was never afterwards able to preach. Calls were extended (not accepted) to Revs. John March, in 1817, Cornelius Tuthill, in 1818, Handel Nott, in 1826, Judson A. Root in 1827, and Dwight M. Seward in 1842. There was a continuous revival under Mr. Whiting's ministry, also in 1838 and 1858, which added 88 and 104 to the church.

In 1751 Rev. Ichabod Camp formed an Episcopal Society in Cheshire, and for a time services were read by a layman named Moss. In 1760 a church was built, and Mr. Camp again preached for the society. In 1761 the society was supplied by Rev. Samuel Andrews, and in 1770 a larger church was built. In 1786 Mr. An-



drews went to Nova Scotia. The church was afterwards supplied by the following clergy :

In 1788, Reuben Ives ; 1820, Dr. Bronson and Rev. Mr. Cornwall, principal and assistant of the academy, preached ; 1825, Mr. Cornwall ; 1828, Henry M. Mason, C. F. Cruse, Rev. Dr. Judd ; 1835, E. E. Beardsley ; 1840, new church erected ; 1841, Wm. F. Morgan ; 1841, Frederick Miller ; 1843, E. E. Beardsley ; 1848, Joseph H. Nichols ; 1852, Hilliard Bryant ; 1865, Julius H. Ward ; 1868, E. M. Pecke.



CHESHIRE IN 1830.  
(From Barber's History.)

In 1869, 83 families were connected with the society ; 127 communicants, and 66 scholars in Sunday-school.

## EPISCOPAL ACADEMY.

The project of establishing an Episcopal Academy in the Diocese of Connecticut, was formed soon after the consecration of Dr. Seabury to the Episcopate. He, in common with his brethren of the clergy, felt most keenly the want of some literary institution where the sons of the church might receive a thorough classical education without endangering the religious predilections of their childhood.

It was a period of strong prejudice, and no little intolerance. The war of the Revolution had just closed, and the favor which the Episcopal clergy and their people had generally shown toward the mother-country in that struggle, was calculated to strengthen the prejudice of the dominant sects in the land. The ministers of the church were missionaries of the "venerable society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts," and the oath of allegiance which they were required to take previous to their ordination, and the peculiar relations in which they stood to the Bishop of London, made it in their view, as unnatural for them to resist the pretensions of the crown of England as for a child to oppose the wishes of its parents. If this were not a sufficient excuse for their loyalty, it should have palliated in some degree the heinousness of the offence, and spared the church from subsequent hostility on their account. The bishop and clergy might have been urged to the establishment of an institution of their own, by the illiberal policy of Yale college at that time.

The first record relating to the establishment of the Episcopal Academy was made in 1792. At a convention of the clergy holden at East Haddam, on the 15th of

Feb. of that year, it was voted, "that the several clergy make inquiry of their neighboring towns and see what can be done toward erecting an Episcopal Academy, and report at the next convention." This resolution received only a verbal response, for nothing is found recorded until the year 1794, when the convention taking hold of the matter went earnestly to work, appointed a committee to prepare an address to the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this state, pointing out the importance of establishing an Episcopal Academy; at the same time instructing them to provide subscription papers for the purpose of obtaining the necessary funds to support such an establishment. This committee were required to report the next morning; and they reported that they had attended to the business assigned them, and recommended that a standing committee be appointed to prepare an address to be sent out among the people, pointing out the importance of such an institution, and to present a plan of the Academy, with subscription papers for raising funds for it. The Rev. Doctor Mansfield of Derby was chairman of this committee, and at the next annual convention held at Stratford, June 3, 1795, subscriptions from Wallingford and Cheshire were returned which were so favorable, that it was resolved to go on with this work at once and establish an Episcopal Academy.

A subsequent committee was appointed to receive proposals from the towns of Wallingford, Cheshire and Stratford only, until the first day of July, at which time they were to meet at Major Bellamy's tavern in Hamden, and locate the institution in that town which they should consider the most eligible. At the same convention the Rev. John Bowden, Rev. Ashbell Bal-

dow and S. W. Johnson, Esq., were appointed to draft a code of by-laws for the temporary government of the institution till the next annual meeting of the convention, and also to form a constitution upon the most liberal and beneficial plan, together with a code of by-laws for the future government of the Academy, all to be submitted to the next general convention for consideration and approbation.



EPISCOPAL ACADEMY, CHESHIRE, 1840.

At the annual convention held at Cheshire, June 1, 1796, the subject of the Academy was brought out and discussed, and a board of twenty trustees appointed. The latter proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Academy, and the Rev. Dr. John Bowden was unanimously elected. He accepted the call and entered on his duties as soon as the building was ready. The corner stone was laid with masonic honors, on the 28th day of April, 1796. On that occasion the late Rev. Reuben Ives, through whose influence more than to any other one man the Academy was established at Cheshire, delivered

an address, and was followed by the Rev. Dr. Tillotson Bronson.

The building was completed in 1796, at a cost of £702 lawful money. The principal was required to teach or cause to be taught the English language, Philosophy, Mathematics, and every science usually taught at colleges; likewise the dead languages, such as Greek and Latin, and then French was to be taught whenever the funds became sufficient; also a library was to be purchased and a philosophical apparatus as soon as the funds would justify the expense. The principal had liberty to employ at any time with the advice of the trustees any gentlemen eminent in *Divinity, Law, or Physics*, to read lectures in these branches provided a fund be procured for that purpose. It was no doubt the intention of the founders to erect it into a college, and many of the donations were made upon this supposition, and some of the books now in the Library—the gift of private benevolence—are labelled, “Seabury College in Connecticut.”

The first legitimate attempt made toward raising a fund for the endowment of the institution was in 1797–8. In the latter year a committee was appointed by the convention to ascertain the grand levy of the church in Connecticut, and a treasurer to receive all donations that might be procured. By a formal vote the convention appropriated to the benefit of the Episcopal Academy the money that had been previously collected for the purpose of sending Missionaries to the frontiers of the States. The next year, Bishop Jarvis alluded to the subject in his annual address, and measures were adopted to solicit aid, generally from the churchmen of the diocese, and to send an agent to Europe with a similar

object in view was recommended to the trustees as soon as they have the means. The agency to Europe was never accomplished.

On the 14th day of April, 1801, the trustees met at Cheshire and resolved to petition the first Assembly then about to convene at Hartford, praying that they might be made and constituted a body politic, and corporate, by the name of the Trustees of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut; Dr. Bowden stating that since the month of June of the year 1796 it had been open for the reception of students, and had generally in the course, sixty students. The funds amounted at this time to about three thousand dollars. The act of incorporation was passed, and the number of students was increased. Every thing was now prosperous and favorable to the success of the Academy. But a shock was given, when Dr. Bowden intimated that he should resign his office of principal, and accept the more compatible station of Professor of Moral Philosophy and Belles-Lettres in Columbia College, New York. This was in the beginning of 1802; and at a special convention held at Cheshire, April 12, of the same year, his resignation was accepted, and the Rev. Dr. Wm. Smith was unanimously elected to supply his place. He entered at once upon his duties.

Dr. Bowden was the eldest son of Thomas Bowden, a Major in his Britannic Majesty's 46th regiment of Foot. His early life was full of incident, as his middle age was of trial. At the time of his birth, Jan. 7, 1751, his father's regiment was stationed in Ireland. On the breaking out of the Old French War the major came to this country and made Schenectady, N. Y., his headquarters. His son John soon after followed him, under

the charge of a clergyman of the church of England. He entered the college at Princeton, N. J., where he remained two years. The fortunes of his father called him to return home (to England). In 1770 at the age of nineteen he again crossed the Atlantic and immediately entered King's college, now Columbia, where he graduated in 1772. He was ordained in 1774 deacon, and was elected assistant minister in Trinity church, N. Y. Upon the breaking out of the revolutionary war the city churches were closed and the clergy scattered, and Dr. Bowden retired to Norwalk, Ct. He continued in the office of Professor until his death, July 31, 1817, at Ballston Springs.

Dr. William Smith entered upon his duties as principal of the Academy in the spring of 1802. The institution was in a flourishing condition. Efforts had been made to increase the funds, and regarding then the procedure as perfectly consistent with the dictates of Christian morality, a resolution was taken in April, 1801, to prefer a petition to the General Assembly for a lottery to raise the sum of four thousand pounds, to enable the trustees to purchase a library and a philosophical apparatus, and support assistant instruction. This application was unsuccessful, as was also another the next year, to obtain a lottery to raise a larger amount — the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars. But during the October session of the Legislature of 1802, the matter was more judiciously prepared, and the act was finally passed, granting a lottery to raise the sum of fifteen thousand dollars. After considerable delay and perplexity, and no little loss in the sale of tickets, the managers closed their drawings, and the net proceeds amounted to twelve thousand dollars.

The financial affairs of the institution being thus improved, its friends began to turn their attention to the original design of erecting it into a college. In 1804, obedient to a vote of the convention, the board of trustees resolved to petition the General Assembly for a charter empowering them to confer degrees in the arts, divinity and law, and to enjoy all the privileges of a college. This application failed, and was not again renewed during the administration of Dr. Smith. Though a man of learning, he seems not to have had the requisite qualifications of a teacher. The institution gradually languished under his care, and losing the confidence of the public, the annual convention in 1805 appointed a committee to inquire into the present condition, and make an immediate report; this report is spread at large upon the journals of that year. On the 5th day of June, Dr. Smith resigned; his resignation was accepted, and the convention, without appointing a successor, adjourned to meet at Newtown the eighth day of October. The missives that passed between Dr. Smith and the Trustees were not, as may be inferred from the tenor of his letter, altogether of a pleasant nature. Dr. Smith was a Scotchman, and received his education at one of the Universities of his native country. He left College with a good reputation as a classical scholar. He came to this country in 1787, and entered upon the duties of Rector of St. Paul's church and congregation, at Narragansett, R. I., where he continued three years. After leaving Cheshire he returned to New York, and the remainder of his days were passed between that city and Connecticut.

The Rev. Tillotson Bronson was appointed to the Academy, and for the first fifteen years of his adminis-



tration the institution flourished and enjoyed a large share of the public confidence and patronage. In 1810 another petition was made for college privileges, but failed of success. It was again renewed and passed the house, but failed in the Senate. Dr. Bronson was born in 1762. He graduated in 1786. Ordained by Bishop Seabury 1786, and Priest Feb. 24th, 1788. Christian F. Cruse was elected to the Academy in 1831. In 1832 Rev. Dr. Judd was elected principal. He resigned in 1835.

In 1836 the Rev. Allen C. Morgan was elected principal, under whose administration the Academy flourished. He died suddenly in New York, on the 7th of Nov., 1838. The Rev. Ebenezer E. Beardsley was next appointed to the charge. After him came the Rev. Seth B. Paddock; then the Rev. Hillyard Bryant; then Rev. Mr. Ballard, who was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Horton, under whose administration the institution has flourished and been greatly enlarged by additional new buildings. Dr. Horton is now (1870), the principal of the Academy, which is in a highly prosperous and flourishing condition.

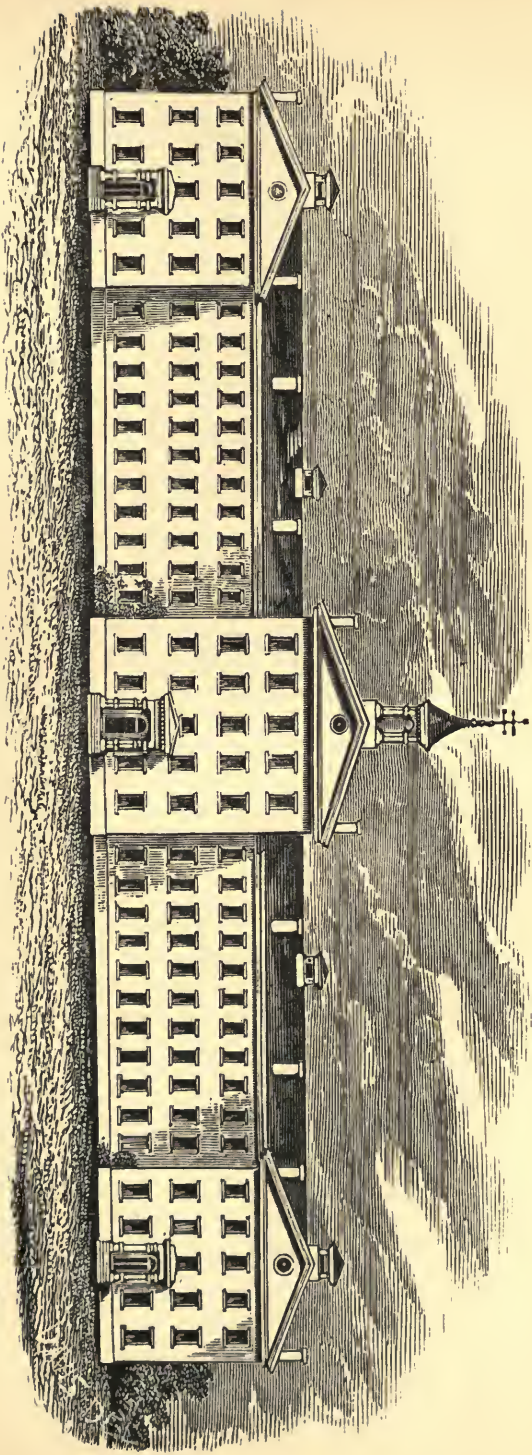
## CHAPTER XXVIII.

## STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

THE Connecticut State Reform School, situated in Meriden, New Haven County, was authorized by the Legislature of 1851, and an appropriation of ten thousand dollars made for it on the condition that the people of the State donate an equal sum to establish and build the same. The location of the school was fixed in Meriden in 1852, and the building erected in 1853. The amount of land purchased was about 150 acres, of various parties, but principally of Salmon Merriam. The buildings are situated on a commanding eminence, one half mile north from the depot in Meriden, in full view of the Hartford and New Haven rail-road, overlooking the city and the surrounding country, and presenting one of the finest landscape views to be seen in the vicinity. In the front lies Mount Lamentation, with its precipitous caps and peaks, stretching in a lower range to the south below Black Pond, and gradually terminating in a succession of bluffs near Long Island Sound.

In the rear are the Cold Spring and the Hanging Hills Peaks. Between these, or in the interval, lies the farm,

STATE REFORM SCHOOL AT MERIDEN.





delightfully situated, highly cultivated, and the pride and admiration of all who behold it.

The administration of the school on the part of the State is vested in a board of eight Trustees, one from each county in the state, elected for four years. Two of them are retired each year and their places are filled by the Senate in executive session. The Trustees elect Superintendent and other officers. The first Superintendent was Philemon Hoadley, elected in 1853. The second, Roswell Hawley, M. D., elected 1855; the next and present one, E. W. Hatch, M. D. The long continuance of Dr. Hatch in the position, is proof conclusive that the people of the state are satisfied with his administration; in effective management, economy, and progress, the institution ranks second to none in the country.

Mr. Saxton B. Little was elected Assistant Superintendent in 1854, and was the first elected to that office, and still holds the position. He has proved himself one of the most successful educators of the age. With the class of boys that he has had no one could have done better, and the teachers are rare that could have done so well. Mr. Lucius P. Chamberlain was appointed farmer in 1857, and right well has he filled the position. He believes in progress, and acts up to his belief in his practice. He is one of the neatest, best, and most successful farmers in the state. His work on the state farm shows it, and any one can have an ocular demonstration of the fact, by visiting the farm. Mr. John B. Porter as an officer has been connected with the school for the last thirteen years, and has proved himself a valuable assistant and a good efficient worker in the cause of reform. The above are worthy of mention as having held their posi-

tions for a long time, and discharged their duties faithfully. The other officers are capable and efficient, and doing a noble work for the State.

The first boys were received in 1854; and up to April 1, 1870, 1515 had been received. They are many of them filling situations now as valuable citizens in almost every State of the union. The boys are taught in all of the branches usually taught in the common schools. The classes will compare favorably with the classes in any of the schools of the State.

The citizens of the State may well be proud of this noble Institution. It is one of its noblest charities; no effort which the State can make in the right direction to improve its citizens can be wasted; and to take vicious boys and educate them to be good citizens, is worthy the best efforts of the State.



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*Ambrose Ives*





## CHAPTER XXIX.

## PHYSICIANS.

THE first settlers of Connecticut came with but slender provision for the ills that awaited them. The pastor of the flock was the chief shepherd to whom they all looked for protection, and the teacher upon whose instruction, in sickness and in health, they mainly looked for guidance. In the year 1652 the General Court granted the first medical license, by which Thomas Lord was authorized to practice physic and surgery in Hartford and adjoining towns. Fifteen pounds was to be his annual salary so long as he devoted his time and attention to the sick and suffering members of the colony. The fee-table of Dr. Lord as established by the General Assembly, he having promised to charge no more, deserves to be transcribed:

“Thos. Lord having engaged to this court to continue his abode in Hartford for the next ensuing year, and to improve his best skill among the inhabitants of the towns upon the river, within his jurisdiction, both for setting of bones and otherwise, as at all times, occasions and necessities may require. This court doth grant, that he shall be paid by the country the sum of fifteen pounds for the said ensuing year, and they also declare that for every visit or journey, that he shall take or make, being sent for, to any house in Hartford

12 pence is reasonable ; to any house in Windsor, five shillings ; to any house in Wethersfield, three shillings ; to any house in Farmington, six shillings ; to any house in Mattabesock or Middletown, eight shillings, (he having promised that he will require no more,) and that he shall be freed, for the time aforesaid, from watching, warding and training, but not from finding arms according to law !”

Dr. Lord died in 1662. He came to Wallingford often on professional business, and was also called to New Haven. Rev. Gershom Bulkley of Wethersfield, who was quite noted as a physician, and for a time was surgeon in a company raised to resist the aggression of their Indian neighbors, attended to the sick in Wallingford and vicinity. It is worthy of notice that the first case of medical jurisprudence in the colony, perhaps the first in the country, was referred to him for an opinion. Mary Brown of Wallingford was brought to trial for the murder of her son. As it was known that she had been subject to paroxysms of insanity, the court and the jury were in some perplexity relative to their own course of proceeding. To relieve themselves from this embarrassing position the court granted leave to the jurors to consult the most learned men in the colony and obtain their advice. They applied to Dr. Bulkley, whose character as a divine, whose opinion as a physician, and whose judgment as a magistrate were all held in high estimation. The following is the summary of his opinion :

“ If she were not *compos mentis* at the time of the fact it is no felony, and consequently no wilful or malicious murder ; and if she be known to be a lunatic, though she have her lucid intervals, there had need be very good and satisfactory proof that she was *compos mentis* at the time of the fact committed, for the law favors life.”

The legal opinion from which the above extract was taken was in advance of the age, and probably averted the doom of the unhappy woman who was on her trial for the murder of her child.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Bulkley died at Glastenbury in the year 1713, at the age of seventy-eight. From an inscription upon his "obscure and modest grave-stone" in the church-yard at Wethersfield, it appears that he was regarded as a man of rare abilities and extraordinary industry, excellent in learning, master of many languages, exquisite in his skill in divinity, physic and law, and of a most exemplary and Christian life.

Dr James Hurlburt of Berlin, who was born in the year 1717 and had his office in Berlin near the line of the Hartford and New Haven Rail-road, had nearly all of the practice in the surrounding twenty miles. Dr. Jared Potter of Wallingford was one of the most distinguished physicians in the State, and the teacher from whom many eminent members of the medical profession received instruction.<sup>2</sup> He was a speculating theologian, and his speculations were of an infidel character; and it is said that his pupils, whatever progress they made in medical studies, generally left Dr. Potter's office with minds tinged with skeptical notions. In 1775 he was chosen surgeon of the first regiment of Connecticut forces, from whence it may be inferred that he was distinguished as a surgeon as well as a physician. His memory at this time is more associated with one of his own favorite remedies. Potter's powder has been for sixty years and over, a popular remedy with the physicians of

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1 Dr. Summer's Address at the 49th Annual Convention of the Conn. Med. Soc.

2 One of Dr. Potter's students was Lyman Norton, who commenced practice in Durham in 1797.

Connecticut, but as employed in former days, it contained charcoal as well as the three ingredients, camphor, ammonia and chalk. By this combination he acquired the same reputation which adheres all the world over, to the combination of Dr. Dover. He was instrumental in forming the New Haven Co. Medical Society in 1784, and also the State Medical Society.<sup>1</sup>

In October, 1717, Dr. Benjamin Hull<sup>2</sup> petitioned the General Court as follows: "Y<sup>e</sup> petition of Benjamin Hull of Wallingford sheweth y<sup>t</sup> your petitioner having for some time practiced phisik," requests the assembly to grant him permission to practice in Wallingford. Previous to 1800 there were in Wallingford Drs. Isaac Lewis, Isaac Bull, Isaac Hall, Gad Pond, Ebenezer Bardsley, Wm. B. Hall, Bilious Kirtland and James Porter. Dr. John Dickinson, son of Rev. Moses Dickinson of Norwalk, began practice in Wallingford, but soon removed to Middletown, from which town he was sent Representative to the Legislature in the time of the Revolution. He died in 1811, aged eighty-two years. Dr. Wm. Brenton Hall, a native of Wallingford, graduated at Yale College in 1786, and commenced practice in his native town, but removed to Middletown where he died in 1809.

Dr. Aaron Andrews was a son of Denizen Andrews and was born in the Meriden society. He settled as a physician in Wallingford, and built the house where he resided and which was afterwards occupied by his son Drake Andrews, and Leander Parmalee, and which is now owned and occupied by Samuel B. Parmalee. Dr.

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<sup>1</sup> See Biographical Sketches in this volume.

<sup>2</sup> John Hull came from Derby with two sons in 1686. He located himself on the top of Town Hill.

Andrews was considered a very skillful physician, and as such was highly respected.<sup>1</sup> His son, Dr. John Andrews, was for many years a very successful physician in Wallingford. He married Abigail Atwater, and for many years resided in the house now remodelled and occupied by Roderick Curtiss. After the death of his wife, he married Anna, daughter of Rev. James Noyes. After her decease he went in his old age to Ohio and lived with his son William, where he died in his eighty-sixth year. He was buried in Wallingford, as he had requested.<sup>2</sup> Dr. Jared P. Kirtland came to Wallingford in 1814 and remained about three years.<sup>3</sup>

Dr. Ambrose Ives was born in Wallingford, Dec. 30, 1786. He was the son of Abijah Ives, a respectable farmer, and the grandson of Abraham Ives. Dr. Ives was favored with fair advantages for a good English and sufficient classical education. He pursued the higher branches at the celebrated academy located in Cheshire. After finishing his preliminary course, he commenced the study of medicine under the tuition of the late Dr. Cornwall of the same town. From a classmate of Dr. Ives, we have learned that he was a laborious student, thorough in all the branches of professional reading in which he was engaged. He was, as in after life, extremely frugal of his time, and being favored with a retentive memory, he made excellent progress in his studies. In the year 1808, after completing his medical pupilage, he was licensed to practice medicine and surgery, and then located in the town of Wolcott, where he diligently applied himself to his professional duties dur-

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1 See Biographical Sketches in this volume.

2 See Biographical Sketches in this volume.

3 See Biographical Sketches in this volume.

ing a period of nineteen years. He removed from Wolcott to Wallingford in the year 1827, for the purpose of settling up his deceased father's estate. Here he remained two years, at the expiration of which time, he removed to Plymouth, Litchfield county, where he resumed the practice of medicine. In the last named place he soon acquired a large practice, in which he continued until the year 1834. At this time he relinquished his practice entirely and removed to Waterville, and became interested in the manufacture of gilt buttons, and took charge of the business. In 1837 he removed to Waterbury, and in 1839 sold out his interest in Waterville. Soon after he bought into the company of Brown and Elton, and continued in this connection till his decease, but without himself engaging in the management of the business. In the last year of his life he was afflicted with paralysis. He died in the year 1852, at the age of 66.

Dr. Ives was a man of medium height, not tall, but stout, and in the latter part of his life became somewhat corpulent. He was an efficient town officer, serving his townsmen in different capacities. Several times he represented the inhabitants of Wolcott in the Legislature of the State. In the year 1818 he was a member of the convention for the formation of the constitution of this State. As a physician, Dr. Ives was sound, discriminating and skillful, the result of thoroughness and precision, the leading characteristics of his mind, made manifest in all his avocations. No practitioner in the vicinity in which he lived, was more deservedly esteemed for strong common sense and matured judgment. As a business man he was enlightened, sagacious and stable. Few men understood human nature more perfectly, or could

see farther into the course of events depending on the human will. By able management and financial skill he succeeded in acquiring a large property. In conversation he was shrewd, intelligent and facetious. He had a fund of anecdote and illustration, and abounded in witty and humorous remarks. Few were more companionable or instructive. He was married in the year 1817 to Miss Wealthy V. Upson of Wolcott.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Moses Gaylord was an eminent surgeon in Wallingford, for many years devoting his whole time to that branch of his profession. Dr. Gaylord was tall and rather spare looking, with thin face and large nose, and when riding horseback as was his habit, or when walking, was bent forward. He was a student of Dr. Jesse Cole of Durham.<sup>2</sup> Dr. Gaylord died of a cancer on his face, and was quite advanced in years.

Dr. Friend Cook was a son of Samuel and Mary Cook of Wallingford. He prepared for college at the Wallingford and Cheshire academies, where he ranked high as a scholar, and entered Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. After he had graduated, he entered the Medical department of Yale College, and was a pupil of the late Dr. Nathan Smith. After having received his degree of M. D. in 1821, he located himself at Windsor, Connecticut, where he soon had a successful practice, which he was compelled to surrender on account of his

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<sup>1</sup> Proceedings of Conn., Med. Soc., 1860, p. 67. Bronson's History of Waterbury.

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Gaylord was probably of the Plymouth branch of Gaylords. He married Jemima Tyler of Wallingford, and had Tyler, who died in the state of New York; Harriet, who m. Noah Lindsley of Meriden, and Nancy, who m. Israel Harrison.

health. After spending some time at the South, he returned to his native town, and again commenced practice. But in a few years his failing health compelled him to relinquish his practice, and he removed to Atwater, Ohio. Here he practiced his profession for some time, but finally had to give it up. After a long illness he died February 8, 1857, aged sixty years, of cancer of the stomach. He married Abigail, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Atwater.



B. F. HARRISON, M. D.

Benjamin F. Harrison, M. D., was born in what was then the town of Branford, and the parish of Northford, in the year 1811. His father Elizur Harrison, and his mother Rebecca Bartholomew were also natives of the same place. His father was a farmer, and he was occupied on the farm until his eighteenth year, after which he was occupied with studies and teaching until the first of March, 1836, when he was graduated at the medical school in New Haven. Soon after he went to New York to continue his studies for a time, but in June he went to Old Milford where he commenced practice with Dr. French, but was induced to leave



there and come to Wallingford in September of the same year, viz., 1836. Here he remained extensively engaged in his profession for ten years, when in September, 1846, he sold his residence and left his business to Dr. William Atwater, a former pupil, and early the next month sailed from New York for Havre, where he arrived November 1, and proceeded directly to Paris, where were still living most of the eminent physicians and surgeons of that country who had distinguished themselves by their works and writings during the early part of this century. In the schools and hospitals of Paris he pursued his professional studies with more assiduity than ever until May, 1847, when he left France and visited most of what were then the small states of Italy. In midsummer he returned by Switzerland, Germany and Belgium to Paris, and in August to England, and in September sailed from Liverpool for New York. Arriving home in October, he spent the remainder of the year in visiting various parts of the country, and finally selected an office in Cincinnati, Ohio. Circumstances afterwards prevented his settling there, and in February, 1848, he opened an office in New Haven, but in May was persuaded to take again his former residence and business in Wallingford. Here he remained in active business until after the war broke out, and in August, 1862, was commissioned as surgeon to a New York regiment then in the field at Yorktown, Va., where he immediately joined the regiment, and remained with it in the service in Virginia, North and South Carolina, until the regiment finished its service in 1864. After this time Dr. Harrison served the Sanitary Commission for a few months in Florida, and South Carolina. At the close of 1864 he was again in Wallingford, resuming his old residence

and continuing the practice of his profession, until the present time. During all his long residence in Wallingford, Dr. Harrison has taken active interest in the public schools. He was married June 8, 1837, to Susan Lewis, daughter of Frederick Lewis of Wallingford. She died September 10, 1839, leaving an infant daughter who also died seventeen years after. He again married June 20, 1868, Virginia V. Abelle, of Franklin, Conn. She died December 27, 1869.



NEHEMIAH BANKS, M. D.

Dr. Nehemiah Banks came to Wallingford in 1852. He was graduated at the Yale College medical school in 1844. In 1856 he purchased the Judge Pomeroy place. He has had a large practice, and has been a very successful practitioner.

Dr. Henry Davis came to Wallingford in 1870, and bought the place formerly owned by O. I. Martin.

Dr. Baldwin, a Botanic physician, has practised in Wallingford for several years.

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Few are the recorded data for biography which ordinarily survive the life of the practitioner of medicine in country districts. The uniform and familiar character of his vocation affords but scanty material for the adornment of general history. Being more familiar with prescriptions than the pen, or more brilliant exploits of war or legislation, his fame is lamentably prone to expire with the memories and lives of those who have enjoyed the benefit of his professional labors.<sup>1</sup>

The first physician in Meriden was Dr. Isaac Hall. He was a son of Jonathan and Dinah Hall, was born July 11, 1714, and died March 7, 1781, æ. 66 years. He married Mary Morse, Nov. 5, 1739, and had six children, one of whom, Jonathan, was a physician. He resided, while living, quite in the easterly part of the town, on that road which now passes the residence of Deacon Hezekiah Rice. Dr. Ensign Hough was the son of Daniel and Violet (Benton) Hough, was born Sept. 1, 1746, and commenced practice in Meriden in 1769. He lived near the center of the town. He was a short, lively man, a good physician, and well known and highly esteemed. He died Dec. 3, 1813, æ. 67. Mercy, his wife, died Feb. 6, 1820, æ. 72. He left two sons, Ensign Jr., and Isaac. The last studied medicine and commenced practice in Meriden in 1802.<sup>2</sup> He died Feb. 26, 1852, æ. 71. During his residence in Meriden he had a large practice, but retired from the active duties of his profession in comparatively early life. Sally Bradley, daughter of Dr. Ensign Hough, died Aug. 11, 1864, æ. 85 years.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Blakeman's Address before the Conn. Med. Soc., 1853.

<sup>2</sup> See Biographical Notices.

Dr. Wyllys Woodruff commenced practice here in 1825, in connection with Dr. Hough. He was born in Southington, Aug. 6, 1801, and was a son of Isaac Jun., and Abigail (Clark), Woodruff. He studied medicine with Dr. Jacob Brace of Newington, and Dr. Julius S. Barnes, of Southington, and was graduated at the Yale College Medical School in 1823. He married 1st, Jane Curtis, and 2nd, Mary Lewis. After Dr. Woodruff's death, she married Henry C. Butler, of Meriden. Dr. Woodruff had two daughters; the oldest married Thomas Hubbard. Dr. Woodruff was a slender built man, with light hair and eyes. His attention was given wholly to his business, yet he was of a very social disposition, fond of anecdote, and also took an active interest in church affairs. He died of typhoid fever March 31, 1842, universally beloved for his many estimable qualities, and highly esteemed for his medical skill.

The day that Dr. Woodruff died, a message was sent to Haddam by some of the leading citizens of Meriden, for Dr. Benjamin H. Catlin to come to Meriden and take the practice of Dr. Woodruff. He came here April 1, made arrangements for his removal, and commenced practice here April 5, 1842. He is now (1870) in full practice.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Andrews commenced practice here, living in the old house west of the residence of Aaron Collins. He afterwards built the house now owned and occupied by Sidney Hall. He was succeeded by Dr. Gardner Barlow, a graduate of the Yale College Medical School, of the class of 1845. Dr. Barlow died of consumption in 1854, in the forty-seventh year of his age. He built the

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<sup>1</sup> See Biographical Notices.

house now owned by Dr. Tait. He was a man well posted in his profession, of few words, indomitable energy, and although possessing delicate health, had a larger practice than any other physician in the town in his day. Dr. Morris was here in 1829, for about two years. He returned again in 1832, but remained but a short time. He bought and lived in the house of the late Walter Booth, on South Broad Street. Dr. Brown, a Thompsonian doctor, came here from New Britain, and lived in the house now occupied by A. H. Curtis on South Broad Street. He remained here a few years and removed to Ohio.

Dr. William H. Allen was born in Hebron, Conn., in 1819. He studied medicine with Dr. Stratton of Middletown, and afterward with Dr. Lapham of New York. After practising in New Britain one year and in Goshen about six months, he removed to Meriden in 1840, succeeding Dr. Fields, who had practised here about a year. He first lived in the house then occupied by Dr. Fields, and occupied now by Mr. Charles Parker, on the corner of Main and High streets. Dr. Allen died of typhoid fever, Sept. 4, 1850. He was about five feet seven inches in height, and weighed about one hundred and seventy-five pounds. He had dark hair and eyes and a very high forehead, was of a social disposition, fond of company, and well read and skillful as a physician. He built the house now occupied by Mr. Levi Butler, corner of Main and Center streets. He left four children.

Dr. Edward W. Hatch came to Meriden in December, 1849, and retired from practice in 1859, to assume the office of Superintendent of the State Reform School.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Biographical notices.

Dr. H. A. Archer was born in Carlisle, Cumberland County, England, April 8, 1820. He came to this country November 1, 1824. His father, William Archer, soon became a citizen of the United States by legal process, which made all of his sons who were minors citizens also. His early days were spent upon his father's farm in Webster, Mass., and there he became acquainted with Rev. John Parker, now of Meriden, who at that time was one of the most prominent preachers of the Methodist conference. In June, 1843, Dr. Archer entered the office of Dr. Amos Beecher of



H. A. ARCHER, M. D.

Barkhamstead, Conn., as a medical student, there pursuing his studies until the autumn of 1846, when he entered the medical school of Yale College. At that time Col. Dexter R. Wright, formerly of Meriden, now of New Haven, who has since distinguished himself as an advocate and counselor at the Connecticut bar, was a student in the law school. In 1847 Dr. Archer graduated and received his degree from the medical college of Kentucky. In the spring of 1847 he commenced

practice in the town of Wethersfield, Conn., continuing there until January, 1850, when upon the invitation of some of the most prominent citizens of Meriden, he removed here and continued in practice until the autumn of 1857, when he sold out to Dr. John Tait and removed to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. John Tait, the successor of Dr. Archer, was his assistant for a short time, and finally succeeded him in practice. He bought the house built by Dr. Barlow and afterward owned by Dr. Archer, which he remodeled a few years ago. Dr. Timothy F. Davis came here in 1850, succeeding Dr. Wm. H. Allen, and for eighteen years had a large and successful practice.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Lewis Barnes came to Meriden in 1852, and had his office in the Meriden Bank building. He removed in a short time to Oxford, Conn., where he now resides. Dr. W. N. Dunham, a homœopathist, came here in 1856, remained a short time, and disposed of his practice to Dr. C. W. Ensign who came from Tarifville. Dr. M. F. Baldwin was here in 1856. Dr. G. Herrick Wilson, of the school of Hahneman, came here in 1857, and has built up a large practice. Dr. Roswell Hawley was in Meriden in 1858. Dr. Asa Hopkins Churchill, a graduate of the Yale Medical school in 1857, succeeded Dr. E. W. Hatch in 1859.

Dr. James Wylie was born in Kilwinning, Ayresshire, Scotland, in 1829. He was graduated in surgery from the University of Glasgow in the session of 1852-3, and in 1853 came to this country. In 1854 he commenced practice in Meriden. In 1868 he took a medical and surgical degree from a medical school in Philadelphia, and returned to Meriden where he still practices.

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<sup>1</sup> See Biog. Notices.

Dr. Nehemiah Nickerson, a graduate of the N. Y. Medical School, came here for the second time in 1865, and was for a time associated with Dr. Wylie. After about three years he went to Missouri, and returned again to Meriden in 1870, and is now practising here. Dr. Frederick Fitch, a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Medical School, came here in 1866. Dr. J. J. Averill, a graduate in 1866 of the Yale Medical School, came here in 1866. Dr. John McMahan, a graduate of Harvard University Medical School, came here in 1867 and removed to Boston in 1869. Dr. Charles H. S. Davis, a graduate of the New York University Medical School, came here from Baltimore in 1867, succeeding his father in the practice of his profession. Dr. Bodyfield came here in 1869, but removed to New Britain in a short time. In 1870 Dr. Hamlin, a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Medical School, Dr. Charles Mansfield and Dr. E. Newport, the last two Homeopaths, commenced practice in Meriden.

When Dr. Isaac Hough commenced practice, the usual fee for visits was twenty-five cents. In Dr. Woodruff's time it was three shillings; obstetrical fee three dollars. When Dr. Catlin commenced practice here the fee was fifty cents, but soon went up to seventy-five cents. Soon after Dr. T. F. Davis commenced practice the usual charge was one dollar, then one dollar and twenty-five cents. In January, 1868, the Meriden City Medical Association adopted the following fee table:

“For first visit each day, \$1 50; subsequent visit same day, \$1 00; visit to Hanover, \$2 00; visit at night from 10 P. M. to 6 A. M., \$2 00; detention during nights, \$3 00 to \$5 00; visit in consultation, \$3 00; obstetrical fee \$10 00; obstetrical fee with instruments, \$15 00; travel per mile from



city limits within five miles, 50 cts. ; vaccination, \$1 50 ; vaccination at office \$1 00 ; office advice, 75 cts. ; reducing fractures, \$5 00 to \$15 00 ; reducing dislocation, \$3 00 to \$15 00.

“The foregoing Table contains the standard fees of the Medical Profession of Meriden. They shall be increased according to the judgment of the practitioner concerned, in all cases of extraordinary detention or attendance. Also, in proportion to the importance of the case, the responsibility attached to it, and services rendered when these are extraordinary. They shall be diminished at the discretion of the Physician when he believes the patient cannot afford to pay the regular fees, and yet is able to make some compensation. It shall however be considered as *unprofessional* to diminish the standard fees with a view to mercenary competition.”

## CHAPTER XXX.

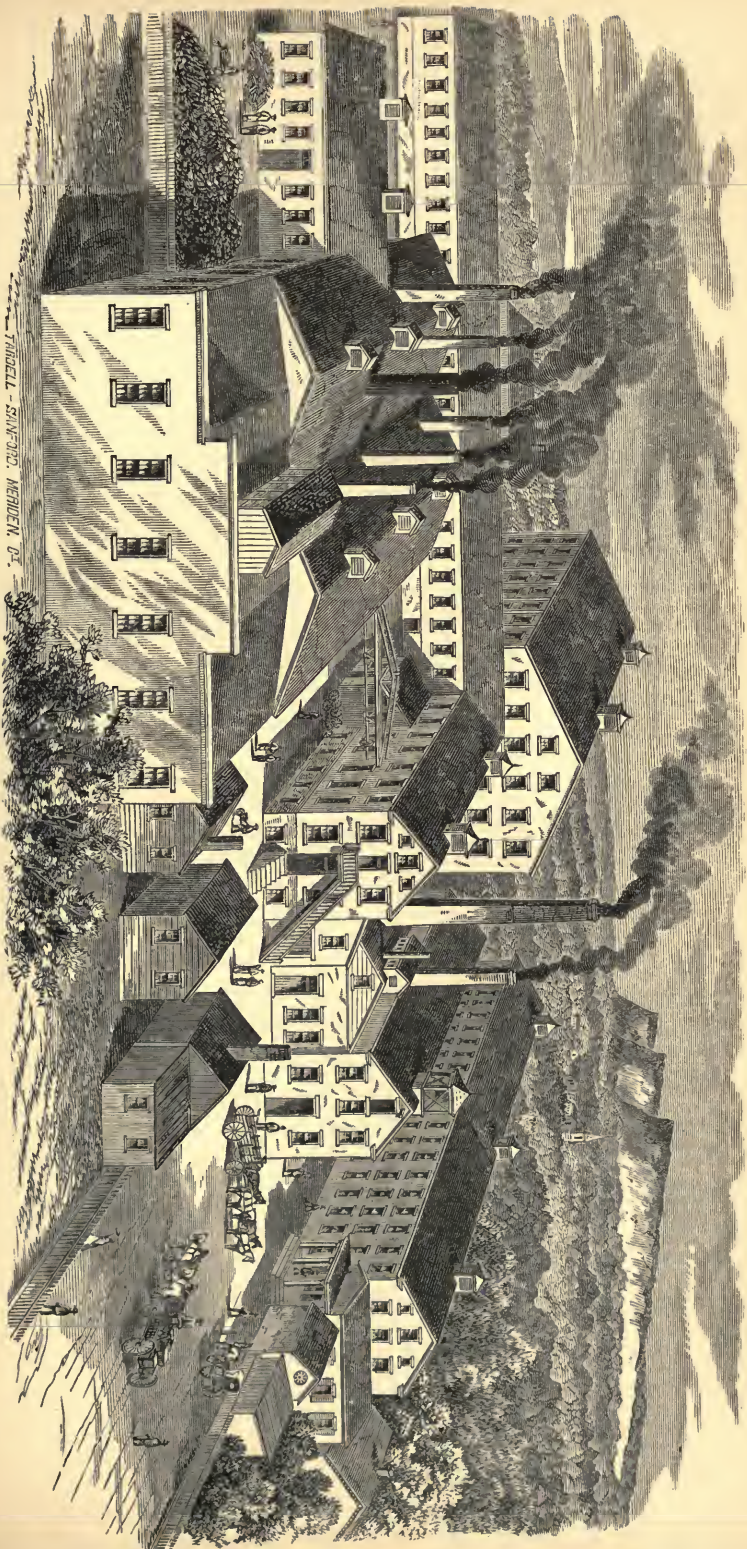
## MANUFACTURES.

It has been said that no people that holds labor in derision can maintain its position for three centuries. Too many people spend their time and waste their substance upon vain projects for getting rich without labor. Physical labor was cherished by all classes of our ancestors with great care. They found themselves obliged to fell the trees and till the ground, that they might have bread. Agriculture has been the chief resource and occupation of a majority of the people, but such is the surface of our town, so much of it is covered with rocky and barren ridges, that if we had remained exclusively an agricultural town, our population would not have increased, and our pecuniary circumstances would have been equally cramped. Yet our fathers were satisfied if they could obtain enough from the ground to support their families. Their wants were few and easily satisfied. They manufactured their own-garments, and the hand-card and spinning-wheel were in nearly every habitation. Here lived,

“The good old farmer . . .

In his ancestral home — a Puritan  
 Who read his Bible daily, loved his God,  
 And lived serenely in the faith of Christ.

. . . His life had run  
 Through varied scenes of happiness and woe ;



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But, constant through the wide vicissitude  
He had confessed the giver of his joys,  
And kissed the hand that took them."

The prosperity of Meriden is due in a great degree to its manufactories. In 1791 Mr. Samuel Yale began to manufacture cut nails. He and his son worked in a small shop on the hill, near the present site of the Center Congregational church. Their little machine was worked by their own hands, and each nail was "headed" separately and by hand. About the year 1794 Mr. Yale commenced the manufacture of buttons on a small scale. They were made of pewter, and would be considered by us a coarse and rough article. But at that time they met a ready sale. For a long time only two or three men were employed in the business.<sup>1</sup>

#### IVORY COMBS.

Ivory combs were first made in this country by Andrew Lord, of Saybrook, Conn., about eighty years ago. He cut out the plates and the teeth by hand with a hand-saw; a slow and expensive process. John Graham of Boston, and Mr. Tryon, of Glastenbury, made ivory combs about the same time, on a small scale; the latter person using machinery. Ezra and Elisha Pratt, of Hartford, also manufactured the article about seventy-five years ago, cutting the teeth by hand, like Mr. Lord. Abel Pratt, of Saybrook, made ivory combs seventy-two years ago. He sawed the plates by hand, and two hundred and fifty were considered a good day's work; whereas by the present improved processes, over four thousand can be sawed out in one day by one man. He cut the teeth, however, with circular saws, and machinery moved

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<sup>1</sup> Perkins.

by hand, and afterwards by wind. Ezra Williams also commenced the same business in Saybrook soon after Mr. Pratt, and began to saw the plates by machinery moved by water-power. This establishment afterwards was known by the name of George Read & Co. Great improvements have been made there in the machinery, and at one time nearly all the ivory comb business in the country was done by that firm. Various other attempts to carry on this business have been made, most of which have not succeeded. At the present time, most of the ivory combs made in America, are manufactured in Connecticut, and nearly two-thirds of the whole are made in Meriden.

The business was commenced in Meriden in 1819, by Merriam & Collins, who used the best machinery known at that time. Their establishment was not long continued. Howard, Pratt & Co., began to manufacture ivory combs in Meriden in 1822. This firm was afterward known as Julius Pratt & Co. Walter Webb & Co. commenced the business in 1831; Philo Pratt & Co., in 1836. The business of the latter firm was subsequently transferred to Walter Webb & Co., and Mr. Pratt became a partner. October 6, 1863, Julius Pratt & Co. united their interest with George Reed & Co. and Pratt Brothers & Co., of Deep River, forming a joint stock company, with a capital of 175,000 dollars, under the name of Pratt, Reed & Co. This company at their manufactories at Deep River and in this town, now turn out from 15,000 to 20,000 combs daily, or over six millions annually, besides an endless amount of piano and melodeon ivory, etc. Quantities of the combs are exported to all parts of North and South America, and some are sent to England.



*Engraved by Samuel Sartain.*

*Samuel Rippon*





## BRITANNIA AND PLATED WARES.

The history of Wallingford would not be complete without some account of the manufacture of electro-plated wares which constitute so conspicuous a part in the industrial interests of the town. Indeed, the present prosperity and hopes of future growth in population and wealth are so largely dependent upon the enterprises connected with this manufacture, that we should not do ourselves justice to omit so important a feature of the town. This industrial department embraces the various manufactures of white metal, pewter, britannia, silver-plated and electro-plated wares.

Among the prominent names of manufacturers of pewter and britannia wares in this section, at an early day, were those of Boardman, Yale and Griswold. The Boardmans located at Hartford; Griswold at Meriden; and Charles and Hiram Yale in Wallingford. In the early history of their business their goods were sold chiefly by peddlers. The best pewter ware was a compound of English tin, known as block tin, and lead, in proportions of about one-fifth lead to four-fifths tin. The poorer quality contained more lead and antimony and less of tin; and hence more scouring was required to keep the wares bright. At first these wares rarely extended beyond plates, platters, basins, mugs, spoons, etc.

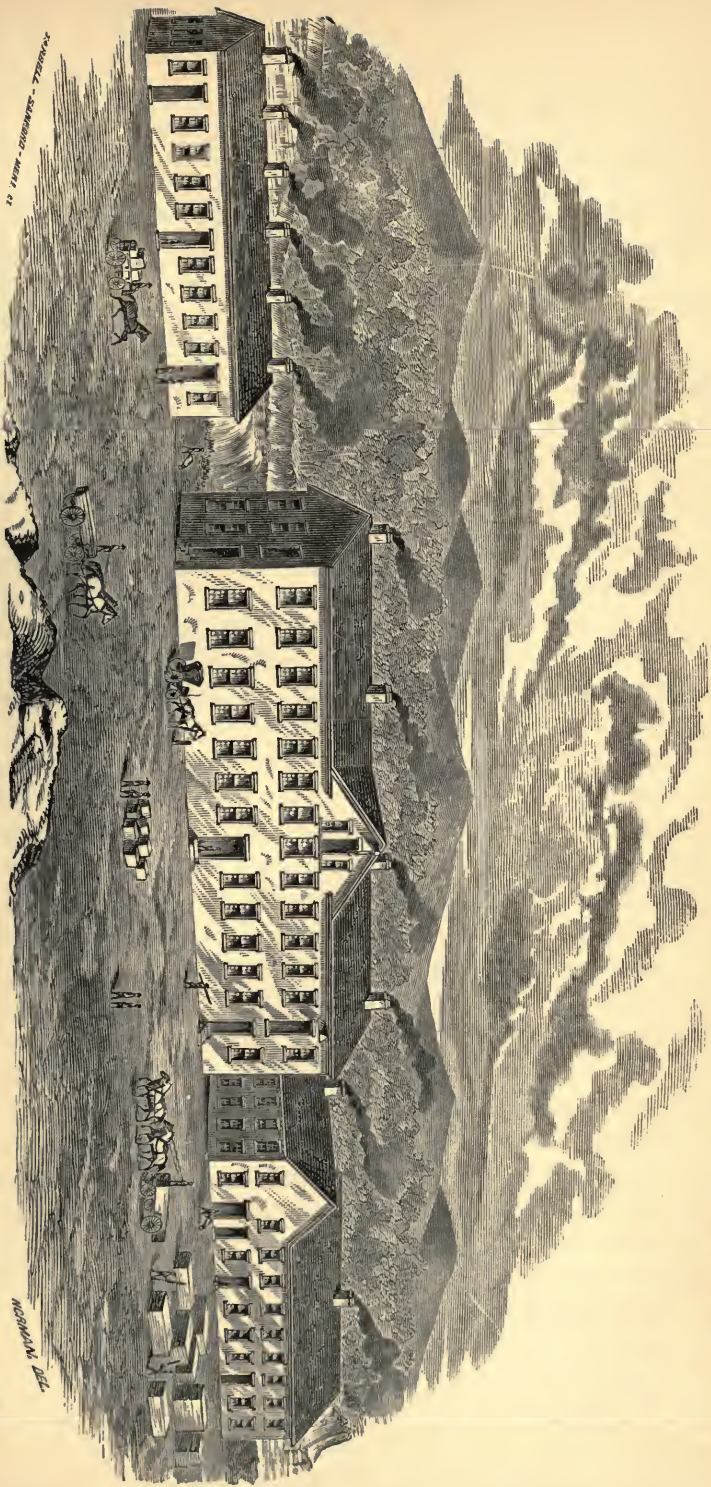
The power at first employed was of a truly primitive character, being a balance-wheel turned by a crank in the hand of a man. A lathe was connected with this balance-wheel by means of a belt. On this lathe the wares were turned and burnished. The spoons were used either in the rough state as they came from the mould, or were scraped by hand and burnished. With

the exception of the spoons these goods were sold by the pound and not by the dozen ; and they were known by the dealers as weight ware.

The Yales were enterprising and progressive men, and soon took the lead in the manufacture of pewter ; and they imported from England some skilled artizans from the britannia establishments, where the wares were made of a superior compound known as britannia metal, from which lead was excluded altogether, and metals of a harder, and firmer texture were used ; and hence they were susceptible of receiving and retaining a high polish of which the pewter was incapable.

By this means the Yales took the lead in the manufacture of britannia goods, such as tea-sets, church service, etc. ; and it is noteworthy how different the manner of working this metal was in those days compared with what it is now. Then it was all cast in moulds of the shape desired. The wares were then considered very fine ; and the art of compounding the metal was of great value.

The demand for this ware became so great that even horse-power was insufficient, and a resort to water-power became necessary. These men purchased a water-power known as Tyler's Mills, in the early settlement of New Haven County. At this mill, flouring of grain and dressing of cloth were accomplished for the surrounding country ; and it was located on the Quinipiac river in the north part of Wallingford, at a place now known as Yalesville. This power was improved by the erection of a new and substantial dam across the entire stream. New and commodious buildings were also erected for a business now becoming more and more extensive.



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CHARLES PARKER'S BRITANNIA AND GERMAN SILVER SPOON FACTORIES, YALESVILLE.



At this juncture the art of spinning britannia metal was introduced into this country. An Englishman by the name of Seignor instructed some apprentices in the art. And the apprentice system, after the custom of Great Britain, was now adopted by this company. The apprentice was bound for five years or seven years to learn the trade in all its branches ; and at the close of the apprenticeship the profound secret of compounding and fluxing the metal was imparted.

Samuel Simpson, the senior partner of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., served an apprenticeship with this firm, beginning April 1, 1829 ; and before its termination, Hiram Yale, the junior partner, died. Soon after this, Charles Yale, the surviving partner, went into a decline, which was precipitated by various misfortunes and discouragements. Soon after the expiration of Mr. Simpson's apprenticeship Mr. Yale proposed to him and Mr. Williams, his former foreman, that they should manufacture the goods. This arrangement went into effect on the 1st of January, 1835. Mr. Yale died the same year. Mr. Williams soon after went to Philadelphia, and Mr. Simpson remained as successor to the Yales, continuing the manufacture of the same and other lines of goods. He continued the business until January 1, 1847, when he sold his manufactory to John Munson, who had been with him a number of years.

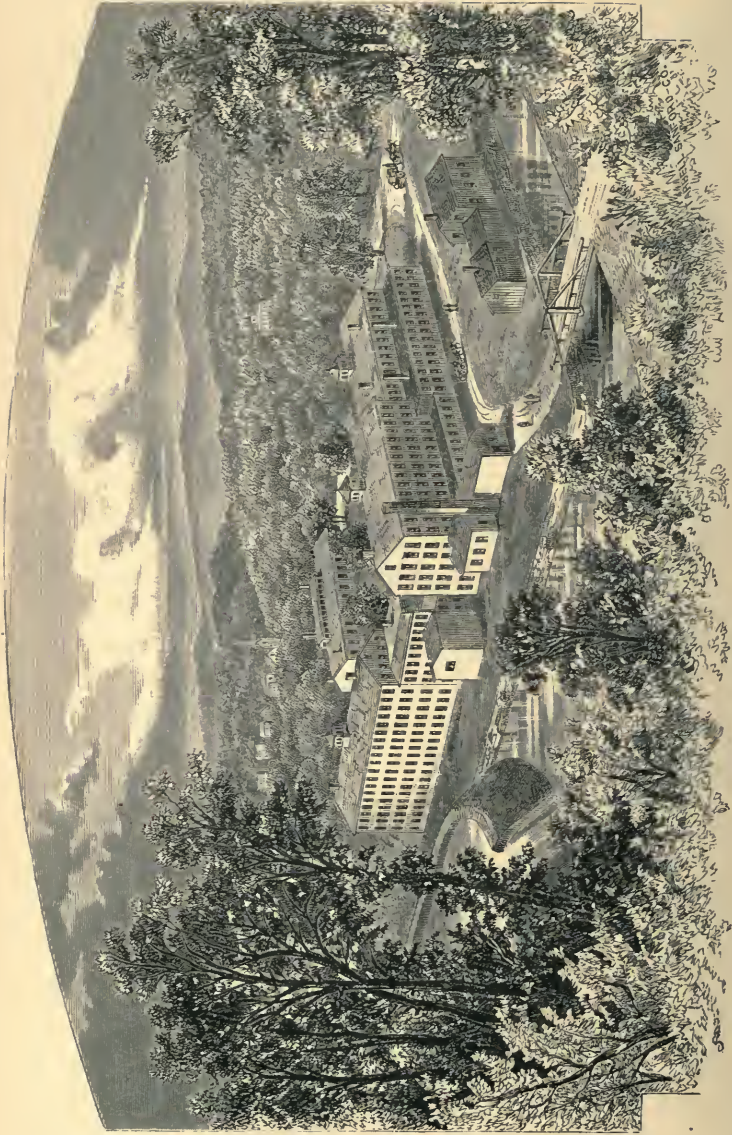
About this time the art of electro-plating was introduced and applied to britannia with very favorable promise. Mr. Simpson soon after purchased the old and well known water-power next below Yalesville on the Quinnipiac river, previously occupied for cloth-dressing and wheat-flouring, and known as the Humiston mills. This place is about half a mile west of the railroad

depot in Wallingford. The place was fitted up by Mr. Simpson for the manufacture of silver plated ware. Instead of casting in moulds as formerly, the metal was rolled into sheets and cut up into required sizes, and shaped by means of chucks and dies fitted to the spinning lathe and the power press. By this process the white metal, after plating, is susceptible of a finish as fine and almost as durable as sterling silver, and at a cost of not more than about one-fifth.

At this period plated wares were generally imported under the name of Sheffield plate. This was commonly plated on copper under the old process of close plating. For a while electro-plating in this country encountered a deep-seated prejudice. But a test soon satisfied the most skeptical, that silver put upon rolled white metal by the voltaic battery was both beautiful and durable. These facts being well established, the difficulty of selling the goods was at an end; and the electro-plating excitement began.

On Jan. 1st, 1833, John Munson, to whom Mr. Simpson had previously sold the manufacture of common britannia goods in Meriden, associated with him two enterprising young men by the name of Wilcox, and under the joint stock law organized an incorporated company by the name of the Meriden Britannia Company. This new company, energetic, enterprising, and fully alive to passing events, induced Mr. Simpson to stock his business with theirs. This arrangement took effect Jan. 1, 1854. After this Mr. Simpson took an active part in the new company, and was not known separately in the market until 1866, when the Meriden Company proposing to build a large shop near their office in Meriden and to concentrate all their works to-





WORKS OF SIMPSON, HALL, MILLER AND CO., WALLINGFORD.



gether, Mr. Simpson, after careful deliberation in the exercise of his best judgment, dissolved his connection with them, preferring to remain at his old establishment in his native town.

SIMPSON, HALL, MILLER & CO.

On the 2nd of July, 1866, Mr. Simpson associated with him some practical business young men and some skilled artizans, under the name of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. From such an origin and under such favorable auspices, there is now established in Wallingford a business of great importance to the welfare and prosperity of the town; one which may be regarded among the foremost for general utility, and which may be classed among the fine arts. The prospects now are that the manufacture of white metal, for which Wallingford has been noted for the last fifty years, will be entailed and handed down to other generations, with all improvements in the wares, workmanship, plate and finish, and the rigid attention to business, and the honorable and liberal dealing of the present proprietors.

GERMAN SILVER WARE.

Since the manufacture of plated spoons and forks, &c. on German or nickel silver has become so extensive a business, and its use so general, it may be interesting to know when and where the article originated in the United States. We suppose that there can be no question but that the first spoon made was from metal mixed or compounded by ROBERT WALLACE, now of the firm of Wallace, Simpson & Co., of Wallingford, Conn. Mr. Wallace obtained the recipe for the composition of a foreigner, and procured the nickel and other necessary

ingredients in New York in 1836, he at this time being but a mere boy, and in the employ of Deacon Almer Hall, of Wallingford, who manufactured britannia or pewter spoons. After melting a few pounds of the different metals together agreeable to the recipe, he took the compound to one of the mills in Waterbury, and had it rolled into a sheet suitable to form conveniently into spoons. He had it worked up by a practical sterling silver worker into a few spoons. It proved to be a good thing, looking nearly as well as sterling silver, and if



ROBERT WALLACE.

anything, more substantial. Mr. Wallace showing what he had done to Deacon Hall, Mr. Hall at once saw the utility of the article, and immediately took means to secure the services of Mr. Wallace and other practical men, and in a small way commenced the manufacture of tea and table spoons. For some time the sale of them was mostly confined to trunk peddlers, who at that day infested the country, and sold their ware from house to house.

## HALL, ELTON &amp; CO.

In 1838, Mr. Hall associated with William Elton and others, under the name and firm of Hall, Elton & Co. Mr. Wallace was under contract with this company a number of years, when in 1855, he associated with Mr. Simpson and the other stockholders of the Meriden Britannia Company, and formed a limited copartnership for ten years, under the name of R. Wallace & Co., starting the manufacture of German or nickel silver in Mr. Simpson's factory, located on the Quinnipiac river, known as Humiston's mills; and at the expiration of the ten years the same individuals incorporated under the joint stock law under the name of

## WALLACE, SIMPSON &amp; CO.

The Meriden Britannia Company contracted from the beginning to take all the manufactured articles produced by the new firm; and by improving the water-power and building an enlarged factory with new and improved machinery, they are now able to turn out about one thousand dozen spoons, forks etc., daily, under the direct supervision of Mr. Wallace, who it is generally admitted cannot be surpassed as a manufacturer, either in point of quantity or quality.

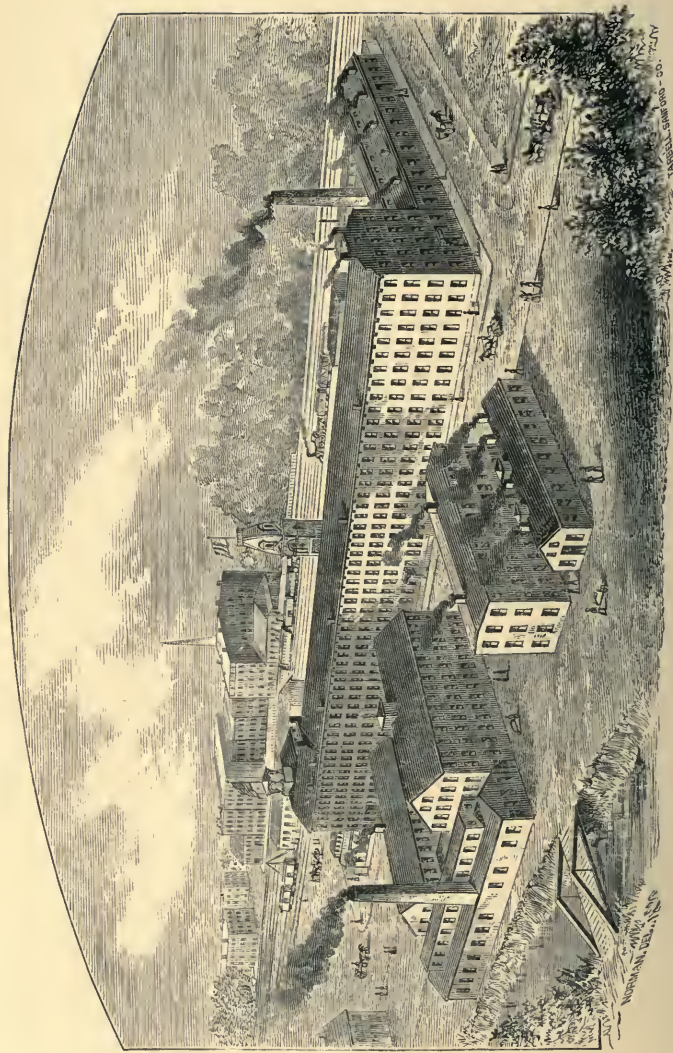
Now from the small beginning by Mr. Wallace thirty-three years ago, besides the large business done by Wallace, Simpson & Co., the firms of Hall, Elton & Co., and Charles Parker Esq. each have establishments making a large amount of the same kind of goods in Wallingford. Then there are two large establishments in Waterbury in the same business, one in Wolcottville, one in East Haddam, and one in Taunton, Mass. Probably all told, not less than three thousand gross are

put into the market daily, amounting to nine hundred thousand dozen, or ten millions eight hundred thousand single articles in the year, and this in addition to the millions of brass, iron, tin and britannia, to say nothing of the sterling silver goods. But when we think of fifty millions of people who use spoons and forks, it may not seem so strange that one out of five has a new plated one every year.

#### MERIDEN BRITANNIA COMPANY.

The Meriden Britannia Company was established in 1852, the factory at that time being near the site of the substantial buildings which compose the present extensive series of factories. The warehouse in New York has been at 199 Broadway since 1860. The factory embraces several buildings, the chief one being the most imposing structure in the city. Its dimensions are 527 feet by 40. The whole number of buildings is about half-a-dozen. They are principally of brick, built especially for the varied purposes of the business, and are nearly all four stories in height, and occupy four acres of ground in the heart of the city. In the busiest seasons there are employed in all the various departments about nine hundred experienced operatives of both sexes. The value of the merchandise usually on hand at one time at the factory and warehouse is about \$1,000,000; and this estimate is independent of the immense amount of costly machinery, tools, etc., employed in the manufactory. The annual sales of the company and the various companies they own a controlling interest in, average \$2,500,000; and the goods are now sent to the trade not only throughout the United States, but largely to the British Provinces, West Indies, South America,





MERIDEN BRITANNIA CO'S WORKS, WEST MERIDEN.

Mexico, Pacific Coast, and even to England, France, parts of Africa, to Australia and to China. The specialities, or leading lines of these goods are nickel silver and fine white metal electro-plated wares. All these are enumerated and elaborately illustrated in the price-list and appendix issued by the house ; one edition of which, inclusive of the numerous splendid engravings, cost them nearly \$40,000. This item alone is significant of the liberality and enterprise of the company. Another fact worthy of note is that they manufacture more pieces of nickel silver and table ware than all other similar establishments in the world combined, outside of Connecticut. This company manufacture of nickel silver, 20,000 pounds per month ; of white metal goods, from 40,000 to 50,000 pounds per month ; and during twelve months in 1868 and 1869 they used in electro-plating over \$200,000 worth of pure silver.

On our tour through the establishment, which by the way, comprises one mile of flooring forty feet in width, we were particularly struck with the huge size of much of the machinery, for instance, the rollers, which are the largest used in this kind of business in the United States ; one press for raising and imparting the ornamental figures to the wares, weighing 26,000 pounds, and having a stamping and pressing power of perhaps 400 tons. The amount of coal used is about 1,500 tons per year. The most important part of the machinery used was made expressly for the company and patented by them ; and one additional evidence of the excellence of the manufactures is found in the fact that the older members of the concern have had constant practical experience in the business for between thirty and forty years. The officers of the company are as follows :

HORACE C. WILCOX, President ; DENNIS C. WILCOX, Secretary ; GEORGE R. CURTIS, Treasurer ; ISAAC C. LEWIS, Superintendent.

WOOLEN GOODS.—J. WILCOX & CO.

One of the most extensive manufactories in Meriden is that of Mr. JEDEDIAH WILCOX, President of the corporation of J. Wilcox & Co., whose history supplies another addition to the remarkable instances of successful enterprise. Mr. Wilcox commenced the manufacture of carpet-bags in 1848, and labored industriously in the business until 1850, and had at that period accumulated a capital of only \$1,500. He then associated with himself a partner who contributed an equal sum ; and that year their sales amounted to \$75,000. This partnership however, did not continue beyond the year, when Mr. Wilcox purchased his partner's interest and continued the business, which rapidly increased, and in 1853 he admitted two partners, establishing the firm name of J. Wilcox & Co., which is still retained. The manufacture of ladies' belts was soon added to the business. Mr. Wilcox not only attended to the general business of the firm, but himself sold all the goods manufactured, which sales soon amounted to \$300,000 per year. A large number of hands were employed in the factory, and teams were run through this and all the adjoining towns delivering work, and thus hundreds of families were furnished employment.

In 1858 the manufacture of hoop-skirts was commenced, which soon became so much in demand that the sale of these alone soon amounted to \$300,000 per year. For several years, skirts and corsets were the leading articles of the firm's manufacture. The prin-





J. WILCOX'S MANUFACTORY.



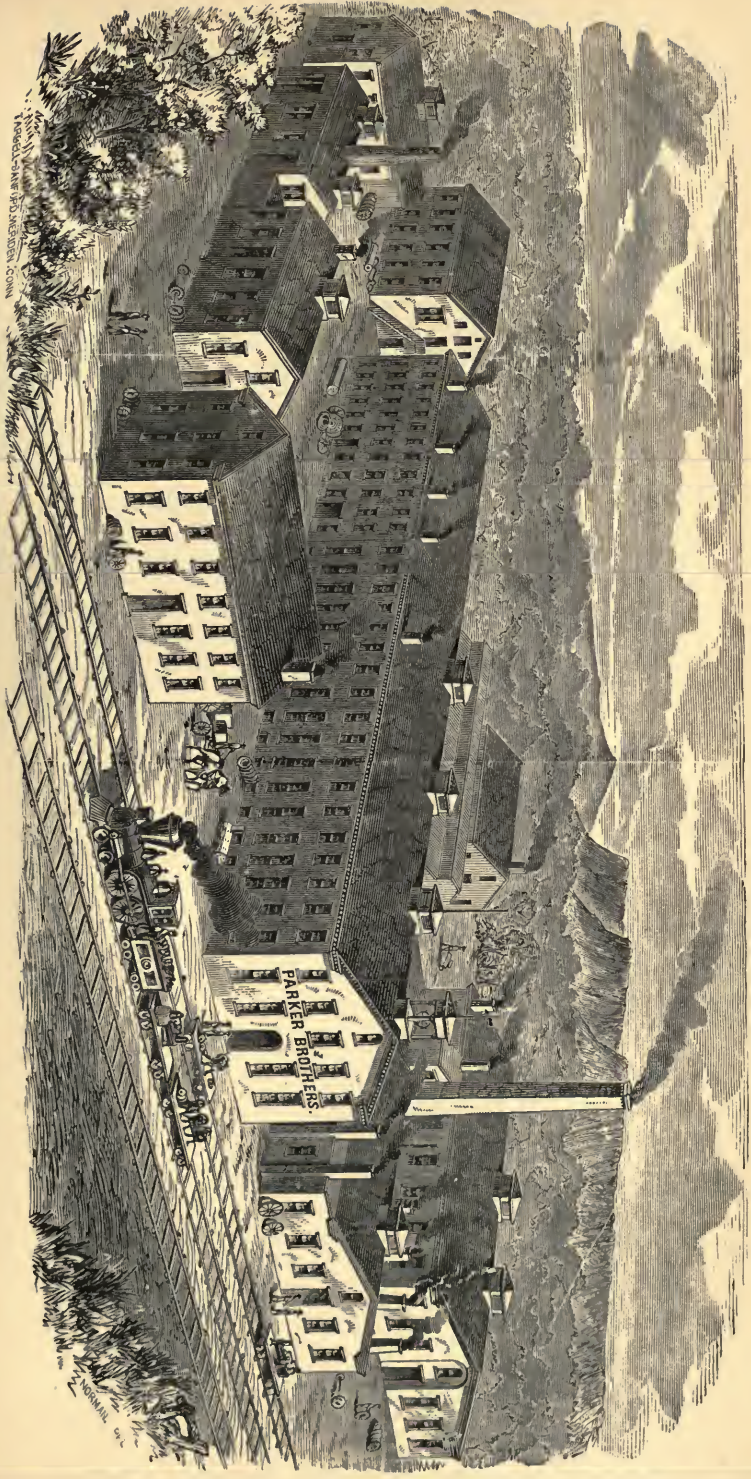
cial factory was then situated on the corner of Pratt and Camp streets, having a front of 160 feet, and an average depth of 115 feet. At this factory about four hundred dozen skirts were made daily, and a proportionate quantity of corsets. Two other shops in town were also engaged in making skirts for the firm. There were over five hundred hands employed. In 1860 it being difficult to obtain the tape used in the manufacture of skirts, a building 135 by 40 feet, two and one-half stories high, was erected a few rods south of the other buildings in Pratt street, and filled with woolen machinery for the manufacture of balmoral skirts. An extensive dye-house and other buildings were soon added, and a large boarding house for the convenience of the operatives. The firm now consisted of five members, and in 1864, was organized into a joint stock corporation with a capital of \$200,000, the stockholders and directors being Jedediah Wilcox, Hezekiah H. Miller, Charles H. Collins, Eli I. Merriman and Edmund N. Wilcox. In 1865 the capital stock was increased to \$300,000, and the company were doing a very large and profitable business, when the works were destroyed by fire on the third of May, 1865. This was the largest fire which ever occurred in Meriden, destroying \$250,000 worth of property. It was however well insured, and the company immediately commenced erecting the splendid brick mill on the opposite side of the street, which is filled with costly machinery for the manufacture of various kinds of woolen goods, in which 500,000 pounds of wool is consumed yearly. The company manufacture large quantities and various styles of ladies' cloakings, shawls, flannels, balmoral skirts, cassimeres, etc., and so high do these goods stand in the market that they are

often compelled to run their works nights to fill their orders.

GUNS AND HARDWARE. — CHARLES PARKER.

CHARLES PARKER commenced the manufacture of coffee-mills in 1832, in a factory 25 feet by 40, two stories high, with horse power. He now occupies sixteen different buildings, with dimensions as follows: No. 1, office and plating room, 18 feet by 45. No. 2, coffee-mill and burnishing shop with additions, 20 by 26, used as a store and varnish room; also addition for a coffee-mill shop, 15 by 25. No. 3, spectacle shop, 20 by 108. No. 4, tobacco-box shop and friction rollers. No. 5, coffee-mill shop, etc., 25 by 30, with addition, used as a store and varnish room. No. 6, vise shop, 25 by 160. No. 7, engine and boiler-room, 29 by 48. No. 8, finishing shop, 24 by 100. No. 9, store-house, 60 by 100. No. 10, screw shop, 30 by 200. No. 11, foundry, 66 by 360, with additions. No. 12, blacksmith-shop, 16 by 20. No. 13, coal house, 20 by 20. No. 14, annealing shop, 20 by 20. No. 15, coffee-mill shop, 30 by 45, with additions, 28 by 25, for oiling shop; also a japanning room, 10 by 15. No. 16, packing-room and carpenter-shop, 30 by 30. These buildings have been built from time to time as the business increased and demanded more room. The motive power is furnished by an 80 horse-power Corliss engine. Mr. Parker has, in connection with business here four other concerns controlled by him; one located two miles east of the city, one two miles west, one two miles south, and another half a mile west, where there are made iron spoons, ladles and forks, scales and hinges, machinery and guns, britannia spoons, and German silver spoons and forks; employing at these four concerns at different localities about three hundred persons, besides two

CHARLES PARKER'S MACHINE AND GUN WORKS, MERIDEN.



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hundred which are occupied in manufacturing coffee-mills, screws, spectacles, eye-glasses, tobacco-boxes, vises, butts, lanterns, match-safes, faucets, iron bench-screws, scissors and shears, cranks and rollers, barn-door hangers and rollers, gate and plain hinges, gridirons, bed-keys, wagon-jacks, scrapers, pulleys, lamp-hooks, window-springs, thumb-latches, hammers, gimlets, call and hand-bells, &c.

Probably there is no manufactory in the country that manufactures such a variety of goods as Mr. Parker. Among other inventions and improvements introduced to the public by Mr. Parker, is a breech-loading, double barreled shot-gun, which is the result of over two years of the most thorough experiments, and is claimed to be the best gun in use in this or any other country. The barrels are self-locked. The advantages claimed for his cartridge are, that it is a central-fire, coned, metallic cartridge, and is capped with the ordinary percussion caps. The weight of the gun is from 7 1-4 to 7 3-4 lbs. In connection is the United States Screw Company, incorporated in 1863, owned by Mr. Parker. The machinery for this branch of his business is all new and of the most approved kind.

#### THE MERIDEN CUTLERY COMPANY.

The business of this house dates its origin as far back as the year 1834, when its pioneers, Messrs. G. & D. N. Ropes were engaged in the manufacture of cutlery in the state of Maine. They were the earliest manufacturers of American cutlery. A few years afterward Mr. A. R. Moen of New York, commenced the manufacture of table cutlery in Wethersfield, Conn. His business passed into the hands of Messrs. Julius Pratt and Co., of Meriden, and they conducted it for about two years, hav-

ing their office in Water-street, New York. In 1845 a company was formed in West Meriden which consolidated the business of the two establishments under the firm style of Pratt, Ropes, Webb & Co., Mr. D. N. Ropes having been the junior partner of the pioneer house. He erected a factory in Hanover, where the firm carried on the business till 1855, when the present joint-stock company was formed, and succeeded to the business under the now well-known name of the Meriden Cutlery Company. The factory consists of a series of substantial buildings, occupying from four to five acres of ground, its vast workshops being about six in number. The buildings comprising the main works and wing are four stories high, 300 feet by 36; the forge shop is one story, 160 feet by 38; the tempering house one story, 80 feet by 20; the joiner's repair shop two stories, 50 feet by 25; the plating house two stories, 45 feet by 36; and the steel and store-house two stories, 70 feet by 30. A new and commodious building for the business offices has recently been erected. On other portions of the grounds the company have built numerous tenements which already accommodate some sixty families of their operatives, while the building which constitutes their boarding-house provides for at least one hundred men. The number of men employed ranges from 300 to 400. The company use water-power exclusively. This is supplied by their dam, the overflow of which is nearly 200 feet wide, and equal to 300 horse-power. The works are supplied with a turbine wheel which cost about \$6,000 before leaving the establishment where it was made. The coal used by the company and consumed chiefly in the forge department, amounts to over 800 tons a year. The steel is both of American and English



production. The materials for the handles, such as pearl, ivory, rubber, horn, and such woods as cocoa, ebony and rose, are all imported. The rubber is vulcanized in this country. The goods manufactured by this house embrace about five hundred different styles. Mr. J. C. Breckenridge, who died in April, 1870, was connected with the works for twenty-two years. He entered the establishment as a mechanic, and by his own energy and abilities rose by degrees to be foreman and finally superintendent, which post he occupied for about ten years.

JAPANNED AND TIN WARE.—IVES, RUTTY & CO.

Nathan F. Goodrich commenced the manufacture of japanned and tin ware about forty years ago, in a building twenty by fifteen feet. The business was continued two years, when the firm was Goodrich & Ruddy, and remained under that name till 1852, when Eli Ives and Elias Howell were admitted, making it Goodrich, Ives & Ruddy. Mr. Goodrich retired in 1864, and Edwin R. Crocker and Nelson Payne were admitted, making the firm Ives, Ruddy & Co. They occupy a two story building built in the form of a hollow square, 330 by 28 feet. They employ seventy persons, and use 4,000 tons of tin annually. The manufactory is located nearly a mile from the Meriden Post-Office, south.

LAMP TRIMMINGS &C.—EDWARD MILLER & CO.

The firm of Edward Miller & Co. was incorporated in 1866 with a capital of \$200,000. EDWARD MILLER, President, F. J. SEYMOUR, Secretary, and W. H. PERKINS, Treasurer. The manufacture is principally lamp trimmings for oil, fluid and kerosene lamps, besides numerous articles from brass, copper, German silver,

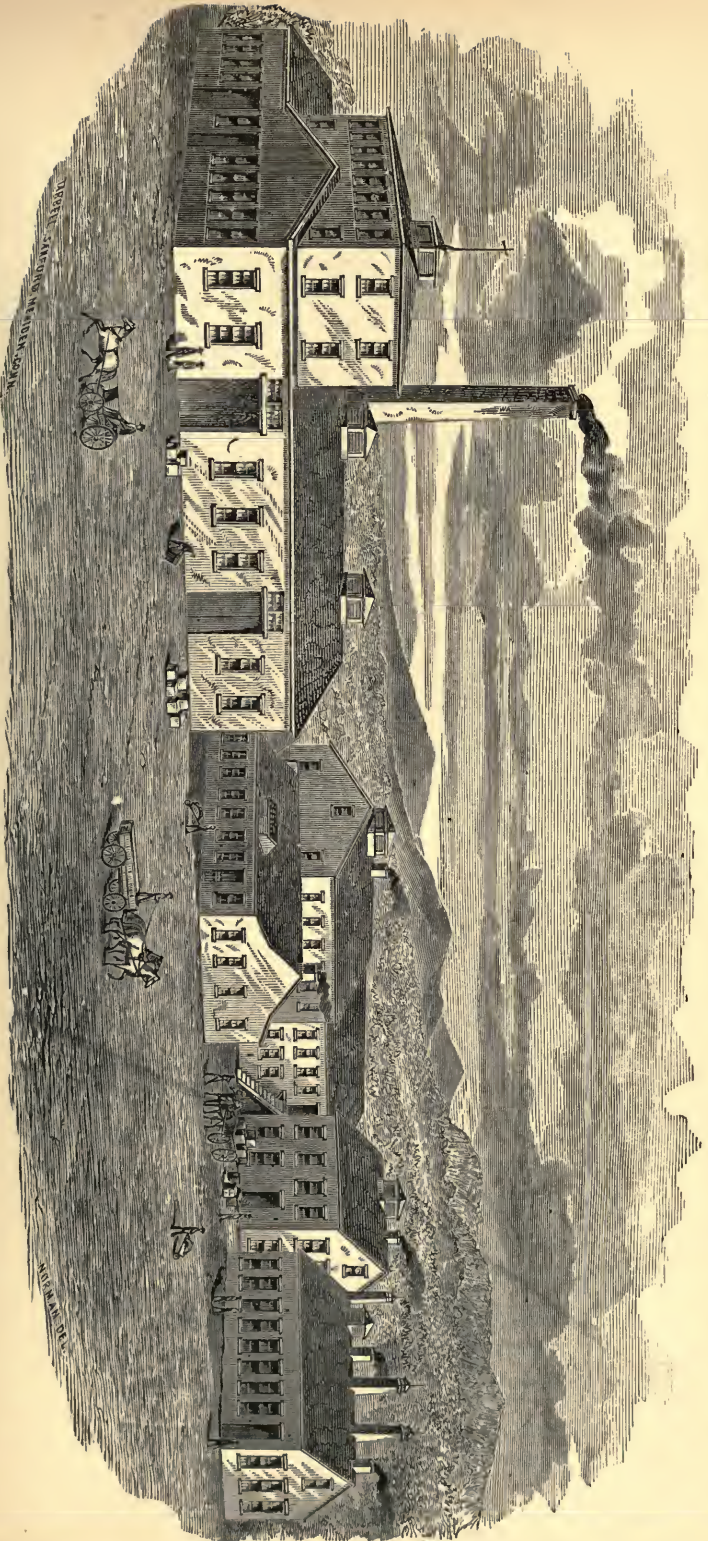
iron and britannia. An extensive rolling mill is also connected with the works (the building being 70 by 140 feet), erected in the fall of 1868 for the manufacture of brass for their own consumption. The main building is 210 by 40, with wing 100 by 40 feet. The motive power is furnished by a 150 horse-power engine, Corliss pattern, Harris's make, with three cylinder boilers, 4 by 16 feet. This company use 300,000 lbs. of brass, and do a business of \$300,000 annually. This business was commenced about twenty years ago by Edward Miller, using foot and horse-power, making as a speciality candle-stick springs, which have continued to be made up to the present time, having barrels of them ordered in one day.

#### MERIDEN MALLEABLE IRON CO.

The Meriden Malleable Iron Company was incorporated in 1868, being successors of J. H. Canfield & Co., and Lyon, Augur & Co. The main building is of brick, 31 by 73 feet, three stories, and is used for a finishing shop. There are besides two buildings adjoining, 50 by 104 feet, and 40 by 110 feet, and another, 24 by 36 feet, all one story. The motive power is furnished by a thirty horse-power Corliss engine, made by Harris, with one cylinder boiler. The works are located near the railroad in the northern part of the city, and can be seen from the cars, which pass in close proximity to them. The concern employs sixty persons, and manufactures on an average, twenty tons of malleable iron and twenty tons of grey iron per month, besides house-furnishing hardware, etc., etc.

#### CASTERS. — FOSTER, MERRIAM & CO.

Foster, Merriam & Co., incorporated in 1866, for the manufacture of furniture casters, with a capital of



CHARLES PARKER'S IRON SPOON WORKS, MERIDEN.

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\$80,000. The building is 100 by 30 feet, three stories high, with brass foundry attached, 30 by 30 feet ; iron foundry, built in 1865, of brick, 100 by 60 feet, with wing, 30 by 40 feet. This company employs sixty persons, and turns out about 50,000 sets of casters per month, besides screws for piano stools, etc. They make 40,000 lbs. of castings, and consume 40 tons of iron per month, the motive power being furnished by a 15 horse-power engine, built in 1849. This business was established about 1835. JOHN SUTLIFF, President ; ALBERT FOSTER, Secretary and Treasurer.

HARDWARE. — THE PARKER & WHIPPLE CO.

The Parker and Whipple Co. was incorporated in 1868, with a capital of \$100,000, being successors to Parker and Whipple, who are the officers of the company. The firm of Parker and Whipple commenced here in 1859 and continued so up to the date of incorporation. The main building is 75 by 100 feet, used as a lock shop. The foundry is 60 by 70, with wings, 30 by 40 feet ; a brass foundry, 30 by 25 feet, and other buildings are used in the prosecution of the business. The works cover about one half acre, and are situated about one mile west from the railroad. This company employs seventy persons, and uses 300 tons per year of iron, and 50,000 lbs. of brass. They manufacture principally door locks and knobs, builders' hardware and trimmings. J. E. PARKER, President ; HENRY J. P. WHIPPLE, Treasurer.

SPOKES AND WHEELS.

ELIHU HALL & Co. of Wallingford were incorporated January, 1864, for the manufacture of carriage wheels, spokes, hubs, &c., with a capital of \$15,000. E. HALL, President, E. H. IVES, Secretary and Treasurer. This

company are successors to E. Hall & Sons, who commenced here in 1856, the business being previously established by the father in 1835. The main building is 40 by 80, three stories, built of wood, with an addition 30 by 50, two stories. This company manufacture about 400,000 spokes and 2000 sets of wheels per year. The works are located near the depot.

#### BUTTONS.

The POMEROY MANUFACTURING Co. of Wallingford was incorporated in 1856, with a capital of \$15,000, for the manufacture of buttons of every variety. The manufactory is located about three quarters of a mile east of the depot, covering about one half an acre. The power is furnished by an overshot wheel, the fall here being sixteen feet. This company do a business of \$20,000 per year. L. POMEROY, President ; F. MILLER, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### BORING TOOLS.

GAYLORD BROTHERS commenced business in Wallingford in 1864, manufacturing gimlets and boring tools. Their building is about 30 by 50, two stories. They employ about fifteen persons. The power is furnished by a twenty-four feet breast wheel, the fall being twenty-one feet, located on Waterman's brook, a branch of the Quinnipiac, about one mile east of the depot.

#### SILK MANUFACTURE.

The Community Silk Factory in Wallingford was established in 1869. It is situated on a valuable water-power near the village, and employs about 30 hands in the manufacture of machine twist. The works are now (1870) in process of enlargement. Amount of raw silk consumed annually, 3640 lbs., valued at \$36,000.

## PIANO STOOLS.

E. D. CASTELOW commenced the manufacture of piano stools in 1860. He now occupies a building 75 by 22 feet, two stories high, with wing 20 by 12 feet, one story high, located on Mechanic street, Meriden. Mr. Castelow employs seven persons, and consumes 25,000 feet of lumber annually in the manufacture of his stools and the boxing of them; turning out about nine dozen piano stools per week, besides stools for stores, shops, etc.

## TIN WARE.

S. S. CLARK commenced the manufacture of plain and japanned tin ware about the year 1838, the business having been established about fifty years previous. For the past year he has turned his attention to the manufacture of coal oil, tin and iron goods, lanterns and lantern trimmings. The building is on Main street, Meriden, and is 60 by 90 feet, two stories, and employs sixty persons.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

C. ROGERS & BROTHERS commenced in 1865 the manufacture of coffin trimmings, tea-pot knobs, spoons and forks, etc. They occupy a building 20 by 23 and 20 by 20, respectively. They do a business of about \$30,000 per year.

A. H. MERRIAM commenced business in Meriden in April, 1868. He manufactures turning and drill lathes, presses, punches, etc. He employs five persons, and his works are run by a Corliss engine.

WILMOT BROTHERS commenced the manufacture of elastic furniture and door fenders about 1860. The monthly productions are about \$3,000 worth.

CHARLES A. ROBERTS occupies a two story building 20 by 30 feet, located on Crown-street, Meriden, for the manufacture of stationery goods, such as inkstands, pen-racks, bill-files, weights, etc. He commenced here in 1852.

The WILCOX SILVER PLATE CO. was incorporated in 1865. Capital \$250,000. The PARKER & CASPAR CO., manufacturers of silver plated ware, was incorporated in 1866, with a capital of \$60,000. In 1869 this company became associated with the Wilcox Silver Plate Co.

The MERIDEN STEAM MILL LUMBER CO. was incorporated in 1867. Capital \$75,000.

G. I. MIX & Co. occupy a large factory at Yalesville in the manufacture of tinned iron spoons, and hollow ware.

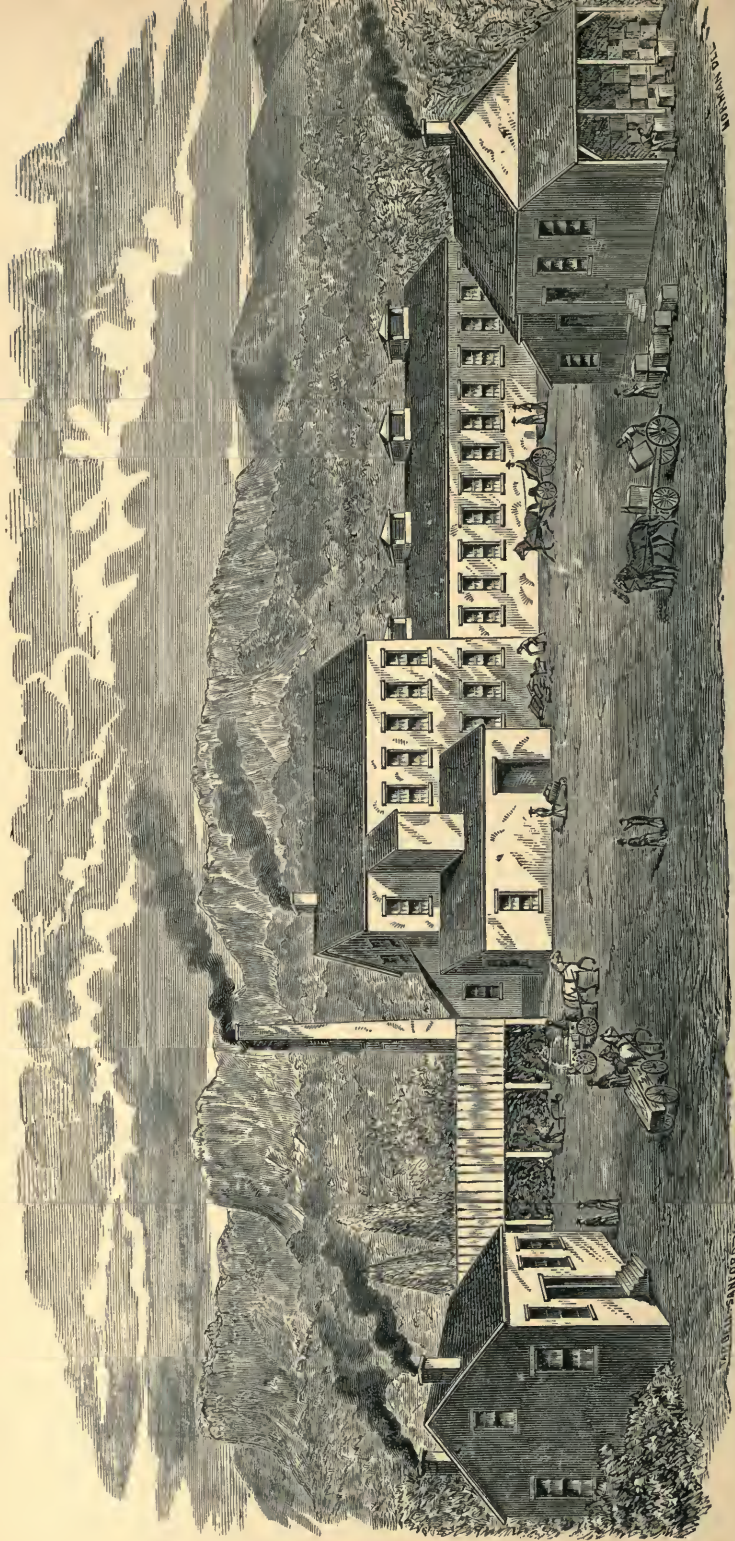
The QUINNIPIAC PAPER CO. are established at Quin-nipiac, two miles south of Wallingford village, for the manufacture of printing paper.

In 1849 the manufactures in Meriden were as follows, omitting the ordinary mechanic arts which furnished articles for use in the town :

JULIUS PRATT & Co.; ivory combs. Employed forty-two hands. WALTER WEBB & Co.; ivory combs. Employed thirty-three hands. PRATT, ROPES, WEBB & Co.; table cutlery. Employed seventy-five hands. CURTIS, MORGAN & Co.; locks, latches, and small iron castings. Employed fifty hands. Raw material, annually consumed, \$12,000. CHARLES PARKER, coffee-mills, latches, vises, britannia and plated spoons and various iron castings. Employed sixty hands. C. & E. PARKER; brass and iron castings. OLIVER SNOW & Co.; iron pumps, and all kinds of machinery to order. Employed twenty hands. FOSTER, MERRIAM & Co., casters, and a variety of brass and iron castings. Employed fourteen hands. Raw material, \$8,000. JULIUS PARKER; harness trimmings, hinges and iron castings. Employed







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CHARLES PARKER'S HINGE AND SCALE FACTORIES, MERIDEN.

eight hands. HENRY M. FOSTER; Spring balances and steelyards. Employed three hands. JULIUS IVES; cast iron inkstands. Employed three hands. H. T. WILCOX; steelyards and bit braces. Employed seven hands. Raw material \$7,000. SANFORD, PARMELEE & Co.; augers, skates, rakes and bits. Employed forty hands. STEDMAN & CLARK; plain and japanned tin ware. Employed forty hands. Raw material \$20,000. GOODRICH & RUTTY; plain and japanned tin ware. Employed eighteen hands. Raw material \$10,000. LAUREN T. MERRIAM; plain and japanned tin ware. Employed twenty-five hands. Raw material \$6,000. H. W. CURTIS; plain and japanned tin ware. Employed eight hands. Raw material \$6,000. CHARLES POMEROY; plain and japanned tin ware. Employed eighteen hands. BLAKESLEE, STILES & Co.; plain and japanned tin ware. Employed four hands. CHARLES WATERMAN; kettle ears and candlesticks. Employed five hands. FRARY & BENHAM; britannia ware. Employed ten hands. Raw material \$20,000. WM. LYMAN; britannia ware. Employed six hands. ISAAC C. LEWIS; britannia ware. Employed eight hands. Raw material \$8,000. S. L. CONE; britannia ware. Employed four hands. L. G. BALDWIN; britannia ware and spoons. Employed five hands. CROCKER & PRATT; brass and plated articles, like letters for signs, lamp chains, stove ornaments, &c. Employed twenty hands. EDWIN BIRDSEY; wood turning, wooden combs and packing boxes. Employed fifteen hands. Raw material \$8,000. BIRDSEY & WILLIAMS; bone buttons. Employed twelve hands. Raw material \$7,000. H. GRISWOLD; bone buttons. Employed twenty hands. Raw material, \$8000. CALVIN COE; neat's foot oil, ground bones and gypsum. Employed four hands. WM. HALE; suspenders. Hands worked at their own houses. Raw material \$20,000. JEDEDIAH WILCOX; carpet bags. W. K. & S. L. TREAT; sashes, blinds and doors. Employed five hands. OSGOOD & Co.; platform scales. Employed three hands. SAMUEL YALE; tin ware and lamp screws. Employed four hands.

## CHAPTER XXXI.

## WALLINGFORD COMMUNITY.

THIS institution is located about one mile west of the village of Wallingford. Its buildings occupy a conspicuous site on the old Hartford and New Haven turnpike, commanding a view of the Quinnipiac valley for several miles in either direction. Its orchards, vineyards and gardens, extend from the banks of the river nearly to the summit of "Mount Tom," as the Communists have named the high land west of their dwellings.

The Wallingford Community consists of between forty and fifty members, and is a branch of the well known Oneida Community, in the State of New York, the two institutions holding their interests in common, and exchanging men and means as circumstances require. Its domain consists of 240 acres, which are chiefly devoted to grazing and the production of strawberries, raspberries, grapes and other small fruits. Its harvest of strawberries has amounted in a single year to over one thousand bushels. Less attention is however, given by the Communists at the present time to horticulture than formerly. Their main industries now are printing and silk-manufacturing. Their printing-office is somewhat noted for its excellent work, and attracts its share of patronage from the neighboring cities and villages, besides accommodating the citizens of Wallingford.

The silk manufactory has been in operation less than a year, and affords employment to about thirty hands exclusive of superintendents. It is regarded as a branch of the Oneida silk-factory, where about one hundred hands are employed. The silk made here is sent to Oneida to be colored, spooled and otherwise prepared for the market.

The founders of the Wallingford Community were representatives of old and respectable families of Wallingford. It was commenced in 1851 by Mr. Henry Allen<sup>1</sup> and family, including his wife and four children,



HENRY ALLEN.

and his sister, Miss Eliza A. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, having become convinced of the truth of the principles held by J. H. Noyes and the Oneida Communists, determined to embody them in practical life, and accordingly invited members from the Oneida Community to assist in the formation of a Community here. Of these dele-

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<sup>1</sup> Henry Allen, son of Jared and Abigail Allen, born May 30, 1804, m. Emily H. Dutton, whose grandfather Col. Wm. Douglass was an officer of the revolution.

gates Mrs. M. E. Cragin, Mr. L. H. Bradley, Mr. E. H. Hamilton and Mrs. S. C. Hamilton were most efficient during the first years of the Community. Mr. B. Bristol and family of Cheshire soon joined ; additional members came from Oneida ; an occasional addition was made from surrounding society ; and thus its present number has been attained. It should be mentioned in this connection, that the community have not for some years past, received any new additions to their number, the limit of their accommodations having been reached.

The principles of the Wallingford Community, and of the kindred societies at Oneida and Willow Place, New York, in respect to religion, property and social relations, are peculiar, and have been subject to no little comment by the public press. Their religious doctrines are thus briefly stated in their publications :

“The Communists have no formal creed, but are firmly and unanimously attached to the Bible as the text book of the spirit of truth ; to Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God ; to the Apostles and Primitive Church, as the exponents of the everlasting Gospel. Their belief is, that the second advent of Christ took place at the period of the destruction of Jerusalem ; that at that time there was a primary resurrection and judgment in the spiritual world ; that the final kingdom of God then began in the heavens ; that the manifestation of that kingdom in the visible world is now approaching ; that its approach is ushering in the second and final resurrection and judgment ; that a church on earth is now rising to meet the approaching kingdom in the heavens, and to become its duplicate and representative ; that inspiration, or open communication with God and the heavens, involving perfect holiness, is the element of connection between the church on earth and the church in the heavens, and the power by which the kingdom of God is to be established and reign in the world.”

Thus believing that the prayer—"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"—is to be fulfilled, they proceed to make a practical application of what they conceive to be gospel principles to all the relations of life. They make no provision for selfishness, and hence exclude from their society all private ownership. They endeavor, in short, to conform to the model of society exhibited to the world on the day of Pentecost, when "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."

The Communists do not limit the Pentecostal principle to ordinary property interests. They affirm that the same spirit which abolished exclusiveness in regard to money, on the day of Pentecost, would abolish, if circumstances allowed full scope to it, exclusiveness in regard to women and children. Still, they claim that they are not "free lovers" in the common sense of the term, or in any sense that makes love less binding or responsible than it is in ordinary marriage. They call their system of social relations "complex marriage," and say:

"We receive no members (except by deception or mistake) who do not give heart and hand to the family interest for life and forever. Community of property extends just as far as freedom of love. Every man's care and every dollar of the common property is pledged for the maintenance and protection of the women and education of the children of the Community. Whoever will take the trouble to follow our track from the beginning will find no forsaken women or children by the way. In this respect we claim to be in advance of marriage and common civilization."

Among the advantages of their new mode of life, as stated by the Communists, are these: the abolishment

of all distinctions of rich and poor, and of all forms of social oppression; the elevation of labor; improved conditions of intellectual and religious culture; greater variety of occupation and better opportunities for the development of natural talent; relief from anxiety and corroding cares; and superior conditions of health.

Education is a subject of prime interest with the associated Communities. An academy recently erected at Oneida, now under the superintendence of competent



JOHN HUMPHREY NOYES.<sup>1</sup>

instructors, offers good educational facilities to the youth of both sexes of all the Communities. Besides, for a number of years the Communities have maintained two

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<sup>1</sup> JOHN HUMPHREY NOYES, son of Hon. John Noyes of Putney, Vermont, and sixth in direct line of descent from Nicholas Noyes, who emigrated in 1634 and settled at Newbury Mass., was born at Brattleboro, Vt., Sept. 3, 1811. On the maternal side he is descended from the Hayeses, Russells and Trowbridges of New Haven County. Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1830; studied theology at Andover and New Haven; was licensed to preach in 1833. His license was soon withdrawn in consequence of his radical views on Salvation from Sin and other topics. Founder of Oneida and Wallingford Communities; author of the *Berean*, a theological volume, *History of American Socialisms* and other works.



or more students in a collegiate course abroad. At present three young men of the Wallingford Community attend the Sheffield Scientific School at New Haven. The *Circular*, the weekly organ of the Communities was printed here during the years 1864-1868. Their principal publications are, the *Handbook*, a pamphlet of 71 pages, containing a sketch of the history and doctrines of the Communities, and of Mr. J. H. Noyes their founder ; the *Berean*, a doctrinal work of 500 pages by Mr. Noyes ; and a *History of American Socialisms*, also by Mr. Noyes. The last named work was recently published by Lippincott & Co. of Philadelphia, though printed by the Wallingford Community. It contains sketches of all the socialistic experiments worthy of note, which have been made in the United States during the last forty years.

## CHAPTER XXXII.

## THE MERIDEN RIOT.

IN 1837 there was a strong and bitter feeling in Meriden against the abolitionists. It is true the propagation of an ultra anti-slavery feeling among the people of the New England States had been going forward for many years from various motives and in various methods ; but in Meriden the soil was poor for its growth and prosperity. The object of the abolition movement, said the democrats, was not humanity ; it was to produce a sectional hatred between the North and South. In 1837 the vote in Meriden was Democratic about 200, Whig about 150, Abolition about 12. The abolitionists in Meriden were principally men of property and influence. They evidently believed that ideas were not dug from the earth, did not grow upon trees, nor were rained down from heaven ; but that they were a communicated power, usually received from without, and rarely from within. They thought that slavery was a monstrous sin. If others doubted it, so much the more benighted must they be, and so much more they needed enlightenment. The number of abolitionists was small, but with the aid they received from abroad, they were enabled to create a profound sensation by their labors.

The Rev. Mr. Granger was settled as pastor of the Congregational society in 1836; but was not interested in the anti-slavery movement. In the fall of 1837 the Rev. Mr. Ludlow, who had gained some notoriety as an anti-slavery lecturer, was requested by Messrs. Levi Yale, Julius Pratt, Fenner Bush, Major Cowles, Zina K. Murdock and others, to deliver a lecture in the Congregational church. The notice was given from the pulpit by Mr. Granger the Sabbath previous, and for a few days there was considerable excitement in the town, some declaring that Mr. Ludlow should not speak in the church. Mr. James S. Brooks with other influential men used their influence to prevent the meeting being held. When it was found that it was impossible to prevent the meeting a movement was organized to break it up; and parties, not only in Meriden, but from Berlin, Southington and Wallingford, determined to be present and break up the meeting by force, if necessary.

The day arrived for the meeting and Mr. Ludlow, who was stopping with Mr. Granger, proceeded to the church; the basement soon being filled by ladies and gentlemen, some of them from the neighboring towns. Soon after Mr. Ludlow commenced speaking, it was whispered around that trouble was brewing outside; the door was then locked and several benches were placed against it. A large number were congregated outside, most of them lookers-on, not intending to take part in any demonstrations. Several stones were thrown against the door; then two men by the name of Thompson procured a log of wood from the wood-pile of Mr. R. H. Beckley, who then had his harness-shop in the west end of the old tavern; with this log used as a ram, they soon battered down the door, and the audience were at once showered

with rotten eggs and other missiles. Several ladies fainted, and many of the audience ran through the cellar up into the body of the church. Mr. Luther Beckley was sexton of the church at that time, and he attempted to pass through the cellar, when he was stopped by Mr. J. Y., who had some words with him, and finally drew a knife. Mr. Beckley clinched with him and after a severe struggle threw him, and passed on to the upper part of the house. Mr. Beckley had taken no part in the riot, and was merely a spectator. A large basket of eggs was procured from the store opposite the tavern, and as soon as any one came out of the church they were at once made a target for the eggs. Mr. Hotchkiss and his wife from Berlin and Mr. Harlow Isbell were severely treated. Messrs. Stephen Seymour and Zina K. Murdock, in endeavoring to remove Mr. Ludlow from the crowd, received a shower of eggs and stones. There were two or three personal encounters, and several blows struck, but no one was seriously hurt. A number of men were arrested and a long trial ensued. The Thompson brothers were fined fifty dollars and imprisoned six months. The cost to Mr. Ira Twiss, who kept the tavern, was over a thousand dollars.

The affair created a great deal of excitement throughout the state. At a church meeting, February 24, 1838, a resolution was offered by Mr. Fenner Bush, expressing the satisfaction of the church with the course pursued by Mr. Granger in relation to the "Meriden riots," and that they were fully convinced that he advanced no doctrine unauthorized by the word of God, or opposed to the dictates of humanity. Twenty-eight voted for this resolution, and a solemn protest signed by fifteen members of the church was presented; and a committee

was appointed to carry the vote of the church before the Consociation. The following was the

“Decision of the Consociation, March 14, 1838, in reference to difficulties submitted to them, growing out of opposition to the Anti-Slavery cause.

“TO THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN MERIDEN :

“DEAR BRETHREN:—We have patiently and prayerfully considered the difficulties between you and your Pastor, and have arrived at the following unanimous result.

“While the difficulties are a subject of deep regret to us as friends of Zion, we feel that they ought to lead you to serious self examination; for the Saviour hath said, ‘it must needs be that offences come, but woe unto that man by whom the offence cometh.’ Your difficulties do not seem to have originated with your Pastor. They commenced among yourselves. We conceive that your complaint against him arose from the decided stand he was compelled to take after the disgraceful riot that occurred here in October last. In the course he then pursued, we feel that he is to be justified. He exercised his right to plead a cause, against which the hand of violence had been raised. We consider that he would have been an unfaithful watchman, if he had not lifted up his voice in defence of a privilege which is dearer than life itself.

“The erroneous principle which lies at the foundation of your difficulties we discover to be this— an opinion among some that the subject of slavery is not proper to be introduced into the pulpit. It is the judgment of this Consociation that a minister is at perfect liberty to introduce into the pulpit all subjects that pertain to the relations which men sustain to each other and to God. On all these subjects the Bible has abundant instruction, and Ministers must not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear.

“Your Pastor maintained his neutrality on this subject of slavery, as long as we think he consistently could with a sacred regard to the welfare of this place, and the interests of

eternal truth. Considering the peculiarly trying circumstances in which he was placed, we admire the wisdom and prudence which your Pastor exercised. We know not how any one could have conducted better for the interests of this community. And now, we discover no insuperable obstacle to his influence and usefulness. We regard your Pastor as an able and faithful minister of the Gospel. He has been useful among you ;—he may be still. We discover no good reason why your Pastor should be dismissed. We do think the source of existing evils is among the people, and they should strive to remove it.

“But had your pastor been guilty of such conduct as should dissolve his connection with this people, we can not too strongly disapprove of the measures adopted in the present case. In any society a few individuals might inflict irreparable injury on a minister and on a community by circulating for subscription a paper drawn up in an informal and illegal meeting. In this way impressions may be made and reports may be spread, such as would never proceed from a regular meeting.

“When difficulties arise between a Pastor and his flock, efforts should first be made to heal them. They should become the subject of conversation and prayer between him and the persons aggrieved. Then if they can not be removed, and if they are such as call for a separation between the parties concerned, the Church and Society should proceed in the same open, manly and christian manner to remove their minister, as they did to settle him. In this respect, the Consociation judge that an improper course was adopted by those who moved in the recent transaction before the regular meeting of the Church and Society.

“In drawing our results to a close, we are constrained to express our surprise and joy to find no more serious grounds of complaint between you and your Pastor. By cherishing towards each other a spirit of brotherly kindness and charity, the way will be prepared for mutual happiness and usefulness.

“We entreat you, brethren, remember to be kind and court-

eous, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a ground against any. Forget not your relations to Christ, to one another, and to your Minister. In all these, cherish the spirit of Him whose you are and whom you serve."

This was followed with a "declaration of general principles" and signed by "Leveritt Griggs, Scribe of the Consociation, Meriden March 14, 1838."

Mr. Granger published

"A sermon preached to the Congregational Church and Society in Meriden, at the request of several respectable Anti-Abolitionists."

In the introduction Mr. Granger states that

"The preaching and publication of the following sermon, have been occasioned by a humiliating scene—a scene that will be incorporated into the future history of our hitherto quiet and peaceable town, and go down the line of posterity to the latest period of recorded time."

"April 15, 1846. The Church met this day by special appointment, and after deliberation adopted the following vote. Resolved, that the system of Slavery, as it exists in the United States, is essentially sinful and admits of no justification from the word of God."

## CHAPTER XXXIII.

## BIOGRAPHIES.

“To wryte of a Mannes Lyfe mote bee enowe to saie of somme he was ybore and deceased; oðher somme lacketh recytalle, as manie notable matters bee contained in yee storie.”

*Life of W. Canynge, bie Rowley.*

## DR. AARON ANDREWS

Was a Son of Denizen Andrews of Meriden, and was born in that part of Wallingford. He settled as a Physician in the first, or Old Society. He owned and occupied the house now owned by Samuel B. Parmelee Esq. Doct. Andrews when living, was regarded by his friends and neighbors as a very skillful and able physician, and as such won a highly enviable position with them and the profession, and it is to be regretted that a more extended notice of him could not be made.

## DR. JOHN ANDREWS

Was a Son of Dr. Aaron Andrews, and was for many years an influential and very successful physician in Wallingford, and enjoyed an extensive practice with the confidence of the community. He was often called by the choice of his fellow citizens to fill important offices. He was a member of the Convention in 1818, which gave the State of Connecticut her present con-



stitution. He married Abigail Atwater, a daughter of Capt. Caleb Atwater, for his first wife, and Anna Noyes, daughter of Rev. James and Anna Noyes, for his second wife. After her decease he left Wallingford and went to Penfield, Ohio, to spend his old age with his son, and died at the house of his son William, aged 86 years. His remains were, at his request, brought to Wallingford for interment.

HON. SHERLOCK J. ANDREWS

Is the son of Dr. John Andrews, and was born in Wallingford, Nov. 17, 1801. He was graduated at Yale College in 1821, and studied law in the Yale Law School. He removed to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1825, and was a member of Congress from Ohio from 1841 to 1843. He was for several years Judge of the Superior Court of Cleveland, and in 1851 was a member of the convention that formed the present constitution of Ohio. He married in 1828 Ursula McCurdy Allen, daughter of the Hon. John Allen, late of Litchfield, Conn., and has five children; a son and four daughters.

HON. WILLIAM ANDREWS

Son of the late Dr. John Andrews, was born in Wallingford, and is now a successful farmer at Penfield, Ohio. He has been honored by frequent elections to the Legislature of Ohio, and is a highly respected citizen of his adopted state.

HON. JOHN WHITING ANDREWS

Son of the late Dr. John Andrews, was graduated at Yale College in 1830. After finishing his law studies, he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he soon took high rank as a lawyer, and as such commands the respect of the people of the whole Community in which he lives.

## JONATHAN ATWATER

Was a merchant of New Haven. In 1702, Feb. 12, he bought of Henry Cook of Wallingford, one hundred and eighteen acres of land, near the Honey Pat Brook in the western part of Wallingford, now Cheshire. The same farm has been in the family name ever since, and has come down as follows: first to Jonathan Atwater Jr.; second to his son Abraham Atwater; third to Samuel Atwater, and fourth to Flamen Atwater; and then recently to the heirs of Flamen, who had lived to the age of 70 or more years, and was born on the place. This branch of the Atwater family emanates from a different branch than others of the same name in Cheshire and Wallingford, although of the same original stock.

## CAPT. CALEB ATWATER,

Son of Joshua and Sarah (Yale) Atwater, and grandson of John Atwater, the first of the name who permanently settled in the village of Wallingford, was born Sept. 5, 1741. At suitable age after the decease of his father, he articed himself as an apprentice to learn the art, trade and mystery of shoe and harness making and tanning leather. At the termination of his apprenticeship, he commenced business for himself, adopting as his motto, Be diligent, be honest, and owe no man. In the different branches of his business he was successful, and as soon as his means would permit he opened a store of goods. At this time his business rapidly increased, and for many years he was extensively and successfully engaged as a merchant. He was endowed with extraordinary good judgment and business talent. He seldom if ever failed of success in any of his numerous enterprises.

He was one of the Connecticut Land Company which purchased of the state of Connecticut the Western Reserve or New Connecticut in Ohio; and though one of the largest purchasers, he found it convenient to pay cash in full for all of his purchases on receiving his deeds. Among other lands in the different counties of the Reserve, was the entire township of Atwater in Portage Co., which, with the exception of 200 acres set apart for religious purposes by him, he gave to his son Joshua; and he afterwards caused a tract of land in Auburn, Granger County, to be surveyed into 65 lots of 100 acres each, giving one lot to each of his grandchildren, numbering over fifty, and the balance of his western land to be divided among his children. He was at this time a man of great wealth.

For many years he was a worthy member of the Congregational church, and was highly esteemed and honored by all who knew him. At the advanced age of 91, in the full enjoyment of his mental faculties, he died deeply lamented.

#### DEACON JOSHUA ATWATER

Was an only son of Caleb and Abigail (Jones) Atwater, and was born February 8, 1773. He was bred a merchant, and for several years occupied the old stand of his father, where he prosecuted quite an extensive business. He was a highly respected gentleman, honorable and honest in all his business transactions. He was a deacon of the Congregational church for many years, and occupied a highly respectable position among all classes of his fellow citizens in his native town and wherever known. He died at the age of 89 years, beloved and respected by all who knew him.

## CALEB ATWATER

Son of Joshua, and grandson of Capt. Caleb Atwater, was born July 11, 1804; removed to Atwater, Ohio, in 1823, to take charge and dispose of Western Reserve Lands, and to engage in merchandize. That country at that date was quite new. For over forty years he resided in the town of Atwater and city of Cleveland, an interested observer of the growth and advance of the Western Reserve and entire state of Ohio to its present greatness. In 1865 he removed from Cleveland to his native town, Wallingford, the oldest remaining member of his father's family.

## DEACON JOHN ATWATER

Son of Joshua Atwater, born July 19, 1815, now resides at his father's old homestead, which was the home of his grandfather and great grandfather, it being the same farm originally owned and occupied by his great great grandfather John Atwater, who was son of David Atwater of New Haven, and who was one of the original Planters of New Haven, A. D. 1637.

## HON. EDGAR ATWATER

Son of Joshua and Elizabeth Atwater, and grandson of Caleb Atwater, was a young man of more than ordinary promise and ability. As a public speaker he was endowed with an uncommon gift. In 1841 he was elected a Senator from the sixth Senatorial district to the Connecticut Legislature, and was a popular and a very influential member of that body. He died in 1850, at the age of 38 years, lamented by all who knew him.

## JOHN BAULCOT

Of Farmington, Eng., came into Wallingford about the beginning of the last century, and settled in the eastern section of the town on an old road that formerly ran

south from the site of the late Col. Russel Hall's barn. This old road on which lived a number of families has long since been closed, and the dwellings they once occupied are now gone to decay. His will was dated Feb. 19, 1745-6, and is recorded in the books of the Probate Court at New Haven. The inventory of his property amounted to £1839, 10s. 2d. After giving to the Congregational Church at Wallingford the sum of £3 for a Silver Cup, he gave "all the remainder of his property to the Lord Jesus Christ, the interest of which to be expended towards keeping up two lectures in said first church, to be called Baulcot's Lectures, forever; but if any of his brothers' or sisters' children claim the property within forty years, then the estate shall go to them." He married Naomi Thorp, Dec. 20, 1710.

#### THOMAS BEACH

Was a son of John, of Stratford. He married Ruth Peck, May 12, 1680. He located on the farm late the property of Cephias Johnson, and built the old house that was taken down to make way for the present one built by Mr. Johnson on the old site. He died in Meriden May 13, 1741, aged 82 years, and was interred in the old burying-ground on burying-yard hill, about a mile to the south-west of Meriden center.

#### JOHN BEACH

Came from New Haven to Wallingford with the first company of Planters in 1670, and located himself in the southerly portion of the town, and I suppose him to be a brother of Thomas Beach above. He was a man of some consequence in the settlement, and was frequently elected to some of the offices in the gift of the people.

## STEPHEN BEACH

Was born in Wallingford, March 15, 1790. Without the advantages of a collegiate education, but with a remarkable love of learning, and strong intellectual powers, he became a good scholar and an excellent preacher. He was admitted to Deacon's Orders in St. Michael's Church, R. I., by Bishop Griswold, on the twentieth of October, 1815. Immediately after his ordination he removed to the northern part of Vermont, where, for several years, he officiated in the three parishes of St. Albans, Fairfield and Sheldon. He was the only clergyman of the Episcopal church of that day, north of Vergennes. He was admitted to Priest's orders by Bishop Griswold, in Holderness, N. H., August 20, 1817. In 1822 he removed from Vermont to take charge of the parish at Salisbury in the state of Connecticut. Here also he was known, as he had been in Vermont, as a successful founder of churches, and his name is gratefully remembered throughout that part of the State. In 1833 he removed from Salisbury to Essex in the same State, taking charge of that parish in connection with St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam. Under his zealous ministry, each of these parishes soon grew to require and be able to support the entire service of a minister; and in 1836 Mr. Beach resigned the parish at Essex and became pastor at East Haddam. His ministry in this place, abundantly blessed, was continued for two years only, when he died at the age of forty-seven, on the fourteenth day of January, 1838.

In 1814 he was married to a daughter of Amos Billings of Guilford, Vermont. Two of his sons are highly respectable clergymen of the Episcopal church; one, Amos Billings, rector of Christ church, Bingham-

ton, N. Y., the other, Alfred Billings (now D. D.), rector of St. Peter's church, New York city.

Although called in the Providence of God to occupy positions in the church to which he belonged remote and comparatively but little known, yet it may be said with truth, that few of its ministers have been more useful, or have in the same period of time done more in this country for the extension of that church, and its permanent establishment in destitute places, than did Mr. Beach.

As a preacher, he was remarkably clear, earnest, plain and instructive. He excelled in extemporaneous preaching. Taking a strong hold of what he regarded as truth or duty, his conduct was always consistent with his professions and convictions. At the same time, he was singularly humble and charitable, and was therefore greatly respected and beloved by all who knew him, and not less by those who were not, than by those who were, of his own church and persuasion.

#### MOSES YALE BEACH.

The life of Moses Y. Beach, well known as the late proprietor of the *New York Sun*, the pioneer of the penny press, while it presents no remarkable variety of changes or incidents, is attractive in tracing the steps of a determined man.

His great grandfather and grandfather, both bearing the name of Moses Beach, each lived in succession on the same farm, to good old age, ranking among the more respectable men of the settlement; and when each in turn had answered the call of nature, their possessions passed to Moses Sperry Beach, who married Lucretia Yale, a daughter of Captain Elihu and Lucretia (Stanley) Yale, a descendant of Thomas Yale, who

settled in Wallingford in 1670. Of this couple, Moses Yale Beach was an only son. When at the age of four months Mr. Beach was deprived of his mother by the hand of death; and as his father's business called him much from home, he was confided to the care of his step-mother. As soon as his age would permit he was taught to do "chores," and at the age of ten years he took charge of considerable of the out-door work on the farm, besides going a long distance to school. From four o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night he was generally up and doing, and yet found leisure to exercise his mechanical ingenuity in the manufacture of playthings for himself and others.

At a suitable age he was, at his own solicitation, bound an apprentice to Mr. Daniel Dewey, a cabinet maker at Hartford. His industry soon excited the attention of his master, who was a close man, but who finally made a contract by which young Beach was allowed two cents an hour for extra work. Mr. Beach afterwards said, that he never felt happier at any time during his life, at success in any thing, than he did on the occasion of closing that contract. Early and late he worked, and the pennies began to accumulate. Finally he made a bargain for his time after he should arrive at the age of eighteen years, for which he was to pay the sum of \$400. This arrangement gave him new life, and when the time had come round he had saved between one and two hundred dollars more than enough to pay for his freedom, with which he commenced life.

He went to Northampton and worked a short time as a journeyman. After a while he formed a copartnership with a young man by the name of Loveland. Their work was much celebrated; in testimony of which they



received the first premium of the Franklin Institute. While thus employed under a fair sky, he married Nancy Day of West Springfield, Mass.

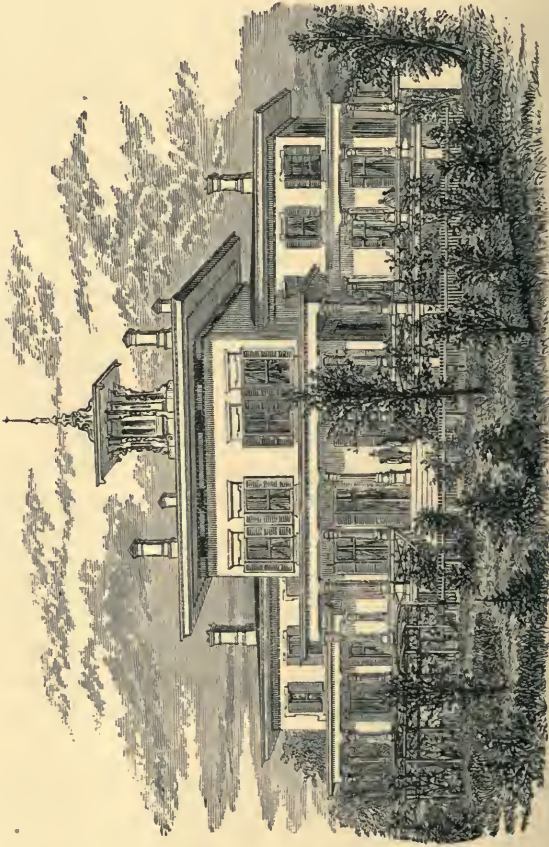
In 1835 he removed to New York, where he shortly after bought the interest of Mr. Wisner in the *New York Sun*, on a credit of \$5,200. In the course of the following year, he bargained with Benjamin H. Day, his partner, for the remaining half, for the sum of \$19,500. The first six months after he became the entire owner of the paper it did not prove as profitable as he had expected, and he was ready to sell it out, and offered it and all the property he then possessed, if any one would take it off his hands and pay his obligations to Mr. Day; but not succeeding in effecting a sale, he went to work with renewed ardor, and before two years had passed, the last dollar was paid off and he was once more in the ascendant.

From 1838 his course was steadily upward. His ability and enterprise in the management of his business excited the envy of some; but notwithstanding this, there are very few, if any, who knew him personally, who did not value him as a friend. Notwithstanding his many and severe labors, together with his failing health in middle life, he lived to the age of sixty-nine years, and died possessed of the largest estate of any native of Wallingford who had died in the town.

## CHILDREN.

Drusilla Brewster, b. Nov. 30, 1820; m. Alexander Kursted of Tannersville, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1848. In 1849 they removed to Delaware County, N. Y. Moses Sperry, b. Oct. 5, 1822; m. Chloe Buckingham of Waterbury, in 1842. Resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. Henry Day, b. Aug. 8, 1824; m. Annie Fordham. Re-

sides at May's Landing, N. J. Alfred Ely, b. Sept. 1, 1826; m. Harriet E. Holcomb of Boston, Mass., June 30, 1847. Resides in Stratford, Conn. Joseph Perkins, b.



RESIDENCE OF MOSES V. BEACH, WALLINGFORD.

July 16, 1828; m. Eliza M. Betts of New York city, March 20, 1850. Resides in Cheshire, Conn. Eveline

Shepherd, b. July 27, 1830; d. Aug. 18, 1830. Mary Ely, b. Aug., 1834; d. 1834. William Yale, b. Jan. 7, 1836; m. Emma A. Munson of Wallingford, where he now resides.

REV. JOSEPH BELLAMY, D. D.

Was born in Wallingford, parish of Cheshire, 1719. He was a son of Matthew, and grandson of Matthew of Fairfield and Killingworth, Conn. He was graduated at Yale College—studied for the ministry, and settled at Bethlem in 1740. He married Frances Sherman of New Haven, April 27, 1744. She died August 30, 1785. He died March 6, 1760.

He was a large, well-built man of commanding appearance, had a smooth, strong voice, and could fill the largest house, without any unnatural elevation. He was possessed of a truly great mind, and generally preached without notes. He usually had some great doctrinal point to establish, and would keep close to his subject until he had sufficiently illustrated it; then, in an ingenious, close and pungent manner, he would make the application.

When he felt well, and was animated by a large audience he would preach incomparably. Though he paid little attention to language, yet when he became warm, and filled with his subject, he would, from the native vigor of his soul, produce the most commanding strokes of eloquence, making his audience alive. There is nothing in his writings, though a learned and great divine, equal to what was to be seen and heard in his preaching; and it is difficult for any one who never heard him to form a just idea of the force and beauty of his preaching. He died at Bethlem in Litchfield county, Conn.

## STEPHEN ROWE BRADLEY, LL.D.

Was born in Wallingford, Cheshire Parish, Oct. 20, 1754, and graduated at Yale in 1775. He was the aid of Gen. Wooster when that officer was slain. He settled in Vermont, and became one of the most popular men in that State. In 1791 he was elected to the Senate of the United States, and continued a member of that body for sixteen years. He died at Walpole, New Hampshire, Dec. 16, 1830, aged 75 years.

## JOHN BROCKETT

Was one of the earliest settlers in Wallingford; was there with his friend John Moss in 1668, and possibly before, making preparations for the settlement of a village there, and was selected by the New Haven committee to act as one of the sub-committee to manage the affairs of the new settlement until such time as it should become strong enough to manage its own affairs. The lot which was assigned him and on which he located himself, was at the south end of the village, a short distance below the present residence of Constant Webb, and extending over to Wharton's brook, embracing a portion of the land of Giles Hall and the house of the late Edward L. Hall. He died March 12, 1689, aged 80 years. His eldest son John was born in England, and settled near Muddy River in North Haven, as a Physician. He died Nov., 1720, and was the progenitor of most of the Brockett families in that locality.

## JAMES CARRINGTON, ESQ.

Was born in Wallingford and was during his whole life one of the most prominent of her citizens. He was the first post-master ever appointed for Wallingford, having the appointment in 1798, and continued in

the discharge of its duties until the close of his life. In person he was a large, well-built man, of commanding appearance and address. For many years he conducted the singing in the old Congregational meeting-house, until it was taken down in 1824, giving great satisfaction as a leader. He was superintendent of the gun factory for the late Eli Whitney, Esq., at Whitneyville, and such was the confidence of Mr. Whitney in his ability, that he gave him the entire charge of the business for many years. His death was lamented by a large circle of friends and neighbors.

LIVERIUS CARRINGTON, ESQ.

Studied medicine with Dr. Billious Kirtland of Wallingford, but never practised his profession. He entered into the mercantile business in early life as a partner with the late George B. Kirtland, and continued with him through life. He was remarkable for his fund of liveliness. He had a peculiar way of pleasing his patrons and friends, especially the young; and his many noble qualities will long live in their memories. The firm of Carrington and Kirtland, at the decease of Mr. C., was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in New Haven county.

DANIEL CLARK

Married Elizabeth, daughter of James Miles of Wallingford. She died April 19, 1755. He was a sea captain, and engaged largely in the shipping business. Being successful, he built at the foot of town hill, a house which was then the largest in the township, being 40 feet square on the front, and three stories high. It was afterward occupied by Nathaniel Hitchcock, and finally sold to Joel Rice, who caused it to be taken down. He died Aug. 17, 1774, aged 63.

## COL. THADDEUS COOK

Son of Samuel, the son of Samuel, was born in that part of the town now embraced in the township of Cheshire. On the breaking out of the war of the Revolution he entered into the service of his country; was made Colonel of his regiment, and was under the command of Gen. Gates during the memorable battle at Saratoga in 1777, and greatly distinguished himself as a brave and skillful officer. He died in Wallingford, Feb. 28, 1800, aged 72 years.

## SAMUEL COOK

Son of Col. Thaddeus, was born in Wallingford, and was eminently qualified for a public man. Although possessed of a large real estate, he was ever ready to serve the public in almost any position to which he might be called. He was often a member of the General Assembly, and a selectman of the town. He was noted for his natural gift in controlling those brought under his special authority. One look from him at one naturally indolent, was sufficient to arouse in him spirited action. A person once said to me, that he always loved and feared the presence of old Esq. Cook. He was active in the establishment of the Union Academy, which flourished for some years after its charter was granted, and was an honor to the town. As a farmer he had few if any superiors in his town or State. He died Sept. 27, 1824, aged 66 years.

## CAPT. JOEL COOK

Born in Wallingford in 1760. At the age of 16 he entered the army of the Revolution with his father, Col. Isaac Cook of Wallingford, and served to the end. In 1811 he was at the battle of Tippecanoe. In 1813 he

resided in New Haven, and in 1849 he removed from Yonkers to Deer Park, Long Island, where he died on the 18th day of Dec., 1831, aged 92 years. It was this man who built the small stucco house standing on the east side of East street in the city of New Haven.

REV. BENJAMIN DOOLITTLE.

In the year 1718, Rev. Benjamin Doolittle, of Wallingford, preached in Northfield, Mass.; the people desired him to settle, and promised him £65 as annual salary, and quite a liberal amount of money and land as "settlement." Mr. Doolittle continued there until January 9, 1748, when he died, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, and the thirtieth of his ministry. On the Northfield records, one of their highways is laid out, "from Pochaug meadow to a little brook where Mr. Doolittle's horse died." The following is the epitaph on his tombstone :

"Blessed with good intellectual parts,  
Well skilled in two important arts,  
Nobly he filled the double station  
Both of a preacher and physician.  
To cure man's sicknesses and sins,  
He took unwearied care and pains ;  
And strove to make his patient whole  
Throughout, in body and in soul.  
He loved his God, loved to do good,  
To all his friends vast kindness showed,  
Nor could his enemies exclaim  
And say, he was not kind to them.  
His labors met a sudden close :  
Now he enjoys a sweet repose,  
And when the just to life shall rise,  
Among the first he'll mount the skies."

## LIEUT. ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE

Was an inn-keeper during the French war. His house was the most noted tavern on the main road between Boston and New York. Lord Loudon, while on his way to Canada, put up at Doolittle's house with his coach and four splendid horses. The landlord was much in the habit of using large words out of their appropriate place and meaning. On this occasion he felt a special call for them. In the morning he carefully looked at the fine blooded team in presence of his titled guest and on each of the horses employed every superlative of a considerable character until he came to the fourth animal. "What do you think of that one?" asked his lordship. "It is a *precarious* good horse," replied the landlord. The word *precarious* stuck to Mr. Doolittle as long as he lived. The house was removed from its old site, and is now the building on the south corner, opposite the Congregational church. It was placed where it now stands by Eben Smith, who occupied it as a hotel for several years.

## DEA. THOMAS FENN

The son of Thomas Fenn of Wallingford, was born in Wallingford in the year 1735, and removed to Westbury in early life with his father, April 19, 1760. He represented the towns of Watertown and Waterbury, in thirty-five Sessions, beginning in 1778. He was a Justice of the Peace and a Deacon of the Congregational Church of Watertown for many years. Through a long life he was an influential and much respected citizen. He married Abiah, daughter of Richard Welton of Waterbury, by whom he had six sons and two daughters. He was a captain in the Revolutionary army. He died August 1, 1818.



## HON. SAMUEL A. FOOT, LL.D.

Was a son of Rev. John Foot of Cheshire, and was born Nov. 8, 1780. He graduated at Yale College in 1797, studied law, and commenced practice in his native village. He married Miss Eudocia Hull, daughter of Gen. Andrew Hull, of Cheshire, and became a partner with Mr. Hull in commercial business at New Haven. In 1819 he was elected a member of Congress, and reëlected in 1823 and 1834. He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of Conn. in 1825-6, and was chosen a Senator in Congress from 1827 to 1833. In 1834 he was elected Governor of Connecticut, and during that year received from Yale College the degree of LL.D. He died Sept. 16, 1846, aged 66 years. He left three sons, viz. : the Hon. John A. Foot, of Cleveland, Ohio ; Rear Admiral Andrew H. Foot, U. S. N., who died at New Haven ; Augustus E. Foot, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio.

## HON. LYMAN HALL

Was born in Wallingford. He graduated at Yale College in 1747, studied medicine, and located himself at Midway, Georgia. Having earnestly and zealously espoused the cause of his country in her struggle with the mother country during the Revolution, his efforts contributed much to induce the people of Georgia to join the confederacy. He was in May, 1775, elected to Congress, as a member of which he signed the Declaration of Independence, and continued in that body till the close of 1780. In 1783 he was elected Governor of Georgia. He died Feb., 1791, aged 66 years. He was a son of the Hon. John and Mary (Lyman) Hall, of Wallingford.

## DANIEL HART

Was born in Wallingford, and removed to Goshen in early life. He owned and occupied when living in Wallingford the house now occupied by the heirs of Lyman Hall, and known as the Aaron Yale place. He was a man of worth, and much respected.

## REV. LUTHER HART

Was his son, and was born at Goshen, July 27, 1783. His mother was a woman of superior mind. She came from a family on Long Island. In childhood he was distinguished for his great fondness for books and love of music. In his sixteenth year he became converted and united with the church at Torrington, where the family then resided. He felt a desire then to enter the ministry. The expense however was an effectual barrier to his desires, and he learned the trade of a house carpenter of his father. In the meantime he became acquainted with the rudiments of an English education, and acquired an intimate acquaintance of men and things, of human nature as seen in the affairs of common life, of which clergymen as a class are lamentably deficient. His trade he never forgot through life, and during his preparatory studies continued to exercise his skill as a worker on wood for profit, and at a later period for exercise and recreation. In the latter part of the year 1802, or early in 1803, he commenced his preparatory course of studies under the direction of his pastor, the Rev. Alexander Gillette. In September, 1803, he entered Yale college. He at once took high rank, and at his graduation in 1807, received one of the highest honors of the institution. After a year devoted to teaching, he commenced his theological studies under the Rev. Dr. Porter of Washington, Conn., and finished them at An-

dover, Mass. In a short time he was called to Plymouth, Conn., where he was ordained and installed over the Congregational church and society in Sept., 1810. He married a daughter of Gen. Daniel and Martha (Humiston) Potter. He was an interesting and able preacher, and few men in the State were more generally acceptable. He was lively and pleasant in conversation, easy and agreeable in his manners. He died April 25, 1834; left no children.

#### NATHANIEL HART

Of Wallingford, owned the farm on which afterwards lived Jeremiah Hall, who married his daughter. The old Hart house stood a little south of the one in which Mr. Hall lived. Mr. Hart was a carpenter and joiner, and when in advanced life, used to boast of having built eleven meeting-houses, one of which is now (1870) standing in Farmington. In his old age he went to Goshen to reside with his sons. He built the steeple on the old three story Congregational meeting-house in Wallingford, about 1745. He died some sixty years ago, aged ninety years.

#### GIDEON HOSFORD

Was an inn-keeper in Wallingford, and is said to have built the house now known as the residence of the late Abijah Ives, on the plains, in which for many years he kept an inn. This house is still standing on its original foundation, on the corner of the old colony road and the road leading to Hosford's bridge, in a rather dilapidated condition.

#### DR. ZEPHANIAH HULL

Was a son of John and Sarah Hull, of Wallingford, and was born in what is now Cheshire, in 1728. Studied the profession of medicine at an early age; married

Hannah, daughter of —— Cook, March 28, 1749, and soon after removed to Bethlem in Woodbury, probably through the influence of Dr. Bellamy, who was a native of the same town and a few years his senior. He died Nov. 10, 1760, the same day with his wife, in the "Great Sickness." They were buried in one grave, and two of his children and a young man living in his house died a few days later. Soon after these deaths, and while others were sick in the house, a Deacon Strong, near by, raised a flock of eleven quails, which flew over the house and dropped in the garden. Immediately after, three of them rose and flew into the bushes, but the other eight were found dead, and in an hour afterwards putrified, became offensive and were buried. As a physician and as a man Dr. Hull ever sustained a high character, in the place of his adoption.

JAMES HUMISTON, ESQ.

Was a prominent citizen of Wallingford. He frequently represented his town in the Legislature of the State. Was often one of the select men of the town, and as proprietor of the old mill which to this day bears his name, conducted a large business. Subsequently he added to his milling business that of wool carding, dyeing, dressing cloth, &c., continuing the same to the close of his life.

TURHAND KIRTLAND

Was born in Wallingford, November 16, 1755. He was a descendant of John Kirtland, who was one of the thirty-six heads of families who settled at Saybrook in 1635. In the year 1776 he was in the provisional service at New York, at the time of the defeat of the American army on Long Island, and was engaged on

board the boats which conveyed our retreating forces over to the mainland. He, with most of the company, was attacked with the malignant camp distemper, typhoid dysentery, and was discharged at Saw-pits. After his recovery and return home, he pursued for a number of years the occupation of carriage-making and farming, in his native town. He was one of the original members of the Connecticut Land company, which purchased the title to the Western Reserve, or New Connecticut. As agent for the company, he conducted a boat loaded with surveyors, emigrants and provisions up the Mohawk river through Wood creek, Oneida and Ontario lakes, into Niagara river; from thence hauled it around the falls on the Canada side, and navigated up the river and through Lake Erie into Grand river, a little above the present city of Painesville, in the year 1798. In the same capacity he annually visited the West until 1803, when he removed his family to Ohio, and located at Poland, where he resided until his death, August 16 1844. As agent or proprietor, he disposed of extensive tracts of new lands; and he took an active and influential part in promoting settlements and introducing schools and various improvements. For a time he was a Senator in the State Legislature, and Associate Judge in the court of Common Pleas of Ohio. He was distinguished for his integrity and active business habits. As one of the earlier settlers, he saw the Connecticut Reserve in its primitive condition a perfect wilderness, and lived to see it thickly peopled by the best regulated and most intelligent population to be found in the Union out of New England. When in Wallingford he owned and occupied the house and farm of the late Amos Dutton.

## GEORGE B. KIRTLAND, ESQ.

During his whole life was an example worthy of imitation. He was universally regarded as an honest, upright and intelligent merchant and business man. He made it a principle never to recommend an article beyond what it would bear. He died in 1869, having lived out the full number of years allotted to man, greatly lamented by the whole community, and especially by the Episcopal church, of which he was a consistent and worthy member. He was the last male member of the once highly respectable Kirtland family in Wallingford.

## JARED POTTER KIRTLAND, M.D., LL.D.

A son of Turhand and Mary Kirtland, and grandson of Dr. Jared Potter, a distinguished physician of Wallingford. He was born Nov. 10, 1793, in the town of Wallingford. He received his classical education chiefly in Cheshire and Wallingford academies, and was for a time a pupil of Rev. Dr. Tillotson Bronson, the then Principal of the Cheshire Episcopal Academy.

In 1810 he commenced the study of medicine, and became a private pupil of Drs. Eli Ives and Nathan Smith, of New Haven, until 1812, when he entered the first class in the Medical Department of Yale College, and was the first who signed the matriculation book in the charge of Prof. Jonathan Knight. At the close of the medical term, he with others formed a class for the study of botany and mineralogy, which, together with their medical studies, was pursued under Prof. Eli Ives and Benjamin Silliman. In 1814 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and soon after passed an examination for a medical degree before the medical faculty of Yale College. The

subject of his Thesis was, "Our Indigenous Vegetable Materia Medica," a private subject of one of his teachers, Dr. Benjamin Smith Barton, and in consonance more with his own taste than other points of his profession.

In May, 1814, he married Caroline, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Cook) Atwater of Wallingford, and soon after commenced the practice of medicine in that place, which he continued until 1817, when at a town meeting held at Durham he was invited to locate in that town as a physician, which invitation he accepted. His practice here soon became large; but with it he found time to interest himself in the culture of fruits and flowers, of which he was very fond. In 1823 he removed to Poland, Trumbull Co., Ohio, where, although continuing to practice his profession of medicine whenever called upon, he gave his time and thoughts mainly to the culture of his farm, garden and orchard.

In 1837 he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and at first established himself in the town or city; but soon tiring of the confined limits of a city residence, he purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres of land about five miles west of the city of Cleveland, situated immediately on the Lake shore. Here, while at times continuing his professional labors, he has found time to examine and describe all the fishes of Ohio's lakes and rivers; to collect and compare innumerable fresh water shells, connected with which he made a discovery in the science, new and distinct, viz.: the sexual or male and female character of the muscle, which is indicated by the form of the shell. He found time to examine the native wild plants botanically, to examine and to study the geological formation of the State, to study and gather speci-

mens of birds by hundreds. He has investigated the habits of the honey-bee, has found time to superintend and direct a large farm on which all the best grains and grapes, and the best breeds of cattle, sheep, hogs, &c., have been tried and compared, comparative values of manures tested, and their components analyzed.

In 1827 he was elected a representative to the Legislature of Ohio, and re-elected several times; was chairman of the committee on the Penitentiary in the House. In 1835 he was elected Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the Medical College of Ohio. In 1841, having resigned his position in the Medical College of Ohio, he became Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the Willoughby Medical School; and afterwards, when the medical department of the Western Reserve College was established at Cleveland, he accepted a similar position in that college, which his health compelled him to resign in 1864. He was at one time President of the Ohio State Medical Society; and when in attendance at public gatherings has universally been called upon to assume the duties of the chair. In 1861 he received the degree of LL.D. from Williams College. Genial in spirit, full of intelligent conversational power, possessing the retiring manner and dignity of a well-bred gentleman of the old school, he wins the hearts of the old and young; while the intelligent and all who seek knowledge, rejoice in obtaining an hour in his society. He is now over 76 years old.

JARED LEWIS, ESQ.

Was born in Wallingford, and was for several years a justly celebrated hotel keeper and merchant in the village. He owned and occupied the lot on which now



stands the house and store of Lorenzo Lewis, his grandson. He was a prominent politician. One of the parties at one time assumed the name of Lewis, and the opposition that of Cooke. Politics never ran higher in Wallingford than at this time. He was the father of Isaac Lewis, who was keeper of a hotel and merchant at Meriden, and who was the father of the late Patrick Lewis, and of Isaac Lewis, who is and has been a very successful business man in Meriden for several years.

CHARLES BARNY MC CARTY

A native of Ireland, came to America in the latter part of the last century, and found his way to Wallingford, a peddler of small articles of dry-goods. In making his trips about Wallingford, he formed the acquaintance of Miss Dacia Hall, a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Atwater) Hall, and married her. In a few years he was enabled by his industry and success in business, to build and stock a store with dry-goods and groceries. His ambition led him to invest in real-estate quite too largely for his means, by which, with other matters, he became involved, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. He lived to an advanced age. His children were Dr. Charles B., who was a physician in Yalesville ; Mary, died in Yalesville ; Sarah, died unmarried in 1869 ; Ann, died unmarried ; Henry Hobart, died April 23, 1870, from an injury received two days before.

JOHN MOSS

Was in New Haven as early as 1645, perhaps earlier, and was a member of the General Court during several sessions. In 1670 at the May session he was active in procuring the act of incorporation of Wallingford, and succeeded on the 12th day of May, 1670, at Hartford. He was evidently the leading man of the new settlement,

and was the pioneer of the settlers, being on the ground certainly as early as 1667. His house lot was situated at the extreme south end of the village, adjoining that of his friend (John Brockett) who was associated with him in promoting the interest and advancement of the settlement. He died A. D. 1707, aged 103.

ELISHA M. POMEROY, ESQ.

Came into Wallingford a tinner by trade, and married Lydia Mattoon. About the year 1820 he invented his justly celebrated Razor Strop, which soon became noted in every part of the United States. In this enterprise he was prosperous beyond his most sanguine expectations. He was a man of enterprise and good business talents, and of easy address and gentlemanly deportment. After his retirement from business he was chosen Judge of the Probate Court, and a Justice of the Peace. In the discharge of the duties of these offices, he was eminently well qualified, and his decisions compare favorably with those of any of his predecessors. He reared a large and highly respectable family of children, and died at the advanced age of 78 years, in Wallingford, the place of his adoption. His eldest son, George V. Pomeroy, is a merchant in New York city. The late Jerome B. Pomeroy M. D. is also a son of the Judge.

JARED POTTER, M. D.

Was born in East Haven, Conn., Sept. 25, 1742. His classical studies were commenced under the Rev. Philemon Robbins of Branford. He entered Yale college in 1756, and was graduated in 1760. His medical studies were begun under Dr. Harpins of Milford, and afterward pursued under the Rev. Jared Elliot of Killingworth. He commenced practice in East Haven in 1763, but soon removed to New Haven, where he established a fa-

avorable reputation and secured a good share of patronage. The premonitory tumults of the approaching conflict with the mother country induced him to remove his family to a place of less exposure to impending dangers. Hence in the year 1773 he changed his location to Wallingford, where he went into professional practice and continued with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country, until his death, July 30, 1810.

He was a descendant of John Potter, who signed the plantation covenant of New Haven, June 4, 1639. At the commencement of the Revolution, when the first six regiments were raised by the Province of Connecticut, he was appointed surgeon of the fourteenth regiment under Colonel (afterwards General) Wooster, and went with them to Canada, and was present when the British port of St. John's was captured in September, 1775, by General Montgomery. From there he removed with the army to Montreal, where he was placed in charge of a hospital, and remained until our forces returned in the next summer. The term of enlistment having expired, he was immediately re-appointed surgeon, and was attached to Colonel Douglas's regiment, destined to re-enforce the continental army in New York city. He was in the battles of Long Island and White Plains, and at the close of the campaign, when the regiment was disbanded, he returned to Wallingford.

Too many physicians throw aside their books, or pay little attention to them after they are engaged in extensive practice. This was not the case with Dr. Potter. He was an uncommonly diligent student, not merely while acquiring the rudiments of his profession, but to the end of his life. For many years he kept a medical school, in which several of the most eminent physicians

of Connecticut were educated; and it is worthy of remark that the late Dr. Samuel Hopkins of Hartford, who was considered the most able practitioner of his county if not in the State, was his pupil. Dr. Potter imbibed much of the spirit of Elliot for philosophical investigations, and took pains to become well acquainted with the practice and opinion of all the most celebrated writers, ancient and modern, upon nearly every disease. His reading was consequently very extensive. He was in the habit of purchasing annually all of the new medical works which appeared; and was also well read in the reviews and other periodical literature of the day. As a physician he was a superior judge of symptoms, and was a very energetic and successful practitioner in acute diseases; but it is said that he was very skeptical of the power of medicine in most chronic complaints, and for that reason, his practice in such cases was rather inefficient and sometimes almost inert. Dr. Potter was well known as having had a peculiar fondness for discussing questions of speculative theology and the politics of the day; and when conversing on these subjects his strict command of his temper and an uncommon urbanity of manner, joined to a large share of wit and humor, usually gave him a decided advantage over most of his opponents. Like his preceptor Elliot, his practice and consultations were very extensive, and like him too for many years he was probably the most distinguished and influential physician in the State. He was one of the founders, and a Vice President of the State Medical Society. It is said that he was always able to recollect the name and face of any person who had once been introduced to him, and the circumstances of their meeting. His great colloquial powers, and the frankness and

candor with which he uniformly treated his medical brethren, made his presence and advice as a counselor always acceptable. He died in Wallingford, deeply lamented by the whole community.

THOMAS RICHARDSON

Of Farmington in 1672, and of Waterbury in 1674, received and accepted a grant of land called the bachelors' property in 1699. He was one of the eighty-four first proprietors of the town in 1692. He died Nov. 14, 1712. Mary, his wife, died one week afterwards, Nov. 21. Both were victims of the "great sickness" that then prevailed in the place.

Thomas, their second son and fourth child, received a grant of land in March, 1695, which he accepted as a bachelors' proprietor March 26, 1699. He remained in Waterbury long enough to secure his right, and then removed to Wallingford, and was there in July, 1705. After his father's decease he returned to Waterbury and was appointed a fence-viewer in 1713, grave-digger in 1714-15-16, hayward in 1714-17-18-19. March 30 he sold his house and six acres of land on the north side of West Main-st., to Thomas Richards, and returned to Wallingford, where he was living in 1722, a farmer. He had brothers and sisters, viz., Mary, Sarah, John, Israel, Rebecca, Ruth, Johannah, Nathaniel and Ebenezer. He married for his second wife, Rachel, daughter of John and Hannah Parker, of Wallingford.

THOMAS RUGGLES

Came to Wallingford about 1812, and purchased the old homestead of Mr. Joel Hall. He was a gentleman of means, and a graduate of Yale College. He soon after purchased the house of Salmon Carter in the village, and became the principal of the Union Academy. He

continued in charge of the Academy until the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Charles Hall, which occurred in 1817, at which time he by his will became the possessor of one-half of Mr. Hall's estate. Having repaired the buildings, he occupied them during the rest of his life. He had by his first wife a child, Hannah, who died young.

#### SAMUEL GEORGE SIMPSON

Son of Robert, alias Samuel George, and Mary Simpson, was born in New Haven in 17— . Samuel G. sen., came to America a lieutenant in the British army, about the year 1767, on a mission from the King of England to persuade the people of the colonies to receive the Stamp Act and other measures of the English government, which were then looked upon as odious and burdensome by the people. Mr. Simpson was a relation of the King by his marriage into a German family, Mr. Simpson himself being a German, and of a highly respectable and wealthy family. After taking up his residence in New Haven under the assumed name of *Robert*, he married Mary Johnson, daughter of a reputable family. Of this marriage Samuel George was an only child. After the decease of Mr. Simpson in 1776, his widow married Josiah Merriam of Wallingford, in the parish of Meriden, and removed to that place, taking her little son along with her, who, when about twenty years of age, married Mary, daughter of John and Eunice Yale of Meriden. She died April 2, 1799. After a suitable lapse of time he married Malinda, daughter of John and Lois Hall of Wallingford. He purchased and settled on the Dr. Russel or Henry place, situated on the old Tank-hood road, a short distance east of the residence of Mr. Hall. He disposed of this place and removed to Ohio, but after a residence of a few years he returned

to Wallingford, where he died, highly respected for his honesty and integrity.

Children: Alfred, Henry, George, Harmon, Samuel. The latter married Martha Benham and is a successful manufacturer in his native town; has had one son, Samuel G., and two daughters.

## EBEN SMITH

Was a man of some note in Wallingford sixty years ago. He bought the old Doolittle hotel that formerly stood a little to the west of the Dr. Potter house, lately Rice Hall's, and placed it upon the corner of Main street and the street running east and west past the Congregational meeting-house, and in front of the same, and occupied it as a hotel. At that time there were three hotels in the village, viz.: Jared Lewis's house, Chauncey Cook's, now Dwight Hall's, and Eben Smith's house. He was the father of Mrs. Lyman Carmon.

## TITUS STREET, ESQ.

Son of Samuel, was born in Wallingford. In early life he went to Cheshire, where he commenced business in a small store, with his friend Samuel Hughs (afterwards his partner) as clerk. Here he was married to Miss Amaryllis, daughter of Reuben and Mary Atwater, by whom he had two children, Augustus Russell and Mary, the wife of Gov. Hoppen of Rhode Island. He afterward located in New Haven with Mr. Hughs as partner, and after a few years' successful business in the city he retired with a large fortune, and continued in retirement until his decease. He was a descendant of the Rev. Samuel Street, the first settled Congregational minister in Wallingford. Augustus Russell Street, son of Titus, was the founder of the Yale Art Building on the grounds of Yale College in New Haven.

## CAPT. WILLIAM TODD

Was born in North Haven and came to Wallingford a young man. He became acquainted with Miss Harriet Johnson, and in due time married her. He was a house joiner and carpenter, and as a builder was deservedly popular. Being possessed naturally of a good constitution, he was enabled to continue the business of his trade until near the close of his life, which occurred in 1869, at the advanced age of 83 years. After the death of his first wife, he was married twice; first, to the widow of Capt. Joel Rice, and secondly, to the widow Merrit Tuttle. He had a large family of children, most of whom are living.

## JOHN TYLER

Was a native of Wallingford, and was graduated at Yale College in 1765. He was educated a Congregationalist, but having embraced the doctrines of the Church of England, prepared for Holy Orders under the care of Dr. Johnson of Stratford. In 1768 he went to England to receive ordination, with a view to becoming Rector of Christ Church, in Chelsea, Norwich, Conn.; and having accomplished this object he returned the next year and entered on the duties of his office. For three years during the Revolution, owing to the popular excitement which prevailed against Episcopacy in New England, (it being regarded almost synonymous with Toryism), Mr. Tyler's church was closed; and from April 1776 to April 1779 not an entry was made in its records. He however, during this time held divine service in his own house, and was never molested in the performance of it. At one time he was afraid to drink the water of his own well; and yet he was regarded as a man of great benevolence and liberality. As an evidence of the kindly feeling which both he and his church maintained toward



their Congregational neighbors, it may be mentioned that when the Congregationalists in 1794 lost their place of worship by fire, the Episcopalians at once proffered them the use of theirs on the following condition: "The Rev. John Tyler, our present pastor, to perform Divine service one half the day on each Sabbath, and the Rev. Walter King, pastor of said Presbyterian Congregation, to perform Divine service on the other half of said Sabbath, each alternately performing on the first half of the day." The offer was gratefully accepted, and this amicable arrangement continued for three months. Mr. Tyler died Jan. 20, 1823, aged 81 years. He published a sermon preached at the opening of Trinity church in Pomfret, 1771; and a sermon preached at Norwich on the Continental Thanksgiving, 1795. Mrs. Sigourney writes thus concerning him: "He was an interesting preacher; his voice sweet and solemn, and his eloquence persuasive. The benevolence of his heart was manifest in daily acts of courtesy and charity to those around him. He studied medicine in order to benefit the poor, and to find out remedies for some of those peculiar diseases to which no common specifics seemed to apply. During the latter years of his life he was so infirm as to need assistance in his clerical duties."

ADOLPH WILHELM AUGUST FRIEDRICH,  
BARON VON STEINWEHR

Was born at Blankenburg in the duchy of Brunswick, Sept. 25, 1822. His father was a major in the ducal service, and his grandfather a lieutenant-general in the Prussian army. He was educated at the military academy of the city of Brunswick, and entered the army of the duchy as a lieutenant in 1841. In 1847 he resigned and came to the United States for the purpose of offer-

ing his services to the government in the Mexican war ; but failing to obtain a commission in the regular army, he returned to Germany after marrying a lady of Mobile. In 1854 he again came to America and purchased a farm in Wallingford. At the commencement of the civil war he raised a regiment, the 29th New York Volunteers, which he commanded at the first battle of Bull Run, forming part of the reserve under Col. Miles. On Oct. 12, 1861, he was commissioned brigadier-general of volunteers, and appointed to the command of the 2d brigade of Blenker's division. This division was attached in May, 1862, to the Mountain department under Gen. Fremont. When Sigel assumed command of the corps after the organization of the army of Virginia, General Steinwehr was promoted to the command of the 2d division, and participated in the campaign on the Rappahannock and Rapahannock in August.

#### ANDREW WARD

Was admitted a Freeman in 1638 at Boston. In 1638 he was at Wethersfield, and with twenty others purchased the town of Stamford. He also with others purchased Hempsted on Long Island, but in consequence of difficulties with the Dutch government, removed to Fairfield, and died Oct., 1650, leaving a widow Esther and children. He was a man of great worth and consequence in the colony, and was frequently called upon by the Governors and members of the Legislature to act with them on important committees. He was the ancestor of those of the name in Hartford, and the father of Andrew, who was the father of William, who married Lettice, daughter of John Beach of Wallingford, and had Zenas, who settled in Woodbury, and Macock, who was a lawyer in Wallingford.

## ELISHA WHITTELSEY

Was a merchant in Wallingford, and for many years was Town Clerk, in which office he gained the esteem and confidence of all who had business with him. He was a highly respected and honored gentleman, and a man of strict integrity and usefulness. At his death he was greatly lamented by all. He was born July 1, 1753, and died Sept. 16, 1822, aged 67 years.

## JARED POTTER WHITTELSEY

Was the third son of Elisha and Sarah (Jones) Whittelsey, and was born in Wallingford, March 8, 1787. In 1808, being then in his twenty-first year, he commenced business in Catskill, N. Y., where he remained four years. In 1812 he removed to New York city, where he carried on the wholesale flour business, retaining his flour-mills and his store in Catskill, Cairo, and Schoharie, until the year 1832, when he removed his family to Wallingford and erected the present buildings on the ground where he was born; and during the remainder of his life he devoted his time to improving and beautifying the streets of his native town, by setting out shade trees, opening walks and highly improving his own grounds. He was a man of sterling worth, very methodical in habit, of thorough business qualities and a finely balanced mind. During his residence in Wallingford, he gave largely to the Episcopal church, and gave more to erect the present Congregational church than any of its members. In his religious belief he was a Unitarian. His donations were made during his lifetime, and yearly he gave to the following societies, viz.: Children's Aid Society, Five Points House of Industry, Association to improve the condition of the Poor, and other societies. During the war he gave largely to the sanitary commission. He never

spoke of his donations, and they were not known until after his death. Mr. Whittelsey was frequently offered positions of trust in private and public, but he refused them, for he wished to be quiet after a busy life. Mr. Whittelsey was the father of ten children, only two remaining at the time of his death; six died between the ages of nineteen and twenty-seven. He married Oct. 22, 1814, Lydia G. Archer of New York city, who lived with him fifty-five years, and died only a month before him. Mr. Whittelsey died January 25, 1869, in the eighty-second year of his age.

CAPT. THOMAS YALE

Son of Thomas the emigrant, was one of the original settlers or planters of Wallingford, and was one of the most active and efficient among them. As selectman or townsman, he was ever ready to work for the interest of the village. He was frequently elected to represent the people in the General Court, and was greatly distinguished for his devotion to the interests of his constituents, whom he ably represented for a number of successive years. He married Rebecca Gibbons, daughter of William, of New Haven. She died Dec. 11, 1667. After her decease, he married Sarah, daughter of John Nash, of New Haven. She died May 24, 1716; and he then married Mary Beach, of Wallingford, July 31, 1716. He had by the two last no children. He was chosen one of the number to assist in the formation or gathering of a church in the place, after the Congregational order; and was a signer to the call of the first and second ministers, viz.: Rev. Samuel Street and Rev. Samuel Whittelsey. In 1710 he was, with the exception of Mr. Street, the only surviving signer of the Plantation covenant of Wallingford. He was a Justice

of the peace, and a Captain of the train-band, &c. He died at the age of 89 years, July 26, 1736.

CHARLES YALE, ESQ.

Was born in Wallingford, parish of Meriden, April 20, 1709. He married Huldah Robinson of Meriden, and commenced the manufacture of japanned and tin ware, for this and the southern market; and for several years kept a depot for the sale of his goods at Richmond, Virginia, in connection with his brother Selden. In, this enterprise they were very successful, and in a few years they each had accumulated a very handsome property. The failing health of Selden compelled him to retire from the firm. Upon this, Mr. Yale formed a business connection with his son-in-law, under the name of Yale and Dunby, and soon after purchased in his own name the old Mills at the first falls on the Quinnipiac River, which had borne the name of Tyler's Mills for more than one hundred years. He repaired and remodeled the whole concern, and changed the name to Yalesville. Here he entered largely into the manufacture of britannia wares and tea-pots, which found a ready sale in New York and elsewhere. In this business he continued until the close of his life. He died Nov. 2, 1835, aged 47 years.

HON. ELIHU YALE

Of New Haven, son of the late Ira and Harriet (Cook) Yale of Wallingford, was born July 25, 1807, in the house built by his grandfather Elisha Yale in Yalesville district, and resided at home with his parents until Jan. 6, 1824, when he left his home to learn a trade in the city of New Haven. After the term of his apprenticeship was concluded, he returned to his native town, where he was soon after made a freeman and elected a consta-

ble. The year following he went to Cheshire, where he married Julia Ann, daughter of the late Capt. Thaddeus Rich, formerly of Bristol, Conn., May 25, 1830. He was appointed post master at Cheshire in 1832, and continued in the office with the exception of a few months until 1851, when he removed to New Haven. He was a Justice of the Peace for about 18 years, and a selectman in Cheshire five consecutive years, clerk of the school society for about fourteen years, and judge of the Probate court in 1850-7, and was in 1853 elected a member of the common council of New Haven, and was re-elected for five consecutive years. In 1859 he was elected chief of the Police of the city of New Haven, and was re-elected to the same office in 1864. After serving nearly two years he resigned the office, believing that he had contributed his share to the public service.

In 1750 he prepared and published a genealogy of the Yale family, from the first of the name who appeared in this country down to 1850. He has in manuscript a genealogy of the Cook family, which he has carefully prepared and hopes soon to publish. Besides he has collected a large amount of genealogical matter for this work, and many of the Biographical notices which appear in this work, have been prepared by him. He was elected a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, on the 7th of May, 1856, and is a member of the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

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Walter Booth



## MERIDEN BIOGRAPHIES.

## HON. WALTER BOOTH

Was born in Woodbridge, Conn., Dec. 8th, 1791. When about sixteen years of age, he came to Meriden and spent his first night in this town at the old white house on the Hanover road, which stands first northwest of the old residence of the late J. C. Breckenridge. The greater part of his life since then has been spent here, a few years excepted which he spent in business in Baltimore. But it is not only as a citizen of Meriden, that Deacon Booth was known; he was widely known throughout the state. At one time he was appointed to fill the office of General of our State Militia, both as a Brigadier and a Major General. In 1850 he was sent to Washington to represent the State of Connecticut in the House of Representatives, which position he held for two years; besides having previously held sundry minor offices in both town and state. At twenty-two years of age he was elected deacon in the Center Congregational Church in this city, which office he had held at the time of his death 56 years. He had also been a director in the Meriden National Bank for twenty years, and at one time its President.

But above all he was eminently a good man, a man of strict integrity and a Christian man. Up to his last illness he was active in all his church duties, and seldom was he absent from his place in the sanctuary and the Sabbath school where he was a teacher, and of which he was the first superintendent, and also in the social prayer-meetings. Many will recall the fervor of his prayers and the unction of his exhortations in the social

meeting; and the testimony of all who knew him, is uniform as to the steadfastness of his Christian principle, and the purity of his Christian character.

He was a man of great simplicity and plainness of manners, and was averse to all pageantry and parade, and strictly economical in his expenditures. He showed himself ever ready to aid any enterprise, either in business, or civil and religious affairs, which promised to promote the secular or religious interests of his native town.

His illness, which lasted little less than two weeks, was a malignant form of erysipelas; first indicating itself in his face, and from there creeping to his brain, rendering him delirious for a greater part of the time. His friends, however, and physician, Dr. Catlin, did not deem him dangerous until Wednesday of the week in which he died. Dr. Townsend of New Haven was called in as counsel on Tuesday, and did not then think his chances for recovery were doubtful. But notwithstanding the tender nursing of his wife and friends who were continually by his bedside, and in spite of the skill and faithfulness of his physician, the destroying disease made headway, and on Saturday morning, April 30, 1870, lapsing into unconsciousness, he gently and without a struggle or a groan breathed his life away.

#### FENNER BUSH

Son of John and Bathsheba (Dodge) Bush, was born in East Lyme, Conn., in the year 1791. His father died when Fenner was quite young, and as the family were in very poor circumstances, he was put out to live when but six years of age. He was employed in assisting on the farm and at house-work. When eleven years old he was put in the family of a ship-builder, and was to be taught the trade when old enough; but soon after, his master

ran off with his wife's sister, and the boy was returned to his former master. In his twelfth year he went to live with a joiner, with a view to learn the trade. When eighteen years old, his master furnished him with a new suit of clothes, and for the first time he attended church. The last four years of his apprenticeship (he served nine years), his master treated him with less rigor, but his situation was far from being respectable.



FENNER BUSH.

When he was twenty-one, he had no home or property, except a right in a small piece of land that his father left, worth perhaps two hundred dollars. He worked for his master three months, at fourteen dollars per month, and at the close of this term, he took his forty-two dollars and started off on foot to a neighboring town, to make purchases of some tools. On his way he lost his money, all he had in the world; but by good luck found it again, purchased his tools, and returned and set up business in opposition to his former master, who politely told him that he was "a — fool, for he would not earn enough to pay his board." But he was

ambitious, and moreover a good workman, and soon had so much to do, that his former master offered to sell out to him. Fenner accepted the offer, and hired help to meet his engagements.

He now found the necessity of something which had been entirely neglected; for he could neither read nor keep accounts. He therefore gave up business, hired a room, and for two winters devoted himself to study, three months of which were given to learning to read. He again commenced business, and pursued his trade with considerable success. In 1816 he married Eunice Kirtland of Saybrook, and commenced keeping house, taking two apprentices to board. About this time he was taken sick with typhus fever, and for a long time was very sick; and for nearly two years was unable to work. During his sickness he spent all he had earned from the beginning, and got into debt several hundred dollars. But by diligent attention to business he paid up his debts and bought the house that he lived in.

In April, 1824, he removed from Saybrook to Meriden and became interested in the comb business in connection with Mr. Julius Pratt. He worked here with untiring industry twelve hours a day, at \$1 25 per day; after a few years the time was reduced to eleven hours, and the wages increased to \$1 75 a day. For twenty years he labored here, when the shop was destroyed by fire, and he lost the earnings of twenty years. It was through his management that the shop was re-built and the machinery introduced early in the July following the fire. Mr. Bush has been interested in the comb business up to this time; is now one of the largest stockholders, and until within a few years, was one of the directors. By steady and persevering industry and

economy he has accumulated considerable property.

Mr. Bush is a whole-souled, liberal man, loved and respected by every one who has met him. He has contributed largely to benevolent objects, assisted liberally to build three churches and five school-houses, and paid liberally for the support of the Anti-Slavery cause and of Christianity.

Mr. Bush served in the war of 1812, and in 1848 was elected senator from the 6th district to the Connecticut Legislature.

His two daughters, Temperance Janet and Eunice Kirtland, married respectively Randolph Lindsley and P. J. Clark.

#### LIEUT. COMFORT BUTLER

Son of John and Sarah (Foster) Butler, was born in Middletown, Nov. 16, 1743. He was the sixth generation from Richard Butler, one of the original proprietors in Hartford in 1639, and who was admitted freeman in Cambridge, Mass., in 1634. Comfort Butler was apprenticed to the shoemaking business in Middletown at an early age, and being much troubled by a fellow apprentice of a quarrelsome disposition, he told his master that if he must fight, he preferred to fight the enemies of his country rather than one of his mates; and that if he would allow him to enlist in the army he would serve out the balance of his time after his return. His master consented, and young Butler enlisted, although only about sixteen. To his great surprise he found his fellow apprentice was a member of the same company. But it seems that their fighting propensities found ample scope without troubling each other, and they became fast friends and remained such until the close of the war, when Comfort returned home, fulfilled his agreement

with his master, finished his trade, married Mary, daughter of Divan Berry, in 1765, and removed to Wallingford in the Meriden parish. He had nine children, viz.: Samuel, John, Hannah, Lemuel, Esther, Asa, Divan, Mary and Phebe. He died February 19, 1826.

JOHN BUTLER

Son of Comfort and Mary (Berry) Butler, was born in Meriden, Sept. 5, 1770. He was early in life apprenticed to a shoemaker, and subsequently engaged in the tanning and shoe-making business on his own account, and was the principal shoemaker and tanner in Meriden for nearly sixty years. He was considered by all who knew him an honest, upright man in all his intercourse with



JOHN BUTLER.

the world. He was "Uncle John" to everybody. He was remarkable from a boy for his industrious and frugal habits. After he had arrived at an age when he was subject to military duty, his residence was in the center of the town; and on training days he would manage to have his work where he could see the military move-

ments, and when the time of roll-call arrived, he would leave his work and go and answer to his name, drill a while with the company, and return to his work again, thereby making the most of his time. He was very regular in his habits, rising before the sun and retiring before nine in the evening. He was very exact in his accounts, and when he gave his apprentices money he always wanted to know what use it was put to, and usually made a note of it. For instance, I find in his account-book among others, the following entry: "Gave Stephen Seymour twenty-five cents to see a striped jackass." He raised a numerous family of children, most of whom are residents of Meriden at this date, and are universally esteemed by the community. Mr. Butler married 1st, August 17, 1796, Ruth Parker, who died Sept. 30, 1799; m. 2d, March 15, 1800, Philomela Cowles, who died March 25, 1807; m. 3d, April 17, 1810, widow Susannah Hall. His children were Albert, Ruth A. (m. Morris Stevens), Henry C., Philomela, Lyman, John, Levi, Susan (m. Sydney P. Hall), and Isaac. John Butler died Oct. 6, 1852, æ. 82 years and 21 days, in the full hope of a blissful immortality.

## LEMUEL BUTLER

Son of Comfort and Mary (Berry) Butler, was born in Meriden, Feb. 3, 1775. He was a farmer, a plain, unassuming man, perfectly reliable at all times. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and raised a numerous family, most of whom now reside here, and are very estimable citizens, some of whom are occupying responsible positions both in religious and secular affairs. Dec. 4, 1810, he married Salina, daughter of Jesse Merriman, who was born March 20, 1786, and died Sept. 25, 1842. Their children were: Joel I., Eli, Hiram, Harriet, (m.

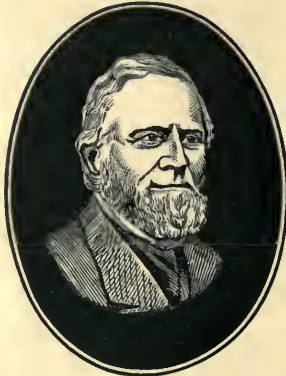
Andrew A. Bradley), and George. Lemuel Butler died Dec. 11, 1852.



LEMUEL BUTLER.

HENRY C. BUTLER

Son of John and Philomela (Cowles) Butler, was born in Meriden, March 6, 1807. By honest and persevering industry, Mr. Butler has accumulated a large property,



HENRY C. BUTLER.

and for his moral worth he is highly respected by his fellow citizens. Though often solicited to accept offices



of trust in the town, he has always refused, with the exception of acting as moderator at every annual town meeting since the town hall was built. He married 1st, July 1, 1832, Sophronia Hotchkiss, who died April 17, 1841. He married 2d, Nov. 25, 1841, Elizabeth Foster, who died June, 1847. He married 3d, May 31, 1848, Mrs. Mary L. Woodruff, widow of Dr. Isaac Woodruff. His children by his 1st wife were: Lucy C. (m. Wm. L. Squires), Mary P. and John H.: by 2nd wife: Henry W. and Aaron C.

## JOEL I. BUTLER

Son of Lemuel and Selina (Merriman) Butler, was born in Meriden, Nov. 12, 1811. He has occupied numerous positions of trust and responsibility in matters pertain-



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ing to the government and the town. He is President of the Meriden Bank, and U. S. Internal Revenue Assessor, and a man in whom the people have the most implicit confidence in every respect. Mr. Butler married 1st, Aug. 27, 1835, Mary A. Morton, who died Aug. 21, 1837. He married 2nd, July 27, 1840, Sarah A. Hotch-

kiss, who died Sept. 11, 1853. He married 3d, Jan. 17, 1855, Ursula M. Hart. By his 2nd wife he had two children, Mary Ann and Emma S.

BENJAMIN HOPKINS CATLIN

The eldest son of Benjamin and Rhoda Catlin, was born in Harwinton, Litchfield county, Conn., Aug. 10, 1801. His advantages for education were limited to the district school near his father's residence, till his sixteenth year, when an academy was built in his native town, in which he had the opportunity of pursuing the higher branches of study not then taught in our common schools. At this academy and under the tuition of the Rev. Luther Hart of Plymouth, he pursued his preparatory studies. He studied medicine and surgery nearly four years under the instruction of different physicians and at the Medical Institution of Yale College, where he received his diploma, March 4, 1825. July 13th of the same year, he opened an office in Haddam, Middlesex County, there being a vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Andrew Warner. The first week he had patients to attend, and in two or three months was in full practice. He remained here more than sixteen years, his practice extending into all the adjoining towns. The last day of March, 1842, Dr. Wyllis Woodruff of Meriden died. The same evening a messenger was sent to Dr. Catlin by some of the leading citizens of Meriden, requesting him to come to Meriden to fill the vacancy. He came up the next day, April 1, made arrangements for his removal, and commenced practice in Meriden April 5. He was elected a Fellow of the Connecticut Medical Society, and in 1840 received the honorary degree of M. D. from Yale College. In 1854 he was elected Vice-President of the Connecticut Medical Society, re-elected



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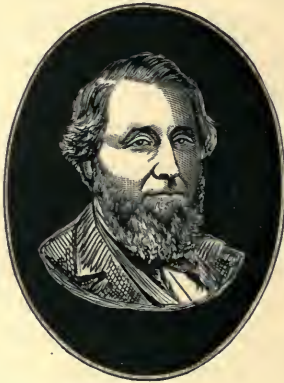


in 1855, appointed President in 1856, and re-elected in 1857. He has been a permanent member of the American Medical Association since May, 1853, and has since that time attended most of the annual meetings as delegate from the New Haven County Medical Society, or from the State society. In 1860 he was elected an Honorary Member of the New York State Medical Society, and in 1869 a Corresponding Member of the Gynæcological Society of Boston. When the first Congregational society removed to West Meriden, Dr. Catlin was elected deacon, which office he has held until the present time.

TIMOTHY FISHER DAVIS, M. D.

Was the son of Eliphaz and Hannah (Sawyer) Davis, and was born in Marlboro, Mass., March 13, 1810. After receiving his early education at the common schools of his native town, he was apprenticed to a trade in Springfield, Mass. In 1837, having then a wife and two children, he entered the office of Dr. Riley of Goshen, Conn., to pursue the study of medicine, still working at his trade during his spare hours, for the support of his family. After leaving the office of Dr. Riley he practiced his profession for a time in Goshen, and then concluded to remove to Litchfield as offering a wider field for his business. In Litchfield he remained several years, engaged in a constantly increasing and lucrative practice; but hearing that there was a better opening in Plymouth, and being urged by a number of influential persons in that town, he removed his family there and commenced practice about the year 1846. Here he opened a drug store, built a house, and obtained an extensive practice in the town and beyond it, being frequently called to the neighboring towns of Wolcott,

Bristol, Bethlem, and Watertown. These long rides in a hilly country soon wore upon his health; and he began looking for some easier field of practice. At this time his old friend and fellow student, Dr. William H. Allen of Meriden, died, and his widow wrote to Dr. Davis a letter urging him to remove to Meriden and take her late husband's practice. This was just the field that he was looking for, and accordingly in 1850 he removed to Meriden, and the year following removed his family.



DR. TIMOTHY FISHER DAVIS.

For nearly eighteen years Dr. Davis practiced his profession in Meriden with success. He was a skillful and prudent operator, a careful and discriminating prescriber, ever improving the lessons of experience. In 1843 he received a diploma from the Botanic Medical Society of Connecticut, and in 1850 an honorary diploma, he being at that time Vice President of the Society. He afterwards held the office of President. He was one of the founders of the State Eclectic Medical Society, and held the offices at different times; of Secretary, Treasurer,

Vice President and President, and was for several years one of the Board of Censors.

Dr. Davis was most genial, kind and companionable in his social relations. Fond of society, with a genial humor which led him to enjoy the present and not be too careful of the future, quick in his perceptions, liberal in pecuniary matters, and despising money-hoarding, he lived in as much enjoyment as falls to the lot of most men, and was personally esteemed as a friend and physician throughout the community. He was not a man of fluent speech, and of consequence not what we call a great talker. But he was a capital listener, and would attend with great eagerness and delight to hear men of sense talk. He was fond of horticulture, and evinced much taste and skill in the cultivation of his land. He had the true idea of success in this business, viz. : that "a little land should be well tilled."

In 1866 a small pimple on his lower lip began troubling him, and soon proved to be a cancer. At that time he was very busy, and thinking that he could not neglect his patients, he was careless of himself and suffered the disease to make great progress before he could be prevailed upon to do anything for it. He had at different times two operations, one by Dr. Ellsworth of Hartford, and the other by Dr. Gurdon Buck of New York ; but the operations were undertaken too late. He lingered until the 24th of February, 1870, when he passed away in his sixtieth year. At the funeral services, the attendance of the most prominent citizens in the city testified to the high esteem in which he was held. The funeral services were performed by Rev. M. I. Steere. The rector of the Episcopal Church and the pastor of the Methodist Church were also present. His pastor said

of him, "During his long and distressing sickness I do not think so much as a shadow of distrust or fear passed over his soul. He steadfastly contemplated death as though it were life. He saw light in its darkness, and the Father's love shining within its shadows. He felt that his life was with Christ in God, and that death could not disturb it. His language ever was, 'I am ready; I am sinking into the arms of Jesus.' And the pressure of his hand as I rose from his bedside, often told me how, deeper than I, he felt the sentiments of hope and goodness." Dr. Davis was a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, and was buried with Masonic honors. He married Miss Mary Parsons, November 1, 1832. She died April, 1834, in Pleasant Valley, Conn., leaving one child, Mary Markham Morehouse, who married Edwin Miner in 1853, and is now living in New Haven, a widow. Dr. Davis married for his second wife, Miss Moriva Hatch of Springfield, Mass., in 1836, and had: Julia, born April, 1838; died December, 1839; Charles Henry Stanley,<sup>1</sup> born March 2, 1840; Julia Moriva, born July, 1844; Wilbur Fisk, born Sept., 1846, died July 15, 1847; Wilbur Fisk, born July, 1848; a graduate of the Cambridge Law School in 1870.

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Henry Stanley Davis was born March 2, 1840. He was prepared for college in the public schools of Meriden, and pursued the studies of the Freshman and Sophomore classes under Rev. Messrs. Wilder and Foster. His plans for entering college were broken up by the war, and in 1862 after a short residence in Springfield, Mass., he removed to New York and entered the medical department of the New York University, where he was graduated in the spring of 1865, attending the last course of lectures ever delivered by Dr. Valentine Mott. After attending a course of lectures at the Bellevue Hospital Medical school and following hospital practice, he removed to Boston, attending the summer course at the Harvard University Medical school. During his residence in Boston he edited



## JACOB EATON

Was a graduate of Harford University, Pennsylvania, and of the New Haven theological seminary. His first and only pastorate was over the Hanover Congregational Church, where he was ordained May 28, 1857. This church, then in its infancy, enjoyed a revival of religion at the beginning of his ministry, which continued after his ordination, and was the means of increasing the membership and the strength of the church by an addition of about twenty-five new members. This relation was sustained harmoniously till the outbreak of the rebellion. The following pastoral note, under date of September 30, 1861, copied from the records of the church in Hanover, speaks for itself:

“The Congregational church in Hanover has been subjected to many changes since my settlement as pastor. God has blessed it by adding to its numbers from year to year. These additions have averaged ten each year during my ministry here. But our church and society have been greatly weakened by numerous removals. The darkest hour has arrived. The terrible rebellion in our Southern states

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the first volume of the *Boston Medical Register*. In the fall of 1866, he removed to Baltimore, where he remained through the winter attending the lectures in the medical department of the University of Maryland and following hospital practice. In 1867 he returned to Meriden, succeeding his father in the practice of his profession. In 1863 Rev. Dr. Brown, Rev. Messrs. Duer, Jones, Post, Owen and others organized the American Philological Society, and Dr. Davis was elected the first corresponding Secretary and afterwards one of the Vice Presidents. In September, 1868, he was elected member of the N. E. Historical and Genealogical society of Boston, and during 1868 and the following year was elected corresponding member of the Wisconsin, Minnesota and Chicago Historical societies. In 1870 he was made a member of the New Haven Colony Historical society. He is also a member of several medical and scientific societies, and has contributed largely to the medical and periodical press. He married September 23, 1869, Carrie E. daughter of George W. Harris, Esq.

has seriously affected our manufacturing and pecuniary interests. We feel it most deeply. My mind and heart have been deeply interested in our national conflict. After mature reflection, I have asked of my people a leave of absence for one year, that I may enlist in the Grand Army of Freedom. May God be with those I shall leave behind. May He save me through His grace, and may He save our beloved country and our government, from anarchy and dissolution.

“Signed, JACOB EATON.”

In accordance with the purpose here expressed, he enlisted in the 8th Connecticut Regiment, sharing its fortunes under Burnside on the Atlantic coast as a private. He was promoted at length to a Lieutenancy, and served as an officer till wounded on the bloody field of Antietam, a musket ball entering his hip and disabling him for many months. Incapacitated thus for service in the ranks, he received an honorable discharge and returned to his people again to break unto them the bread of life and fight the good fight. His heart more than ever was with the country in its trial, and with the brave men who were fighting our battles. After preaching about a year, again he enlisted in the 7th Connecticut Regiment, and was promoted to a chaplaincy. Here he did valiant service for Christ and his country. He died at Wilmington, N. C., March 20, 1865, of typhoid fever, induced by fatigue and over exertion in ministering to the wants of the recently rescued federal prisoners in the hospital at that place. Mr. Eaton was a man of strong affection and love of home, of most deep and tender sympathies, and of ardent devotion to the cause of Christ and the country. He was a warm friend, when once friendship was established, and self-sacrificing for others weal. His character was impulsive. He was strong in his detestation of

whatever he thought wrong, and bold in his defense of what he deemed right.<sup>1</sup> Humble as was the life and death of this man, it may be doubted whether any of all the martyrs of the Great Rebellion offered a truer sacrifice to their country than his. Twice he left his peaceful profession for the camp and the battlefield; but he finally died, not in the work of death, but as a minister of mercy.

## JOEL H. GUY

Son of Orchard and Lois (Hall) Guy, was born in Meriden June 4, 1804. He attended the district school winters, until he was sixteen years old. At the age of twenty he commenced teaching, and taught for ten winters at an average salary of eight dollars per month and board. He then acted as salesman for Meriden manufactures for four or five years. After this Mr. Guy, in connection with his brother, bought a store in Middletown where he carried on business until 1840, though residing in Meriden most of the time. In 1840 he built the store now standing east of his present residence, and under the title of J. H. Guy & Co., he carried on the grocery business, the Company being the firm of Julius Pratt & Co. In 1846 Mr. Guy bought out his partner and carried on the business until about 1850. Mr. Guy has been a very energetic business man, honest and straightforward in all of his dealings. Since 1844 he has held the office of postmaster at different times for twelve years. He was President of the Meriden Bank thirteen years, and has been President of the 1st National Bank seven years. He has also held the office of constable, deputy-sheriff, assessor and collector, justice of the peace and alderman. He has also acted more than

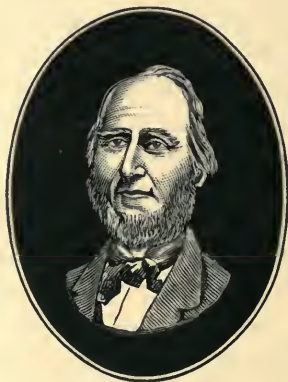
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<sup>1</sup> Funeral Discourse by Rev. H. C. Hayden.

any other man in Meriden as administrator and trustee of estates. Mr. Guy married Nov. 9, 1830, Semira Wetmore of Middlefield, and has one daughter born in 1833. He has been extensively engaged in the insurance business about twenty years.

#### JULIUS HALL.

The oldest house in Meriden is now standing about three miles east of the center. It was built by Daniel Hall in the earlier part of the last century. He was the grandson of John Hall, the first emigrant, and was born January 27, 1689. His son John was born Jan. 29, 1724, and died May 13, 1795, leaving twelve children. Joseph, the fifth son, born Oct. 8, 1770, succeeded to the old homestead. He died March 13, 1831, leaving six children, of whom two, Sherman, born April 26, 1806, and



JULIUS HALL.

Julius, the subject of this sketch, born June 7, 1813, still survive. They are the fourth generation born in this old house. Julius Hall married Laura L. Parker, May 1, 1852, and has six children. Some years ago he built the house in which he now lives, just north of the old house.

The immense timbers and old stone chimney, in the fireplace of which a load of wood might easily be placed, bid fair to stand for several generations to come. Mr. Hall is a plain, unassuming man, whose whole attention is given to his farm. Respected by his friends and neighbors for his moral worth, he never sought after office, or mingled in town affairs, but lives as did his ancestors for four generations in this town, a tiller of the soil, happy and content in the bosom of his family.

EDWARD WALKER HATCH, M. D.

Was born in Blandford, Hampden Co., Mass., Aug. 31, 1818. His parents were Timothy Linus and Sarah Walker (Shepard) Hatch. He was graduated at the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., in the class of 1842. He was married Oct. 15, 1846, to Miss Nancy C. Boies, daughter of David Boies Esq., of Blandford. He was then in the practice of his profession in New Jersey. He removed from New Jersey to Meriden in December, 1849.<sup>1</sup> In 1853 he built and occupied the house on the corner of Main and Butler streets, now occupied by Henry C. Butler, Esq. He was appointed trustee of the State Reform School by the Legislature of 1838, and in July, 1859 was appointed by the trustees superintendent. He still occupies that position. He made a public profession of his faith in Christ in 1853, and in 1853 he connected himself with the First Congregational church of Meriden, at West Meriden, and still retains his connection there. His success as

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<sup>1</sup> His children are Edward Walker Hatch Jr., born at Little Falls, N. J., Jan. 12, 1848, died July 28, 1849; Sarah Elizabeth, born at Blandford, Mass., Nov. 2, 1849; Caroline Bigelow, born Sept. 30, 1852; Mary Boies, born March 6, 1859; Frances Catharine, born Sept. 6, 1863, died April 9, 1864.

superintendent of the Reform School is well known not only to the people of this town, but to the people of the State and to all in the country at large who are interested in the success of such institutions. Dr. Hatch was a warm and earnest advocate of the Union all through the war of the rebellion. He has always been interested in the cause of education, and is well known as an able, zealous advocate of total abstinence.



EDWARD WALKER HATCH, M. D.

He is active as one of the executive committee of the Connecticut Temperance Union, is earnestly interested in sabbath schools, and is one of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Industrial school for girls, just established at Middletown.

DR. ISAAC I. HOUGH

Was born in Wallingford, in the parish of Meriden, in 1781. His father, Dr. Ensign Hough, commenced practice in this town in 1769, and died in 1813. The parents of Dr. Isaac Hough were small in stature and weight. His mother especially was a feeble, delicate woman. Their son Isaac was large from his birth, and

in childhood was so heavy that his mother could not lift him ; and when no one was near to raise him into her lap, she would stretch out her limbs and roll him up. When ten weeks old he weighed twenty pounds, and previous to his death had attained the weight of about **three** hundred and fifty pounds. He studied medicine, under his father, and under the instruction of Dr. Hall of Middletown. His father requested him not to marry



ISAAC I. HOUGH, M. D.

early, as several members of the family would be dependent upon him. The result was, he did not marry at all.

At the time he commenced practice, Meriden contained about twelve hundred inhabitants ; but his practice extended to all adjoining towns, and was for several years quite extensive. He was a very efficient practitioner and believed fully in the power of medicine and administered it freely. He had a good library of medical and miscellaneous works, and in his earlier years his reading was extensive. He took and read for many years the *North American Review* and most of

the medical journals published while he was in practice. For a person so large and fleshy he was remarkably active in body and mind. He always kept some of the best horses in the country and drove them rapidly. He was an early riser, up and off to see his patients earlier than they were ready to receive him. He spent but little time investigating cases, but would see at once the prominent points of acute cases, and prescribe with skill and good judgment. His prognosis of a cure was generally very correct. He had no taste for the management of chronic cases, and no patience to listen to the multitudinous complaints of chronic patients. He much preferred to laugh at what appeared to him their absurd notions, and consequently would often lose their confidence. He had great faith in the medical properties of opium, and prescribed it freely in fevers and in acute and chronic cases. His prescriptions unfortunately led some of his friends and patients to its habitual use. His charges for professional services were very moderate, and he accumulated no property from that source.

For many years he kept a public house in the building now standing on the corner of Broad and Main streets; and during a portion of the time he found it very profitable, especially during the war of 1812. From this source he accumulated considerable property, and retired from active business at the early age of fifty-three. It is believed that this was an unfortunate movement for him. When Dr. Catlin moved to Meriden in 1842, Dr. Hough took a deep interest in his welfare, and rode in consultation with him more than he had done for several years previous. For several of the latter years of his life he read but little, as it affected his head unpleasantly, and he thought it imprudent to indulge in this pleasure. He



always took a deep interest in the welfare of his friends and neighbors, and was sometimes so minute in his inquiries as to cause offense, though he never did it from bad motives; it was only that he might rejoice in their prosperity, or sympathize with them in their adversity.

Dr. Hough's knowledge of men was very extensive, and his judgment of character very accurate. Keeping a public house on one of the great thoroughfares of the State, half way between Hartford and New Haven, all of the prominent men of the State and many of the nation were more or less frequently his guests. Being very social and inquisitive he formed a very extensive acquaintance. He knew something about, not only every Doctor in the State, but the ministers, lawyers, judges and politicians. Six or eight four horse stages stopped daily at the Doctor's inn. He was so remarkable in personal appearance that he was always noticed and remembered by those who saw him. According to the custom of those days his house was well stocked with the best of liquors (none of the mixed poisonous liquors so much used now), but he never tasted them himself, and at the commencement of the temperance reform in 1828-30, he sold out his tavern for \$6,000 and removed across the street to the house now occupied by Wm. Merriman. A student of Yale College, while passing through Meriden, called at the Doctor's bar and said, "Doctor, I have a bad cold, what is best for me to take?" The Doctor handed him a glass of water. Dr. Hough never united with any church, but he was a constant attendant upon the service of the Congregational church and a liberal supporter of its institutions, and a friend of good morals.

I have said that it was unfortunate for him that he

gave up business so early in life. It affected his health and mind unfavorably. Being naturally so active, he suffered from ennui. At the best he was a poor sleeper, and his wakefulness was increased by his lack of employment of body and mind during the day. He has been known to take his horse and wagon and ride twenty or thirty miles till he was thoroughly fatigued, when he would sleep well. He almost uniformly called himself well, except to his most intimate friends. He never could bear to have people talk to him of their bodily complaints; so he seldom troubled other people with a recital of his own. Says Dr. Catlin (to whom I am indebted for most of the facts in this sketch of Dr. Hough): "I knew that he suffered much pain in his limbs, and for several years he had an organic affection of the heart. He expected to die suddenly, and was not disappointed. He had been unwell more than usual for a few days. I was called in to see him several times; he was sometimes in his chair, at others on the lounge. I was in one afternoon, when he appeared more comfortable and quite cheerful. Early the next Monday (I think), word was sent me that he was dead. I found him on the floor. He had apparently got up, put on his dressing-gown, slid down by the side of his bed, and died alone, evidently from dropsy of the heart. He was fearful he should give his friends trouble, either by being confined by sickness, when his great weight would be burdensome, or after he was dead. To provide against the latter event, he went to Hartford some years before his death, and was measured for his coffin, which he had made, boxed up and sent home. He told me he did not suppose the maker expected he would examine it, but he had a desire to see how the work was done. He appeared satisfied with its appearance. It

was kept in the loft of a carriage house." Dr. Hough died in the building now occupied (1870) by the 1st National Bank.

He was very sensitive in regard to his weight. He once drove on to the hay-scales, and while engaged in conversation a bystander endeavored to weigh the doctor with his horse and gig, hoping afterwards to weigh the horse and gig, thus getting his exact weight; but the doctor happened to look around, and discovered what was going on, and he instantly whipped up his horse and left the scales before the operation was completed. Dr. Hough died Feb. 26, 1852, æ. 71 years. I remember hearing the following verses when I was a boy :

“Dr. Hough, he keeps good stuff,  
And lives just under the steeple ;  
By hook or by crook, he keeps his good looks  
And takes the cash from the people.”

These lines so pleased the doctor that he was often in the habit of repeating them.

#### LEVI SILLIMAN IVES

Was born in Meriden parish on the 16th of September, 1797. At an early age he removed with his parents to Lewis county, N. Y., where he lived until he was sent to the academy at Lowville. During the last months of the war with Great Britain he served in the army, but upon the return of peace went back to school, entering Hamilton college in 1816. At first he studied for the ministry of the Presbyterian church, but before he was ordained, illness compelled him to leave the college, and upon his recovery to health his religious views became changed and he allied himself with the Protestant Episcopal denomination. In 1820 he removed to New York,

where he studied theology under Bishop Hobart, who ordained him in August, 1822. Three years later he married Rebecca, a daughter of the Bishop. After his ordination his first mission was to Batavia, Genesee Co.; subsequently he took charge of Trinity church, Philadelphia, where he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop White, and in 1827 removed to Lancaster, Pa., and officiated at Christ church. During the next year he returned to New York and served as assistant minister at Christ church for about six months, when he became rector of St. Luke's church. Here he remained until he was consecrated Bishop of North Carolina in 1831. While in North Carolina he became quite popular for his efforts in behalf of education and his success in providing for the spiritual welfare of the slaves. He also became widely known as a theological author from his works on the "Apostles' Doctrine and Fellowship," and the "Obedience of Faith," published in New York in 1849.

When the Oxford tract excitement broke out in the Episcopal church, he strongly sided with the tractarian movement, and this position caused his alienation from his diocese. The fact was that he doubted the truth of the Protestant faith for a long time, and in 1852, while on a visit to Rome, openly renounced his faith and was admitted to the Catholic church. This conversion on his part was severely denounced by the Protestant religious papers in the United States, and upon his return he defended the act in a work entitled "The Trials of a Mind in its Progress to Catholicism." (London and Boston, 1864). After his return to America, he became Professor of Rhetoric in St. Joseph's theological seminary, and lectured in the convents of the Sacred Heart and the Sisters of Charity. He also occasionally lectured in

public, and served as an active president of a conference of St. Vincent de Paul. In 1857 he conceived the idea of founding a home in New York for vagrant and orphan children of Catholic parentage, and, having obtained the approval of Archbishop Hughes, set energetically to work to carry out his design. The result of his philanthropic labors was the establishment of the Catholic Male Protectory, and the house of the Holy Angels, two of the most deserving charitable institutions in New York. Dr. Ives died at Fordham, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1867.

## ISAAC C. LEWIS

Son of Isaac and Esther (Beaumont) Lewis of Wallingford, was born Oct. 19, 1812. When he was about eleven years old his father died, and five years after his mother died. He attended school until the death of his father. About a year afterwards he was sent to live with Mr. Levi Yale, and the following summer with Moses Andrews in the west part of Meriden. At the end of the summer he went to live with his grandfather, Jared Lewis of Wallingford, who soon after died, when Isaac returned to Meriden to live with his brother Patrick Lewis. When in his fifteenth year he returned to Wallingford and was apprenticed to Hiram Yale to learn the britannia ware trade. His employer died when he was nineteen years old. He remained with the family a short time, then returned to Meriden and worked about two years for Lewis and Holt. In 1834, being then in his twenty second year, Mr. Lewis formed a copartnership with George Cowles under the title of Lewis and Cowles, and hired rooms in a factory in East Meriden for the manufacture of britannia metal goods. They remained here about two years, when they closed up business, Mr. Cowles going north, and Mr. Evans west.

This was in the summer of 1836. Mr. Lewis returned in the fall and commenced business again with Mr. Lemuel Curtis as partner, under the name of Lewis and Curtis, in a factory belonging to Mr. Samuel Cook in East Meriden. After about two years the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Curtis coming to Meriden center. Mr. Lewis soon after purchased a house and small farm about one mile east of Meriden center, and built a shop and put in a horse-power. Business increased to such an extent that a small engine was put in; but that proving to be insufficient, he bought the factory where he first commenced business with Mr. Cowles. He soon after associated with Daniel B. Wells, a former apprentice, under the name of I. C. Lewis & Co. Mr. Wells died soon after, and Mr. Lewis bought his interest. In 1852 the Britannia Company was formed, with Mr. Lewis as President. He remained President of the company about twelve years, when he declined holding the office any longer. He is still a member of the company, and takes an active interest in the business. Mr. Lewis married in 1836, Harriet, daughter of Noah Pomeroy, and has had six children, viz.: Melissa N., Martha E., Henry J., Isaac, Frank, and Katie A. Three are now living. Mr. Lewis represented the town in the Legislature in 1848, 1859, 1862, and 1866. He has given largely toward the support of the Universalist society in Meriden, and for fifteen years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Lewis commenced life without a dollar, and by his own exertions and strict attention to business has accumulated a large fortune. He never had a note protested, never was sued, nor has he ever entered a suit against any man. Universally loved and respected, he affords another example

in this town, of what honest industry and enterprise can accomplish.

## WILLIAM W. LYMAN

Son of Andrew and Anna (Hall) Lyman, was born in Woodford, Vt., March 29, 1821. When seven years of age his father died, and he removed to Northford, Conn. where he lived six years. In 1836 he came to Meriden and learned the trade of making britannia ware, of Griswold & Couch, serving five years. In 1844 he went into business on his own account, manufacturing britannia spoons in connection with Ira Couch, but after a short time bought him out. The shop stood a few rods north of his present residence. He remained there two years, and then removed his works to the Twiss factory in Prattsville. He was in business here for a short time with Lemuel J. Curtiss, but finally dissolved partnership and removed to the Frary shop, near the present works of the Malleable Iron Co. He was there about five years. He has been a member and director of the Meriden Britannia Co. since its organization. In Dec. 1858 he patented a fruit can which is known throughout the country as "Lyman's Fruit Jar." One house in Delaware has bought over 60,000 of these jars. He has also patented an ice pitcher, copper bottom tea-pot, butter dish and numerous other articles. Mr. Lyman represented Meriden in the Legislature in 1849, and is President of the Meriden Cutlery Co. In 1844 he married Roxanna G. Frary, and has one daughter, who married Henry Warren, of Watertown, Conn.

## JOHN PARKER

Son of Stephen and Rebecca Parker was born in Cheshire, Conn., in 1805. Receiving his early education

in the common schools of his native town, he at an early period of life took a decided stand on the side of Christ, and even then it was his earnest desire to prepare for the ministry and devote his life to preaching the gospel. To this end he entered upon the study of theology at the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., where he was graduated in 1831. He then removed to Massachusetts and was stationed at Webster two years. He afterwards supplied the pulpit at Newtown in 1833-4; Holliston, 1835; Lowell, 1836-7; Lynn, 1838-9; Holliston, 1840. In 1840 he came to Meriden and entered into business with his brother Charles.

In 1843 the Second Adventists were making a great excitement, and had quite a large number of followers in Meriden. Mr. Parker collected a number of these together and formed a society of Primitive Methodists. They assembled for worship in the building now used by the Messrs. Parkers as a spectacle-shop. It then stood where the office is now situated. It was through the exertions of Mr. Parker that the Methodist church grew and prospered in the town; and he, with his brother Charles, jointly contributed between thirty and forty thousand dollars toward the erection of the present church edifice. During his residence in Meriden, Mr. Parker has enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people, and has always been looked to as a friend and counselor. He has filled acceptably the offices of Selectman, Justice of the Peace, and Judge of Probate; and in 1870 was elected a Representative to the State Legislature. Mr. Parker was married in March, 1832, to Miss Emily Ward of Ashfield, Mass. She died June 1, 1867. He married for his second wife, Grace A. Belden, January 22, 1868. The following children were



by his first wife: Emily, born November 2, 1842, died December 17, 1843; George White, born September 19, 1846; Mary, born July 28, 1848, died Aug. 4, 1848; Frank Milton, born July 7, 1850, died October 7, 1850.

## NOAH POMEROY

Was born March 1, 1786, in Saybrook, Conn., and was the youngest of five children, three sons and two daughters. His father, Charles Pomeroy, was a merchant of that place, and died a short time previous to the birth of his youngest child. If a long and honorable line of ancestry is capable of conferring distinction, the subject of this sketch could scarcely have desired a more auspicious birth; for his family trace their ancestry into the eleventh century, to a distinguished Norman Knight, who fought at the battle of Hastings, under William. One of the descendants of the knight, Eltwood Pomeroy, emigrated to Massachusetts in 1630, from England, and was well known in the early Indian wars of New England; and the history of the Indian, French and Revolutionary wars, bears honorable record of the bravery and patriotism of many of his descendants.

Noah Pomeroy was descended from Eltwood, and his only inheritance was the good name and strong physical and mental capacities of his ancestors. After the death of his father, his brothers and sisters were kindly cared for and educated by his paternal grandfather, a man of considerable property and good standing in Colchester, Conn.; while he from necessity remained with his mother who removed with him to Meriden. When he was about five years old his mother contracted a second marriage, which to him proved of little advantage. He continued to live with his mother and step-father until he was ten

years old, when penniless and scarcely possessing a knowledge of the English alphabet, he commenced the world for himself.

His first great object was to secure an education which would enable him to transact the common business incident to a life of action and enterprise, such as his youthful preception had already foreshadowed as his destiny. In attempting to accomplish this, he was obliged to struggle with difficulties which those alone can rightly estimate who have had the same to contend with. The meagre earnings of the summer, with the most rigid economy, afforded a bare surplus to apply to the purpose of his education during the winter; and often this was lawfully claimed and obtained by his step-father.

At fifteen he commenced peddling tin ware, but this gave offence to some of his nearest relatives. After repeated solicitations by other members of the family, he was induced about three years afterwards to commence an apprenticeship with a carpenter and joiner; a trade in those days being esteemed next to a profession. He continued, however, but a short time in this employment. He had already selected the business most congenial to his feelings for his future occupation, and returning to his peddling wagon, he made use of it as the most direct and honorable means within his power, by which he could eventually make himself master of that business, and establish himself in the manufacture of tin ware. Accordingly at twenty, he apprenticed himself to a tin-smith for six months, for which he paid a stipulated sum, and in that almost incredibly short period, gained such an insight into the business as to enable him to become a complete master of the trade, which usually required

four or five years to learn. In the succeeding year he engaged in the manufacture of plain tin ware. During the same year he married Miss Mary Merriman, a lineal descendant of Lieut. Nathaniel Merriman, who was one of the first settlers of Wallingford, and who commanded in the early Indian wars. During the eleven years succeeding, he prosecuted a small yet successful business at various localities. In the Autumn of 1807, he removed to Plymouth, Conn., where he continued his business until 1815, with the exception of one winter spent at Baltimore. It was during his residence at Plymouth that the second war with Great Britain commenced, of which he was an enthusiastic supporter. He was tendered a lieutenant's commission in the regular army, which however he did not accept. In 1815 he returned to Wallingford, from whence he removed to Meriden in 1818, where he permanently established his business and purchased a farm on which he ever afterward lived. From this time he continued gradually to increase the yearly amount of his manufactures, yet not so fast as to endanger his credit. He was among the first to engage extensively in the manufacture of japanned and ornamented tin ware in this country. In 1839 he retired nominally from his business, which he left to his sons, and applied his energies, which were not in the least abated, to the improvement of his farm.

During his residence in Meriden he exercised a controlling influence in its affairs. He held all the offices within its gift, and that of selectman repeatedly until he declined an election. He filled the office of justice of the peace by appointment of the State Legislature, as long as it possessed the power to appoint. During his whole residence in Meriden he was scarcely ever removed

by a change in party politics. His knowledge of common law, and his impartial judgment may be estimated by the fact, that of all the cases which were ever brought before him, an appeal from his decision was never carried to the county court. An ardent advocate of progression and reform, and contending for the broadest religious and political liberty, he earnestly urged the necessity of calling the convention which remodeled the constitution of the state, and expunged many of those statutes which have been known as "blue laws." In 1832 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, and in 1837 he was chosen senator from the sixth district, and in that capacity exerted his influence for the abolition of the law which imprisoned for debt. In 1833 when the Meriden Bank was established he was appointed one of the directors, and in 1849 was chosen president, which office he shortly after resigned. Mr. Pomeroy died Nov. 23, 1868, in the eighty-second year of his age.

#### JULIUS PRATT

Was born Nov. 24, 1791, at Saybrook, Conn., and was the son of Deacon Phineas (and Hepsibah) Pratt, who was the son of Azariah, (born Aug., 1710), who was the son of John Jr. (born Sept. 5, 1671), who was the son of John (born Feb. 20, 1644), who was the eldest son of William, who came to this country with Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1633. Julius Pratt married Lydia, daughter of John De Wolfe of Westbrook, January 9, 1817. She was born March 18, 1795. His father's residence, where he himself lived in early life, was about one mile west of Pautapaug Point. At the age of fifteen he commenced work with his brothers Abel and Phineas, in ivory-comb making, and at the age of twenty-two en-

gaged with his brother Philo in the silversmith business in Pautapaug. In February 1818 he removed to Meriden, and in connection with Messrs. Bush, Williams, Howard, Reed, Starkey, Rogers and Spencer, soon commenced the manufacture of ivory combs on Harbor brook, a little south of the Middletown and Waterbury turnpike bridge. Finding his water-power too small for his increasing business he removed to what is now called Prattsville. Joined with Mr. Webb he continued to be a leading member of the ivory comb business, and his energy and enterprise contributed in a large degree to the development of this branch of manufactures, which in a few years distanced foreign competition, and at the present time is a large and important business, the goods being exported to nearly all parts of the world. While Mr. Pratt was heavily engaged in business at Prattsville, he was also interested in another company at Crow Hollow, afterward at Hanover, where much of his time was occupied. He was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of cutlery, and had the pleasure while living, of seeing that business well established on a firm and profitable basis. He was a stockholder and director in the Home National Bank of Meriden from its commencement. In this connection, as in all other business relations, his counsel was sought and relied upon at all times.

As a citizen he always enjoyed the respect and confidence of the community where he lived. Uncompromising in principle, unflinching in the discharge of duty, sagacious as an adviser, modest in demeanor, active and liberal in private and public charities, and affectionate towards his family and friends, it may well be said that the best blood of the Puritans flowed in his

veins. He never sought for preferment, but was called to represent his town in the State Legislature of 1852, and was elected Senator of the Sixth District of Connecticut in 1854. In his business intercourse he may have left the impression at times that he was austere; but his apparent sternness arose from the promptness and decision with which he always transacted his business. His language was direct, final and rigidly business like. He was seldom misunderstood, and but few ever attempted to swerve or cajole him. Beneath his apparent harshness was an inner life as gentle as a dove. He loved with a woman's heart, but he spoke with the promptness of a business man, and in all his movements there was a kind of military precision which, to the unobserving, might easily be misapprehended. He died August 31, 1869. His children are, Harriet Melinda, born April 24, 1818; Julius H., born August 1, 1821; William McLain, born December 12, 1837.<sup>1</sup>

#### BENJAMIN TWISS

Was born in Meriden Oct. 31, 1798. He early commenced the manufacture of wooden clocks in Prattsville, and did a large business. Later in life he manufactured coffee-mills at the same place. He was one of the most active men of the day in town affairs, holding at different times the offices of constable, justice of the peace, selectman and assessor. He was appointed postmaster in

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<sup>1</sup> William McLain Pratt graduated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, N. Y., with the degree of civil engineer, in the class of 1857. He visited South America in 1860 and 1861, crossing the continent from Buenos Ayres to Valparaiso, via Mendoza and the Andes. He enlisted as a private in the 8th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, in May, 1862, and was wounded in the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. He was promoted to the office of second lieutenant in November, 1862, and that of first lieutenant and adjutant in June, 1863.

1853, but resigned. He took an active interest in the establishment of the Reform school; also in the Air-line railroad. He married March 7, 1832, Miss Lucy G. Francis of Wethersfield, Conn. Mr. Twiss died January 23, 1854.

HON. DEXTER R. WRIGHT

Was born in Windsor, Vermont, on the 27th of June, 1821. His ancestors were among the first settlers of Vermont, and one of them was killed in the frontier wars with the Canadians and Indians. Alpheus Wright, his father, held a commission in the war of 1812, and was severely wounded in the battle at Plattsburg.

During the boyhood of Dexter, his father removed to the northern part of New York, where he carried on the milling and lumber business, together with a woolen factory. All of his sons were employed in these various branches of business, and each learned some useful trade. Dexter, however, being of a studious turn of mind, prepared himself for college and entered the University at Middletown, from which he graduated in 1845. In the same year, he became principal of the Meriden Academy, and continued as such for nearly a year and a half; having given instruction to many youths who are now among the energetic and successful business men of Meriden. He was noted for his firm discipline and thorough teaching; and the Academy flourished under his administration.

In the year 1846, he entered the Yale law school at New Haven, from which he graduated in 1848. During his studies at Yale, as well as throughout his collegiate course, he gave great promise of future eminence in his profession; and particularly in that branch of it pertaining to advocacy. In 1848 he commenced the

practice of law in Meriden, and soon after married Miss Maria H. Phelps, daughter of Col. E. L. Phelps, of East Windsor, Conn.

In 1849 he was elected senator for the 6th senatorial district, and was the youngest man that had ever been elected to the state senate from that district. He served with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. After the adjournment of the Legislature, he sailed for California, where he remained for two years practising in the territorial courts and taking part in the early political history of that state.

In 1851 he returned to Meriden and continued the practice of his profession until 1862, when he entered the Union army as colonel of the fifteenth regiment, Connecticut volunteers. His practice in Meriden during this period was large and successful, and he had the confidence and esteem of all men as a thorough lawyer, an honest man, and a good citizen. The people of Meriden are largely indebted to his cultivation and taste as a pioneer in beautifying the village, and in urging forward general public improvements, and his spirit in those matters has become, largely from his example, the prevailing spirit of the people of the present city.

He was commissioned Lieut. Col. of the 14th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, early in 1862; and he assisted in raising a company for that Regiment. He had also aided in raising companies for every preceding regiment, for that purpose speaking in different parts of the State. Owing to his zeal in the cause of the Union, Gov. Buckingham, without consulting Col. Wright's wishes, commissioned him Colonel of the 15th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers; thus promoting him before he entered the field. The latter Regiment



he recruited to its full number and six hundred in excess in an unprecedentedly short time, by his personal exertions and great influence and popularity.

His regiment went to Virginia in August, 1862, where for several months he commanded a brigade. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, under Burnside. After about a year's service in the field, he was discharged upon surgeon's certificate of disability, and subsequently, upon special request of Gov. Buckingham, he was appointed commissioner on the Board of Enrollment for the 2nd Congressional District, the duties of which he discharged with marked ability and zeal in the cause of the nation. In 1863 he was elected to the General Assembly of Conn. as a representative from the town of Meriden.

Having served in the field and as commissioner for three years with great pecuniary sacrifice, Col. Wright removed, at the close of the war, to New Haven, Conn.; where he resumed the practice of the law, and has continued therein to the present time. He has served as United States assistant District Attorney for a term of years, and discharged the duties of that office with ability and satisfaction to the public.

His present law partner is H. Lynde Harrison, Esq., who is himself somewhat identified with the history of Wallingford. Mr. Harrison taught school in Wallingford in 1858-9, and represented the 6th senatorial district, of which Meriden is a part, in 1865 and 1866; and he is a young man of ability and promise.

Mr. Wright is a thoroughly educated man. His studies are not confined to the legal profession alone; but he is well read in every department of general literature and national science. He has even pursued his

studies into medicine ; and several years ago, the honorary degree of M. D. was conferred upon him by a medical college in the city of New York. His maxim is that of Lord Bacon, " All knowledge is my province ; " and he is not satisfied with the mastery of one profession only. His personal integrity has never been questioned, and his professional honor is fully up to the high standard always maintained by the Connecticut bar. His mind works quickly and logically, and has been well trained for the successful practice of the most drastic profession pursued by men. His diction is at all times polished and elegant ; his command of language and power of characterization is almost wonderful ; and his manners are dignified and well calculated to please all with whom he comes in contact. As a lawyer he is remarkably strong ; as an examiner of witnesses he is powerful ; in the presentation of facts in argument to court or jury, he is clear and forcible ; in the preparation of his cases for trial, thorough and exhaustive ; and, in his drafting of pleadings, neat, clear and logical.

Since his removal to New Haven in 1864, he has, by strict attention to his business, built up a large and lucrative practice. He is a laborious worker, and is devoted to his calling, and has attained a position in his profession, which his many friends are glad to see him occupy.

Col. Wright, though a republican in sentiment, participates but little in politics ; yet the republicans have few men in Connecticut who could shed more honor upon their party than he, were he to actually enter upon political life. Though not a native of Meriden, he has been for so many years identified with her interests and progress, that this notice of him is due more to the town





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than to him ; and the people of Meriden can never feel less than a strong interest in his future success and welfare.

## WILLIAM YALE

Son of Samuel and Eunice (Payne) Yale, was born March 13, 1784. He attended the schools of the town until he was old enough to work, when he was apprenticed to learn the tin business, and finally went into the business on his own account. It was his custom to go to Boston and purchase a box of tin ; then with the assistance of a sail-maker, he would make two bags in which he would put the tin ; then swinging it across his horse's back, he would bring it to Meriden, and make it into long tin combs, pint-cups and other articles.

In 1817 he bought the farm of Benjamin Merriam, which comprised nearly the whole of what is now West Meriden. The land was purchased for \$2500, he giving a note for \$1800 for one year, and paying the remainder in cash. Previous to the note coming due, he learned that it was the intention of Mr. Merriam to demand the payment of it in specie, and he prepared himself accordingly, by gradually accumulating the whole amount in sixpence and one shilling pieces. As he brought the coin home, Lyman Collins and Joel Hall counted it and put it in bags, upon which they put their private seal. This was continued until the whole amount was deposited in the bags. The day that the note became due, Mr. Yale stationed his son at the hotel, to watch for any stranger that might come. In the afternoon a gentleman drove up to the hotel, and enquired where Esq. Yale lived. The boy at once informed Messrs. Collins and Hall, and they repaired to Mr. Yale's to meet the stranger, who soon made his appearance.

After a few remarks, the decanter with sugar, lemons, etc., was brought out, according to the custom of the times, and all took a drink. The stranger then remarked, that he was the sheriff of Hartford county, and had come to demand payment of the note which was due that day, and that he was ordered to demand specie payment. "Very well," replied Mr. Yale, "I have anticipated your demand, and am prepared to meet it." He then told Messrs. Collins and Hall to bring out the bags and examine the seals, and they were found all right. Mr. Yale then untied the bags and emptied the contents on the table, first sixpences and then shillings; then turning to the sheriff said, "There is \$1800. which I tender to you in payment of my note, due this day." The sheriff was completely nonplussed. "It will take me a week to count it," said he. "Very well," replied Mr. Yale, "I don't doubt it, for it has taken me six months to get it." The sheriff took another drink, then filling the bags, he took his departure, after asking Mr. Yale if he did his own coining.

Mr. Yale took an active interest in the affairs of the town, and was much respected by his townsmen. He married Mary Johnson, Nov. 20, 1803, and died Jan. 23, 1833, in the forty-ninth year of his age. Mary, his wife, died April 1, 1854, æ. sixty-nine years. His son, Edwin Rodolphus Yale, was born Aug. 8, 1804, and was extensively engaged in business in Meriden for many years. He is now the proprietor of the Mansion House, Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### SAMUEL YALE

Was the son of Samuel and Eunice (Payne) Yale, and was born April 4, 1786. He was the third of a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters. At an

early age he was engaged with his father in the manufacture of cut nails, in a little shop which stood nearly in front of the present center Congregational church. He and his father worked the nail machine with their own hands, and each nail was headed separately. The elder Mr. Yale soon after commenced the manufacture of pewter buttons, which met with a ready sale, his son working with him. The father died Sept. 18, 1804, in his forty-seventh year, and after his death the son continued the business in connection with his brother Hiram, employing two or three men. Samuel and Hiram afterwards removed to Richmond, Va., where they remained several years engaged in the tin business. They finally returned to Meriden, where, in connection with two other brothers, William and Charles, they commenced the manufacture of tin and britannia ware. Their goods were sold chiefly by peddlers. The Yales were very enterprising men and imported from England more skilled artizans, and soon took the lead in the manufacture of britannia goods, such as tea-sets, church services,<sup>1</sup> etc. Charles and Hiram removed to Wallingford and commenced business, and had for an apprentice Mr. Samuel Simpson. Samuel Yale remained in Meriden and continued the tin and britannia business, occupying a shop on Liberty-st., and afterwards on the corner of Broad and East Main-st. He continued here until 1858, when he retired from business. The shop is still standing a few rods east from Broad-st.

Mr. Yale in his younger days was deputy sheriff for several years. When the Meriden Bank was organized

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<sup>1</sup> The author has in his possession a flagon which was manufactured by the Yale Brothers. It was a part of the communion service of the First Baptist church in Meriden.

he was chosen one of the directors, and held the office until his death. He was President and trustee of the Meriden Academical Association while it was in existence. In 1850 he erected the building known as the Odd Fellows Building; and in 1856 erected the brick building on the northeast corner of Broad and Main-sts. Mr. Yale died March 12, 1854, æ. 79 years. His wife died in 1865 in her 79th year.

WM. HUBBARD YALE

Son of Jonathan and Alma (Hubbard) Yale, was born in Meriden Nov. 22, 1817, in the house in which he now



WILLIAM HUBBARD YALE.

lives. The house was known to the old residents of the town as the "Penfield place," and was built by Mr. Wm. Yale's grandfather. Mr. Yale gives most of his time to the cultivation of his farm, but finds time to take an active interest in town affairs. To his memory the author is indebted for many facts contained in this volume. Mr. Yale married June 27, 1841, Miss Maria M. Hubbard.



## JAMES S. BROOKS

Was born in Haddam, Conn., March 1, 1796. He came to Meriden when he was sixteen years old, a poor boy, and was apprenticed to David Plant, to learn the business of carpenter and joiner. He served his apprenticeship, and worked at the business a few years. Major Elisha A. Cowles was engaged in business in Meriden at that time, and having become acquainted with young Brooks, he employed him to travel and sell dry-goods and Yankee notions for him. Mr. Brooks with a single horse and wagon, in which he carried his goods, drove to South Carolina, and there carried on business in connection with Mr. Cowles, under the name of J. S. Brooks & Co., for nearly twenty years; his family residing, in the meantime, in Meriden. When he returned to Meriden to live, he was engaged in numerous enterprises, at one time manufacturing augers, and at another as one of the firm of Parker, Snow, Brooks & Co., occupying the buildings now used by Parker Brothers. Mr. Brooks was one of the pioneers in building the Hartford, New Haven and Springfield railroad, was a Director for several years, Vice President, and for a number of years acting President. He was largely identified with the affairs of the town, serving as Selectman, Judge of Probate, Justice of the Peace and as Representative of the town to the State Legislature in 1839, 1844, 1855 and 1857. He was very active in church affairs, and gave the land on which the West Meriden Congregational church was built, and the sum of one thousand dollars towards the building. He had a good knowledge of human nature, and a quick perception of the character and intent of men. He was ardent in his temperament, strong in his attachments, and kind as a friend and

neighbor. Possessing strong common sense and good mother-wit, and an indomitable will and perseverance, he made his influence felt in the community. Mr. Brooks married, Aug. 31, 1823, Millicent A., daughter of Patrick Clark of this town. He died Oct. 29, 1862, leaving ten children: six daughters and four sons. One of the latter, John C., died in 1864, after nearly three years' service in the Union Army. He occupied the house just north of the depot in West Meriden.

#### LEMUEL J. CURTIS

Son of Elisha and Abigail (Hall) Curtis, was born Jan. 15, 1814. He attended school until he was sixteen years old, when he was apprenticed to Ira Yale of Wallingford to learn the britannia ware business. After serving about twelve months, he, together with Mr. Wm. Elton, bought out Mr. Yale and formed a partnership in which they continued about one year. In the summer of 1836 Mr. Curtis and Mr. Isaac C. Lewis went to Illinois, intending to settle there and carry on business together; but Mr. Lewis was taken sick, and they soon returned to Meriden, and formed a partnership and commenced manufacturing britannia ware about two miles east of the town. The partnership was soon dissolved, and Mr. Curtis, together with his brother Edwin E. Curtis, manufactured britannia ware in Meriden for a few years. Mr. Lemuel Curtis then formed a partnership with Mr. William Lyman, and when the Meriden Britannia Company was formed in 1852, they both became members of the company. Mr. Curtis has been one of the directors of the company since its organization, and an active member until 1868. He has long been an active member of the Episcopal Church; was vestryman for several years,

and is now one of the wardens. He married Dec. 24, 1835, Bedotha P. Button, and has had two children.

## ASHABEL GRISWOLD

Was born in Rocky Hill, Conn., April 4, 1784. He removed to Meriden in 1808, eating his first meal in



ASHABEL GRISWOLD.

Meriden at the residence of Mr. James Frary, in the north part of the town. On this occasion he first met Mr. Frary's daughter Lucy, whom he afterward married. Previous to his coming to Meriden he had learned the block-tin business of Captain Danforth of Rocky Hill, and soon after coming here he commenced business in a small shop near the residence of Mr. Samuel Clark, in Clarksville, now Fraryville, manufacturing tea-pots and other articles from block-tin. In 1810 he built the house just north of the residence of Mr. Wm. Lyman, and near this he built a shop which he occupied until 1842, when he retired from business. Mr. Griswold was a very energetic business man and highly respected in the community. He was President of the Meriden Bank for some years, one of the wardens of the Episcopal church,

Justice of the Peace, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1831 and 1847. He married 1st, Lucy Frary ; 2nd, the widow of Andrew Lyman, and died May 30, 1853, æ. 69 years.

ELI IVES

Son of Othniel and Sarah (Yale) Ives was born in the house now occupied by his brother Othniel Ives Jr. in the eastern part of the town, January, 1809. He remained on the farm until his twenty-second year, when with Mr. Noah Pomeroy he commenced the manufacture of tin ware. In 1837 he went to Wetumpka, Alabama, and commenced business in which he retained an interest, although living most of the time in Meriden. In 1843 he bought the Tyler mills in Yalesville, and carried on the milling business and manufacture of britannia spoons. In 1849, in company with Mr. Bennett Jeralds he commenced manufacturing britannia spoons and other articles in Prospect, Conn. The business was



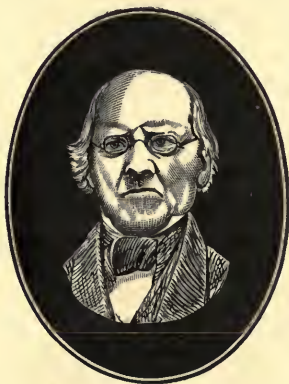
ELI IVES.

carried on until 1854. In 1852 Mr. Ives was admitted as a partner in the firm of Goodrich and Ratty, and

the firm was changed to Goodrich, Ives and Ratty. Mr. Goodrich retired in 1864, and Edwin R. Crocker and Nelson Payne were admitted, making the firm Ives, Ratty and Co. He has been a member of the common council, and also one of the aldermen. His services have been often called for in the settlement of estates; and he has taken an active interest in city improvements.

## LAUREN MERRIMAN

Son of Asaph and Damaris Merriman, was born in Meriden in 1787. He early commenced the manufacture of block tin buttons in his own house, and afterwards



LAUREN MERRIMAN:

in a small shop which is now occupied as a dwelling-house, and stands opposite the north end of Foster and Merriman's shop. He afterwards commenced the manufacture of ivory combs in Crow Hollow, where he continued until 1830, when he sold out the business. He was a very active and enterprising man, devoted entirely to his business, and accumulated a large property. He married Temperance Todd of Bristol, Conn., and had six children. His three sons have been actively

engaged in business in this town; viz., Asaph, Nelson, and Lauren T. Mr. Merriman died in April, 1867, æ. 80 years.

ORVILLE H. PLATT

Son of Daniel G. and Almira Platt, was born in Washington, Litchfield county, Conn., July 19, 1827. He received his early education in his native town, and studied law with G. H. Hollister Esq., of Litchfield. He was admitted to the bar, and in the spring of 1851 he removed to Meriden and commenced the practice of law. He was appointed Judge of Probate in 1853-4-5 and 6; was Clerk of the Senate in 1855-6; Secretary of State in 1857; State Senator in 1861-2; and Representative in 1864-9. He was speaker of the House of Representatives in 1869. Mr. Platt has always ranked high in the legal profession. His success as a lawyer has been dependent on an unshaken conviction of his probity, untiring diligence and devotion to the interests of his clients, and his comprehensive knowledge of the law, and his admirable judgment. The impulse he has communicated while living, to all schemes of public enterprise and improvement, will doubtless continue; but his aid and influence would be missed in many channels which no other could successfully fill. Mr. Platt married May 15, 1850, Miss Annie Bull of Towanda, Penn., and has had two children, Daniel G. who died young, and James P. who is now in Yale College.

SAMUEL PADDOCK

Was born in Middletown, Conn., Feb. 22, 1784, and removed to Meriden in 1806. For over fifty years he was one of the active and influential men of the town, holding several offices in the gift of the town. He was

by occupation a farmer. August 20, 1803, he married Miss Polly Sears. January 22, 1823, he married for his second wife Charlotte Yale. He died August 7, 1869.



SAMUEL PADDOCK.

One of his sons, Charles Paddock, is an extensive farmer in the eastern part of the town. Another son, Samuel C. Paddock, is well known as a business man in Meriden.

CHARLES PARKER

Son of Stephen and Rebecca Parker, was born in Cheshire, Conn., January 2, 1809. When nine years of age he was placed with a farmer by the name of Porter Cook; where he remained until he was fourteen. He continued on a farm until he was eighteen, when he went to work in Southington casting buttons for Anson Matthews. He remained there one year and then removed to Naugatuck, then a part of Waterbury, where he worked for Horace and Harry Smith about six months. In August, 1828, Mr. Parker came to Meriden and hired out to Patrick Lewis, making coffee-mills. In December, 1829, he went into business for himself with a capital of

seventy dollars, taking a contract from Lewis and Holt for thirteen months to manufacture coffee-mills. His shop stood nearly opposite his present residence. During the thirteen months Mr. Parker cleared thirteen hundred dollars. He then took in as partner, Mr. Jared Lewis, and took another contract from Lewis and Holt, to manufacture coffee-mills, ladles and skimmers. In January, 1831, he sold out to Mr. Jared Lewis and bought an acre of ground lying west of his present residence. On this ground was an old brown house, and Mr. Parker paid for the house and ground, six hundred and fifty dollars. On the back of this lot he built a shop which was finished in the spring of 1832, in which he manufactured coffee-mills and waffle irons. Mr. Parker then went to market with his own goods. In Nov. 1833 Lewis and Holt failed, thus leaving the whole market in Mr. Parker's hands. In 1833 he associated with his brother Edmund and Heman White, under the firm name of Parker and White, and carried on business until 1835, when Edmund Parker was sent to Montgomery, Alabama, with clocks and dry goods. In 1836 he returned, and Mr. White went to Montgomery with dry goods, which sold readily. In October, 1837, he made a second trip to Alabama with a large stock of dry goods; but the hard times came on and he lost heavily, much embarrassing the firm of Parker and White, who did not fully recover from their embarrassment for over six years. They were often advised by their friends to fail, but did not, and paid all debts in full with interest. During this time Edmund Parker sold out his interest to Mr. White, and in 1843 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. White going south, where he soon failed. He came back to Meriden and hired out to Mr. Parker for one



hundred dollars a month. He built the house now owned and occupied by Mr. John W. Miles, corner of Broad and Elm streets. He died there of consumption. Mr. Parker's business steadily increased, and in 1844 he added largely to his buildings, putting in steam power, having previously used horse power. He was the first to manufacture plated spoons and forks, and the first to plate hollow ware in Meriden. Mr. Parker owns besides his shop in Meriden center, a factory in East Meriden, one about two miles west of Meriden, one in Yalesville, one in West Meriden, and occupies the Twiss shop in Prattsville. His business now amounts to about one million dollars a year.

His success in life has been owing to strict economy and close application to business; he often working fifteen hours a day, attending to his large correspondence evenings. He has been distinguished for good sense, great industry, method in business, and punctuality in all his engagements. At the age of thirty-one, Mr. Parker experienced religion, and after two years united with the Methodist church. He gave the Methodists the lot on Broad street on which their church was built, and also gave three-quarters of what the building cost; and he with his brother John jointly contributed between thirty and forty thousand dollars towards the erection of the present Methodist church. His liberality has been great but unostentatious; and whenever he has conferred a favor he has endeavored to conceal it from the world. Mr. Parker has always refused to accept office, though often urged to do so, until Meriden was incorporated a city; when he was elected Mayor, which office he held two years.

Mr. Parker married October 6, 1831, Miss Abi Lewis

Eddy, of Berlin, and has had ten children; four are now living. The youngest son, Dexter Wright Parker, was graduated at West Point in the spring of 1870, he being then in his twenty-first year.

EDMUND PARKER

The youngest son of Stephen and Rebecca Parker, was born in Cheshire, Conn., Feb. 9, 1811. He removed to Meriden at an early age, and shortly after became connected with his brother Charles and Mr. Heman White, in the manufacture of hardware, under the name of Parker and White, which firm were really the pioneers of the business enterprise of Meriden. To their energy, perseverance and success, is due in a great measure the growth and present prosperity of the town. Upon the dissolution of Parker and White he associated himself with his brother John in the brass and iron-foundry business, and in the manufacture of coffee-mills and other hardware, under the firm name of J. & E. Parker, which partnership continued until his health failed in 1865, when he sold out his interest to his brother Charles. He was Selectman and also County Commissioner for several years. He embraced Christianity at an early age, and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Meriden. He joined the Episcopal Church in 1858, in which communion he remained until his death, which occurred April 19, 1866, at the age of fifty-five years. Mr. Parker was distinguished for the clearness and strength of his judgment, the ease and accuracy with which he transacted business, and the kindness and affability which he uniformly manifested in all the relations of life; and while always attentive to business, he was



EDMUND PARKER.



never neglectful of the duties of friendship nor of social life generally. Mr. Parker married Miss Jennette Bradley of Branford, and had seven children, four of whom are now living.

JOSEPH J. WOOLLEY

son of Joseph and Fannie (Burroughs) Woolley, was born at Bridgeport, Conn., September 17, 1832. He



REV. JOSEPH J. WOOLLEY.

studied for the ministry in the M. E. Church, and joined the New York East Conference in 1856, and was stationed at South Norwalk, Conn. When the war broke out in 1861, he was commissioned as chaplain in the 8th Regiment, Conn. Volunteers, and was connected with the Burnside expedition into North Carolina, being

actively engaged in the battles of Roanoke Island and Newbern. Constant exposure for weeks brought on an attack of typhoid fever, and he came home in the spring of 1862. Immediately after his recovery he presented the cause of the Chaplain's aid Commission in this State; and it was while engaged in this work, that he was invited to become the Pastor of the Center Congregational Church in Meriden, Conn., where he was installed October 22, 1862; having been previously ordained by Bishop Simpson in the Methodist Church. Mr. Woolley was brought up in the Congregational Church under the pastorate of Dr. N. Hewitt, but was converted in the Methodist Church, which will account for his connection with that church, for which he still cherishes the warmest affection. Mr. Woolley has been twice married. His first wife was the daughter of Charles Briscoe of Bridgeport, Conn., with whom he lived five years; during four years of which she was an invalid, being confined to her room the greater part of the time. She died May 6th, 1860, leaving no children. In Dec. 1861 he married the daughter of Dea. Stephen G. and Mary A. Ferris of South Norwalk, Conn., by whom he has two children, a son and daughter.

In his present pastorate, Mr. W. succeeded the Rev. O. H. White of New Haven. The church membership at that time was 154; it is now 224. His church is the original church of Meriden, having been organized in October, 1729.

#### HORACE C. WILCOX

Son of Elisha B. and Hepsibah (Cornwall) Wilcox, was born in Middletown, Ct., Jan. 26, 1824. He lived on his father's farm until he was twenty years old, attending school until he was eighteen. In his twentieth year he

commenced peddling, and followed this business for nearly two years. In 1850 he came to Meriden and began selling britannia ware for Mr. James Frary, and finally furnished Mr. Frary with stock, and took all of the goods that he manufactured. He followed this business for several years, taking also the goods manufactured by Messrs. Wm. Lyman and John Munson of Wallingford, and I. C. Lewis & Co. Mr. Wilcox took in partnership his brother Dennis C. Wilcox, and under the firm name of H. C. Wilcox and Co., remained until Dec., 1852, when the Meriden Britannia Company was formed. The Company comprised Mr. Horace Wilcox, his brother Dennis, and the men for whom he had been selling goods. Mr. Lewis was elected President, and Mr. Wilcox Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. George R. Curtis, then the Cashier of the Meriden Bank, was admitted into the Company and filled the office of Treasurer, Mr. Wilcox continuing Secretary until 1865, when he was appointed President of the Company. The principal trait in Mr. Wilcox's character is an indomitable energy and perseverance. From a borrowed capital of three dollars, with which he commenced business, he has accumulated a large property. The success of the Meriden Britannia Company demonstrate his enterprise and sagacity. Success as the result of the skillful use of means and the powers of nature, persistent success, always proves ability. Judged by this standard, Mr. Wilcox is no ordinary man. He married first, August 9, 1849, Charlotte A., daughter of Jabez Smith of Middletown, by whom he had five children. He married second, May 31, 1865, Miss Ellen M., daughter of Edmund Parker, by whom he has two children.

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## ALMER HALL

Son of David and Thankful Hall, was born in Wallingford, Sept. 10, 1793. His early boyhood was spent with his parents on the farm. His opportunities for intellectual improvement were limited. After leaving the farm, he commenced for himself by peddling tin ware and "Yankee notions" over the Alleghany mountains, through Virginia, Tennessee and other States, for Charles Yale of Wallingford. After following this business a few years, he opened a small store in Wallingford for the sale of dry goods and groceries. He continued in that business several years. In 1827 he commenced the manufacture of britannia spoons, but did not succeed well in the business. In 1834 he went into company with Walter Martin for the purpose of manufacturing wooden screws. They soon failed, and Mr. Hall lost \$9,000, all that he was worth. He became very despondent, and had no ambition to commence business again; but visiting New York, a friend gave him seven pounds of German silver and told him to begin life again. In 1837 Mr. Hall formed a copartnership with William Elton under the firm name of Hall, Elton & Co., for the purpose of manufacturing German silver ware. They were the first successful manufacturers of this ware in this country. He continued in this business until his death, Jan. 15, 1865, at the age of seventy-two years. He was the last one of the constituent members of the Baptist Church, which was organized in May, 1817. Four weeks afterwards he was chosen deacon, and ever after used the office well, "purchasing to himself a good degree." He had a more than ordinary gift for prayer and exhortation, and used it well to the last. He was thoroughly versed in the great doctrines of



grace. It was his delight to hear them preached, and to converse about them in private. Mr. Hall was a quiet, unassuming man, and was possessed of that charity which "thinketh no evil." He was inclined to put the best construction on the acts of others, and to impute to them the best motives possible. He was confiding and unsuspecting, so much so as to suffer loss from some with whom he transacted business. For many years he was the chief support of the church, when it could not have been sustained without him. Mr. Hall married, 1st, Miss Lois Twiss of Meriden; 2nd, Miss Fanny Silliman Ives of Meriden; 3rd, March, 1840, Mrs. Clarissa Cooke of Wallingford. He had seven children, two of whom are living, viz.: Almer I. and Jane A., wife of Mr. D. W. Fields of Wallingford.

## ELIHU YALE

Son of Theophilus and Azubah (De Wolf) Yale, was born in Wallingford in 1747. He married Lucretia, daughter of Abraham and Prudence Stanley of the same town, Nov. 24, 1774. He was a blacksmith, and was one of the first in Connecticut who commenced the manufacture of scythes and bayonets. Being successful in business, from a small beginning he accumulated a large estate. He was in the service of his country during the Revolution, and was an active and efficient man in all his undertakings. He died suddenly, having attended Church during the day, Sunday evening May 12, 1806, in his fifty-ninth year, leaving seven children.

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS. LETTERS. CATHOLIC CHURCH.  
LAWYERS. MERIDEN GRAYS.

AT a special town meeting holden at Wallingford Jan. 27, 1794, "Voted unanimously that this town do disapprove of the measures taken by the General Assembly in October last relative to the sale of the western territory belonging to this State, and the appropriation of the avails thereof; and that we deem it our duty to use every prudent method to prevent the aforesaid measures being carried into effect, and that the above Vote be inserted in the *Connecticut Journal*."

At the October session of the General Assembly, 1726, a grant of three hundred acres of land in the town of Goshen was made to John Hull of Wallingford, James Wadsworth of Durham and Hezekiah Brainerd of Hadam (father of the missionary David Brainerd), for public services. It was called the Esquires' Farm, from its being given to these persons, each of whom had the title of Esquire.

[From the CONNECTICUT JOURNAL, April 29, 1768.]

As I have never burthened the public to read or you to publish any of my productions, I flatter myself the subsequent succinct suggestions will be forgiven. As economy is the watchword of this reign, as candor was of the former, in the

courtly and ministerial style, it has crossed the Atlantic, and is in high vogue in America as well as in Westminster the city of the great king. The story is this: A few days since a strolling man in soldier's regimental garb, calling himself James McCannon, with a blazing woman, came into my house in early morn, begged for cider, then three mugs deep, as I was informed; after some admonitions given him, my affairs pressing my immediate departure, I left him in the house, on which he soon became very boisterous, attempted to pilfer some things which my domestic discovered; finally carried off a brass save-all, of a stand of candleticks (then undiscovered), what else is at present unknown. This, though trifling in its value intrinsically, but as an ancient patrimonial legacy of high estimation, not only is a standing evidence of their prudent economy, but *ex vi termini* a memento of economy and save-all. And hereby I beg leave to give warning to all families to beware of such strolling pilferers, if they would save all. I beg leave also to ask the public, whether it would not be of public utility, to have task-masters in every town to compel them to labor, as they are passing every day in our streets, and will be probably more and more, or some other similar salutary measure. I ask pardon for one more hint which pops into my head, while my pen is moving, as a supplemental suggestion to economy and save-all. A respectable physician of the city of London, of high renown in the faculty, told the subscriber that he required his servants to save all the rags, not that it was of the least avail to him, but only a specimen of economy—save-all, and withal added, "The rags in this city are worth sixty thousand pounds sterling a year." I hope the paper-mill manufacturers will not esteem the foregoing hint burthensome, though the public may what precedes. Gentlemen, if it appear more eligible to save your pains and paper than print this, remember and save all.

I am your most humble servant,

E. HALL.

Wallingford, 5 o'clock, April 27th.

[From the CONNECTICUT GAZETTE.]

At a meeting of the true sons of Liberty in Wallingford, in New Haven county, on the evening of the 13th day of January, 1766, after duly formed by choosing a moderator and a clerk, the following resolves were come into, viz. :

*Resolved*, 1 That the late act of Parliament, called the Stamp Act, is unconstitutional, and intended to enslave the true subjects of America.

*Resolved*, 2. That we will oppose the same to the last extremity, even to take the field.

*Resolved*, 3. That we will meet at the Court House in New Haven, on the third Tuesday of February next; and we desire all the sons of liberty in each town in the county would meet there by themselves or representatives; there to consult what is best to be done in order to defend our liberties and properties, and break up the stop to public affairs.

*Resolved*, 4. That this meeting be adjourned to the first Tuesday of February next, then to choose our representatives to attend the aforesaid meeting.

A true copy, examined.

P. P. CLARK.

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The first Roman Catholic service in Meriden was held at a private residence in the north-east part of the town. The building now occupied as a residence near the corner of Liberty and Broad streets, and which then stood on the corner of Olive and South Broad streets, was soon after purchased and used by the Catholics for many years. Rev. Thomas Quinn was the first settled pastor, although Rev. Messrs. Stevens and Hugh Riley had previously had pastoral care of the society. During Rev. Mr. Quinn's pastorate, the present church of St. Rose of Lima was built at a cost of about \$25,000. Soon after the completion of the Church, Father Quinn was removed to another field of labor, and was succeeded

by Rev. Thomas Walsh, the present pastor. Rev. Mr. Sheridan was curate for a while under Father Walsh, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Plunkett, who in 1870 was removed. The church has recently been enlarged.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up for the first time in Wallingford on the 22nd of December, 1847, by a missionary Priest, in a private house on Main street, occupied by James Hanlon. Fifteen persons composed the congregation. From 1847 to 1857 the Catholics of Wallingford had divine service in private houses and in the hall of the tavern when it could be obtained, and it was attended by the Priest from Meriden. On the 23d of November, 1857, the corner stone of the present Catholic church was laid by the Rev. Thomas Quinn, then pastor of the Meriden church. Wallingford has ceased to be an out-mission to Meriden since 1868; Rev. Hugh Mallon being then appointed pastor. The Catholic population of Wallingford is now about one thousand.

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The corner-stone of the St. John's German Evangelical church was laid Friday, Oct. 19, 1866, Rev. Dr. Bohrman of Albany preaching the sermon. In the stone were deposited a Bible, Catechism, Records of the Church, a copy of the *Recorder*, and several evangelical newspapers. Rev. Gustavus A. Schmidt was the first pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. Charles Groeber.

#### LAWYERS.

Benajah Andrews was for many years the leading lawyer of Meriden. He was Judge of Probate in this district from 1844 to 1846, and from 1847 to 1850. Dexter R. Wright, a graduate of the Wesleyan Uni-

versity, of the class of 1845,<sup>1</sup> and Tilton E. Doolittle, a graduate of Yale College of the class of 1846, practised law in this town for many years. Orville H. Platt came here in 1851<sup>2</sup> and has held many important offices in the gift of the town. Savilian R. Hall practiced here for a short time, and removed to New Haven, as did Messrs. Wright and Doolittle. The lawyers at present in Meriden are as follows: George W. Smith, Cooke Lounsbury, George A. Fay, E. A. Merriman, Leverett L. Phelps and Ratcliffe Hicks.

#### MERIDEN GRAYS.

2d Brigade, Conn., State Militia. In 1830 the roll was as follows: *Captain*, Almeron Miles; *Lieutenant*, John S. Blake; *Ensign*, Osamas Crocker; *Sergeants*, Alfred P. Curtiss, Alanson Curtiss, Edmund Parker, Harrison W. Curtiss; *Bugler*, Elam L. Johnson; *Fifer*, Henry P. Judd; *Drummer*, John Miles Jr.; *Bass Drummer*, Loyal Smith; Almon Ives, Benj. H. Royce, Charles Parker, Charles Ranney, Daniel Hart, Edwin Birdsey, Ezra Ruddy, Edward N. Hall, Geo. Thrall, Harrison Curtiss, Henry Penfield, Henry W. Saltonstall, Horace Redfield, Isaac W. Curtiss, James S. Lathrop, Lyman Ives, Norman W. Pomeroy, Nelson Payne, Sydney P. Hall, Wm. H. Yale, Wm. D. Cutler, Wm. Green, John Houseman, Alanson Carter, Wm. Seymour, Wm. White, Elias M. Barnes, Hiram H. Royce.

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<sup>1</sup> See Biographical notices.

<sup>2</sup> See Biographical notices.



COL WILLIAM M. PRATT

COL THEODORE BYRBE

COL CHARLES L. UPHAM

CAPT ROGER M. FORD

CAPT JARED R. COOK

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## GENEALOGIES.

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“To trace lineage—to love and record the names and actions of those without whom we could never have been, who moulded and made us what we are, and whom the very greatest of us all must know to have propagated influences into his being, which must subtly but certainly act upon his whole conduct in this world—all this is implied in ancestry and the love of it, and is natural and good.” *Westminster Review, July, 1853.*

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### INTRODUCTION.

FEW know the amount of time, patience and labor, that is required in compiling genealogies, and no one can estimate the difficulty of collecting these materials, who has not had experience in similar undertakings. It has been said, that it was useless to tell antiquaries anything about the cost of such works, for they understood it; and it was equally useless to tell others, for they could not comprehend you. It is probable that this work would not have been printed for several years had not the services of Mr. ELIHU YALE been called into requisition. He has spent many years in examining town, church and family records, and in an extensive correspondence with the descendants of the families noticed in this work. Every one who has had any experience in labors of this kind, knows that errors are unavoidable. The neglect of parents in having the births, deaths, and marriages in their respective families recorded, renders it impossible in many cases, to collect from the town

records a correct list of a family. I have carefully compared these records with those of the neighboring towns, the published genealogies of some of the families, and also the records of the Probate office, and the office of the Register of deeds for the county. Thus in some instances I have supplied the record of whole families, not found upon the town records at all. It was my intention to bring the record of each family down to the present generation, but the work has grown to such a size that it will be impossible except in a few instances. Of the Parker, Street, and Brown families I have the record of several thousand names of collateral branches, and also the records of numerous Meriden families, since the incorporation of the town. These Meriden pedigrees I had hoped to have incorporated in this work, but perhaps sufficient inducement may be offered to print them separately ; they would occupy about two hundred pages. Any corrections or additions to the families mentioned in these genealogies will be thankfully received by the author.



ABERNATHY.<sup>1</sup>

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM ABERNATHY came to Wallingford from Branford. He was a native of Scotland, and was an active man among the settlers. The name of his 1st wife was Sarah. His 2nd wife was Elizabeth.

Children: 1 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 15, 1673; 2 *William*, b Jan. 23, 1675; 3 *Sarah*, b Oct. 10, 1677; 4 *Mary*, b Mar. 27, 1679; 5 *Samuel*, b Jan. 10, 1683, d Mar. 14, 1723; 6 *Daniel*, b Sept. 3, 1686; 7 *Susannah*, b July 18, 1689.

## 2. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM AND MARY ABERNATHY. He died Feb., 1728. She died Jan. 1, 1757.

Children: 8 *Mary*, b April 30, 1700; 9 *Femima*, b Aug. 20, 1702; 10 *Sarah*, b Dec. 15, 1705; 11 *Ann*, b June 7, 1706; 12 *Fohn*, b Feb. 27, 1708, killed by lightning May 12, 1727, æ 19; 13 *Caleb*, b Feb. 11, 1710, m. to Lois Gaylord by Capt. Yale, Sept. 26, 1733; 14 *Susannah*, b April 28, 1712, m. Samuel Yale.

## 5. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ABERNATHY married Elizabeth Peck Nov. 21, 1711.

Children: 15 *Abraham*, b March 1, 1712; 16 *Samuel*, b Dec. 28, 1718, d July 28, 1724; 17 *Fasper*, b Feb. 24, 1721, d Dec. 2, 1741.

## 13. CALEB.

CALEB and LOIS ABERNATHY, of Wallingford, married, 1733.

Children: 18 *William*, b July 1, 1734; 19 *Mary*, b Nov. 23, 1736; 20 *Fohn*, b July 2, 1738; 21 *Mary*, b Dec. 9, 1797; 22 *Jared*, b Oct. 31, 1741.

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<sup>1</sup> Hinman's Letters of Conn., 17, 18.

## ALLING AND ALLEN.

## JAMES.

JAMES ALLING is the first of this name that I find in Wallingford, with his wife Abigail, before 1700. The name has not been numerous.

Children: 1 *Abigail*, b. June 23, 1701; 2 *James*, b. Nov. 15, 1702; 3 *Stephen*, b. Oct. 13, 1704; 4 *Mary*, b. March 3, 1708; 5 *Samuel*, b. Jan. 15, 1710, m. Mary Blakeslee, June 23, 1726; 6, *Ebenezer*, b. April 8, 1713.

## 2. JAMES.

JAMES and MARY (Beadles) ALLING were married Sept. 23, 1731.

Children: 7 *Marshal*, b. Aug. 1, 1732; 8 *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 7, 1734; 9 *Abigail*, b. Dec. 1, 1735; 10 *Josiah*, b. Feb. 19, 1738.

## 6. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER ALLING married Sarah Atwater, Dec. 19, 1742. He died Nov. 3, 1760.

Children: 11 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 8, 1745; 12 *Daniel*, b. Oct. 22, 1747, d. July 11, 1746; 13 *Abel*, b. Jan. 30, 1749; 14 *Enos*, b. Jan. 17, 1752; 15 *Damaris*, b. March 15, 1755; 16 *Abigail*, b. July, 6, 1757; 17 *Eunice*, b. Dec. 19, 1760.

## EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM ALLING married Hannah ———.

Children: 18 *Daniel*, b. Nov. 18, 1743; 19 *Esther*, b. Jan. 24, 1744.

ANDREWS.<sup>1</sup>

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM ANDREWS, of Hampsworth, England (carpenter), was one of the fifty-three persons besides women and children who shipped at Hampton, 15 miles west-south-west of London,

<sup>1</sup> Andrews' Hist. New Britain; Bubson's Hist. of Gloucester, 57, 58;

about the 6th of April, 1635, on board of the *James* of London, of 300 tons, Wm. Cooper, Master. Several of the 53 passengers had their wives and children with them, but no record of their names was kept. They landed at Boston, where Wm. Andrews was made a freeman in 1635. He was early at New Haven with Eaton and Rev. John Davenport. He built the first meeting-house there in 1644. He is known to have had three sons and one daughter, and is supposed to have had two other daughters whose names are now unknown. The name of his first wife who was the mother of all his children, is also now unknown. He married his 2nd wife, Anna Gibbands, Dec. 7, 1665; she was a daughter of William Gibbands, who was Colonial Secretary in 1657. Mr. William Andrews died at East Haven, March 4, 1676. Mrs. Anna, his wife, died A. D. 1701.

Children: 1 *William*, born in England, died Jan. 3, 1663, left no sons; 2 *Samuel*, born in England, 1632, died Oct. 6, 1704; 3 *Nathan*, born in England, 1638. Ancestor of the East Haven branch. Daughters, supposed three.

Samuel and Nathan were of the original proprietors of Wallingford in 1670. Nathan was one of the twelve selected to lay the foundation for the formation of the Church in Wallingford, and was an active member of the plantation, after giving directions for its government, until they became sufficiently strong to support a minister.

## 2. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ANDREWS; son of William the emigrant, married Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Wm. Peck, of New Haven. He took the oath of fidelity May 2, 1654; settled in Wallingford in 1670. Made his will April 17, 1703, amount of estate

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Dodd's Hist. of E. Haven, 101, 102; Eaton's Annals of Warren, 376, 377; Eaton's Hist. of Thomaston, 135; Hale's Lawrence Family, 10-13; Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 51-53; Machias, M. Centennial Celebration, 152, 153; Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 51, 57; Walker's Memorials of Walker Family, 215; Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury, 221-5.

£331 2s. 6d. He died in Wallingford, Oct. 6, 1704, æ. 73 years. She died in Wallingford.

Children: 4 *William*, b. 1658; 5 *Samuel*, b. Feb. 1, 1661, d. 1662, æ. about 1 year; 6 *Samuel*, b. April 30, 1663, m. Anna Hall, Aug. 27, 1686; 7 *William*, b. Feb. 9, 1664, m. to Hannah Parker, by Mr. Moss, Jan. 12, 1692; 8 *John*, b. July 4, 1667; 9 *Nathaniel*, b. Aug. 2, 1670, m. Susannah Tyler; she d. June 5, 1721; 10 *Twins*, b. May 30, 1673, d. 1 day after birth; 11 *Elizabeth*, b. July 16, 1674, m. Benjamin Hall; 12 *Mary*, b. March 27, 1677; 13 *Joseph*, b. June 1, 1679, m. Abigail Paine; 14 *Margery*, b. Jan. 15, 1681; 15 *Dinah*, b. July 25, 1684.

### 3 NATHAN.

NATHAN ANDREWS, son of William the emigrant, married 1st, Elizabeth Miles, July 26, 1686; 2nd, Hannah Gibbons, of New Haven. He went to Wallingford in 1670. Lot 8 on the west side of Main street was assigned him for his house lot. He died in 1712.

Children by 1st marriage: 16 *Elizabeth*, b. April 8, 1688; 17 *Daniel*, b. Aug. 15, 1690, d. Aug. 15, 1690; 18 *Tamer*, b. Aug. 15, 1690, d. Jan. 11, 1727; 19 *Samuel*, b. Aug. 15, 1691, d. Jan. 31, 1727; 20 *Daniel*; 21 *Mary*; 22 *Jonathan*, m. Jemima ———; 23 *Abigail*; by 2nd marriage, 24 *William*, b. Sept. 4, 1729.

### 6. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Hannah, or Anna Hall, August 27, 1686.

Children: 25 *Thomas*, b. March 11, 1687, m. Felix ———; 26 *John*, b. April 18, 1692, d. May 6, 1693; 27 *John*, b. May 5, 1693, m. Hannah Merriman, July 19, 1714; 28 *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 27, 1695, d. July 19, 1697; 29 *Samuel*, b. 1697, m. Abigail ———; 30 *Elisha*, b. Apr. 28, 1701; 31 *William*, b. July 6, 1702, m. Mary Foster; 32 *Anna*, m. Joseph Roys of Wallingford.

## 7. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married to Hannah Parker, by Mr. Moss, Jan. 12, 1692. He died July 8, 1726. (Estate £291.)

Children: 33 *Thankful A.*, m. Matthias Hitchcock.

## 8. JOHN.

JOHN ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Sarah ———.

Children: 34 *Ruth*, b. Oct. 1, 1723.

## 9. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Susannah Tyler, Dec. 13, 1705. She died June 25, 1721; and he married Elizabeth Clark, Oct. 16, 1721. He died March 5, 1735. Elizabeth Clark died Sept. 10, 1751.

## 13. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Andrews, married Abigail Payne Nov. 10, 1704. He made his will Oct. 12, 1741, and died Nov. 20, 1741, æ. 62 yrs., 6 mos., 11 days. She died June 25, 1721.

Children: 35 *Caleb*, b. June 23, 1701; 36 *Caleb*, b. March 12, 1706, d. Nov. 20, 1741; 37 *Joseph*, b. March 3, 1708, d. 1741; 38 *Giles*, b. March 19, 1710, m. Abigail Curtiss, April 7, 1731; 39 *Mercy*, (twin) b. June 15, 1714; 40 *Mary*, (twin), b. June 15, 1714, m. John Hulls of Wallingford; 41 *Nathaniel*, b. March 16, 1717, d. 1741; 42 *Andrew*, b. Aug. 16, 1719, d. 1792, m. Hester ———, she d. Sept. 6, 1750; 43 *Stephen*, b. May 24, 1722, d. 1775, æ. 73.

## 20. DANIEL.

DANIEL ANDREWS, son of Nathan and Elizabeth, married 1st Mehitable ———, she died. He married 2d, Sarah ———, she died of small pox, 1712.

Children by first wife: 44 *Nathaniel*, b. July 12, 1714; 45 *Elnathan*, Sept. 12, 1717. By 2nd wife: 46 *Fehiel*, b. June, 1720, m. Sarah Cook, Jan. 16, 1746; 47 *Hannah*, b.

May 12, 1723; 48 *Mehitable*, b. April 30, 1726; 49 *Ephraim*, b. May 13, 1731. By 3d wife, Deliverance: 50 *Margery*, b. Nov. 6, 1733; 51 *Abigail*, b. May 1, 1736; 52 *Lydia*, b. June 16, 1740.

## 22. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN ANDREWS, son of Nathan and Elizabeth; married Jemima Hotchkiss April 11, 1727.

Children: 53 *Abel*, b. Jan. 28, 1728, m. Lettis Williams Feb. 10, 1757, and settled in Cheshire; 54 *Esther*, b. May 9, 1730; 55 *Mary*, b. Jan. 14, 1734; 56 *Daniel*, b. June 4, 1737; 57 *Femima*, b. Nov. 24, 1740.

## 25. THOMAS.

THOMAS ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married 1st Felix ———. He died in 1756, leaving widow Elizabeth.

Children: 58 *Elizabeth*, born April 23, 1717, m. R. Strong of Waterbury, Conn.; 59 *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 26, 1718; 60 *Enos*, b. April 13, 1719, m. Content ———; 61 *Sarah*, b. July 15, 1720; 62 *Lois*, b. July 15, 1722, m. Leverius Carrington; 63 *Martha*, b. Sept. 25, 1730; 64 *Thankful*, m. Jason Hitchcock.

## 26. JOHN.

JOHN ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Hannah Merriman, July 23, 1714. She died Sept. 28, 1738.

Children: 65 *Ephraim*, b. Oct. 14, 1714; 66 *Phebe*, b. Sept. 11, 1716; 67 *Denizen*, b. May 14, 1718, d. April 13, 1725; 68 *Eben*, b. Jan. 15, 1720; 69 *Anna*, b. Nov. 17, 1721; 70 *Hannah*, b. Jan. 13, 1722; 71 *Peter*, b. Dec. 6, 1723; 72 *John*, b. Nov. 23, 1727; 73 *Hannah*, b. Oct. 24, 1729; 74 *Mary*, b. Sept. 15, 1732, m. Joseph Parker in 1758; 75 *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 20, 1736.

## 29. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Anna, married Abigail Tyler, daughter of John and Abigail. He died Oct. 5, 1784, aged 87 years. She died Feb. 13, 1786, aged 89 years. Interred in Meriden.

Children: 76 *Elon*, b. Nov. 26, 1721, m. Sarah ———. He died



Sept. 22, 1784; 77 *Jacob*, b. Nov. 18, 1723; 78 *Nicholas*, b. Dec. 27, 1725, died Dec. 21, 1784, æ. 26 years; 79 *Laban*, b. Apr. 25, 1728, m. Prudence Stanley, Apr. 5, 1758; 80 *Denizen*, b. Aug. 27, m. Abigail Whiting, May 11, 1757; 81-2 *Moses* and *Aaron*, twins, b. Aug. 29, 1734; the former was a physician in Meriden; 83 *Samuel*, b. April 27, 1737.

## 30. ELISHA.

ELISHA ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Annah, married Mabel Andrews.

Children: 84 *Zuba*, b. April 1, 1721, m. John Couch of Meriden, Conn.; 85 *Elisha*, b. Dec. 25, 1727, d. young; 86 *Elisha*, b. Jan. 5, 1728; 87 *Dinah*, b. Mar. 23, 1729, m. Silas Merriman; 89 *Mabel*, b. May 24, 1731, m. Benjamin Tyler of Farmington; 90 *Bartholomew*, b. Jan. 30, 1735, m. Sarah Andrews; 91 *Noah*, b. Feb. 4, 1737, d. in the old French war; 92 *Anna*, b. Dec. 15, 1738, d. in childhood; 93 *Lucy*; 94 *Anna*.

## 31. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Anna, married Mary Foster, Nov. 1, 1727. He died July 8, 1756. Will dated Oct. 6, 1736.

Children: 95 *Samuel*, b. Aug. 21, 1727, m. Lydia——; 96 *Anna*, b. Feb. 15, 1729; 97 *Eunice*, b. Feb. 18, 1750; 98 *Titus*, b. June 3, 1732; 99 *William*, b. Feb. 13, 1724; 100 *Thankful*; 101 *Mary*; 102 *Rhoda*; 103 *Titus*, b. March 7, 1751.

## 35. CALEB.

CALEB ANDREWS, son of Joseph and Abigail (Payne), married, 1st, Esther Beecher, May 22, 1727. She died Oct. 25, 1729. He married 2nd, Mary Culver, July 5, 1733. He died Nov. 20, 1741. Estate £1314.

Children by first marriage: 104 *Sarah*, b. Aug. 22, 1729; by 2nd marriage: 105 *Lament*, b. July 28, 1730, d. December 6, 1736.

## 38. GILES.

GILES ANDREWS, son of Joseph and Abigail, married Abigail Andrews. They settled in Sheffield, Mass.

Children: 106 *Amos*, b. Jan. 19, 1732; 107 *Joseph*, b. May 2, 1743, d. Nov. 8, 1744.

## 41. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL ANDREWS, son of Joseph and Abigail, married 1st, Esther ———; 2nd, Ruth ———; He died July 2, 1756.

Children by Esther: 108 *Amos*, b. April 15, 1733. Children by Ruth: 109 *Rhoda*, b. Feb. 1, 1743; 110 *Nathan*, b. Feb. 2, 1750; 111 *Daniel*, b. May 29, 1751; 112 *Moses*, b. April 8, 1752.

## 42. ANDREW.

ANDREW ANDREWS, son of Joseph and Abigail, married 1st, Esther ———. She died. He married 2nd, Elizabeth Dunbar. He died Feb. 22, 1772, æ. 72 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

Children: 113, 114, *Johanna* and *Sarah*, b. July 31, 1740, twins; the latter married Bartholemew Andrews; 115 *Margery*, b. March 23, 1742, d. in 1751; 116 *Esther*, b. Feb. 24, 1743; by 2nd wife: 117 *Eunice*, b. Dec. 6, 1746; 118 *Caleb*, b. Dec. 9, 1748; 119 *Margery*, b. Nov. 23, 1751; 120 *Margery*, b. June 14, 1752; 121 *Andrew*, b. Aug. 9, 1756; 122 *Joseph*, b. Nov. 26, 1758, died on board of the old prison ship, Jersey; 123 *Nathaniel*, b. May 20, 1761; 124 *Elizabeth*, b. June 20, 1763; 125 *Mary*, b. May 20, 1766, m. Joseph Blakeslee; 126 *Abigail*, b. April 26, 1770, m. Charles T. Jackson, of Litchfield, Conn.

## 43. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN ANDREWS, son of Joseph and Abigail, married twice; 1st, Mabel ———, she died. 2nd, Hannah ———. He died in Meriden.

Children: 127 *Mary*, b. April 5, 1747, m. a Mr. Bailey; 128 *Abigail*, b. Oct. 29, 1749; 129 *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 16, 1751; *Abigail*, b. Oct. 16, 1753; 130 *Mabel*, b. Sept. 23, 1761; 131 *Sarah*; *Content*.

## 46. ELNATHAN.

ELNATHAN ANDREWS, son of Daniel and Mehitable, married Hannah ———.

Children: 132 *Bela*, b. March 16, 1740, d. in Cheshire; 133 *Amasa*, b. Sept. 22, 1742-3; 134 *Damaris*, b. March 23, 1745; 135 *Hannah*, b. Jan. 10, 1746; 136 *Elizabeth*, b. June 21, 1758; 137 *Mary*, b. Aug. 29, 1761.

## 47. JEHIEL.

JEHIEL ANDREWS, son of Daniel and Sarah; married Sarah Cook

Children: 138 *Mabel*, b. July 19, 1746; 139 *Thankful*, b. Dec. 9, 1748; 140 *Lois*, b. Aug. 8, 1750; 141 *John*, b. Nov. 12, 1752; 142 *Ebenezer*, b. May 4, 1754; 143 *Sarah*, b. Dec. 29, 1756; 144 *Eunice*, b. March 14, 1759; 145 *Chloe*, b. Dec. 16, 1760.

## 53. ABEL.

ABEL ANDREWS, son of Jonathan and Jemima, married 1st, Sarah ———; she died, and he married, 2nd, Lettiss Williams, Feb. 10, 1757, and settled in Cheshire, where they both died.

Children: by 1st marriage; 146 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 1, 1744. By 2nd marriage; 147 *Samuel*; 148 *Mamre*; 149 *Abel*, m. twice; 150 *Chauncey*, d. in Cheshire; 151 *Esther*, d. in Cheshire.

## 59. BENJAMIN.

Benjamin Andrews, son of Thomas and Felix, married Susannah ———.

Children: 153 *Samuel*, b. Sept. 21, 1741.

## 60. ENOS.

Enos Andrews, son of Thomas and Felix ———, married Content ———.

Children: 154 *Thomas*, b. Aug. 8, 1744; 155 *Bede*, b. April 2, 1746; 156 *Asahel*, b. Nov. 13, 1747; 157 *Huldah*, b. Nov. 3, 1751; 158 *Thankful*, b. Mar. 1, 1754; 159 *Enos*, b. Oct. 12, 1760.

## 65. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM ANDREWS, son of John and Hannah, married Hannah ———.

Children: 160 *Asahel*, b. Nov. 5, 1736.

## 68. EBEN.

EBEN ANDREWS, son of John and Hannah, married Elizabeth Andrews, Dec. 13, 1739.

Children: 161 *Foel*, b Aug. 11, 1740.

## 72. JOHN.

JOHN ANDREWS, son of John and Hannah, married Abigail ———.

Children: 162 *Abigail*, b Sept. 21, 1740; 163 *Lydia*, b Nov. 13, 1741.

## 76. ELON.

ELON ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Sarah ———. He died Sept. 22, 1784, aged 63 years. She died April 30, 1797, aged 60.

Children: 164 *Isaac*, d Oct. 24, 1754; 165 *Eunice*, b July 23, 1758; 166 *Isaac*, b March 8, 1762.

## 77. JACOB.

JACOB ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Ruth ———.

Children: 167 *Abigail*, b Oct. 29, 1749; 168 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 16, 1751; 169 *Abigail*, b Oct. 16, 1753.

## 78. NICHOLAS.

NICHOLAS ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Lydia ———, March 31, 1761. He died Dec. 21, 1784, æ. 50 years. He when living owned land now owned by Charles E. Yale.

Children: 170 *Amos*, b July 24, 1762.

## 79. LABAN.

LABAN ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Prudence Stanley.

Children: 171 *Abigail*, b Sept. 21, 1740; 172 *Lydia*, b Nov. 13, 1741.

## 80. DENIZEN.

DENIZEN ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Abigail Whiting, May 11, 1787. He died at Meriden, June, 1807, æ. 77 years. She died Oct. 1, 1796, æ. 60 years.

Children: 173 *Sarah*, b March 16, 1758; 174 *Abner*, b August 25, 1759. He was paralyzed, died in Meriden, during the Revolutionary war; 175 *Abigail*, b March 23, 1671; 176 *Whiting*; 177 *Samuel*; 178 *Aaron*; 179 *Denizen*; 180 *Oliver*, was a farmer in Meriden, and died there; 181 *Loyal*; 182 *Harvey*; 183 *Sarah*; 184 *Philomelia*.

## 81. MOSES.

DR. MOSES ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Lucy ———. He died in Meriden, Oct. 2, 1811, æ. 77. She died June 13, 1832, æ. 86 years.

## 82. AARON.

DR. AARON ANDREWS, son of Samuel and Abigail, married Sarah Whiting of Stamford, Dec. 18, 1771, and settled in the old village of Wallingford. He owned and occupied the house now owned and occupied by Samuel B. Parmelee Esq., during his life-time. She died Aug. 28, 1836, æ. 92 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Children: 185 *Sherlock*, b. Oct. 19, 1772, d. at Geneva, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1795, m Selina, dau. of Samuel Tyler, of Wallingford; 186 *Betsey*, b. Dec. 11, 1774, m. Oliver Clark, and d. Sept. 10, 1828, at Oswego, N.Y; 187 *Fohn*, (M. D.) b. June 13, 1777, m. Abigail Atwater; 188 *William*, b. Dec. 26, 1779, d. in St. Bartholomew, Nov. 9, 1809; 189 *Drake*, b. Dec. 27, 1781, m. Lucy Whittelsey, and d. in Illinois, May 21, 1841; 190 *Aaron*, b. Dec. 20, 1784, d. in the West Indies, July, 30, 1837.

## 89. BARTHOLOMEW.

BARTHOLOMEW ANDREWS, son of Elisha and Mabel, married Sarah Andrews, of Wallingford. They both died at Wallingford.

Children: 191 *Elisha*, b Jan. 5, 1761; went to Ballston Spa, N. Y.; 192 *Thomas*, b. May 17, 1762; d. in Wallingford, left Betsey and Orrin; 193 *Esther*, m. Ezra Reid; 194 *Sally*, b. April 17, 1774, d. in Wallingford; 195 *Noah*, b. April 17, 1744, d. in Wallingford; 196 Eunice, b. Sept. 8,

1776, m. Asaph Merriman, of Wallingford; 197 *Lyman*, settled at Ballston Spa, N. Y.; 198 *Caleb*, b. Nov. 11, 1782, went to Nova Scotia, N. B.; 199 *Margery*, m. Constant Abbot.

## 94. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ANDREWS, son of William and Mary, married Lydia

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Children: 200 *Christopher*, b. Oct. 29, 1752; 201 *Lydia*, b. Dec. 29, 1757.

## 123. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL ANDREWS, son of Andrew and Esther, married Lois Blakeslee, May 7, 1781. He died Nov. 21, 1836, aged 75 years, 8 months and 1 day. Mrs. Lois his wife died, March 8, 1823, aged 61 years, 1 month and 29 days.

Children: 202 *Ira*, b. Aug. 30, 1781, m. Julia, dau. of Jeremiah Hull; 203 *Andrew*, b. Sept. 6, 1783; 204 *Salmon*, b. April 3, 1788; 204 *Joseph*, b. Feb. 9, 1791; 205 *Polly*, b. May 18, 1793, m. Nathan Hull; 206 *Viney*, b. Sept. 7, 1795; 207 *Orrin*, b. Dec. 4, 1797, m. —— Cook, dau. of Chester Cook; 208 *Nathaniel*, b. 1800; 209 *Aaron*, b. April 18, 1803; 210 *Ives*, b. March 28, 1805.

## GIDEON.

GIDEON ANDREWS, married Hannah ———, and had at his decease the following

Children: 212 *Caleb*, m. 1st, Esther Benham, May 22, 1727. She d. Oct. 25, 1727. Married 2d, Mary Culver, July 5, 1735; 213 *Fedediah*; 214 *Lydia*; 215 *Sarah*; 216 *Phebe*; 217 *Esther*; 218 *Samuel*.

## 170. AMOS.

AMOS ANDREWS, son of Nicholas and Lydia ———, married Content ———.

Children: 219 *Abigail*, b. Feb. 17, 1752; 220 *Sybil*, b. July 6, 1754; 221 *Lois*, b. April 13, 1756; 222 *Mary*, b. Mar. 18, 1758; 223 *Amos*, b. Jan. 16, 1760.

## TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY ANDREWS married Temperance Griswold, Aug. 23, 1741. She died Nov. 25, 1743, æ. 23. He married a second wife, Rachel. She died Jan. 11, 1756, aged 33. He settled at Newark Valley, near Oswego, N. Y.

Children by 1st wife: 224 *Lydia*, b Oct. 27, 1743; by 2d wife, 225 *Elisha*, b Dec. 12, 1746; 226 *Timothy*, b. April 27, 1749; 227 *Phineas*, b Nov. 25, 1752; 228 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 18, 1755.

## 185. SHERLOCK.

SHERLOCK ANDREWS, son of Doctor Aaron and ———, married Salina, daughter of Samuel Tyler, of Tyler's Mills, now Yalesville, Wallingford. He died at Geneva, N. Y., in 1795. She died at Columbus, Ohio, aged 94 or 95.

Children: 229 *Samuel*, was a lawyer at Columbus, Ohio; 230 *Sarah*, m. ——— Wilcox, a lawyer at Columbus, Ohio.

## 187. JOHN.

Dr. JOHN ANDREWS, son of Dr. Aaron and ———, married Abigail, daughter of Caleb Atwater, by whom he had all his children. His 2d wife was Anna, daughter of Rev. James and Anna Noyes.

Children: 231 Hon. *Sherlock F.*, b Nov. 1801, graduated at Yale, and a lawyer at Cleveland, Ohio; 232 *Jane*, b Dec., 1803, m John M. Wolsey, Esq., of New Haven; 233 *William*, b 1806, a farmer at Elyria, Loraine Co., Ohio; 234 *John Whiting*, b 1809, graduated at Yale. A lawyer at Columbus, Ohio.

## 189. DRAKE.

DRAKE ANDREWS, son of Dr. Aaron and ———, married Lucy Whittelsey, Oct. 12, 1812. He died in Illisia, May 21, 1841. Of his family I have no further information.

## 229. IRA.

Col. IRA ANDREWS, son of Nathaniel and ———, married Julia Hall, daughter of the late Jeremiah Hall of Wallingford. He died Jan. 14, 1861, aged 79 years, 4 months, 15 days. She

was born the 5th of March, A. D. 1788, and is living Jan., 1870.

Children: 235 *Fanct*, b June 9, 1806, m Miller; 236 *Ali*, b Mar. 6, 1800, resides in Bridgeport, Conn; 237 *Gad*, b Nov. 19, 1803; 238-9 *Burr* and *Sarah* (twins), b Oct, 14, 1806; 240 *Lee*, b April 2, 1809; 241 *Joseph D.*, b March 9, 1824; 242 *Fane*, b June 24, 1830.

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### ATWATER.<sup>1</sup>

#### JOHN.

JOHN, son of Daniel Atwater of New Haven, settled in Wallingford in 1682 on a lot in the village designated as No.— on the east side of the Main street, being forty rods long and twenty rods wide, and was first settled by Daniel Atwater for his son Joshua, who died before taking possession of it in 1680. He was married to Abigail Mansfield, Sept. 13, 1682, and was a weaver by trade. She died Sept. 24, 1717.

Children: 1 *John*, b. Aug. 17, 1683, m. Elizabeth Mix, Aug. 4, 1713; 2 *Abigail*, b Oct. 17, 1685; 3 *Mercy*, b Feb. 6, 1687; 4 *Hannah*, b Dec. 17, 1690; 5 *Joshua*, b Sept. 18, 1693, m. Mary Peck and Sarah Yale; 6 *Moses*, b July 17, 1696, m. Sarah Merriman and Mary Hotchkiss; 7 *Phineas*, b Sept. 23, 1699, m. Mary Ward; 8 *Ebenezer*, b Feb. 6, 1703, m. Jane Andrews; 9 *Caleb*, b Oct. 9, 1705, m. Mehitable Mix; 10 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 8, 1708, m. Elizabeth Porter.

#### I. JOHN.

JOHN, son of John and Abigail Atwater of Wallingford, married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Mix, August 4, 1713.

Children: 11 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 17, 1721, m —— Ives; 12 *Enos*, b Dec 3, 1717; 13 *Stephen*, b Sept. 8, 1714; 14 *John*, b Jan. 27, 1718; 15 *Sarah*; 16 *Hannah*, b Dec. 28, 1722, m Bela Hitchcock of Cheshire; 17 *Ebenezer*, b 1723, d. Oct. 21, 1755; 18 *Stephen*, b Feb. 2, 1720, m Elizabeth Yale,

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<sup>1</sup> Atwater's Gen. Reg. of Atwaters, 30; Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 76; Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 75, 76.



June 6, 1739; 19 *Titus*, b 1724, d. Dec. 26, 1758; 20 *Amos*, died without issue.

## 5. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA, son of John, m Mary, dau. of John Peck, 17 Jan. 1723; m 2nd, Sarah, dau. of Theophilus Yale, Sept. 4, 1740. He died Nov. 29, 1757.

Children: by 1st marriage; 21 *Joshua*, b Mar. 8, 1724, d 1747; 22 *Mary*, b Feb. 12, 1727. By 2nd marriage; 23 *Caleb*, b Sept. 5, 1741; 24 *Sarah*, m —— Hall.

## 6. MOSES.

MOSES, son of John Peck, m Sarah Merriman, Dec. 28, 1722. She died Feb. 1733, and he married 2nd, Mary Hotchkiss, Apr. 22, 1734.

Children: by 1st marriage; 28 *Abigail*, b Sept. 13, 1725; 26 *Sarah*, b Oct. 29, 1727; 27 *Moses*, b Nov. 22, 1729; 28, *Mercy*, b Aug. 15, 1731. By 2nd marriage; 29 *Elihu*, b Jan. 18, 1735; 30 *David*, b Feb. 23, 1736; 31 *Mary*, b Aug. 1, 1734; 32 *Hannah*, b May 1, 1739.

## 7. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS, son of John Atwater, m Mary Ward Nov. 9, 1727, and died Oct., 1781. He resided in Cheshire.

Children: 33 *Reuben*, b Oct. 13, 1728; 34 *William*, b 1730; 35 *Thomas*, b Aug. 14, 1733; 36 *Phineas*, b Dec. 12, 1735; 37 *Damaris*, b 1738, m Samuel Tyler of Wallingford; 28 *Menab*, b July 8, 1741, d Sept. 13, 1754; *Ambrose*, b Dec. 19, 1743, m Sarah Tryon.

## 8. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER, son of John Atwater m, Jane Andrews, Dec. 30, 1737.

Children: 40 *Caleb*, b Sept. 8, 1738, m Phebe Talmage; 41 *Samuel*, b January 30, 1740, m Hannah Bristol; 42 *Ebenezer*, b July 13, 1742; 43 *Ephraim*, b Nov. 27, 1743, m Abigail Rowe; 44 *Esther*, b Feb. 4, 1746; 45 *Elizabeth*, b April 13, 1748; 46 *Abigail*, b Sept. 19, 1754; 47 *Comfort*, b March 16, 1757.

## 9. CALEB.

CALEB, son of John Atwater, married Mehitable Mix, Nov. 10, 1726.

Children: 48 *Sarah*, b Nov, 28, 1727; 49 *Eunice*, b Sept. 10, 1786, m Phineas Cook.

## 10. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN, son of John Atwater, married Elizabeth Porter, Nov. 28, 1739. She died January 13, 1774, æ. 66 years.

Children: 50 *Elizabeth*, b April 25, 1780; 51 *Mary*, b Dec. 20, 1735; 52 *Comfort*, b Sept. 19, 1749, d January 22, 1789; 53 *Benjamin*, b January 9, 1750, d January 19, 1781.

## 12. ENOS.

ENOS, son of John 2nd, married Hannah Moss, July 9, 1740.

Children: 54 *Heman*, b March 4, 1743, d Sept. 27, 1752; 55 *Asaph*, b Aug. 1, 1745; 56 *Mehitable*, b July 23, 1747, m Eli Bronson of Waterbury; 50 *Enos*, b Oct. 25, 1748, m Hannah Moss, July 3, 1741; 58 *Eunice*, b Sept., 1750; 59 *Heman*, b Aug. 29, 1752, went to Southington; 60 *Kezia*, b Oct. 10, 1754; 62 *Anna*, b Nov. 17, 1756; 63 *Titus*, b Jan. 6, 1761.

## 14. JOHN.

JOHN, son of John 2d, m Hannah Thompson, Feb. 22, 1744.

Children: 63 *Jeremiah*, b Nov. 10, 1744; 64 *Phebe*, b Aug. 11, 1747, m ——— Dutton; 65 *Hannah*, b Feb. 17, 1749, m Samuel Hull of Cheshire; 66 *John*; 67 *Fesse*; 68 *Mary*, m ——— Peck of Waterbury.

## 18. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN, son of John 2d, m Hannah Hotchkiss, Feb. 23, 1744.

Children: 69 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 12, 1746; 70 *Lois*, m John Upson; 71 *Stephen*, b Sept. 4, 1749, d Aug. 25, 1750; 72 *Sarah*, b Nov. 25, 1751, m Enos Johnson; 73 *Hannah*, b Nov. 27, 1754, m John Hall; 74 *Naomi*, b Aug. 17, 1756, m Enos Bushnell; 75 *Ruth*, b Aug. 17, 1756, m Jonathan Hall; 76 *Stephen*, b May 13, 1758.

## 19. TITUS.

TITUS, son of John 2nd, m Margaret Scott, Dec, 14, 1758,

Children: 77 *Chloe*, b Sept, 29, 1750, m Samuel Cook; 78 *Amos*, b June 12, 1752, m Mary——, his wife d Oct, 2, 1799, æ 38; 79 *Miriam*, b 1754, m Calvin Cowles; 80 *Rhoda*, b May 15, 1756.

## 23. CALEB.

CALEB, son of Joshua and Sarah, m Abigail Jones for his 1st wife, and Ruth Wadsworth, Jan. 22, 1776, for his 2nd wife.

Children: 81 *Sarah*, b July 19, 1767; 82 *Mary*, b April 23, 1769; 83 *Lucy*, b Dec. 8, 1770; 84 *Joshua*, b Feb. 8, 1773, m Elizabeth Cook, dau. of Aaron; 85 *James W.*, b June 30, 1777; d Oct. 30, 1777; 86 *Abigail*, b Dec. 13, 1778, m Doct. John Andrews; 87 *Catharine*; 88 *Ruth*.

## 27. MOSES.

MOSES, of Wallingford, son of Moses, m Emma Newton, Dec. 18, 1755.

Children: 89 *Sarah*, b Nov. 16, 1755; 90 *Lyman*, lived in Broad Swamp, Cheshire.

## 29. ELIHU.

ELIHU, of Wallingford, son of Moses, married Abigail Tryon.

Children: 91 *Freeman*, b Feb. 16, 1766, went to Canan-dagua, N. Y.; 92 *Mary*, b March 2, 1767; 93 *Abiah*, b Nov. 3, 1769; 94 *Sally*, b Jan. 23, 1773; 95 *Elihu*, b June 9, 1776, went South; 96 *Fesse*, was Postmaster at New Haven, m Widow Hudson, left no children.

## 30. DANIEL.

DANIEL, son of Moses of Wallingford, was an apothecary at New Haven, m Eunice Thompson of Stratford, Nov. 15, 1770, and was killed in a skirmish with the British troops at Compo Hill, April 28, 1777.

Children: 97 *Chester*, b Dec, 21, 1772, d Mar. 30, 1773; 98 *Chester*, b April 14, 1774, no issue; 99 *Sylvester*, b Feb. 17, 1776, d Sept, 9, 1776; 100 *David*, b 1777, graduated at Yale. 1797, d 1805.

## 33. REUBEN.

REUBEN, son of Phineas of Wallingford, m Sarah Hall

April 29, 1752, and Mary Russel January 28, 1755. He died Aug. 19, 1801.

Children: 101 *Sarah*, b June 14, 1753; 102 *Merab*, b June 19, 1757; 103 *Phineas*, b Nov. 25, 1758; 104 *Elizabeth M. A.*, b Sept., 1760, m Andrew Hull of Cheshire; 105 *Russel*, b June 20, 1762, went to Blandford, Mass.; 106 *Nabby*, b April 2, 1764, m Dr. Elnathan Beach of Cheshire; 107 *Amaryllis*, b April 2, 1764, m Titus Street of Wallingford, Cheshire, and of New Haven; 108 *Reuben*, b May 18, 1767.

#### 34. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM, son of Phineas, of Wallingford, married Esther Tuttle.

Children: 109 *Rufus*, b Nov. 29, 1754, m 1st, Mary Tuttle of Wallingford, Dec. 18, 1777. He removed to Nova Scotia; 110 *Lyman*, b Feb. 8, 1757; 111 *William*, b Feb. 16, 1759, went to Nova Scotia; 112 *Chloe*, b Sept. 21, 1763; 113 *Ira*, b June 21, 1765, d April 4, 1738, in Wallingford; 114 *Ase-nath*, b Oct. 30, 1768; 115 *Esther*, b Oct. 4, 1771; 116 *Ward*, went to Nova Scotia.

#### 36. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS married Mary ——, and 2nd, widow Hannah Ives, of Goshen, Conn., June 15, 1760.

Child: 117 *Ward*, b 1760.

#### 39. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE, son of Phineas, married Sarah Tryon.

Children: 118 *Amelia*, b July 3, 1767, m Thaddeus Tuttle; 119 *Linus*, b July 23, 1769; 120 *Fonathan*, b Oct. 18, 1770; 121 *Ambrose*, b April 5, 1773, d June 23, 1778; 122 *Thomas*, b April 19, 1774; 123 *Sarah*, b April 19, 1775; 124 *Mary*, b Oct. 17, 1778; 125 *Phineas*, b July 12, 1782; 126 *Menab*, b April 17, 1782, m John P. Wetmore; 127 *Clara C.*, b May 6, 1786, m Joshua Tuttle; 128 *William*, b May 9, 1789.

#### 40. CALEB.

CALEB, son of Ebenezer, of Wallingford, m Phebe Tallmage.

Children: 129 *Anne*, b Nov. 17, 1765; 130 *Ebenezer*, b Feb. 16, 1768.

## 41. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Ebenezer, m Hannah Bristol, May 5, 1768.

Children: 131 *Sylvia*, b Feb. 21, 1769, m ——— Winchell; 132 *Merab*, b May 11, 1771, m ——— Ives, d 1857; 133 *Samuel*, b Oct. 7, 1773, d in Orange, Conn.; 134 *Foshua*, b Feb. 20, 1779; 135 *Ebenezer*, d in Cheshire.

## 43. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM, son of Ebenezer, m Abigail Rowe, d Oct. 22, 1776, at Danbury, Conn.

Children: 136 *Lowly*, b Oct. 26, 1772, m Noah Andrews, of Wallingford; 137 *Eunice*, b Sept. 18, 1744, m ——— Matthews; 138 *Ephraim*, b March 5, 1777.

## STEPHEN.

STEPHEN, son of David, settled in Meriden, then in Wallingford, m Elizabeth Yale. He came from New Haven.

Children: 139 *Ruth*, b June 6, 1740; 140 *Stephen*, b Sept. 16, 1742, settled in Cheshire; 141 *Eunice*, b Sept. 28, 1744; 142 *Daniel*, b Aug. 30, 1747, d unmarried; 143 *Mary*, b June 25, 1750, m ——— Merriam; 144 *Elizabeth*, b July 27, 1752; 145 *Christopher*, b Jan. 6, 1757, d Sept. 10, 1776; 146 *Isaac*, b Dec., 1758.

## ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM, son of Jonathan, the son of Jonathan, the son of Daniel, the son of David, m Mary Bull in May, 1738, and settled in Cheshire, then belonging to Wallingford. He died Jan. 4, 1786, æ 70 yrs. She died May 15, 1811, æ 83 yrs.

Children: 146 *Esther*, b Dec. 19, 1738; 147 *Mary*, b April 28, 1740; 148 *Chloe*, b Oct. 27, 1742; 149 *Isaac*, b June 15, 1746; 150 *Lois*, b June 12, 1749; 151 *Timothy*, b Oct. 30, 1751; 152 *Abigail*; 153 *Samuel*, b 1757, died Jan. 12, 1748; 154 *Esther*, b Dec. 10, 1763.

## BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN, son of Joseph Atwater, the son of Jonathan, m

Phebe ———. She died March 1, 1799, æ 64. He died Feb. 6, 1799, æ 72.

Children: 155 *Joseph*; 156 *Sarah*, b April 26, 1756, m Charles Hull, 2nd, Aaron Hall, of Wallingford; 157 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 26, 1757; 158 *Titus*, b Aug. 29, 1759, d unm. at Cheshire; 159 *Moses*, b May 12, 1765, d at Canandaigua, N. Y.; 160 *Aaron*, b Nov. 10, 1776; 161 *Joel*, b April 22, 1769; 162 *Anna*, b Aug. 23, 1777, d Aug. 29, 1776; 163 *Jeremiah*, d in Canandaigua; 164 *Anna*, m Stephen Jarvis, of Cheshire.

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Joseph, son of Jonathan, son of Daniel of Wallingford, m Phebe Hall, Aug. 18, 1756. He d Aug. 22, 1769. She d March 23, 1767, æ. 23 yrs..

Child: 165 *Phebe*, b Oct. 15, 1757, d Jan. 19, 1766, æ. 9 yrs.

## 54. HEMAN.

HEMAN, son of Enos Atwater, settled at Southington, and was the owner of Atwater mills.

## 84. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA, son of Caleb, of Wallingford, m Elizabeth Cook, dau. of Aaron Cook, Oct. 22, 1793.

Children: 166 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 4, 1794, m John Barker; 167 *Caroline*, b June 17, 1796, m Dr. Jared P. Kirtland; 168 *Emily*, b Feb. 7, 1798, m Dr. Friend Cook; 169 *Abigail*, b Dec. 28, 1800, d at Durham, Sept. 23, 1823; 170 *Mary*, b Oct. 18, 1802, d July 24, 1804; 171 *Caleb*, b July 11, 1804, m Julia A. Royce, and 2nd, Elizabeth S. Clark; 172 *Joshua*, b Aug. 26, 1806, m Mary H. Day; 173 *Thomas Cook*, b Aug. 20, 1808, m Harriet E. Cook; 174 *Lucretia*, b June 26, 1800, d June 29, 1822; 175 *Edgar*, b Oct. 12, 1812, m Sarah S. Yale, d 1860; 176 *John*, b Jan. 19, 1815, m Caroline, and 2nd, Eliza Hall, dau. of Russel Hall; 177 *William*, b Aug. 5, 1817, m Elizabeth Helfenstein; 178 *Mary Ann*, b May 29, 1819, m Lieut. Garrit Barry.

## 105. RUSSELL.

RUSSEL, son of Reuben Atwater, of Cheshire (then Wall-

ingford), m Clarissa Chapman, Oct. 24, 1790, and died Oct. 3, 1798. She was born Nov. 22, 1762.

Children: 179 *Phineas*, b Nov. 10, 1791; 180 *Merab*, b April 28, 1793, d March 19, 1794; 181 *Russell*, b Jan. 8, 1795, d Dec. 22, 1823; 182 *Frederick*, b Nov. 6, 1796; 183 *Henry*, b Sept. 21, 1798; 184 *Thomas*, b Sept. 21, 1798, d April 15, 1803.

## 108. REUBEN.

REUBEN, son of Reuben Atwater, m Eliza Willard, and 2d, Sarah Lamb. He died February, 1831.

Children: 183 *Catharine*; 184 *Clinton Edward*.

## 113. IRA.

IRA, son of William Atwater, m Lois ——. He was a shoe-maker, and lived and died at what is now Yalesville.

Children: 185 *Mary*, m and went to Bethany; 186 *Martha*, m Henry Hough; 187 *William*, d March, 1828; 188 *Fohn*, d South; 189 *Luman*, of Fair Haven, Conn.; 190 *Esther*; 191 *Lois*; 192 *Chloe*.

## 116. WARD.

WARD, son of Phineas, m Abigail Atwater. She died in New Haven in 1822.

Children: 193 *Rebecca*, b Sept. 23, 1787, d Sept 22, 1788; 194 *Harriet*, b Feb. 23, 1789, d May, 1795; 195 *James*, b May 1, 1790, d Oct. 21, 1791; 196 *James Ward*, b Feb. 11, 1794, d Dec. 8, 1820; 197 *William*, b June 20, 1795, d Jan. 1810; 198 *Harriet*, b March 14, 1797, d Sept., 1798; 199, *Abigail*, b Sept. 4, 1798, d Nov. 11, 1799; 200 *Richard*, b March 25, 1802, d Oct. 3, 1848; 210 *Edward*, b June 29, 1803; 202 *Charlotte*, b Sept., 1804.

## 120. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE, son of Phineas Atwater, m Sarah Tryon.

Children: 203 *Amelia*, b July 3, 1767, m Thaddeus Tuttle; 204 *Linus*, b Feb. 22, 1769; 205 *Fonathan*, b Oct. 18, 1770; 206 *Ambrose*, b April 5, 1773, d June 23, 1778; 207 *Thomas*, b April 19, 1775; 280 *Sarah*, b Feb. 11, 1777, m Asa Lyon;

209 *Mary*, b Oct 17, 1778, m Peter B. Smith; 210 *Phineas*, b July 12, 1770; 211 *Merab*, b April 17, 1782, m John P. Wetmore; 212 *Clara*, b May 6, 1786, m Joshua Fuller; 213 *William*, b May 9, 1789.

## 137. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Yale Atwater, m Anna Moss, March 23, 1780. Settled in Cheshire.

Children: 214 *Hannah H.*, b Feb. 8, 1781; 215 *Richard*, b Feb. 10, 1783; 216 *Tempa*, b Sept. 11, 1787; 217 *Anna Maria*, b Aug. 28, 1789; 218 *Betsey*, b Dec. 9, 1794; 219 *Merab*, b June 22, 1797; 220 *Matilda*, b June 5, 1805.

## 147. ISAAC.

ISAAC, son of Abraham Atwater, son of Jonathan of Cheshire, settled in Columbia, now Prospect, m Eunice —, May 16, 1771. He died Sept. 13, 1776, at New York.

Children: 221 *Pamelia*, b March 28, 1772; 222 *Abraham*, b March, 6, 1774; 223 *Hannah*, b Oct. 15, 1775.

## 149. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY, son of Abraham Atwater, son of Jonathan of Cheshire, m Lucy —.

Children: 224 *Deborah*, b May 28, 1773; 225 *Lucy*, b Aug. 8, 1775; 226 *Cato*, b Oct. 18, 1777; 227 *Isaac*, b Oct. 5, 1779; 228 *Lucinda*, m March 4, 1782; 229 *Timothy Glover*, b July 20, 1784, d in Cheshire; 230 *Charlotte*, b July 22, 1786; 231 *Phineas*, b Jan. 20, 1789; 232 *Esther*, b July 1, 1791; 233 *Aaron*, b March 11, 1793, m Betsey Atsom.

## 151. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Abraham Atwater, son of Jonathan, settled in Cheshire, m Patience —.

Children: 204 *Flamen*, b March 30, 1783; 235 *Roxanna*, b Jan. 15, 1785; 236 *Nancy*, b May 15, 1789; 237 *Nancy*, 2d, b Sept. 13, 1789; 238 *Mary Ann*, b Jan. 4, 1792; 239 *Patience*, b March 13, 1794; 240 *Nabby Ann*, b Dec. 13, 1797, 241 *Abigail Ann*, b Oct. 19, 1800; 242 *Lois*, b July 15, 1803; 243 *Lois Maria*, b Feb. 13, 1806, m Joseph Hitchcock of Cheshire.



## 153. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Benjamin of Cheshire, m Hannah Hitchcock, Sept. 17, 1783.

Children: 244 *Joseph Hall*, b Feb. 29, 1784, m, had *Joseph H.*; 245 *Phebe*, b Nov. 25, 1786; 246 *Almon*, b March 5, 1788; 247 *Hannah*, b April 20, 1790, m Belina Clark of Cheshire; 248 *Freeman*, b April 17, 1796, m — Beach.

## BEAUMONT.

## DEODATE.

DEODATE BEAUMONT was born in Wallingford as early as the commencement of the present century, and perhaps earlier. He was a mechanic and farmer, and owned and occupied the house and lot now owned by his son Elijah Beaumont in Wallingford.

Children: *John*; *Elijah*; *Elizabeth*.

BARKER.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN and SARAH BARKER were in Wallingford previous to 1739, from Branford, where he was born. He built the large brick house now owned by Samuel C. Ford, Esq. His farm was a large one, and one of the best in the county of New Haven. Of his history very little can now be learned.

Children: 1 *Sarah*, b July 22, 1739; 2 *John*, b May 2, 1741; 3 *Mary*, b March 10, 1742, m Solomon Johnson; 4 *Edward*, m Rachel, dau. of Constant Kirtland; 5 *Eunice*, m John Beadles, Jan. 18, 1764.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Abbott's Hist. Andover, Mass., 20-1; Barry's Hist. Hanover, Mass., 206-7; Blood's Hist. Temple, N. H., 203; Bolton's Hist. Westchester Co., N. Y., 501; Deane's Hist. Scituate, Mass., 216; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 139; Goodman's Foot family Gen., 189; Hanson's Hist. Gardner, Me., 156; Savage's Gen. Dict., 1. 115, 116.

## 4. EDWARD.

EDWARD BARKER, son of John and Sarah Barker, m Rachel, dau. of Constant and Rachel Kirtland of Wallingford, and remained on the old homestead until his death.

Children: 6 *Fohn*, m Elizabeth Atwater, of Wallingford; 7 *Sarah*, m Wm. H. Jones, New Haven.

BEACH.<sup>1</sup>

Genealogists have been somewhat divided and in doubt regarding the earliest families of this name. Hinman assigns John of Stratford, to Thomas of Milford; but John of Stratford had two children born to him before John the son of the Milford Thomas was born. Savage thinks John of Stratford was probably son of Richard of New Haven, if not his brother. Savage also thinks Benjamin of Stratford was son of Richard of New Haven. But if so, he would have been only fifteen years old when first announced in Stratford, which is out of the question. The probabilities seem to indicate that John, Benjamin and Richard, who all appear in Stratford, and Thomas of Milford, were brothers. The latter had a home lot in Milford in 1648. The Beaches of Litchfield, and George Beach Esq. of Hartford, are said to be of this stock. Richard Beach of New Haven I take to be the man who was in Stratford in 1663, and as keeper of the ordinary or tavern, desired a grant of land from the town, and also exemption from military duty. He bought of Thomas Wheeler, who bought from Robert Rice, the lot where Mr. Meacham now lives. Wheeler moved to Pagusset (Derby), and sold to R. Beach, who sold to Mr. Fenn of Milford, and he sold in 1667 to Rev. Israel Chauncey, the second pastor of the Congregational church in Stratford, part of this land, with part of the land owned by John Brinsmade, one of the first settlers (on the river side), and

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Hinman's Conn. settlers, 163, 164; Littell's Passaic Valley Gen., 35-7; Savage's Gen. Dict., i. 144.

the land owned by William Beardsley, with a piece of Nicholas Knell's lot on the back street and now (1868) owned by Alfred E. Beach, son of the late Moses Yale Beach of Wallingford, a lineal descendant of John, brother of Richard.

Benjamin Beach, a brother also of John, as I suppose, was in Stratford in 1659. From him descended Benjamin Beach, the merchant and owner of vessels, who was a man of property and built the old house that was taken down by Mr. Patterson some years ago, and which stood where Mr. Dutcher, in 1863, lived. Benjamin Beach senior's descendants settled in part in Trumbull. The year of John Beach's birth is now unknown: he died suddenly, intestate, in 1667, and the names of his ten children are given on the probate records, but not that of his wife. He became one of the original proprietors of Wallingford, and is represented in the inventory of his estate as having property in Wallingford to the amount of £92 19s.; and in Stratford to the amount of £312 13s. He seems to have bought in Wallingford with a view to the settlement of his sons there. John Jr., Isaac and Thomas removed to Wallingford, but the first two died in Stratford. Indeed, Isaac in 1694 united with Stratford church, and is entered as of Wallingford. His grave-stone with that of his brother Nathaniel's and also of Nathaniel's wife, yet remain in the old cemetery at Stratford. As John Beach senior's estate was administered in Fairfield county probate court, he evidently had not transferred his residence to Wallingford.

References in the Stratford Records establish the identity of the Wallingford Beaches with the family of John Beach of Stratford, through his son Thomas principally, as will be seen.

Children of John Beach of Stratford: 1 *Elizabeth*, b March 8, 1652, m Eliasaph Preston, went to Wallingford; 2 *John*, b April, 1654, m Hannah, dau. of Thomas Staples of Fairfield, 1679; 3 *Mary*, b Sept., 1656; 4 *Thomas*, b May, 1659, m Ruth Peck of Wallingford, and 2nd, Phebe, dau. of Timothy Willcoxen; 5 *Nathaniel*, b March, 1662, m Sarah Porter, April 29,

1693, went to Wallingford; 6 *Hannah*, b Dec., 1665, m Zachariah Fairchild, Nov. 3, 1681, after his decease she m John Barrit; 7 *Sarah*, b Nov., 1667; 8 *Isaac*, b June 27, 1659, m Hannah Birdsey, was a tailor in Stratford; 9 *Joseph*, b Feb. 5, 1671, m Abiah, dau. of Ebenezer Booth; 10 *Benjamin*, b March, 1674, m Mary ———.

John Beach's house lot extended from Main-st, to Back-st, originally called Front street, and covered the present lots now occupied by the Masonic Lodge, Alfred Barnet and Mrs. Hubbell, with a part of Mrs. Linsley's and Miss Poor's grounds.

I will now attempt to trace, so far as I can by existing records, the settlement and increase of the above named ten children of John Beach of Stratford:

#### I. ELIZABETH.

ELIZABETH m Eliasaph Preston. He was born with his twin brother Hackaliah, April 9, 1643: was a son of William Preston, one of the first settlers of New Haven. Their mother was probably William Preston's 2d wife, and a daughter of Robert Seabrook, another of whose daughters was the wife of Thos. Fairchild, and an original proprietor in Stratford. Eliasaph Preston removed to Wallingford soon after its settlement in 1674, and was the first Deacon of the Congregational church in that place. He died in 1705, æ. 62 years. Elizabeth was his second wife. His first wife Mary Kimberly died in 1674, April 28. She was the widow of Thos. Kimberly, and died in 1672.

The children of Eliasaph and Elizabeth Preston were: 11 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 29, 1676; 12 *Hannah*, b July 12, 1678; 13 *Eliasaph*, b Jan. 26, 1679-80; 14 *Joseph*, b March 10, 1681-2; 15 *Esther*, b Feb. 28, 1683-4; 16 *Lydia*, b May 25, 1686; 17 *Fehiel*, b Aug. 25, 1688, d Nov., 1689.

#### 2. JOHN.

JOHN BEACH m Hannah, dau. of Thomas Staples of Fairfield, 1679.

Their children recorded at Stratford were: 18 *Mary*,

b July 14, 1683, m Archibald Dunlap, June, 1704, and 2nd, ——— Smith; 19 *Ruth*, b about 1685, m Samuel Fairchild, 1704; 20 *Mehitable*, b Sept. 30, 1690; 21 *Ebenezer*, b Sept. 14, 1692; 22 *Hester*, b May 3, 1694. John Beach 2nd d in Stratford, 1712.

## 4. THOMAS.

THOMAS BEACH, married 1st, Ruth Peck, a sister of John Peck, and settled in Wallingford May 12, 1680; 2nd, Phebe, dau. of Timothy Willcoxon of Stratford. She was born in 1669. Her father was son of William, an original proprietor of Stratford, whose house-lot was situated about where Mrs. Turk's home-lot now lies (1863), and probably covered Mr. Wm. Benjamin's lot besides. Phebe's mother was Johannah, dau. of Deacon John Birdsey, an original proprietor of Stratford.

Children: 23 *Hannah*, b Feb. 26, 1680, d Sept. 18, 1683; 24 *Ruth*, b Oct. 24, 1684, died young; 25 *Thomas*, b Dec. 9, 1685, d Dec. 13, 1685; 26 *Benoni*, b Oct. 20, 1686, d Dec. 5, 1686. Mrs. Ruth Beach died Dec. 5, 1686. Children by 2nd marriage: 27 *Timothy*, b Jan. 11, 1689, m Hannah Cook, Nov. 25, 1713; 28 *Nathan*, b Aug. 18, 1692, m Jemima Curtiss, Sept. 29, 1713; 29 *Moses*, b Feb. 19, 1695, m Esther Tyler, Sept. 21, 1722, 2nd, Susannah —; 30 *Gershom*, b May 23, 1697, m Deliverance How of Wallingford; 31 *Caleb*, m Eunice —; 32 *Thankful*, b Sept. 20, 1702; 33 *Phebe*, b May 23, 1710; 34 *Joanna*, b Oct. 9, 1705, m Mr. Royce. Mr. Thomas Beach died in Meriden, where he was buried in the old cemetery, May 13, 1741, æ 82 years.

## 5. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL BEACH m Sarah Porter, daughter of Nathaniel Porter. She was born 1667. Her mother was a daughter of Philip Groves, the first and only ruling elder in Stratford church. She died in 1738, and her grave-stone yet stands with that of her husband, who died in 1747.

Children: 35 *Ephraim*, b May 25, 1687, m 1712, Sarah, dau. of Andrew Patterson, d Oct. 30, 1717; 36 *Elizabeth*, b

Nov 11, 1689 ; 37 *David*, b May 15, 1692, m 1717, Hannah Sherman, dau. of Matthew, son of Samuel Sen. ; 38 *Fosiah*, b Aug. 18, 1694, m 1722, Patience Nichols ; 39 *Nathaniel*, b Dec. 22, 1696, m 1720, Sarah, dau. of Solomon Burton, d 1734 ; 40 *Sarah*, b Nov. 12, 1699 ; 41 *Daniel*, b Jan. 15, 1700, m 1724, Hester, dau. of Benj. Curtiss, son of John, son of William Curtiss ; 42 *Anna*, b March, 1704, m Elnathan Beers, Jan. 25, 1728 ; 43 *Israel*, b May, 1705, m 1731, Hannah Barrett, dau. of Joseph, son of John, son of William ; 44 *James*, b Aug. 13, 1709, m Sarah Curtiss 1710, dau. of John, son of Benjamin, son of John.

## 8. ISAAC.

ISAAC BEACH, married Hannah Birdsey, daughter of John, in 1693. Mr. Birdsey was a son of John, an original settler in Stratford. Her mother was Phebe, daughter of William Willcoxon, also among the first settlers of Stratford. Hannah was born February, 1671. Isaac Beach settled in Wallingford on land given him by his father John Beach, but in 1694 was received into the church at Stratford as from Wallingford. He died in Stratford in 1741, and his grave-stone still remains. Hannah his wife died Oct. 15, 1750, in her 79th year, and was buried in the Episcopal burying-ground, Stratford. He sold land in Wallingford to Joseph Rice in 1699.

Children: 45 *William*, b July 7, 1794, m Sarah Hull of Derby, dau. of Joseph Hull ; 46 *Elnathan*, b July 7, 1698, m Abigail Uffont, 2d, Hannah, dau. of Samuel Cook ; 47 *John*, b Oct. 6, 1700, Episcopal clergyman at Newtown, Ct., d Mar. 19, 1782 ; 48 *Mary*, b Dec. 16, 1703 ; 49 *Hannah*, b May 26, 1709 ; 50 *Dinah*, b Oct. 14, 1713.

## 9. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BEACH, son of John No. 1, married Abiah, dau. of Ebenezer Booth, son of Richard, an original settler in Stratford. He died in 1737, æ. 66. His grave-stone yet remains.

Children: 51 *Sarah*, b July 13, 1697 ; 52 *Agar*, b April 8, 1699 ; 53 *Abraham*, b April 29, 1701 ; 54 *Hannah*, b Feb. 12, 1702, m Zachariah Tomlinson, grandson of Henry and great

grandfather of Gov. Gideon Tomlinson, d in 1812; 55 *Joseph*; 56 *Abiah*, b Jan. 12, 1712-13, m Samuel Judson in 1737. His first wife in 1734 was Bethiah Beach.

## 10. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN BEACH of Stratford, m Mary —.

Children: 57 *Bethia*, b April 23, 1674; 58 *Peter*, b Sept. 14, 1696; 59 *Eunice*, b Aug. 3, 1699; 60, 61, *Benjamin* and *Mary*, b May 19, 1702, the former went to Durham, Conn.

## 46. ELNATHAN.

ELNATHAN BEACH, son of Isaac and Hannah Beach, was a merchant settled in Wallingford, in the southerly part of what is now Cheshire, and for several years was engaged with Captain Samuel Cooke, in foreign trade, in which they were very successful. Mr. Beach soon became a man of great wealth and high standing in the community. He presented the Congregational society of Cheshire with a bell for their meeting-house, and by his last will left a bequest of several pounds as a fund for the relief of the poor of the parish of Cheshire. He married first Miss Abigail Ufford of Stratford, May 9, 1720. She died Dec. 2, 1738. He married second, Hannah, daughter of Capt. Samuel Cooke, Feb. 8, 1742. She died May 18, 1754, æ. 21 years. He died Aug. 16, 1742, æ. 45 years.

Children by first marriage; 79 *Isaac*, b April 7, 1721, d Jan. 27, 1724; 80 *Elnathan*, b July 21, 1723, at Cheshire, d May 18, 1754, æ. 31; 81 *Isaac*, b March 3, 1725, d Oct. 13, 1741, æ. 16 years; 82 *Fohn*, b 1733, a farmer at Cheshire; 83 *Hannah*, b Nov. 12, 1728; 84 *Abigail*, b Dec. 17, 1730; 85 *Samuel*, b Dec. 26, 1737, Dea. of the church, graduated at Yale, 1757; 86 *Sarah*, b March 25, 1727, m Jonathan Atwater of New Haven; 87 *Lois*, b Aug. 18, 1732, m Col. Thaddeus Cook of Wallingford, d April 4, 1753; 88 *Esther*.

Child by second marriage: 89 *Abraham*, b Aug. 29, 1743, graduated at Yale, 1757, and was a distinguished clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of New York. He died 1828, æ. 85 years.

## 45. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM BEACH, eldest son of Isaac and Hannah Beach of Stratford, married Sarah Hull, daughter of Joseph Hull of Derby (ancestor of Com. Isaac Hull), in 1725. Her mother was Mary Nichols, dau. of Isaac 2d of Stratford and Derby.

Children: 62 *Isaac*, b and bap. Oct., 1726, bap. in the Cong. church, Stratford; 63 *Ann*, b April, bap. May, 1729, m Wm. Sam'l Johnson, bap. in Cong. church; 64 *Abel*, b and bap. Nov. 31, 1731, m Mary Lewis 1757, d 1768; 65, 66 *Henry* and *Abijah*, b May, 1734, bap. in the Episcopal church.

## 63. ANN.

ANN BEACH, daughter of William and Sarah Hull Beach, married in Nov., 1749, at the age of 20 years, Wm. Sam'l Johnson, aged 22 years, son of Rev. Samuel D. D. by his wife Charity, wid. of Benj. Nichols, oldest son of Hon. Matthias Nichols of Islip, L. I. Wm. Samuel Johnson had by wife Ann,

Children: 67 *Charity*, b July, 1750; 68 *Sarah*, b April, 1754; 69 *Gloriance Ann*, b March, 1757; 70 *Mary*, b April, 1759; 71 *Samuel William*, b Oct., 1761; 72 *Elizabeth*, b Dec., 1763; 73 *Robert Charles*, b May, 1766.

## 71. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL WM. JOHNSON, son of Anna and Wm. Samuel Johnson, married Nov., 1791, Susan, dau. of Pierrepont Edwards Esq., and grand-daughter of Rev. President J. Edwards.

Children: 74 *Anna Frances*; 75 *William Samuel*; 76 *Sarah Elizabeth*; 77 *Edwards*; 78 *Robert Charles*.

## 85. SAMUEL.

DEA. SAMUEL BEACH graduated at Yale College in 1757. He was an Attorney at Law in his native town, Cheshire, and was a highly respected citizen, and filled with honor many offices of public trust, and was a delegate to the convention which formed the constitution of the United States. He married Mary —.

Children; 90 *Mary Ann*, b July 31, 1760; 91 *Samuel W.*,



b Feb. 11, 1762, was a farmer in Cheshire, where he died. Sons, Samuel W., Albert and Rufus. By second marriage: 92 *Burrage*, m — Bowden, was a graduate of Yale College in 1793 and became an Attorney at Law in his native town, where he died æ. 70. He had daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Dr. Fuller, Augusta, Amelia.

## 29. MOSES.

MOSES BEACH, son of Thomas and Phebe, of Wallingford, married Esther Tyler, Sept. 26, 1722. She died Sept. 16, 1750, æ 55. He married Susannah ———. She died April 9, 1770, æ 62 yrs. Mr. Beach died in Wallingford. He was a farmer and resided on, and owned the farm called (at the present time) the Wooden Farm, in the southern part of Yalesville.

Children: 93 *Ephraim*, b Aug. 2, 1723, m Lydia —, d August 29, 1751; 94 *Titus*, b April 4, 1725; 95 *Moses*, b Nov. 8, 1726, m Dinah Sperry, March 19, 1756; 96 *Lois*, b April 29, 1729, d Jan. 4, 1731; 97 *Esther*, b May 16, 1731; 98 *Asahel*, b Jan. 11, 1736, m Keziah Roys, Feb. 11, 1757, and settled in Westbury in Waterbury, previous to 1764.

## 28. NATHAN.

NATHAN BEACH, son of Thomas and Phebe of Wallingford, married Jemima Curtiss, Sept. 29, 1713. He lived in the house late the property of Jason Beach.

Children: 99 *Joseph*, b June 10, 1764; 100 *William*, b Nov. 18, 1716, m Susannah Holt, Oct. 15, 1739; 101 *Lydia*, b Feb. 26, 1719; 102 *Nathan*, b May 28, 1721; 103 *Stephen*, b April 6, 1729; 104 *Elihu*, b Dec. 14, 1734.

## 95. MOSES.

MOSES BEACH, son of Moses and Esther, married Dinah Sperry of New Haven, March 19, 1756. She died April 8, 1768, leaving one child, a daughter; 105 *Mary*, b Feb. 14, 1758. She became the wife of Turhand Kirtland of Wallingford. She died Nov. 24, 1792. The 2nd wife of Mr. Beach was Parthenia Tallman of Branford. By this marriage they had

one child, a son. She d July 5, 1797, æ 60. 106 *Moses Sperry*, b March 7, 1776, d at Norwalk, Ohio, in 1826, æ 50 yrs., m Lucretia Yale of Wallingford.

## 104. MOSES.

MOSES SPERRY BEACH, only son of Moses and Parthenia, married Lucretia Yale, daughter of Elihu and Lucretia (Stanley) Yale. She died 1800, and had by this marriage two children: 107 *Sally*, m Horatio Green of Springfield, Mass.; 108 *Moses Yale*, b Jan., 1800, d July 1, 1868, æ 68. He married 2nd, Lois Ives, daughter of Abijah Ives, of Wallingford. She died at New Haven, Huron Co., Ohio.

Children: 109 *Tallman*, b in Wallingford, d at New Haven, Ohio; 110 *Abraham Stanley*, b in Wallingford, d supposed in Canada; 111 *Abijah*, M. D., b in Wallingford, resides in Ohio; 101 *Asahel*, b in Wallingford, d in Kansas.

## 30. GERSHOM.

GERSHOM BEACH, son of Thomas and Deliverance Howe Beach.

Children: 112 *Ruth*, b Aug. 21, 1722; 113 *Aaron*, b Jan. 14, 1727; 114 *Foanna*, b Aug. 17, 1724, m — Chittenden; 115 *Gershom*, b Sept. 24, 1729.

## CHESHIRE BRANCH.

## 82. JOHN.

JOHN BEACH, son of Capt. Elnathan and Abigail, married Eunice Eaton in 1744, and settled on a farm left him by his father. His house stood almost opposite the present residence of Edward Andrews, south part of Cheshire, Conn. It was a large two story red house, and was in its day considered a first class house.

Children: 186 *Hannah*, b Jan. 29, 1756, m Samuel Rice, 1776, Feb. 15; 187 *Isaac*, b Aug. 25, 1758, d Dec., 1776; 188 *Elnathan*, b Aug. 30, 1760, m Abigail Atwater; 189 *James Eaton*, b Sept., 1762, m Huldah Sherman of Bridgeport; 190 *Fohn*, b May, 1764, m 1st, Lucy Cornwall, 2d, Lois

Doolittle; 191 *Eunice*, b Jan. 4, 1766, m Dan Bradley; 192 *Abijah*, b 1768, m Jemima Cornwall; 193 *Bildad*, b Sept., 1770, m 1st, Huldah Hotchkiss, 2d, Hannah Cossit; 194 *Abraham*, b 1772, d in 1772; 195 *Lois*, b Dec., 1774, m Calvin Lawrence.

## 188. ELNATHAN.

ELNATHAN BEACH, M. D., was a physician in his native village, where he married Abigail Atwater. He built and occupied the house now known as the Bronson house, opposite the south-west corner of the public Green in the village. He died in Western N. Y.

Children: 196 *Hannah*; 197 *Narcissa*; 198 *Julia*; 199 *Eliza*.

## 189. JAMES.

JAMES EATON BEACH married Huldah Sherman of Bridgeport, where he died quite advanced in life, and highly respected by the community generally. A fine marble monument has been erected to the memory of both him and his wife.

Children: 200 *Polly*; 201 *Laura*; 202 *Isaac*, now resides in Bridgeport.

## 191. EUNICE.

EUNICE BEACH married Dan Bradley, and settled at Marcellus, N. Y.

Children: 203 *Nancy*; 204 *Harriet*; 205 *Augustus*; 206 *William*; 207 *Dan*.

## 190. JOHN.

JOHN BEACH married Lucy Cornwall, daughter of Abijah Cornwall of Cheshire, and sister of Thomas T. Cornwall, Sept. 20, 1786. She died, and he married Lois Doolittle of Cheshire. He died in western New York, Dec. 23, 1844, æ. 80 years. His wife Lucy died Feb. 14, 1814.

Children: 208 *Abraham*, b Nov. 9, 1787, d March 1, 1788, in his 2d year; 209 *Horace*, b April 11, 1789, m Ann Atwater of New Haven, no issue. His widow m Laban Smith, is living in 1869. He died in 1826; 210 *Isaac*, b June 5, 1792, m

Nancy Cooper of Meadville, Pa., May 15, 1823, she died March 2, 1857; 211 *William*, b Feb. 6, 1797, d Sept., 1820; 212 *John*, b July 16, 1794, m Polly Prescott of New Haven, Feb. 14, 1819, d Oct. 17, 1849; 213 *Matilda*, b Feb. 13, 1799, was the wife of John H. Cooley of New Haven; 214 *Lorraine*, b March 24, 1802, m Minerva Porter of Marcellus, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1823. She dying, he m Sarah Elizabeth Plant of Stratford, Ct., no issue; 215 *Lucy Ann*, b Dec. 15, 1810, d Aug. 17, 1845. She m Samuel Porter Rhodes of Marcellus, April 26, 1829. Her children were: 216 *Edward*, b June 26, 1830, d June 3, 1831; 217 *Edward P.*, b Jan. 14, 1832, d March 31, 1836; 218 *Augusta Comstock*, b Sept. 30, 1833, d Oct. 31, 1859; 219 *William Porter*, b May 2, 1826; 220 *Samuel Porter*, b May 2, 1838; 221 *Ann Elizabeth*, b Nov. 15, 1840; 222 *John Beach*, b Aug. 8, 1843; 223 *Mary Matilda*, b Aug. 12, 1845, d Aug. 22, 1845.

## 192. ABIJAH.

ABIJAH BEACH married Jemima Cornwall, daughter of Abijah Cornwall of Cheshire, Nov. 6, 1796. He was a merchant, inn-keeper and farmer in his native town Cheshire until his death, which occurred Dec. 2, 1821. She died at the house of her son-in-law, Edward A. Cornwall Esq., Dec. 17, 1853. Mr. Beach while living built the house now owned by Burrit Bradley Esq., and also that of Martin Branin in the village of Cheshire, long occupied for a store and hotel by Mr. Beach and others.

Children: 224 *Richard*, b July 14, 1799, m Lucinda Hitchcock, of Cheshire; 225 *Palmina*, b April 19, 1802, m Truman Atwater; 226 *Elnathan*, b Sept. 1, 1804, m Mary Bullard, of Cheshire; 227 *Eunice*, b Feb. 11, 1809, m Edward A. Cornwall Esq., of Cheshire; 228 *Abijah*, b Dec., 1812, d Jan. 9, 1813.

## 193. BILDAD.

BILDAD BEACH, married for his 1st wife Huldah Hotchkiss, and his 2nd, Hannah Cossit, and removed to Marcellus, N. Y., where the family still reside.

Children: 229 *Emily*; 230 *Laura*; 231 *Hannah*; 232 *Merab*; 233 *Merab*.

## 224. RICHARD.

RICHARD and Lucinda Beach were married Nov 21, 1824; he resided in his native town, Cheshire, until 1830, as a merchant. He built a store on the canal, at what is now West Cheshire, and gave it the name of Beachport. In 1830 he removed to Burton, Grange Co., Ohio, where he prosecuted the mercantile business with good success, until near the close of his life.

Child: 234 *Ann Palmina*, b July 14, 1826, d Dec. 17, 1848. She married Wm. Tolles, of Burton, Ohio, June 9, 1846, had two children, both deceased.

## 226. ELNATHAN.

ELNATHAN and Mary Ann Bullard Beach were married Jan 18, 1824. He resided at Cheshire and Hartford, and finally removed to Michigan.

Children: 235 *Lucretia H.*, b Aug., 1824, died 1827; 236 *Elizabeth Eunice*, b Jan. 26, 1826, m Chester S. Steele of Hartford, Conn., Nov. 22, 1852, 3 children; 237 *William A.*, b 1828; 238 *Henry Bullard*, b Oct., 1830; 239 *Mary Ann Beach*, b Sept. 9, 1832, m William Carey, of Pittsfield, Mass. in 1863, and has had three children; 240 *Edward E.*, b Sept. 6, 1834; 241 *Cornelia*, b Sept. 9, 1836; 242 *George*, b July 3, 1840, died Sept. 15, 1842.

## WALLINGFORD BRANCH.

## 27. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY, son of Thomas and Phebe Beach, born in Wallingford, married Hannah Cook, Nov. 25, 1713.

Children: 115 *Thomas*, b Aug. 6, 1714, d Sept. 27, 1714; 116 *Thomas*, b Dec. 16, 1751; 117 *Keziah*, b Oct. 18, 1717; 118 *Prudence*, b Oct. 6, 1719; 119 *Hannah*, b April 21, 1722; 120 *Ebenezer*, b Feb. 9, 1724; 121 *Thankful*, b Dec. 19, 1725; 122 *Keziah*, b May 18, 1733.

## 28. NATHAN.

NATHAN, son of Thomas and Phebe Beach, born in Wallingford, married Jemima Curtis, Sept. 29, 1712.

Children: 123 *Joseph*, b Jan. 10, 1714; 124 *William*, b Nov. 18, 1716, m Susannah ———, she d Sept. 24, 1742; 125 *Lydia*, b Feb. 26, 1719; 126 *Nathan*, b May 23, 1721; 127 *Sarah*, b Oct. 22, 1723; 128 *Enos*, b Jan. 30, 1726; 129 *Stephen*, b Oct. 16, 1729; 130 *Elihu*, b Dec. 17, 1734; 132 *Eunice*, b March 3, 1737.

## 31. CALEB.

CALEB, son of Thomas Beach, of Wallingford, m Eunice —.

Children: 133 *Sarah*, b Oct. 20, 1728; 134 *Margaret*, b Aug. 28, 1735.

## 116. THOMAS.

THOMAS, son of Timothy Beach, m Hannah —.

Children: 135 *Damaris*, b April 5, 1714; 136 *Amzi*, b July 14, 1716; 137 *Abigail*, b Oct. 15, 1718; 138 *Londrey*, b March 5, 1727; 139 *Asa*, b Oct. 3, 1752.

## 123. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Nathan and Jemima Beach, of Wallingford, m Experience —.

Children: 140 *Lydia*, b Sept. 13, 1735; 141 *Mehitable*, b Nov. 2, 1732; 142 *Mary*, b Dec. 22, 1740; 143 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 24, 1743; 144 *John*, b Jan. 25, 1745; 145 *Joel*, b Sept. 23, 1747; 146 *Sarah*, b Sept. 21, 1749.

## 128. ENOS.

ENOS, son of Nathan and Jemima Beach, m Anna —.

Child: 147 *Joanna*, b April 1, 1751, in Wallingford.

## 124. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM, son of Nathan and Jemima Beach, m Susannah — for his first wife. His 2nd wife was Martha —. He built the house in which lived the family of the late Mr. Charles Parker, on Parker's Farms, in Wallingford. He went west with his family. Susanna d Sept. 24, 1742.

Children: by first m, 148 *Benjamin*, b May 21, 1740; by

2nd m, 149 *Solomon*, b March 31, 1744; 150 *Isaac*, b April 16, 1746; 151 *Thankful*, b Sept. 25, 1747.

## 98. ASAHEL.

ASAHEL, son of Moses and Esther Beach of Wallingford, m Keziah Royce, Feb. 11, 1757. He removed to Waterbury, and from thence to Kingsbury, N. Y., in 1799.

Children: 152 *Esther*; 153 *Keziah*.

## JOHN JR.

JOHN Jr., son of John Beach of Stratford, was among the first planters of Wallingford. He died in 1709.

Children: 154 *Nathaniel*; 155 *Lettice*, b Dec. 24, 1679, m Wm. Ward; 156 *Mary*, b Jan. 11, 1681, d Sept. 1, 1688; 157 *Hannah*, b March 17, 1684, m Eliphalet Parker, Aug. 5, 1708; 158 *Thomas*, b Feb. 14, 1686, m Hannah Atwater, May 9, 1711; 159 *John*, b Oct. 15, 1690, m Mary Royce, Feb. 22, 1717; 160 *Samuel*, b Nov. 29, 1696, m Phebe Tyler, April 29, 1718.

## 160. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL BEACH, son of John Jr., m Phebe Tyler. Family mostly settled at North Haven.

Children: 161 *Beulah*, b March 1, 1719; 162 *Rhoda*, b Nov. 26, 1720; 163 *Zopher*, b Feb. 10, 1723; 164 *Phebe*, b Jan. 2, 1725; 165 *Benoni*, d June 5, 1738; 166 *Esther*, b Jan. 6, 1733; 167 *Eunice*, b Jan. 27, 1735; 168 *Pamineas*, b Jan. 15, 1737; 169 *Hannah*, b Nov. 8, 1739; 170 *Daniel*, b. March 24, 1740.

## 159. JOHN.

JOHN BEACH, son of John, married Mary Royce, Feb. 22, 1718-9.

Children: 171 *Adna*, b Jan. 11, 1718, m Hannah Miles; 172 *Edmund*, b Feb. 18, 1720; 173 *Linus*, b Dec. 5, 1721; 174 *Amos*, b Jan. 3, 1724; 175 *Mary*, b April 28, 1726; 176 *Jacob*, b Dec. 5, 1728; 177 *Royce*, b Oct. 13, 1733; 178 *Samuel*, b Dec. 22, 1729; 179 *Baldwin*, b July 26, 1736.

## 158. THOMAS.

THOMAS BEACH, son of John, m Sarah Sanford, Feb. 19, 1712. She died, and he married Lois —.

Children: by 1st marriage, 180 *Barnabas*, b July 1, 1716; 181 *Abel*, b May 12, 1728, d May 7, 1729. By 2d marriage, 182 *Amos*, b Oct. 14, 1747; 183 *John*, b Oct. 15, 1744; 184 *Lois*, b July 1, 1749; 185 *Adna*, b May 17, 1759.

BARTHOLOMEW.<sup>1</sup>

## DANIEL.

DANIEL AND SARAH BARTHOLOMEW are the first of the name in Wallingford. Of their origin and subsequent history, nothing has come to my knowledge. The records in relation to this family as well as many others, have been so kept as to render it almost impossible to trace them.

Children: 1 *Samuel*, b April 11, 1735; 2 *Reuben*, b Sept. 19, 1736; 3 *William*, b Feb. 1, 1738; 4 *Jacob*, b June 11, 1740; 5 *Susannah*, b April 11, 1745.

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW m Mary —, Jan. 13, 1741; probably a brother of Daniel.

Children: 6 *Hannah*, b Jan. 29, 1742; 7 *Andrew*, b Nov. 24, 1744; 8 *Joseph*, b Sept. 6, 1746; 9 *Fonathan*, b May 6, 1751; 10 *Joseph*, b Aug. 25, 1752.

## TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY BARTHOLOMEW m Mary Hull, July 12, 1737; m 2nd, Abigail Phelps, Jan. 11, 1742.

Child: 11 *Timothy*, b Aug. 11, 1745.

## JOHN.

JOHN AND JERUSHA BARTHOLOMEW of Wallingford, had 12 *John Porter*, b Nov. 10, 1740.

1 For collateral branches, see Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 120-130.



BEADLES.<sup>1</sup>

## NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL BEADLES came to Wallingford, probably soon after the commencement of the last century, and located himself on a farm on the west side of the river, and near the line which divides Cheshire from Wallingford. The house is still standing, and is the first house north of the residence of the late John Cook. He died about 1764. Elizabeth, his wife, died in Wallingford.

Children: 1 *Nathaniel*, b Dec. 15, 1703, m Elizabeth Hitchcock, Nov. 10, 1726; 2 *Mary*, b Sept. 18, 1708; 3 *Josiah*, b Aug. 3, 1711; 4 *Samuel Sharp*, graduated at Yale College in 1757, estate settled in 1763, died Jan. 5, 1762.

## I. CAPT. NATHANIEL.

CAPT. NATHANIEL BEADLES, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Beadles, married Elizabeth Hitchcock, Nov. 10, 1726. He died Feb. 10, 1762.

Children: 5-6 *Elizabeth* and *Susannah* (twins), b Sept. 17, 1727; 7 *John*, was a captain of the militia; 8 *Hannah*; 9 *Sarah*; 10 *Lois*, b 1743, m John Hull, she died Sept. 6, 1802, æ. 59; 11 *Mehitable*; 12 *Nathaniel*, died March 4, 1763.

## 7. CAPT. JOHN.

CAPT. JOHN BEADLES, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Beadles of Wallingford, m daughter of John Barker. They had a large family, some of whom settled in the State of New York.

Children: 13 *John*; 14 *Henry*, m — Blakeslee, dau. of Joseph; 15 *Alfred*, m — Byington, and settled in Cheshire, a wagon maker.

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches see Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 164, 165; Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 144, 145.

BELLAMY.<sup>1</sup>

## MATTHEW.

MATTHEW BELLAMY (a weaver), the ancestor of those of the name in Wallingford, appears first at Fairfield, Conn., then at Killingworth, where he married Sarah Wood, Sept. 26, 1705. She died March 8, 1721. He married for his second wife, Mary Johnson, May 31, 1722. He died June 7, 1752, æ. 77 years. Mary died May 10, 1730, æ. 66 years. By 1st marriage;

Children: 1 *Mary*, b Sept. 5, 1706, m Benjamin Gray, May 10, 1731; 2 *Matthew*, b June 1, 1708, m Rachel Clark, Sept. 14, 1754, æ. 46; 3 *John*, b Jan. 26, 1713, m Martha —; 4 *James*, b Sept. 29, 1716; 5 *Joseph, D. D.*, b Feb. 20, 1719, grad. at Yale; 6 *Samuel*, b Jan. 18, 1721. By 2d marriage, 7, 8, *Sarah* and *Anna*, b Jan. 25, 1722; 9 *Moses*, b June 29, 1725, m Elizabeth Martin, Dec. 8, 1762; 10 *Aaron*, b July 23, 1728, m Desire Parker, Dec. 20, 1753; 11 *Hannah*, b May 17, 1731.

## 2. MATTHEW.

MATTHEW BELLAMY, m Rachel Clark, Jan. 26, 1734, by Rev. Samuel Hall of Cheshire.

Children: 12 *Thankful*, b Nov. 23, 1734; 13 *Lois*, b Jan. 15, 1737; 14 *Ann*, b Feb. 11, 1738; 15 *Reuben*, b Dec. 31, 1742; 16 *Matthew*, b Feb. 9, 1745; 17 *Asa*, b Dec. 19, 1753; 18 *Silas*, b Jan. 14, 1755.

## 5. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BELLAMY, D. D., settled as Pastor over the Congregational church at Bethlem, in 1740; married Frances Sherman of New Haven, April, 27, 1744. She died Aug. 30, 1785. He married 2d, the widow of Rev. Andrew Storrs of Watertown, Conn. He died March 6, 1760.

Children: 19 *Lucy*, b Aug. 1, 1745, m Abijah Gurnsey,

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, 507; Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 182-5; Savage's Gen. Dict., 1. 160-1.

Aug., 1772; 20 *Rebecca*, b Oct. 15, 1747, m Rev. Mr. Hunt, of Preston, Conn.; 21 *Daniel*, b Nov. 10, 1750, d May, 1826; 22 *Fonathan*, b Nov. 18, 1752, d at Oxford, N. J., in 1777; 23 *Samuel*, b March 13, 1756, d Nov. 11, 1802; 24 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 23, 1759, m Charles Sheldon, of Springfield, Mass.; 25 *William*, b June 28, 1770; 26 *Joseph Sherman*, b 1773.

## 10. AARON.

AARON BELLAMY, m Desire Parker, Dec. 20, 1753. He resided in the southwest part of Cheshire on the farm late the property of Elias Gaylord Jr., and at this time (1869), the property of Amos Rice.

Children: 27 *Rhoda*, b Oct. 30, 1754; 28 *Desire*, b July 3, 1758; 29 *Mary*, b April 18, 1761.

BENHAM.<sup>1</sup>

## 1. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BENHAM came from New Haven to Wallingford in 1670, with the first settlers in the village, and some of his children were born after his removal there. The name of his wife who died in Wallingford was Winifred. He died in 1702.

Children: 1 *Mary*; 2 *Joseph*, b May 25, 1659, m Hannah Ives, Aug. 17, 1682; 3 *Sarah*, b 1660, d 1668; 4 *Fohnannah*, b July 25, 1762; 5 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 13, 1664; 6 *Fohn*, b Dec. 28, 1666, d 1670; 7 *Fohn*, b Nov. 3, 1671, in Wallingford; 8 *Mary*, b May 18, 1673; 9 *Samuel*, b May 12, 1673; 10 *Sarah*, b Sept. 6, 1676; 11 *Fames*, b about 1679, d 1745; 12 *Winifred*, b Aug. 21, 1684.

## 2. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BENHAM, Jr. m Hannah Ives, Aug. 17, 1672, and settled in Wallingford.

Children: 13 *Mary*, b May 18, 1683; 14 *Joseph*, b Dec.

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 195, 196; Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 155.

15, 1685, m Hope, dau. of Samuel Cook ; 15 *Abigail*, b April 14, 1688, d 1741.

## 11. JAMES.

JAMES BENHAM, m Esther Preston, Dec. 9, 1702, in Wallingford. She died a widow July 3, 1764.

Children: 14 *Fehiel*, b Feb. 23, 1703-4, d July 9, 1780, æ. 76 ; 15 *Sarah*, b April 12, 1706, m Henry Hotchkiss, Nov. 23, 1736 ; 16 *Esther*, b March 18, 1709 ; 17 *Samuel*, b Nov. 9, 1711, m Phebe — ; 18 *John*, b Dec. 17, 1714, m Mary — ; 19 *Lydia*, b Jan. 9, 1717 ; 20 *Mary*, b July 27, 1719 ; 21 *Eunice*, b Aug. 5, 1723.

## 14. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BENHAM, 3d, married Hope, dau. of Samuel and Hope Cook. She died Jan. 31, 1731.

Children: 22 *Hannah*, b Dec. 2, 1708, m Samuel Beach, March 23, 1732 ; 23 *Esther*, b March 18, 1709 ; 24 *Joseph*, b April 5, 1711, m Mary — ; 25 *Enos*, b Sept. 8, 1713, m Anna — ; 26 *Thankful*, b Feb. 14, 1716 ; 27 *Phebe*, b May 20, 1718, m Robert Austin ; 28 *John*, b Oct. 4, 1723 ; 29 *Lois*, b April 30, 1727 ; 30 *Esther*, b March 22, 1730.

## 17. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL BENHAM m Phebe —, she died, and he married Dorothy Hotchkiss, Dec. 27, 1742.

Children: 31 *Esther*, b March 4, 1737 ; 32 *Oliver*, b July 30, 1743, m Dorothy —.

## 18. JOHN.

JOHN BENHAM m Mary Curtis, Sept. 23, 1747.

Children: 34 *John*, b July 15, 1750 ; 35 *Mary*, b Nov. 6, 1752 ; 36 *Hope*, b Dec. 21, 1754.

## SERG'T JOSEPH.

SERG'T JOSEPH BENHAM, m Mary Curtis, April 5, 1732, and 2d, Mary Bunnell, Aug. 3, 1735. He died April 18, 1754.

Children: 37 *Benjamin*, b May 23, 1733 ; 38 *Reuben*, b Sept. 30, 1734, m Abigail Clark Sept. 10, 1758 ; 39 *Asa*, b June 10, 1736 ; 40 *Shradrack*, b Jan. 14, 1736 ; 41 *Martha*, b

Aug. 11, 1737, m Benjamin Cook, Aug. 2, 1759; 42 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 18, 1739; 43 *Abigail*, b Jan. 14, 1740, d Nov. 1, 1743; 44 *James*, b Feb. 1, 1745; 45 *Daniel*, b July 31, 1758, d May 16, 1761.

## 26. ENOS.

ENOS BENHAM m Anna Hull Aug. 3, 1741.

Children: 46 *Asaph*, b Dec. 23, 1741; 47 *Enos*, b April 6, 1744, d May 2, 1751; 48 *Molly*, b Nov. 16, 1746, d Sept. 8, 1753; 49 *Samuel*, b Oct. 1, 1749, d Jan. 5, 1751; 50 *Polly*, b March 1, 1752; 51 *Theophilus*, d Feb. 1, 1759; 52 *Samuel*, b March 8, 1758; 53 *Molly*, d June 29, 1748; 54 *Anna*, b Aug. 29, 1755, d Sept. 29, 1760; 55 *Enos*, b Nov. 5, 1761, d May 2, 1760.

## 39. REUBEN.

REUBEN BENHAM m Abigail Clark, Sept. 10, 1758.

Child: 56 *Reuben*, b June 9, 1761.

## NATHAN.

NATHAN BENHAM married Mary —.

Children: 57 *Hannah*, b Jan. 9, 1722; 58 *Patience*, b Dec. 23, 1723; 59 *Ebenezer*, b Oct. 31, 1726, m Elizabeth Hotchkiss Nov. 23, 1750; 60 *Joel*, b March 2, 1730, m Esther Andrews.

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BENHAM m Em. Curtis Jan. 7, 1735.

Children: 61 *Sarah*, b Oct. 26, 1735, d Dec. 29, 1736; 62 *Isaac*, b Aug 29, 1736; 63 *Samuel*, b June 8, 1755, d April 22, 1759; 64, *Uri*, b Dec. 15, 1751. He settled on a farm near the Honey-pot brook in Cheshire; 65 *Sarah*, b Dec. 25, 1741; 66 *Elizabeth*, b March 23, 1745, d Aug. 10, 1758; 67 *Em.*, b June 5, 1745, d May 20, 1751; 68 *Lois*, b July 13, 1750; 69 *Elisha*, b Nov. 17, 1753.

## 60. JOEL.

JOEL BENHAM, married Esther Andrews, Dec. 7, 1752, m 2d, Elizabeth—.

Children: 70 *James*, b Oct. 26, 1753; 71 *Elizabeth*, b Mar.

7, 1755; 72 *Ebenezer*, b July 21, 1756; 73 *Lyman*, by 2nd wife, b Oct. 1, 1760.

## 59. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER BENHAM married Elizabeth Hotchkiss Nov. 23, 1780.

Child: 74 *Sarah*, b Sept. 18, 1763.

## 62. ISAAC.

ISAAC BENHAM married Lucy Cook, May 11, 1758.

Child: 75 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 19, 1758.

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 BLAKESLEE.<sup>1</sup>

The name of Blakeslee, on the early records, is written in twenty-five or more different ways. It is now generally spelled as above.

There is a tradition among the descendants that two brothers of the name of Blakeslee came from the west of England, designing to settle in the Plymouth Colony, and that one of them died on the passage. The other came to Plymouth, where he died in the early days of the Colony, leaving one son, who was placed with a blacksmith in New Haven, Conn., to learn the trade. It is also asserted that the brothers brought an anvil with them, and that it was seen but a few years since in Roxbury, Conn.

## -SAMUEL.

SAMUEL and Elizabeth Blakeslee appear to be the first of the name in Wallingford; they were in the place about the year 1712; of their history very little now appears.

Children: 1 *Obedience*, b June 13, 1713, m Joshua How; 2 *Femima*, b Oct. 13, 1717; 3 *Susannah*, b March 15, 1719, m Andrew Parker, April 27, 1736; 4 *Elizabeth*, b July 8, 1721, m Gamaliel Parker; 5 *Abigail*, b Sept. 8, 1723, m Elijah Oakley; 6 *Zeruah*, b Jan. 16, 1726, m Nathaniel Ives; Nov. 8,

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Bronson's Hist. Waterbury, 469-77; Savage's Gen. Dict., 1. 189-190.

1744; 7 *Phebe*, b Nov. 1, 1728; 8 *Thankful*, b Nov. 26, 1729, m Justus Hoalt, April 26, 1849; 9 *Hannah*; 10 *Joseph*, b April 1, 1732; 11 *Miriam*, b Oct. 4, 1735, m Joshua How Oct. 14, 1756; 12 *Phebe*, b July 1, 1744.

## 10. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BLAKESLEE married Lois Ives, April 1, 1757.

Children: 13 *Elizabeth*, b July 14, 1758; 14-15 *Lois* and *Joseph* (twins), b Jan. 9, 1762; 16 *Joseph*, b 1766, d Dec 19, 1831, æ. 65; 17 *John W.*

BRISTOL.<sup>1</sup>

## HENRY.

HENRY BRISTOL was in Wallingford in the early part of the last century, and settled in the parish of New Cheshire, where he died, 1750; m Desire Bristol.

Children: 1 *Jonathan*, b Dec. 27, 1725; 2 *Lydia*, b March 16, 1728; 3 *Desire*, m Thomas Brooks, Feb. 12, 1728; 4 *Austin*, d before his father, 1750; 5 *Henry*, d before his father, 1748; 6 *Amos*, m Joanna Parker of Wallingford; 7 *Simeon*, graduated at Yale College; 8 *Gideon*, b 1722, d July 15, 1747, æ. 25; 9 *Augustus*, b 1720, d Feb. 4, 1742, æ. 22.

## 1 JONATHAN.

JONATHAN BRISTOL m Elizabeth ———, m 2nd, Susannah Peck, Oct. 16, 1761.

Children: 10 *Gideon*, b June 11, 1755; 11 *Lowly*, b Feb. 20, 1753; 12 *Jonathan*, b August 1, 1760, m Thankful ———.

## 5 HENRY.

HENRY and Lois Bristol, of Cheshire in Wallingford; he died 1748-9.

Children: 13 *Mary*, b March 12, 1742; 14 *Sarah*, b June 10, 1744; 15 *Damaris*; 16 *Henry*.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Redfield's Gen. of the Redfield family, 36.

## 6. AMOS.

AMOS and Joanna (Parker) Bristol.

Children: 17 *Thomas*, b March 28, 1741; 18 *Augustus*, b July 19, 1743; 19 *Hannah*, b March 20, 1745; 20 *Amos*, b May 6, 1751; 21 *Ezra*, b January 9, 1753; 22 *Reuben*, b Oct. 1, 1755; 23 *Lydia*, b Sept. 15, 1757; 24 *Lucy*, b Sept. 10, 1759.

BROCKETT.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN BROCKETT came to Wallingford with John Moss from New Haven, in 1667 or 1668, and was chosen by the people of New Haven as one of the committee to manage the affairs of the settlement. He was frequently called to fill many of the public offices of the village, and after its incorporation, to represent the town in the General Court. His house lot was No. 1, at the extreme south end of the village, extending from the Old Colony road east toward Wharton's Brook, twenty rods wide and forty rods long; subsequently it was extended to the Brook. The land on which now stands the house of the heirs of the late Edward Hall, is a part of this grant. He died March 12, 1689, æ. 80 years.

Children: 1 *John*, b in England, was a physician, and settled near Muddy river in North Haven; 2 *Benjamin*, b 1648, m Lydia Elcock, he died May 22, 1679; 3 *Abigail*, b March 10, 1649; 4 *Samuel*, b Jan. 14, 1650, m Sarah Bradley, May 21, 1682; 5 *Fabez*, b Oct. 24, 1654, m Dorothy Lyman, Nov. 20, 1691; 6 *Silence*, m Joseph Bradley; 7 *Mary*, m William Pennington of New Jersey.

## I. JOHN.

DR. JOHN BROCKETT m Elizabeth ———, and settled at Muddy River as a farmer and physician, and remained there

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Savage's Gen. Dict., i. 257, 258.



during his life-time. He died 1720. He settled the estate of his father in 1689-90. At his death he gave all his property to his widow Elizabeth, by will. He had a son Moses, b April 23, 1679.

## 2. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN BROCKETT m Lydia Elcock, Dec. 16, 1720.

Children: 8 *Martha*, b Oct. 2, 1721; 9 *Zilla*, b June 17, 1723, d March 20, 1737; 10 *Alice*, b Feb. 12, 1725; 11 *Hezekiah*, b Dec. 31, 1727; 12 *Lydia*, b March 14, 1729, d Nov. 17, 1729; 13 *Lydia*, d March 7, 1731; 14 *Benjamin*, b May 2, 1733; 15 *Zeniah*, d March 21, 1737; 16 *Lydia*, b March 20, 1737; 17 *Sarah*.

## 4. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL BROCKETT m Sarah Bradley, Nov. 21, 1682.

Children: 18 *Samuel*, b Feb. 15, 1682, m Rachel Brown, April 15, 1699; 19 *Daniel*, b Sept. 30, 1684; 20 *John*, b Nov. 8, 1685, m Huldah Ells; 21 *Joseph*, b Oct. 25, 1688; 22 *Fosiah*, b July 25, 1691; 23 *Alice*, b April 23, 1693; 24 *Fosiah*, b July 25, 1698, m Deborah Abbott.

## 5. JABEZ.

JABEZ BROCKETT, m Dorothy Lyman, Nov. 20, 1691.

Children: 25 *Joseph*, b Sept. 17, 1692; 26-27 *James* and *Dorothy* (twins), b March 16, 1695; 28 *Mary*, b March 16, 1699; 29 *an infant dau.*, b May 14, 1696, d June 10, 1696; 30 *Caleb*, b July 5, 1697; 33 *Gideon*, b April 15, 1699, d May 8, 1705; 32 *Andrew*, b July 6, 1701.

## 18. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL BROCKETT m Rachel Brown, April 15, 1699; she died Jan. 24, 1718. He married Elizabeth How, Aug. 5, 1718.

Children: 33 *Titus*, b June 28, 1700, m Mary Turhand; 34 *Sarah*, b Aug. 26, 1702; 35 *Isaac*, b Sept. 3, 1705, m Mary Sedgwick, June 16, 1733; 36 *Rachel*, b March 20, 1708; 37 *Abigail*, b Feb. 11, 1711; 38 *Samuel*, b June 21, 1714.

## 20. JOHN.

JOHN BROCKETT married Huldah Ells, March 1, 1711.

Children: 39 *Daniel*, b April 3, 1712, m Rachel —; 40 *David*, b Nov. 28, 1714; 41 *Anna*, b Feb. 2, 1715, m Gideon Hotchkiss, Jan. 18, 1737; 42 *Christopher*, b April 3, 1718; 43 *Mehitable*, b April 3, 1719; 44 *Elisha*, b May 31, 1726; 45 *John*, b Feb. 14, 1728.

## 24. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH BROCKETT m Deborah Abbot, Nov. 16, 1725. He m 2nd, Mary —, who survived him and m Captain Isaac Bronson of Waterbury, Feb. 13, 1755, she d Aug. 1, 1816.

Children by 1st wife: 46 *Hannah*, b Sept. 22, 1725; by 2nd, 47 *Job*, b Sept. 20, 1727, m Martha Ebenathe; 48 *Sarah*, b Dec. 7, 1728, m James Bronson, Aug. 22, 1750; 49 *Abigail*, b July 23, 1732; 50 *Mary*, b Feb. 22, 1735; 51 *Elizabeth*, b April 15, 1736.

## 33. TITUS.

TITUS BROCKETT m Mary, daughter of Henry Turhand, of Wallingford, Feb. 12, 1728. He was one of the most active Episcopalians in the place, and was one of the four largest contributors toward the erection of the second church edifice, in 1762, which, until within a few years, occupied the lot on the corner opposite the Isaac Peck house, on which a school-house is about being erected, the lot having been given to the town for that purpose by the late Moses Yale Beach Esq. Mr. Brockett died July 29, 1773, æ. 74 years. His wife died May 1, 1777, æ. 64 years.

Child: 52 *Turhand*, b March 7, 1733, d May 23, 1738;

The disease of which Mr. Titus Brockett died was small-pox. He was a member of Parson Andrews' Episcopal church, and a strong Tory. Parties had been formed for and against the British Government. In Wallingford they ran extremely high, and just two years before, Rev. Mr Andrews delivered his celebrated Fast-day sermon, that compelled him to leave for Nova Scotia. At the funeral of Mr. Brockett the Whigs would not have him buried with other members of the family, but compelled Turhand Kirtland and two others, to have the grave dug on a wet, springy place, directly

under the east fence of the burying-ground, so that the water immediately filled the grave, though in mid-summer. It was therefore necessary to sink the coffin with two rails till the earth could be returned. For a long time these rails remained standing up out of the grave, and did not decay. Some of the family supposed that the timber was supernaturally preserved, as a testimony against the wicked whigs.

## 35. ISAAC.

ISAAC BROCKETT married Mary Sedgwick, a daughter of Samuel and Ruth Sedgwick of Hartford, June 16, 1731. She died Jan. 19, 1734. He married Elizabeth Culver, Feb. 25, 1737, who after his death married Daniel Frisbie, May 4, 1748. He died Oct. 18, 1746. He was an ardent churchman.

Child by 1st marriage: 53 *Rachel*, b May 23, 1732, m Constant Kirtland. Children by 2d marriage: 54 *Ruth*, b Feb. 3, 1738; 55 *Esther*, b Oct. 6, 1739; 56 *Hannah*, b Oct. 6, 1741; 57 *Ruth*, b Oct. 26, 1744.

## 38. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL BROCKETT married Ruth ——. He was a son of Samuel and Rachel Brockett.

Children: 58 *Eunice*, b Jan. 15, 1744; 59 *Zuer*, b Mar. 24, 1746; 60 *Foel*, b June 14, 1749; 61 *Foel*, b July 28, 1750; 62 *Zenas*, b July 12, 1752; 63 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 1, 1760.

## 39. DANIEL.

DANIEL BROCKETT, son of John and Huldah, m Rachel ——.

Children: 64 *Daniel*, b July 3, 1737; 65 *Daniel*, b April 13, 1740.

## 45. JOHN.

JOHN BROCKETT, son of John and Huldah Brockett, married <sup>\*</sup>Jemima ——.

Children: 66 *Christopher*, b June 2, 1749; 67 *Susannah*, b Nov. 17, 1750.

## 47. JOB.

JOB BROCKETT, son of Josiah and Deborah Brockett, m Martha Ebernathe.

Child: 68 *Lucretia*, b July 27, 1756.

BROWN.<sup>1</sup>

## FRANCIS.

FRANCIS BROWN married Mary Edwards, in England, and came over to America, and to New Haven, in advance of the colony; was one of the company that spent the winter of 1637-8 in a hut which they had erected on the east corner of what is now College and George-sts. He was one of the subscribers to the colony compact, or constitution, in 1639.

Children: 1 *Lydia*; 2 *John*; 3 *Eleazer*; 4 *Samuel*; 5 *Ebenezer*.

## 4. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL married Mercy Tuttle, May 2, 1667, and was one of the original subscribers for the settlement of the village of Wallingford. Lot No. 7, west side of the Main street, was assigned to him for his encouragement, as a house lot. But it does not appear that he ever built upon it; why he did not is unknown. This lot was subsequently assigned to John Moss, who built a house upon it; and it remained in the family until the death of the late Ebenezer Morse, a few years since. In 1850 Moses Y. Beach purchased this lot, and erected that elegant mansion, now known as the Beach House, upon it. Samuel Brown died in Wallingford, Nov. 4, 1691, æ. 46 yrs.

Children: 6 *Abigail*, b March 11, 1669, d young; 7 *Sarah*, b Aug. 8, 1672; 8 *Rachel*, b April 14, 1677; 9 *Francis*, b Oct. 7, 1679; 10 *Gideon*, b July 12, 1685; 11 *Samuel*, b Oct. 29, 1699.<sup>2</sup>

BUNNEL.<sup>3</sup>

## PETER.

PETER BUNNEL came from England in the *May-flower*, with the Pilgrims, and landed at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620.

1 Durrie refers to 45 works for collateral branches.

2 Bronson in Hist. of Waterbury gives descendants of above.

3 For collateral branches, see Hinman's Conn. settlers, 405, 406.

## RICHARD.

RICHARD BUNNEL came from England in 1630, and settled at Watertown, Mass.

## BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN BUNNEL was an early settler in Wallingford ; was made a freeman in 1670. He was at New Haven in 1668, and possibly previous to that date. He married Mary Brooks, and had a daughter, 1 *Lydia*, b Aug. 27, 1713.

## 2. ABNER.

ABNER BUNNEL, born in 1676.

Children: 3 *Abner*; 4 *David*; 5 *Enos*, m Truelove —, she d May 7, 1717, æ. 22; 6 *Ebenezer*, b 1716.

## NATHANIEL.

ENSIGN NATHANIEL BUNNEL was an early settler in that part of Wallingford now Cheshire, where he married Desire, daughter of Benjamin Peck, May 10, 1709. She was born Aug. 26, 1687, and died in 1721. He married Mary Brooks, Feb. 17, 1726, and died of small pox, May 4, 1732, æ. 46 yrs. He appears to have been the ancestor of all who have gone from Cheshire that bear the name of Bunnel.

Children: 7 *Desire*, b March 26, 1711; 8 *Ebenezer*, b May 21, 1713, m Lydia Clark; 9 *Benjamin*, b April 16, 1715; 10 *Parmineas*, b March 1, 1717; 11, 12, *Fared* and *Desire* (twins), b June 25, 1719; 13 *Abner*, b March 24, 1721, m Elizabeth Preston, Feb. 19, 1746; 14 *Joseph*, b Jan. 17, 1723. By 2nd marriage: 15 *Patience*, b Nov. 28, 1726; 16 *Hezekiah*, b Nov. 21, 1727, m Esther —; 17 *Rachel*, b Nov. 15, 1728, m Samuel Thompson, June 27, 1747; 18 *Rebecca*, b Jan. 6, 1730; 19 *Stephen*, b July 6, 1731.

## 8. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER BUNNEL m Lydia Clark of Cheshire, 1738.

Children: 20 *Nathaniel*, b June 4, 1739; 21 *Fared*, b Oct. 6, 1741; 22 *Lydia*, b May 4, 1744; 23 *Israel*, b March 17, 1747; 24 *Ebenezer*, b Feb. 15, 1750, d March 1, 1756; 25

*Lydia*, b Jan. 26, 1753; 26 *Hannah*, b April 11, 1756; 27 *Desire*, b Jan. 7, 1759; 28 *Miriam*, b March 20, 1762.

## 9. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN BUNNEL married Lydia Fox, Dec. 22, 1743.

Children: 29 *Benjamin*, b July 15, 1747; 30 *Samuel*, b Jan. 7, 1750.

## 10. PARMINEAS.

PARMINIAS BUNNEL m Rachel Curtis, Sept. 20, 1739. After his death she married Samuel Thompson, June 7, 1741.

Children: 31 *Desire*, b May 19, 1740; 32 *Parmineas*, b Jan., 1742; 33 *Mary*, b Jan. 6, 1745; 34 *John*, b April 18, 1746; 35 *Rachel*, b July 2, 1748; 36 *Desire*, b Nov. 7, 1750; 36 *Damaris*, b June 30, 1752; 38 *John*, b July 25, 1754.

## 13. ABNER.

ABNER BUNNEL m Elizabeth Preston, Feb. 19, 1756.

Children: 39 *David*, b Dec. 2, 1747; 40 *Abner*, b Nov. 18, 1749; 41 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 20, 1751; 42 *Enos*, b May 15, 1753, m Naomi, dau. of Stephen and Hannah Atwater; 43 *Reuben*, b Feb. 22, 1755; 44 *Samuel*, b May 12, 1757; 45 *Esther*, b March 26, 1759; 46 *Fehiel*, b Oct. 6, 1763

## 14. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH BUNNEL m Hannah Hotchkiss, Feb. 28, 1745.

Children: 47 *Eunice*, b May 23, 1745; 48 *Miriam*, b May 31, 1747.

## 16. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH BUNNEL m Esther —.

Children: 49 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 23, 1734, m Lois Rice, June 17, 1759; 50 *Titus*, b Nov. 9, 1735; 51 *Esther*, b Nov. 31, 1737.

## 19. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN BUNNEL married Mary Hendrick, Sept. 26, 1752.

Children: 52 *Lois*, b July 1, 1754; 53 *Mary*, b March 27, 1756; 54 *Levi*, b July 19, 1759; 55 *Eunice*, b June 10, 1761.

## 23. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL BUNNEL married Jerusha Dowd, daughter of Benjamin Dowd of Middletown. He was a large landholder in Cheshire, and one of the most prominent and active men in the town, and for many consecutive years served as selectman, and in various other offices in the gift of his fellow-townsmen. His death was greatly lamented by all who knew him, and especially by his neighbors and friends.

Children: 56 *Nathaniel*, d in Cheshire; 57 *Rufus*; 58 *Virgil*; 59 *Israel*; 60 *Fairus*, d in New Haven; 61 *Ebenezer*; 62 *Dennis*; 63 *Hannah*; 64 *Jerusha*, m Doct. Pierre E. Brandon.

## CANNON.

## LYMAN.

LYMAN CANNON, married ———, a daughter of the late Elisha Smith, of Wallingford. He carried on the tin business with considerable success during his whole life in Wallingford. He was a Deacon in the Congregational church.

Children: *Burdett*, d in Wallingford; *William*, resided in New Haven; *James*, d in New Haven in 1868; 1 *daughter*.

## CARTER.

This name appears in Wallingford before 1738, in the persons of William and Anna Carter. They had a daughter born Nov. 20, 1738, and a son, William, born Nov. 14, 1748, and perhaps others. Dea. Salmon Carter was one of the old inhabitants sixty years ago, in Wallingford. He carried on cabinet making and a small store. He by close application to business and rigid economy in all his affairs, accumulated a very handsome estate. He married ——— Hough, daughter of Joseph and ——— Hough, of Wallingford. In appearance he was a sedate, and remarkably dignified man in his manners

and address, but little seen in the public streets, except on business

Children : 1 *Salome*, d unm. ; 2 *Betsey*, m Lyman Collins, of Meriden ; 3 *William*, m wid. Hiram Yale, of Wallingford, left no children.

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### CARRINGTON.<sup>1</sup>

This family is one of great antiquity. Sir Michael Carrington, who was a standard bearer to Richard I., 1189, is the first of whom I find any record. His grandson Sir William Carrington was an officer under Edward I., 1272-1307. Sir Edmund Carrington, Kt., was an officer under Edward II., 1307-27. Sir William Carrington, Kt., temp. of Edward III. 1327-77. Sir Thomas Carrington, Kt., Steward (of the household) to Edward III., was the father of John Carrington, who in the beginning of the reign of Henry IV. for his adherence to Richard II. ( who was deposed ) was compelled to flee from his country, and on returning assumed for disguise the name of Smith. He died 1446, and was father of Hugh ( Carrington ) Smith, who appears to have been the father of ( 1445-1500 ) Sir John Carrington Smith, Baron of the Exchequer, temp. Henry VIII., whose fourth son ( 1509-47 ) Francis ( Carrington ) Smith, of Ashley Tolville, Leicester, was great grandfather of Charles ( Carrington ) Smith, who was created Oct. 31, 1643, Lord C——, Baron of "Wotton Warren" in Warwickshire, 4th of Nov., following Viscount Carrington in the Peerage of Ireland, was murdered by his valet at Pontoise in France, Feb. 21, 1664, and was succeeded by Francis Carrington Smith, 2d Baron and Viscount. He died in 1705. Charles, his son, died young, in May, 1706. The title and honor thus became extinct.

John Carrington was an early settler in Farmington, and

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, 338 ; Campbell's Hist. Virginia, 624-625 ; Foot's Hist. Virginia, 2nd series, 575 ; Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 491-492 ; Mead's Hist. of Old Churches and Families of Virginia, II. 29.



one of the "eighty-four proprietors" in 1672. He signed the articles for the settlement of Mattatuck, Waterbury, in 1674, and appears to have joined the new plantation early; for he is named in all the divisions of fences. It appears that for some cause he did not fully comply with the conditions of the new plantation covenant, and was consequently declared to have forfeited his rights, Feb. 6, 1682. But little is known of him. He died in the early part of 1690, leaving a widow who died before the inventory of his effects was rendered, June 30, 1690. His son John was the administrator, and the estate amounted to £120 11s. John had £23, and each of the other children had £12; their guardians were instructed to put out the three youngest, and not to be governed or overruled by John the administrator. John's brothers were Ebenezer, Samuel and Ezekiel. John Carrington's house-lot of two acres was on West Main-st., the south side, about where Leavenworth street now runs. It was bounded north and south on the highway, east on Timothy Stanley, west on George Scott. It was sold in 1710, by the heirs to Timothy Stanley and George Scott, for £12.

Children: 1 *John*, b 1667, d 1692 in Farmington, he was a cooper; 2 *Mary*, b 1672, m William Parsons of Farmington, Ct.; 3 *Hannah*, b 1675, m Joshua Holcombe of Simsbury, Ct.; 4 *Clark*, b 1678, m Sarah Higason, and lived in Farmington; 5 *Elizabeth*, b 1682, m John Hoskins of Windsor; 6 *Ebenezer*, b 1687, removed to Hartford, d in Waterbury, had no issue.

#### I. JOHN.

JOHN CARRINGTON, first of Waterbury, married Miss ——— Hunn. from Mass. He married for his second wife Miss ———. He lived on a farm at Red Stone Hill in Farmington, where he died.

Children by 1st marriage: 7 *Nathaniel*, m, had no issue, d on the old homestead; 8 *John*, m Mabel Beach in New York, was a merchant in Goshen, d a young man; 9 *Jeremiah*, b 1746, m Mindwell Cook and settled in Wallingford, where

he kept a tavern a great number of years; 10 *Deborah*, m ——— Rice, she died at Onondaga, N. Y., a woman of great worth; 11 *Keziah*, m 1st, ——— Munson, 2d, Esq. Oliver Stanley of Wallingford; 12 *Martha*, m Fisk Beach of Goshen, brother of Mabel, had 8 children. By 2d marriage: 13 *Fonathan*, b 1748, m Azubah Burns of Bristol, d 1733; 14 *Solomon*, d in the old prison ship New York; 15 *Phineas*, d supposed in the service of the U. States; 16 *David*.

## 8. JOHN.

JOHN CARRINGTON, son of John and ——— Hunn Carrington, married Mabel Beach, of Goshen, Conn. He was a merchant in Goshen. He died of a fever in New York while a young man.

Children: 17 *Harvey*, m ——— Catlin, children, John and Lucia; 18 *Elisha*, m Judy Thompson, she died leaving 7 daughters and 1 son; 19 *Miles*, resides in Augusta N. Y., is accounted a good man; 20 *Anna*, m a lawyer named Dawes, had 2 children, she died young; 21 *Mabel*, m., and lived in humble circumstances.

## JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH CARRINGTON, son of John and ——— Hunn Carrington, married Mindwell Cook, daughter of Isaac and Jerusha, of Wallingford, and was the keeper of the hotel now kept by Dwight Hall in the village of Wallingford, for a number of years. He died Dec. 17, 1812, æ. 66 years. She died Jan. 7, 1813, æ. 64 years.

Children: 22 *James*, b 1770, d July 6, 1836, æ. 66, m Patty McLean, she died March 12, 1836, æ. 64; 23 *Liverius*, b 1778, d Dec. 22, 1848, æ. 70.

## 22. JAMES.

JAMES CARRINGTON, son of Capt. Jeremiah and Mindwell Carrington, m Patty McLean of Wallingford. He was an energetic and thorough business man, and for many years was in the employ of Eli Whitney Esq., as superintendent of the Gun Factory at Whitneyville. He was Postmaster at

Wallingford many years, and leader of the singing in the old three-story meeting-house, being a fine musician, and possessed of a remarkably full, well-toned bass voice.

Children: 24 *Miles*, now of Mobile, Ala.; 25 *James Whitney*, Astoria, N. Y.; and several daughters.

## 23. LIVERIUS.

LIVERIUS CARRINGTON, son of Capt. Jeremiah and Mindwell Carrington, m 1st, Thankful Hall, 2nd, Eliza Kirtland, 3d, Sarah Kirtland Yale, wid. of Selden Yale, and sister to Eliza, his 2nd wife. He studied medicine with Dr. Kirtland of Wallingford. Not liking the profession he formed a partnership with the late George B. Kirtland, and entered the mercantile business, in which he continued until his decease in 1840.

Children by 1st marriage: 27 *William*, b about 1807, successor to the old firm, C. & K.; 28 *Anna*, and an infant, both of whom died, Anna at the age of 17. Children by 2nd marriage: 29 *Sarah K.*; 30 *Anna*, m Joel Peck, late deceased. Children by 3d marriage: 31 *Kirtland*, business clerk; 32 *Ellen*.

CLARK.<sup>1</sup>

## I. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER CLARK, son of James, of New Haven, born Nov. 29, 1651, m Sarah, daughter of James Peck, of New Haven, May 6, 1678; she died May 20, 1696, æ. 37 years. He died April 30, 1721, æ. 70 years. He married Elizabeth Royce for his 2nd wife, Dec. 22, 1696. He was the first of this name in Wallingford.

Children: by 1st m, 1 *Caleb*, b March 6, 1678; 2 *Sarah*, b Aug. 20, 1681, m Isaac Cook, Oct. 11, 1706; 3 *Fosiah*, b Feb. 6, 1683, m Mary Burr; 4 *Stephen*, b Dec. 18, 1686; 5

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<sup>1</sup> Durrie refers to fifty-two works containing notices of the Clark family.

*Hannah*, b Aug. 18, 1689, d before her father ; 6 *Sylvanus*, b Feb. 1, 1691-2, m Damaris Hitchcock in 1717 ; 7 *Obadiah*, b Oct. 17, 1694, d before his father ; 8 *Stephen*, b Dec. 7, 1696, d Mar. 25, 1750. By 2nd marriage : 9 *Eliphalet*, b Dec. 28, 1697 ; 10 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 24, 1698, d before her father ; 11 *Susannah*, b April 29, 1700, d before her father ; 12 *Caleb*, b Sept. 26, 1701, m Lois How, Jan. 19, 1722 ; 13 *Phebe*, b May 20, 1703 ; 14 *Daniel*, b Feb. 7, 1712, m Elizabeth —, she d April 17, 1755 ; 15 *Abigail*, b June 8, 1705 ; 16 *James*, b Sept. 29, 1713, d before his father ; 17 *Susannah*, b Sept. 30, 1717 ; 18 *Sarah*, b Sept. 24, 1721, d June 18, 1722.

## 3. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH CLARK, son of Ebenezer and Sarah Clark of Wallingford, m Mary Burr, April 21, 1710.

Children : 19 *Solomon*, b March 6, 1711 ; 20 *Mary*, b Mar. 22, 1723.

## 6. SYLVANUS.

SYLVANUS CLARK, son of Ebenezer and Sarah Clark, married Damaris Hitchcock, April 22, 1717.

Children : 21 *Jonah*, b Jan. 31, 1718 ; 22 *Thankful*, b Dec. 21, 1719, m James Curtis, Nov. 11, 1738.

## 8. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN CLARK, son of Ebenezer and Sarah Clark, m Lydia Hotchkiss of Cheshire. She died Nov. 1, 1737, æ. 41. He died Nov. 25, 1750, æ. 64 years, at Cheshire. His second wife was Ruth —.

Children by 1st marriage : 23 *Lydia*, b Nov. 25, 1718 ; 24 *Sarah*, b Sept. 24, 1721 ; 25 *Andrew*, b Oct. 24, 1727, m Mehitable Tuttle, Feb. 7, 1748. Children by 2nd marriage : 26 *Desmania*, b Sept. 26, 1751 ; 27 *Amasa*, b Nov. 25, 1753 ; 28 *Mary*, b Oct. 4, 1756 ; 29 *Stephen*, b Dec. 16, 1785, m Mehitable — ; 30 *Levi*, b Jan. 11, 1761.

## 12. CALEB.

CALEB, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Clark, married Lois How, Jan. 19, 1722.

Children: 31 *Margery*, b April 14, 1723; 32 *Eunice*, b Mar. 23, 1725; 33 *Phebe*, b Mar. 1, 1728; 34 *Lois*, b Aug. 31, 1730.

## 14. DANIEL.

DANIEL, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Clark, married Elizabeth Miles, Sept. 17, 1741; she died April 17, 1755. He m again in 1741; he died Aug. 17, 1774, æ. 63 yrs.

Children: 35 *Lois*, b Nov. 12, 1743; 36 *Archibald*, b Sept. 1, 1745-6, m Polly Ives, of North Haven; 37 *Ebenezer*; 38 *Daniel*, was a town pauper for years; 39 *Abigail*; 40 *James*.

## 25. ANDREW.

ANDREW, son of Stephen and Lydia Clark, m Mehitable Tuttle, Feb. 7, 1748-9.

Children: 41, *Stephen*, b Jan. 16, 1749; 42 *Lydia*, b March 23, 1752; 43 *Mehitable*, b Aug. 21, 1758.

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM CLARK married Mindwell Rowe, Aug. 29, 1749.

Children: 44 *Sylvanus*, b Oct. 4, 1750; 45 *Fosiah*, b Aug. 8, 1752.

## ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM CLARK married Martha Tyler, Oct. 5, 1721.

Children: 46 *Mary*, b March 1, 1724; 47 *Lydia*, b March 1, 1726; 48 *Hannah*, b Sept. 12, 1727; 49 *Rufus*, b March 1, 1728; 50 *Keziah*, b Oct. 31, 1731.

COOK.<sup>1</sup>

The ancestors from whom most of the Cooks in New England trace their descent, came from Herefordshire and Kent, in England. The ancestral branch from whom those of the name trace their origin, now resident in various parts of the state, came from Kent, and were of the Puritan stock.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 207; Babson's Hist. Gloucester, Mass., 74; Bronson's Hist. Waterbury, 485-7; Cope's Record of Cope family of Penn., 44, 78, 79-82, 157, 175, 176; Fox's Hist. Dunstable, Mass., 242; Freeman's Hist. Cape Cod, Mass., 11, 366, 389, 634, 642, 643; Hinmans's Conn. Settlers, 698-703; Hobart's

Henry Cook was at Plymouth, Mass., before 1640. He had sons, Isaac, John, Henry and Samuel. Isaac is supposed to have remained at Plymouth, and John to have settled at Middletown. Henry and Samuel settled at Wallingford, and are the ancestors of most of the name of Cook in Connecticut, and of many in various parts of the country.

## SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK came to New Haven in 1663, m Hope, daughter of Edward Parker of New Haven, May 2, 1667. They went to Wallingford in April, 1670, with the first planters. He was, perhaps, the first and only shoemaker and tanner of leather in the place. After the decease of his wife Hope, he married Mary Roberts, July 14, 1690. He was regarded as a very good man by his friends and neighbors, and was frequently called to fill offices of responsibility and trust in the village, and in the church of which he was a member. He died March, 1702. He left an estate of £340. His widow m Jeremiah How, sen., April 9, 1705.

Children by 1st marriage: 1 *Samuel*, b March 3, 1667-8, in New Haven; 2 *John*, b Dec. 3, 1669, in New Haven; 3 *Hannah*, b March 3, 1671-2, in Wallingford; 4 *Isaac*, b March 10, 1673, d April 7, 1673; 5 *Mary*, b April 23, 1675, m Nathaniel Ives, April 5, 1699; 6 *Elizabeth*, b August 22, 1677, d young; 7 *Judith*, b Feb. 29, 1679, m Jeremiah How jr., April 20, 1704, she d March 20, 1708; 8 *Isaac*, b Jan. 10, 1681; 9 *Joseph*, b Feb. 25, 1683; 10 *Hope*, b Sept. 27, 1686, m Joseph Benham, Dec. 18, 1706, she d Jan. 30, 1731. By 2nd marriage: 11 *Israel*, b May 8, 1692; 12 *Mabel*, b June 30, 1694; 13 *Benjamin*, b April 8, 1697, d 1717, unmarried, was

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Hist. Abington, Mass., 363-4; Hollister's Pawlet, Vt., 179, 180; Howell's Hist. Southampton, L. I., 210-12; Judd and Boltwood's Hist. Hadley, Mass., 465-471; Kellogg's Memorials of John White, 77; Kidder's Hist. New Ipswich, N. H., 352; Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass., 141; Nash's Gen. of Nash Fam., 33, 34; Stiles's Hist. Windsor, Conn., 572-4; Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 445-51; Bond's Hist. and Gen. Watertown, Mass., 163, 164; Jackson's Hist. Newton, Mass., 247-50.

a tanner and currier; 14 *Ephraim*, b April 19, 1699; 15 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 10, 1701, m Adam Mott, Aug 28, 1717.

## I. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Samuel and Hope Cook, married Hannah Ives, daughter of William of New Haven, March 3, 1692, John Moss Esq. officiating. She died May 29, 1714. Hethen married Elizabeth Bedel, of Stratford. He died Sept. 18, 1725, æ. 58 years, at Wallingford. His widow married Capt. Daniel Harris, of Middletown, Conn. He was a farmer in the western part of the township, near the line which now divides Cheshire from Wallingford. Some of his descendants are still occupying the same land. Estate, £ 390.

Children: 16 *Hannah*, b May 28, 1693, m Jeremiah Hull, she died Nov. 22, 1735, æ. 43 years; 17 *Samuel*, b March 5, 1695; 18 *Aaron*, b Dec. 28, 1696; 19 *Lydia*, b Jan. 13, 1699, m Daniel Dutton, d Oct. 12, 1738; 20 *Moses*, b Jan. 4, 1700, d Dec. 25, 1711; 21 *Miriam*, b Nov. 4, 1703, m Benjamin Curtis, Dec. 12, 1727; 22 *Thankful*, b Dec. 24, 1705, d Aug. 19, 1714; 23 *Esther*, b March 8, 1707, m Abel Yale, July 22, 1730; 24 *Eunice*, b Feb. 25, 1709; 25 *Susannah*, b Sept. 5, 1711, m Joseph Cole, Dec. 1, 1735; 26 *Hope*, d Sept. 18, 1728. By 2nd marriage: 27 *Moses*, b Nov. 6, 1716; 28 *Thankful*, b Nov. 14, 1718, m Stephen Hotchkiss, Dec. 31, 1742; 29 *Asaph*, b June 23, 1720; 30 *Hannah*, b Nov. 4, 1721, m Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire, and settled at Bethlem.

## 2. JOHN.

JOHN COOK, son of Samuel and Hope Cook, married Hannah Hall, and settled in the western part of the township near Scott's Rock in Cheshire. He died April 30, 1739, æ. 70 years.

Children: 31 *Ezekiel*, b April 20, 1700, d Nov. 7, 1722; 32 *Naomi*, b Jan. 27, 1704, d Nov. 20, 1707; 33 *John*, b Aug. 23, 1707, d Nov. 1, 1722; 34 *Mary*, m John McKay, she d 1763, in Cheshire, Conn.

## 8. ISAAC.

ISAAC COOK, son of Samuel and Hope Cook, married Sarah Curtis, Oct. 11, 1705. He d Feb. 1, 1712, in Wallingford. His widow married Caleb Lewis, in 1714. Estate, £103.

Children: 35 *Sarah*, b July 20, 1707; 36 *Amos*, d in childhood; 37 *Mindwell*, b May, 1709, m Caleb Evarts of Guilford, Conn.; 38 *Isaac*, b July 22, 1710.

## 9. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH COOK, son of Samuel and Hope Cook, married Abigail —. After her death, he married Eleanor Johnson, Oct. 14, 1714, and remained in Wallingford until 1743, when in the autumn of that year, he went to Goshen in Litchfield county, and was among the earliest and most prominent men in the place. He died Nov. 7, 1764, æ. 82 years.

Children by 1st marriage: 39 *Lois*, b April 25, 1700, d in infancy; 40 *Samuel*, b Feb. 18, 1702; 41 *Abigail*, b Jan. 18, 1703. By 2d marriage: 42 *Phebe*, b Oct. 7, 1715, m Eli Pettibone, Feb. 21, 1751, she d about 1767; 43 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 5, 1718; 44 *Daniel*, b Aug. 19, 1720; 45 *Walter*, b Dec. 21, 1722; 46 *Joseph*, b Jan. 18, 1726; 47 *Lois*, b May 23, 1729; 48 *Lambert*, d at Goshen; 49 *Hannah*, b Nov. 15, 1735, m Roger Pettibone, Jan. 25, 1752, she d April 29, 1763.

## 11. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL COOK, son of Samuel and Mary Cook, married Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Clark of Wallingford, Feb. 22, 1717. He settled in what is now Cheshire, and afterward moved to Vermont with some of his children, where it is supposed he died.

Children: 50 *Catharine*, b July 3, 1718, m Isaiah Smith, of New Haven, May 20, 1750; 51 *Ebenezer*, b Dec. 13, 1719; 52 *Sarah*, b May 5, 1722, m 1st, Jonathan Hall, Dec. 25, 1739, 2d, Jehiel Andrus, Jan. 16, 1745; 53 *Deborah*, b Oct. 1, 1725, m Elisha Perkins, June 20, 1748; 54 *Anna*, b July 4, 1727; 55 *John*, b 1731, bap. in Cheshire, June, 1751; 56



*Amos*, b Dec. 5, 1734; 57 *Benjamin*, b about 1736; 58 *Ashbel*, b May 6, 1738; 59 *Charles*, doubtless settled in Vermont; 60 *Ezekiel*, b and bap. at Cheshire, June, 1751, supposed settled in Vermont.

## 14. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM COOK, son of Samuel and Mary Cook, married Lydia Doolittle. She died Dec. 25, 1785, æ. 84 years. He died March 22, 1774, æ. 75 years. He was licensed by the county court, April 24, 1727, to prosecute the business of tanning and dressing leather in Cheshire.

Children: 61 *Mary*, b Feb. 13, 1723, d same year; 62 *Mamre*, b Dec. 21, 1725, m Daniel Hotchkiss, of Cheshire; 63 *Lydia*, b March 2, 1726, m Jason Hitchcock, Sept. 20, 1741; 64 *Mary*, b April 7, 1728, m John Smith of Cheshire; 65 *Ephraim*, b April 7, 1730; 66 *Tirzah*, b Oct. 3, 1733, m Samuel Smith of Cheshire; 67 *Elam*, b Nov. 10, 1735; 68 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 10, 1738, m Ebenezer Brown of Cheshire; 69 *Fohn*, b Dec. 27, 1739; 70 *Merriman*, b 1741, d unmarried in Cheshire; 71 *Thankful*, no account of this person recorded; 72 *Phebe*, m Timothy Gaylord, May 4, 1748.

## 17. CAPT. SAMUEL.

CAPT. SAMUEL COOK, son of Samuel and Hannah Ives Cook, married Hannah Lewis, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Lewis, of Wallingford, Feb. 8, 1721. He was a wealthy shipping merchant, from the port of New Haven, where he died Nov. 7, 1745 (Thanksgiving Day), leaving an estate of £29103. He was buried at Cheshire, where a fine altar tomb marks his resting place. His benefactions to the church and poor of Cheshire are lasting monuments to his memory and worth.

Children: 73 *Hannah*, b Dec. 22, 1722, m Elnathan Beach. She died May 18, 1754; 74 *Rhoda*, b Oct. 22, 1724, m Benjamin Hitchcock, of Cheshire, Feb. 27, 1745; 75 *Damaris*, b Nov., 1726, m Rev. Ebenezer Boone, of Farmington, Dec. 19, 1750, then removed to Vermont; 76 *Thaddeus*, b Sept. 10, 1728; 77 *Lowly*, b May 10, 1730, m Andrew

Hull of Cheshire, Oct. 17, 1750; 78 *Samuel*, b Nov. 16, 1733; 79 *Eunice*, b June 29, 1735, m Samuel Hull, of Cheshire, b Feb., 1755; 80 *Levi*, b Nov. 10, 1737, m Isaac Benham of Cheshire; 81 *Aaron*, b Nov. 30, 1739.

Elnathan Beach was a partner with Capt. Cook, whose dau. he married. Andrew Hull was the Hon. father of the late Gen. Andrew Hull of Cheshire, and great grandfather of Rear Admiral Andrew Hull Foote, U. S. N. Samuel Hull was brother to Andrew Hull, and grandfather to the late Mrs. Jonathan Law, of Cheshire and Hartford.

## 18. AARON.

AARON COOK, son of Samuel and Hannah (Ives) Cook, married 1st, Sarah, daughter of James Benham, Nov. 14, 1723. He married 2d, Sarah Hitchcock. She died Aug. 11, 1735, and for his 3d wife he married Ruth Burrage, of Stratford, Feb. 7, 1736. He was a very large landholder in the south-eastern part of Wallingford, Northford survey. He died Oct. 14, 1756, æ. 60 years. Mrs. Ruth Cook died July 2, 1786, æ. 79 years.

Children, by 1st m.: 82 *Samuel*, b Sept. 25, 1725, d before his father; 83 *Stephen*, b Dec. 28, 1727; 84 *Titus*, b Feb. 25, 1730; 85 *Abel*, b Feb. 23, 1732. By 2d marriage: 86 *Sarah*, b June 2, 1735. By 3d marriage: 87 *Lydia*, b 1736, m Uriah Collins, she d Jan. 9, 1793; 88 *Ruth*, b Sept. 7, 1738, m William Collins, she d June 9, 1790; 89 *Esther*, b May 14, 1740; 90 *Elizabeth*, b March 16, 1741-2, d Jan. 27, 1751; 91 *Aaron*, b June 5, 1744; 92 *Miriam*, b June 30, 1746, d Dec. 1, 1750; 93 *Lucy*, b Sept. 20, 1748, d April 29, 1760; 94 *Elizabeth*, b June 7, 1751, d Oct. 19, 1762.

## 27. MOSES.

MOSES COOK, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Cook, m Sarah Culver, June 18, 1740, and went to Branford. Subsequently he went to Waterbury, where his wife died, Jan. 4, 1760, and he afterwards m Dinah Harrison, widow of Benj., June 7, 1762. He was killed by Moses Paul, an Indian, in the town

of Woodbridge, Dec. 12, 1771. (Paul was executed at New Haven in June, 1772). Mr. Cook was æ. 54 years. Mrs. Dinah Cook d Oct. 4, 1792.

Children by 1st m. : 95 *Charles*, b June 3, 1742 ; 96 *Moses*, b May 30, 1744, in Branford, d 1832 ; 97 *Sarah*, b June 13, 1747, d April 5, 1823 ; 98 *Esther*, b June 27, 1750, m Joseph Beebe, she d in Ohio, 1810 ; 99 *Elizabeth*, b May 15, 1752, m Benj. Baldwin, she d 1797 ; 100 *Hannah*, b Jan. 11, 1755, m Titus Bronson, she d 1841 ; 101 *Lydia*, b March 27, 1760, m — Hickox.

## 29. ASAPH.

ASAPH COOK, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Cook, m Sarah Parker, of Wallingford, and went to Granville, Mass., where he remained until about the close of the Revolution, when he removed to Granville, N. Y., where he d in 1792 ; she d in 1818, æ. 96 years.

Children : 102 *Samuel*, b Aug. 18, 1744 ; 103 *Amasa*, b 1746, m Miriam Loomis, of Granville, N. Y., subsequently of Essex Co., N. Y. ; 104 *Asaph*, b March 6, 1748 ; 105 *Joseph*, b April 13, 1750 ; 106 *Susannah*, b April 13, 1750, m Ichabod Parker, she d 1770 ; 107 *Sarah*, b 1752, m Wm Meacham, 2nd, Zeruah Everest, she d 1777 ; 108 *Thankful*, b 1754, m Gideon Beebe, of Adams, Mass. ; 109 *Hannah*, b June 5, 1758 ; 110 *Charles*, b May 9, 1764 ; 111 *Lois*, b 1766, m John Merrick, of Granville, N. Y.

## 38. ISAAC.

ISAAC COOK, son of Isaac and Sarah Cook, m Jerusha Sexton, of Wallingford, Oct. 13, 1733. He died March 16, 1780, æ 80 years. She died Oct. 13, 1795. He was a tanner and currier of leather.

Children : 112 *Amos*, b Dec. 5, 1734 ; 113 *Ferusha*, b Nov. 19, 1736, m Gideon Hosford, Feb. 23, 1757 ; 114 *Isaac*, b July 28, 1739 ; 115 *Caleb*, b Nov. 14, 1741 ; 116 *Mindwell*, b Dec. 9, 1743, d Jan. 26, 1744 ; 117 *Ambrose*, b March 19, 1744, d in infancy ; 118 *Ambrose*, b June 30, 1746 ; 119 *Elihu*,

b Aug. 16, 1747, d Aug. 31, 1747; 120 *Mindwell*, b April 20, 1750, m Capt. Jeremiah Carrington, of Wallingford.

## 43. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN COOK, son of Joseph and Eleanor Cook, married Hannah Munson, Jan. 20, 1741. She was celebrated in her day as a skillful midwife in Wallingford, where they lived at the time of his decease, which occurred about 1790. He was a weaver and farmer.

Children: 121 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 8, 1743; 122 *Martha*, m Col. Isaac Cook of Wallingford; 123 *Joel*, b Aug. 31, 1745, d young; 124 *Merriman*, b Oct. 1, 1748; 125 *Lois*, b 1752, m Oliver Doolittle, Jan. 16, 1776; 126 *Phebe*, b May 3, 1756, m Isaac Doolittle of Wallingford.

## 44. DANIEL.

DANIEL COOK, son of Joseph and Eleanor Cook, m Elizabeth Pond, Feb. 6, 1746. He moved from Wallingford to Goshen, where she died, Sept., 1791.

Children: 127 *Samuel*, b Aug. 2, 1747, in Wallingford, went to Goshen, Conn.; 128 *Amasa*, b Oct. 26, 1749; 129 *Philip*, b Feb. 2, 1752; 130 *Lois*, b Feb. 27, 1754, m Joel Gaylord, of Goshen, Conn.; 131 *Lydia*, b Oct. 29, 1756, m Moses Bartholomew, of Goshen, Conn.; 132 *Daniel*, b Aug. 18, 1761; 133 *Moses*, b April 25, 1764; 134 *John*, b Sept. 8, 1767, no report from him.

## 45. WALTER.

WALTER COOK, son of Joseph and Eleanor Cook, m Reuema Calling, and went to Goshen, Conn. Subsequently he went to Richmond, Mass. He was a farmer and shoemaker.

Children: 135 *Eunice*, b Nov. 10, 1754, in Wallingford; 136 *Pitman*, b June 28, 1757, in Wallingford; 137 *Walter*, b Sept. 10, 1764, in Goshen; 138 *John*, b Oct. 2, 1767, in Goshen; 139 *Sinai*, b Oct. 12, 1769, in Goshen; 140 *Susannah*, b Feb. 26, 1790, in Goshen; 141 *Lucy*, m Abijah Newton, of Goshen, Conn.

## 48. LAMBERT.

LAMBERT COOK, son of Joseph and Eleanor Cook, married 1st, Abigail —, and settled in Goshen, Conn. She died Oct. 8, 1758. He married Mindwell Loomis, for his 2nd wife, Dec. 13, 1759. He died at Goshen, Conn.

Child by 1st marriage: 142 *Mary*, b July 17, 1757. By 2nd marriage: 143 *Abigail*, b Jan. 25, 1760; 144 *Joseph*, b Feb. 25, 1762; 145 *Hannah*, b Dec. 25, 1763; 146 infant, b June 11, 1765, d æ. 1 day.

## 51. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER COOK, son of Israel and Elizabeth Cook. He married Eunice —. This family left Wallingford soon after the war of the Revolution.

Children: 147 *Ebenezer*, b May 19, 1760; 148 *Munson*, b March 1, 1762; 149 *Eunice*, b Feb. 28, 1766; 150 *William*, b July 3, 1772.

## 55. JOHN.

JOHN COOK, son of Israel and Elizabeth Cook, married Naomi Abernathy, and removed to Guildhall, Vermont. She died in 1809, aged about 75 years. He died at Guildhall in 1812, aged 81 years.

Children: 151 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 24, 1764; 152 *Naomi*, b March 12, 1766, m Laban Beach; 153 *John*, b March 16, 1768, d at Guildhall, Vt.; 154 *Ruth*, b Feb. 7, 1769; 155 *Lemuel*, b Feb. 7, 1770; 156 *Enos A.*, b Jan. 7, 1773; 157 *Raphael*, b May 8, 1775; 158 *Abigail*, b May 2, 1777, d at Guildhall, Vt.; 159 *Anna*, b July 4, 1779, m — Stoddard; 160 *Beulah*, m Eli How, she died in 1810; 161 *Zaccheus*, b Sept. 13, 1781.

## 57. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN COOK, son of Israel and Elizabeth Cook, married Martha Benham, Aug. 2, 1759, and doubtless left Wallingford soon afterwards.

Children: 162 *Martha*, b March 11, 1760, in Wallingford; 163 *Benjamin*, b May 6, 1765.

## 58. ASHBEL.

ASHBEL COOK, son of Israel and Elizabeth Cook, married Rachel ———. He left Wallingford about 1768, when it is supposed he went to Vermont.

Children: 164 *John*; 165 *Simeon*, d young; 166 *Israel*; 167 *Ashbel*; 168 *Simeon*; 169 *Rice*, b Aug. 12, 1780, in Rutland, Vt.; 170 *Orel*.

## 65. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM COOK, son of Ephraim and Lydia Cook, married Elizabeth Hull, Jan. 1, 1752. He was a farmer, shoemaker, tanner and currier of leather; he died in Cheshire, Conn., Jan. 18, 1789, æ. 59 yrs.

Children: 171 *Lois*, b Jan., 1753, d Nov. 4, 1753, æ. 10 mos.; 172 *Ephraim*, b 1754, d Dec. 2, 1764, æ 10 yrs.; 173 *Lydia*, b Dec. 20, 1756; 174 *Anna*, b Feb. 5, 1764; 175 *Urina*, b 1765, d Dec. 11, 1771, æ. 6 yrs.; 176 *Clarinda*, b 1770, d Dec. 5, 1772, æ. 2 yrs.

## 67. ELAM.

ELAM COOK, son of Ephraim and Lydia Cook, married Abigail Hall, Jan. 8, 1761. He died in Cheshire, Feb. 3, 1808, aged 73 years. She died in Ohio, Sept. 26, 1816, aged 81 years.

Children: 177 *Merriman*, b Nov. 12, 1761, went to Barton, Ohio; 178 *Samuel*, b 1764, settled in Cheshire, Conn.; 179 *Esther*, b March, 1769, m John Ford of Prospect, and went to Ohio, she was the mother of Gov. Ford of Ohio; 180 *Ephraim*, b Dec. 21, 1775; 181 *Elam*, b 1780, settled in Cheshire; 182 *Joseph H.*, b Feb. 1, 1782; 183 *Abigail*, b July 10, 1784, married Hon. Peter Hitchcock of Ohio, formerly of Cheshire.

## 69. JOHN.

JOHN COOK, son of Ephraim and Lydia Cook, married Obedience ———; he died in Cheshire, Oct. 2, 1764, æ. 25 yrs. His widow married Daniel Ives, Dec. 7, 1769.

Child: 184 *Ephraim*, b 1763, d Oct. 2, 1765, æ. 2 yrs.

## 76. THADDEUS.

COL. THADDEUS COOK, son of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Cook, m 1st, Lois, daughter of Capt. Elnathan Beach, of Cheshire, Nov. 28, 1750. She died April 4, 1753, æ. 21 yrs. He m 2nd, Sarah, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Hall, of Cheshire. She died Sept. 5, 1774, æ 44 years. His 3d wife was Abigail ——, she survived him. After having served his country during the Revolution, under the brave Gen. Gates, and his townsmen in almost every office of trust or honor within their gift, he died Feb. 27, 1800.

Child by 1st marriage: 185 *Lois*, b April 1, 1753. By 2d marriage: 186 *Sarah*, b July 23, 1755, m Dr. Gould Gift Norton, of Cheshire, she d Sept., 1838; 187 *Samuel*, b April 19, 1758; 189 *Eunice*, b Jan. 15, 1761, d Feb. 26, 1776, æ. 15 yrs.; 190 *Lucy*, b 1762, m Amos Harrison Ives. She d Feb. 30, 1836, in Cheshire; 191 *Thaddeus*, b May 3, 1764, graduated at Yale, 1783, d Oct. 3, 1789; 192 *Sally*, m Nathan Harrison, of New Branford; 193 *Clarissa*, m —— Hall, and had a dau., Sukey Hall.

## 78. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Cook, m Jerusha Hollingworth, March 4, 1756. It was the intention of his father that he should receive a liberal education at college, but for some cause now unknown, he gave it up, and settled on a farm in the north part of Cheshire, where he d Jan. 5, 1800, æ. 67 years.

Children: 194 *Hannah*, b April 20, 1758, m a Mr. Wright; 195 *Temperance*, b Aug. 6, 1760; 196 *Perez*, b Dec. 1, 1762; 197 *Ferusha*, b Jan. 7, 1767, d July 29, 1803; 198 *Eunice*, b March 23, 1769; 199 *Damaris*, b Feb. 23, 1772; 200 *Abigail*, b June 27, 1775, m Elkanah Doolittle, of Cheshire. She d Dec. 16, 1800.

## 81. AARON.

AARON COOK, son of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Cook, m Mary, dau. of Capt. Cornelius Brooks, of Cheshire. He d Sept. 29, 1776, æ. 37 yrs. She d Sept. 30, 1776, æ. 38 yrs.

He was a farmer, about three and one-half miles south-east of Cheshire meeting-house, where his father formerly lived.

Children: 201 *Jerusha*, b 1757, m Robert Hotchkiss. She d May 19, 1824; 202 *Cornelius*, b Oct. 9, 1763; 203 *Sue*, m Samuel Cook, she d Dec. 24, 1824; 204 *Aaron*, b 1768, d in Cheshire; 205 *Stephen*, b 1771, m Eunice Beadles, of Wallingford; 206 *Mary*, m Shelden Spencer, Esq.

#### 83. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN COOK, son of Capt. Aaron and Sarah Cook, m 1st, Anna Culver, Dec 25, 1751. After her decease he m Thankful Preston, March 2, 1771, and for his 3d wife he married Anna Tyler. Anna his 1st wife died Dec. 10, 1769. Mrs. Thankful his 2d wife died Sept. 20, 1776, and Anna his 3d wife died Sept. 23, 1817, æ. 80 years.

Children by 1st wife: 207 *Samuel*, b Oct. 22, 1752; 208 *Stephen*, b March 25, 1755, went to Vermont; 209 *Anna*, b Oct. 5, 1757; 210 *Elihu*, b July 2, 1760, went to Vermont; 211 *Ruth*, b June 30, 1763, d æ. 90 yrs. By 2d marriage: 212 *Lyman*, b June 30, 1772, went to Ohio; 213 *Fared*, b Aug. 9, 1775. By 3d marriage: 214 *Lemuel*, b Sept. 2, 1779; 215 *Malachi*, b Aug. 28, 1781.

#### 84. TITUS.

TITUS COOK, son of Capt. Aaron and Jerusha Cook, married Sarah Merriman, Jan. 18, 1753. She died Feb. 16, 1795. He died April 4, 1809, æ. 80 years, and was buried in Northford, Conn.

Children: 216 *Sarah*, b Nov. 14, 1753; 217 *Jerusha*, b May 27, 1757; 218, 219 *Lucy* and *Titus*, b April 23, 1761, d in childhood; 220 *Abigail*, b July 19, 1763; 221 *Esther*, b July 21, 1765; 222 *Caleb*, was accidentally killed; 223 *Sally*; 224 *Titus*, b Nov. 7, 1775; 225 *Lydia*, b April 1, 1778.

#### 85. ABEL.

ABEL COOK, son of Capt. Aaron and Sarah Cook, married Mary, daughter of Dea. Benjamin and Elizabeth P. Atwater



of Wallingford, Nov. 16, 1757. She was born Dec. 30, 1735, and died Jan. 13, 1774, æ. 39. He died Aug. 10, 1776, æ. 44 years.

Children: 226 *Atwater*, b Nov. 3, 1758; 227 *Porter*, b July 27, 1760; 228 *Elizabeth*, b March 13, 1763; 229 *Abel*, b March 27, 1765; 230 *Chester*, b Aug. 13, 1767, d young; 231 *Daniel M.*, b Feb. 16, 1770; 232 *Mary*, b April 2, 1773, m Col. Eliakim Hall, d Dec. 1, 1839; 233 *Chester*, b Oct. 6, 1775.

## 91. AARON.

AARON COOK, son of Capt. Aaron and Ruth B. Cook, married 1st, Lucretia Dudley. She died April 16, 1771, æ. 27 years. He married 2d, Elizabeth Taintor. She died April 24, 1816, æ. 65 years. He died Sept. 14, 1825, æ. 80 years, and was interred in Northford grave-yard.

Children; 234 *Oliver Dudley*, b 1766, grad. at Yale College, 1735; 253 *Aaron*, b 1768; 236 *Kilborn*, b 1771, settled in North Guilford, Conn. By 2nd marriage: 237 *Increase*, b 1773, grad. at Yale College, 1793; 238 *Nathaniel*, b 1775, m Susan Baldwin; 239 *Lucretia*, b 1780, d Nov. 14, 1844; 240 *Apollos*, b 1786, settled at Catskill, N. Y.; 241 *Thomas Burrage*; 242 *Elizabeth*, b 1776, m Joshua Atwater, she d Apr. 4, 1842, æ. 66 years; 243 *Lydia*, m Doct. Amos G. Hull; 244 *Henrietta*.

## 95. CHARLES.

CHARLES COOK, son of Moses and Sarah Cook, married Sybil Munson, Aug. 1, 1764. He resided severally in New Haven, Waterbury and Watertown, Conn. He died in 1797, æ. 55 years.

Children: 245 *James Munson*, b June 11, 1765, in New Haven; 246 *Sarah*, b Dec. 22, 1766.

## 96. MOSES.

MOSES COOK, son of Moses and Sarah Cook, married Jemima Upson of Waterbury, March 4, 1766. He was a musician during the Revolutionary war. He died Dec. 25, 1831. She died March 6, 1821.

Children: 247 *Joseph*, b March 4, 1767; 248 *Lucy*, b Sept. 29, 1769, d unmarried, Dec. 8, 1835; 249 *Daniel*, b Sept. 5, 1773; 250 *Hannah*, b March 5, 1775, m Horatio Upson, Waterbury; 251 *Anna*, b March 8, 1778, m Mark Leavenworth; 252 *Elias*, b Dec. 26, 1783, m 2nd, Mrs. Charry Bartholomew.

## 102. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Asaph and Sarah Parker Cook, m Chloe Atwater, daughter of Titus and Margarett, of Cheshire. He went with his father to Granville, Mass., and subsequently to Granville, Washington Co., N. Y. He died in 1823, æ. 79 years.

Child: 253 *Moses*, settled at Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y.

## 104. ASAPH.

ASAPH COOK, son of Asaph and Sarah Parker Cook, married Thankful Parker, June 17, 1776; she was born in Wallingford, April, 1776. They removed to Granville, N. Y. In 1818 they went to Ridgefield, Four Corners, Ohio, where he died in 1826, æ. 78. He was at the battle of Lexington, Mass., as were several of his brothers. His widow died in 1819.

Children: 254 *Elutheras*, b March 21, 1777, d Nov., 1780; 255 *Hannah*, b Feb. 25, 1779, m Lewis Stone, Aug. 3, 1839; 256 *Asaph*, b March 23, 1781, d August 2, 1842; 257 *Rhoda*, b January 7, 1784, d Sept. 30, 1805; 258 *Chloe*, b July 21, 1786, d Oct., 1845; 259 *Elutheras*, b Dec. 25, 1787, d Dec. 27, 1864; 260 *Sarah*, b Jan. 2, 1790, d March, 1829; 261 *Thankful P.*, b April 26, 1792, d unmarried, Aug. 3, 1858; 262 *Erastus*, b Feb. 6, 1795, d July 30, 1849; 263 *Edwin*, b Aug. 25, 1797, d Nov. 3, 1807; 264 *Israel*, b Dec. 4, 1801, d unmarried, Jan. 6, 1854; 265 *Elmira*, b Oct. 15, 1803, d unmarried, Jan. 10, 1852.

## 105. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH COOK, son of Asaph and Sarah Parker Cook, went early in life with his father and family to Granville, N. Y.;

thence to Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y.; and in 1803 to Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; from there in 1805 to live with his sons in Ohio. He died at Oxford, Erie Co., Ohio, æ nearly 86 yrs. The name of his wife was Rachel Langdon. I have ascertained the names of only two of their children, to wit:

266 *Chauncey*, b 1775, resided in Erie Co., Ohio; 267 *Charles L.*, b 1778.

## 110. CHARLES.

CHARLES COOK, son of Asaph and Sarah Parker Cook, married Elizabeth Curtis of Granville, N. Y., daughter of David Curtis; he died at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., May 13, 1855, æ. 91 yrs.

Children: 268 *Betsey*, b Feb. 4, 1791, m Rev. E. Rossiter, she died Nov., 1833; 269 *Daniel C.*, b May 20, 1793, d 1813, was a physician; 270 *Horace*, b Nov. 5, 1775; 271 *Charles*, b May 12, 1778; 272 *Elisha*, b April 12, 1801; 273 *Thecla Louisa*, b Nov. 10, 1802, m B. F. Darrow, 1831, d 1832; 274 *Laura E.*, b Sept. 10, 1804, m Ephraim Read, settled in Ohio; 275 *Hiram E.*, b Jan. 15, 1807, d Aug., 1822, was a physician.

## 112. AMOS.

AMOS COOK, son of Isaac and Jerusha Cook, married Rhoda, daughter of Gideon Hosford, Feb. 23, 1757; she died May 10, 1810. He died at Wallingford.

Children: 276 *Elihu*, b April 25, 1757; 277 *Rhoda*, b April 16, 1761, m John Davis; 278 *Roswell*, b Dec. 6, 1764; 279 *Uri H.*, b Jan. 19, 1767, supposed to have settled in Norway, Herkimer Co., N. Y., 1789; 280 *Amos*, b Nov. 29, 1768; 281 *Lucinda*, b Oct. 31, 1771, m Stephen Hart in 1790; 282 *Sybil*, b Oct. 10, 1778, m Thomas Welton, Jan. 3, 1797; 283 *Lyman*, b Sept. 21, 1780; 284 *Desire*, b March 5, 1783.

## 114. ISAAC.

Col. ISAAC COOK, son of Isaac and Jerusha Cook, married Martha, daughter of Benjamin Cook, March 6, 1760; he was

in the service of his country during the Revolution, as Colonel. He died June, 1810, æ. 71 yrs.

Children: 285 *Joel*, b Oct. 12, 1760, a distinguished officer in the war of 1812; 286 *Lemuel*, b March 17, 1762; 287 *James*, b Jan. 29, 1764, m Chloe Royce, May 4, 1786; 288 *Lucy*, b Jan. 29, 1766; 289 *Isaac*, b July 16, 1768, settled at Chillicothe, Ohio; 260 *Martha*, b June 30, 1770; 291 *Mindwell*, b July 17, 1772, m Asahel Barham, Jan. 6, 1791; 292 *Phebe*, b Feb. 9, 1777, m David Stocking, 1805.

#### 115. CALEB.

CALEB COOK Esq., son of Isaac and Jerusha Cook, married Abigail Finch, Jan. 12, 1764. She died Dec. 22, 1794. He then married Mrs. Lydia Foot. She died May 31, æ. 89. He was a magistrate for many years, and died in his native town, Nov. 17, 1821, æ. 80 years.

Children: 293 *Viney*, b Nov. 26, 1764, m Abel Cook, Dec. 19, 1790; 294 *Augustus*, b Jan. 25, 1767; 295 *Caleb*, b July 27, 1768, d young; 296 *Abigail*, b Nov. 3, 1769; 297 *Nabby*, b April 10, 1777, m Ira Hall, she d 1859; 298 *Betsey*, b Feb. 18, 1779, d unmarried, Jan., 1859; 299 *Mary Ann*, b Aug. 23, 1783; 300, 301, *Caleb* and *Amelia*, b June 4, 1786, the former m Sarah Eaton, the latter d Aug. 31, 1786.

#### 118. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE COOK, son of Isaac and Jerusha Cook, married Esther Peck. He died at the age of 78, March 5, 1824. She died Sept. 13, 1822, æ. 78.

Children: 302 *Chauncey*, b Feb. 1, 1767, m Eunice Dutton; 303 *Samuel*, b July 8, 1769, m Martha Cook; 304 *Ferusha*, b April 25, 1771, m Hunn Munson, Esq.; 305 *Abigail*, b Apr. 9, 1773, supposed died young; 306 *Charles*, b April 26, 1775, m Sylvia, dau. of Elihu Yale; 307 *Esther*, b Oct. 9, 1777, m Benajah, son of Stephen Yale; 308 *Lydia*, b Oct. 13, 1779, m Andrew Hall, M. D.; 309 *Nancy*, b Nov. 13, 1782, m Richard Hall; 310 *Orrin*, b Feb. 14, 1784, m Miss — Stone, of Guilford, Conn.; 311 *Diana*, b Nov. 28, 1786, m Andrew Bartholomew.

## 121. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN COOK, son of Benjamin and Hannah Cook, married April 19, 1770, Esther Rice, dau. of Reuben Rice of Wallingford. He died 1821, *ae.* 78 years. He was a large, corpulent man.

Children: 312 *Hannah*, m Linus Hall; 313 *Rice*, went west, m a Miss Twiss; 314 *Keziah*, b Jan. 27, 1774; 315 *Munson*, b Aug. 27, 1776; 316 *Daniel*, d about 1860, in western New York; 317 *Betsey*, d unmarried; 318 *Charlotte*, b Oct. 26, 1787, m John Malone.

## 124. MERRIMAN.

MERRIMAN COOK, son of Benjamin and Hannah Cook, m Mary Osborn, May 2, 1768. He went to Malta, Saratoga Co., N. Y. He died Sept. 27, 1827, *ae.* 80, and she died May 20, 1832, *ae.* 83 years.

Children: 319 *Joseph*, b Sept. 1, 1768, m Mary Ann Tolman; 320 *Eunice*, b Dec., 1770, m John Scarrit; 321 *Lydia*, b 1773, m Benj. Hall, d Nov. 8, 1856; 322 *Polly*, b March, 1775, m Samuel Hall; 323 *Elihu*, b May 1, 1777, m Sarah Cooley; 324 *Susannah*, b May 9, 1779, m Isaac Darrow; 325 *Lois*, b May 27, 1782, m Amy Hulin; 325 1-2 *Samuel*, m 1st, Mary Culver, 2d, Sally Galpin; 326 *Lyman*, b Sept. 16, 1783; 327 *Catharine*, b 1786, d 1796; 328 *Marcus*, b 1789; 329 *Sherlock*, b 1781, m Milly Thurston.

## 128. AMASA.

AMASA COOK, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Cook, married (after his removal to Goshen) Rachel Norton, March 5, 1772. She died Dec. 17, 1819. He died Dec. 4, 1821, *æ.* 72 years.

Children: 330 *Sally*, b Dec. 28, 1772, m Samuel Chamberlain, she d Aug. 1, 1828; 331 infant, b Oct. 28, 1774, d same day.

## 129. PHILIP.

PHILIP COOK, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Cook, married Thankful Tuttle, of Goshen, Conn. He removed to Nassau,

N. Y., where she died Jan. 9, 1816, æ. 64. He died March 26, 1825, æ. 73 years.

Children: 332 *Samuel*, b March 4, 1776; 333 *Augustus*, b Jan. 25, 1778, deaf and dumb, d 1843; 334 *Erastus*, b Dec 18, 1779; 335 *Silas*, b Nov. 22, 1781, d Aug. 24, 1811; 336 *Gratia T.*, b Oct. 27, 1784, d unm. Oct. 4, 1840; 337 *Laura H.*, b Jan. 4, 1787, m Samuel McLellan, M. D.

## 132. DANIEL.

DANIEL COOK, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Cook, married Eliza Porter, of Goshen. He died near the south-west corner of the town.

Children: 338 *Amasa*, he was killed by a cart, 1817; 339 *Phineas*, m Irene Churchill.

## 133. MOSES.

MOSES COOK, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Cook, married Lydia Thompson. She died Jan. 21, 1821, æ. 72 years. He died Feb. 23, 1841, æ. 77 years.

Children: 340 *George*, b July 24, 1791; 341 *Harriet*, b May 25, 1794, m Samuel Cook; 342 *Betsy*, b March 6, 1797; 343 *Frederick*, b Nov. 9, 1801; 344 *Moses*, b March 2, 1808.

## 151. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN, son of John and Naomi Cook, married Charity Elliott, of Guildhall, Vt. He died May, 1843.

Children: 345 *Elias*, b Sept. 29, 1798; 346 *Naomi*, b May 25, 1800, d unm. June 15, 1818; 347 *Benjamin*, b April 17, 1802; 348 *Charity*, b April 8, 1804, d unm. April, 1820; 349 *Ira*, b Feb. 23, 1806; 350 *Abigail*, b Sept. 16, 1808; 351 *Esther*, b Feb. 12, 1811, m Isaac Brooks; 352 *Anderson*, b March 30, 1813, m Catherine M. Cramer; 353 *Selina*, b April 7, 1816, m Frederick Rich, of Petersham; 354 *Lorenzo*, b April 15, 1819, d unm. June 6, 1855; 355 *Semantha*, b June 18, 1822, m Marshall Twitchell, d Dec. 1, 1854.

## 155. LEMUEL.

LEMUEL COOK, son of John and Naomi Cook, married Hannah Gustin, and settled at Guildhall, Vt. She died June 1, 1828.

Children: 356 *Thomas*, b May 7, 1802, d at the west; 357 *Mary*, b Aug 6, 1805, m ——— Cheney, May 1, 1831; 358 *Beulah*, b Dec. 22, 1808, m 1831, d June 8, 1846; 359 *Dr. Raphael*, b May 5, 1810, d Aug., 1834, ae. 24 yrs; 360 *Rebecca*, b March 31, 1813, d Feb. 5, 1831, at Guildhall, Vt.; 361 *Lemuel*, b Nov. 20, 1817, d Feb. 12, 1855, ae. 38 yrs; 362 *Adelphia*, b Jan. 13, 1824, m Dec., 1855.

## 156. ENOS.

ENOS A. COOK, son of John and Naomi Cook, m Susan Palmer, at Granby, Vt. After his decease she went to New Portage, Ohio, with her children, of which the following are a part, viz.:

363 *Raphael*, d in Vermont; 364 *Enos A.*, residence unknown; 365 *Orrin*, m Harriet Cook; 366 *Ambrose*, residence in 1862, Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio.

## 157. RAPHAEL.

RAPHAEL COOK, son of John and Naomi Cook, m Sally Fox, of Canada. He died at Guildhall, Vt. His widow m Eli Howe, of Guildhall.

Children: 367 *Moses M.*, is a printer by profession; 368 *Naomi*, went to Stanstead, Canada East.

## 161. ZACCHEUS.

ZACCHEUS COOK, son of John and Naomi Cook, of Wallingford and Guildhall, married Phebe Elliot, and settled at Dryden, N. Y., and probably died there.

Children: 366 *John*, resided at Guildhall, Vt.; 370 *Harriet*, m Orrin Cook, son of Enos.

## 169. RICE.

RICE COOK, son of Ashbel and Rachel Cook, was born at Rutland, Vt., removed to Stillwater, N. Y. Married Ann ———. He lived in Troy, N. Y., in 1837.

Children: 371 *Mary Ann*; 372 *Sarah Ann*; 373 *Rachel*; 374 *Rebecca*; 375 *Lydia Lorraine*; 376 *Adeline Ann*; 377 *Chas. Rice*, b Aug. 14, 1820, in Stillwater; 378 *Julia Ann*.

## 177. MERRIMAN.

MERRIMAN COOK, son of Elam and Abigail Hall Cook, m Sally, daughter of Moses and Mary Bradley, Aug. 8, 1781. She died April 11, 1812. He married Betsey Hubbard, May 2, 1815; she died May 7, 1837. He left Cheshire, his native place, in 1809, and settled at Burton, Ohio, where he died Aug. 25, 1858. Betsey, his wife, died May 7, 1857. He was a tanner and currier by trade, shoemaker, &c., &c.

Children: 379 *John*, b Dec. 27, 1782, in Cheshire, Conn.; 380 *Hiram*, b March 21, 1781, in Cheshire, Conn.; 381 *Soalma*, b Feb. 24, 1792, m Adolphus Carlton; 382 *Eleazer*, b Aug. 30, 1799, in Cheshire, Conn.

## 178. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Elam and Abigail Cook, married Sue, daughter of Aaron and Mary Cook; he died Oct. 10, 1800, ae. 37; she died Dec. 24, 1843.

Children: 383 *Clara*, b May 12, 1784, m Bellina Plum of Cheshire, she died Oct. 28, 1848; 384 *Samuel*, b 1786; 385 *Samanda*, b Nov. 6, 1788, m Silas Curtis, Dec., 1806.

## 180. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM COOK, son of Elam and Abigail Cook, married Sukey, daughter of Stephen and Susan Ives of North Haven, Oct. 16, 1799; he removed to Burton, Ohio, in 1814, and died there Jan. 29, 1854; she died Dec. 29, 1843.

Children: 286 *Stephen I. C.*, b April 6, 1800; 387 *Marietta*, b March 4, 1802, m John Eldridge; 388 *Harriet*, b Sept. 27, 1804, m Oliver Mastick; 389 *Sally*, b June 4, 1807; 390 *Fulia Ann*, b June 27, 1809, died Sept. 12, 1809; 391 *Horace*, b Sept. 11, 1811; 392 *Esther E.*, b Oct. 12 1813, m Asa Carl; 393 *Samuel*, b Dec. 1, 1815, d June 25, 1816; 394 *Lavinia*, b Aug. 11, 1819, d June 24, 1850.

## 181. ELAM.

ELAM COOK, son of Elam and Abigail Cook, married Rebecca Bradley, Oct. 20, 1799. She died Nov 9, 1829, ae. 51 years. He died March 17, 1830, ae. 51 years.



Children: 395 *Marius*, b July 19, 1800, d Aug. 2, 1804; 396 *Ethelbert*, b Oct. 30, 1801; 397 *Mariah*, b May 28, 1804, m Allen Lounsbury; 398 *Abigail*, b Aug. 29, 1806, m Perez Sanford of Prospect; 399 *Rebecca*, b March 7, 1809, m Orrin Brooks, Meriden; 400 *Emeline*, b Sept. 17, 1811, m Charles R. Miles, Cheshire; 401 *Elam*, b Aug. 15, 1815.

## 182. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH H. COOK, son of Elam and Abigail Cook, married Lucinda Hitchcock of Cheshire, in 1794. They went to Sharon, Conn., and from thence to Litchfield, Ohio.

Children: 402 *Matilda*, m Rev. Gad Smith; 403 *Lucius*, m Cornelia Sturges.

## 187. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Thaddeus and Sarah Cook, married Mary, daughter of Constant Kirtland of Wallingford. He was a thrifty farmer in the western part of the town. He died Sept. 27, 1824, ae. 66. His widow died March 10, 1839, ae. 82 years.

Children: 404 *Russel*, b Sept. 8, 1778, m — Hall of Cheshire; 405 *Eunice*, b Aug. 24, 1780, m Elias Ford Esq., late of Naugatuck; 406 *Billious*, b Sept. 29, 1782, m Sarah Munson of Wallingford; 407 *Harriet*, b May 17, 1785, m Ira Yale Esq., of Wallingford; 408 *Turhand K.*, b 1787, m Catharine Van Bryan of Catskill; 409 *Samuel*, b Feb. 28, 1788, m Martha Culver of Wallingford; 410 *Thaddeus*, b April 3, 1791, m 1st, Julia Cook, 2d, Sylvia Hall, 3d, Thankful Hall, 4th, Martha Hall; 411 *George*, b April 17, 1794, m Lavinia Culver of Wallingford; 412 *Friend*, b Nov. 1, 1797, m Emily Atwater of Wallingford; 413 *John*, b Dec. 2, 1799, m Mary Munson of Northford.

## 196. PEREZ.

PEREZ COOK, son of Samuel and Jerusha Cook, married Nancy E. Ely of Saybrook. He died July 23, 1820, ae. 57 years. She married Calvin Ely, and died in New Haven.

Children: 414 *Samuel D. F. S.*, d Jan. 20, 1820; 415 *Virgilius G.*, d in New Haven, Ct.; 416 *Louisa F. S.*, m

Augustus Barnes at New Haven ; 417 *Nancy Ely*, m Dr. Miller, she died in 1850.

## 202. CORNELIUS.

CORNELIUS BROOKS COOK, son of Aaron and Mary (Brooks) Cook, married Louisa Hotchkiss of Cheshire. He died Sept. 1, 1827, ae. 64 years. She died Aug. 4, 1832, ae. 67 years.

Children : 418 *Rufus*, b 1790 ; 419 *Charlotte*, m 1st, Elam Dickerman, 2nd, Mr. Platt ; 420, *Brooks*, b 1798 ; 421 *Polly*, m Asa Bradley of Hamden.

## 204. AARON.

AARON COOK, son of Aaron and Mary B. Cook, married Betsey Preston of Wallingford. He died July 16, 1817, ae. 44 years. She died March 26, 1820, ae. 52 years.

Children : 422 *Amasa*, b 1791, d unmarried Dec. 18, 1831 ; 423 *Hannah* ; 424 *Aaron* ; 425 *Laura*, m Marshall Ives of Cheshire ; 426 *Alfred* ; 427 infant, b 1806, d April 23, 1806 ; 428 *Betsey*, b 1808, d April 6, 1808 ; 429 *Sedgwick*, d in Windham, N. Y., leaving a family ; 430 *Stephen*, d in Cheshire ; 431 *Samuel*, b Dec., 1816, d Jan. 29, 1816 ; 432 infant, d March 14, 1834.

## 205. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN COOK, son of Aaron and Mary Brooks Cook, married Eunice, daughter of John Bradley, of Wallingford. He died Sept. 4, 1800, ae. 29. She died Oct. 18, 1800, ae. 27 years.

Children : 433 *Sarah*, b 1793, d unmarried ; 434 *Julia*, b 1794, m Thaddeus Cook of Wallingford ; 435 *Mary*, m 1st, Merrit Tuttle, 2d, Wm. Todd, Jr. ; 436 *Stephen*, b June 11, 1800, d in Mass., buried in North Haven.

## 207. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Stephen and Anna (Culver) Cook, m ——— Smith, and after her death he married Abigail Mallory of East Haven. She died Nov. 4, 1851, aged 91. He died May 12, 1823, ae. 71 years.

Child by 1st marriage: 437 *Rachel*. By 2d marriage: 438 *Lowly*, b May 18, 1782, m Amos Bird, Dec. 13, 1797; 439 *Electa*, b Jan. 11, 1785, m Canfield Downs, Oct., 1822; 440 *Hubbard*, b Aug. 26, 1787, in Wallingford; 441 *Roxanna*, b May 10, 1788, m Newton Hecock, 1814; 442 *Stephen*, b 1790, d ae. 3 yrs.; 443 *Perlina*, b May, 1795, d 1813; 444 *Harriet*, b Dec. 25, 1797, m Samuel Washburn; 445 *Ruth*, b 1802, d May 16, 1826; 446 *Charry*, b 1804, d 1808.

## 208. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN COOK, son of Capt. Stephen and Anna Cook, m Sylvia Meigs, April 20, 1777. She was born in New Haven, May 27, 1760, and died at Adams' Basin, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1849, ae. 90. He died at Chateaugay, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1829, ae. 75 years.

Children: 447 *Chauncey*, b March 9, 1778, resides in Ottawa, Illinois; 448 *Solomon*, b April 1, 1780, resides in Grand Rapids; 449 *Betsey*, b Sept. 10, 1782, d August 2, 1800; 450 *Rebecca*, b August 2, 1785, d August 7, 1825; 451 *Sylvia*, b Feb. 3, 1788, m J. Morton of Erie, Penn.; 452 *Sally*, b June 5, 1790, m S. M. Moon of ———, N. Y.; 453 *Patty*, b Feb. 5, 1793, resides near Rochester, N. Y., a widow; 454 *Stephen*, b March 15, 1796, res. at Oberlin, Ohio; 455 *Anna*, b Feb. 1, 1799, res. at Plattsburg, N. Y.; 456 *Betsey*, b July 13, 1802, m C. D. Graves, Rochester, N. Y.; 457 *Lyman*, b Mar. 20, 1804, res. at Rochester, N. Y.; 458 *Nelson*, b Sept. 24, 1806, res. at Half Day, Illinois.

## 210. ELIHU.

ELIHU COOK, son of Stephen and Anna Cook, married Lois Thorp, and removed to New Haven, Vt., afterwards to Illinois. One son only returned to me.

Child: 458 1-2 *Sherlock*.

## 212. LYMAN.

DR. LYMAN COOK, son of Stephen and Thankful Cook, m Sarah Lyon, and went to Westchester Co., N. Y. He was aid to Gen. Thomas with rank of Colonel in 1807, and also

sheriff of the county of Westchester six years. He died at Painesville, Ohio.

Child: 459 *Caroline*, b Sept. 6, 1797, m Stephen Matthews of Painesville, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1824.

## 213. JARED.

MAJ. JARED COOK, son of Stephen and Thankful Cook, married Lucy Munson, Feb. 28, 1819. He died Aug. 14, 1828, æ. 53 years. She was burned to death in 1869.

Children: 460 *George Lambert*, b Nov. 21, 1819, d Jan. 2, 1820; 461 *Fared Philos*, b Feb. 1, 1822.

## 214. LEMUEL.

LEMUEL COOK, son of Stephen and Anna Tyler Cook, married Mrs. Hannah Sears, formerly Bunnel, in 1813. He married, 2nd, Sinai Bunnel, in 1825. He died Sept. 3, 1841, æ. 62, at Northford.

Child: 462 *Augustine*, b 1814, m S. B. Hoadley of New Haven.

## 215. MALACHI.

MALACHI COOK Esq., son of Stephen and Anna Cook, married Sarah Taintor, Dec. 25, 1802; he died May 27, 1858, æ. 77 yrs. She died Nov. 9, 1852, æ. 69 yrs. He was a side judge of New Haven County Court for several years.

Children: 463 *Emily Cecilia*, b April 21, 1803, m Thomas R. Lindsley; 464 *Homer L. M.*, b April 3, 1805; 465 *Virgil*, b June 22, 1808; 466 *Ossian*, b Nov. 19, 1810; 467 *Hermine C.*, b June 4, 1813, m Gilbert Buck; 468 *Grace T.*, b Sept. 16, 1815; 469 *Henrietta A.*, b Sept. 3, 1817, m George Butler; 470 *Ellen*, b Oct. 21, 1819, m Alexander Brainard; 471 *Sarah Delia*, b Jan. 19, 1823; 472 *Harriet E.*, b Oct. 23, 1827, m Bennet Atwood.

## 224. TITUS.

TITUS COOK, son of Titus and Sarah Cook, m Lucy Leete of Guilford, Conn.; he died in Wallingford.

Children: 473 *Julia*, m George Bull of Wallingford; 474 *Lucretia*, m ——— Weber of Wallingford; 475 *Fared R.*;

476 *Leverett*, resides in Meriden, m ——— Hotchkiss of Cheshire ; 477 *Andrew* ; 478 *Louisa*, m Henry Lane.

## 226. ATWATER.

ATWATER COOK, son of Abel and Mary Atwater Cook, m Mary Bartholomew. He went to Sheffield, Mass. ; from thence to Salisbury, Herkimer Co., N. Y., where he died, June 29, 1839, æ. 80 yrs. She died July 2, 1844, æ. 86 yrs.

Children : 479 *Roxilana*, b Sept. 25, 1777, d Sept. 15, 1852 ; 480 *Rosanna*, b April 14, 1782 ; 481 *Mary*, b April 3, 1784, d Jan. 13, 1853 ; 482 *Thaddeus R.*, b July 23, 1786 ; 483 *Julia*, b July 23, 1788 ; 484 *Friend*, b Jan. 27, 1792 ; 485 *Atwater H. W.*, b Dec. 17, 1795, d Feb. 4, 1853 ; 486 *Betsey*, b April 19, 1798 ; 487 *Abel*, b Sept. 27, 1801, d æ. 21 yrs ; 488 *Delia*, b Sept. 4, 1806.

## 227. PORTER.

PORTER COOK, son of Abel and Mary Cook, married Sally Jarvis, in 1785 ; he died Dec. 26, 1848, æ. 89. She died Oct. 31, 1841, æ. 81 yrs.

Children : 489 *Alfred*, b Feb 5, 1786 ; 490 *Merrick*, b May 18, 1788 ; 491 *Randall*, b July 19, 1790 ; 492 *Philo*, b Sept. 30, 1792 ; 493 *Sally*, b Feb. 22, 1795, d in Ohio ; 494 *Franklin*, b April 1, 1797, d in Wallingford.

## 229. ABEL.

ABEL COOK, son of Abel and Mary Cook, married Mamre Bliss ; she died Dec. 19, 1790. He died May 23, 1828, æ. 63 years. His 2d wife, Viney Cook, died Dec. 28, 1848, æ. 83 years, all buried in Northford cemetery.

Children by 1st marriage : 495 *Bliss*, b April 25, 1787, d April 28, 1823, æ. 36. By 2d marriage : 496 *Leverett*, b Jan. 3, 1794 ; 497 *Cornelia*, b Feb. 21, 1797, m Wm. Everts, of Northford ; 498 *Marietta*, b Sept. 8, 1799, m Timothy Bartholomew ; 499 *Emily*, b July 23, 1802, m Chas. M. Fowler ; 500 *Philander*, b Oct. 13, 1804 ; 501 *Fennette*, b May 5, 1807, d Nov. 12, 1832.

## 233. CHESTER.

CHESTER COOK, son of Abel and Mary Cook, married 1st,

Thankful Hall, of Wallingford ; 2d, Polly Norton, widow of Jesse Street. Mr. Cook was a farmer and shoemaker.

Children by 1st marriage: 502 *Caroline*, b Sept. 5, 1801, m Orrin Andrews, of Wallingford ; 503 *Marilla*, b Nov. 17, 1803, m Sherlock Avery, of Wallingford ; 504 *Hiram*, b April 27, 1805, m — Marks.

## 231. DAVID.

CAPT. DAVID M. COOK, son of Abel and Mary Cook, married Elizabeth Day Hall ; she died Dec., 1855. He died 1857, ae. 91 years. He was frequently a member of the Legislature of the State, and selectman of the town. He was a farmer and shoemaker.

Children: 505 *Betsy*, b May, 1797, m Philo Hall, she d 1858 ; 506 *Eliakim*, b Nov. 8, 1801, d in childhood ; 507 *Elijah*, b Nov. 28, 1804, d in childhood ; 508 *Maria*, b June 23, 1805, m Willis Todd, and d in Northford.

## 234. OLIVER.

OLIVER DUDLEY COOK, son of Aaron and Lucretia Dudley Cook, graduated for the ministry at Yale College, in 1793. He married Sophia Pratt, and settled in Hartford, Conn., where he became an extensive bookseller and binder, accumulated a very large estate, and died April 24, 1833, ae. 67 years. His wife died March 20, 1833, ae. 58 years.

Children: 509 *Edward P.*, b 1800, d Sept. 18, 1846 ; 510 *Oliver D.*, d Oct. 24, 1831 ; 511 a dau., m Wm. Hammersley.

## 236. KILBORN.

KILBORN COOK, son of Aaron and Lucretia Dudley Cook, m Emma Williams ; she was born March 8, 1771, and died in Illinois, in 1835. He died suddenly at North Guilford, June 9, 1832.

Children: 512 *Eunice*, b Sept. 29, 1796, m Abram Coan, she d May 28, 1859 ; 513 *Margaretta*, b Dec. 30, 1798, d June 3, 1834 ; 514 *Aaron Dudley*, resides in Illinois ; 515 *Bertha*, m Nath'l Bartlett ; 516 *Lucretia Ann*, m Erastus Benton ; 517 *Increase W.*, b Feb., 1807, d 1847 ; 518 *Caroline Fenette*, m Erastus Benton.

## 240. APOLLOS.

APOLLOS COOK, son of Aaron and Lucretia D. Cook, married Ruth, daughter of Capt. Caleb Atwater, of Wallingford, Nov. 22, 1813, and settled at Catskill, N. Y. He died July 6, 1832, æ, 46 years.

Children: 519 *Mary A.*, b Dec. 5, 1814, m George Griffing, May 20, 1845; 520 *James*, b July 4, 1817, d Jan. 6, 1842; 521 *Frederick*, b March 19, 1819; 522 *Caroline E.*, b April 5, 1821, m Rev. Frank Olmsted; 523 *John A.*, b Oct. 23, 1823; 524 *Emily H.*, b Feb. 25, 1826; 525 *Edward H.*, b June 24, 1828, d May 28, 1835; 526 *Francis H.*, b March 16, 1831.

## 241. THOMAS.

THOMAS B. COOK, son of Aaron and Lucretia (Dudley) Cook, m Catherine, dau. of Capt. Caleb Atwater, and went to Catskill, N. Y., where he died.

Children: 527 *Frances H.*; 528 *Mary A.*; 529 *Ruth A.*; 530 *John C.*; 531 *Franklin H.*; 532 *Atwater*.

## 247. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH COOK, son of Moses and Jemima Upson, married Anna Bronson, Aug. 1, 1792. She was born Dec. 25, 1770, and died Nov. 25, 1855. He died Nov. 26, 1855, æ. 87 yrs., just 10 hours before his wife died.

Children: 533 *Edward B.*, b March 18, 1793; 534 *Samuel*, b Dec. 12, 1794; 535 *Susan F.*, b Oct 25, 1797, m Mark Leavenworth, Dec. 16, 1821; 536 *Sarah L.*, b Oct. 29, 1799, m Salome Austin of Southington; 537 *Nancy*, b Nov. 16, 1801, m Wm. Scoville of Middletown, 1828; 538 *Nathan*, b Jan., 1804; 539 *George*, b April 8, 1806, d July 19, 1815; 540 *George William*, b Feb. 28, 1811.

## 249. DANIEL.

DANIEL COOK, son of Moses and Jemima Cook, married Sally Sperry, of Waterbury, Nov. 25, 1799. He died Dec. 20, 1857, æ. 85 years. She died Nov. 13, 1861, æ. 83 years.

Children: 541. *Marcus*, b Sept. 12, 1800, d Feb. 9, 1831;

542 *Sarah P.*, b Aug. 1, 1804, m Thomas B. Segur, in 1826 ;  
 543 *Moses Stiles*, b 1812, resides in Waterbury, Conn.

## 259. ELUTHEROS.

ELUTHEROS COOK, son of Asaph and Sarah Parker Cook, married Martha Caswell, of Salem, Washington Co., N. Y. He was a lawyer in Washington Co., N. Y., before his removal to Sandusky, Ohio. He was frequently a member of the Ohio Legislature, and was a member of Congress from 1831 to 1833. He died at Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1864.

Children: 544 *Sarah E.*, b Jan. 16, 1816, m Wm Morehead; 545 *Pitt*, b July 23, 1819; 546 *Fay*, b Aug. 10, 1821, banker in Philadelphia; 547 *Henry D.*, b Nov. 25, 1825; 548 *Elutheros*, b Dec. 20, 1828, d Oct., 1850, æ. 22; 549 *Catherine E.*, b Sept. 15, 1831, d Oct., 1834, æ. 3.

## 262. ERASTUS.

ERASTUS COOK, son of Asaph and Sarah P. Cook, married Fanny Anderson, Nov. 10, 1826. He went to Sandusky City, Ohio, and was postmaster there from 1836-41. He died in 1849.

Children: 550 *James W.*, b 1830; 551 *George A.*, b 1840; 552 *Emma E.*, b 1843; they all resided in Sandusky.

## 270. HORACE.

HORACE COOK, son of Charles and Elizabeth Cook, married Roxanna Thomas, Dec. 20, 1824, and located himself at Sackett's Harbor, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Children: 553 *Horace Nelson*, b Oct. 26, 1825, d Sept. 17, 1848, æ. 23; 554 *John Spafford*, b June 15, 1828.

## 271. CHARLES.

CHARLES COOK, son of Charles and Elizabeth Cook, married Harriet Cunningham, and resided at Roberts Corners, N. Y.

Children: 555 *Elizabeth*; 556 *Charles*; 557 *Curtis*; 558 *Harriet*.

## 272. ELISHA.

ELISHA COOK, son of Charles and Elizabeth Cook, re-



moved from Sackett's Harbor to Huron Co., Ohio., where he died in 1852, æ. 51 years.

Children: 559 *Elizabeth*, b 1835; 560 *Charles*, b 1838, d Feb., 1853; 561 *Elisha*, b 1840.

## 280 AMOS.

AMOS COOK, son of Amos and Rhoda Cook, married Sabrina Mix.

Children: 562 *Amos*; 563 *Rhoda*; 564 *Orrin*.

## 283. LYMAN.

LYMAN COOK, son of Amos and Rhoda Cook, married, and left Wallingford in early life.

Children: 565 *Lyman W.*; 566 *Sidney H.*

## 285. JOEL.

Capt. JOEL COOK, son of Col. Isaac and Martha Cook of Wallingford, m Rebecca Hart, Jan. 1, 1784. He entered the army of the Revolution with his father in 1776, and served through the war. In 1812 he was a distinguished officer under Gen. Harrison, in many hard fought battles with the Indians. He died at (Deer Park) Babylon, L. I., Dec. 18, 1851, æ. 92 years.

Children: 567 *Lucy*, b April 5, 1785, m James Calstead, July 22, 1804; 568 *Minerva*, b June 18, 1789; 569 *Leander*, b March 10, 1792, d at Cincinnati, Ohio; 570 *Patty*, b Nov. 27, 1794; 571 *Rebecca*, b April 5, 1798; 572 *Phebe*, b Jan 5, 1801; 573 *Fennette*, b July 8, 1804; 574 *Joel Wilcox*, b April 28, 1808, res. in Babylon, L. I.

## 286. LEMUEL.

LEMUEL COOK, son of Col. Isaac and Martha Cook, m Betsey Bates in 1784. He removed to Lewiston, Niagara Co., N. Y., in 1793. She died Sept., 1821.

Children: 575 *Lathrop*, b Nov. 23, 1785, in Wallingford; 576 *Bates*, b Dec. 23, 1787; 577 *Laura*, died in infancy in Wallingford; 578 *Laura*, b May 13, 1792, in Wallingford; 579 *Betsey*, b June 30, 1794; 580 *Amelia*, b Sept. 5, 1796; 581 *Isaac C.*, b 1803; 582 *Amanda M.*, b Nov. 6, 1805.

## 287. JAMES.

JAMES COOK, son of Col. Isaac and Martha Cook, married Chloe Royce, May 4, 1786. He was a seaman, and is supposed to have been lost or died at sea previous to 1813.

Children, all born in Wallingford: 583 *Miles*; 584 *Melissa*; 585 *Angelina*; 586 *Lucinda*; 587 *Chloe*; 588 *Eliza*.

## 289. ISAAC.

ISAAC COOK Esq., son of Isaac and Martha Cook, married Margaretta Scott, in 1792. He emigrated to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1791, and was made an associate judge of the court of Common Pleas. He died Jan. 22, 1844.

Children: 589 *Eliza*, b Oct. 21, 1793, d Aug. 3, 1799; 590 *Martha*, b June 23, 1794, d June 24, 1796; 591 *Isaac T.*, b March 6, 1797; 592 *Lucy*, b Feb. 11, 1799, d March 28, 1800; 593 *Marietta*, b March 9, 1801, m James Webb, M. D.; 594 *Matthew Scott*, b April 9, 1803; 595 *Elizabeth*, b March 27, 1805, m John Nelson; 596 *William*, b April 18, 1807; 597 *John Joseph*, b May 28, 1809; 598 *Lucy Hall*, b May 25, 1811; 599 *Phebe*, b Aug. 8, 1813, m Wm. McKell, May 26, 1836; 600 *Margaretta Scott*, b April 9, 1817, m Moses Boggs, Aug. 3, 1841.

## 294. AUGUSTUS.

CAPT. AUGUSTUS COOK, son of Caleb and Abigail Cook, m Sybel Beach, of Goshen, Sept. 2, 1790; she died Sept. 28, 1792, æ. 22 years. He married Sarah Dutton, June 30, 1793; she died April 28, 1854, æ. 80 years. He died at Middletown, Conn., where he had resided many years, April 18, 1866, æ. 79 years. He was a manufacturer of shoes.

Children: 601 *Luther Dutton*, b June 21, 1794; 602 *Sybil B.*, b June 23, 1797, m Wm. R. Catting, and d Oct. 25, 1825; 603 *Margaretta*, b Jan. 12, 1800, m Wm. S. Camp, Esq., of Middletown; 604 *Sarah*, b May 22, 1811, m Samuel Stearns, Esq., of Middletown; 605 *Catharine*, b May 22, 1813, d Sept. 23, 1813; 606 *Catharine*, b Dec. 30, 1814, m Peter Lanman, she d Jan. 4, 1834.

## 300. CALEB.

CALEB COOK, Esq., son of Caleb and Abigail Cook, m Amelia, daughter of Jared and Rhoda Lewis, Oct. 16, 1808. He left Wallingford and settled at Richland, Oswego Co., N. Y. He died at Sandusky, Ohio, on his return from a visit to his children at the West, in July, 1852, and was buried in the Oakland cemetery. She died at Pulaski, Oswego Co., N. Y., June 8, 1840.

Children: 607 *Louisa C.*, b July 10, 1809, m Rev. Henry Maltby; 608 *Lewis*, b March 15, 1811; 609 *Henry C.*, b Sept. 11, 1813, d at Sidney, Ohio; 610 *Frederick*, b June 11, 1815; 611 *Fuliet*, b June 28, 1817, m C. Preston, she d in 1852; 612 *Edward H.*, d ae. 4 yrs.; 613 *Margaretta*, b May 25, 1819, d Oct. 23, 1820; 614 *Augustus*, b Nov. 3, 1823, d Nov 2, 1848; 615 *William C.*, b July 27, 1825, resides in Richland, N. Y.; 616 *Henrietta*, b 1828, d in Wallingford; 617 *Henry Atwater*, b March 1, 1832, d in infancy.

## 302. CHAUNCEY.

CHAUNCEY COOK, son of Ambrose and Esther Peck Cook, married Eunice Dutton of Wallingford. He kept a tavern in Wallingford and in New Haven for a long time, and died in the latter place Jan. 22, 1827, ae. 60 years. His widow died at the residence of her son Charles C., in Ohio.

Children: 618 *Laura*, b Oct. 25, 1791, m Orrin Winchell, of New Haven; 619 *Charles C.*, b Jan. 22, 1799, is a physician in Ohio; 620 *Chauncey*, b Nov. 30, 1811, d July 6, 1812.

## 303. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Ambrose and Esther Cook, m Martha, daughter of Benjamin Cook, Aug. 1, 1792. He died Aug. 30, 1826, aged 57. He was a shoemaker.

Children: 621 *John Milton*, b Feb. 1, 1795; 622 *Martha A.*, b Oct. 25, 1805, m Elihu Hall, Wallingford; 623 *Lucy A.*, b Oct. 25, 1805.

## 306. CHARLES.

CHARLES COOK, son of Ambrose and Esther P. Cook, m

Sylvia, daughter of Elihu and Lucretia Yale; she died at Wallingford, Feb. 1, 1825. He died at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, June, 1845, aged 70 years.

Children: 624 *Otis*, b April 8, 1797, m — Butler, of Rocky Hill; 625 *Sinai*, b Sept. 17, 1798, m John Miller White, of Middlefield, Conn.; 626 *Peter*, b July 16, 1800; 627, *Thomas*, b Feb. 1, 1802, d in 1862, æ. 60; 628 *Charles*, b Aug. 13, 1804, res. in Hartford, Conn.; 629 *Orrin*, b May 8, 1808, had no family, d at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 630 *Henry*, b Feb. 12, 1810, d 1865-6; 631 *Isaac*, b Aug. 17, 1813, d at St. Jago, Cuba, W. I.

## 315. MUNSON.

CAPT. MUNSON COOK, son of Benjamin and Esther Rice Cook, married Thankful Austin, Sept. 4, 1796. They went to Middletown, Ct.; afterwards they came to Cheshire, Ct., where she died, Dec. 24, 1853. He died Aug. 18, 1862, æ. 86.

Children: 632 *Samantha*, b Sept. 4, 1797, d May 31, 1819; 633 *Charles B.*, b Sept. 27, 1799, d Jan. 31, 1850; 634 *Betsey*, b July 4, 1801, d Oct. 3, 1820; 635 *Caroline*, b June 8, 1803, d March 9, 1826; 636 *Hobart*, b Aug. 7, 1805, d Oct. 21, 1807; 637 *Hobart M.*, b July 9, 1807; 638 *Emeline*, b May 8, 1809, d March 1, 1826; 639 *Nathan R.*, b Aug. 10, 1811; 640 *Eliza Ann*, b May 1, 1813, m James R. Hall; 641 *Ozias A.*, b Dec. 18, 1814; 642 *Oliver W.*, b March 21, 1817; 643 *Philander*, b July 3, 1819; 644 *Joel*, b Oct. 15, 1820; 645 *Henry H.*, b April 17, 1823, d July 18, 1825.

## 316. DANIEL.

DANIEL COOK, son of Benjamin and Esther Cook, married 1st, Mary Thorp, June 13, 1799. After her decease he married Catherine Smith, daughter of Stanton Smith, April 22, 1822. He moved to the State of New York and died there in 1860.

Children by 1st marriage: 646 *Phebe*, b Aug. 14, 1801; 647 *Alma R.*, b June 23, 1805; 648 *Maria*, b May 15, 1807; 649 *Elizur*, b Oct. 9, 1810; 650 *Alexander*, b March 11,

1813. By 2d marriage: 651 *Hiram*, b Feb. 20, 1823. By 3d marriage: *John*, is a sailor.

## 319. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH COOK, son of Merriman and Mary Cook, married Mary A. Talman, Nov. 30, 1774, and went to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where he was living a few years since, at the age of 94 years. His wife died April 4, 1860, æ. 86 years.

Children: 652 *Ransom*, b Nov. 8, 1794, in Wallingford; 653 *Marcus*, b Nov. 25, 1796, in Norwich, Ct.; 654 *Andrew*, b Jan. 18, 1799, in Norwich, Ct.; 655 *Mary A.*, b Nov. 23, 1800, in Norwich, Ct.; 656 *Harvey*, b April 15, 1803, at Half Moon, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; 657 *Joseph*, b Nov. 1, 1805, d July 1, 1808; 658 *Nelson*, b Oct. 8, 1808, d in Saratoga Co., N. Y.; 659 *Truman*, b Oct. 25, 1810; 660 *Eli*, b July 15, 1814, d. at Milton, N. Y., April 20, 1816; 661 *Julia E.*, b Aug. 14, 1817, res. at Milton, N. Y.

## 323. ELIHU.

ELIHU COOK, son of Merriman and Mary Cook, married Sarah Cooley, of Wallingford, in 1798. He died in 1855, æ. 79 years. She died several years since. He was a hatter at Ballston, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

Children: 662 *Eliza*, m Mr. Davis; 663 *Harriet*; 664 *Merriman*, supposed to be now living at Syracuse, N. Y.

## 325 1-2. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Merriman and Mary Cook, married Mary, dau. of Charles Culver, of Wallingford. She died in 1838. He married Sally Galpin, and resides at Northumberland, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

Children: 665 *Amanda*, m James Van Byring, d 1854; 666 *Lydia*, m Reuben Wait; 667 *Patty*; 668 *James*; 669 *Charles*, d æ. 24 yrs.; 670 *Samuel*, b March 27, 1819; 671 *Alfred*, b 1824. By 2d wife: 672 *Elizabeth*, m R—— B——, in 1830; 673 *George*.

## 326. LYMAN.

LYMAN COOK, son of Merriman and Mary Cook, married Amy Hulin, and settled at Malta, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

Children: 674 *Alena*, b Jan. 31, 1809, m 1st, Joseph Gorman, Aug. 17, 1826, 2d, Samuel Hall; 675 *Mary E.*, b April 22, 1811, m Oliver Lockwood, July 3, 1832; 676 *Charles H.*, b July 20, 1813; 677 *Delia A.*, b Nov. 26, 1815, m Henry Warring, Jan. 9, 1839; 678 *Edmond*, b May 3, 1818, d Aug 3, 1818; 679 *Lyman W.*, b June 4, 1820; 680 *Betsey M.*, b May 12, 1822, d Nov. 26, 1826; 681 *Edwin D.*, b July 25, 1824; 682 *Henry M.*, b Feb. 18, 1827, d Dec. 26, 1827; 683 *John C.*, b Feb. 21, 1829, d Feb. 10, 1831; 684 *Sarah*, b July 11, 1833.

## 329. SHERLOCK.

SHERLOCK COOK, son of Merriman and Mary Cook, married Milly Thurston about 1812. They removed to Western, N. Y., and he is supposed to have died there in 1850. Only four of his children are supposed to be living—present residence unknown.

## 332. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Philip and Thankful T. Cook, married Fanny Fuller of Sandisfield, Mass., Feb. 20, 1803. They went to Nassau, N. Y., and from thence to Ballston Spa, where he died May 15, 1815. His 2nd wife, Harriet Cook of Goshen, Ct., died April 15, 1828.

Children: 685 *James M.*, b Nov. 19, 1807. By 2d marriage: 686 *Samuel H.*, b July 18, 1823.

## 334. ERASTUS.

ERASTUS COOK, son of Philip and Thankful T. Cook, married Jerusha Hewins of Richmond, Mass., in 1800. He died at Ashtabula, Ohio, 1850.

Children: 686 *Althea*, b March 18, 1801; 686 1-2 *Maria T.*, b April 19, 1802; 687 *Amanda*, d young; 688 *Silas*; 689 *Joseph*.

## 338. AMASA.

AMASA COOK, son of Daniel and Eliza Cook, married 1st, Polly Churchill, 2nd, Sally Rowe. He was accidentally killed by a cart, while entering his barn with a load of hay, in 1817.

Child: 690 *Philip*, b in Goshen, Ct.

## 339. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS COOK, son of Daniel and Eliza Cook, married Irene Churchill, and removed to Michigan in 1836 or 1837.

Children: 691 *Betsey*; 692 *Daniel*, m Mary Kirby; 693 *Eliza*, m Salmon Hall; 694 *Darius*, m Jane Adams; 695 *Mary Ann*; 696 *Plumas*; 697 *Harriet*.

## 340. GEORGE.

GEORGE COOK, son of Moses and Lydia Cook, married Roxy Grant, of Norfolk. She died Oct. 24, 1841, æ. 47 yrs. He died in 1864.

Children: 698 *Caroline M.*, b June 10, 1818; 699 *Ralph F.*, b May 10, 1821, has resided in New London, and Goshen, Conn.

## 343. FREDERICK.

FREDERICK COOK, son of Moses and Roxy Cook, married Louisa McKinley of Georgia, in April, 1827, and settled at Lexington, Ga., where he died April 4, 1843.

Child: 700 *Maria Elizabeth*, b Feb. 28, 1828, m Alexander Allen.

## 344. MOSES.

MOSES COOK, son of Moses and Roxy Cook, married Emily M. Beecher of Goshen. He is an inn-keeper near the center of Goshen.

Children: 701 *Harriet E.*, b Oct. 17, 1832; 702 *Emily*, b May 7, 1834; 703 *Frederick A.*, b Jan. 27, 1838, 1st Lieut. 2nd Conn. Artillery; 704 *Moses*, b March 26, 1842, d 1863, Sergt. of 2nd Comp. Artillery; 705 *William R.*, b July 4, 1852; 706 *George B.*, b May 17, 1855, 1st Lieut. Comp. D, 4th Reg. Conn. volunteers.

## 345. ELIAS.

ELIAS COOK, son of Benjamin and Charity E. Cook of Guildhall, Vt., married Maria Brookins, May 26, 1825. He had been a teacher in various parts of the country; is at this time a resident of Ware, Hocking Co., Ohio.

Children: 707 *Caroline E.*, b March 12, 1826, m Peter

Smith, May 2, 1832; 708 *Martha A.*, b May 10, 1827; 709 *Helen S.*, b May 28, 1829, m Wm. Comstock, June 16, 1849; 710 *Raphael G.*, b Jan. 17, 1832, d Sept., 1833; 711 *Raphael E.*, b June 7, 1833, U. S. Army, 1862; 712 *Cyrus B.*, b Dec. 1, 1834; 713 *Harriet E.*, b Sept. 6, 1836, m James Parden, March, 1857; 714 *Albert F.*, b Sept. 5, 1840; 715 *Emma L.*, b Dec., 1842.

## 347. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN COOK, son of Benjamin and Charity L. Cook, m Betsey ———; residence, Petersham, Mass.

Children; 716 *Harriet S.*, b April 23, 1830, has been twice married; 717 *Sandford B.*, b May 6, 1832; 718 *George O.*, b Oct. 14, 1834; 719 *Charles Elliot*, b Sept. 6, 1836; 720 *Mary Elizabeth*, b April 30, 1839, m Nathan Knowlton.

## 349. IRA.

IRA COOK, son of Benjamin and Charity E. Cook, married Lucy Clapp, Oct. 3, 1837, and settled at Athol Depot, Mass., as a boot and shoemaker. He married for 2d wife, Sarah Kimball, May 10, 1853. His first wife died March 12, 1852.

Children: 721 *Eliza Fane*, b Sept. 13, 1838, m Samuel Searls, May 7, 1857; 722 *Vernon Stiles*, b April 2, 1841, in U. S. Army, 1862; 723 *Lucy Ellen*, b Dec. 30, 1845, d in 1852. By 2nd marriage: 724 *Sarah Ellen*, b Oct. 18, 1855.

## 379. JOHN.

JOHN COOK, son of Merriman and Sally Cook of Cheshire, Ct., married Meroa, daughter of Josiah and Thankful Smith of Cheshire, March, 1804. He went to Ohio and settled at Burton in 1806, where he died March 21, 1848.

Children: 725 *Nabby*, b Aug. 16, 1805, d Oct. 23, 1806; 726 *Harriet E.*, b Aug. 20, 1807, m His Excellency Seabury Todd, Esq., of Ohio; 727 *Josiah S.*, b May 10, 1810; 728, *Sally R.*, b Feb. 25, 1815, m Geo. Boughton.

## 380. HIRAM.

HIRAM COOK, son of Merriman and Sally Cook, of Cheshire, married Lucinda, dau. of Ichabod and Lydia Hitch-



cock of Cheshire. They removed to Ohio in 1815, and settled in Burton, Ohio.

Children: 729 *Sally A.*, b July 10, 1807, m Raymond Gaylord; 730 *Lydia*, b Aug. 3, 1816, m Sherman Goodwin, M. D.; 731 *Eliza A.*, b Sept. 8, 1818, m Peter Hitchcock, Esq.; 732 *Sarilla*, b Dec. 20, 1827, m Richard Dayton, she d in 1833.

## 382. ELZAR.

ELZAR COOK, son of Merriman and Sally Cook, married Maria Beard of Huntington, Conn. He went to Ohio in 1807, at the age of eight years.

Child: 733 *Elizabeth*, b March 24, 1830.

## 384. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Samuel and Sue Cook of Cheshire, m Esther Curtis, Feb. 17, 1817. He was deputy sheriff for a number of years at Cheshire, where he died Feb. 19, 1859, æ. 68 years.

Children: 734 *Samuel*, died young; 735 *Robert H.*, b Dec. 18, 1823.

## 386. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN J. C., son of Ephraim and Sukey Cook, married Lucinda Dudley of North Guilford, Conn., Jan. 1, 1828.

Children: 736 *Abigail*, b Dec. 23, 1829, d March 18, 1833; 737 *Samuel D.*, b April 14, 1832; 738 *Abigail*, b Aug. 18, 1836, d Sept. 12, 1842; 739 *Celestina*, b March 7, 1840; 740 *Ephraim F.*, b Feb. 21, 1843.

## 391. HORACE.

HORACE COOK, son of Ephraim and Sukey Cook, married Lydia E. Hickox, Dec. 15, 1842, res. in Burton, Ohio.

Children: 741 *Melissa N.*, b July 24, 1845; 742 *Sarah*, b Aug. 8, 1849; 743 *Eliza N.*, b Jan. 8, 1852.

## 396. ETHELBERT.

ETHELBERT COOK, son of Elam and Rebecca B. Cook of Cheshire, Conn., married Philander Sanford of Prospect; he died March 7, 1853; she died Nov. 8, 1854.

Child: 744 *Lauren E.*, b April 17, 1833, m Carrie Perkins, Nov. 12, 1860.

## 401. ELAM.

ELAM COOK, son of Elam and Rebecca Cook of Cheshire, Ct., m Lois, daughter of Jesse and Eliza Humiston of said town.

Children: 745 *Eliza A.*, b Feb. 6, 1842; 746 *Theodore A.*, b March 17, 1845; 747 *Amelia R.*, b Feb. 8, 1856.

## 404. RUSSEL.

RUSSEL COOK, son of Samuel and Mary K. Cook of Wallingford, married Miss Hall of Cheshire, where he resided for some time. From Cheshire he went, it is supposed, to Ohio, where it is supposed by his friends that he died.

## 406. BILLIOUS.

BILLIOUS COOK, son of Samuel and Mary R. Cook, married Sarah Munson, daughter of Elizabeth. He died July 25, 1828, ae. 45 years. She died May 4, 1855, ae. 70 years.

Children: 748 *Chauncey M.*, b Oct. 10, 1805; 749 *Mary K.*, b Jan. 1, 1807, m Edwin L. Hall; 750 *Russel*, b Oct. 21, 1809; 751 *Sarah*, b April 30, 1811, m Horace Tuttle of Hamden, Ct.; 752 *Turhand K.*, b July 11, 1817; 753 *Fane R.*, b March 6, 1819, m Ambrose Todd of Fair Haven, Ct.; 754 *Emily*, b 1824, died in infancy.

## 408. TURHAND.

TURHAND K. COOK, son of Samuel and Mary K. Cook, married Catharine Van Bergen of Catskill, N. Y., and resided there until his decease. He was a merchant, inn-keeper and clerk of the county of Greene, N. Y. He died December 3d, 1851, aged 64 years. He married Catharine A. Allen, for his 3d wife, in January, 1848.

Children: 755 *Ann Eliza*, b Nov. 26, 1827, was at Cincinnati in 1856; 756 *Mary Kirtland*, b August 3, 1829, married Charles J. Russ in 1847; 757 *Wm. Van Buren*, b March, 1831, d Sept 24, 1849; 758 *John Washburton*, b Dec. 7, 1839.

## 409. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COOK, son of Samuel and Mary K. Cook, married Martha Culver, daughter of Benjamin. He was three years

high sheriff of New Haven county, postmaster and town clerk of Wallingford. He died Dec. 18, 1843, æ. 55 years, at Cheshire. His remains were interred in Wallingford. His widow died at the house of her son Samuel A. Cook, in Waterbury, July 6, 1861, æ. 67 years.

Children: 759 *Delos Ford*, d in Wallingford of consumption; 760 *Henry A.*, m Delia Cook, dau. of Benj. T.; 761 *Harriet*, m Wm. Frisbie of Branford, she d Dec. 26, 1860; 762 *Kirtland*, b 1822, m — Tuttle, d at Cheshire; 763 *Samuel A.*, m Lucinda Hitchcock; 764 *William*, res. at Pond Hill, Wallingford.

## 410. THADDEUS.

COL. THADDEUS COOK, son of Samuel and Mary K. Cook, married 1st, Julia Cook, daughter of Stephen, of Cheshire; 2d, Sylvia Hall, dau. of Andrew and Diana Hall; 3d, Thankful, and 4th, Martha Hall. The two last were daughters of Josiah Hall, of Wallingford.

Child by first marriage: 765 *Julia*, m 1st, Horace Tuttle, 2d, Wm. Francis. Child by 2d marriage: 766 *Catherine*, m David Hall of Wallingford. Children by 4th marriage: 767 *Caroline*, m Rev. Benjamin Paddock, of Detroit, Michigan; 768 *Sarah*, m O. Ives Martin, of Wallingford; 769 *Emma*, m Edwin F. Cook, son of Leander; 770 *Francelia*, b Oct. 12, 1825, d Feb. 25, 1836.

## 411. GEORGE.

GEORGE COOK, son of Samuel and Mary Kirtland Cook, married Lavinia, daughter of Benjamin Culver. He died at Wallingford, Feb. 18, 1844. She died Nov., 1869.

Children: 771 *Mary K.*, b May 24, 1821; 772 *Eliza*, b Feb. 20, 1823, m Frederic Bartholomew, d July 24, 1862, æ. 41 yrs.; 773 *Lavinia*, m Samuel Parmelee; 774 *Martha*; 775 infant, died at Cheshire; 776 *Fanny*, m Emery Morse, March 1, 1855.

## 412. FRIEND.

Dr. FRIEND COOK, son of Samuel and Mary K. Cook, graduated at Union College, studied medicine with Dr. N. Smith

of New Haven, commenced practice at Windsor, Conn. He married Emily, dau. of Dea. Joshua Atwater, of Wallingford. Afterwards he practiced his profession there until he removed to Atwater, Ohio, where she died. He married Sarah Folger Reynolds for his second wife. He died of a cancer in the stomach, after a long and distressing illness, Feb. 8, 1857.

Children: 777 *Helen A.*, b Nov. 12, 1825, d Feb. 1, 1827, in Wallingford; 778 *Joshua A.*, b Sept. 29, 1829, d Nov. 1, 1844, in Ohio; 779 *Frances A.*, b Nov. 25, 1833, d July 20, 1834, in Wallingford; 780 *Emma G.*, b Nov. 29, 1836; 781 *Frances I.*, b May 18, 1840; 782 *William Shelton*, b July 13, 1862, d Dec. 31, 1848, in Ohio. Child by 2d marriage, 783 *Henry M.*, b March, 1848.

## 413. JOHN.

JOHN COOK, son of Samuel and Mary K. Cook, married Mary Munson, June 25, 1823. He died Jan. 1, 1858, æ. 57 years.

Children: 784 *Samuel M.*, m ——— Bartholomew; 785 *Mary K.*, m Tilton E. Doolittle Esq.; 786 *Ellen*, m Charles Jones of Wallingford; 787 *George*, d Nov. 17, 1869.

## 418. RUFUS.

RUFUS COOK, son of Cornelius B. and Mary B. Cook, married Betsey Curtis. He died Aug. 12, 1826, æ. 36 years, at Cheshire, Conn.

Children: 788 *Cornelius B.*, b Dec. 15, 1810; 789 *Rufus*, b July 5, 1812; 790 *Maroa*, m Russel B. Ives. She died at Cheshire, Conn.

## 420. BROOKS.

BROOKS COOK, son of Cornelius B. and Mary Cook, m Sarah, dau. of Jonah Hotchkiss, of Cheshire. He died Sept. 23, 1824, æ 26. She died Sept. 11, 1843, æ. 45 years.

Children: 791 *Mary*, d in Cheshire; 792 *Louisa*, m George Pardee; 793 *Amelia*, m Leverett Goodyear, of Hamden, Conn.

## 427. AARON.

AARON COOK, son of Aaron and Betsey Cook, married Emily, dau. of Seth Hitchcock. He died in Cheshire.

Children: 794 *Elizabeth*, m Asahel Talmadge, of Cheshire; 795 *Julius*; 796 *Mary*; 797 *Melissa*, m Robert Lyman; 798 *Julia M.*, m Wm. F. Thompkins.

## 426. ALFRED.

ALFRED COOK, son of Aaron and Mary Cook of Cheshire. He went to Windham, Greene Co., N. Y., where he married his wife. He has children, and is now (1869) in Cheshire, Conn.

## 436. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN COOK, son of Stephen and Emma Cook, married Julia E. Smith, of North Haven; he died Oct. 21, 1840, ae. 40 yrs. His widow m Willis Smith, Esq., of Meriden.

Children: 799 *Julia E.*, b Sept. 27, 1831, m Daniel Wright; 800 *Sarah E.*, b Aug. 10, 1827, m Edward Cowell; 801 *Leander D.*, b Jan. 22, 1825, d Oct. 17, 1854, ae. 29; 802 *Stephen C.*, b March 28, 1834, m — Baldwin of New Haven; 803 *Eunice C.*, b Aug. 21, 1836, m John Riker; 804 *Edson L.*, b April 5, 1840.

## 440. HUBBARD.

HUBBARD COOK, son of Samuel, m Abigail Dorman, Oct. 15, 1811. She died Jan. 2, 1853, and he married Ardelia Hinman, Sept. 15, 1853.

Children: 805 *Carlisle D.*, resides in Milwaukie, Wisconsin; 806 *Fennette*, b April 30, 1813, m Job C. Phelps, Jan. 1, 1839; 807 *Caroline M.*, b Sept. 25, 1818, m Harrison O. Smith, Oct. 1, 1842; 808 *Emily A.*, b Feb. 28, 1821; 809 *Delia*, b Dec. 16, 1824, d Aug. 4, 1842; 810 *Margaret*, b April 20, 1826; 811 *Ruth*, b Nov. 3, 1828, m Claxton Harrington, Oct. 16, 1850; 812 *Fanny D.*, b Aug. 17, 1832.

## 447. CHAUNCEY.

REV. CHAUNCEY COOK, son of Stephen and Sylvia M. Cook of Wallingford, married Mary Carpenter, Jan. 8, 1812; she died Dec. 15, 1814, at Adams, N. Y., ae. 23. He afterwards

married Almira Cassitt, May 11, 1850; she died Dec. 21, 1842.

Child by 1st marriage: 813 *Eliza*, b Oct. 21, 1812, m Chas. Campbell, she d June 2, 1847. By 2d marriage: 814 *Burton C.*, b May 11, 1819, m Elizabeth Hunt; 815 *Mary*, b July 7, 1824; 816 *Sarah*, m West Morse, Dec. 2, 1847.

## 454. STEPHEN.

REV. STEPHEN COOK, son of Stephen and Sylvia M. Cook, married Janet Wyse, Feb. 10, 1819, resides at Oberlin, Ohio.

Children: 817 *William W.*, b April 2, 1820; 818 *James N.*, b Sept. 7, 1821; 819 *John F.*, b May 21, 1823; 820 *Julia A.*, b Jan. 21, 1826.

## 458. NELSON.

REV. NELSON COOK, son of Stephen and Sylvia M. Cook, married Mercy Eliza Heath, Jan. 1, 1831; she died Aug. 9, 1854. He married 2d, Elizabeth Arbella Leeds, Aug. 27, 1843; residence, Half Day, Lake Co., Illinois.

Children: 821 *Susan F.*, b. Jan. 16, 1845, d May 15, 1847; 822 *Gurdon L.*, b March 5, 1846, d Aug. 27, 1848; 823 *Otis N.*, b Oct. 6, 1848, d same day; 824 *Lyman M.*, b Jan. 23, 1850; 825 *Love Ann*, b May 27, 1852; 826 *Burton H.*, b Aug. 1, 1854.

## HENRY.

HENRY COOK, a brother of Samuel, came into Wallingford about 1674, and I suppose he married his wife Mary there, but at what date does not appear. Of his history little can be learned, except that he was a farmer, and was frequently elected to offices of trust and responsibility by his townsmen. That he was a brother of the first Samuel there is no doubt, as it is clearly shown by the records of Wallingford. He died in 1705, æ. 51 years. His widow Mary died Oct. 31, 1718.

Children: 1 *Mary*, b 1679, m Nathaniel Rexford, July 7, 1708; 2 *Fane*, b 1681, m Jehiel Preston, July 7, 1708; 3 *Henry*, b 1683; 4 *Fohn*, b 1684; 5 *Hannah*, b 1687, m Timothy Beach, Nov. 26, 1713; 6 *Isaac*, b 1693; 7 *Elizabeth*,

b 1694, m Adam Mott, Aug. 28, 1717; 8 *Fonathan*, b 1698; 9 *David*, b 1701, settled in Wallingford where he died; 10 *Fedediah*, b 1703.

## 3. HENRY.

HENRY COOK, son of Henry and Mary Cook, married 1st, Experience ———. She died Oct. 8, 1809. He married 2d, Mary (Wheadon) Frost, dau. of John and Mary Frost, of Branford, in 1710. From Branford he went to Waterbury in 1728, and was there admitted an inhabitant. His residence was near the line of Litchfield.

Children: 11 *Sarah*, b May 5, 1720; 12 *Ebenezer*, b March 5, 1721; 13 *Henry*, b Aug. 17, 1723; 14 *Thankful*, b June, 1725, bap. in Cheshire, June 20, 1725; 15 *Fonathan*, admitted a freeman from Northbury, in 1748.

## 4. JOHN.

JOHN COOK, son of Mary and Henry Cook, married Abigail, dau. of Daniel Johnson of Wallingford, Dec. 12, 1710. He died Aug. 15, 1761, ae. 77 years. She died Aug. 15, 1761, ae. 81 years.

Children: 16 *Dinah*, b 1714; 17 *Sarah*, b Jan. 7, 1717; 18 *Mary*, b Sept. 26, 1719; 19 *Tryphenia*, b 1722; 20 *Benjamin*, b April 22, 1725, m Hannah Thorp, resided in the eastern part of Wallingford, on the old Durham road; 21 *John*, b Oct. 23, 1727.

## 6. ISAAC.

ISAAC COOK, son of Henry and Mary of Wallingford, married Hannah ———, and removed to Branford, where he died.

Children: 22 *Isaac Jr.*, b July 19, 1716, d at Branford, 1760; 23 *Demetrius*, b April 23, 1718, d at Branford; 24 *Uzzel*, b May 9, 1722; 25 *Anna*, b June 24, 1724; 26 *Waitstill*, b Jan. 28, 1727; 27 *Ferusha*, b Nov. 19, 1736.

## 8. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN COOK, son of Henry and Mary Cook, of Wallingford, married Ruth, daughter of William Luddington of

North Haven, June 15, 1735. They settled at Northbury (then a Parish from Waterbury), now Plymouth.

Children: 28 *Jonathan*, b March 29, 1736; 29 *Jesse*, b Feb. 1, 1739, d 1784; 30 *Titus*, b May 2, 1741; 31 *Sarah*, b Oct. 31, 1744; 32 *Abel*, b May 18, 1747.

9. DAVID.

Capt. DAVID COOK, son of Henry and Mary Cook, of Wallingford. He married 1st, Rebecca Wilson; after her decease he married Mary Lamson, of Boston. He was a very extensive ship owner, and was largely engaged in commerce, sailing from the port of New Haven one ship and three brigs. In religion he was a zealous friend of the church of England. He generously paid one-quarter of the cost of building the old church which was erected in the old Mix Lane, just opposite the residence of the late Isaac Peck. He also presented the church an organ; this same organ was a few years since sold to the Episcopal church in North Haven, and in 1869 they sold it to Wm. P. Gardner, an organ builder in New Haven. This organ was more than one hundred years old, and perhaps the oldest in the state.

Children: 33 *David*, b 1723, res. in Woodbridge and New Haven; 34 *Rachel*, b March 19, 1724, m Samuel Munson, he d 1748; 35 *Leah*, b 1726, m Phineas Peck, she d in Wallingford; 36 *Phineas*, b April 3, 1729, settled in Middletown or Durham; 37 *Wilson*, b April 21, 1730, left Wallingford during the Revolutionary war and settled in Middletown; 38 *Jesse*, b July 8, 1732; 39 *Rebecca*, b April 7, 1734, m Rev. Ichabod Camp and went to Nova Scotia; 40 *Jedediah*, b April 4, 1735, res. in New Haven; 41 *Benjamin*, b April 3, 1739; 42 *Nathaniel*, b May 31, 1740; 43 *Ephraim*, b 1744, res., in Wallingford.

10. JEDEDIAH.

JEDEDIAH COOK, son of Henry and Mary Cook, of Wallingford, married Sarah, daughter of Arthur Rexford, Aug. 10, 1727. He was a mariner, and resided in New Haven. His dwelling house was on the south-west corner of State and



Chapel-sts., New Haven. I have ascertained the name of one child only.

Child: 44 *Mary*, b Oct. 7, 1728, in New Haven.

## 12. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER COOK, son of Henry and Experience Cook, of Waterbury, Conn., married Phebe, daughter of Moses Blakeslee, May 10, 1744.

Children: 45 *Huldah*, b April 26, 1744; 46 *Joel*, b Aug. 5, 1746; 47 *Fustus*, b May 25, 1748, grad. at Yale College; 48 *Fonah*, b Aug. 11, 1750; 49 *Eric*, b Oct. 20, 1752; 50 *Rozell*, b May 1, 1755, grad. at Yale College; 51 *Nise*, b April 17, 1758; 52 *Arba*, b April 4, 1760; 53 *Lucinda*, b Sept. 20, 1764; 54 *Uri*; 55 *Ebenezer*, a Cong. clergyman at Montville, Conn.

## 13. HENRY.

HENRY COOK, son of Henry and Experience Cook, married Hannah, dau. of Nathan Benham, Nov. 7, 1745, and settled at Northbury, now Plymouth, Conn.

Children: 56 *Thankful*, b June 12, 1747; 57 *Mary*, b March 30, 1748, d June 11, 1760; 58 *Sarah*, b March 5, 1750, d June 15, 1760; 59 *Zuba*, b Dec. 24, 1751, d June 17, 1760; 60 *Lemuel*, b Dec. 7, 1754, d June 24, 1760; 61 *Selah*, b Dec. 19, 1756, he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; 62 *Trueworthy*, b Sept. 29, 1759, settled with his brother Selah, in Onondaga Co., N. Y. in 1792.

## 15. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN COOK, son of Henry and Experience Cook, married Hannah, dau. of Nathan Benham, Nov. 7, 1745, and settled at Northbury, Plymouth, in 1748. No account of this family has been received.

## 22. ISAAC.

ISAAC COOK, son of Isaac and Hannah Cook, of Branford, married Mary Hubbard, of Guilford, Nov. 14, 1739. He died March 22, 1760, ae. 44 years.

Children: 63 *Isaac*, b Oct. 1, 1740, d 1744; 64 *Isaac*, b March 14, 1747, d Nov. 24, 1748; 65 *Rachel*, b Nov. 12, 1751.

## 23. DEMETRIUS.

DEMETRIUS COOK, son of Isaac and Hannah Cook, married Elizabeth Rogers, of Branford, Conn., April 26, 1739. They both died at Stony Creek, Branford, and were buried in a small grave-yard at a place called Damascus.

Children: 66 *Demetrius*, b Jan 6, 1740; 67 *Elizabeth*, b April 23, 1753; 68 *Elihu*, b Oct. 11, 1755; 69 *Ferusha*, b Jan. 19, 1760.

## 24. UZZEL.

UZZEL COOK, son of Isaac and Hannah Cook, married Zeruah Barns, of East Hampton, L. I., May 20, 1745, and settled in Branford, where they died.

Children: 70 *Desire*, b Dec. 29, 1745; 71 *Lydia*, b March 6, 1750; 72 *Abraham*, b June 1, 1754; 73 *Isaac*, b Oct. 9, 1757; 74 *Uzzel*, b July 21, 1761; 75 *Patience*, b May 13, 1764.

## 26. WAITSTILL.

WAITSTILL COOK, son of Isaac and Hannah Cook, married Elizabeth —.

Children: 76 *Fane*, b April 10, 1751; 77 *Hannah*, b March 11, 1753; 78 *Jacob*, b July 15, 1755; 79 *Ebenezer H.*, b Sept. 6, 1759; 80 *William*, b May 9, 1762; 81 *Elizabeth*, b March 13, 1764; 82 *John*, b May 14, 1768; 83 *Huldah*, b May 14, 1768; 84 *Benjamin*, b April 6, 1771.

## 43. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM COOK was a son of Capt. David and Mary Cook. He was a magistrate for a long term of years, and was regarded as a sound, able and discriminating judge by all who had occasion to employ his services or come before him. He died Feb. 12, 1826, æ. 82 yrs. Mrs. Phebe, his wife, died Nov. 26, 1816, æ. 73 yrs. She was a daughter of John Tyler of Wallingford, and a sister of the Rev. John Tyler, late of Norwich, and an Episcopal clergyman.

Children: 85 *Phineas*, b Oct. 6, 1765, d Nov. 9, 1765; 86 *Elizabeth*, b April 24, 1766; 87 *Ephraim*, b March 1, 1768, m Sarah Lewis, dau. of Samuel; 88 *Darius*, b Aug. 8,

1769, d Dec. 28, 1791; 89 *Lyman*, b Nov. 17, 1770, d April 9, 1773; 90 *Mary*, b Oct. 24, 1772, m Charles Rogers, d Nov. 9, 1840; 91 *Sylvia*, b Dec. 8, 1774, m Charles Clock of Catskill, N. Y.; 92 *Phineas Lyman*, b June 22, 1776, d in the West Indies, May 8, 1801; 93 *Lucius*, b Oct. 15, 1777; 94 *Benjamin Tyler*, b May 30, 1778, m Diana Hull; 95 *Electa*, b April 9, 1780, d May 1, 1780; 96 *George*, b Oct. 16, 1783; 97 *Nathaniel*, b April 17, 1786, m Caroline Ward, of Middletown, Conn.

## 87. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM COOK Jr., son of Ephraim and Phebe Cook, married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Lewis. She died Dec. 10, 1849. He died at Williamsburgh, L. I., Feb., 1868, æ. 90 yrs.

Children: 98 *Dr. Purcell*, d in N. Y., Dec. 24, 1860, no family; 99 *Darius*, d at Catskill, N. Y., æ. 24 yrs; 100 *Lyman*, a wealthy retired merchant in N. Y. city; 101 *Mary*, unm. in N. Y. city; 102 *Sarah Ann*, d in 1854, at Williamsburgh, L. I.; 103 *Dr. Chauncey*, resides in Williamsburgh, N. Y.; 194 *Delia*, d at Catskill, N. Y., æ. 24 yrs.

## 93. LUCIUS.

LUCIUS COOK, son of Ephraim and Phebe Cook, married 1st, Ruth Churchill; after her death he married Mrs. Phebe Ward, of Middletown, and settled there. He died in 1845, æ. 79 yrs.

Child by 1st marriage: 105 *Lucius*, resides at Yellow Banks, Illinois. Children by 2d marriage: 106 *Wilson*; 107 *Benjamin*, d a young man; 108 *Lucina*, m Mr. Coe, of Middlefield, Conn.

## 94. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN TYLER COOK, son of Ephraim and Phebe Cook, married Diana, daughter of John and Lois Hull. Mr. Cook died Jan. 30, 1851, æ. 73 years. He was a large man, weighing nearly 300 pounds.

Children: 109 *William*, b March 3, 1803, m Julia Foster of Meriden, Ct.; 110 *Edward*, b Feb. 3, 1805; 111 *George*, b 1807, d in Chicago, Illinois; 112 *John Tyler*, b July 12, 1810, d May 29, 1811, in Wallingford; 113 *John Tyler*; 114 *Emeline*, m Lorenzo Williams, of Rocky Hill; 115 *Augustus*; 116 *Joel*; 117 *Delia*, m Henry A. Cook, of Wallingford; 118 *Phebe*, b 1817, d Feb. 24, 1817, æ. 2 weeks; 119 *David*, b 1823, d Jan. 25, 1826, æ. 2 yrs., 9 mos.; 120 *Julia*, b 1829, d May 6, 1829.

## 96. GEORGE.

GEORGE COOK, son of Ephraim and Phebe Cook, married Betsey Pierce of Catskill, N. Y., where he resided for some time, after which he removed to Newburg, N. Y., where he died Aug. 12, 1819, æ. 36 years.

Children: 121 *Sylvester*, was drowned in Hudson river; 122 *Alexander*; 123 *George Henry*, d at Burlington, N. J.; 124 *Maria*, m John Tyler Cook; 125 *Catherine*, m Lewis Germain, of N. J.

## 97. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL COOK, son of Ephraim and Phebe Cook, married Caroline Ward, of Middletown, Conn., after which he came to reside on the old homestead of his father, where he remained for several years, teaching school in the winter, and working the farm in the summer. He sold the old homestead, and removed his family to Earlville, Illinois, where he died April 24, 1855, æ. 69 years.

Children: 126 *Nelson*, b March 15, 1815; 127 *Emily*, b Sept. 5, 1817, m Elias Newton, Dec. 24, 1825; 128 *Phebe Tyler*, b Feb. 7, 1819, m Nehemiah Rice Ives, 1839, and Warren Baker, in 1852; 129 *Sylvester*, b Feb. 7, 1821; 130 *Caroline*, b Nov. 14, 1823, m Hiram Taft, Dec. 1, 1845; 131 *Lyman*, b Nov. 12, 1828; 132 *Ann M.*, b Jan. 12, 1831, m Jas. Ballard, of Earlville, July 4, 1850; 133 *David R.*, b Nov. 9, 1836.

COWLES, OR COLES FAMILY.<sup>1</sup>

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH COLES married Abigail Royce, July 13, 1699. She died May 24, 1714. He afterwards married Mary Wapels, May 19, 1717, and for his third wife, he married widow Ann Yale, Aug. 7, 1715. She died Feb. 27, 1715. This appears to be one of the first families of the name in Wallingford.

Children: 1 *Louis*, b April 25, 1700; 2 *Samuel*, b Dec. 10, 1701, d Feb. 18, 1704; 3 *Abigail*, b Jan. 17, 1702-3; 4 *Samuel*, b Feb. 2, 1705, d Feb. 15, 1705; 5 *Hannah*, b April 11, 1706; 6 *Eunice*, b April 28, 1708, m Moses Curtis, Nov. 9, 1726; 7 *Joseph*, b March 1, 1710; 8 *Samuel*, b March 14, 1712; 9 *Hannah Waulch*, adopted daughter, d Aug. 18, 1721; 10 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 23, 1715, by Ann, 3d wife.

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM COLES married Sarah Conger, July 27, 1688. He married 2d, Experience Gaylord, Dec. 22, 1721. This William was also among the early settlers, and doubtless a brother of the above Joseph.

Children: 11 *Samuel*, b May 7, 1688; 12 *John*, b May 28, 1691, m Mary —; 13 *Sarah*, b Oct. 14, 1693; 14 *William*, b Feb. 15, 1696; 15 *James*, b March 7, 1707; 16 *Thomas*, b Sept. 10, 1719. By 2d marriage: 17 *Phineas*, b Jan. 20, 1724; 18 *Phebe*, b 1726; 19 *Thomas*, b Sept. 10, 1722; 20 *Experience*, b March 16, 1728; 21 *David*, b Oct. 29, 1730.

## 7. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH COLES married Eunice —.

Child by Mindwell, 1st wife: 22 *Ebenezer*, b Feb. 26, 1718. By Eunice, 2d wife: 23 *Timothy*, b April 18, 1737, lived in Meriden, had a son Joel.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. of New Britain, 230, 231, 272; Doolittle's Hist. Belchertown, Mass., 270; Judd and Boltwood's Hist. and Gen. of Hadley, Mass., 471-3; Morse's Memorial of Morses, 166; Savage's Gen. Dict., I. 466.

## I I. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL COLES married 1st, Mercy Scranton, Aug. 5, 1725; 2d, Martha Brooks, Sept. 25, 1734; 3d, Susannah Cook, Dec. 1, 1735.

Children by 1st marriage: 24 *Moses*, b June 16, 1726; 25 *Mercy*, b Aug. 10, 1729. By 2d marriage: 26 *Samuel*, b July 30, 1735.

## I 2. JOHN.

JOHN COLES married Mary —, Nov. 20, 1717. He died 1761.

Children: 27 *Mary*, b Nov. 20, 1717; 28 *Comfort*, b Sept. 12, 1718; 29 *Dinah*, b March 12, 1720; 30 *Mary*, b Sept. 15, 1721; 31 *Lydia*, b Oct. 1, 1723; 32 *Timothy*, b Oct. 17, 1726, res. in Meriden; 33 *John*, b Feb. 1, 1727; 34 *Prudence*, b March 26, 1729; 35 *Thankful*, b Feb. 6, 1731; 36 *Sarah*, b March 21, 1733.

## 22. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER COLES.

Children: 37 *Elisha*, merchant and manufacturer; 38 *Ebenezer*, marble-cutter and stone-mason.

CULVER.<sup>1</sup>

## JOSHUA.

JOSHUA CULVER, with Elizabeth Ford, his wife, to whom he was married Dec. 23, 1676, were among the first planters in Wallingford. He was a son of Edward Culver, Sen., of Dedham, Mass., New London, Groton and New Haven, Conn., and had three brothers in the vicinity of New London, who were heads of families at the time of his settling in Wallingford. He died April 23, 1713, *ae.* 70 yrs.

Children: 1 *Elizabeth*, d May 2, 1676, at New Haven, Conn.; 2 *Ann*, d Sept. 8, 1677, at New Haven, Conn.; 3-4

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Caulkins' Hist. of New London, 309, 310; Howell's Hist. of Southampton, L. I., 217, 218; Savage's Gen. Dict., 1. 482, 483.

*Joshua* and *Samuel* (twins), b Sept. 21, 1684; 5 *Abigail*, b Dec. 26, 1686; 6 *Sarah*, b Jan. 23, 1688; 7 *Ephraim*, b Sept. 7, 1692.

## 3. JOSHUA.

SERG. JOSHUA and Catharine Culver, m April 23, 1713. He died June 14, 1730, æ. 46 yrs.

Children: 8 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 3, 1716; 9 *Stephen*, b Jan. 24, 1718, d July 6, 1721; 10 *Samuel*, b May 10, 1720; 11 *Stephen*, b May 19, 1722; 12 *Joshua*, b May 20, 1729; 13 *Daniel*, b Sept. 1, 1723; 14 *Titus*, b April 7, 1725; 15 *Joshua*, b April 15, 1727, d July 16, 1729.

## 4. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL CULVER married 1st, Sarah, 2d, Ruth Sedgwick, Jan. 3, 1728.

Children: 16 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 12, 1715; 17 *Sarah*, b Dec. 23, 1716; 18 *Abigail*, b Dec. 17, 1718; 19 *Esther*, b March 17, 1721, d May 5, 1741; 20 *Caleb*, b Feb. 18, 1723, m Lois ———; 21 *Anna*, b Oct. 3, 1732, d Nov. 21, 1733; 22 *Enoch*, b Jan. 30, 1725; 23 *Ebenezer*, b Dec. 9, 1726. By 2d marriage: 24 *Samuel*, b Sept. 25, 1728.

## 8. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN CULVER m Lydia ———.

Children: 24 *Joshua*, b Nov. 1, 1741, d; 25 *Joshua*, b April 4, 1743.

## 9. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN CULVER m Eunice ———.

Children: 26 *Fesse*, b April 4, 1748; 27 *Esther*, b June 24, 1750; 28 *Eunice*, b March 19, 1753; 29 *Dan*, b May 12, 1756; 30 *Fesse*, b April 4, 1758.

## 13. DANIEL.

DANIEL CULVER married Patience ———.

Child: 31 *Samuel*, b May 24, 1747.

## 20. CALEB.

CALEB CULVER married Lois ———.

Children: 32 *Ruth*, b Jan. 10, 1746; 33 *Ruth*, b Nov. 25,

1751; 34 *Josiah*, b Sept. 7, 1748; 35 *Samuel*, b July 5, 1750.

22. ENOCH.

ENOCH CULVER married Lois ———.

Children: 36 *Esther*, b July 24, 1751; 37 *Lois*, b June 4, 1756.

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CURTIS.<sup>1</sup>

WILLIAM.

WILLIAM CURTIS embarked in the ship *Lion*, June 22, 1632, and landed Dec. 16, 1632, at Scituate, Mass. He brought with him four children, Thomas, Mary, John, and Philip. He removed with his family to Roxbury, Mass., whence they removed to Stratford, Conn. By the records of Stratford, it appears that the father of these must have died before the removal of the family thither, and that previous to that event, a son William had been born to him, as the first of the name that appears on those records are John, William, and their mother, widow Elizabeth Curtis. It is stated that at the date of their removal to Stratford, John was about 28 years of age, and William about 18. Thomas died in Mass., "7th month, 1650;" widow Elizabeth died in 1658. Will proved, Nov. 4, 1658.

John married 1st, Elizabeth ———, who died in 1682; 2d, Margaret ———, who died in 1714. He died Dec. 6, 1707, æ. 96 years.

Children: 1 *John*, b 1642; 2 *Israel*, b 1644; 3 *Elizabeth*,

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Bradbury's Hist. Kennebunkport, Me., 235, 236; Brown's Gen. W. Simsbury, Conn., Settlers, 31-4; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 531-9; Deane's Hist. Scituate, Mass., 251-4; Dod's Hist. E. Haven, Conn., 115; Draper's Hist. Spencer, Mass., 183; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 197; Ellis's Hist. Roxbury, Mass., 94; Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 776-88; Kingman's N. Bridgewater, Mass., 476; Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass., 144; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., xvi. 137; Savage's Gen. Dict., i. 484-8; Winsor's Hist. Duxbury, Mass., 249; Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 247; Barry's Hist. Hanover, Mass., 272-88.



b 1647 ; 4 *Thomas*, b 1648 ; 5 *Joseph*, b 1650 ; 6 *Benjamin*, b 1652 ; 7 *Hannah*, b 1654.

## 4. THOMAS.

THOMAS CURTIS married Mary ———, June 9, 1674. He was born in Stratford, but removed to Wallingford.

Children ; 8 *Mary*, b Oct. 13, 1675 ; 9 *Nathaniel*, b May 14, 1677, m Sarah Hall ; 10 *Samuel*, b Feb. 3, 1678, m Elizabeth Frederick, Jan. 4, 1705 ; 11 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 11, 1680, m Nathaniel Hall ; 12 *Hannah*, b Dec. 3, 1682, d Oct. 12, 1703 ; 13 *Thomas*, b Aug. 16, 1685, m Mary ——— ; 14 *Sarah*, b Oct. 1, 1687, m James Parker in 1705 ; 15 *Abigail*, b Nov. 3, 1689, m Joseph Hall, 1709 ; 16 *Joseph*, b Aug. 10, 1691, d Jan. 11, 1713 ; 17 *Jemima*, b Jan. 15, 1694, m Nathaniel Beach ; 18 *Rebecca*, b Aug. 21, 1697, m Lambert Johnson ; 19 *John*, b Sept. 18, 1699, m Jemima Abernathy, 1723.

## 9. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL CURTIS, m 1st, Sarah Hall, April 6, 1697. She died Dec. 13, 1700. He married 2nd, Sarah How, July 9, 1702.

Children : 20 *Benjamin*, b April 27, 1703, m Jemima Munson, 1727 ; 21 *Hannah*, b Feb. 19, 1705 ; 22 *Moses*, b Aug. 4, 1706 ; 23 *Nathan*, b May 19, 1709, m Esther Merriam ; 24 *Jacob*, b Aug. 23, 1710, m Abigail ——— ; 25 *Sarah*, b Mar. 30, 1712 ; 26 *Abigail*, b April 9, 1713 ; 27 *Lydia*, b March 20, 1714 ; 28 *Comfort*, b Oct. 30, 1716 ; 29 *Nathaniel*, b July 1, 1718, m Lois ———.

## 10. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL CURTIS, married to Elizabeth Curtis, by Justice Hall, Jan. 3, 1704-5.

Children : 30 *Titus*, b Jan. 28, 1733, d Jan., 1733 ; 31 *Mary*, b Nov. 8, 1736 ; 32 *Comfort*, b June 25, 1744 ; 33 *Enos*, b Jan. 27, 1746 ; 34 *Lois*, b March 1, 1752.

## 16. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH CURTIS, son of Thomas and Mary Curtis, married Rebecca ———.

Children: 35 *Sybil*, b April 12, 1750; 36 *Jephtha*, b March 21, 1752.

## 19. JOHN.

JOHN CURTIS, m Jemima Abernathy, 1723.

Children: 37 *John*, b Feb. 3, 1735; 38 *Giles*, b Jan. 4, 1737; 39 *Jemima*, b March 18, 1739; 40 *Elizabeth*, b April 11, 1741; 41 *Sarah*, b June 28, 1744.

## 20. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN CURTIS, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Curtis, married Miriam —.

Children: 42 *Esther*, b Oct. 2, 1728; 43 *Abel*, b Dec. 22, 1729; 44 *Susannah*, b Nov. 9, 1732; 45 *Lois*, b Sept. 30, 1733; 46 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 27, 1735; 47 *Mariam*, b Aug. 30, 1737; 48 *Sarah*, b May 29, 1739; 49 *Aaron*, b Nov. 8, 1744.

## 23. NATHAN.

NATHAN and Esther Curtis.

Children: 50 *Moses*, b May 8, 1741; 51 *Amos*, b March 24, 1743; 52 *Esther*, b March 7, 1745.

## 24. JACOB.

JACOB and Abigail Curtis.

Child: 53 *Jacob*, b Oct. 1, 1738.

## 29. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL CURTIS married Lois —.

Children: 54 *Eunice*, b April 12, 1750; 55 *Nathaniel*, b June 13, 1756; 56 *Jacob*, b Sept. 14, 1758.

## 33. ENOS.

ENOS CURTIS, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Curtis, married Mary Yale, May 28, 1733.

Children: 57 *Titus*, b Jan. 28, 1733, d Jan., 1733; 58 *Mary*, b Nov. 8, 1736; 59 *Comfort*, b June 25, 1744; 60 *Enos*, b June 27, 1746; 61 *Lois*, b March 1, 1752.

## RICHARD.

RICHARD CURTIS, who was among the first planters in Wallingford, was the father of Isaac Curtis, who married

Sarah Ford, of Branford, Aug. 13, 1682, and died July 15, 1712. Richard Curtis died in Wallingford, Sept. 17, 1681, æ. 70 years. Estate, £50.

Children: 62 *Isaac*, b Nov. 6, 1683; 63 *Sarah*, b June 11, 1685; 64 *Joseph*, b July 18, 1689, m Ann Stevens, Jan. 11, 1713; 65 *Ebenezer*, b Oct. 6, 1691, d July 20, 1717; 66 *Isaac*, b March 8, 1693-4, m Abigail Tuttle; 67 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 10, 1701; 68 *Benjamin*, b March 2, 1702-3; 69 *Moses*, b Aug. 9, 1706; 70 *Phebe*, d Aug. 5, 1718; 71 *Joshua*, d July 20, 1719.

## 62. ISAAC.

ISAAC CURTIS married Abigail Tuttle; she died, and he married Mary Tuttle, Oct. 1, 1729.

Children by 1st marriage: 72 *David*, b Aug. 7, 1707; 73 *Phebe*, b April 4, 1718; 74 *Joshua*, b April 26, 1719; 75 *Ebenezer*, b Jan. 17, 1720.

## 64. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH CURTIS, m Ann Stephens, Jan. 11, 1713.

Children: 76 *Philip*, b July 20, 1727; 77 *Joseph*, b Sept. 31, 1719; 78 *Johanna*, b June 1, 1723; 79 *Peter*, m Christiana Parker, Nov. 22, 1732.

## 68. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN CURTIS married Joanna Munson, of New Haven.

Children: 80 *Asa*, b May 11, 1731; 81 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 24, 1732; 82 *Asa*, b Feb. 13, 1740.

## 79. PETER.

PETER CURTIS, son of Joseph and Ann Curtis, married Christiana ———.

Children: 83 *Abner*, b Aug. 8, 1738; 84 *Achsah*, b Oct. 5, 1739; 85 *Mary*, b June 6, 1741; 86 *Silas*, b Jan. 21, 1744; 87 *Eunice*, b April 2, 1746; 88 *Fesse*, b April 2, 1748; 89 *Daniel*, b Feb. 21, 1750; 90 *Amos*, b April 4, 1752.

## TITUS.

TITUS CURTIS, married Mary ———.

Children: 91 *Gideon*, m ——— Merriman; 92 *Thomas*; 93 *Rachel*; 94 *Margaretta*; 95 *Mary*; 96 *Phebe*.

## DAVIDSON.

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON was the first of the name in Wallingford, where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Zachariah How, Oct. 6, 1741. After the decease of Mr. How, he became the owner, probably through his wife, of the farm of Mr. How, which is the same that is now owned and occupied by the heirs of the late Samuel Davidson and Zachariah Davidson, west of the Falls plain, near South Meriden or Hanover.

Children: 1 *Anna*, b Dec. 21, 1742; 2 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 23, 1744; 3 *William*, b June 6, 1747; 4 *Andrew*, b Aug. 19, 1749; 5 *John*, b Sept. 10, 1751; 6 *James*, b Oct. 6, 1753.

DOOLITTLE.<sup>1</sup>

## ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE, the emigrant, was the progenitor of all who bear the name of Doolittle in this country. Himself and his brother John were in Massachusetts very early. John died childless at Salem, Mass. Abraham was in New Haven before 1642, and the owner of a house. In 1644, he took the freeman's oath, and was made the chief executive officer (or sheriff) of the county. He was chosen by the people of New Haven as one of the Committee to superintend the affairs of the new settlement, then (1669) just commenced at the village. The name of the village was changed to that of Wallingford, and was incorporated May 12, 1670, by an act of the general court, then sitting at Hartford. He was one of the first who settled in the place, and was there before its incorporation, some two or three years. He was a member of the vigilance committee in the time of "King Philip's war." His dwelling was fortified during this time by

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 324; Doolittle's Hist. Belchertown, Mass., 273-7; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vi. 293; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 59.

a picket fort, against any attack which might be made by the Indians. He was several times chosen a deputy from New Haven, and afterwards from Wallingford, to the general court. He was several times elected townsman, or selectman, and appears to have been a very valuable and highly respected citizen. He died Aug. 11, 1690, æ. 70 years. He left an estate of £342. His 1st wife dying, he married Abigail Moss, July 2, 1663. She died Nov. 5, 1710, æ. 69 yrs.

Children by 1st marriage: 1 *Abraham*, b Feb. 12, 1649, d Nov. 10, 1732, æ. 83 years; 2 *Elizabeth*, b April 12, 1652; 3 *Mary*, b Feb. 22, 1653; 4 *John*, b June 14, 1655, m Mary Peck, Feb. 3, 1682. By 2d m: 5 *Samuel*, b July 7, 1665; 6, *Joseph*, b Feb. 12, 1666; 7 *Abigail*, b Feb. 26, 1668-9; 8 *Ebenezer*, b July 6, 1672, d Dec. 6, 1711; 9 *Mary*, b March 4, 1673, m Solomon Goff, Jan., 1713; 10 *Daniel*, b Dec. 29, 1675; 11 *Theophilus*, b July 28, 1678.

## I. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE, Jr., married 1st, Mary, daughter of Wm. Houlst, of New Haven, Nov. 9, 1680. He died Dec. 15, 1732, æ. 83 years. He married for his 2d wife, Ruth Lothrop, of New London, Feb. 12, 1689. She died without issue. His 3d wife was Elizabeth Thorp, to whom he was married by Rev. Mr. Street, June 5, 1695. She died in 1736, æ. 60 years.

Children by 1st marriage: 12 *John*, b Aug. 13, 1681, m Mary Frederick, Feb. 28, 1705; 13 *Abraham*, b March 27, 1684, m Mary Lewis, Aug. 10, 1710; 14 *Sarah*, b Feb. 5, 1686; 15 *Susannah*, b April 15, 1688, m ——— Armstrong. By 3d marriage: 16 *Thorp*, b Feb. 15, 1696; 17 *Samuel*, b March 14, 1698; 18 *Joseph*, b March 13, 1700, m Rachel Cole, Dec. 15, 1726; 19 *Thomas*, b May 17, 1705, m Sarah Abernathy; 20 *Lydia*, b June 26, 1710, m John Joyce.

## 4. JOHN.

JOHN DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Abigail Doolittle, married Mary Peck, Feb. 13, 1682. He married 2d, Grace Blakeslee, Jan. 29, 1717.

Children: 21 *Esther*, b Jan. 24, 1683; 22 *Samuel*, b Feb. 4, 1685; 23 *Sarah*, b Feb. 15, 1686; 24 *Susannah*, b April 5, 1688; 25 *Benjamin*, b July 10, 1695, grad. at Yale, 1716; 26 *Susannah*, b Feb. 24, 1706; 27 *Eunice*, b May 30, 1707; 28 *Fohn*, b Feb. 6, 1712.

## 5. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Abigail Doolittle, married 1st, Mary —, 2d, Eunice —, and settled at Middletown, Conn.

Children: 30 *Fonathan*, b Aug. 21, 1689; 31 *Samuel*, b Aug. 3, 1691, m Jane Wheeler, Aug. 1, 1714; 32 *Mary*, b Nov. 24, 1693; 33 *Abraham*, b Sept. 21, 1695; 34 *Abigail*, b 1697; 35 *Martha*, b April 6, 1698; 36 *Hannah*, b Oct. 29, 1700; 37 *Thankful*, b June 3, 1702; 38 *Foseph*, b June 20, 1704, m Mary Hitchcock, May 24, 1729; 39 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 15, 1706, d of small pox; 40 *Esther*, b July 16, 1709; 41 *Abel*, b May 15, 1724; 42 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 17, 1730.

## 6. JOSEPH.

CAPT. JOSEPH DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Abigail Doolittle, married Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Brown; she was born Aug. 8, 1672, and married by Thomas Yale, Esq., April 24, 1690. He died May 15, 1733, æ. 66 years. His 2d wife was Elizabeth Hoult, whom he married Oct. 5, 1720; she died June 3, 1768, æ. 73 years.

Children: 43 *Isaac*, b Aug. 13, 1721; 44 *Enos*, b March 2, 1727, m Mary —, he d in 1756. By 2d marriage: 45 *Dinah*, b April 24, 1729; 46 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 3, 1731, d April 13, 1731; 47 *Ichabod*, b Aug. 21, 1732; 48 *Sarah*, b Dec. 27, 1735.

## 8. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Abigail Doolittle, married Hannah, only daughter of Samuel and Hannah Hall, April 6, 1697. She was born March 11, 1673, and died July 27, 1758. He died Dec. 6, 1711; settled in Cheshire.

Children: 49 *Hannah*, b 1699; 50 *Ebenezer*, b April 15,

1700, m Lydia Warner, June 11, 1728; 51 *Moses*, b 1702, d April 10, 1781, m Ruth Richardson; 52 *Sarah*, b 1704; 53 *Caleb*, b Feb. 3, 1706, d 1781; 54 *Foshua*, b March 2, 1708; 55 *Zadock*, b March 17, 1711.

## 10. DANIEL.

DANIEL DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Abigail Doolittle, married to Hannah Cornwall of Middletown, Conn., by Mr. Hamlin. After the birth of their first child they removed to Middletown, and after a residence of a few years in that place they returned to Wallingford, where he died, in 1755, æ. 80 yrs. She died Jan. 16, 1736.

Children: 56 *Hannah*, b Jan. 27, 1699, m Joseph Doolittle, Sept. 10, 1722; 57 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 15, 1700; 59 *Matthew*, b April 16, 1703; 60 *Dinah*, b Oct. 4, 17—, d Sept. 14, 1719; 61 *Daniel*, b Feb. 3, 1707, d Sept., 1791, æ. 84 yrs.; 62 *Joseph*, b July 3, 1709; 63 *Stephen*, b Sept. 14, 1710; 64 *Abigail*, b May 6, 1712; 65 *Ezra*, b July 24, 1718, d Oct. 24, 1744, at Cheshire, Conn.

## 11. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Abigail Doolittle, married to Thankful, dau. of David Hall, by Mr. Street, Jan. 5, 1698. She died June 2, 1715. He died March 26, 1740, æ. 62 yrs. He married Elizabeth Howe for his 2d wife.

Children: 67 *Thankful*, b May 2, 1700, m Timothy Page; 68 *Sarah*, b June 1, 1703, m Isaac Tuttle, she d 1713; 69 *Henry*, b 1704, d 1733, æ. 29 yrs.; 70 *Theophilus*, b June 20, 1709, m Sarah Dorcher (or Dorchester), Nov. 15, 1738; 71 *Solomon*, b Aug. 13, 1713, m Eunice Hall, Feb. 24, 17—; 72 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 28, 1723.

## 12. JOHN.

JOHN DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham Jr. and Mercy Doolittle, married Mary Frederick, of New Haven, Feb. 28, 1705; he married 2d, Mary Lewis. He died 1745.

Children: 73 *Benjamin*, b July 10, 1705; 74 *Susannah*, b Feb. 24, 1707; 75 *Eunice*, b May 30, 1709; 76 *John*, b Feb.

6, 1712, m Hannah — ; 77 *Phebe*, b Nov. 26, 1713, m Josiah Mix; 78 *Frederick T.*, b Oct. 20, 1715, d Sept. 2, 1746; 79 *Obed*, b Oct. 2, 1717, d Nov. 4, 1746, ae. 29 yrs.; 80 *Nathan*, b July 22, 1720, d Aug. 20, 1728; 81 *Mary*, b Oct. 26, 1723, d Dec. 21, 1724; 82 *Keziah*, b Jan. 31, 1728, d Sept. 22, 1746; 83 *Patience*, b June 17, 1732.

## 13. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham Jr. and Mercy Doolittle, married Mary Lewis, Aug. 10, 1710. He died May 10, 1733.

Children: 84, 85 *Ezekiah*, *Josiah*, b May 25, 1711; 86 *Dinah*, d Sept. 14, 1719; 87 *Zebulon*, b March 1, 1712, d March 1, 1714; 88 *Ambrose*, b Nov. 23, 1719, m Martha Munson; 89 *Nathan*, b July 22, 1720; 89 1-2 *Mary*, b Dec. 15, 1727; 90 *Abraham*, b Aug. 29, 1728; 81 *Deliverance*, b Nov. 9, 1730.

## 17. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Thorpe) Doolittle, married Jane Wheeler, Aug. 1, 1714.

Children: 92 *Sarah*, b Sept. 24, 1714; 93 *Joseph*, b May 4, 1715; 94 *Samuel*, b Feb. 28, 1725, m Eunice — ; 95 *Mehitable*, b Sept. 23, 1726; 96 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 17, 1730.

## 18. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Elizabeth Doolittle, married 1st, Rachel Cowles, March 14, 1728. He married 2nd, Martha Hitchcock, Feb. 5, 1735.

Children: 97 *Dinah*, b April 24, 1729; 98 *Ichabod*, b Aug. 31, 1731; 99 *Sarah*, b Dec. 27, 1735; 100 *Joseph*, b Jan. 25, 1738.

## 19. THOMAS.

THOMAS DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Elizabeth Doolittle, married Sarah Abernathy, May 27, 1730. He resided in Waterbury in 1764, was a Tory in the Revolution, and joined the English. He went to Nova Scotia with his brother James. He married his second wife, Hannah Fenn, March 5, 1732.



Children by 1st marriage: 101 *Thomas*, b 1729, died in Cheshire, Nov. 19, 1760; 102 *Anna*, b Dec. 20, 1730; 103 *Samuel*, b Dec. 29, 1731, d Jan. 11, 1732; 104 *Femima*, b Dec. 31, 1732; 105 *Esther*, b Aug. 30, 1734. By 2d marriage: 106 *James*, b Feb. 7, 1734; 107 *Hannah*, b Oct. 12, 1735; 108 *Catherine*, b Jan. 10, 1738; 109 *Thomas*, b Jan. 22, 1742.

## 22. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, son of John and Mary Doolittle, married Mehitable ———, and settled in Northfield, Mass., where he died in 1736.

Children: 110 *Mary*, b June 16, 1712; 111 *Ephraim*; 112 *Moses*; 113 *Mindwell*, b June 15, 1715.

## 25. BENJAMIN.

REV. BENJAMIN DOOLITTLE, son of John and Mary Doolittle, grad. at Yale in 1716, married Lydia Todd, Oct. 14, 1717, and settled in the ministry at Northfield, Mass., in 1718. He died suddenly Jan. 9, 1748, æ. 53 years, having been settled in the ministry about 30 years. His widow died June 16, 1790, æ. 92 years.

Children: 114 *Olive*, b Oct. 28, 1718; 115 *Lydia*, b Aug. 24, 1720; 116 *Charles*, b July 31, 1722; 117 *Eunice*, b July 31, 1734; 118 *Susannah*, b June 13, 1726; 119 *Lucius*, b May 16, 1728; 120 *Chloe*, b May 4, 1730; 121 *Lucy*, b Feb. 27, 1731; 122 *Thankful*, b Jan. 20, 1733; 123 *Amzi*, b Nov. 15, 1737; 124 *Lucy*, b July 15, 1741.

## 28. JOHN.

JOHN DOOLITTLE, son of John and Mary, married Hannah ———. He died in Wallingford in 1746-7, æ. 35.

Children: 125 *Philemon*, b Feb. 25, 1740, m Lydia Hall, Jan. 5, 1757; 126 *Eunice*, b Jan. 31, 1741; 127 *Margery*; 128 *Hannah*, b May 12, 1744; 129 *Titus*, b June 12, 1745, m Mary, dau. of Dr. Lewis, Nov. 20, 1764.

## 31. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, son of Samuel and Mary Doolittle, married Elizabeth ———.

Children: 130 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 2, 1755; 131 *Ephraim*, b Sept. 30, 1756; 132 *George*, b Jan. 14, 1759.

## 33. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE, son of Samuel and Mary Doolittle, married Damaris —.

Child: 133 *Abraham*, b Nov., 1754.

## 38. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH DOOLITTLE, son of Samuel and Mary Doolittle, married Mary Hitchcock, May 24, 1729. She died, and he married Mary Strickland, at Middletown, Conn., May 24, 1739.

Children: 134 *Mary*, d young; 135 *Elizabeth*, d young; 136 *Joseph*, d in Middletown, Aug. 6, 1771; 137 *Seth*, b Jan. 4, 1745, m Hannah Dow, Feb. 4, 1768; 138 *Abisha*, d in Cheshire about 1837, no family; 139 *Mary*; 140 *Elizabeth*; 141 *Joseph*; 142 *Fared*, d July 13, 1769; 143 *Foel*, b July 7, 1769.

## 42. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN DOOLITTLE, son of Samuel and Mary Doolittle, married Elizabeth —.

Children: 144 *Benjamin*, b July 15, 1753; 145 *Sarah*, b Feb. 21, 1756.

## 43. ISAAC.

ISAAC DOOLITTLE, son of Capt. Joseph and Sarah Doolittle, was a brass founder in New Haven, where he died, Feb. 13, 1800, ae. 99. He married Phebe Cook. He was the ancestor of Gov. English on the maternal side.

Child: *Fesse*, b Feb. 25, 1777.

## 44. ENOS.

ENOS DOOLITTLE, son of Capt. Joseph and Sarah Doolittle, married Mary —. He died Oct. 27, 1756, ae. 22 years.

Children: 147 *Keziah*, b June 27, 1748; 148 *Katharine*, b Aug. 17, 1749; 149 *John*, b Dec. 31, 1754, d July 8, 1756; 150 *Patience*, b May 4, 1756.

## 50. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and Hannah, mar-

ried Lydia Warner, June 11, 1728, and settled in Cheshire. He died May 20, 1774, æ. 74 years.

Children: 151 *Ruth*, b Aug. 20, 1735; 152 *Ebenezer*, b Oct. 12, 1736; 153 *Fesse*, b Aug. 12, 1738; 154 *Zopher*, b Aug. 7, 1740.

## 51. MOSES.

MOSES DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and Hannah, married 1st, Ruth Hills; 2d, Lydia Richardson, March 23, 1720, died April 10, 1781, æ. 79 years, at Cheshire.

Children: 155 *Thomas*, b Feb. 8, 1730, d April 13, 1731; 156 *Hannah*, b Nov. 9, 1731; 157 *Eunice*, b Oct. 27, 1733; 158 *Damaris*, b May 28, 1735.

## 53. CALEB.

CALEB DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and Hannah, married Tamar Thompson, April 24, 1734. They settled in the south-west part of Cheshire, on land now owned and occupied by Julius Brooks, Esq., and others. He died March 11, 1781, æ. 75 years.

Children: 159 *Joseph*, b April 30, 1734, was a farmer in Cheshire, near where the present Joseph Doolittle lives; 160 *Caleb*, b Jan. 5, 1735, settled in Westwoods, Hamden, left sons and daughters; 161 *Tamar*, b Aug. 12, 1736; 162 *Benjamin*, b March 5, 1738, settled in Cheshire one-half mile west of the village; 163 *Lois*, b April 8, 1746; 164 *Amos*, was a farmer in the south-west part of Cheshire; 165 *Ephraim*, b June 15, 1754.

## 54. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and Hannah, married Martha Hitchcock, Feb. 5, 1735, died Nov. 15, 1779, æ. 71 years. Having no children, he gave all his property to Joshua Doolittle Waterman, son of the Rev. Simeon Waterman, of Plymouth, Conn.

## 55. ZADOCK.

ZADOCK DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and Hannah, married Rhoda ———.

Children: 166 *Hannah*, b July 22, 1740; 167 *Lydia*, b

March 3, 1742; 168 *Rhoda*, b June 28, 1744; 169 *Eunice*, b Sept. 5, 1746; 170 *Zachariah*, b May 13, 1749; 171 *Sarah*, b Sept. 24, 1751.

## 61. DANIEL.

DANIEL DOOLITTLE, son of Daniel and Hannah, married Elizabeth Dayton and settled in North Haven, two miles north of the center, on the Wallingford road. He died Sept., 1791, ae. 84.

Children: 172 *Giles*, b Nov. 6, 1734; 173 *Michael*, b April 12, 1738; 174 *Oliver*, b Oct. 14, 1742, m — Cook; 175 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 8, 1745; 176 *John*, b Jan. 15, 1747; 177 *Fohnson*, d in Wallingford; 178 *Ezra*, b Jan. 3, 1752, d in Cheshire.

## 62. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH DOOLITTLE, son of Daniel and Hannah, married Mary ———.

Children: 179 *Joseph*, b Jan. 15, 1757; 180 *Walter*, b March 27, 1759; 181 *Foel*, b Jan. 7, 1761.

## 63. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN DOOLITTLE, son of Daniel and Hannah, married Anna —, May 11, 1737. He died Nov. 8, 1772, ae. 64. She died Nov. 27, 1797, ae. 92 years.

Children: 182 *Anna*, b April 27, 1738; 183 *Abigail*, b Jan. 21, 1741; 184 *Ruth*, b Oct. 29, 1742; 185 *Stephen*, b Jan. 15, 1745, d Nov. 30, 1745.

## 65. EZRA.

EZRA DOOLITTLE, son of Daniel and Hannah, married Hannah —. He died Oct. 24, 1844, in Cheshire.

Children: 186 *Hannah*, d in 1747; 187 *Hannah*, b May 21, 1748.

## 70. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS DOOLITTLE, son of Theophilus and Thankful, married Sarah Dorcher, Nov. 15, 1738.

Children: 188 *Susannah*, b Aug. 2, 1739; 189, 190 *Solomon* and *Theophilus*, b Jan. 8, 1741, d Jan. 25, 1741; 191

*Theophilus*, b Feb. 5, 1742; 192 *Solomon*, b March 24, 1746; 193 *Fosiah*, b July 11, 1748, married Damaris —; 194 *Sarah*, b April 10, 1750; 195 *Elizabeth*, b June 1, 1751; 196 *Stephen*, b July 12, 1752; 197 *Isaac*, b Aug. 27, 1754.

## 71. SOLOMON.

SOLOMON DOOLITTLE, son of Theophilus and Thankful, married, 1st, Eunice Hall; 2nd, Jerusha Tyler, Feb. 13, 1734.

Children: 198 *Daniel*, b Oct. 4, 1706; 199 *Theophilus*, b March 19, 1769; 200 *Sarah*, b Feb. 5, 1752; 201 *Lucy*, b July 18, 1778; 202 *Foel*, b Sept. 16, 1781.

## 84. EZEKIAH.

EZEKIAH DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Mary Doolittle, m Hepzibah —.

Children: 203 *Barnabas*, b Jan. 8, 1736; 204 *Mehitable*, b Feb. 28, 1738; 205 *Hepzibah*, b Aug. 14, 1741; 206 *Hezekiah*, b May 4, 1742; 207 *Anthony*, b Jan. 31, 1744; 208 *Mary*, b Feb. 25, 1750.

## 85. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Mary Doolittle, married Damaris —.

Children: 209 *Fosiah*, b July 17, 1769, d July 30, 1769; 210 *Stephen*, b March 24, 1771.

## 87. ZEBULON.

ZEBULON, son of Abraham and Mary Doolittle, married Mary —.

Children: 211 *Mary*, b Jan. 1, 1741; 212 *Sarah*, b April 7, 1745; 213 *Fohn*, b May 24, 1748.

## 88. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE DOOLITTLE, son of Abraham and Mary, married Martha Munson, daughter of William and Rebecca Munson, of Cheshire. He died in Cheshire, Sept. 25, 1781, æ. 74 years.

Children: 214 *Ambrose*, b Dec. 12, 1751; 215 *Amos*, b May 8, 1754; 216 *Martha*, b Aug. 30, 1756; 217 *Eunice*, b June 21, 1758; 218 *Abner*, b July 27, 1760; 219 *Lois*; 220 *Thankful*; 221, 222 *Samuel* and *Silas*, b March 28, 1763, both

d same day ; 223 *Reuben*, b May 1, 1766 ; 224 *Lowly*, b June 9, 1769 ; 225 *Mary Ann*, b Feb. 23, 1771 ; 226 *Eliakim*, b Aug. 29, 1772.

## 94. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, son of Samuel and Jane, married Eunice —.

Child: 227 *Samuel*, b April 11, 1749.

## 125. PHILEMON.

PHILEMON DOOLITTLE, son of John and Hannah, married Lydia Hall, Jan. 5, 1757. Supposed to have died in western New York.

Children: 229 *Phebe*, b May 25, 1759, in Wallingford ; 230 *Keziah*, b April 20, 1760, in Wallingford ; 231 *Lydia*, b Oct. 22, 1761 ; 232 *John F.*, b Feb. 11, 1767 ; 233 *Rice*, b Aug. 27, 1769 ; 234 *Fared* ; 235 *Fesse* ; 236 *Patience* ; 237 *Hannah*.

## 129. TITUS.

TITUS DOOLITTLE, son of John and Hannah, married Mary Lewis, daughter of Dr. Lewis of Wallingford, Nov. 20, 1764. He died at Westfield, Mass., Nov. 23, 1818, ae. 73 years.

Children ; 239 *John*, b Jan., 1765, d in early life unm. ; 240 *Elizabeth*, b 1767, m Abraham Bradley of Russell, Mass., she d April 28, 1831 ; 241 *Titus*, was a farmer at Westfield, Mass., m Mary Tracy in 1794, and had ten children, mostly deceased ; 242 *Mary*, b 1769, m Noble Fowler of Southwick, Mass., she d March 11, 1747 ; 243 *Foel*, b 1774, grad. at Yale College, 1799, was a lawyer ; 244 *Amasa*, b 1776, m Mary Hitchcock of Cheshire ; 245 *Martha*, m Solomon Gillette of Colchester, Conn. ; 246 *Mark*, a lawyer in Belchertown, Mass., grad. at Yale College in 1804, m 1st, Betsey A. Smith, and 2d, Sarah T. Reuberteau, he d in 1818, Nov. 23, leaving no sons.

## 152. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and Lydia Warner Doolittle, owned and occupied the farm late the property of Landa Bristol, of Cheshire.

Children: 247 *Elkanah*, d in Brooklyn, N. Y. ; 248 *Amaryllis*, m Landa Bristol, of Cheshire.

## 160. CALEB.

CALEB DOOLITTLE, son of Caleb and Tamar, married in West Woods, Hamden.

Children: 249 *Caleb*; 250 *Jesse*; 251 *Tamar*, m ———  
Wooden.

## 162. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN DOOLITTLE, son of Caleb and Tamar.

Child: 252 *Joseph I.*, d in Prospect.

## 164. AMOS.

AMOS DOOLITTLE, son of Caleb and Tamar, married and settled in the southwestern part of Cheshire, on the farm now belonging to the heirs of his grandson, Amos Doolittle, late of Cheshire, deceased. He died March 23, 1808, æ. 75 yrs. His wife, Mrs. Abigail ———, died July 28, 1827, æ. 88 yrs.

Children: 253 *Olive*, b March 30, 1761; 254 *Amos*, b 1767, d May 21, 1816, æ. 49 yrs.; Lois his wife d March 27, 1828, æ. 57 yrs.; probably Alexander and others.

## 165. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM DOOLITTLE, son of Caleb and Tamar, married Christiana Thorp, and settled on the farm now owned by Julius Brook, Esq., in the southwest district of Cheshire. He also owned the mills since known as Gaylord's mills. His widow married Thaddeus Rich, late of Cheshire, deceased.

Children: 255 *Julia*; 256 *Rispah*, b 1800, d æ. 50 yrs.

## 178. EZRA.

EZRA DOOLITTLE, son of Daniel and Elizabeth, married Sarah Hall, and settled on the farm now owned by his son Levi, in the north part of Cheshire. He died suddenly on the first Monday in April, 1829.

Children: 257 *Ezra*, b May 8, 1776, settled in Barkhamstead, and died there: 258 *Leonard*; 259 *Levi*, m ——— Tuttle, of Cheshire; 260 *Sarah*, m Benjamin Dowd Doolittle; 261 *Betsey*; 262 *Eunice*.

## 192. SOLOMON.

SOLOMON DOOLITTLE, son of Theophilus and Sarah, married Eunice Hall, Feb. 24, 1768.

Children: 263 *Theophilus*, b March 19, 1769, m Abiah Atwater; 264 *Sarah*, b Feb. 5, 1772; 265 *Lucy*, b July 18, 1778; 266 *Joel*, b Sept. 16, 1781.

## 214. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE DOOLITTLE, son of Ambrose and Martha, married Miss —— Dowd of Middletown, Conn. He died in Cheshire, Conn.

Child: 267 *Benjamin Dowd*, b 1775, d May 13, 1845, æ. 70 yrs. He m Sarah Doolittle, she d July 30, 1826, æ. 44 yrs.

## 215. AMOS.

AMOS DOOLITTLE, son of Ambrose and Martha, married Abigail Ives of Cheshire, Conn., dau. of Joel Ives. He was a distinguished engraver and artist. His dwelling occupied a portion of the lot on the northwest corner of College and Elm Streets, New Haven, Conn.

Child: 267 *Mary Ann*.

## 218. ABNER.

ABNER DOOLITTLE, son of Ambrose and Martha, married. He resided in the old homestead in Cheshire, Conn., until his death; he had several daughters.

## 221. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, son of Ambrose and Martha, married. He was insane, and died in Cheshire, Conn.

Children: 268 *Calvin*, m Matilda Wincher, he d in Cheshire, Conn.; 269 *Alfred*, m —— Brown, and d in Cheshire, Conn.; 270 *Aaron*, married, has a large family in Cheshire, Conn.

## 222. SILAS.

SILAS DOOLITTLE, son of Ambrose and Martha. He went to Vermont, became insane and died the same hour and minute that his brother died at Cheshire.



## 231. AMASA.

AMASA DOOLITTLE, son of Titus and Mary, married Mary, daughter of Amasa Hitchcock, of Cheshire. He died in 1825, ae. 49 years.

Children: 232 *Amasa Lewis*, resides in Cheshire, on the old Lewis farm; 233 *Mary*, m Reuben Palmer, of Springfield, Mass.

## 247. ELKANAH.

ELKANAH DOOLITTLE, son of Ebenezer and ———, married 1st, ——— Cook, of Cheshire. She died and he married his 2d wife in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he resided until his death. He was a graduate of Yale College.

Children: 234 *Milton*, d at Cheshire, Conn.; 235 *Edward*, d at Cheshire; 236 *Warren*; 237 *Wm. A.*, d in Brooklyn, New York.

## 254. AMOS.

AMOS DOOLITTLE, son of Amos and Abigail, married Lois ———. He died May 21, 1816, ae. 49 yrs. She died March 27, 1828, ae. 57 yrs.

Child: 238 *Amos*, b 1797, d at Cheshire about 1867, ae. 70.

## 241. TITUS.

TITUS DOOLITTLE, son of Titus and Mary Doolittle, married Mary, daughter of Rev. Stephen Tracey, of Norwich, Mass., in 1794, and had children, most of whom have died; no sons are living. His wife died in 1843. He was living at Painesville, Ohio, in 1852.

## 243. JOEL.

JOEL DOOLITTLE, son of Titus and Mary Doolittle, married Sarah P. Fitch, of Pawlet. He graduated at Yale in 1799, and was tutor in Middlebury college, Vermont. He studied law and settled at Middlebury in the practice of his profession, after having filled with honor many offices in the gift of the people, as Judge of the Supreme Court, etc. He died March 9, 1841, ae. 67 yrs. He left four sons and two daughters. The three sons are in Ohio.

Children: 279 *John*; 280 *Titus*; 281 *Charles Hubbard*; 282 *Joel*; 283 *Sarah*; 284 *Elizabeth*.

## 244. AMASA.

AMASA DOOLITTLE, son of Titus and Mary Lewis Doolittle, married Mary, daughter of Amasa Hitchcock of Cheshire. He died in 1825, ae. 49 years.

Children: 285 *Amasa Lewis*, now living in Cheshire; 286 *Mary*, resides in Springfield, Mass. She married Reuben Palmer.

## 246. MARK.

MARK DOOLITTLE, son of Titus and Mary Doolittle, graduated at Yale college, 1804; studied law and settled at Belchertown, Mass. He married for his first wife Betsey Matilda Smith, daughter of Daniel Smith Esq., of West Haven, Vt. She died Nov. 14, 1814, ae. 28. He married his 2nd wife, Sarah T. Reuberteau, of Newburyport.

Children: 287 *Lucy Maria*, m Dr. Horatio Thompson, of Belchertown, Mass., 1834; 288 *Betsey Matilda*, b May, 1814, m John Strong, a graduate of Yale in 1857, residence in Addison, N. Y. By second marriage, 289 *Sarah Lorena*, d July 29, 1849, ae. 18; 290 *Wm. C.*, d in childhood.

## 108. ENSIGN.

ENSIGN JOSEPH DOOLITTLE, son of Joseph and Rachel, married Martha Hitchcock, and was a farmer on the west side of the river in Wallingford.

Children: 291 *Joseph*; 292 *Walter*; 293 *Joel*; 294 *Reuben*.

## 291. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH DOOLITTLE, son of Joseph and Martha.

Children: 295 *Fared*, was a merchant in New Haven; *Nathaniel*, was the owner of the mills at Quinnipiac; 29 *Patty*, m Oliver Deming, of New Haven.

## 293. JOEL.

JOEL DOOLITTLE, son of Joseph and Martha.

Children: 298 *Joel*, b 1790, is living at North Haven; 299

*Lucy*, no further information about her appears on the records.

## 294. REUBEN.

REUBEN DOOLITTLE was a farmer in the south-westerly part of the town of Wallingford.

Children: 300 *Rufus*; 301 *Almon*; 302 *Rhoda*, m Augustus Hall Esq., of Wallingford.

## DUDLEY.

## JOHN.

JOHN and Lois Dudley, came into Wallingford about the year 1750, and settled on the west side of the river, a short distance below the present residence of Street Jones, Esq., who is the present owner of the old Dudley house. Of their history very little is now known.

## JEDEDIAH.

JEDEDIAH DUDLEY, their son, was born in Wallingford, Jan. 1, 1759, married ———, and occupied the house of his father until his decease.

Children: 1 *John*, d in Branford, buried in Wallingford, 1869; 2 *Caleb*, d in Wallingford; 3 *Elias*, m Laura Preston, and died in Cheshire; 4 *Fedediah*, d unm., and was insane several years; 5 *Isaac*, d; 6 a daughter.

DUTTON.<sup>1</sup>

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH DUTTON, the ancestor of the family of that name in Wallingford, was of Machimoodus, or East Haddam. He purchased land in Wallingford in 1718 and 1719, which he gave to his sons, whose names are as follows:

1 *Benjamin*, b 1696, m Mary ———; 2 *David*, m Lydia Cook; 3 *Thomas*, m Abigail Merriman.

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Hill's Hist. Mason, N. H., 201; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 84, 85.

## I. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN DUTTON, married Mary —, had children born in Wallingford. He died in Cheshire Parish, Jan. 27, 1791, æ. 95 yrs. She died Oct. 27, 1785, æ. 80 yrs.

Children: 4 *Joseph*, b Jan. 5, 1720; 5 *Benjamin*, b March 10, 1723; 6 *Susannah*, b June 17, 1725; 7 *John*, b Jan. 23, 1730; 8 *Sarah*, b Dec. 6, 1735; 9 *Charles*, b 1736, d Sept. 19, 1829, æ. 93 yrs.; 10 *Elizabeth*, b July 25, 1737; 11 *Eunice*, b April 5, 1739; 12 *Daniel*, b Nov. 30, 1740.

## 2. DAVID.

DAVID DUTTON married Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Hope Cook, Sept. 14, 1722. She died Oct. 12, 1735, æ. 40. He married Sarah Doolittle, Feb. 21, 1739.

Children by 1st marriage: 13 *Mary*, b July 16, 1723, m Gideon Royce, Oct. 4, 1743; 14 *Charles*, b Oct. 30, 1727, m Eunice Jones, 1761, he d Oct. 9, 1789; 15 *Fesse*, b Dec. 24, 1729, d Feb. 4, 1745, at Cape Breton, in the old French war; 16 *Ambrose*, b March 30, 1732; 17 *Joel*, b March 20, 1734; 18 *Lydia*, b Oct. 27, 1738, d Sept. 27, 1739. By 2d marriage: 19 *David*, b June 23, 1741; 20 *Amos*, b Oct. 13, 1745, d Oct. 3, 1788, æ. 61; 21 *Fonathan*, b Jan. 25, 1743-4.

## 3. THOMAS.

THOMAS DUTTON married Abigail Merriman, May 6, 1729.

Children: 22 *Fohn*, b Feb., 1730; 23 *Abigail*, b Jan. 8, 1732; 24 *Thomas*, b Jan. 31, 1735; 25 *Samuel*, b Jan. 24, 1737; 26 *Lois*, b Aug. 8, 1738; 27 *Matthew*, b Nov. 11, 1740; 28 *Fohn*, b April 3, 1743; 29, 30 *Amasa*, and *Asahel*, b July 30, 1745; 31 *Nathaniel*, b June 18, 1747; 32 *Phebe*, b Oct. 11, 1749; 33 *Asahel*, b Feb. 2, 1753.

## 4. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH DUTTON, son of Benjamin and Mary, of Wallingford, married Elizabeth —. She died Jan. 25, 1700, æ. 72. He died in Southington, Ct., Oct. 26, 1788, æ. 68 years, and was buried at Plantsville, Southington, by the side of his wife.

Child: 34 *Mindwell*, b May 18, 1746, m in Wallingford.

## 5. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN DUTTON, son of Benjamin and Mary, m Abigail Jones, March 16, 1747.

Children: 35 *Eunice*, b April 5, 1749; 36 *Abigail*, b Nov. 21, 1750.

## 14. CHARLES.

CHARLES DUTTON, son of Daniel and Lydia Dutton, married Eunice Jones, 1761. He died Oct. 9, 1781.

Children: 37 *Fesse*, settled in the State of Maine; 38 *Amos*, b June 3, 1767, d March 21, 1845, æ. 73 years; 39 *Charles*, d in Ohio where he resided.

FENN.<sup>1</sup>

## EDWARD.

EDWARD FENN married Mary Thorp, Nov. 15, 1688. He died Feb. 2, 1728, æ. 84 yrs. She died July 24, 1725, and he married Abigail Williams, Jan. 26, 1726. He belonged in Wallingford.

Children: 1 *Mary*, b Sept. 27, 1689; 2 *Hannah*, b Feb. 4, 1698, d Feb. 14, 1698; 3 *Theophilus*, b Jan. 31, 1689; 4 *Elizabeth*, b April 29, 1692; 5 *Sarah*, b Nov. 24, 1694; 6 *Theophilus*, b Jan. 28, 1698, m Martha —; 7 *John*, b March 23, 1702, m Sarah —; 8 *Hannah*, b Dec. 13, 1704; 9 *Thomas*, b Sept. 13, 1707, m Lydia —; 10 *Naomi*, b May 10, 1712, m Samuel Frost, March 21, 1723.

## 6. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS FENN, m Martha Doolittle, May 24, 1722.

Children: 10 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 25, 1723; 11 *Edward*, b Sept. 2, 1732; 12 *Martha*, b Sept. 23, 1725; 13 *Bethiah*, b Feb. 18, 1728; 14 *Benjamin*, b Aug. 3, 1730; 15 *Phebe*, b Feb. 12, 1735; 16 *Theophilus*, b Feb. 20, 1737, d Nov. 8, 1737; 17 *Eunice*, b March 16, 1741; 18 *Susannah*, b Sept. 28, 1746.

1 For collateral branches, see Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 151, 152.

## 7. JOHN.

JOHN FENN married Sarah ———.

Children: 20 *Mary*, b Dec. 4, 1730; 21 *John*, b July 15, 1732; 22 *Lois*, b Aug. 2, 1735; 23 *Samuel*, b Sept. 10, 1739; 24 *Amos*, b May 30, 1745.

## 9. THOMAS.

THOMAS FENN, married Lydia Ackley, March 22, 1731. She died Dec. 4, 1741. He married, 2d, Christina ———.

Children by 1st marriage: 25 *Lydia*, b July 11, 1733; 26 *Thomas*, b Dec. 1, 1735; 27 *Samuel*, b Dec. 27, 1737; 28 *Hannah*, b March 24, 1740. By 2d marriage: 29 *Esther*, b Oct. 20, 1743; 30 *Theophilus*, b June 29, 1744.

FOOT.<sup>1</sup>

## ROBERT.

ROBERT FOOT was first of Wethersfield, afterwards of that part of New Haven now known as Wallingford, and in 1678 and thereafter, until his death at Branford, was married to Sarah ———, 1659. After his decease, his widow married Aaron Blatchley of Branford, in 1686. Mr. Foot was a son of Nathaniel Foot, the settler. He died suddenly in 1681, æ. 52. John Foot, the sixth child of Robert and Sarah, was born at Branford, July 24, 1670. He married Mary ———, and had seven children. He died in 1713, æ. 43.

## JOHN.

JOHN FOOT, fourth child of John and Mary Foot, was born in 1700, and settled in North Branford. He married 1st, Elizabeth Frisbee, Dec. 25, 1733; she died Feb. 3, 1737, æ. 22. He married 2d, Abigail Frisbee, Aug. 16, 1738. He died Jan. 26, 1777, æ. 77. His widow Abigail died May, 1779, æ. 67.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Brown's Gen. W. Simsbury, Conn., 53-56; Caulkins' Hist. New London, Conn., 308; Goodwin's Foote Family Gen.; Judd and Boltwood's Hist. and Gen. of Hadley, Mass., 494; Matthews' Hist. Cornwall, Vt., 285; Nash's Gen. of Nash Family, 42; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., ix. 272; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 179-82.

Children by 1st marriage: 1 *Jonathan*, b Jan. 23, 1737, d in North Branford, 1801. By 2d marriage: 2 *John*, b April 5, 1742, in North Branford, m Abigail, dau. of Rev. Samuel Hall, of (Cheshire) Wallingford, granddaughter of Gov. Jonathan Law, who d Nov. 19, 1788, ae. 39, m Eunice, dau. of John Hall, Esq., Apr. 28, 1761, was grad. at Yale College in 1765, studied Divinity, and succeeded Rev. Mr. Hall as pastor of the Congregational Church in Cheshire, d Aug. 31, 1813, ae. 71, his wife Eunice d Jan. 31, 1817; 3 *Abigail Sarah Hall*, b Jan. 2, 1769, d Jan 20, 1775; 4 *Mary Ann*, b Sept. 21, 1770, d Sept. 25, 1775; 5 *Lucinda*, b May 19, 1772, m Dr. Thomas T. Cornwall, and was mother to Hon. Edward A. Cornwall, of Cheshire; 6 *John Alfred*, b Jan. 2, 1774, d Aug. 25, 1794, ae. 20; 7 *Abigail M. A.*, b Sept. 16, 1776, d Aug. 9, 1778, ae. 22; 8 *Wm. Lambert*, b Oct. 10, 1778, was a physician in Cheshire; 9 *Samuel Augustus*, b Nov. 8, 1780, mem. of Congress, Senator in Congress, and Gov. of Conn.; 10 *Roderick*, b Dec. 15, 1782, d May 16, 1791, ae. 8; 11 *Matilda*, b May 6, 1785, d Oct. 9, 1787.

## 8. WILLIAM.

DR. WM. LAMBERT FOOT, son of Rev. John, was a prominent man in his native town, was town clerk and judge of the Probate court, and practiced his profession, until a short time before his death. He married Mary, dau. of Capt. Dan Scoville of Saybrook, March, 1801. Both died in Cheshire.

Children: 12 *William L.*, M. D., b Nov. 21, 1802, m Mary Butler of Branford in 1827; 13 *Mary A.*, b May 23, 1806; 14 *Abigail H.*, b April 28, 1808, m Edward Doolittle, he died March 4, 1837, ae. 29; 15 *Scoville D.*, b April 10, 1810, m Martha Whiting, of Milford, Conn., June, 1836, she was born 1807; 16 *Eliza S.*, b June 29, 1812; 17 *John L.*, b Sept. 14, 1817, merchant in Cheshire.

## 9. SAMUEL.

His Excellency SAMUEL A. FOOT, son of Rev. John and Abigail, married Eudocia Hull, daughter of General Andrew and Elizabeth Mary Ann Hull, of Cheshire. He died Sept

16, 1846, in his 66th year. She died at the residence of her son John A. Foot Esq., Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1849, æ. 66 years. Her remains were brought to Cheshire for interment.

Children: 18 *John Alfred*, b Nov. 22, 1803, attorney at Cleveland, Ohio; 19 *Andrew Hull*, b Sept. 12, 1806, Rear Admiral U. S. N., now deceased; 20 *Roderick A.*, b Oct. 1, 1808, d Feb. 24, 1810; 21 *Augustus Edwin*, b Dec. 31, 1810, cashier at Cleveland, Ohio; 22 *Wm. Henry*, b Feb. 1, 1817, d March 6, 1827; 23 *Edward Dorr*, b Feb. 3, 1820, d Feb. 9, 1831.

#### BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN FOOT, of Wallingford, son of Daniel and Mary Foot, of Branford, who was the son of Daniel and Sarah Foot, of Northford, who was the son of Joseph and Abigail Foot, of Northford, who was the son of Robert and Sarah Foot, of New Haven, Wallingford and Branford, who was the son of Nathaniel the settler, was born at Northford, Conn., Aug. 1, 1778, and was the youngest but one of thirteen children. He married, 1st, Sally P., daughter of Joel Hall, April 24, 1803; she died, July 24, 1804, æ. 25 years; 2d, Betsey, daughter of Andrew Hall, June 2, 1805, she died Sept. 20, 1831, æ. 44 years; 3d, Mrs. Harriet, widow of Willis Humaston, and daughter of Newbury Button, of North Haven, May 3, 1832. He died in Wallingford, Nov., 1869, æ. 91 years.

Children by 1st marriage: 24 *Sally H.*, b Feb., 1804, d May 13, 1804. Children by 2d marriage: 25 *Andrew H.*, b Nov. 15, 1806, m Frances, dau. of Simon Hoadley of New Haven; 26 *Henry A.*, b July 14, 1809, d Oct. 2, 1818; 27 *James*, b Aug. 15, 1811, m Emeline Slead of Wallingford, Oct. 8, 1834; 28 *Sally H.*, b Jan. 16, 1815, m Charles B. Hall of Wallingford, Oct. 1, 1835; 29 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 18, 1817, m Sarah, dau. of Hiel Hall of Wallingford, Nov. 19, 1840; 30 *Henry Clay*, b June 19, 1820, m Catherine W., dau. of Hiel Hall, Aug. 17, 1842, she resided in Philadelphia, d in 1868.



GAYLORD.<sup>1</sup>

## WILLIAM.

DEA. WILLIAM GAYLORD, a leading man of Windsor, Conn., was the father of Walter Gaylord, whose son Joseph was born May 13, 1649, and married July 14, 1670, Sarah, daughter of John Stanley of Farmington, Conn. It is not exactly clear as to whether he went from Windsor to Farmington, or Waterbury first; but it is certain that he was at Mattatuck (Waterbury), in the spring of 1678, having been previously accepted as an inhabitant, Jan. 17, 1677. He had a three acre lot on the corner of East and North Main-sts., which then bounded north on John Stanley. He sold his house and lot Feb. 2, 1703, reserving a quarter of an acre on which his son Joseph had built a house, after which he resided at a place called Breakneck, built a house there, and had twenty acres of land which he sold Feb. 26, 1705 or 1706. As no traces of him are found in Waterbury after this date, it is quite probable that he went to Durham in 1706, where several of his family had previously gone, and we find him there in the early part of 1706. He died in Durham previous to 1713. His children were,

1 *Sarah*, b July 11, 1671, m Thomas Judd, Jr.; 2 *Joseph*, b April 22, 1673 or 1674, m Feb. 28, 1699, to Mary, dau. of Joseph Hickox, deceased, of Woodbury, she was born May 25, 1678.

## 2. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH GAYLORD went to Durham about the year 1705 or 1706. He built a house at Buckshill in 1703 or 1704, which he sold to Richard Welton.

Children: 3 *Elizabeth*; 4 *Joseph*, d in infancy; 5 *Thankful*, all b in Waterbury.

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Judd and Boltwood's Hist. of Hadley, Mass., 497, 498; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 238, 239; Stiles' Hist. Windsor, Conn., 623-7.

## JOHN.

JOHN GAYLORD, born April 12, 1677, resided at Buckshill, adjoining his brother Joseph, on a place he bought of John Warner. He went to Durham, and subsequently to Wallingford, where he died in 1753, in what is now Cheshire. Mrs. Elizabeth Gaylord his wife, died in Cheshire, Dec. 19, 1751, æ. 73 yrs. He left an estate of £1995 in Wallingford, and of £560 in Farmington, Conn.

Children: 6 *Samuel*; 7 *Edward*; 8 *Timothy*; 9 *Nathan*; 10 *Joseph*; 11 *John*, m Thankful ———; and five daughters, one of whom, 12 *Sarah*, d April 14, 1735.

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM GAYLORD had a £40 propriety set out to him in Waterbury, in 1701, which he forfeited, and removed to Woodbury, where he joined the church, Jan. 13, 1706. Subsequently he went to New Milford, where he died about 1753. His will was proved Nov. 23, 1753, in which his wife Mercy and six children were named. Joanna, his first wife, joined the church in Woodbury, Dec. 7, 1712. His son Nathan, of New Milford, married Hannah, daughter of John Bronson, who was a son of Isaac Bronson.

Children: 13 *Benjamin*, resided in Durham and Wallingford, was in Wallingford in 1722; 14 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 21, 1680, m Joseph Hickox, son of Samuel; 15 *Mary*, m Stephen Welton, she d July 18, 1719; 16 *Joanna*, m Robert Royce of Wallingford, in 1716, or before; 17 *Ruth*, m Stephen Hickox, and settled in Durham.

## 13. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN GAYLORD, m 1st, Jerusha Frisbie of Branford, Conn., Jan. 28, 1729. She died May 11, 1734. He married 2d, Mary Ashley, Feb. 14, 1738.

Children: 18 *Levi*, b Jan. 10, 1730; 19 *Ferusha*, b July 1, 1731; 20 *Enos*, b Jan. 27, 1733, d Jan., 1734.

## 6. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL GAYLORD, son of John and Elizabeth, married Thankful Munson, Aug. 19, 1729.

Children: 21 *Agnes*, b June 5, 1730; 22 *Fustus*, b Mar. 12, 1732; 23 *Annie*, b April 24, 1734; 24 *Mamre*, b March 3, 1736.

## 7. EDWARD.

EDWARD GAYLORD, son of John and Elizabeth, m Mehitable Brooks, Aug. 16, 1733, at Cheshire, Conn.

Children: 55 *Jesse*, b Feb. 23, 1734, d; 26 *Jesse*, b Sept. 10, 1735.

## 8. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY GAYLORD, son of John and Elizabeth, m Prudence Royce, April 25, 1733.

Children: 27 *Prudence*, b Jan. 31, 1734; 28 *Timothy*, b May 3, 1735, d; 29 *Timothy*, b Aug. 1, 1736; 30 *Royce*, b July 17, 1737; 31 *Reuben*, b June 17, 1742.

## 9. NATHAN.

NATHAN GAYLORD, b 1724, d at Cheshire, Conn., July 2, 1802, ae. 78.

Children: 33 *John*, d in Wallingford; 34 *Nathan*, d in Cheshire; 35 *Elias*, d in Cheshire, m — Hitchcock.

## 10. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH GAYLORD, son of John and Elizabeth, married Elizabeth Rich, Nov. 9, 1738.

Child: 32 *Charles*, b Sept 22, 1739, in Wallingford or Cheshire.

## 33. JOHN.

JOHN GAYLORD resided on Parker's farms in Wallingford, in the house now owned by Silas Y. Andrews.

Child: 36 *John*, m — Tuttle, had a son David T. and a daughter.

## 34. NATHAN.

NATHAN died in Cheshire, and was the owner of the old mills in the south part of the town.

Children: 37 *Titus*, d in Cheshire; 38 *Hannah*, m Ebenezer Atwater; 39 *Ferusha*, m Rufus Plum; 40 *Nathan*, m —

Bradley ; 41 *Eveline*, m Billious Brooks ; 42 *Enos*, is living in Prospect, m Celia Moss.

## 35. ELIAS.

ELIAS GAYLORD, married 1st, — Hitchcock. She died and he married 2d, a widow Thorp.

Children: 43 *Horace*, m ——— Bradley ; 44 *Elias*, m Amanda Bristol ; 45 *Hannah*, m George Bristol.

HALL.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN HALL senior, (the emigrant), appears first, at Boston, and afterwards at New Haven. He evidently was not an original settler at New Haven, as his name does not appear in any list which I have been able to discover until after 1650. From whence he came is uncertain. The name (Hall) is a difficult one to trace, on account of the great number of original settlers of that name, 28 having come to America previous to 1660, of whom seven bore the name of John.

That John Hall of Boston, New Haven and Wallingford

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Adams' Haven Genealogy, 2d part, 27, 28 ; Bouton's Hist. Concord, N. H., 707, 7c8 ; Brooke's Hist. Medford, Mass., 517-27 ; Clarke's Hist. Norton, Mass., 82, 83 ; Draper's Hist. Spencer, Mass., 211, 212 ; Eaton's Annals of Warren, Me., 396, 397 ; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 247-50 ; Freeman's Hist. Cape Cod, Mass., II. 137, 202, 209, 214, 507, 589, 707-9, 717 ; Goodwin's Gen. of Foote family, 107, 108 ; Hill's Hist. Mason, N. H., 203 ; Hinman's Conn. Settlers, 1st ed., 170-8 ; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 83 ; Jackson's Hist. Newton, Mass., 295-7 ; Kellogg's Memorials of Elder John White, 33 ; Kingman's Hist. North Bridgewater, Mass., 529, 530 ; Lewis and Newhall's Hist. Lynn, Mass., 120 ; Littell's Passaic Valley Gen., 160-4 ; Matthews' Hist. Cornwall, Vt., 286 ; Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass., 169, 170 ; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., VI. 259, 260 ; XIII. 15, 16 ; XV. 59, 381, 382 ; New Hampshire Hist. Soc. Coll., VII. 381, 382 ; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 332-9 ; Sewell's Hist. Woburn, Mass., 616 ; Stiles' Hist. Windsor, Ct., 651 ; Thurston's Hist. Winthrop, Me., 186 ; Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury, Mass., 304, 305 ; Whitmore's Gen. of Hall family ; Winsor's Hist. Duxbury, Mass., 263, 264.

was an emigrant, appears quite evident, from his having sons old enough to be married in 1666. He moved to Wallingford after the settlement had commenced, which accounts for the non-appearance of his name on the first Plantation covenant, in 1669-70. His sons John, Thomas and Samuel, were signers to that instrument. His name appears on the covenant of 1672, and it is quite certain that he had then been sometime in the place. In 1675, himself and his son John were chosen selectmen of Wallingford.

John Hall senior, was freed from training in 1665, being then in his 60th year, and was most certainly in New Haven as early as 1639, and at Wallingford about the year 1670, with the early settlers there. He died early in the year 1676, æ. 71 years. The maiden name of his wife was Jane Woolen.

Children: 1 *John*, baptized Aug. 9, 1646, d Sept. 2, 1721; 2 *Richard*, b July 11, 1645, m Hannah ———; 3 *Samuel*, b May 21, 1646, d March 5, 1725; 4 *Sarah*, baptized Aug. 9, 1646, at New Haven; 5 *Thomas*, b March 25, 1649; 6 *Fonathan*, b April 5, 1651; 7 *David*, b March 18, 1652, d July 17, 1727, æ. 75 yrs.

#### I. RICHARD.

RICHARD HALL, son of John and Jane Hall, married Hannah ———. He died in 1726, in New Haven.

Children: 8 *Samuel*, b Aug. 2, 1700, m Hannah Brown; 9 *Hannah*, b Jan. 31, 1702; 10 *John*, b Jan. 17, 1714, m Abiah Macomber; 11 *Fonathan*, grad. at Yale in 1737; 12 *Mary*, b March 19, 1712, d young and before her father.

#### 2. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HALL, son of John and Jane Hall, went to Wallingford with the first planters in 1670. He married Hannah Walker, May, 1668, and died March 5, 1725, æ. 77 years. She died Dec. 20, 1728.

Children: 13 *John*, b Dec. 23, 1670, m Mary Lyman; 14 *Hannah*, b March 11, 1673, m Ebenezer Doolittle; 15 *Sarah*, b June 20, 1677, d March 18, 1712; 16 *Samuel*, b Dec. 10,

1680, d June 15, 1770, æ. 90 yrs; 17 *Theophilus*, b Feb. 5, 1686; 18 *Elizabeth*, b March 6, 1690, m John Moss.

## 4. THOMAS.

THOMAS HALL, son of John and Jane Hall, married Grace —, June 5, 1673, she died May 1, 1731; he died Sept. 17, 1731, æ. 62 years, 5 mos. and 17 days.

Children: 19 *Abigail*, b Jan. 7, 1674, m John Tyler; 20 *Thomas*, b July 17, 1676, m Abigail, dau. of John Atwater; 21 *Mary*, b Nov. 22, 1677; 22 *Fonathan*, b July 25, 1679, m Dinah Andrews, May 12, 1703; 23 *Joseph*, b July 8, 1681, m Bertha Terrel, Nov. 13, 1706; 24 *Esther*, b Feb. 23, 1682, m Benoni Atkins; 25 *Benjamin*, b April 19, 1684, m Mary Ives; 26 *Peter*, b Dec. 28, 1686, m Rebecca Bartholomew; 27 *Daniel*, b Jan. 27, 1689; 28 *Rebecca*, b Jan. 6, 1691, m Daniel Holt, who was b Oct. 6, 1689; 29 *Israel*, b Oct. 8, 1696, m Abigail Palmer.

## 5. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of John and Jane Hall, married Mary, daughter of Edward Parker, at New Haven, Dec. 6, 1666. They settled in Wallingford with the first planters, in 1670. He died Sept. 2, 1721, æ. 86 yrs. She died Sept. 22, 1725.

Children: 30 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 11, 1670, in New Haven; 31 *Daniel*, b July 26, 1672, m Thankful Lyman, March 15, 1693; 32 *Mary*, b June 23, 1675; 33 *Nathaniel*, b Feb. 8, 1677, m Elizabeth Curtis; 34 *Fohn*, b March 14, 1681, m Elizabeth Royce; 35 *Lydia*, b Jan. 21, 1683; 36 *Samuel*, b Dec. 24, 1686, d Nov. 1, 1689; 37 *Esther*, b Aug. 30, 1693; 38 *Caleb*, b Sept. 14, 1697.

## 7. DAVID.

DAVID HALL, son of John and Jane Hall, married Mary Rutherford, of New Haven, Nov. 11, 1670; 2d, Sarah Rockwell, Dec. 24, 1676. She died Nov. 3, 1732; he died July 7, 1727, æ. 76 yrs.

Children: 39 *Daniel*, b Aug. 9, 1672, d Jan. 13, 1673; 40 *Rutherford*, b April 20, 1675. By 2d marriage: 41 *Fohn*, b May 9, 1678, m Thankful Doolittle; 42 *Thankful*, b Dec. 29,

1679; 43 *Sarah*, b Dec. 28, 1681, m Nathaniel Curtis; 44 *Ruth*, b Nov. 10, 1685; 45 *Ferusha*, b Oct. 28, 1687, m John Mattoon, Oct. 20, 1706; 46 *Mabel*, b Aug. 15, 1691; 47 *David*, b Dec. 1, 1693, m Martha Doolittle, April 20, 1721.

## 13. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of Samuel and Hannah, married Mary Lyman; she died Oct. 16, 1740; he died April 29, 1730, ae. 60 yrs. Rev. Mr. Whittelsey preached his funeral sermon.

Children: 48 *Fohn*, b Sept. 13, 1679; 49 *Esther*, b Aug. 30, 1694; 50 *Samuel*, b Oct. 4, 1695; 51 *Caleb*, b Sept. 14, 1697, graduated at Yale; 52 *Eunice*, b March 7, 1700; 53 *Benjamin*, b Aug. 28, 1702; 54 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 17, 1704; 55 *Sarah*, b April 15, 1706; 56 *Eliakim*, b Aug. 9, 1711; 56 *Elihu*, b Feb. 17, 1714, graduated at Yale, was King's Attorney in 1770, d in London; 58 *Nancy*.

## 16. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HALL, son of Samuel and Hannah Hall, married Sue, daughter of Nathaniel and Esther Royce; 2d, Bridget —; he died June 15, 1770, ae. 90 yrs.

Children: 59 *Theophilus*, b April 1, 1707; 60 *Samuel*, b June 8, 1709; 61 *Hannah*, b July 15, 1711; 62 *Sarah*, b Dec. 6, 1713; 63 *Mehitable*, b April 25, 1716; 64 *Esther*, b Nov. 7, 1719.

## 20. THOMAS.

THOMAS HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, married Abigail Atwater, April 26, 1710; he died Aug. 27, 1741.

Children: 65 *Thomas*, b March 10, 1712, m Lydia Curtis, April 24, 1734; 66 *Phineas*, b April 12, 1715; 67 *Abigail*, b April 12, 1719, d Jan. 12, 1737; 68 *Foshua*, b May 23, 1722.

## 22. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, married Dinah Andrews, May 12, 1703; he was born July 25, 1679, d Jan. 15, 1760, ae. 80 years and 17 days; she was born 1684, and died at the age of 79 yrs., 2 mos. and 29 days.

Children: 69 *David*, b Oct. 16, 1705, m Sept. 23, 1731, to Alice —; 70 *Fonathan*, b Jan. 13, 1708, m Dec. 15, 1739, to Sarah, dau. of John Cook; 71 *Joseph*, b May 31, 1710, m April 19, 1736, to Hannah Scoville; 72 *Anna*, b Jan. 18, 1713; 73 *Isaac*, b July 11, 1714, m Nov. 5, 1739, d March 7, 1781, m Mary Moss; 74 *Phebe*, b Feb. 12, 1717, d May 14, 1735; 75 *Ezekiel*, b May 13, 1719, m Anna Andrews, Oct. 29, 1763; 76 *Thankful*, b Sept. 20, 1722; 77 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 20, 1725; 78 *Temperance*, b April 16, 1727.

## 23. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, married Bertha Terrel, Nov. 13, 1706; she died Dec. 28, 1753; he died Nov. 3, 1748.

Children: 79 *Temperance*, b July 15, 1714, d Dec. 7, 1716; 80 *Joseph*, b Sept. 23, 1718, d Sept. 6, 1737; 81 *Ephraim*, b April 25, 1723, m 1st, Eunice —, she d May 9, 1763, he m 2d, Chloe Moss, Oct. 13, 1763.

## 25. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, married Mary Ives, Dec. 27, 1752.

Children: 82 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 25, 1753, d Oct. 8, 1755; 83 *Eliab*, b Feb. 17, 1755, d in camp during the Revolution, at N. Y.; 84 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 3, 1756.

## 26. PETER.

PETER HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, married Rebecca Bartholomew, Oct. 19, 1732; he died Sept. 25, 1798, æ. 90 yrs. She died Oct. 31, 1798, æ. 87 yrs.

Children: 85 *Susannah*, b Feb. 26, 1733; 86 *Hiel*, b May 6, 1735; 87 *Abigail*, b May 15, 1737; 88 *Rebecca*, b July 3, 1740; 89 *Eunice*, b Nov. 8, 1742; 90 *Fosiah*, b July 3, 1743; 91 *Peter*, b June 7, 1748, d as shown by date on stone, —; 92 *Andrew*, b Sept. 16, 1750, d Oct. 14, 1776; 93 *Anna*, b March 30, 1753; 94 *Keziah*, b June 16, 1755; 95 *Lois*, b Sept. 25, 1757.



## 27. DANIEL.

DANIEL HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, married Martha Doolittle, April 20, 1721.

Children: 96 *Abraham*, b Jan. 27, 1722, m Sarah Doolittle; 97 *Fohn*, b Jan. 29, 1724, d in Meriden, May 13, 1795, æ. 72; 98 *Hannah*, b Sept. 11, 1725, m Benjamin Tyler, of Branford; 99 *Daniel*, b June 1, 1727; 100 *Martha*, b June 14, 1729; 101 *Samuel*, b May 5, 1731; 102 *Mary*, b Sept. 7, 1733; 103 *Abigail*, b April 27, 1739.

## 29. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL HALL, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, m Abigail Powell, April 11, 1721.

Children: 104, 105 *Sarah*, and *Israel*, b March 14, 1722; 106 *Enos*, b March 30, 1726; 107 *Israel*, b Oct. 22, 1728; 108 *Abigail*, b Mar. 22, 1731, d Aug. 5, 1743; 109 *Fotham*, b Feb. 6, 1737; 110 *Abigail*, b July 5, 1744; 111 *Mary*, b June 23, 1749; 112 *Eunice*, b Feb. 6, 1751.

## 31. DANIEL.

DANIEL HALL, son of John and Mary Hall, married Thankful Lyman, March 15, 1693.

Children: 113 *Daniel*, b Jan. 4, 1693, d; 114 *Daniel*, b Feb. 19, 1695, d 1727; 115 *Samuel*, b Nov. 5, 1697; 116 *Silence*, b Oct. 6, 1699; 117 *Preserved*, b Jan. 15, 1700, was an imbecile, his brother Abraham had the care of him; 118 *Sarah*, b June 21, 1703; 119 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 17, 1704; 150 *Jacob*, b 1705; 121 *David*, b Oct. 16, 1706; 122 *Abraham*, b Feb. 5, 1709, d Sept. 16, 1761, æ. 53.

## 33. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL HALL, son of John and Mary Hall, married Elizabeth Curtis, May, 1699; he died Aug. 16, 1757. She died Sept. 30, 1735, and he married Lydia Johnson, Sept 15, 1736.

Children: 123 *Amos*, b Jan. 24, 1700, m Ruth Royce; 124 *Margaretta*, b Dec. 21, 1701, d Oct. 30, 1707; 125 *Caleb*, b Jan. 3, 1703, d May 11, 1766, æ. 62 yrs.; 126 *Moses*, b June

6, 1706, d Feb. 15, 1765, ae. 59 yrs. ; 127 *Mary*, b Oct. 30, 1707 ; 128 *Nathaniel*, b April 17, 1711, d Dec. 18, 1727 ; 129 *James*, b April 23, 1713 ; 130 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 22, 1715 ; 131 *Desire*, b June 19, 1719 ; 132 *Harmon*, b Oct. 17, 1720.

## 34. JOHN.

DEA. JOHN HALL, son of John and Mary Hall, married Elizabeth Rice, June 28, 1707. He died April 27, 1766, ae. 86. She died Sept. 2, 1755, æ. 66 years.

Children: 133, 134 *Isaac* and *Peter*, b July 22, 1709, the latter m Rebecca —, he d Sept. 25, 1798 ; 135 *John*, b Dec. 28, 1712 ; 136 *Abel* ; 137 *Asahel*, b Jan. 19, 1717 ; 138 *Royce*, b Dec. 26, 1718, grad. at Yale, 1737, d May 29, 1752 ; 139 *Abigail*, b March 7, 1723 ; 140 *Elizabeth*, b July 9, 1725 ; 141 *Benjamin*, b April 4, 1728, m Phebe Hall, d Dec. 11, 1806 ; 142 *Elisha*, b Sept. 15, 1730 ; 143 *Sarah*, b Aug. 25, 1732.

## 47. DANIEL.

DANIEL HALL, son of Daniel and Sarah Hall, was born Dec. 1, 1693, married Martha Doolittle, April 20, 1721.

Children: 144 *Abraham*, b Jan. 27, 1722, m Sarah Doolittle ; 145 *Fohn*, b Jan. 29, 1724, settled in Meriden ; 146 *Hannah*, b Sept. 11, 1725, m Benajah Tyler ; 147 *Daniel*, b June 1, 1727, settled in Meriden ; 148 *Martha*, b June 14, 1729 ; 149 *Samuel*, b May 5, 1731 ; 150 *Mary*, b Sept. 7, 1733 ; 151 *Abigail*, b April 27, 1739.

## 48. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of John and Mary Lyman Hall, married Mary Street, March 5, 1716. She died Oct. 12, 1778, aged 81 years. He died June 18, 1773, ae. 80 years.

Children: 152 *Hannah*, b Jan. 29, 1717 ; 153 *Fohn*, d April 25, 1737 ; 154 *Eunice*, m Dr. Dickinson of Middletown, Conn. ; 155 *Lyman*, Gov., b April 12, 1724, signed the Declaration of Independence ; 156 *Street*, b Nov. 12, 1721, d in Wallingford ; 157 *Susannah*, b April 9, 1726, m — Whittelsey ; 158 *Giles*, b Feb. 18, 1733, d March 11, 1789, ae. 56 ; 159 *Rhoda*, b April 14, 1734, d Aug. 23, 1751, ae. 17 ; 160 *Mary*, m — Foote.

## 50. SAMUEL.

REV. SAMUEL HALL, son of John and Mary Lyman Hall, grad. at Yale in 1716, married Anna Law, Jan. 25, 1727, and was settled as a minister over the Congregational church at Cheshire in 1724. He died Feb. 26, 1776. She was born in Milford, Aug. 1, 1702, died Aug. 23, 1775.

Children: 161 *Samuel*, b July 23, 1727, d Aug. 23, 1727; 162 *Fonathan*, b July 11, 1728, d July 12, 1728; 163 *Benoni*, b Nov. 4, 1729, d Nov. 19, 1729; 164 *Lucy*, b Sept. 11, 1730, m Chas. Whittelsey; 165 *Samuel*, b Jan. 11, 1732, d May 19, 1732; 166 *Ann*, b May 10, 1733; 167 *Samuel*, b May 31, 1735, grad. at Yale; 168 *Mary*, b Nov. 5, 1736; 169 *Brenton*, b April 2, 1738, d Nov. 25, 1720, æ. 82; 170 *Elisha*, b March 10, 1740, grad. at Yale in 1764; 171 *Sarah*, b Aug. 8, 1742; 172 *Fonathan*, b July 19, 1745, settled in Cheshire, kept a tavern; 173 *Abigail*, b Dec. 7, 1748, m Rev. John Foote of Cheshire.

## 51. CALEB.

CALEB HALL, son of John and Mary Lyman Hall, married Damaris Atwater, May 15, 1721; he died July 27, 1749; she died July 29, 1762, æ. 64 years.

Children: 174 *Damaris*, b Nov. 25, 1722, d Feb. 22, 1740; 175 *Stephen*, b Nov. 7, 1724, m Ruth Miles in 1762, d July 27, 1749; 176 *Ruth*, b April 26, 1729; 177 *Caleb*, b Aug. 29, 1731, grad. at Yale in 1752; 178 *Feremiah*, b Sept. 1, 1733, d Sept. 4, 1740; 179 *Lydia*, b Aug. 26, 1730; 180 *Timothy*, m Abigail Miles.

## 54. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of John and Mary Lyman Hall, married Abigail, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey, of Durham, Feb. 20, 1727, and settled in Cheshire on the place now known as the Law farm.

Children: 181 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 22, 1727, d Dec. 3, 1727; 182 *Charles Chauncey*, b Dec. 12, 1728, d Dec. 20, 1776, æ. 48; 183 *Sarah*, b July 20, 1730, m Thaddeus Cook; 184 *Dorothy*, b Feb. 29, 1732, d May 13, 1737; 185 *Dorothy*, m

Charles, son of John Peck; 186 *Abigail*, b Oct. 11, 1733, d April 15, 1737; 187 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 27, 1736, grad. at Yale in 1754, d 1786, æ. 50; 188 *Abigail*, b May 1, 1737, m Moses Moss; 189 *Eunice*, b March 4, 1742, m Rev. Mr. Waterman.

## 56. ELIAKIM.

ELIAKIM HALL, son of John and Mary Lyman Hall, married Ruth Dickerman Oct. 17, 1734; she died Dec. 18, 1752, and he married Elizabeth ——; she died Aug. 9, 1803; he died April 19, 1794, æ. 80 years.

Children: 190 *Isaac*, b Nov. 4, 1735; 191 *Mary*, b Nov. 6, 1737; 192 *Eliakim*, b Feb. 13, 1740; 193 *Hezekiah*, b July 13, 1743; 194 *Ruth*, b May 1, 1750.

## 57. ELIHU.

COL. ELIHU HALL, son of John and Mary Lyman Hall, married Lois Whittelsey, Jan. 2, 1734, was King's Attorney in 1750; went to England and died in London in 1784, æ. 70; his widow died Sept. 29, 1780, æ. 66 yrs; he was a grad. of Yale College.

Children: 195 *Lois*, b May 11, 1735; 196 *Hezekiah*, b May 4, 1737; 197 *Sarah*, b July 24, 1729; 198 *John*, b Jan. 18, 1739, m Mary Jones; 199 *Damaris*, b Oct. 6, 1741; 200 *Elihu*, b Aug. 13, 1744; 201 *Elihu*, b March 15, 1745, m Sarah ——; 202 *Eunice*, b March 2, 1749; 203 *Lucy*, b Nov. 14, 1781; 204 *Eunice*, b Aug. 11, 1754.

## 59. THEOPHILUS.

REV. THEOPHILUS HALL, son of Samuel and Love Hall, married Hannah Avery, May 21, 1734, graduated at Yale in 1727, was ordained Oct. 29, 1729, and was the first settled minister of the Congregational church in Meriden; he died March 25, 1769, æ. 60 yrs., in the thirty-eighth year of his ministry.

Children: 205 *Hannah*, b March 11, 1735; 206 *Theophilus*, b Aug. 5, 1736, d May 9, 1739; 207 *Avery*, b Dec. 2, 1737, he was a clergyman; 208 *Samuel*, b July 16, 1739; 209, 210 *Theophilus* and *Lucy*, b Aug. 26, 1741, the former married

Elizabeth Couch, d May 17, 1804, ae. 63 yrs ; 211 *Elisha*, b 1742, d Jan. 2, 1757, ae. 9 yrs ; 212 *Mary*, b June 24, 1743 ; 213 *Elisha*, b March 3, 1745, m Ann Hopkins, Feb. 25, 1767 ; 214 *Mehitable*, b 1751, d Sept. 11, 1767.

## 60. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HALL, son of Samuel and Love Hall, was born June 8, 1709. He married Sarah Hull, Dec. 7, 1732 ; he died Dec. 24, 1771.

Children: *Samuel*, b July 11, 1732, d in infancy ; 215 *Hezekiah*, b Dec. 27, 1733 ; 216 *Louisa*, b June 30, 1736 ; 217 *Sarah*, b Dec. 5, 1737 ; 218 *Esther*, b Jan. 21, 1740 ; 219 *Love*, b April 30, 1742 ; 220 *Elizabeth*, b Jan 23, 1745 ; 221 *Samuel*, b Feb. 28, 1750, d Feb. 27, 1821 ; 222 *Damaris*, b Jan. 23, 1754.

## 65. THOMAS.

THOMAS HALL, son of Thomas and Abigail Hall, married Lydia Curtis. She died Sept. 24, 1777. He was born March 12, 1712.

Children: 223 *Ambrose*, b Feb. 3, 1735 ; 224 *Titus*, b June 28, 1737, d May 1, 1773 ; 225 *Abigail*, b Aug. 27, 1741 ; 226 *Thomas*, b Dec. 28, 1743 ; 227 *Amasa*, b Feb. 9, 1746 ; 228 *Lydia*, b Sept. 6, 1749 ; 229 *Rhoda*, b June 6, 1753.

## 66. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS HALL, son of Thomas and Abigail Hall, married Anna ———.

Children: 230 *Abigail* ; 231 *Thankful* ; 232 *Phineas* ; 233 *Levi* ; 234 *Eunice* ; 235 *Barnabas* ; 236 *Annis*.

## 68. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA HALL, son of Thomas and Abigail Hall, married Hannah ———.

Children: 237 *Susannah*, b Nov. 16, 1742 ; 238 *Medad*, b July 26, 1743 ; 239 *Abigail*, b April 25, 1745 ; 240, 241 *Giles*, and *Abigail*, b Feb. 24, 1747 ; 242 *Samuel*, b Jan. 29, 1749 ; 243 *Joshua*, b Sept. 9, 1767.

## 69. DAVID.

DAVID HALL, son of Jonathan and Dinah Andrews Hall, married Alice Hale, Sept. 23, 1730; he died about 1755.

Children: 244 *Alice*, b Sept. 8, 1731; 245 *David*, b Nov. 2, 1732, d March 21, 1795, æ. 63; 246 *Benijah*, b Feb. 12, 1734, left no family; 247 *Asaph*, b June 11, 1735; 248 *Bates*, b Dec. 5, 1736; 249 *Phebe*, b June 24, 1739; 250 *Lois*, b Feb. 2, 1741, d Nov. 11, 1760; 251 *Elkanah*, b Oct. 20, 1742, d Nov. 30, 1763; 252 *Lucy*, b July 24, 1744.

## 70. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN HALL, son of Jonathan and Dinah Hall, married Sarah Cook, Dec. 15, 1739; she died Aug. 12, 1740; he married 2d, Abigail——, and she died Nov. 19, 1779; he married 3d, Jerusha Gaylord.

Child: 253 *Sarah*, b Aug. 12, 1740, d Aug. 13, 1740.

## 71. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HALL, son of Jonathan and Dinah Hall, married 1st, Abigail Judd; she died July 31, 1751, æ. 39; he married 2d, Rebecca Plum, Nov. 7, 1753; she died Feb. 24, 1769, æ. 47 yrs.

Children: 254 *Phebe*, b March 26, 1738; 255, *Phebe*, 256, *Abigail*, b March 30, 1740; 257 *Esther*, b July 21, 1742; 258 *Esther*, b March 19, 1743; 259 *Joseph*, b July 9, 1746; 260 *David*, b June 20, 1758; 261 *Phebe*, b Sept. 15, 1761.

## 73. ISAAC.

DR. ISAAC HALL, son of Jonathan and Dinah Hall, was the first physician of Meriden. He married Mary Morse, Nov. 5, 1739; died March 7, 1781, æ. 66 years. She died Oct. 9, 1791, æ. 74 years.

Children: 262 *Mary*, b Oct. 6, 1742, m John Ives, grandfather of Rev. Dr. Levi Silliman Ives; 263 *Isaac*, b May 7, 1745, m Lois Buckley; 264 *Foel*, b April 3, 1747, d Oct. 22, 1748; 265 *Esther*, b March 18, 1751; 266 *Elizabeth*, b June 11, 1752; 267 *Fonathan*, b Dec. 11, 1757, m Martha Collins, he died June 6, 1832.

## 75. EZEKIEL.

EZEKIEL HALL, son of Jonathan and Dinah Hall, married Annah Andrews, Oct. 20, 1743.

Children: 268 *Ezekiel*, b Oct. 24, 1744; 269 *Titus*, b Oct. 19, 1746, d Sept. 4, 1748; 270 *Eben*, b May 25, 1749; 271 *Benijah*, b 1762, m Ruth ———.

## 77. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of Jonathan and Dinah Hall, married Mary Ives, Dec. 27, 1752.

Children: 272 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 25, 1753; 273 *Eliab*, b Feb. 17, 1755; 274 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 3, 1756.

## 81. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM HALL, son of Joseph and Bertha Hall, married Eunice——. She died May 9, 1763, and he married Chloe Moss, Oct. 13, 1763.

Children: 275 *Temperance*, b Aug. 10, 1764. By 2nd marriage: 276 *Joseph*, b March 17, 1776; 277 *Ephraim*, b Oct. 5, 1768; 278 *Chloe*, b Nov. 13, 1770; 279 *Comfort*, b Feb. 25, 1773, settled on a farm in Middletown, Westfield society, where he died; 280 *Reuben*, b 1775; 281 *David Moss*, b Oct. 24, 1777; 282 *Content*, b March 15, 1780; 283 *Bethiah*, b March 27, 1782.

## 86. HIEL.

HIEL HALL, son of Peter and Rebecca Hall, married Catharine ———; she died June 4, 1788, ae. 42 yrs; he died Sept. 7, 1707, ae. 73 yrs.

Children: 284 *Fosiah*, b 1774, d Dec. 15, 1821, ae. 47; 285 *Catharine*, b Jan. 2, 1776; 286 *Andrew*, b 1777, d June 25, 1812, ae. 35; 287 *Chauncey*, b Sept. 8, 1778, m Marilla Hall; 288 *Peter*, b May 31, 1780, m Delight Kirtland; 289 *Hiel*, b Feb. 7, 1782, m Sarah Kirtland; 290 *Rice*, b May 2, 1784; 291 *Fustus*, d Feb. 14, 1777.

## 91. PETER.

PETER HALL, son of Peter and Rebecca Hall, married

Lydia Brown of Cheshire, March 17, 1774. She died May 2, 1805, æ. 52. He died Sept. 25, 1732, æ. 86 yrs.

Children: 292 *Fesse*; 293 *Wooster*; 294 *Roxy*, b 1779, d Sept. 26, 1756; 295 *Marcus*; 296 *Major Atwater*, b July 18, 1785, d March 28, 1848; 297 *Philo*, m Thankful Morse; 298 *Albert*; 299 *Peter Ufford*, d in Southington, in 1836; 300 *Sally*; 301 *Betsey*.

## 92. ANDREW.

ANDREW HALL, son of Peter and Rebecca Hall, married Sept. 16, 1750, Thankful ———. She died Oct. 14, 1776.

Children: 302 *John Todd*; 303 *Merritt*; 304 *Charry*; 305 *Anna*, b Feb. 3, 1773; 306 *Thankful*, b Aug. 4, 1776.

## 96. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM HALL, son of Daniel and Abigail Hall, married Sarah Doolittle, May 5, 1741; he died Sept. 16, 1761, æ. 53 yrs. She died March 14, 1781, æ. 77 yrs.

Children: 307 *Eldad*, b Feb. 4, 1742; 308 *Medad*, b July 26, 1745; 309 *Bildad*, b Sept. 3, 1747; 310 *Isaac*, b July 26, 1749; 311 *Isaac*, b Aug. 11, 1753.

## 107. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL HALL, son of Israel and Abigail Powell Hall, married Eunice Rice, Feb. 26, 1778.

Children: 312 *Elisha*, b Dec. 26, 1778; 313 *Eunice*, b Jan. 6, 1787.

## 109. JOTHAM.

JOTHAM HALL, son of Israel and Abigail Powell Hall, married Elizabeth ———.

Children: *Sarah*, b May 11, 1758; 314 *Jotham*, b March 1, 1761; 315 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 27, 1763; 316 *George*, b April 27, 1768; 317 *Mary*, b Sept. 23, 1770; 318 *Joseph*, b July 23, 1773; 319 *Chloe*, b July 11, 1775.

## 120. JACOB.

JACOB HALL, son of Daniel and Thankful Hall, married Elizabeth Royce, Dec. 21, 1726.

Children: 320 *Phebe*, b Dec. 26, 1727; 321 *Mindwell*, b



May 21, 1730; 322 *Jacob*, b July 20, 1731; 323 *Giles*, b June 7, 1732; 324 *Lydia*, b April 20, 1736; 325 *Daniel*, b July 21, 1738; 326 *Daniel*, b Nov. 17, 1740, d Oct. 24, 1789; 327 *Thankful*, b July 29, 1744; 328 *Lois*, b Nov. 5, 1746.

## 121. DAVID.

DAVID HALL, son of Daniel and Thankful Hall, married Alice —; he was born Feb. 19, 1695.

Children: 329 *David*, b Nov. 2, 1732, d March 2, 1795, æ. 63, m Thankful —; 330 *Benajah*, b Feb. 12, 1734; 331 *Asaph*, b June 15, 1735; 332 *Kate*, b Dec. 5, 1736; 333 *Phebe*, b June 24, 1737; 334 *Lucy*, b July 25, 1747, æ. 51.

## 123. AMOS.

AMOS HALL, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Hall, was born Jan. 24, 1700; he married Ruth Royce, June 8, 1720. She died Feb. 2, 1775, æ. 75. He died Nov. 30, 1752, æ. 52 years.

Children: 335 *Reuben*, b Dec. 20, 1721, m Mary —; 336 *Amos*, b Sept. 9, 1722, d Dec. 24, 1782, æ. 31 yrs.; 337 *Eunice*, b Aug. 21, 1724, m Abner Avered; 338 *Lois*, b Oct. 26, 1727, m Caleb Culver; 339 *Moses*, b Aug. 25, 1735, m Elizabeth How, Dec. 21, 1726, she d and he m Elizabeth Johnson, March 20, 1754.

## 125. CALEB.

CALEB HALL, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Hall, was born Jan. 3, 1703, m Esther UMBERFIELD, May 11, 1726; he died May 11, 1766, æ. 62 yrs.

Children: 340 *Margaret*, b March 28, 1727, d Nov. 14, 1749; 341 *Esther*, b April 24, 1729, m Ichabod Lewis; 342 *Nathaniel*, b April 8, 1732; 343 *Caleb*, b Sept. 12, 1734; 344 *Moses*, b May 13, 1736; 345 *Lydia*, b July 9, 1738; 346 *Desire*, b June 20, 1740, m Moses Holt; 347 *Sarah*, b April 10, 1742, m Noah Todd; 348 *Margaret*, b Aug. 31, 1744; 349 *Titus*, b Aug. 16, 1746; 350 *Rhoda*, b June 15, 1748, d Oct. 10, 17—; 351 *Fonah*, b Feb. 23, 1749–50; 352 *Rhoda*, b July 4, 1753; 353 *Lucretia*, b Feb. 16, 1757.

## 126. MOSES.

MOSES HALL, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Hall, was born June 6, 1706, married Elizabeth Howe, Dec. 21, 1726. He married 2d, Phebe ———. He died Feb. 15, 1765, ae. 59. His will gave his property to Caleb and Heman his brothers, and to Amos, Moses and Miles, his cousins. No children.

## 129. JAMES.

JAMES HALL, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Curtis Hall, was born Aug. 23, 1713, married Hannah Cook, Sept. 15, 1735.

Children: 354 *Miles*, b Oct. 17, 1736; 355 *Bethia*, b April 13, 1740; 356 *Phebe*, b Nov. 16, 1741; 357 *James*, b July 22, 1743; 358 *Olive*, b May 20, 1745.

## 133. ISAAC.

ISAAC HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Hall, was born July 23, 1709, married Mary Moss Nov. 5, 1739. She died Oct. 9, 1721, ae. 75. He died March 7, 1781.

Children: 359 *Mary*, b Oct. 5, 1742; 360 *Isaac*, b March 7, 1745; 361 *Foel*, b April 3, 1747, d Oct. 22, 1748; 362 *Esther*, b March 18, 1751; 363 *Elizabeth*, b June 11, 1752; 364 *Fonathan*, b Nov. 8, 1755, d 1756, ae. ten mos.; 365 *Fonathan*, b Dec. 11, 1757.

## 135. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Hall, born Dec. 28, 1712, married Abigail Russel, June 11, 1739, died May 13, 1795.

Children: 366 *Elias*, b March 10, 1740; 367 *Fared*, b July 19, 1741; 368 *Abigail*, b Oct. 16, 1743; 369 *John*, b Dec. 6, 1744; 370 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 28, 1745; 371 *William*, b June 15, 1747; 372 *Mary*, b Jan. 23, 1749; 373 *Eunice*, b July 6, 1751; 374 *Anna C.*, b Aug. 15, 1755; 375 *Benjamin*, b July 2, 1757, m Lydia ———.

## 136. ABEL.

ABEL HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Hall, married Ruth Johnson, May 12, 1743.

Children: 376 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 12, 1743-4; 377 *Abel*, b Oct. 12, 1745; 378 *Ruth*, b Oct. 19, 1748; 379 *Rice*, b May 28, 1750; 380 *Fohn*, b Dec. 23, 1751, m Hannah Atwater; 381 *Lucy*, b Oct. 3, 1753; 382 *Esther*, b July 10, 1754; 383 *Hezekiah*, b April 20, 1757, m Susannah —; 384 *Simon*, b Oct. 6, 1759; 385 *Daniel Johnson*, b July 4, 1761; 386 *Mary*, b July 17, 1764.

## 137. ASAHEL.

ASAHEL HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Hall, born June 19, 1717, m Sarah Goldsmith, July 29, 17— . She died Feb. 25, 1784. He died Nov. 11, 1795.

Children: 387 *Catharine*, b Aug. 6, 1739; 388 *Foel*, b May 21, 1741; 389 *Sarah*, b March 5, 1743; 390 *Asahel*, b March 15, 1745, d April 20, 1745; 391 *Ferusha*, b Aug. 31, 1746, d March 10, 1752; 392 *Sarah*, b June 9, 1748, d Dec. 25, 1747; 393 *Asahel*, b July 16, 1750, d March 4, 1752; 394 *Mehitable*, b March 13, 1753; 395 *Aaron*, b July 28, 1755, d Oct. 6, 1756; 396 *Charles*, b Nov. 12, 1757; 397 *Asahel*, b Jan. 14, 1759, m Ruth Johnson, Sept. 21, 1786; 398 *Aaron*, b Nov. 4, 1760; 399 *Sarah*, d Feb. 5, 1749.

## 141. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Hall, born April 4, 1728, died Dec. 11, 1806, ae. 79; he married Phebe Hall, she died Dec. 12, 1779.

Children: 400 *Susannah*, b Jan. 15, 1759; 401 *Bede*, b Sept. 16, 1764; 402 *Statira*, b March 20, 1766; 403 *Benjamin*, b June 30, 1767; 404 *Samuel*, b April 19, 1771.

## 142. ELISHA.

SERGT. ELISHA HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Royce Hall, born Sept. 15, 1730, married Thankful Atwater, June 14, 1755. He died Jan. 19, 1800, ae. 70 yrs. She died Jan. 28, 1792, æ. 59 yrs.

Children: 405 *Phebe*, b Feb. 10, 1756, m ——— Parmelee, of Durham; 406 *Sarah*, b April 5, 1758, m John Fields, of Cheshire; 407 *Foseph*, b July 25, 1759, m Mercy Cornwall,

May 31, 1799; 408 *Lydia*, b July 17, 1761, m ——— Curtis, and went to Durham; 409 *Sally*, b Dec 8, 1763; 410 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 3, 1765, m Benjamin Hall; 411 *Hannah*, b Jan. 26, 1769; 412 *John*, b July 13, 1770, m Grace D. Hall; 413 *Eunice*, b Aug. 1, 1772, m Miles, son of Nicholas Peck.

## 144. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM HALL, son of Daniel and Martha Hall, was born June 27, 1722, married Mary Prindle, June 23, 1746. She died May 12, 1747. For his second wife he married Hannah ———. He died 1757.

Children by 1st marriage: 414 *Mary*, b May 10, 1747. By 2d marriage: 415 *Rufus*, b July 25, 1751; 416 *Sarah*; 417 *Josiah*; 418 *Abraham*.

## 145. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of Daniel and Martha Hall, born Jan. 29, 1724, settled in Meriden, married Elizabeth Prindle, May 4, 1749; he died May 13, 1795, ae. 72 yrs. She died Oct 21, 1802, ae. 71 yrs.

Children: 419 *Prindle*, b June 30, 1750, d Dec. 6, 1821; 420 *John*, b May 8, 1752, d 1764; 421 *Mary*, b Sept. 10, 1754, d March 1, 1825; 422 *Elizabeth*, b April 20, 1757, died March 30, 1847; 423 *Sarah*, b May 11, 1759, d 1760; 424 *David*, b Sept. 16, 1761, d Aug. 3, 1843; 425 *Sarah*, b Feb. 13, 1764, d 1777; 426 *Abigail*, b Feb. 24, 1766, d Oct. 28, 1828; 427 *John*, b Jan. 9, 1768, d April 21, 1851; 428 *Joseph*, b Oct. 28, 1770, d March 13, 1831, m Hannah ———; 429 *Fedutham*, April 25, 1773, d July 9, 1851; 430 *Isaac*, b May 28, 1776, d Jan. 1, 1838.

## 149. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HALL, son of Daniel and Martha Hall, was born May 5, 1731, married Mamre Ives, Aug. 28, 1755.

Children: 431 *Fesse*, b Jan. 24, 1757; 432 *Sarah*, b Jan. 24, 1758; 433 *Samuel*, b July 4, 1760.

## 155. LYMAN.

LYMAN HALL, son of John and Mary Street Hall, was

graduated at Yale college in 1747, Representative in Congress from the state of Georgia, signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. He died in 1791, he left no children, was Governor of the state of Georgia in 1790.

## 156. STREET.

COL. STREET HALL, son of John and Mary Street Hall, was born Nov. 12, 1721. He died 1809; he married Hannah Fowler, June 30, 1748.

Children: 434 *Hannah*, b July 3, 1751; 435 *Anna*, b Feb. 28, 1753, d Dec. 24, 1755; 436 *Thaddeus*, b Feb. 28, 1757; 437 *Rebecca*, b Feb. 15, 1758; 438 *Street T.*, b Feb. 26, 1762; 439 *Mary A.*, b June 9, 1764; 440 ———.

## 158. GILES.

GILES HALL, son of John and Mary Street Hall, was born Feb. 18, 1733, married 1st, Martha Robinson, Nov., 1759, m 2d, Thankful Merriman, of Wallingford. He died March 17, 1789, æ. 41 yrs. Mrs. Thankful died July 14, 1796, æ. 47 years.

Children: 441 *Lucy*, b April 11, 1771; 442 *David M.*, b 1773, d April 21, 1792; 443 *Martha R.*, b Aug. 22, 1777; 444 *Mary Street*, b March 17, 1780; 445 *John*, b July 27, 1782; 446 *Hannah*, b 1783; 447 *Elizabeth*, b May 2, 1785; 447 *Giles*, b June 7, 1788; 449 *Lois*, b Feb. 82, 1789; 450 *John*, b April 20, 1793, d Feb. 26, 1835, æ. 53 yrs.

## 169. BRENTON.

BRENTON HALL, son of Rev. Samuel and Ann Hall, was born April 2, 1738, married Lament Collins, Feb. 18, 1762, and settled in the eastern part of Meriden, where he died Nov. 25, 1820, æ. 82 yrs. His 2d wife Abigail —, died May 5, 1837, æ. 88 yrs.

Children: 451 *Wm Brenton*, b May 31, 1764; 452 *Collins*, b Jan. 8, 1766; 453 *Samuel*, b June 10, 1768; 454 *Lament*, b July 14, 1776; 455 *Foab*.

## 170. ELISHA.

ELISHA HALL, son of Rev. Samuel and Ann Hall of

Cheshire, Conn., graduated at Yale College in 1774. He married for his 2d wife, Oct. 22, 1795, Lois, widow of Jesse Street, and daughter of Col. Thaddeus Cook. She was mother of Col. Thaddeus Street, late of Cheshire.

## 172. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN HALL, son of Rev. Samuel and Ann Hall, married Mary ———. He was a farmer and inn-keeper in Cheshire, for many years.

Children: 456 *Millicent*; 457 *Lucy*; 458 *George*; 459 *Salmon*; 460 *Leverett*; 461 *Sylvester*.

## 177. CALEB.

CALEB HALL, son of Caleb and Damaris Hall. He graduated at Yale College in 1752, studied medicine and became a physician. He married Prudence Holt. She died Nov. 30, 1807, æ. 67 yrs. He died Sept. 21, 1783, æ. 67 yrs.

Children: 462 *Caleb Johnson*, b Sept. 22, 1763; 463 *Augustus*, b Aug. 16, 1765; 464 *Abigail*, b Jan. 29, 1767, m 1st, Lemuel Carrington, 2d, Nehemiah Rice; 465 *Eunice*, b Aug. 24, 1770; 466 *Benjamin*, b July 26, 1772; 467 *Horatio Gates*, b Jan. 17, 1778, d at Wallingford; 468, 469 *George and Damaris*, b Feb. 10, 1782.

## 180. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY HALL, son of Caleb and Damaris Hall, married Abigail Miles, and settled on Cheshire street; he was a farmer. She died Nov. 22, 1748. He married Athildred Parker, June 10, 1748-9.

Children: 470 *Jeremiah*, b April 20, 1750; 471 *Aaron*, b June 27, 1751; 472 *Timothy*, b Oct. 13, 1752; 473 *Amasa*, b Dec. 7, 1754; 473 1-2 *Abigail*, b Dec. 5, 1756; 474 *Archibald*, b May 23, 1758; 475 *Zenas*, b June 8, d Nov. 6, 1759; 476 *Zenas*, b Oct. 7, 1759; 477 *Fosiah*, b Nov. 6, 1761; 478 *Aaron*.

## 182. CHARLES.

CHARLES CHAUNCEY HALL, son of Benjamin and Abigail Hall, married Lydia Holt, Dec. 5, 1751, and died at Cheshire.

Children: 479 *Abigail*, b July 8, 1753; 480 *Benjamin Holt*, b Oct. 6, 1754, died at Cheshire, a farmer; 481 *Lydia*, b May 26, 1755; 482 *Charles C.*, b March 9, 1762, died at Cheshire, a farmer; 483 *Rachel*, b July 4, 1764; 484 *Charlotte*, b Jan. 20, 1769; 485 *Lyman*, b Jan. 4, 1761, died at Cheshire, a farmer.

## 187. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of Benjamin and Abigail Hall, born at Cheshire, Sept. 27, 1736, grad. at Yale in 1754, married Mary Ives, Dec. 27, 1752. He built the house late the property of Wm. Law, Esq., and more recently of Sheldon Spencer, Esq.

Children: 486 *Eliab*, b Feb. 17, 1755; 487 *Benjamin*, d Oct. 8, 1755; 488 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 3, 1756.

## 190. ISAAC.

ISAAC HALL, son of Eliakim and Ruth Hall, was born Nov. 4, 1737, married Esther Mosely, Dec. 1, 1764, died Feb. 7, 1796, æ. 61. His widow Esther, died March 22, 1827, æ. 86 yrs.

Children: 489, 490 *Abner* and *Elizabeth*, b April 28, 1764, d in infancy; 491 *Esther*, b Dec. 15, 1765; 492 *Mary*, b Nov. 24, 1767; 493, 494 *Elizabeth*, and *Eliakim*, b Jan. 21, 1770; 495 *Dickerman*, b 1774, d Sept. 18, 1838, æ. 64 yrs.; 496 *Isaac*, b July 19, 1776, went to Wallingford, Vt.; 497 *Abigail*, b Nov. 22, 1778; 498 *Day*, b Aug. 20, 1781; 499 *Lyman*, b March 31, 1784.

## 192. ELIAKIM.

ELIAKIM HALL, Esq., son of Eliakim and Ruth Hall, was born Feb. 13, 1740, married Eunice Morse, May 29, 1769. She died July 18, 1789; he married 2d, Sarah —, she died Sept. 27, 1806, æ. 56 yrs. He died Sept. 6, 1806, æ. 67 yrs.

Children: 500 *Eunice*, b Feb. 19, 1770; 501 *Pamelia*, b Dec. 13, 1771; 502 *Sarah*, b June 19, 1773; 503 *John Morse*, b May 25, 1775, d Dec. 11, 1837, æ. 62 yrs.; 504 *Phebe*, b Dec. 8, 1777; 505 *Sophia*, b Dec. 1, 1782; 506 *Electa*, b Oct. 27, 1785; 507 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 29, 1788.

## 193. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH HALL, son of Eliakim and Ruth Hall, was born July 13, 1743, married Elizabeth Merriman, Oct. 30, 1769; he died Sept. 7, 1815, ae. 73 yrs. She died Nov. 21, 1801, ae. 50 yrs.

Children: 508 *Ruth*, b Feb. 8, 1771, m Nehemiah Rice; 509 *Elizabeth*, b March 14, 1772, m David M. Cook; 510 *Thankful*, b May 25, 1775, m Chester Cook; 511 *Hope*, b Sept. 26, 1780, m Samuel Francis; 512 *Lucy*, b Oct. 9, 1782, m Jacob Francis; 513 *Ophelia*, b March 1, 1785; 514 *Nathan*, b Nov. 6, 1788, d Aug. 18, 1741, ae. 53 yrs; 515 *Laura*, b 1792.

## 198. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of Elihu and Lois Hall, married Mary Jones, Oct. 19, 1772.

Child: 516 *Nicholas Street*, b March 27, 1773.

## 201. ELIHU.

ELIHU HALL, son of Elihu and Lois Hall, was born Mar. 15, 1795, m Sarah ———. This person commenced life with a large fortune, his possessions being much larger than those of most young men. For many years he owned large tracts of land in Wallingford, and the whole township of Guildhall, in the State of Vermont, besides slaves, horses, cattle, etc. His entire want of economy and tact in the management of his business cost him in a few years his whole estate, and he died a subject of the town's charge. His wife died some years before him.

Children: 517 *John*, b May 20, 1774, left Wallingford; 518 *Frederick*, b Jan. 8, 1777; 519 *Lois*, b June 18, 1779; 520 *Louisa*, m a Mr. Armour, and died in New Haven, May 1, 1850.

## 207. AVERY.

AVERY HALL, son of Rev. Theophilus and Hannah Hall of Meriden, was b Dec. 2, 1737. He settled in the ministry at Rochester, New Hampshire.



## 208. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HALL, son of Rev. Theophilus and Hannah Hall of Meriden, married Eunice Lee, Feb. 10, 1757.

Children: 521 *Samuel*, b May 27, 1759; 522 *Eunice*, b April 16, 1765; 523 *Caleb*, b Nov. 9, 1768; 524 *Eunice*, b June 22, 1770.

## 209. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS HALL, son of Rev. Theophilus and Hannah Hall, m Elizabeth Couch, March 10, 1768. He died May 17, 1804, æ. 63. She died March 11, 1824, æ. 74, in Meriden.

Children: 525 *Mehitable*, b March 23, 1769, died Sept. 30, 1776; 526 *Clarissa*, b April 3, 1771; 527 *Theophilus*, b April 20, 1773, d Sept. 26, 1815, æ. 62 yrs.; 528 *Mehitable*, b Aug. 4, 1777; 529 *Avery*, b May 25, 1779; 530, 531 *Hannah* and *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 20, 1782.

## 213. ELISHA.

ELISHA HALL, son of Rev. Theophilus and Hannah Hall, married Ann Hopkins, June 25, 1767. He died March 13, 1759.

Children: 532 *Luther Elisha*, b Sept. 3, 1770; 533 *Ann Law*, b Dec. 20, 1772; 534 *Sylvester*, b May 13, 1778.

## 221. SAMUEL.

DEA. SAMUEL HALL, son of Samuel and Sarah Hall, b Feb. 28, 1750, m Elizabeth Parsons, May 10, 1774. He died Feb. 27, 1821, æ. 71. She died Sept. 27, 1823, æ. 71 yrs.

Children: 535 *Samuel*, b Dec. 2, 1776; 536 *Hezekiah*, b June 11, 1778; 537 *George*, b Aug. 13, 1780; 538 *Marilla*, b Dec. 28, 1782, married Chauncey Hall; 539 *Richard*, b Jan. 26, 1785; 540 *Fared*, b Aug. 24, 1792, d April 24, 1861.

## 224. TITUS.

TITUS HALL, son of Thomas and Lydia Hall, was one of the first separates in Wallingford; he married Elizabeth Mack, Aug. 23, 1762, and died in 1773, æ. 36.

Children: 541 *Thomas*; 542 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 25, 1765; 543 *Titus*, b July 30, 1767; 544 *Elias*, b Aug. 24, 1769; 545 *Lydia*, b April 17, 1771.

## 227. AMASA.

AMASA HALL, son of Thomas and Lydia Hall, married Dinah Ives, Dec. 15, 1775.

Children: 546, 547 *Major* and *Phebe*, b Feb. 17, 1775; 548 *Hannah*, b Feb. 17, 1777.

## 232. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS HALL, son of Phineas and Annah Hall, born April 12, 1715, married Agnes Yale, Nov. 18, 1774, a widow.

Children; 549 *Mary*, b July 28, 1775; 550 *Abigail*; 551 *Thankful*; 552 *Phineas*; 553 *Levi*; 554 *Eunice*; 555 *Bar-nabas*; 556 *Annis*.

## 240. GILES.

GILES HALL, son of Joshua and Hannah Hall, was born Feb. 24, 1747, married Lois Ives.

Children: 557 *Abel*, b Dec. 10, 1778, d at Atwater, Ohio; 558 *Sarah*, b Aug. 20, 1780; 559 *Giles*, d April 21, 1791; 560 *Joshua*; 561 *Lois*, m Andrew Andrews; 562 *Lucy*; 563 *Hannah*; 564 *Fohn*.

## 243. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA HALL, son of Joshua and Hannah Hall.

Children: 565 *Susannah*, b Nov. 16, 1742; 566 *Abigail*, b April 25, 1745; 567 *Giles*, b Feb. 24, 1747; 568 *Samuel*, b Jan. 29, 1749.

## 245. DAVID.

DAVID HALL, son of David and Alice Hall. He died 1795, æ. 63 years.

Child: 569 *Elkanah*, b Nov. 30, 1767.

## 247. ASAPH.

ASAPH HALL, son of David and Alice Hall.

Children: 570 *Benajah*, b 1762; 571 *Asa*; 572 daughter, m — Hopson.

## 267. JONATHAN.

DR. JONATHAN HALL, son of Isaac and Mary Hall, residence Meriden, Ct., married Martha Collins, May 14, 1777. He died June 6, 1832, æ. 54. She died May, 1841, æ. 83, in

the state of New York. He settled at New Hartford, N. Y., in 1787.

Children: 573 *Isaac*, b Feb. 22, 1778; 574 *Keturah*, b Nov. 17, 1780; 575 *Sylvia*, b Sept. 18, 1782; 576 *Fonathan*, b Aug. 14, 1784; 577 *Eli*, b May 14, 1786; 578 *Ira*, b July 10, 1788; 579 *Mary Moss*, b April 12, 1790; 580 *Agnes Collins*, b Aug. 6, 1793; 581 *Amos Hull*, b Feb. 13, 1796; 582 *Federiah Sanger*, b Nov. 2, 1797; 583 *Sarah T.*, b May 6, 1799.

## 269. TITUS.

TITUS HALL, son of Ezekiel and Anna Hall, was born Oct. 19, 1746, married Olive Barnes, Nov. 26, 1767.

Children: 584 *Abigail*, b Sept. 21, 1768; 585 *Caleb*, b Jan. 11, 1771; 586 *Lucy*, b Dec. 14, 1775; 587 *Caleb*, b Aug. 27, 1781; 588 *Ransley*, b Feb. 7, 1784.

## 271. BENAJAH.

BENAJAH HALL, son of Ezekiel and Annah Hall, was born 1762, married Ruth Francis, Aug. 19, 1784.

Children: 589 *Orrin*, b June 5, 1785; 590 *Esther*, b June 13, 1787; 591 *Ruth*, b Aug. 25, 1789; 592 *Nancy*, b Nov. 9, 1792; 593 *Martha*, b July 13, 1795; 594 *Philo*, b May 13, 1798; 595 *Jacob*, b April 5, 1801; 596 *Joseph*, b Oct. 17, 1803; 597 *Foel*, b Nov. 3, 1806; 598 *Lovineas*, b July 21, 1810.

## 274. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of Benjamin and Mary Hall, married Phebe ———, April 28, 1757, settled at Plymouth.

Children: 599 *Benjamin*; 600 *Mary*, b Jan. 29, 1758; 601 *Andrews*, b Aug. 15, 1759; 602 *Mary*, b Aug. 6, 1761; 603 *Phebe*, b Aug. 20, 1763, m ——— Hart; 604 *Linus*, b Sept. 25, 1765; 605, 606 *David*, *Fonathan*, b Nov. 17, 1761; 607 *Erastus*, b Feb. 12, 1770; 608 *Adnah*, b May 8, 1772; 609 *Salmon*, b 1774; 610 *Eliab*, b Dec. 11, 1776, settled in North Killingworth; 611 *Grace Denison*, b May 5, 1776; 612 *Asaph*, b Oct. 1, 1781.

## 280. REUBEN.

REUBEN HALL, son of Ephraim and Chloe Hall, b Feb., 1735, m Sally Miller, May 25, 1797.

Children: 613 *Alma*, b March 23, 1798; 614 *Horace*, b April 17, 1800; 615 *Milla*, b Jan. 8, 1802; 616 *Eli*, M. D., b Nov. 5, 1803; 617 *William*, b Feb. 21, 1806; 618 *Reighly*, b April 1, 1808.

## 281. DAVID.

DAVID MOSS HALL, son of Ephraim and Chloe Hall, married Mindwell ———. He left Wallingford.

Child: 619 *Orrilla*, b Nov. 5, 1800.

## 284. JOSIAH.

DEA. JOSIAH HALL, son of Hiel and Catherine Hall, married Martha Hall, daughter of Giles Hall, April 2, 1793.

Children: 620 *Thankful*, b May 23, 1796, m Thaddeus Cook; 621 *Catherine*, b May 18, 1798; 622 *Eliza*, b May 15, 1800, died; 623 *Eliza*, b July 25, 1801; 624 *Edward L.*, b May 13, 1804, m Mary K. Cook, dau. of Billious Cook; 625 *George Chauncey*, b April 19, 1706; 626 *Martha R.*, b Oct. 19, 1808, m Thaddeus Cook; 627 *Josiah*, b June 15, 1812; 628 *Ogden*, b Sept. 13, 1815; 629 *David M.*, b May 27, 1818, m Catherine Cook; 630 *James*, b April 11, 1821.

## 286. ANDREW.

DR. ANDREW HALL, son of Hiel and Catherine Hall, married Lydia, daughter of Ambrose Cook, Sept. 11, 1803.

Children: 631 *Alexander W.*, b May 28, 1805; 632 *Sarah R.*, b Oct. 14, 1806, m Medad W. Munson, Esq.; 633 *Andrew C.*, b June 7, 1810, d in Phila., interred in Wall.; 635 *Franklin D.*, b Sept. 20, 1811.

## 287. CHAUNCEY.

CHAUNCEY HALL, son of Hiel and Catherine Hall, married Marilla, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Hall, Feb. 6, 1803.

Children: 635 *Henry C.*, b Jan. 19, 1804; 636 *Samuel R.*, b Nov. 11, 1805; 637 *Elihu*, b June 2, 1807, m Martha, dau. of Samuel Cook; 638 *Lucretia*, b Dec. 1, 1809; 639 *Louisa*, b Jan. 29, 1812; 640 *Lucy A.*, b April 18, 1814, m Ira Yale, Jr.; 641 *Sidney*, b July 12, 1816; 642 *Elizabeth*; 643 *Marietta*; 644 *Celia*.

## 288. PETER.

PETER HALL, son of Hiel and Catherine Hall, married Delight Kirtland, Sept. 8, 1808.

Child: 645 *Charles*, m Miss Foote.

## 290. RICE.

DR. RICE HALL, son of Hiel and Catherine Hall, married Esther Hall, Nov. 19, 1806.

Children: 646 *Hiel Beverly*, b Feb. 18, 1811; 647 *John M.*; 648 *Marilla*, b May 25, 1813; 649 *Ophelia*, b June 2, 1818; 650 *Henrietta E.*, b Aug. 8, 1815; 651 *Elizur Rice*, b June 25, 1821; 652 *Philander*.

## 293. WOOSTER.

WOOSTER HALL, son of Peter and Lydia Hall, married Chloe Cooley, July 27, 1806.

Children: 653 *Samuel B.*, b Sept. 20, 1808; 654 *Lydia*, b Nov. 16, 1810; 655 *Lydia*; 656 *Asahel*, b May 3, 1812; 657 *Dinah*, b Oct. 7, 1814; 658 *Lois*, b Feb. 14, 1817.

## 326. DANIEL.

DANIEL HALL, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Hall, married Sarah Atwater, Oct. 7, 1761.

Children: 659 *Mary*, b June 24, 1762; 660 *Elizabeth*, b June 21, 1764; 661 *Lemuel*, b March 20, 1766; 662 *Aaron*, b May 2, 1768; 663, 664 *Ira*, and *Asa*, b Aug. 18, 1770; 665 *Joshua*, b Aug 5, 1772; 666 *Abigail*, b Dec. 16, 1776; 667 *Lemuel*, b May 2, 1779, d in New Haven, Conn.; 668 *Sally*, b June 8, 1781; 669 *Patty*, b Sept. 3, 1783; 670 *Alma*, b Nov. 15, 1785; 671 *Phebe*, b Aug. 21, 1787.

## 329 DAVID.

DAVID HALL, son of David and Thankful (Morse) Hall, was born Nov. 2, 1732, died March 25, 1825. She died Sept. 24, 1826, ae. 61.

Children: 672 *Almer*, b Sept. 10, 1793, d in Wallingford; 673 *Alethea*, b Oct. 11, 1795, m Wooster Martin; 674 *Charlotte*, b July 24, 1791, m ——— Lindley; 675 *Stephen*, went west, supposed to Ohio.

## 335. REUBEN.

REUBEN HALL, son of Amos and Ruth Hall, married Mary ———. He was born Dec. 20, 1721.

Children: 676 *Mary*, b Oct. 17, 1742; 677 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 12, 1743; 678 *Abel*, b Oct. 12, 1745.

## AMOS.

AMOS HALL, son of Asaph and Ruth Hall, died Dec. 24, 1782, ae. 31 years.

Children: 679 *Reuben*; 680 *Moses*; 681 *Eunice*; 682 *Louis*.

## 336. MOSES.

MOSES HALL, son of Amos and Ruth Hall.

Children: 683 *Moses*, b Dec. 26, 1754; 684 *Enos*, b March 8, 1756.

## 342. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL HALL, son of Caleb and Esther Hall, born April 8, 1732, married Lydia ———. She died Jan. 15, 1760.

Child: 685 *Lurena*, b Feb. 21, 1759.

## 343. CALEB.

CALEB HALL, son of Caleb and Esther Hall, b Sept. 12, 1734.

Child: 686 *Susannah*, b Feb. 8, 1759.

## 349. TITUS.

TITUS HALL, son of Caleb and Esther Hall, was born Aug. 16, 1746, married Olive Barnes, Nov. 26, 1767.

Children: 687 *Abigail*, b Sept. 21, 1768; 688 *Caleb*, b Jan. 21, 1771, d Nov. 12, 1824; 689 *Lucy*, b Dec. 14, 1775; 690 *Caleb*, b Aug. 29, 1781; 691 *Ransley*, b Feb. 7, 1784.

## 354. MILES.

MILES HALL, son of James and Hannah C. Hall, born Oct. 17, 1736, married Abigail Tyler, Sept. 30, 1764.

Children: 692 *Abigail*, b Dec. 3, 1767; 693 *James*, b Oct. 14, 1769; 694 *William Tyler*, b Jan. 15, 1772.

## 357. JAMES.

JAMES HALL, son of James and Hannah C. Hall, born July 22, 1743.

Child: 695 *Phebe*, b Nov. 16, 1741.

## 360. ISAAC.

ISAAC HALL, son of Isaac and Mary Moss Hall, was born March 7, 1745, married Phebe Ives, Sept. 6, 1764.

Children: 696 *Mary*, b July 21, 1766; 697 *John*, b July 3, 1768; 698 *Phebe*, b Jan. 31, 1770; 699 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 23, 1771; 700 *Isaac*, b May 19, 1775; 701 *Jonathan*, b Sept. 15, 1776; 702 *Clarissa*, b Aug. 12, 1779; 703 *Abijah*, b 1781; 704 *Sally*, b 1784.

## 365. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN HALL, son of Isaac and Mary Hall, was born Dec. 11, 1757, married Martha Collins, May 14, 1777.

Children: 705 *Isaac*, b Feb. 22, 1778; 706 *Katurah*. b Nov. 17, 1780.

## 366. ELIAS.

ELIAS HALL, son of John and Abigail Hall, was born Mar. 10, 1740, married 1st, Mary Humiston, Dec. 15, 1763. She died Aug. 14, 1774, and he married 2d, Rubama —.

Children by 1st marriage: 707 *Martha*, b Sept. 26, 1764; 708 *Mary*, b May 26, 1766; 709 *Ruth*, b Feb. 28, 1768; 710 *Eliakim*, b May 31, 1778; 711 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 20, 1770. By 2d marriage: 712 *Rubama*, b Jan. 16, 1776.

## 367. JARED.

JARED HALL, son of John and Abigail Hall, born July 19, 1741, married Lucy Hall, July 5, 1770.

Children: 713 *Lemuel*, b Aug. 16, 1771; 714 *Amos*, b May 21, 1773; 715 *Rufus*, b Jan. 9, 1775.

## 369. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of John and Abigail Hall, born Dec. 6, 1743, married Lucy —.

Child: 716 *Millicent*, b Sept. 3, 1768.

## 371. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM HALL, son of John and Abigail Hall, married Rebecca —. He was born June 15, 1747.

Children: 717 *Benj. Russel*, b Aug. 1, 1775; 718 *Abigail*, b Sept. 20, 1777; 719 *Ambrose*, b Dec. 7, 1779.

## 375. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HALL, son of John and Abigail Hall, married Lydia ———; he was born July 2, 1757, died March 12, 1770.

Children: 721 *Lyman*, b March 20, 1798; 722 *Mary*, b June 12, 1799; 723 *Emeline*, b April 14, 1800; 724 *Orrin*, b March 22, 1803.

## 377. ABEL.

ABEL HALL, son of Abel and Ruth Hall, born Oct. 12, 1745, married Ruth Morse, Jan. 3, 1771.

Child: 725 *Esther*.

## 383. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH HALL, son of Abel and Ruth Hall, born April 20, 1757, married Susannah ———.

Children: 726 *Charity*, b Oct. 3, 1784; 727 *Isaac*, b Aug. 21, 1786.

## 388. JOEL.

JOEL HALL, son of Asahel and Sarah Goldsmith Hall, born May 21, 1741; he was a large and thrifty farmer, married Hannah Parmalee, Oct. 30, 1765.

Children: 728 *Andrew*, b March 4, 1767, m Diana Cook, Jan. 11, 1778, he d 1796; 729 *Augustus*, b May 3, 1769, m Pamela Hall, April 12, 1786; 730 *Joel*, b July 26, 1771; 731 *Luther*, b Aug. 16, 1776, m Sarah ———, 2d, wid. Bassett; 732 *Sarah P.*, b June 3, 1779; 733 *Asahel W.*, b May 12, 1781; 734 *James*, b Oct. 12, 1783.

## 396. CHARLES.

CHARLES HALL, son of Asahel and Sarah Goldsmith Hall, b Nov. 12, 1757, married Sarah ———.

Children: 735 *Ferusha*, b Oct. 23, 1772; 736 *Daniel Root*, b Aug. 30, 1779; 737 *Rice*, b Jan. 26, 1782; 738 *Sylvester*, b Aug. 29, 1784; 739 *Thomas G.*, b Aug. 17, 1787; 740 *Sarah*, b Nov. 25, 1789; 741 *Susan*, b Dec. 2, 1791; 742 *Charles*; 743 *Sarah*.

## 397. ASAHEL.

ASAHEL HALL, son of Asahel and Sarah Goldsmith Hall,



born Jan. 14, 1759, married Ruth Johnson, Sept. 21, 1786.

Children: 744 *Catherine*, b April 17, 1787; 745 *Asahel*, b April 8, 1789; 746 *John D.*, b June 22, 1790; 747 *Sarah*, b April 5, 1792.

## 398. AARON.

AARON HALL, son of Asahel and Sarah Hall, was born Nov. 4, 1760, married Elizabeth Cook, May 24, 1781; she died and he married 2d, Sarah, widow of Charles Hall, Dec. 11, 1820; 3d, Anna Brooks, June 18, 1827. He died Sept. 30, 1839, æ. 79 yrs.

Children: 748 *Benjamin Atwater*, b April 6, 1782; 749 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 23, 1783; 750 *Electa*, b Sept. 9, 1785; 751 *Aaron C.*, b Nov. 11, 1787, went to Catskill, N. Y.; 752 *Mary*, b Jan. 20, 1790; 753 *Asahel*, b April 6, 1792; 754 *Salmon*, b Aug. 12, 1793; 755 *Anna*, b Jan. 6, 1796; 756 *Caroline*, b Dec. 21, 1798; 757 *B. Kirtland*, b July 4, 1805.

## 407. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HALL, son of Elisha and Thankful Hall, married Mercy Cornwall, May 31, 1799.

Child: 758 *Sarah G.*, m Israel Harrison, Oct. 21, 1841.

## 412. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, 3d son of Elisha and Thankful Hall, married Grace Denison Hall, April 3, 1800. She died Jan. 21, 1840, æ. 69.

Children: 759 *Feremiah Atwater*, b 1806; 760 *John*, b Oct. 8, 1808; 761 *Thankful A.*, b Sept. 6, 1801, m ——— Hopson; 762 *Lowly*, b April 21, 1804, m ——— Johnson; 763 *Phoebe*, b Dec. 18, 1810; 764 *Denison D.*, b Dec. 9, 1815; 765 *Grace D.*, b July 18, 1813, m George Simpson; 766 *Elisha*, b March 15, 1818; 767 *Fennette*, b May 31, 1820; 768 *Patty*.

## 415. RUFUS.

RUFUS HALL, son of Abraham and Hannah Hall, b July 25, 1751, married Experience Foster, Nov. 14, 1772.

Children : 769 *Hannah*, b Nov. 20, 1776 ; 770 *Abraham*, b May 5, 1778 ; 771 *Anne*, b Aug. 13, 1779.

## 419. PRINDLE.

PRINDLE HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Prindle Hall, b June 19, 1750, married Anna Mix, Dec. 5, 1771.

Children : 772 *Ebenezer*, b March 26, 1773 ; 773 *Annah*, b March 9, 1774 ; 774 *Anna*, b Oct. 7, 1776 ; 775 *Lydia*, b Sept. 13, 1778 ; 776 *Sarah*, b April 25, 1780.

## 438. STREET.

STREET T. HALL, son of Col. Street and Hannah Hall, born Feb. 26, 1762.

Children : 777 *Sherlock*, b Nov. 3, 1792 ; 778, 779 *Elisha* and *Rebecca Ann*, b Feb. 17, 1795 ; 780 *Alfred*, b July 17, 1797 ; 781 *Ransom*, b April 28, 1803 ; 782 *Carlos*, b July 4, 1806 ; 783 *Wm. Street*, b March 6, 1809 ; 784 *Mary Ann*, b July 8, 1841.

## 448. GILES.

GILES HALL, son of Giles and Martha Hall, married Susan Hall, and occupies the old home of his father.

Children : 785 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 21, 1815, m Elijah Rice ; 786 *Wm. Cook*, b April 12, 1818, m Julia A. Johnson, Sept. 12, 1843 ; 787 *Emily*, b Aug. 16, 1820 ; 788 *Henry Lyman*, b Nov. 25, 1824, a school teacher and farmer.

## 450. JOHN.

JOHN HALL, son of Giles and Martha Hall, married 1st, Abigail ———. She died, and he married Dency Strong.

Children by 1st marriage : 789 *Stanley*, b March 20, 1805 ; 790 *Apollos*, b July 12, 1807 ; 791 *Henry Franklin*, b June 28, 1807. By second marriage : 792 *Dency* ; 793 *Dwight*, b Aug. 19, 1814, hotel-keeper in the village ; 794 *Elizur*, b Jan. 25, 1817, d Sept. 26, 1857 ; 795 *Adeline*, b June 2, 1820, d Aug. 5, 1834 ; 796 *Wolcott*, b Oct. 30, 1824.

## 452. COLLINS.

COLLINS HALL, son of Brenton and Lament Hall, was born Jan. 8, 1766, m Rebecca ———, March 17, 1795. She was born Jan. 10, 1764.

Children: 797 *Abigail*, b Nov. 25, 1796; 798 *Alma*, b Oct. 5, 1799; 799 *Elisha*, b May 1, 1803; 800 *Erastus*, b Jan. 2, 1805; 801 *Augustus*, b Oct. 30, 1806.

## 467. HORATIO.

HORATIO G. HALL, son of Caleb and Prudence Hall, married Polly, daughter of Benjamin Byington. She was born Aug. 25, 1777.

Children: 802 *Augustus*, b July 14, 1799, m Rhoda Doolittle; 803 *Lyman*, b May 7, 1801, m ——— Button, d at Yalesville, Conn.; 804 *Horace*, b May 25, 1804, m 1st ———, 2d, ——— Bull; 805 *Mary*, b March 16, 1807, m Leverett Allen; 806 *Josiah H.*; 807 *Abigail*.

## 482. CHARLES.

CHARLES C. HALL, son of Charles Chauncey and Lydia H. Hall, was born March 9, 1762.

Children: 808 *Charles C.*; 809 *Eliza*, m Jesse L. Nichols of Wolcott; 810 *Lyman*, d in New Haven; 811 *Augustus*, res. in Branford; 812 *George*, res. in Cheshire; 813 *James R.*, res. in Cheshire, m ——— Cook.

## 485. LYMAN.

LYMAN HALL, son of Charles C. and Lydia Hall, was born Jan. 4, 1761.

Children: 814 *William*, m Mary Horton; 815 *Charles C.*

## 494. ELIAKIM.

COL. ELIAKIM HALL, married Clarissa Cook, March 13, 1794; he kept an inn in the Muddy River district.

Children: 816 *Sukey*, b Jan. 15, 1797; 817 *Ogden*, b 1802, d Feb. 23, 1803, æ. 6 mos.; 818 *Fane Ann*, b Aug. 5, 1806; 819 *Margaret*, b Jan. 5, 1810.

## 495. DICKERMAN.

DICKERMAN HALL, son of Isaac and Esther Mosely Hall, married 1st, Lucy Hough, March 13, 1796, and 2d, Miss ——— Bishop, in 1803. He died Sept. 18, 1838.

Children: 820 *Rebecca*, b Feb. 23, 1797; 821 *Hannah*, b

March 22, 1799, m 1st, John Hull, 2d, ——— Andrews ; 822 *Lucy*, b July 2, 1801 ; 823 *Henrietta*, b June 28, 1804 ; 824 *William Mosely*, b Feb. 11, 1806 ; 825 *Mary Ann*, b Oct. 31, 1807 ; 826 *Cornelia*, b Feb. 17, 1811 ; 827 *Frances A.*, b Oct. 9, 1813 ; 828 *Harriet*.

## 503. JOHN MORSE.

JOHN MORSE HALL, son of Eliakim and Eunice Morse Hall, was born May 25, 1775, married Lizzie Meigs, April 14, 1800 ; he died Dec. 11, 1837, æ. 62 yrs. His wife died Dec. 13, 1843, æ. 63 yrs.

Children : 829 *Lizzie*, b Nov. 17, 1801 ; 830 *Mary*, b Dec. 6, 1802 ; 831 *John Meigs*, d July 3, 1851, in Wallingford, m Miss ——— Gilbert, a sister of Rev. E. R. Gilbert ; 832 *Ellen A.* ; 833 a daughter ; 834 *Eliza M.* ; 835 *Helen* ; 836 *Mary*.

## 514. NATHAN.

NATHAN HALL, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Merriman Hall, married Polly Andrews, daughter of Nathaniel ; he died, æ. 53.

Children : 837 *Ruth*, b March 16, 1815, m Sherman Austin ; 838 *Hezekiah*, b June 4, 1817, m ——— Coe of Meriden ; 839 *Lucretia D.*, b March 18, 1821 ; 840 *Viney*, b Dec. 23, 1822.

## 529. AVERY.

AVERY HALL, son of Theophilus and Elizabeth Hall, was born Nov. 9, 1768.

Children : 841 *Selden*, b Sept. 21, 1801 ; 842 *Alfred*, b May 18, 1803.

## 537. GEORGE.

GEORGE HALL, son of Samuel and Elizabeth P. Hall, born Aug. 13, 1780, married Lucinda ———.

Children : 843 *Mary A.*, b Nov. 11, 1843 ; 844 *Julia E. H.*, b Sept. 14, 1815 ; 845 *George*, b July 28, 1818 ; 846 *Lament P.*, b Oct. 7, 1820 ; 847 *Nancy*, b Oct. 3, 1822 ; 848 *Julia*, b Dec. 23, 1834.

## 539. RICHARD.

RICHARD HALL, son of Samuel and Elizabeth P. Hall, b Jan. 26, 1785, married Nancy, daughter of Ambrose Cook.

Children: 849 *Philander*, b July 25, 1806; 850 *Susan*, b Sept. 16, 1808, m — Phinney; 851 *Ferusha*, b Nov. 9, 1809, m Wm. Elton; 852 *Eliza*, m Wm. Lewis.

## 560. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA HALL, son of Giles and Lois Hall, married Sophronia Gates, March 21, 1804.

Children: 853 *Wm. Chauncey*, b May 5, 1805; 854 *Roderick*, b Dec. 21, 1806; 855 *James M.*, b March 3, 1809; 856 *Delight*, b Jan. 24, 1811; 857 *Delilah*, b March 29, 1813; 858 *Henrietta*, b June 24, 1815; 859 *Lois*, b Feb. 3, 1818; 860 *Fennette*, b Dec. 18, 1821; 861 *Alexander*, b Aug. 24, 1824, m — Potter of Northford.

## 569. ELKANAH.

ELKANAH HALL, son of David and Alice Hall, was born in 1761, died March 23, 1738, æ. 71 years, married Sarah —.

Children: 862 *Harry*, b July 28, 1797; 863 *Eliakim*, b Nov. 19, 1799; 864 *Isaac N.*, b Feb. 14, 1802; 865 *Alexander*, b Jan., 1805.

## 578. IRA.

IRA HALL, son of Dr. Jonathan and Martha Collins Hall, married 1st, Kate Rose, and 2d, Marcia Rounds. He died Jan. 19, 1860, in New York, æ. 71 yrs., 5 mos.

Children: 866 *Nathan Kelsey*, b March 28, 1810; 867 *Ira V.*, b Aug. 3, 1811; 868 *Ira*, b Aug. 4, 1814; 869 *Catherine*, b Dec. 3, 1816; 870 *Mary*, b Sept. 17, 1819; 871 *Eli Q.*, b June 21, 1822; 872 *Sylvester R.*, b July 3, 1826; 873 *Sarah*, b March 1, 1829; 874 *Maria*, b Sept. 29, 1831; 875 *Fane*, b April 4, 1836.

## 594. PHILO.

PHILO HALL, son of Benajah and Ruth Hall, was born May 13, 1798, married Thankful Morse.

Children: 876 *Lavinia*, b March 13, 1823; 877 *Bennet*, b

May 10, 1824; 878 *Philo Fayette*, b Sept. 15, 1825; 879 *Emery Osgood*, b Sept. 1, 1827; 880 *Almira C.*, b Feb. 18, 1828; 881 *Truman Gerrard*, b Jan. 24, 1832; 882 *Harriet Newell*, b Feb. 18, 1833.

## 601. ANDREWS.

ANDREWS HALL, son of Benjamin and Phebe Hall, born Aug. 15, 1759, married Sylvia Blakeslee, Dec. 3, 1800.

Children: 883 *William A.*, b June 8, 1803; 884 *Sylvia*, b April 18, 1805; 885 *Abigail*, b June 14, 1807; 886 *Mary*, b April 24, 1810, m ——— McKenzie.

## 608. ADNAH.

ADNAH HALL, son of Benjamin and Phebe Hall, married Elizabeth ———, she died 1860; he died June 17, 1838, æ. 66 yrs.

Children: 887 *Valucia*, b March 29, 1811; 888 *Wilfred*, b July 25, 1815; 889 *Temperance*, b May 24, 1817; 890 *Harvey S.*, b April 9, 1819; 891 *Ezekiel*, b Jan. 23, 1822.

## 612. ASAPH.

ASAPH HALL, son of Benjamin and Phebe Hall, born Oct. 1, 1781, married Thankful ———; he died Feb. 12, 1839, æ. 58 years.

Children: 899 *Merab*, b June 24, 1812, m George Peck, of Cheshire, Conn.; 900 *Benjamin H.*, b Aug. 2, 1815; 901 *Asa*, b July 6, 1821.

## 663. IRA.

IRA HALL, son of Daniel and Sarah Hall, married Abigail

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Children: 902 *Elizur*, b June 28, 1798; 903 *Cornelia*, b Nov. 20, 1800; 904 *Edward*, b Sept. 30, 1802; 905 *Abigail*, b June 27, 1807; 906 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 2, 1816.

## 667. LEMUEL.

LEMUEL HALL, son of Daniel and Sarah Hall, was a merchant in New Haven. He built and was the owner of the store now owned by Austin & Gilbert, on the corner of Elm and Church-sts.

Children: 907 *Henry*, d in New Haven; 908 *Grace*; and several other children.

## 672. ALMER.

DEA. ALMER HALL, son of Daniel and Thankful Hall, married 2d, widow of Merrick Cook; he was a merchant and deacon of the Baptist church for several years.

Child: 909 *Almer I.*, m — Hall.

## 728. ANDREW.

ANDREW HALL, son of Joel and Hannah Hall, was born Jan. 11, 1757, married Diana Cook.

Children: 910 *Betsey*, b Feb. 3, 1788; 911 *Russell*, b Oct. 18, 1789, m Polly Kirtland; 912 *Liverius*, b Aug. 13, 1790; 913 *Clarissa C.*, b Nov. 28, 1793, m Almer Hall, Esq.; 914 *Susan*, b March 18, 1795; 915 *Sylvia*, b March 13, 1797, m Thaddeus Cook; 916 *Sinai*, b June 25, 1799, m Frederick Lewis; 917 *Wm. Cook*, b Jan. 11, 1802.

## AUGUSTUS.

AUGUSTUS HALL, son of Joel and Hannah Hall, married Pamelia Hall, Feb. 10, 1794; he died in Wallingford.

Children: 918 *Eunice*, b March 3, 1796; 919 *Joel*, b July 6, 1799.

## 731. LUTHER.

LUTHER HALL, son of Joel and Hannah Hall, married Sarah ———.

Children: 920 *Emily*, b Sept. 6, 1800; 921 *Julia A.*, b Oct. 6, 1801; 922 *William*, b Jan. 10, 1804; 923 *Sally E.*, b May 17, 1806; 924 *Abraham R.*, b Sept. 25, 1808; 925 *Betsey P.*, b May 8, 1815.

## 866. NATHAN.

NATHAN KELSEY HALL, son of Ira and Catharine Hall, of Skaneateles, N. Y., married Emily Payne. She was born Aug. 5, 1811, married Nov. 16, 1832. He is a lawyer at Buffalo, N. Y.

Children: 926 *Nathan R. Jr.*, b Oct. 13, 1833, d at Buffalo, Oct. 22, 1835; 927, *Frederick Aug.*, b Jan. 10, 1836, d at An-

dover, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1852; 928 *Emily A.*, b Oct. 9, 1838, m George Gorham of Canandagua, N. Y.; 929 *Frank*, b Jan. 7, 1845, d at Washington, D. C., May 23, 1848; 930 *Grace*, b May 16, 1850.

## 701. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN HALL, son of Isaac and Mary Morse Hall, married 1st, Elizabeth, daughter of John G. Hoadley, 2d, Sally, daughter of William Jencks. He died Feb. 22, 1741, ae. 64 years, 5 mos., 29 days. Residence of this family was at Leyden, Lewis Co., N. Y.

Children: 931 *Fehiel*, b Nov. 16, 1803, m Louisa Wilson, Aug. 10, 1826; 932 *Daniel*, b July 30, 1805, m Mary D. Sperry, Oct. 23, 1834; 933 *Mary*, b June 23, 1812, m Silas Cary, Feb. 6, 1812; 934 *Abigail*, b Dec. 22, 1813, m Rev. David A. Barney, March 5, 1834; 935 *Jonathan*, b Aug. 22, 1815, m Ann Henry, Nov. 9, 1840; 936 *Sally*, b April 28, 1817, m Robert Harvey, Sept. 9, 1839; 937 *Isaac*, Capt., b Nov. 6, 1818, m Amanda Thayer, May 1, 1845; 938 *Julia*, b April 5, 1820; 939 *William Jencks*, b Dec. 22, 1821, m Emeline Stone; 940 *Phebe Ives*, b Feb. 18, 1824, m Amos Chamberlain, Nov. 3, 1844; 941 *Eunice*, b Feb. 18, 1827, m Franklin A. Thomas, April 26, 1866; 942 *Newton*, Maj., b Sept. 16, 1829, m Elmira Brainard, April 26, 1866; 943 *Maria K.*, b July 4, 1831, m Charles G. Dewey, Nov. 16, 1854.

## 911. RUSSEL.

COL. RUSSEL and Polly Hall.

Children: 944 *Caroline Diana*, b Sept. 3, 1815; 945 *Eliza Ann*, b Sept. 13, 1817; 946 *George Kirtland*, b July 7, 1819; 947 *Mary Augusta*, b May 11, 1822; 948 *Sarah Potter*, b July 26, 1824.

## 428. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HALL, son of John and Elizabeth Prindle Hall, married Hannah —.

Children: 949 *Sherman*, b April 26, 1806; 950 *Fohn*, b June 5, 1808, d July 9, 1836; 951 *Emery*, b Sept. 29, 1809, d Dec. 6, 1869; 952 *Lucy*, b May 27, 1811, d Feb 18, 1818;



953 *Julius*, b June 7, 1813, m Laura E. Parker, May 1, 1852, 6 children; 954 *Maria*, b August 30, 1815, d May 5, 1846, ae. 30 years.

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## HARRIMAN.

### SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HARRIMAN was in New Haven at an early date, where he had a considerable family. Among his children was John, who graduated at Harvard College in 1663. He went to Wallingford with the first planters in 1670, and was the acting minister among the people of the village for two years, though not an ordained minister. Mrs. Elizabeth Harriman, his mother, died in Wallingford, Sept. 23, 1684. His wife died Jan. 10, 1680. His house lot was that on which the houses of the late Mr. Almer Hall and Liverius Carrington now stand.

Children: 1 *John*, b Jan. 25, 1666, d Nov. 21, 1683, ae. 17 years; 2 *Samuel*; 3 *Anna*, b July 6, 1678; 4 *Mary*, b Nov. 7, 1680; 5 *Leonard*, b June 5, 1683; 6 *Richard*, b Aug. 9, 1685.

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## HART.<sup>1</sup>

### HAWKINS.

HAWKINS HART of Farmington came to Wallingford at the age of 24 years, and married Sarah Royce, who was nineteen years of age. Their marriage was consummated Sept. 17, 1701. She died Jan. 31, 1733. He died May 24, 1735. They resided after their marriage a short time in Farmington, but returned to Wallingford Oct. 4, 1705, where they resided for the remainder of their lives.

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 149-51, 163-4, 170-8, 188-91; Davis' Gen. Hart Family, Lewis and Newhall's Hist. Lynn, Mass., 227; Littell's Passaic Valley Gen., 179; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 367-8; Sibley's Hist. Union, Me., 459.

Children : 1 *Nathaniel*, b June 19, 1702, in Farmington, Ct. ; 2 *Ruth*, b Aug. 13, 1704, in Farmington, Ct. ; 3 *Hawkins*, b Sept. 16, 1706, d in Wallingford, Sept. 22, 1706 ; 4 *Hawkins*, b March 1, 1708, m 1st, Mary Street, Jan. 30, 1734, 2nd, Abigail Hall, Feb. 12, 1761 ; 5 *Sarah*, b March 21, 1710 ; 6 *Esther*, b Aug. 12, 1712 ; 7 *Thomas*, b Sept. 29, 1714 ; 8 *Mary*, b June 21, 1719 ; 9 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 28, 1722. Mr. Hart married for his 2nd wife, Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph and Mary Elliot of Guilford, 1734. She was born 1688, and had 10 *Samuel*, born July 13, 1735, who was a lieutenant in the American army, and was wounded in the battle at Saratoga during the Revolutionary war. He died at Durham, Ct., Jan. 12, 1805.

## 1. NATHANIEL

NATHANIEL HART m Martha Lee, Dec. 21, 1727. He died Oct. 2, 1750, ae. 48 years.

Children: 11 *Nathaniel*, b Sept. 5, 1729, m Alice Hall, Jan. 23, 1753, he went to Goshen where he d ae. 80 years, had Nathaniel, b Nov. 8, 1754 ; 12 *Timothy*, b May 24, 1731 ; 13 *Martha*, b June 21, 1733 ; 14 *Ebenezer*, b March 26, 1739 ; 15 *Josiah*, b Feb. 22, 1742 ; 16 *Phebe*, b April 22, 1746, m 1st, Stephen Yale, 2nd, Eliasaph Preston, Feb. 17, 1764.

## 4. HAWKINS.

LIEUT. HAWKINS HART, married to Susannah Merriman by Rev. Theophilus Hall, Nov. 20, 1730. After her decease he married Mary Street, Jan. 30, 1734. She died, and he married Abigail Hall, Feb. 12, 1761. He died April 17, 1756.

Children: 17 *Samuel* ; 18 *Sarah*, b 1750, d Nov. 27, 1765 ; 19 *Susannah*, b 1747, d Oct. 26, 1757 ; 20 *Benjamin*, b 1751, d Oct. 7, 1836, m Jerusha Rich, Feb. 25, 1776, she d Aug. 26, 1832.

## 20. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HART, son of Lieut. Hawkins Hart, married Jerusha Rich.

Children: 21 *Esther*, b Nov. 8, 1776, m Marvel Andrews

for his 4th wife ; 22 *Lucy*, b Dec. 20, 1779 ; 23 *Susannah*, b Jan. 15, 1782 ; 24 *Webb*, b Feb. 21, 1786 ; 25 *Ferusha*, b Sept. 11, 1788, m Abel D. Clark ; 26 *Samuel, I.*, b Nov. 22, 1792.

## 26. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL IVES HART, son of Benjamin and Jerusha Rich Hart, married Abigail D. Hall, Sept. 20, 1814 ; he is now living in the east part of Meriden.

Children : 27 *Daniel H.*, b June 19, 1815, m Harriet G. Miller ; 28 *Edmund*, b Aug. 12, 1817 ; 29 *Edmund*, b Feb. 16, 1818 ; 30 *Ferusha*, b Aug. 22, 1822, m Horace Pratt of Meriden ; 31 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 22, 1822, m Edward B. Miller of Meriden.

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 HOW.<sup>1</sup>

Four persons of this name were early at New Haven, viz. : Jeremiah Sen., Ephraim, Zachariah Sen., and Nathaniel. These persons all but Ephraim, went to Wallingford, in 1670, and he followed them in 1672, as appears by the records, having been at New Haven then, about 20 years. John How, one of the sons, returned to New Haven about the year 1700.

## JEREMIAH.

Children : 1 *Feremiah*, b July 8, 1650 ; 2, 3 *Fohn* and *Ebenezer*, b June 26, 1656 ; all born in New Haven. John married Abigail —.

## EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM HOW is supposed to have removed from Wallingford, as no mention of marriages or deaths are found on the Wallingford records.

Children born in New Haven : 4 *Ephraim*, b April 3, 1653 ;

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Bond's Hist. Watertown, Mass., 303-4 ; Kidder's Hist. New Ipswich, N. H., 391 ; Morse's Memorial of Morses, Appendix No. 67 3-4 ; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. xvi. 314 ; Worcester Mag. and Hist. Jour., 11. 130-1.

5 *Sarah*, b June 25, 1654; 6 *Nancy*, b Nov. 17, 1656; 7 *Samuel*, b 1658; 8 *Daniel*, b Jan. 4, 1663; 9 *Isaac*, b Aug. 26, 1666; 10 *Abigail*, b April 23, 1668; 11 *Esther*, b Nov. 28, 1671; 12 *Mary*, b Dec. 8, 1674.

## NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL and Elizabeth How were with the first planters in Wallingford; she died Dec. 29, 1713, æ. 70 yrs. He married 2d, Sarah Curtis, August 9, 1714; he died at Wallingford, Feb. 12, 1722.

Children: 13 *Elijah*, b Sept. 9, 1673, m Mary Bellamy, Jan. 25, 1703; 14 *Lydia*, b Nov. 6, 1675; 15 *Daniel*, b Mar. 8, 1677, m 1st, Margery —, 2d, Sarah —; 16 *Abigail*, b Aug. 7, 1680.

## ZACHARIAH.

ZACHARIAH How died at Wallingford, Sept. 22, 1740; he died June, 1703.

Children born in New Haven: 17 *John*, b Jan. 16, 1666, m Abigail —; 18 *Zachariah*, b May 30, 1669, m Elizabeth Hemingway, he d May 12, 1712; 19 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 2, 1672, m Mary Tracey, Oct. 15, 1711; 20 *Matthew*, b Jan. 2, 1672, m Elizabeth Winston, Dec. 31, 1717, both born in Wallingford; 21 *Sarah*, b Oct. 30, 1675, d Feb. 2, 1713, æ. 36 yrs.; *Mary*, b Dec. 14, 1677.

## I. JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH How married Elizabeth —, Oct. 29, 1674. He died at Wallingford, Sept. 22, 1740, æ. 90 yrs.; Elizabeth, his wife died Oct. 4, 1704. He married a widow, Mary Cook, April 9, 1705.

Children by 1st marriage, born at Wallingford: 22 *Jeremiah*, b Sept. 15, 1675; *Ferusha*, b Sept. 13, 1677; *Ephraim*, b Feb. 20, 1681; 25 *Martha*, b Aug. 2, 1684; 26 *Maria*, b Sept. 20, 1687; 27 *Ebenezer*, b March 3, 1690; 28 *Foshua*, b Dec. 2, 1702. Children by 2d marriage: 29 *Sarah*, b April 16, 1709; 30 *Dinah*, b Feb. 28, 1716; 31 *Ichabod*, b Sept. 11, 1717; 32 *Foshua*, b April 1, 1720.

## 22. JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH HOW married Judith Cook, April 20, 1704; she died March 20, 1708. He was living June 28, 1745.

Children: 33 *Judith*, b Oct. 22, 1703, m Elihu Yale; 34 *Jeremiah*, b Feb. 17, 1705, m Elizabeth Gaylord.

## 31. JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH HOW of Wallingford married Elizabeth Gaylord, March 11, 1730. He was designated as Jeremiah How 3d; he emigrated to Goshen in the summer of 1747.

Children born in Wallingford: 35 *Judith*, b Dec. 19, 1730; 36 *John*, b Oct. 1, 1732; 37 *Jeremiah*, b Dec. 24, 1734, d 1736; 38 *Jeremiah*, b Nov. 17, 1736, m Martha North; 39 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 18, 1738, m Daniel Norton; 40 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 26, 1739, d; 41 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 22, 1740; 42 *Joel*, d Jan. 28, 1745; 43 *Esther*, b March 5, 1744, m Daniel Merri-lls; 44 *Joseph*, b Nov. 9, 1746, m Prudence Norton; 45 *Ruth*, b Oct. 4, 1748, m Royce Orvis, she was b in Goshen.

## 36. JOHN.

JOHN HOW married Mary Wadams, daughter of Noah Wadams of Goshen. She died, and he married Lydia Norton, April 15, 1766.

Children born in Goshen: 46 *Mary*, b Sept. 10, 1757, m Wait Hinman; 47 *Experience*, b Dec. 29, 1759, m Nathan Norton; 48 *Anna*, b April 10, 1762, m Israel Everett and went to Vermont; 49 *Deliverance*, b June 25, 1764. By second marriage: 50 *John*, b April 22, 1767, m Esther Walter of Cornwall, Conn.; 51 *Ichabod*, b June 5, 1769, m C. Moss Norton of Cornwall, Conn; 52 *Isaac*, b 1771, d æ. 8 yrs; 53 *Luman*, b Aug. 6, 1774, m Esther Meacham; 54 *Daniel*; 55 *Seth*, m Achsah Washburn of Penn.; 56 *Lydia*, committed suicide at the age of 14 yrs.

The above John How remained in Goshen, Conn., till Dec. 30, 1766, when he sold to Wistal Willoughby, and removed to Canaan, Conn.

## 41. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HOW married Prudence Norton, Oct. 24, 1768, daughter and youngest child of Joseph, who was from Durham, Conn.; he died at Goshen, April 17, 1807, æ. 61 yrs. She died Jan. 15, 1825.

Children: 57 *Prudence*, b Oct. 15, 1769, m Amasa Robinson of Litchfield, Conn.; 58 *Melzar*, b Oct. 19, 1772, m ——— Willoughby; 59 *Philo*, m Roxy Tuttle; 60 *Clara*, m Allen Dean.

HITCHCOCK.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN and Abigail Hitchcock were the first of the name who came into the town of Wallingford, which was about 1675.

Children: 1 *Mary*, b Dec. 10, 1676; 2 *Nathaniel*, b April 18, 1679, d May 12, 1710, æ. 31; 3 *Margery*, b Sept. 9, 1681; 4 *Elizabeth*, b April 8, 1684; 5 *John*, b Oct. 18, 1685, m Marlow Munson, Nov. 21, 1712; 6 *Matthias*, b May 26, 1688, m Thankful Andrews; 7 *Hannah*, b Jan. 9, 1690; 8 *Damaris*, b June 11, 1693; 9 *Benjamin*, b March 24, 1696, m Elizabeth Ives.

## 2. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL HITCHCOCK m Sarah Lewis Jennings, April 3, 1704. He died May 12, 1714.

Children: 10 *Sarah*, b March 13, 1705; 11 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 26, 1707; 12 *Hannah*, b June 11, 1709.

## 5. JOHN.

JOHN HITCHCOCK, m Marlow Munson, Nov. 21, 1712. She died July 1, 1739.

Children: 13 *Peter*, b Oct. 14, 1713; 14 *Martha*, b April 1,

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Dodd's Hist. E. Haven, Conn., 126, 127; Kellogg's Memorials of Elder John White, 121; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 428, 429; Wilbraham, Mass., Centennial Celebration, 1863, 298, 299.

1715; 15 *John*, b May 11, 1717; 16 *Eliakim*, b Sept. 7, 1719, d April 5, 1723; 17 *Fotham*, b Feb. 4, 1722, m Mary —; 18 *Dan*, b March 14, 1724, m Esther —; 19 *Eliakim*, b June 13, 1726; 20 *Titus*, b Jan. 31, 1729, m Hannah Munson July 30, 1759; 21 *Catherine*, b July 10, 1731.

## 6. MATTHIAS.

MATTHIAS HITCHCOCK m Thankful Andrews, Dec. 27, 1710.

Children: 22 *Oliver*, b Nov. 14, 1716; 23 *Fason*, b Aug. 16, 1718; 24 *William*, b Oct. 16, 1720; 25 *Matthias*, b June 19, 1711, d April 7, 1726; 26 *Nathaniel*, b Oct. 15, 1712; 27 *Valentine*, b Feb. 14, 1715; 28 *Nathaniel*, b May 7, 1733; 29 *Thankful*, b March 29, 1725; 30 *Matthias*, b Feb. 11, 1727, m Sarah —; 31 *Ebenezer*, b Sept. 14, 1728; 32 *Tabitha*, b Feb. 26, 1730; 33 *Enos*, b April 27, 1735; 34 *Hannah*, b April 27, 1735.

## 9. BENJAMIN.

CAPT. BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK was married to Elizabeth Ives by Capt. Yale, Oct. 1, 1718. He died Feb. 12, 1767. She died Aug. 8, 1762.

Children: 35 *Bela*, b Oct. 27, 1719; 36 *Hannah*, b Sept. 12, 1721; 37 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 23, 1724; 38 *Joseph*, b July 12, 1737; 39 *Abigail*, b May 10, 1728; 40 *David*, b June 29, 1742; 41 *Samuel*, b April 1, 1730; 42 *Damaris*, b Sept. 3, 1745; 43 *Nathaniel*, b June 20, 1732; 44 *Nathaniel*, b Sept. 20, 1739; 45 *Damaris*, b Nov. 25, 1756.

## 15. JOHN.

JOHN and Elizabeth Chatterton Hitchcock, married Nov. 29, 1739.

Children: 46 *Amos*, b Dec. 28, 1740; 47, 48 *Elizabeth* and *Elisha*, b Oct. 24, 1743; 49 *David*, b Sept. 27, 1742.

## 17. JOTHAM.

JOTHAM and Mary Hitchcock.

Children: 50 *Sarah*, b Sept. 11, 1747; 51 *Lyman*, b March 15, 1749; 52 *Mary*, b Dec. 4, 1750; 53 *Marlowe*, b Dec. 26, 1752; 54 *Fotham*, b Nov. 6, 1754.

## 13. PETER.

PETER HITCHCOCK married Hannah Smith, June 18, 1737.

Children: 55 *Reuben*, b May 11, 1738; 56 *Amasa*, b Oct. 3, 1739; 57 *Valentine*, b April 18, 1741; 58 *Peter*, b May 17, 1743, d May 16, 1744; 59 *Peter*, b Feb. 6, 1743; 60 *David*, b Nov. 10, 1754.

## 18. DAN.

DAN HITCHCOCK married Esther Miles, of Cheshire, Aug. 17, 1743.

Children: 61 *Asahel*, b Dec. 24, 1743; 62 *Martha*, b April 10, 1748; 63 *Susannah*; 64 *Eunice*, b Nov. 28, 1754; 65 *Seth*; 66 *Lydia*; 67 *Benajah*; 68 *Eliakim*, b Aug. 8, 1746; 69 *Esther*, b May 23, 1750; 70 *Dan*, b Oct. 19, 1752; 71 *Sarah*, b Sept. 6, 1757; 72 *Miriam*; 73 *George*.

## 19. ELIAKIM.

ELIAKIM HITCHCOCK married Esther —; he died June 19, 1788, æ. 62 yrs.

Children: 74 *Abigail*, b Dec. 6, 1756; 75 *Rufus*, b April 1, 1760, was a Judge of Probate, Town Clerk, etc.; 76 *Fared*, b July 30, 1758.

## 20. TITUS.

TITUS HITCHCOCK married Hannah Munson, July 30, 1759.

Child: 77 *Obedience*, b Oct. 8, 1761.

## 22. OLIVER.

OLIVER HITCHCOCK married Thankful Parker, Oct. 19, 1744.

Children: 78 *Mary*, b July 8, 1745; 79 *Thankful*, b May 13, 1747; 80 *Rebecca*, b Jan. 18, 1749; 81 *Hannah*, b Oct. 11, 1750, d Nov. 5, 1752; 82 *Oliver*, b Feb. 24, 1755; 83 *Sarah*, b March 19, 1757; 84 *Damaris*, b Nov. 6, 1758; 85 *Dinah*, b Nov. 23, 1760.

## 23. JASON.

JASON HITCHCOCK, married Lydia Cook, Sept. 20, 1743; she died Dec. 30, 1753.

Children: 86 *William*, b June 26, 1744; 87 *Thomas*, b



Dec. 20, 1746; 88 *Lemuel*, b Dec. 20, 1749; 89 *Fason*, b July 12, 1752; 90 *Fason*, b Oct. 10, 1755; 91 *Ichabod*, b Dec. 18, 1756; 92 *Thankful*, b March 20, 1761.

## 30. MATTHIAS.

MATTHIAS HITCHCOCK married Sarah ———.

Children: 93 *Oliver*; 94 *Fason*; 95 *Thankful*; 96 *Matthias*; 97 *Ebenezer*; 98 *Tabitha*; 99 *Nathaniel*; 100 *Hannah*.

## 35. BELA.

BELA HITCHCOCK married Sarah Atwater, Dec. 25, 1744; she died Oct. 23, 1746; he married Hannah Cook, and she died June 28, 1805, æ. 83; he died Oct. 12, 1796, æ. 77 yrs., in Cheshire.

Child by 1st marriage: 101 *Isaac*, b Jan. 23, 1746, d Jan. 28, 1746. Children by 2nd marriage: 102 *Isaac*, b Oct. 26, 1748, d May 27, 1749; 103 *Bela*, b Sept. 21, 1750; 104 *Hannah*, b Dec. 31, 1752; 105 *Asa*, b Feb. 11, 1755; 106 *Sarah*, b Aug. 1, 1757; 107 *Aaron*, b Dec. 6, 1759.

## 37. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HITCHCOCK married Rhoda Cook, Feb. 27, 1745.

Children: 108 *Thaddeus*, b Dec. 13, 1745; 109 *Hannah*, b March 9, 1748; 110, 111 *Benjamin* and *Rhoda*, b Nov 24, 1752; 112 *Lucy*, b March 24, 1755; 113 *Damaris*, b Dec. 5, 1756; 114 *Thaddeus*, b Dec. 10, 1760.

## 56. AMASA.

Children: 115 *Amasa*; 116 *Silas*; 117 *Fames*; 118 *David*; several daughters.

## 57. VALENTINE.

Children: 119 Hon. *Peter*; 120 Rev. *Roger*; 121 *Polly*.

## 60. DAVID.

Children; 122 *Marcus*; 123 *David*; 124 *Gaius*.

## 68. ELIAKIM.

ELIAKIM HITCHCOCK, son of Dan and Esther Hitchcock, married Betty Hill, July 23, 1734, she died Nov. 21, 1754.

Child: 125 *Betty Hill*, b March 2, 1754.

## 61. ASAHEL.

ASAHEL HITCHCOCK lived in the village of Cheshire.

Child: 126 *Miles*, went to New York, where he died.

## 70. DAN.

DAN HITCHCOCK was a blacksmith, and resided, when living, in a house then standing a little east of the late residence of Titus and Almon Preston.

Children: 127 *Samuel*; 128 *Clarissa*, m — Perkins; 129 *Chauncey*; 130 *Esther*; 131 *Lyman*; 132 *Rebecca*, m A. Perkins; 133 *Dan*; 134 *Annah*, m John Reed; 135 *Matilda*; 136 *Betsey*, m Amos Bristol.

## 73. RUFUS.

RUFUS HITCHCOCK was twice married; he died in 1832, was a Judge of Probate, Town Clerk, etc.

Children: 137 *Wm. Rufus*, m Mary Hall, d in Waterbury; 138 *Lucretia*, m Rev. P. G. Clark.

## 91. ICHABOD.

ICHABOD HITCHCOCK, son of Jason and ——— Hitchcock, died in Cheshire.

Children: 139 *Pliny*, m — Bradley; 140 *Sarilla*, m Geo. Stevens; 141 *Fason*; 142 *Hannah*, m T. L. Gaylord; 143 *Lucinda*, m Richard Beach. By 2d marriage: 144 *Abigail*, m and went to Kentucky.

## 65. SETH.

SETH HITCHCOCK, son of Dan and Esther Miles Hitchcock, died in Cheshire.

Children; 145 *Alfred*; 146 *Emily*, m Aaron Cook, late of Cheshire.

HOLT.<sup>1</sup>

William Holt died in Wallingford, Sept. 1, 1683, aged 83; consequently was born in 1600, in the old country. He was buried in the cemetery at Wallingford, where his tomb-stone

1 For collateral branches, see Abbot's Hist. Andover, Mass., 22;

still remains to mark his grave. Benjamin Holt also died in Wallingford, Aug. 2, 1693, aged 32 years.

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HOLT was an early settler in Wallingford, though not an original subscriber. He was married to Elizabeth French or Tench, by Major Nash, Nov. 20, 1684. He died Dec. 19, 1697, ae. 42 years.

Children: 1 *Joseph*, b Sept. 10, 1685, m Abigail Curtis, June 8, 1709; 2 *Daniel*, b Oct. 6, 1687, m Rebecca ———; 3 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 3, 1690, m Abigail Curtis; 4 *Mary*, b Jan. 29, 1691; 5 *Elizabeth*, b March 23, 1696; 6 *John*.

## I. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HOLT married Abigail Curtis, June 8, 1709. She died Jan. 12, 1730.

Children: 7 *Tamar*, b Oct. 31, 1711; 8 *Susannah*, b Feb. 12, 1716; 9 *Mary*, b Feb. 9, 1714; 10 *Samuel*, b May 14, 1718; 11 *Lucy*, b Dec. 12, 1722; 12 *Lydia*, b April 24, 1725; 13 *Abigail*, b July 20, 1727; 14 *Prudence*, b Dec. 29, 1728; 15 *Mehitable*, b Dec. 26, 1729; 16 *Mabel*, d Dec. 28, 1727.

## 2. DANIEL.

DANIEL and Rebecca Holt.

Children: 17 *Phebe*, b Dec. 24, 1716; 18 *Hannah*, b April 28, 1719; 19 *Mary*, b May 21, 1718; 20 *Thomas*, b Jan. 22, 1721; 21 *Eunice*, b Nov. 26, 1724; 22 *Uriah*, b Jan. 22, 1721; 23 *Joseph*, b Feb. 25, 1726; 24 *Lois*, b Oct. 30, 1726; 25, 26 *Rebecca* and *Abigail*, b May 11, 1738; 27 *Daniel*, b May 27, 1729.

## 3. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN and Abigail Holt.

Children: 28 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 25, 1729; 29 *Prudence*, d May 23, 1737; 30 *Lydia*, b August 15, 1732; 31 *Benjamin*, b

June 14, 1734, d May 2, 1735 ; 32 *Benjamin*, b August 22, 1737.

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### HOTCHKISS.<sup>1</sup>

#### SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HOTCHKISS came from Essex, England, and is supposed to have been a brother of John Hotchkiss, who settled at Guilford, Conn. This name is spelled in some instances, Hodghe, Hodgkins, and Hotchkins. He was at New Haven as early as 1641. In Aug., 1642, he married Elizabeth Cleverly ; he died Dec. 28, 1663.

Children : 1 *John*, b 1643, m Elizabeth Peck, Dec. 4, 1672, and remained in New Haven ; 2 *Samuel*, b 1645, m Sarah Talmadge in 1678, settled at East Haven, Conn. ; 3 *James*, b 1647 ; 4 *Foshua*, b Sept. 16, 1651, m two or three wives, resided in New Haven ; 5 *Thomas*, b 1654, m Sarah Wilmot ; 6 *David*, b 1657, m Esther Sperry.

#### 1. JOHN.

JOHN HOTCHKISS married Elizabeth Peck, daughter of Henry Peck of New Haven, Dec. 4, 1672. They had John, born 1673 ; he married Mary Chatterton in 1694, and settled on the west side of Wallingford, now Cheshire.

Child : 7 *John*, b 1694, m Miriam Wood, March 10, 1717, he d in Cheshire, April 30, 1732, she d Jan 10, 1765, æ. 65 yrs.

#### 7. JOHN.

Children : 8 *Robbins*, b May 12, 1709 ; 9 *Mary*, b Feb. 20, 1712, d Aug., 1718 ; 10 *Henry*, b April 1, 1715 ; 11 *Benjamin*, b May 10, 1718 ; 12 *Fason*, b May 12, 1719, m Abigail ———, she d Feb. 22, 1773, æ. 40 yrs. ; 13 *Sarah*, b July 13, 1721 ; 14 *Dorothy*, b Dec. 28, 1723 ; 15 *Hannah*, b July 30, 1726 ; 16 *Naomi*, b Feb. 23, 1731 ; 17 *John*, b Sept. 16, 1733.

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1 For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 155, 156, 171, 172, 224, 295 ; Bronson's Hist. Waterbury, Conn., 505-8 ; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 579, 580 ; Dodd's Hist. East Haven, Conn., 512-19.

## 12. JASON.

JASON HOTCHKISS married Abigail ——; he died in Cheshire, May 19, 1776, ae. 58 years. She died Feb. 22, 1773, ae. 40 yrs.

Children: 18 *Abigail*, b July 12, 1746; 19 *David*, b March 8, 1752; 20 *Jonathan*, b May 7, 1754; 21 *Abigail*, b Sept 19, 1756; 22 *Sarah*, b May 1, 1776, m William Law Esq. of Cheshire, and was the mother of Samuel Law Esq. of Meredith, N. Y., and of William and Jonathan Law of Cheshire, and John of Whitehall, N. Y., all deceased.

## 2. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HOTCHKISS married Sarah Talmadge in 1678.

Children, born in East Haven: 23 *Mary*; 24 *Sarah*; 25 *Samuel*; 26 *James*, b 1747, m Tamar ——; 27 *Abigail*; 28 *Eben*; 29 *Enos*.

## 4. JOSHUA.

ENS. JOSHUA HOTCHKISS was twice or more times married. The name of his last wife was Mary Hotchkiss. She died Nov. 15, 1787, ae. 88 yrs. He died 1788, ae. 88 yrs.; he resided in New Haven, and was a leading man there.

Children: 30 *Mary*, b April 30, 1679; 31 *Stephen*, b Aug. 12, 1681, settled in Wallingford, parish of Cheshire; 32 *Martina*, b Dec. 14, 1680, m Thomas Brooks of New Haven, in 1702, and settled in Cheshire (then Wallingford); 33 *Priscilla*, b 1688; 34 *Abraham*, settled in Bethany, Conn., d 1702; 35 *Desire*, d 1702; 36 *Isaac*, b June, 1701. Among the children were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all residents of Bethany, as was their father. 37 *Jacob*, b Feb. 7, 1704, remained on the old homestead in New Haven for some time, and subsequently removed to Hamden, one of his sons went to Derby, Conn.; 38 *John*, b Feb. 27, 1733; 39 *Elizabeth*, b March 23, 1735; 40 *Mary*, b Aug. 11, 1737, d; 41 *Mary*, b June 17, 1738.

## 5. THOMAS.

THOMAS HOTCHKISS married Sarah Wilmot, Nov. 28, 1697. He died in 1711. Children: 42 *Samuel*; 43 *Anna*; 44 *Sarah*.

## 6. DAVID.

DAVID HOTCHKISS married 1st, Esther Sperry, June 20, 1683. He married 2nd, Eunice ——. He died in 1712.

Children: 45 *Eliza*; 46 *Daniel*, m Mamre —; 47 *Obadiah*, m Eunice Beach, Jan., 1716, they had Lewis, b Jan. 16, 1717; 48 *Thankful*, b Feb. 15, 1753; 49 *Eunice*, b Jan. 8, 1755; 50 *Rebecca*; 51 *Isaac*, b March 4, 1757; 52 *Hannah*, b June 5, 1761; 53 *Rebecca*.

## 10. HENRY.

CAPT. HENRY HOTCHKISS married Sarah —, and settled at Wallingford, in the parish of Cheshire, where he was married Nov. 23, 1736. He died June 9, 1799, ae. 84. She died Nov. 19, 1751, ae. 34 years.

Children: 54 *Henry*, b Sept. 2, 1737; 55 *Joseph*, b Dec. 18, 1738; 56 *Henry*, b 1723, d Sept. 29, 1742; 57 *Fonah*, d July 26, 1741; 58 *Sarah*, b Feb. 5, 1742; 59 *Mary*, b Feb. 1, 1745; 60 *Fonah*, b Oct. 28, 1748.

## 31. STEPHEN.

DEA. STEPHEN HOTCHKISS, b 1681, son of Joshua, m Elizabeth, daughter of John Sperry of New Haven, Dec. 12, 1704. He purchased land in Cheshire in 1706, and settled upon it in 1707. He died March 5, 1755, ae. 74 years. He was deacon of the church at Cheshire for 31 years.

Children: 61 *Foshua*, b Aug. 26, 1705; *Elizabeth*, b 1706, d 1788; 62 *Mary*, b July 1, 1708, m Nathan Burns M. D.; 63 *Hannah*, b Jan. 10, 1710, m Stephen Atwater; 64 *Esther*, b Feb. 8, 1712; 65 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 15, 1715; 66 *Gideon*, b Dec. 5, 1715, first Dea. of the Congregational Church in Salem; 67 *Stephen*, b Dec. 1, 1717; 68 *Silas*, b Nov. 20, 1719, m widow Alcott; 69, 70 *Hannah* and *Stephen*, b Feb. 23, 1722; 71 *Bashua*, b Sept. 7, 1726; 72 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 1, 1728, m Elizabeth Roberts; 73 *Noah*, b Nov. 24, 1731, d Jan. 13, 1760.

## 26. JAMES.

JAMES HOTCHKISS, son of Samuel and Sarah, married Tamar —.

Children : 74 *Asa*, b Nov. 24, 1731 ; 75 *Robert*, b June 17, 1733 ; 76 *Eunice*, b March 28, 1734 ; 77 *Tamar*, b Aug. 24, 1736 ; 78 *Reuben*, b Feb. 5, 1743 ; 79 *Lydia*, b Aug. 11, 1745.

## JOSIAH.

JOSIAH HOTCHKISS married Abigail ———. He died of small pox in May, 1732, at Cheshire ; she died of the same disease near the same time.

Children : 80 *Fosiah*, b Oct. 13, 1716 ; 81 *Fosiah*, b April 3, 1720 ; 82 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 25, 1723 ; 83 *Ludwick*, b Jan. 15, 1720 ; 84 *Tyrrel*, b 1718 ; 85 *Lent*, b June 2, 1726.

## 66. GIDEON.

DEA. GIDEON HOTCHKISS, m Anna Brockett, Jan. 18, 1737. She died, and afterwards he married Mabel, daughter of Isaac Stiles, of Southbury. He located on a farm in the southeasterly part of Waterbury in 1736, and was chosen a Deacon of the Congregational Church at Salem now (Naugatuck), at its organization. He was one of the principal men who founded the Congregational Church at Prospect (then Columbia), and was a leading man there. He served in the French and Revolutionary wars, and died full of years, Sept. 3, 1807, æ. 91 years, leaving 105 grandchildren, 155 great grandchildren, and four of the fifth generation.

Children : 86 *Isaac*, b 1738 ; 87 *David*, b 1743 ; 88 *Gideon*, b Dec., 1744 ; 89 *Huldah*, b June 27, 1747, m Josiah Paine ; 90 *Anna*, b Oct. 22, 1749, m Reuben Williams ; 91 *Amos*, b Nov. 24, 1751 ; 92 *Submit*, b June 2, 1753, m David Paine ; 93 *Titus*, b June 26, 1755, m Rachel Guernsey ; 94 *Eben*, b Dec. 13, 1757, m Mary, dau. of Gideon Sanford, Feb. 15, 1781 ; 95 *Asahel*, born Feb. 16, 1760 ; 96 *Benoni*, born ——— ; 97 *Mabel*, born May 23, 1764, m Chauncey Judd, May 5, 1797 ; 98 *Phebe*, b Aug. 3, 1765, m Reuben Williams ; he died in 1780 ; 99 *Stiles*, b Jan. 1, 1768, m Polly Horton, and had five children ; 100 *Olive*, b Nov. 21, 1769, m William Jones ; 101 *Millicent*, b May 2, 1771, m David Sanford ; 102 *Anzi*, b July 3, 1774, resided in Meriden.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Bronson's Hist. of Waterbury, 505-8, for descendants of above.

HOUGH.<sup>1</sup>

## SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HOUGH married Susannah, daughter of Simeon Wrotham, of Farmington, Conn. His father, William Hough, was a son of Edward Hough, of Westchester, Cheshire Co., England. Samuel was born in New London, Conn., and was by trade a mill-wright. He came to Wallingford to assist in the construction of the first mill in the township. Mrs. Hough died in Wallingford, Sept. 5, 1684. He married 2d, Mary, daughter of James Bates, of Haddam, Aug. 18, 1685; he died March 14, 1714.

Children: 1 *William*, b Aug. 22, 1680, m Mehitable —; 2 *Samuel*, b Feb. 15, 1681, d Nov. 30, 1702, ae. 21 yrs.; 3 *Susannah*, b Nov. 27, 1683, m — Andrews, of Farmington, Conn. By 2d marriage: 4 *James*, b Dec. 15, 1688, m Sarah Newhall, July 29, 1718; 5 *Hannah*, b Nov. 8, 1691.

## I. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM HOUGH, son of Samuel and Susannah Hough, married Mehitable —; she died Feb. 5, 1726. He married 2d, Elizabeth —; she died June 3, 1740.

Children: 6 *Mary*, b Sept. 10, 1710; 7 *Samuel*, b July 5, 1712, d Oct. 8, 1713; 8, 9 *William*, and *Mehitable*, b Aug. 14, 1714; 10 *Deborah*, b Dec. 17, 1716; 11 *Anna*, b Dec. 28, 1718; 12 *Abiah*, b May 15, 1721. By 2d marriage: 13 *Nathaniel*, b Dec. 28, 1727; 14 *Simeon*, b Jan. 11, 1734.

## 4. JAMES.

JAMES HOUGH, son of Samuel and Susannah, married Sarah Newhall, July 19, 1718.

Children: 15 *Ephraim*, b April 9, 1719; 16 *Daniel*, b March 6, 1721, d July 25, 1768, ae. 49 yrs; 17 *Ebenezer*, b Jan. 22, 1726, m Lydia —, d July 20, 1737, she d July

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1 For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. of New Britain, Conn., 352; Babson's Hist. Gloucester, Mass., 105; Caulkins' Hist. New London, Conn., 302, 303; Caulkins' Hist. Norwich, Conn., Ed. 1867, 233; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 468-9; Wadsworth's Hyde Gen., II. 1100-11, 1152-9.



19, 1757; 18 *David*, b Feb. 8, 1728, d Oct. 18, 1729; 19 *Sarah*, b Oct. 18, 1730, d Nov. 10, 1741; 20 *David*, b Jan. 28, 1733, d June 27, 1752, æ. 19 yrs.; 21 *James*, b March 24, 1735, m Lucy ———, she d Oct. 5, 1775, æ. 51; 22 *Barnabas*, b Sept. 5, 1736; 23 *Mary*, b Nov. 25, 1739.

## 8. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM HOUGH, son of William and Mehitable Hough, married Mary Hall, Dec. 20, 1752.

Children: 24 *Susannah*, b May 24, 1754, d Nov. 24, 1756; 25 *Mary*, b June 22, 1756.

## 15. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM HOUGH, son of James and Sarah Newell Hough, married Hannah ———.

Children: 26 *Abigail*, b Nov. 29, 1740, d Aug. 16, 1743; 27 *Sarah*, b Jan. 26, 1742; 28 *Abigail*, b Aug. 10, 1743, d Aug. 16, 1743; 29 *Abigail*, b Feb. 21, 1744; 30 *Ephraim*, b Jan. 6, 1746; 31 *Andrew*, b Dec. 27, 1747; 32 *Andrew*, b Dec. 17, 1749; 33 *Hannah*, b Jan. 17, 1751; 34 *Thankful*, b May 29, 1753, d Aug. 18, 1780; 35 *Ambrose*, b Sept. 2, 1754; 36 *Lois*, b June 3, 1756.

## 16. DANIEL.

DANIEL HOUGH, son of James and Sarah (Newell), married 1st, Mindwell ———. She died March 21, 1741-2. He married for 2d wife, Violet Benton, Nov. 29, 1743. He settled in Meriden where he died.

Children: 37 *Mindwell*, b May 5, 1745; 38 *Ensign*, M. D., b Sept. 1, 1746; 39 *Elijah*, b Jan. 23, 1747; 40 *Samuel*, b March 12, 1750-1; 41 *Eunice*, b March 30, 1755; 42 *Dolly*, b Jan. 30, 1756; 43 *Caleb*, b Feb. 13, 1757; 44 *Hannah*, b Feb. 4, 1762.

## 17. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER HOUGH, son of James and Sarah, married Lydia ———. She died July 20, 1757.

Children: 45 *Buel*, b June, 1743; 46 *Lydia*, b Aug. 28, 1749, d July 19, 1759; 47 *Lucy*, b April 23, 1756.

## SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HOUGH married Hannah ——. Supposed son of Samuel and Hannah was in W., about 1700.

Children : 48 *Samuel*, b July 12, 1712, m Mehitable —— ; 40 *Phineas*, b April 11, 1714, d Sept. 1, 1797, ae. 83 years.

## ENSIGN.

DR. ENSIGN HOUGH, son of Daniel and Violet Hough, of Meriden, died in 1813. He kept a hotel and practiced his profession as a physician.

Children : 50 *Dr. Isaac I.*, b 1781, d in Meriden, unmarried; Feb. 26, 1825 ; 51 *Ensign*, d in Meriden ; he had other children.

## 49. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS HOUGH, son of Samuel and Hannah Hough, married Hannah ——.

Children : 52 *Rachel*, b May 27, 1740 ; 53 *James*, b July 31, 1743 ; 54 *Phineas*, b Sept 16, 1745 ; 55 *Mary*, b Aug. 14, 1747 ; 56 *Rachel*, b April 22, 1750 ; 57 *Anna*, b April 18, 1752.

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HOUGH married Catherine, daughter of Capt. Theophilus and Sarah Street Yale, June 27, 1745. He was born 1717, and died Jan. 5, 1809, ae. 92 years. Catherine, his wife, died Oct. 5, 1767, ae. 46 years.

Children : 58 *Joseph*, b Sept. 12, 1745 ; 59 *Mary*, b July 15, 1746 ; 60 *Lois*, b June 24, 1747, d Nov. 12, 1748 ; 61 *Lent*, b April 4, 1751 ; 62 *Lois*, b Dec. 5, 1752 ; 63 *David*, b Nov. 2, 1754 ; 64 *Joel*, b Jan. 27, 1757, d Sept. 9, 1843, in Hamden, Ct. ; 65 *James*, d Dec. 3, 1762 ; 66 *James*, d in Wallingford ; 67 *Catherine*, m Edmund Smith ; 68 *Sarah*, m ——— Rice, and settled at Homer, N. Y.

## 58. JOSEPH.

CAPT. JOSEPH HOUGH, son of Joseph and Catherine Yale Hough, settled on the farm of his father at Clapboard Hill. He built the house now occupied by his grandson Joseph Hough. He died Sept. 11, 1811.

Children: 69 *Chauncey*, m Lura, daughter of James Rice, of Wallingford, and had Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph and Chauncey; 70 *Betsey*, m Salmon Carter of W. and had Salmon, Betsey and William; 71 *Horace*, went to New Haven, Ohio, and died there, leaving several sons.

## 61. LENT.

LENT HOUGH, son of Joseph and Catherine Yale Hough, married 1st, Rebecca Tuttle. She died Aug. 22, 1798, æ. 44. He married Mary Andrews, who was Mary Pierrepont of North Haven before her 1st marriage. She died June 27, 1832, æ. 75. He died Oct. 8, 1837, æ. 87 yrs.

Children by 1st marriage: 72 *Lucy*; 73 *Hannah*; 74 *Serrajah*, b March 26, 1780, m Elizabeth S. Avery in 1801. By 2d marriage: 75 *Almira*, b Nov. 6, 1797, m Eveline Dutton, Nov. 6, 1821, d in Canada, May 15, 1841, æ. 42 yrs.

## 64. JOEL.

JOEL HOUGH, son of Joseph and Catherine Hough, settled in Hamden, Mt. Carmel society, where he died; he was a shoemaker and farmer.

Children: 76 *Ira*, settled in Wolcott, Conn., and d there; 77 *Joseph*, settled in Cheshire, Conn., m — Moss, dau. of Bowers Moss, of that place; 78 ———, went to western New York; 79 *Amos*, m Nancy, dau. of Nehemiah Rice, of Wallingford, d at Hamden in 1869; 80 *Joel*, went to the state of N. Y.

## 66. JAMES.

JAMES HOUGH, son of Joseph and Catherine Yale Hough, married and settled in the North Farms district, Wallingford, where he died. He was a farmer.

Children: 81 *James*, m Mary, dau. of Nehemiah Rice, they had Elijah, and daughters; 82, daughters; 83 *Joel*, m, is now on the farm of his father in Wallingford.

## 74. SERRAJAH.

SERRAJAH HOUGH, only son of Lent and Rebecca Hough, m Elizabeth S., daughter of Abner Avery, of Wallingford, Feb.

18, 1801. She was born Sept. 27, 1782. Mr. Hough died at Meriden, Aug. 3, 1853, æ. 73 years.

Children: 84 *Lyman Worcester*, b March 7, 1802, d Aug. 1834, in Meriden; 85 *Lent Serrajah*, b Jan. 20, 1804, m Hannah Smith, of Wallingford, July 12, 1831, settled in Wolcott, Conn.; 86 *Nancy Avery*, b Feb. 1, 1806, d March 11, 1823, æ. 17 years; 87 *Rebecca Tuttle*, b Jan. 3, 1808, m Rev. Sam'l. F. Curtis, she died March 25, 1842; 88 *Alonzo Bennett*, b Mar. 25, 1810, resided in Vineland, N. J.; 89 *George Sherman*, b Oct. 7, 1812, now at Pittsburg, Pa., 1867; 90 *John Meers*, b Oct. 12, 1815, resides in Tyrrell Co., N. C.; 91 *Wm. Augustus*, b Aug. 14, 1818, d at Ravenna, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1837; 92 *Fulius Ogden*, b July 21, 1822, d at Wallingford Jan. 1, 1823, æ. 6 months.

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#### HULL.<sup>1</sup>

This name was early in Connecticut, and came from Derbyshire, England. George Hull was at Windsor, Conn., in 1636, and was a surveyor at Wethersfield the same year, and a member of the General Court 1637-8-9. He married Elizabeth Loomis in 1641.

Richard and Andrew Hull were both at New Haven in 1639, and had families.

#### JOHN.

DR. JOHN HULLS, as he wrote his name, was at Stratford in 1661, when he was admitted a planter. It is not quite certain whether he came from England, or was a son of Richard Hull of New Haven. Dr. John was at Derby in 1668, and at Wallingford in 1687. He died Dec. 6, 1711, at the latter place. He was probably somewhat advanced in life when he came to Wallingford. He married Mary Jones, Oct. 19, 1672, probably his second wife; she dying, he married

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Am. Antiq. Soc. Coll., III. 269; Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 367; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 577-9; Rhode Island Hist. Soc. Coll., III. 292, 293; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 492-5; Stiles' Hist. Windsor, Conn., 672, 673.

Rebecca Turner, Sept. 20, 1699. He exchanged his house and land at Stratford, with Benjamin Lewis, for his house and land at Wallingford, in 1687. The town of Wallingford set out to Dr. Hull a tract of land which they supposed contained 700 acres, lying between the north side of Broad Swamp and the Quinnipiac river, the east and west boundaries not being so clearly defined. This grant was more than a mile square, and was known as Dr. Hull's large farm.

Children: 1 *John*, b March 14, 1661, m Mary ———; 2 *Samuel*, b Feb. 4, 1663; 3 *Mary*, b Oct. 31, 1666; 4 *Joseph*, b 1668, m Mary Nichols of Derby; 5 *Benjamin*, M. D., b Oct. 7, 1672, m Elizabeth Andrews, Dec. 14, 1695; 6 *Ebenezer*, b 1673, m Lydia Mix, Mar. 4, 1706, he died in 1709; 7 *Richard*, b 1674; 8 *Feremiah*, M. D., b 1679, at Derby, m Hannah Cook, of Wallingford; 9 *Archer*.

## I. JOHN.

JOHN HULL, son of Dr. John Hull, was born in Stratford, March 14, 1661-2, married Mary ———, and settled in Derby.

Children: 10 *Deborah*, b 1691, at Derby; 11 *John*, b 1693; 12 *Daniel*, m May 2, 1732; 13 *Miles*, b 1700, m Mary Tuttle, Dec. 4, 1729; 14 *Ebenezer*, m Hannah Bates, Sept. 1, 1734; 15 *Mary*; 16 *Martha*; 17 *Priscilla*, b 1702.

## 4. JOSEPH.

CAPT. JOSEPH HULL, of Derby, was a son of Dr. John Hull of Wallingford. He married Mary Nichols of Derby, where they lived and died. The name of his second wife was Hannah ———, whom he left a widow.

Children: 18 *Samuel*, b 1692, had a family in Derby; 19 *Joseph*, b 1694, left 3 children, Sarah, b 1726, Joseph, b 1737, Elizabeth, b 1738; 20 *Caleb*, b Feb 4, 1695, settled in Cheshire by request of his grandfather; 21 *Abijah*, b 1697; 22 *Archer*, b 1698; 23 *Sarah*, m ——— Beach of Stamford; 24 *Mary*, m ——— Russel of Derby, Conn.

## 5. BENJAMIN.

DOCT. BENJAMIN HULL, son of Dr. John Hull, came to Wallingford with his father in 1687, married Elizabeth An-

drews, Dec. 14, 1693. She died April 27, 1732. He died March 30, 1741.

Children: 25 *Andrew*, b Aug. 17, 1694, d Dec. 10, 1717; 26 *Mary*, b Aug. 31, 1696, m Ebenezer Bronson; 27 *Elizabeth*, b April 8, 1698, m Nathaniel Merriman, Nov. 12, 1725; 28 *Damaris*, b Feb. 4, 1700, m Elnathan Street; 29 *John*, M. D., b Oct. 6, 1702, m Mary Andrews; 30 *Abigail*, b Feb. 14, 1704, m Ens. Merriman; 31 Capt. *Samuel*, b Sept. 1, 1706, m Sarah Hall, Feb. 21, 1733; 32 *Sarah*, b March 30, 1710, m Samuel Hall, Dec. 27, 1733; 33 *Benjamin*, M. D., b July 6, 1712, m Hannah Parmalee, Dec. 17, 1735.

#### 6. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER HULL, son of Dr. John Hull, married Lydia Mix, May 7, 1706; he died Nov. 9, 1709, æ. 36 years. His widow Lydia administered on the estate.

Child: 34 *Hannah*, b March 23, 1708.

#### 8. JEREMIAH.

DR. JEREMIAH HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin Hull of Wallingford, married Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Hope Cook, May 24, 1711, at Wallingford; she died Dec. 11, 1741; he died May 14, 1736, in Wallingford.

Children: 35 *John*, b Nov. 13, 1712, m Mary Andrews, Oct. 26, 1735; 36 *Moses*, b Dec. 26, 1714, d June 3, 1736, æ. 22 yrs.; 37 *Tabitha*, b March 3, 1717; 38 *Hannah*, b March 18, 1720; 39 *Anna*; 40 *Jeremiah*, b Jan. 5, 1729, m Mary Merriman in 1753; 41 *Joseph*, b March 24, 1733, m Hannah Corbitt in 1754; 42 *Patience*, b Oct. 20, 1735; 43 *Keturah*.

#### 11. JOHN.

JOHN HULL, son of John and Mary Jacobs Hull, of Derby, was born Jan. 1, 1695.

Children: 44 *John*, b Oct. 22, 1703; 45 *Tamar*, b Nov. 27, 1705; 46 *Mary*, b Feb. 17, 1708; 47 *Ebenezer*, b Oct. 18, 1715; 48 *Susannah*, b Sept. 29, 1726.

#### 12. DANIEL.

DANIEL HULL, son of John of Derby, who was son of

Dr. John Hulls of Wallingford, married Elizabeth Lane of Derby, in 1731 or 1732.

Children: 49 *Daniel*, b 1734; 50 *Samuel*, b 1735; 51 *Elizabeth*, b 1738; 52 *Ebenezer*, b 1741; 53 *John*, b 1744.

## 13. MILES.

MILES HULL, son of John of Derby, who was son of Dr. John Hulls of Wallingford, married Mary Tuttle of Wallingford, and settled in that place.

Children: 54 *Martha*, b Nov. 29, 1730, d in infancy; 55 *Martha*, b Nov. 23, 1732; 56 *Esther*, b Sept. 15, 1733; 57 *Elizabeth*, b 1735; 58 *Elijah*, b March 10, 1736, d May 19, 1736; 59 *Eunice*, b March 29, 1738; 60 *Mary*, b July 15, 1740; 61 *Miles*, b March 24, 1743, m Eunice Hulls, Dec. 4, 1761; 62 *Abigail*, b June 11, 1745, m Elam Cook, Jan. 8, 1761; 63 *Abijah*, b June 10, 1747.

## 14. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER HULL, son of John and Mary Hull of Derby, married Hannah Bates, Sept. 1, 1731; he died in Wallingford in 1774.

Children: 64 *Joseph*, b Sept., 1731, d March 13, 1732; 65 *Daniel*, b Feb. 29, 1732; 66 *Lydia*, b April 14, 1734, m Nicholas Andrews of Wallingford; 67 *Eunice*, b 1736, m Miles Hull of Cheshire; 68 *Esther*, b 1737; 69 *Anna*, b Oct. 13, 1738, m Elijah Gaylord of Wallingford; 70 *Mary*, m ——— Tuttle of Wallingford; 71 *Joseph*, b 1740; 72 *Rena*; 73 *Joseph*, b March 1, 1742; 74 *Sarah*, m Benjamin Sperry of Wallingford; 75 *Ebenezer*, b 1750, m Patience ———; 76 *Esther*, b March 27, 1756, survived her father.

## 18. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HULL, son of Capt. Joseph Hull of Derby, who was a son of Dr. John Hull of Wallingford.

Children: 77 Infant, b 1725; 78 *Hannah*, b 1726; 79 *Eunice*, b 1727.

## 19. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HULL, son of Capt. Joseph Hull of Derby, who

was son of Dr. John Hull of Wallingford, was twice married: 1st, to Bertha —, 2d, to Sarah —; he died June 12, 1778, æ. 85 yrs. Mrs. Sarah died at the age of 92 yrs.

Child by 1st marriage: 80 *Temperance*, b 1714. By 2d marriage: 81 *Sarah*, b 1726, m Rev. Dr. Mansfield of Derby, Conn.; 82 *Joseph*, b 1727, m Elizabeth Masters, she d Feb. 11, 1825, æ. 94 yrs.; 83 *Elizabeth*, b 1728, d in 1738, æ. 10 yrs.

#### 20. CALEB.

CALEB HULL, son of Capt. Joseph and Mary Hull, and grandson of Dr. John Hull, of Wallingford, married Mercy Benham, of Wallingford, May 1, 1724; he was then 28 years old. The chimney-place of his residence in 1751 is now visible, at Broad swamp, so called, near the north-eastern part of Cheshire, east nearly a mile from the Jared Bishop place, late the residence of Capt. Munson Cook, and now of his son Joel Cook. She died April 19, 1766. He died Sept., 1788. In 1710, he, Caleb, then fourteen years old, received from his grandfather, Dr. John Hull, 100 acres of land, deeded to Joseph from Caleb, conditioned that Caleb should come and live with him till 21 years old, or until his decease. Dr. Hull died Dec. 6, 1711. Doubtless Caleb went. The 100 acres is on record.

Children: 84 *Sarah*, b April 25, 1725, m Reuben Atwater of Cheshire; 85 *Andrew*, b Aug. 23, 1726, d Sept. 21, 1774, æ. 49 yrs., m Lowly Cook; 86 *Mary*, b Apr. 27, 1728, m Jonathan Hitchcock, Oct. 3, 1745; 87 *Samuel*, b Mar. 22, 1730, m Eunice Cook in 1753; 88 *Joseph*, b Aug. 29, 1732; 89 *Abijah*, b Oct. 11, 1733, d Dec. 14, 1733; 90 *Joseph*, b June 10, 1734, d Dec. 4, 1735; 91 *Caleb*, b May 21, 1735, d Aug. 8, 1735; 92 *Submit*, b Dec. 12, 1736, d Feb. 13, 1737; 93 *Patience*, b Oct. 15, 1740, d Sept., 1764, æ. 25; 94 *Joseph*, b April 18, 1741; 95 *Caleb*, b Dec. 16, 1742, d June 4, 1767, æ. 25, m Mary Street.

#### 21. ABIJAH.

ABIJAH HULL, son of Capt. Joseph and Mary Hull, and



grandson of Dr. John and Mary Hull of Wallingford, m Abigail Harger, of Derby, Nov. 20, 1727.

Children: 96 *Esther*, b 1728; 97, daughter.

### 29. JOHN.

DR. JOHN HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth Hull, married Sarah Ives, June 21, 1727. She died Nov. 29, 1760. He married for his 2d wife, Damaris Frost, Oct. 20, 1761. He died May 22, 1762-3.

Children: 98 *Zephaniah*, b Aug. 15, 1728, m Hannah Doolittle, March 28, 1749; 99 *John*, d May 27, 1739; 100 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 14, 1733, m Ephraim Cook, Jan. 1, 1752, in Cheshire; 101 *Sarah*, b 1737, d Jan. 23, 1740; 102 *John*, b Apr. 17, 1739; 103 *Desire*, b June 6, 1740; 104 *Sarah*, b Sept. 17, 1741; 105 *John*, b Feb. 15, 1744; 106 *Amos*, b May 27, 1745, m 1st, Martha Hitchcock, 1764, 2d, — Norton.

### 31. SAMUEL.

CAPT. SAMUEL HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth Hull, married Sarah Hall, Feb. 21, 1733, and settled in Cheshire, where he died Jan. 17, 1789, ae. 82 years. She died June 11, 1763, ae. 50 years. He was born in 1707.

Children: 107 *Sarah*, b Jan. 26, 1734, d May 3, 1734; 108 *Samuel*, b April 6, 1735, d May 22, 1735; 109 *Samuel*, b Aug. 12, 1737, m Sarah Humiston, Jan. 22, 1761, she died Sept. 4, 1775, ae. 31; 110, 111 *Sarah* and *Love*, b Aug. 27, 1738, the latter m Thomas Atwater, Dec. 8, 1757; 112 *Jesse*, b Jan. 27, 1745, m Ruth Preston, he settled on a farm at Broad Swamp, Cheshire; 113 *Benjamin*, b about 1775, m Mary Andrews; 114 *Levi*, d Oct. 30, 1751. The last two were by 2d marriage.

### 33. BENJAMIN.

DR. BENJAMIN HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin, son of Dr. John Hull, of Wallingford, married Hannah Parmalee, Dec. 17, 1735.

Children: 115 *Patience*, b 1736; 116 *Phebe*, b May 2, 1737; 117 *Hannah*, b May 3, 1739; 118 *Dr. Benjamin*, b Oct. 20, 1741, m Esther ———, in 1763; 119, 120 *Eliakim*, and

*Charles*, b May 1, 1744, the latter settled in Wallingford, m Sarah Atwater, he died May 4, 1819; 121 *Sybil*, b Aug. 15, 1746, d June 2, 1758; 122 *Foel*, b Aug. 6, 1749, settled in Yalesville, m Sarah ———, she d Aug. 23, 1816; 123 *Beda*, b April 11, 1753; 124 *Lois*, b Jan. 1, 1757; 125 *Asahel*, b Aug. 4, 1759, settled in Wallingford; 126 *Ephraim*, b 1767.

## 35. JOHN.

DR. JOHN HULL, son of Dr. Jeremiah and Hannah Cook Hull, married Mary Andrews, Oct. 26, 1735; he died Aug. 15, 1755; m 2d, Damaris Frost, Oct. 20, 1761.

Children: 127 *Sarah*, b Jan. 12, 1736; 128 *Molly*, b March 12, 1738, m Thomas Shephard, May 5, 1732; 129 *Sarah*, b Sept. 17, 1741, m Col. Asa, father of Hoadly Brothers, late of East Haven; 130 *Moses*, m Mary Ives, April 28, 1757; 131 *John*, b March 7, 1741-2, m Lois Beadles, March, 1759; 132 *Nathaniel*, b March 17, 1743, m Mehitable Beadles, April 13, 1763; 133 *Aaron*, b July 17, 1745; 134 *Abigail*, b Dec. 1, 1747; 135 *Hannah*, b July 6, 1750.

## 40. JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH HULL, son of Dr. Jeremiah and Hannah Cook Hull, and grandson of Dr. John Hull, married Mary Merriman, Jan. 18, 1753. She died Aug. 22, 1774, ae. 41 years. He died Aug. 24, 1790, ae. 60. He was twice married.

Children: 136 *Caleb*, b Dec. 1, 1753, m ——— Tyler; 137 *Jeremiah*, m 1st, Sarah ———, 2nd, Phebe Hart; 138, *Samuel*, m Lois Peck of Wallingford; 139 *Ann*, m Jacob Rice. By 2nd marriage: 140 *Benjamin*; 141 *Levi*, m and settled near his brother Jeremiah in Wallingford; 142 *Hannah*, m ——— Heath in Wallingford; 143 *Eunice*, m ——— Pratt of Essex, Ct.

## 41. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HULL, son of Dr. Jeremiah and Hannah Cook Hull, married Hannah Corbitt in 1754. I have been unable to ascertain when they died. They may have removed from Wallingford in early life.

Children: 144 *Mary*, b Sept. 20, 1755; 145 *Caldwell*, b Jan. 2, 1759.

## 61. MILES.

CAPT. MILES HULL, son of Miles and Mary Hull, married Eunice, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah Hull of Wallingford, Dec. 4, 1761. He died at Cheshire. When living he owned the farms of the late Jared Bishop, and Capt. Munson Cook.

Children: 146 *Amzi*, went to Canada; 147 *Luther*; 148 *Miles*; 149 *Polly*, m Levi Douglas of Meriden; 150 Daughter, m — Sizer, of Meriden.

## 75. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER HULL, son of Ebenezer and Hannah Bates Hull, m Patience —. He was a farmer at what is now Yalesville, where he died June 10, 1807, æ. 57 years. She died a few years later.

Children: 151 *Joseph*, m Rebecca, daughter of Josiah Mix; 152 *Ira*, d unmarried in 1812, at Broadswamp, Cheshire; 153 *Sarah*, m Amos Austin of Meriden; 154 *Amy*, m Lyman Hitchcock, son of Dan —.

## 85. ANDREW.

ANDREW HULL, son of Caleb, son of Capt. Joseph, son of Dr. John Hull of Wallingford, married Lowly Cook, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Cook of Wallingford, Oct. 17, 1730. He died Sept. 21, 1774, æ. 49. He owned the large farm which Elias Gaylord's heirs and George Bristol now own, near Cheshire street, bounded north by the river. Mrs. Lowly Hull died about 1785.

Children: 155 *Damaris*, b Sept. 29, 1749; 156 *Lowly*, b July 16, 1753; 157 *Hannah*, b Dec. 16, 1754; 158 *Damaris*, b Sept. 18, 1755; 159 *Andrew*, b Oct. 6, 1758, m Elizabeth Mary Ann Atwater; 160 *Sarah*; 161 *Ursula*, b Nov. 10, 1760; 162 *Mary*; 163 *Esther*; 164 *Susan*; 165 *Lovisa*, m Dr. Hall, went to Vermont.

## 87. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HULL, son of Caleb, son of Capt. Joseph, the son of Dr. John Hulls of Wallingford, married Eunice Cook, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Cook of Wallingford, Dec. 26, 1753. He died April 27, 1791, æ. 62. She died May 9, 1803, æ. 68 years.

Children: 166 Infant son, b Jan. 1, 1755; 167 *Fedediah*, b Feb. 26, 1756; 168 Infant son, b Feb 2, 1758, d same day; 169 *Samuel*, b May 27, 1759, d Feb. 20, 1840, æ. 80 years; 170 *Zephaniah*, b May 1, 1761, settled in Wallingford, Vt., and d Feb. 20, 1840; 171 *Epaphras*, b April 9, 1763, d April 13, 1827, in Wallingford, Vt.; 172 *Eunice*, b April 16, 1765, d Dec. 18, 1820, m Sheriff Whipple, Cazenovia, N. Y.; 173 *Lois*, b Feb. 1, 1769, d Oct. 20, 1777; 174 *Caleb*, b Nov. 9, 1768, d Aug. 9, 1816, at Wallingford, Vt.; 175 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 28, 1770, d Oct. 13, 1777; 176 *Josephus*, b Aug. 24, 1772, d March 18, 1813, at Wallingford, Vt.; 177 *Hannah*, b Oct. 11, 1775, m A. Meacham, Wallingford, Vt., d 1850.

## 95. CALEB.

CALEB HULL, son of Caleb, son of Capt. Joseph, son of Dr. John Hulls, of Wallingford, married Mary Street; he died June 4, 1767, æ. 25.

Children: 178 *Ambrose*; 179 *Abraham*; 180 *Mary*, m — Hudson, he was drowned.

## 98. ZEPHANIAH.

DR. ZEPHANIAH HULL, son of Dr. John, son of Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth Hull, married Hannah Cook, March 28, 1749, and settled in Bethlem, Conn., probably through the inducement of Rev. Dr. Bellamy, with whom a close intimacy and warm friendship existed until death separated them. He died Nov. 10, 1760. She died the same day, both suddenly.

Children: 181 *Lydia*, b Dec. 22, 1749, d Feb. 21, 1750; 182 *Titus, M. D.*, b March 25, 1751, he went to Danbury in 1805, then to State of N. Y.; 183 *Lydia*, b July 23, 1753, m Ja. Judson, March 21, 1769, by whom she had four children,

married 2d, Amasa Clark, of Cheshire ; 184 *Andrew*, b Dec. 8, 1754, settled at Cheshire ; 185 *Hannah*, b Jan. 28, 1757, d Nov. 16, 1760 ; 186 *Sarah*, b May 17, 1759, d Nov. 16, 1760.

## 105. JOHN.

JOHN HULL, son of Dr. John and Sarah Ives Hull, married Hannah Hitchcock, Dec. 13, 1764.

Child : 187 *John*, b Oct. 8, 1765.

## 106. AMOS.

DR. AMOS HULL, son of Dr. John and Sarah Hull, married Martha Hitchcock, March 2, 1764.

Child : 188 Dr. *Amos G.*, m Lydia Cook, dau. of Aaron of Wallingford, for his last wife.

## 109. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HULL, son of Capt. Samuel and Sarah Hull of Cheshire, married Sarah Humiston, Jan. 22, 1761. She died Sept. 4, 1775, æ. 31 years. He married Hannah — for 2d wife, and she died April 4, 1811, æ. 62 years.

Child : 189 *Samuel*, b 1777, m Alma, dau. of Jesse and Lois Humiston, of Cheshire, he was a saddler and harness-maker of Cheshire, he died May 5, 1831, æ. 54, leaving one daughter, Alma, wife of Wm. Kelsey, Esq.

## 112. JESSE.

JESSE HULL, son of Capt. Samuel and Sarah Hull, was six years in the war of the Revolution, married Ruth Preston, and settled in Cheshire, where they died.

Children : 190 *Samuel*, b 1769, d in Cheshire, æ. 90 ; 191 *Thelus*, went to Ohio, and has descendants there ; 192 eight daughters, most of whom went to western New York.

## 113. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN HULL, son of Capt. Samuel and Hannah Hull, married Mary — ; he was a large landholder in Broad Swamp, Cheshire. He died May 3, 1835, æ. 63 years. She died Nov. 3, 1838, æ. 63 years.

Children : 193 *Rice Andrew*, went to Canada ; 194 *Lucy*, m

Samuel U. Beach, of Cheshire ; 195 *Chauncey*, b 1794, d Aug. 2, 1830, æ. 36 yrs. ; 196 *Darius*, m Martha ——— ; 197 *Amasa*, b 1806, d in Cheshire ; 198 *Benjamin*, b 1806, d April 6, 1812, æ. 6 yrs. ; 199 *Abiathar*, b 1814, d Oct. 10, 1839, æ. 25 yrs. ; 200 *Samuel Lee*, b 1818, d Jan. 8, 1838, æ. 20 yrs.

## 118. BENJAMIN.

DR. BENJAMIN HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin and Hannah Hull, married Esther ———, 1763.

Child : 201 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 11, 1763.

## 120. CHARLES.

CHARLES HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin and Hannah Hull, married Sarah Atwater, and when living, owned what is now known as the Ruggles farm at Yalesville in Wallingford ; he died May 4, 1819, æ. 75. His widow married Aaron Hall of Wallingford.

Children : 202 *Lucinda*, b 1760, d April 11, 1833, æ. 73 yrs., m Thomas Ruggles ; 203 *Lucia*, b 1778, d Sept. 8, 1848, æ. 70 yrs, m Barney McCarthy.

## 122. JOEL.

JOEL HULL, son of Dr. Benjamin and Hannah Hull, m Sarah ———. She died Aug 23, 1816, æ. 59, in Wallingford. He sold his farm, which is the one now owned by the heirs of Ransom Jeralds at Yalesville, and removed to Ohio, where he died.

Child : 204 *Anson*, an only son, d in Ohio.

## 130. MOSES.

MOSES HULL, son of Dr. John and Mary Hull, married Mary Ives, April 28, 1757. He lived, and I suppose, built the house where Thomas Berry lived in his old age, and where he died. The grandson of Mr. Berry now ( 1870 ) occupies the old house.

## 131. JOHN.

JOHN HULL, son of Dr. John and Mary Hull, married 1st, Lois Beadles, March 20, 1759. She died Sept. 6, 1802, æ.

59 yrs. He married Phebe — for his second wife. She died Sept. 3, 1834, ae. 93. He died Oct. 6, 1828, ae. 88 yrs. He was a large and enterprising farmer, and owned and occupied the house and land now belonging to Mr. Durand, near Yalesville.

Children: 205 *Nathaniel*, b Sept. 7, 1759, d in infancy; 206 *Mary*, b Aug. 30, 1762, m — Beach; 207 *Sarah*, m Samuel Wolcott; 208 *Sally*, m Reuben Ives; 209 *Eunice*, m Ephraim A. Humiston; 210 *Melinda*, m Samuel J. Simpson; 211 *Diana*, m Benjamin T. Cook.

## 132. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL HULL, son of Dr. John and Mary Hull, married Mehitable Beadles, April 13, 1760.

Children: 212 Daughter, m Jonsey Curtis; 213 *Wyllis*, b 1760, m Mehitable Mix, sister of John Mix, he d May 8, 1830, ae. 70; 214 *Mary*; 215 *George*.

## 133. AARON.

AARON HULL, son of Dr. John and Mary Hull, settled in Meriden, was a farmer and a peddler of tin ware.

Children: 216 *Foel*, m Hannah Hall, of Wallingford, daughter of Dickerman Hall; 217 *Cornelius*.

## 137. JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH HULL, son of Jeremiah and Mary Hull, m 1st, Sarah —, 2d, Phebe, daughter of Nathaniel Hart of Wallingford. He was a noted peddler and farmer. Mrs. Sarah died at the age of 27 years. Mrs. Phebe died Nov. 9, 1855, ae. 84. He died Oct. 10, 1843, ae. 81 yrs.

Children by 1st marriage: 218 *Alma*, m Ira Morse of Wallingford; 219 *Julia*, m Ira Andrews of Wallingford. By 2d marriage: 220 *Philo*, m Betsey Cook of Wallingford; 221 *Hiram*, m Caroline Ives of Wallingford; 222 *Mary*, res. Wallingford, old homestead; 223 *Lucy*, m Senator Blakeslee, of Wallingford; 224 *Orrin*, m Ann Dowd; 225 *Jeremiah*, m Sophronia Dudley.

## 138. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HULL, son of Jeremiah and Mary Hull, married Lois Peck, and settled on the old homestead of his father ; he was an enterprising farmer in the north part of Wallingford.

Children : 226 *William*, m Alma, dau. of Reuben Hall ; 227 *Sylvester*, m Delilah, dau. of Benijah Morse ; 228 *Lois*, m Miles, son of Ichabod Ives.

## 151. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH HULL, son of Ebenezer and Patience Hull, married Rebecca, daughter of Josiah Mix ; he died of a wound in his knee joint, produced by an axe in his own hands while pruning apple trees for the late Chester Cook, March, 1818.

Children : 229 *James Mix* ; 230 *Maria*, m Jonathan Ives, of Meriden ; 231 *Nancy* ; 232 *Rebecca*.

## 152. IRA.

IRA HULL, son of Ebenezer and Patience Hull, died unmarried at Cheshire in 1812, and by his will gave his real estate to his sister Amy, she paying the legacies named therein.

## 159. ANDREW.

GEN. ANDREW HULL, son of Andrew and Lowly Hull, of Cheshire, married Elizabeth Mary Ann, daughter of Reuben Atwater, of Cheshire. He was a highly respectable gentleman, merchant and farmer ; he died in Cheshire.

Children : 233 *Eudocia*, m Gov. Samuel A. Foot, of Cheshire ; 234 infant son, d in infancy ; 235 *Merab*, m Henry Whittelsey, of Cheshire ; 236 *Elizabeth*, m Rev. Dr. A. Todd, of Stamford ; 237 *Mary A.*, m Wm. R. Hitchcock, of Cheshire ; 238 *Sarah*, m Rev. Mr. Cloud ; 239 *Adeline*, m Rev. Mr. Mason.

## 169. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HULL, son of Samuel and Eunice Hull, married Abigail Doolittle ; she was born May 26, 1766. He was a farmer in the northern part of Cheshire, where he died, Oct. 27, 1828, ae. 70 yrs. Mrs. Abigail died Oct. 10, 1835, ae. 69.



Children: 240 *Stella*, b March 27, 1786, m Jonathan Law, Esq., she d Dec. 13, 1841, ae. 56 yrs.; 241 *Fedediah*, b 1788, was insane; 242 *Ann*, b 1793, d Aug. 27, 1818, ae. 25 yrs.; 243 *Abigail Ann*, b Jan. 13, 1794; 244 *Linda*, b Feb. 6, 1796, m David Brooks of Cheshire, she d ae. 69 yrs.; 245 *Eunice*, b Nov. 12, 1798, m Birdsey Booth, late of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 246 *Charlotte L.*, b Sept. 9, 1800, m John Olmstead, late of Hartford, Conn.; 247 *Samuel Cook*, b Aug. 4, 1802, d Aug. 26, 1804; 248 *Samuel*, b Feb. 4, 1805, d at Morris, Grundy Co., Illinois; 249 *Fulius*, b July 1, 1807, m Lucy Ives, and went to Ohio; 250 *Andrew Franklin*, b Jan. 13, 1811, m Adeline Munson, he d Jan. 1, 1845, ae. 34 yrs.

## 182. TITUS.

DR. TITUS HULL, son of Dr. Zephaniah and Hannah Hull, studied medicine with Dr. Seth Bird, of Litchfield, and settled in Bethlem; went in 1805 to Danbury, Ct. In the autumn of 1807, he went to the state of New York. He married Lucy Parmelee, daughter of Jonathan of Chatham, by whom he had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Lucy died in Nov., 1776. In 1778 he married Olive Parmelee, widow of Abram of Goshen, her mother being a descendant of the Strong family of Northampton, Mass. He died Sept. 3, 1852.

Children: 251 *Lawrence*, M. D., b June 6, 1779, m Dorcas Ambler of Bethlem, in 1803, and had 6 sons and 3 daus.; 252 *Althea*, b Aug. 18, 1780, has six sons and a daughter; 253 *Charles*, b Jan. 4, 1782, was a physician, and practiced in Oneida Co., N. Y., and d in 1833, leaving a son and 3 daus., all married; 254 *Betsey M.*, b Sept. 17, 1783; 255 *Elias*, b April 3, 1786, has 2 chil. and lived in Alabama; 256 *Lucy*, b Aug. 23, 1788, m Ezra Starr, Oct. 17, 1807; 257 *Olive E.*, b May 13, 1790, m Col. Elijah Morse of Eaton; 258 *Andrew C.*, b Oct. 28, 1792, m Betsey Morse, in 1818, at Eaton; 259 *Leverett*, b Dec. 3, 1796, m Julia Scoville of Salisbury, Ct., in 1829; 260 *Rufus Lewis*, died in childhood,

## 184. ANDREW.

ANDREW HULL, son of Dr. Zephaniah and Hannah Hull, after the decease of his father, went to live with his great-grandfather on his mother's side, at Cheshire, from whom he received an estate on which he continued to reside until his death. He married Naomi ———. She died Oct. 28, 1824, æ. 70 yrs. He died March 31, 1824, æ. 70 yrs., much lamented.

Child: 261 *Naomi H.*, m Mr. Wm. Brown, of New Haven, who was lost at sea. She was the mother of Wm. A. Brown, of Cheshire, and also of Mrs. Alfred Doolittle.

## 187. JOHN.

JOHN HULL, son of Dr. John and Sarah Hull, married Hannah Hitchcock, Dec. 13, 1764. I find no further account of them.

Child: 262 *John*, b Oct. 8, 1765.

## 188. AMOS.

DR. AMOS GOULD HULL, son of Dr. Amos Hull, who married a daughter of Dr. Norton of Cheshire, and was the inventor of the celebrated Hull truss, married Lydia Cook, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth Cook of Wallingford.

Child by Lydia, 2d or 3d wife: 263 *Aaron Cook*, was a physician at Brooklyn, N. Y., is deceased.

## 190. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL HULL, son of Jesse and Ruth Preston Hull, married ——— Manwaring, of Essex, and settled at the old home of his father, where he died Dec. 8, 1857, æ. 90 years. He was a farmer, and during his long life maintained the character of an honest man.

Children: 264 *Caleb E.*, resides near Wallingford line, Cheshire; 265 *Fosiah M.*, resides in Cheshire, a farmer; 266 *Samuel T.*, resides in Cheshire, a farmer; 267 *Richard S.*, grad. at Yale College, is a lawyer in New Haven.

## 195. CHAUNCEY.

CHAUNCEY HULL, son of Benjamin and Mary Hull, married Hannah, daughter of Jonah Hotchkiss, of Cheshire; he

died Aug. 2, 1830, leaving several children, most of whose names are to me unknown.

Child: 268 *Chauncey*, d Jan. 1, 1821, æ. 4 yrs.

196. DARIUS.

DARIUS HULL, son of Benjamin and Mary Hull, married Martha ———. She died March 16, 1858, æ. 53 yrs. He has a considerable family of children, names unknown to me. He still lives at Cheshire.

HUMISTON.

HENRY.

HENRY HUMISTON was at New Haven as early as 1650; he married Joanna Walker, Aug. 28, 1651. He died Jan. 16, 1663.

Children: 1 *Samuel*, b Aug. 7, 1650; 2 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 13, 1654; 3 *Thomas*, b Oct. 19, 1656; 4 *Abigail*, b May 17, 1661.

Two of the name were, at Wallingford about the commencement of the last century, viz., James and John, both from New Haven. John Humiston married Hannah Royce, of Wallingford, June 28, 1711, but it does not appear that he settled in Wallingford. James Humiston married Sarah Atwater, Jan. 7, 1719, and remained in Wallingford. He died Aug. 17, 1747.

Children: 5 *Daniel*, b Nov. 16, 1721, m Lydia ———; 6 *Stephen*, b Nov. 9, 1723; 7 *Noah*, b March 1, 1729, d Sept. 3, 1729; 8 *James*, b Oct. 28, 1734, m Abiah Ives, Feb. 4, 1755-6, 2d Hannah ———; 9 *Noah*, d June 13, 1745.

5. DANIEL.

DANIEL HUMISTON, son of James and Sarah Humiston, married Lydia ———, and settled in Cheshire, where he died July 27, 1767, æ. 46 yrs. She died Jan. 1, 1809, æ. 83 yrs.

Children: 10 *Sarah*, b Dec. 14, 1744; 11 *Hannah*, b March 2, 1745; 12 *Stephen*, b July 17, 1751; 13 *Lydia*, b

March 17, 1754; 14 *Patience*, b Nov. 28, 1756; 15 *Daniel*, b April 10, 1759; 16 *Daniel*, b 1760, d Nov. 7, 1783; 17 *John*, b June 30, 1761; 18 *Jesse*, b March 12, 1764, m Lois, dau. of Amos Doolittle, of Cheshire.

## 8. JAMES.

JAMES HUMISTON, son of James and Sarah Humiston, married Abiah or Abigail ———, and settled on a farm at Gitteau's Corner, now known as the Humiston farm. He died in Wallingford, Feb. 18, 1812, ae. 77 yrs. She died Dec. 19, 1761.

Children: 19 *James*, owner of Humiston's Mills, Wallingford; 20 *Linus*, went to Ohio.

## 18. JESSE.

JESSE HUMISTON, son of Daniel and Lydia Humiston of Wallingford, married Lois, daughter of Amos Doolittle of Cheshire, and settled on a farm about a mile west of the railroad depot, in Cheshire. His decease occurred March 12, 1832, at the age of 68; Mrs Lois Humiston died Feb. 8, 1847, ae. 87 years.

Children: 21 *Daniel*, m Juliana Ives, daughter of Jared; 22 *Jesse A.*, m Lois Preston, dau. of Reuben; 23 *Alma*, m Samuel Hull of Cheshire; 24 *John*, m Rhoda Nichols, of Wolcott, Conn.

## 19. JAMES.

JAMES HUMISTON was the proprietor of the mills about a mile west of the village of Wallingford, and was extensively engaged in wool-carding and cloth-dressing, as well as milling.

Children: 25 *Chauncey*; 26 *Nancy*, m Almon Preston; 27 *Betsy*, m Harmon Morse; 28 *Maria*, m Samuel Allen; *Lyman*, m Jennie Johnson; *Charles*, m Lucy Bronson.

## 20. LINUS.

LINUS HUMISTON went to Ohio many years ago, with his family. When in Wallingford, he resided on the old Humiston place, Gitteau's Corner.

Children: 29 *Miles*; 30 *Samuel*; 31 *Philo*; 32 *Mary*; 33 *Hannah*.

## 21. DANIEL.

DANIEL HUMISTON, son of Jesse and Lois Humiston, married Juliana, daughter of Jared Ives, of Cheshire. He died in 1866.

Children: 34 *Chauncey A.*; 35 *John D.*, m Emily Barns, of Cheshire; 36 *Julia Ann*, b 1822.

## 22. JESSE.

JESSE A. HUMISTON, son of Jesse and Lois Humiston, married Lois Preston.

Children: 37 *Lauren A.*, m Hannah Moss; 38 *Lois*, m Elam Cook.

## 24. JOHN.

JOHN HUMISTON, son of Jesse and Lois Humiston, married Rhoda Nichols, daughter of the late Samuel Nichols, of Wolcott. He died in Cheshire.

Children: 39 *Jesse*, removed to the state of New York; 40 *John Latimer*, res. in Cheshire.

## EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM A. HUMISTON came from North Haven, and married a daughter of John Hull, and settled on the old Henry and Russel farm, and died there.

Children: 41 *Sherlock*; 42 *Hiram*; 43 *Diana*; 44 *Willis*, has become wealthy, and res. in Troy, N. Y.

IVES.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN IVES was the first of the name that settled at Wallingford. He was a farmer in Meriden. I have been unable to determine his previous residence or place of nativity.

Children: 1 *John*, b Nov. 16, 1669, d 1738 æ. 69 yrs; 2 *Hannah*, m Joseph Benham, Aug. 17, 1682; 3 *Joseph*, b Oct. 14, 1674, m Esther Benedict, May 11, 1697; 4 *Gideon*, m Mary Royce, Feb 20, 1706; 5 *Nathaniel*, b May 31, 1677, m

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<sup>1</sup> See Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 525.

Mary Cook, April 5, 1699 ; 6 *Ebenezer*, m Elizabeth — ; 7 *Samuel*, b June 5, 1696 ; 8 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 22, 1699.

## I. JOHN.

JOHN Ives, son of John and Mary Ives, married Mary Gillette, Dec. 6, 1693. He died in Meriden, 1738, ae. 69 yrs.

Children: 9 *John*, b Sept. 28, 1694, m Hannah Royce, he d Aug. 4, 1745 ; 10 *Samuel*, b Jan. 5, 1696, m Phebe Royce, Jan. 28, 1720 ; 11 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 22, 1699, m 1st, Rebecca Merriman, 2d, Hannah Moss ; 12 *Abijah*, b March 14, 1700, m Abigail Mix, May, 1730 ; 13 *Mary*, b March 10, 1702 ; 14 *Lazarus*, b Feb. 5, 1703, m Mabel Jerome, Jan. 5, 1730 ; 15 *Daniel*, b Feb. 19, 1706, m Abigail — ; 16 *Hannah*, b Feb. 10, 1708 ; 17 *Abraham*, b Sept. 2, 1709, m Elizabeth Stanley, he d Aug. 4, 1735 ; 18 *Bezaleel*, b July 4, 1712, d Oct. 28, 1714 ; 19 *Bezaleel*, b 1726, m Hannah Merriman.

## 3. JOSEPH.

DEA. JOSEPH IVES, son of John, married Esther Benedict, May 11, 1697, in the south-west part of Wallingford. He married Mamre Munson for his second wife, June 13, 1733 ; he died March 18, 1755, ae. 81 yrs.

Children: 20 *Thomas*, b May 30, 1698 ; 21 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 6, 1700 ; 22 *Hannah*, b Oct. 13, 1701 ; 23 *Abigail*, b Aug. 27, 1704 ; 24 *Esther*, b Jan. 17, 1706 ; 25 *Joseph*, b Dec. 10, 1709, m Maria — ; 26 *Phineas*, b April 8, 1711 ; 27 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 15, 1714 ; 28 *Ephraim*, b Jan. 4, 1717 ; 29 *Dinah*, b April 4, 1721.

## 4. GIDEON.

GIDEON IVES, son of John, m Mary Royce, Feb. 20, 1706 ; he was at Wallingford before 1700. She died Oct. 15, 1742, ae. 56 yrs.

Children: 30 *Sarah*, b Sept. 8, 1708 ; 31 *Fotham*, b Sept. 20, 1710, d Sept. 2, 1753 ; 32 *Amasa*, b Aug. 24, 1712 ; 33 *Rhoda*, b Dec. 12, 1714 ; 34 *Martha*, b Aug. 10, 1716 ; 35 *Amasa*, b Nov. 15, 1718 ; 36 *Gideon*, b Sept. 24, 1720 ; 37 *Foel*, b Jan. 13, 1723 ; 38 *Mary*, b Dec. 16, 1724 ; 39 *Susanah*, b May 26, 1727 ; 40 *Esther*, b Oct. 14, 1729.

## 5. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL IVES, son of John, married Mary Cook, April 5, 1699, and settled in the south-west part of the town; he died Nov. 6, 1711.

Children: 41 *Caleb*, b Feb. 3, 1700, d Nov. 6, 1710; 42 *Caleb*; 43 *Stephen*, b March 24, 1704, m Sarah Hart, Oct. 25, 1730; 44 *Thankful*, b Aug. 4, 1708; 45 *Abel*, b May 6, 1711, m Sarah Reed, March 25, 1736.

## 9. JOHN.

JOHN IVES, son of John and Mary Ives, married Hannah Royce, Dec. 18, 1719. He died Aug. 4, 1795. She died Nov. 5, 1770, ae. 70 yrs.. at Meriden; was daughter of Samuel and Hannah Royce.

Children: 46 *Eunice*, b April 20, 1721, d Sept. 11, 1727; 47 *Anna*, b April 20, 1725; 48 *Eunice*, b Sept. 11, 1727, d Sept. 13, 1727; 49 *John*, b July 4, 1729; 50 *Titus*, b Feb. 17, 1732; 51 *Levi*, b Jan. 19, 1733; 52, 53 *Joseph* and *John*, b April 2, 1735; 54 *Levi*, b July 30, 1736, d Dec. 20, 1739; 55 *Fesse*, b April 2, 1738; 56 *Joseph*, b June, 1745; 57 *Fesse*.

## 10. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL IVES, son of John and Mary Ives, married Phebe Royce, Jan. 28, 1720. He died Aug. 29, 1734.

Children: 58 *Mehitable*, b March 29, 1724; 59 *Bezaleel*, b Dec. 14, 1726; 60 *Samuel*, b Jan. 28, 1733.

## 11. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN, son of John and Hannah Royce, married 1st, Hannah Moss, May 6, 1728.

Children: 61 *Rebecca*, b March 29, 1723, d Dec. 9, 1724; 62 *Rebecca*, b Nov. 18, 1725; 63 *Benjamin*, b April 15, 1727, d June 19, 1727; 65 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 26, 1729; 66 *Hannah*, b Dec. 18, 1732; 67 *Lois*, b March 10, 1734; 68 *David*, b July 9, 1736, d Feb 20, 1737; 69 *Ruth*, b Jan. 31, 1738; 70 *David*, b Jan. 15, 1740; 71 *Levi*, b July 23, 1743; 72 *Thankful*, b Jan. 1, 1746; 73 *Levi*, b Sept. 18, 1748.

## 12. ABIJAH.

ABIJAH IVES, son of John and Hannah Ives, married ———. She died May 6, 1753. He died July 17, 1762.

Children: 74 *Moses*, b March 6, 1731; 75 *Mary*, b Sept. 22, 1732; 76 *Abijah*, b March 24, 1734, d Aug. 16, 1741; 77 *Aaron*, b May 26, 1736, d Nov. 24, 1742; 78 *Abigail*, b Feb. 14, 1738; 79 *Phebe*, b March 23, 1740; 80 *Martha*, b May 17, 1742; 81 *Prudence*, b June 19, 1744; 82 *Aaron*, b April 6, 1746; 83 *Anna*, b Feb. 21, 1749, d June 25, 1751.

## 14. LAZARUS.

LAZARUS IVES, son of John and Mary, married Mabel Jerome, Jan. 5, 1731. His 2d wife was Isabella ———.

Children by 1st marriage: 84 *Timothy*, b Oct. 16, 1731; 85 *Mary*, b Sept. 10, 1733; 86 *Lazarus*, b Nov. 2, 1734. By 2d marriage: 87 *Ambrose*, b May 22, 1736; 88 *Isabella*, b April 19, 1738; 89 *Foshua*, b March 16, 1740; 90 *Amasa*, bap. March 13, 1743; 91 *Fohn*, bap. May 17, 1747; 92 *Phebe*, bap. Nov. 26, 1752.

## 15. DANIEL.

DANIEL IVES, son of John and Mary Ives, married Abigail Parker, Oct. 28, 1738.

Children: 93 *Abigail*, b July 30, 1736; 94 *Lydia*, b June 11, 1738; 95 *Martha*, b Feb. 29, 1740; 96 *Olive*, b Nov. 29, 1741; 97 *Daniel*, b Jan. 31, 1743; 98 *Samuel*, b March 9, 1745; 99 *Fohn*, b Feb. 19, 1747; 100 *Levi*, b March 29, 1750.

## 17. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM IVES, son of John and Mary Gillette Ives, married Elizabeth Stanley. She died Aug. 4, 1735, and he married Barbara Johnson, May 11, 1736.

Children: 101 *Elizabeth*, b July 22, 1735; 102 *Sarah*, b Dec. 23, 1736; 103 *Reuben*, b Dec. 11, 1738; 104 *Barbara*, b Oct. 9, 1739; 105 *Abraham*, b June 8, 1743; 106 *Abraham*, b March 8, 1746; 107 *Barbara*, b Oct. 5, 1747; 108 *Ambrose*, b June 30, 1748, m Lucy ———; 109 *Sarah*, b Oct. 8, 1749.



## 19. BEZALEEL.

CAPT. BEZALEEL IVES, son of John and Mary Gillette Ives, married Hannah Merriman, Feb. 14, 1753. He died Nov. 24, 1798, ae. 72 yrs. She died March 21, 1815, ae. 84 yrs.

Child: 110 *Capt. Samuel*, b Jan. 5, 1752, m Lucretia, dau. of John Ives, d in Meriden, Oct. 18, 1803.

## 20. THOMAS.

THOMAS IVES, son of Dea. Joseph and Esther Ives, married Abigail How, Sept. 2, 1702; he married 2d, Rebecca Hotchkiss, Nov. 15, 1720.

Children: 111 *Isaac*, b Nov. 8, 1721; 112 *Andrew*, b July 2, 1724; 113 *Lent*, b May 17, 1726, d July 11, 1726; 114 *Enos*, b May 14, 1727.

## 25. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH IVES, son of Dea. Joseph and Esther Ives, married Maria ———.

Children: 115 *Mary*, b March 26, 1734; 116 *Lent*, b Sept. 12, 1735; 117 *Joseph*, b Jan. 17, 1737.

## 26. PHINEAS.

PHINEAS IVES, son of Dea. Joseph and Esther Ives, married Margery Munson, Jan. 26, 1738.

Child: 118 *Phineas*, b Oct. 31, 1746.

## 27. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL IVES, son of Dea. Joseph and Esther Ives, married Zeruah ———.

Children: 119 *Mary*, b Sept. 6, 1746; 120 *Abigail*, b Oct. 17, 1748; 121 *Joseph*, b June 15, 1749; 122 *Nathaniel*, b April 23, 1741; 123 *Zeruah*, b Dec. 15, 1753; 124 *Samuel*, b May 1, 1756.

## 28. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM IVES, son of Dea. Joseph and Esther Ives, married Elizabeth Atwater, March 12, 1741.

Children: 125 *Sarah*, b Nov. 19, 1741; 126 *Ephraim*, b Jan. 7, 1744; 127 *Phineas*, b June 12, 1746; 128 *Elnathan*,

b Dec. 21, 1748; 129 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 6, 1751; 130 *Eunice*, b Feb. 19, 1755.

## 42. CALEB.

CALEB IVES, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ives, married 1st, Mary ———, 2d, Sarah ———, 3d, Elizabeth Plant, Feb. 27, 1733. He died April 13, 1752.

Children: 131 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 12, 1722; 132 *Sarah*, b Aug. 6, 1725, d Feb. 15, 1735. By 3d marriage: 133 *Charles*, b Sept. 5, 1734; 134 *Eunice*, b Sept. 13, 1736; 135 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 25, 1738; 136 *Olive*, b May 10, 1742; 137 *Caleb*, b May 19, 1745; 138 *Caleb*, b Feb. 9, 1748; 139 *Amos*, b May 1, 1750.

## 43. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN IVES, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ives, married Sarah Hart, Oct. 25, 1730.

Children: 140 *Sarah*, b May 29, 1733; 141 *Mary*, b April 16, 1735; 142 *Lois*, b Jan. 9, 1737.

## 45. ABEL.

ABEL IVES, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ives, married Sarah Read, March 25, 1736. She died Jan. 1, 1787, æ. 85 years. He died Jan. 31, 1781, æ. 80 years.

Children: 143 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 30, 1730; 144 *Abel*, b Dec. 9, 1736; 145 *Anna*, b Dec. 20, 1739; 146 *Anna*, b Aug. 1st, 1740; 147 *Sarah*, b June 24, 1743; 148 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 30, 1746; 149 *Esther*, b June 4, 1751; 150 *Lois*, b Mar. 27, 1754.

## 53. JOHN.

JOHN IVES, son of John and Hannah, married Sarah ———.

Child: 151 *Sarah*, b Jan. 12, 1737.

## 56. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH IVES, son of John and Hannah, married Mary ———.

Child: 152 *Anna*, b Dec. 7, 1750.

## 36. GIDEON.

GIDEON, son of Gideon and Mary Royce Ives, married and settled in Wallingford in a house still in existence, and stand-

ing a little north and in the rear of the residence of the late Benajah Morse.

Children: 153 *Amos*, bap. Jan. 5, 1752; 154 *Enos*, bap. Dec. 2, 1753; 155 *Gideon*, bap. May 15, 1757; 156 *Ferusha*, bap. Oct. 12, 1755.

## ELNATHAN.

Children: 157 *Elnathan*, bap. March 21, 1731, m Ann Yale, March 9, 1758; 158 *Abigail*, bap. Feb. 11, 1732; 159 *Ferusha*, bap. Feb. 28, 1735; 160 *Fosiah*, bap. March 18, 1738; 161 *Reuben*, bap. March 13, 1744; 162 *Huldah*, bap. Jan. 17, 1748.

## 31. JOTHAM.

JOTHAM IVES, son of Gideon and Mary Royce Ives, married Abigail Burroughs, Feb. 28, 1736. He died Sept. 2, 1753, ae. 43.

Child: 163 *Zachariah*, b Jan. 31, 1737, settled near the Honey Pot brook in Cheshire, d March 9, 1815, ae. 78, and with his wife Lois was buried in the Episcopal churchyard, Cheshire. Children of Zacharias: 164 Rev. *Reuben*, b in 1761, graduated at Yale in 1785, ordained by Bishop Seabury in 1786, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cheshire, about thirty years, d Oct. 14, 1836, ae. 75 yrs.; 165 *Chauncey*, b in 1762, d Nov. 17, 1778, in his 16th year; 166 *Lowly*, m Seth De Wolf; 167 *Fared*, a farmer, d in Cheshire; 168 *Amos H.*, m Lois Cook, d in Cheshire; 169 *Fesse*, settled on a farm in Meriden.

## 49. JOHN.

JOHN, son of John and Hannah Royce Ives, b July 4, 1729, m 1st, Mary, daughter of Dr. Isaac Hall. She d Feb., 1788. He married 2nd, Sarah ———, who d Nov. 24, 1804. He d Feb., 1816.

Children: 170 *Lucretia*, m Capt. Samuel Ives; 171 *John*, m Martha Merriman; 172 *Isaac*, m 1st, ——— Benedict, m 2d, ——— White of Danbury; 173 *Levi*, m Fanny Silliman, June 18, 1789, he was father of Bishop Ives; 174 *Joseph*, m Lucy, daughter of Benjamin Hall; 175 *Foel*, m ——— Hart; 176 *Othniel*, b Aug. 17, 1779, married 1st, Sarah, daughter of

Nathaniel Yale, Oct 28, 1800, m 2d, Rosetta Yale, Oct. 26, 1815; 177 *Titus*, m Ximena Yale; 178 *Eli*, d unmarried; 179 *Anna*, m Noah Foster; 180 *Polly*, m John Hooker; 181 *Meriel*, m — Clark, and moved to Canada.

## 177. OTHNIEL.

OTHNIEL, son of John and Mary Hall Ives, lived in the east part of Meriden in the house now occupied by Othniel jr.

Children: 182, *Eliza*, b Jan. 17, 1804, m Edwin R. Yale, March 14, 1824, she died March 9, 1846; 183 *Elias*, b Jan. 7, 1806, m Cornelius Pomeroy, Aug. 22, 1827; 184 *Eli*, b Jan. 7, 1809, m Gelina Ann Pomeroy; 185 *Othniel*, b Nov. 26, 1812, m 1st, Julia Cook, 2d, Mary Howard; 186 *Isaac I.*, b Jan. 21, 1817, m Eloise White of Danbury, 1847, d Oct. 14, 1850; 187 *Sarah Rosetta*, b Nov. 23, 1818, m Harvey Miller; 188 *Fuliette*, b May 13, 1822, m Eli Butler, Nov. 10, 1842, d March 1, 1855; 189 *John*, b Dec. 26, 1825, m 1st, Alina Birdsey, Oct. 12, 1847, 2d Wealthy Merwin; 190 *Frederick W.*, b Jan. 27, 1828, m Frances Jones; 191 *Russell Jennings*, b July 17, 1830, m 1st, Flora Ann White, Sept. 15, 1853, 2d, Eliza, daughter of Deacon John Yale.

JOHNSON.<sup>1</sup>

Fitz James came from Normandy with William the Conqueror about the 11th century, and settled in the north of England. It was customary before the Conquest to change a name by adding *son*, as we find *Grimkelson*, *Gamelson*, &c.,

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Abbot's Hist. Andover, Mass., 35, 36; Barry's Hist. Framingham, Mass., 303, 304; Bond's Hist. Watertown, Mass., 539-42; Brown's Gen. W. Simsbury Settlers, 88, 89; Chase's Hist. Haverhill, Mass., 276, 634-37; Cope's Record of Cope family of Penn. 52, 115, 116; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Ct., 600-2; Deane's Hist. Scituate, Mass., 296, 297; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 284, 285; Ellis's Hist. Roxbury, Mass., 122; Fox's Hist. Dunstable, Mass., 246; Gage's Hist. Rowley, Mass., 446; Heraldic Journal, III. (867,) 43-5, 182, 183; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 111, 112; Hudson's Hist. Marlborough, Mass., 403-6; Kellogg's Memorial of John White, 37; Leland's Gen. of

in the time of Edward the Confessor, if not earlier. The Norman *Fitz*, a corruption of *filis*, was used the same way, and among the conquered Saxons was sometimes adopted instead. Thus, Fitz Harding became *Hardingson*; Fitz Clark, *Clarkson*; Fitz James, *Jameson*; and Fitz John, *Johnson*.<sup>1</sup> The Fitz James mentioned above, changed his name to *Johnson*, and had a numerous family. One branch of it went to Scotland, where the name became quite numerous. Some of these added a *t* to the name, and thereby made it read *Johnston*.<sup>2</sup> In the reign of Queen Elizabeth one branch went to Ireland, and became quite numerous. Sir William Johnston was of this branch of the family. In later ages the family were settled in Kingston-on-Hull. At the time of Dr. Johnson's visit, as agent from Connecticut, to England, he found the family almost extinct, there being but one, a maiden lady of thirty years, left in the place. On visiting the churchyard, he found a large number of tomb-stones and monuments with the name of Johnson inscribed upon them. Three brothers had gone from Kingston to North America, one of whom, a clergyman, settled near Boston, and was killed by the Indians. He left a considerable family, from whom have descended most of the name in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. One settled in the western part of Connecticut. Most of his descendants went to New Jersey, and were

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Leland Family, 249, 250; Littell's Passaic Valley Gen., 192-5; Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass., 204-6; Morse's Gen. Reg. Sherborn and Holliston, Mass., 155, 156; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., VIII. 232, 358-62; Pierce's Hist. Gorham, Me., 180; Poor's Hist. and Gen. Researches, 107; Savage's Gen. Dict., II. 549-59; Sewall's Hist. Woburn, Mass., 73-6, 165-8, 617, 618; Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury., Mass., 334-6; Washburn's Hist. Leicester, Mass., 379, 380.

1 The use of the prefix *Fitz*, has, with propriety, been revived in modern times. The eldest son of Harris, Earl of Malmsbury, is, by title of courtesy, Viscount FitzHarris.

2 Most of the persons bearing the name of Johnston in Scotland, derive the name from the village of Johnston in Renfrewshire. The family are descended from Hugo de Johnstone, in the time of Alexander II.

numerous. Robert, the 3d brother, settled in New Haven, Conn., and was one of its first founders.

Children: 1 *John*; 2 *Robert*; 3 *Thomas*; 4 *William*, and possibly others.

Edward Johnson originated from Kent, in England, in a parish within which county, called in his will Heron Hill, i. e. Herne Hill, or Herne, and at a place in that parish called Waterham. He probably came to this country in the fleet with Winthrop, in 1630. He died April 23, 1672. He left five sons: Edward, George, William, Matthew and John, and two daughters, Susan and Martha. They have many descendants in Massachusetts.

#### 4. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, son of Robert, the emigrant, appeared early in New Haven. He was one of the original subscribers to the compact for the settlement of Wallingford, in 1670, and had assigned him a lot, bounded as follows: "20 rods wide north and south, 19 rods and 4 ft. east and west, and bounded east by y<sup>e</sup> street, and north by Jeremiah How, and west by Nathan Andrews." This piece of land he sold, with consent of his wife Sarah —, to Isaac Curtis, in 1694. Mr. Johnson does not appear to have ever had a residence in Wallingford, but was simply a subscriber for the benefit of his heirs who might settle in the place.

#### JACOB.

JACOB JOHNSON, son of William, married Abigail Hitchcock, Dec. 14, 1693. He built his house on the north side of the road that leads past the residence of the late Col. Thaddeus Cook, and nearly opposite the barn built within the last few years by Chauncey M. Cook. He was a tailor by trade; he died July 26, 1749, æ. 80 yrs. Mrs. Abigail d Jan. 9, 1726. He married 2d, Parkis Lindley, 1726.

Children: 5 *Reuben*, b Aug. 27, 1694, m Mary —; 6 *Isaac*, b Feb. 25, 1696-7, m Sarah Osborne, he d April 23, 1779, æ. 84; 7 *Enos*, b 1698, d Jan. 31, 1786, æ. 88; 8 *Abigail*, b 1699; 9 *Israel*; 10 *Abner*, b Aug. 2, 1702, m

Charity Dayton, Dec. 14, 1726; 11 *Caleb*, b 1733-4, d Oct. 13, 1777, æ. 73 yrs., m Rachel Brockett, Jan. 28, 1731, was a merchant in Wallingford; 12 *Daniel*, b 1709, d Oct. 14, 1780, æ. 72 yrs.; 13 *Sarah*, b 1710, m Matthew Bellamy, March 31, 1721; 14 *Jacob*, b April, 1713, grad. of Yale, was Cong. min., settled at Groton, Conn.; 15 *Lydia*, d June 3, 1729.

## 5. REUBEN.

REUBEN JOHNSON married Mary Dayton, March 11, 1718, and settled on the place now owned by Almon Doolittle, and built a house there.

Children: 16 *Fustus*, b April 6, 1720, d May 12, 1720; 17 *Fustus*, b March 26, 1721; 18 *Ephraim*; 19 *Rebecca*, b July 14, 1723; 20 *Zaccheus*; and probably others. Ephraim occupied the old house where his father lived; he took it down and built the one now owned by Mr. Rufus Doolittle. Zaccheus lived in the house that stood opposite the Caleb Dudley house.

## 6. ISAAC.

DEA. ISAAC JOHNSON married Sarah Osborne, March 26, 1723. She died Nov. 16, 1766, æ. 65. He built and occupied the Caleb Dudley house, and lived there; he died April 29, 1779, æ. 84 yrs.

Children: 21 *Isaac*; 22 *Abigail*, b Feb. 11, 1722; 23 *Joseph*, b Jan. 21, 1725; 24 *Sarah*, b Feb. 10, 1729; 25 *Isaac*, b June 23, 1731, m Elizabeth —; 26 *Esther*, b Nov. 31, 1735; 27 *Lois*, b Feb. 15, 1738; 28 *Rachel*, b March 6, 1740.

## 7. ENOS.

ENOS JOHNSON lived in the house of his father Jacob.

Child: 29 *Enos*.

## 9. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL JOHNSON married Sarah Miles, Jan. 26, 1732. His house was built by Caleb Johnson, and stood on the lot just east of the present residence of Turhand Cook. He also lived on the place now owned by the heirs of the late Liverius Carrington, in the village. He was a smith of some kind, and a worker of brass, &c., &c. He died 1747, leaving an Estate of £2226 12s.

Children: 30 *Eunice*, b Jan. 13, 1734; 31 *Prudence*, b Jan. 11, 1738; 32 *Caleb*, b Sept. 17, 1739; 33 *Anna*, b Apr. 12, 1736; 34 *Miles*, b Oct. 31, 1741; 35 *Rebecca*, b Aug 4, 1744; 36 *Warren*, b Apr. 17, 1747; 37 *Silas*, b Jan. 21, 1749; 38 *Jacob*, b July 21, 1742.

## 10. ABNER.

CAPT. ABNER JOHNSON married Charity Dayton, Dec. 14, 1726, and lived on the place where afterward his son Hezekiah lived. He died Dec. 28, 1757.

Children: 39 *Dayton*, b Feb. 8, 1728, m Hannah ———; 40 *Hezekiah*, b March 12, 1732; 41 *Abner*, b Aug. 26, 1738, graduated at Yale College and settled in Waterbury; 42 *Anna*, b Apr. 18, 1736; 43 *Charles*, b May 19, 1736; 44 *Jacob*, b July 21, 1742; 45 *Lydia*, m E. Fitch Esq.; 46 *Charity*, b May 19, 1736.

## 15. DANIEL.

DANIEL JOHNSON married Joanna Preston, Dec. 24, 1734, and first occupied a house that stood a little east of where his father Jacob lived. He afterwards removed to the Sam'l Parker place. He died Oct. 14, 1780, ae. 72. She died Jan. 18, 1781.

Children: 47 *Charles*, b Nov. 13, 1735, d at sea, brought to New Haven and buried; 48 *Solomon*, b May 4, 1740, built the John B. Johnson house; 49 *Dan*, b Mar. 24, 1746; 50 *Israel*, b July 8, 1748, settled in Meriden near Hanging Hills; 51 *Fustin*, b Mar. 4, 1752; 52 *Mindwell*, b May 19, 1738, m ——— Merrow; 53 *Foanna*, b Apr. 4, 1743, m ——— Lee; 54 *Abigail*, b Dec. 23, 1753; 55 *Foshua*, b July 26, 1757, m ——— Brockett; 56 *Rebecca*, b March 29, 1759, d March 31, 1759; 57 *Rebecca*.

## JOHN.

JOHN JOHNSON, the son of John, the son of Robert, married 1st, Mary Chatterton of New Haven, came to Wallingford before 1710; the date of this marriage is Dec. 12, 1710. She died within that year, and he married Sarah Hitchcock, July 12, 1711. His house occupied the same piece of ground as



that now occupied by the dwelling-house of Russell Cook, and formerly known as the Pond house or place. He died July 24, 1748, æ. 64 years. Born 1687.

Children: 58 *Esther*, b May 4, 1712, m Merriman Munson; 59 *Barbara*, b Feb. 5, 1714, m Abraham Ives; 60 *Damaris*, b June 31, 1716; 61 *Daniel*, b Dec. 14, 1717, m Ruth —, he d in 1761; 62 *Phebe*, b April 28, 1720, m Dydimus Parker; 63 *Fennings*, b Jan. 7, 1722, m Sarah —, 1745, owned the Pond place; 64 *Ruth*, b Oct. 10, 1723; 65 *Amos*, b March 4, 1726, d during the Revolutionary war near White Plains, N. Y.; 66 *Patience*, b July 28, 1728.

## 18. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM JOHNSON, son of Reuben and Mary Dayton, married Hannah —.

Children: 67 *Content*, b July 14, 1755; 68 *Luther*, b June 25, 1759.

## 20. ZACCHEUS.

ZACCHEUS JOHNSON, son of Reuben and Mary Dayton, married Phebe —.

Children: 69 *Fustus*, b Dec. 6, 1756; 70 *Sybil*, b Jan. 27, 1769.

## 39. DAYTON.

DAYTON JOHNSON, son of Abner and Charity Dayton Johnson, married Hannah —. She died Jan. 6, 1723, æ. 46 yrs. He died Feb. 19, 1798, æ. 70 yrs.

Children: 71 *Mamre*, b Aug. 15, 1752; 72 *Eliakim*, b Dec. 31, 1753; 73 *Hannah*, b April 28, 1756.

## 40. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH JOHNSON, son of Abner and Charity Dayton Johnson, married Ruth —.

Children: 74 *Caleb*, b July 11, 1759; 75 *George*, b March 11, 1760; 76 *Charles*, b Nov. 21, 1761.

## 48. SOLOMON.

SOLOMON JOHNSON, son of Daniel and Joanna Preston Johnson, married Mary, daughter of John Barker. She died Sept. 7, 1825. He died April 4, 1779, æ. 59.

Child: 77 *John Barker*, married — Munson, he d in Wallingford.

## 49. DAN.

DAN JOHNSON, son of Daniel and Joanna P. Johnson, married 1st, Rebecca Hitchcock. She died July 25, 1813, ae. 65. His 2d wife, Lucy Dudley, died Jan. 22, 1825, ae. 69. He died Sept. 2, 1830, ae. 85.

Children: 78 *Cephas*, m — Frost; 79 *Dan*, b on the old Humiston place, m — Dudley; 80 *Willard*; 81 *Augustus*, m — Frost; 82 *Ransom*; 83 *Laura*, m Amos Curtis of Meriden.

## 50. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL JOHNSON, son of Daniel and Joanna Preston Johnson, settled near the Hanging Hills in the parish of Meriden. Some of the family are still on that farm.

Children: 84 *Andrew*; 85 *Peter*; 86 *William*, still living on the farm, a bachelor; 87 *Huldah*.

## 63. JENNINGS.

JENNINGS JOHNSON, son of John and Sarah H. Johnson, married Sarah Johnson. He cut the stone cider mill trough that was afterwards Samuel Cook's.

Children: 88 *Sarah*, b June 4, 1749; 89 *Damaris*, b June 26, 1753; 90 *Stephen*, b March 18, 1754; 91 *Esther*, b March 27, 1756; 92 *Rachel*, b Oct. 29, 1759.

## 65. AMOS.

AMOS JOHNSON, son of John and Sarah H. Johnson, married Abigail ———.

Children: 93 *Lucy*, b Sept. 11, 1747; 94 *Esther*, b Nov. 16, 1749; 95 *Sybil*, b Sept. 16, 1751.

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 JONES.

## THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS and Hannah Jones are the first recorded of that name in Wallingford; he married Hannah Mix, Dec.

26, 1711. She died Nov. 26, 1754. He married 2d, Sarah Moss, Sept. 22, 1755.

Children: 1 *Nathaniel*, b March 30, 1717, m Sarah Merriman; 2 *Theophilus*, b Nov. 1, 1723, m Anna Street; 3 *Caleb*, b Nov. 4, 1712, m Mary How, Oct. 6, 1741; 4 *Lydia*, b Nov. 9, 1714, m Joseph Moss, Feb. 4, 1735; 5 *Hannah*, b Oct. 4, 1720, m Jehiel Merriman, Aug. 5, 1740; 6 *Abigail*, b Dec. 28, 1726, m Benjamin Dutton, March 16, 1747; 7 *Daniel*, b Oct. 28, 1731, d May 1, 1737; 8 *Nicholas*, b Dec. 17, 1729, m 1st, Mary ———, 2d, Eunice ———.

## 1. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL JONES, son of Theophilus and Hannah, married Sarah Merriman, June 8, 1743, in Wallingford.

Children: 9 *Abigail*, b Sept. 26, 1744; 10 *Daniel*, b Oct. 17, 1748; 11 *Sarah*, b Aug. 16, 1750; 12 *Eunice*, b Jan. 27, 1752; 13 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 5, 1757; 14 *Amos*, b Aug. 3, 1758; 15 *Reuben*, b Oct. 11, 1759, m Sarah ———, he d Oct. 6, 1840; 16 *Hannah*, b Feb. 25, 1761.

## 2. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS JONES, son of Theophilus and Hannah, married Anna Street, May 24, 1757; she died Aug. 10, 1811, ae. 76 yrs. He died Oct. 8, 1815, ae. 91 yrs.

Children: 17 *Sarah*, b March 30, 1758, m Elisha Whittelsey; 18 *Nicholas*, b Nov. 25, 1760, d Aug. 25, 1848, ae. 88; 19 *Anna*, b 1772, d Oct. 1, 1776.

## 3. CALEB.

CALEB JONES, son of Theophilus and Hannah, married Mary How, dau. of Zachariah.

Children: 20 *Anna*, b August 19, 1742; 21 *Zachariah H.*, b Sept. 3, 1744; 22 *Hannah*, b Jan. 8, 1746; 23 *Caleb*, b Sept. 3, 1748; 24 *Samuel*, b May 15, 1754.

## 8. NICHOLAS.

NICHOLAS JONES, son of Theophilus and Hannah, married 1st, Mary ———, 2d, Eunice ———. He died April 24, 1760.

Children by 1st marriage: 25 *Charles*, b May 19, 1752;

26 *Patience*, b March 27, 1754. By 2d marriage: 27 *Mary*, b April 30, 1756, d May 6, 1760; 28 *Eunice*, b Feb. 26, 1758, d March 31, 1758; 29 *Mary*, b Feb. 26, 1760.

## 15. REUBEN.

REUBEN, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Jones, married Sarah —. He lived about a mile east of Wallingford village, where his descendants are still living, 1869. He died Oct. 6, 1843, æ. 84 years. Mrs. Sarah his wife d March 12, 1833, æ. 72 years.

## 18. NICHOLAS.

NICHOLAS JONES, son of Theophilus and Anna Jones, married Elizabeth —, and remained on the old farm of his fathers, on the west side of the river, where his son Street Jones Esq. now resides. He was a very enterprising and prosperous farmer, and died Aug. 25, 1848, æ. 88 yrs., and his wife died Feb. 8, 1845, æ. 81 yrs.

Children: 30 *Betsey*, m Rufus Bradley, Cheshire; 31 *Anna*, b 1785, d Nov. 19, 1861, æ. 76, m Jared Doolittle of North Haven; 32 *Street*, m 1st, — Eastman, 2d — Parsons; 33 *Sarah*, m Dea. Ezra Dickerman of Hamden.

## SAMUEL.

SAMUEL JONES was, with his wife Sarah, born in Wallingford, previous to 1721; she died Nov. 9, 1760. He was possibly a brother of Theophilus Jones. He married Esther Pratt, April 12, 1762.

Children: 34 *Mary*, b Dec. 5, 1721; 35 *William*, b May 31, 1722; 36 *Diadate*, b March 15, 1724; 37 *Hester*, b March 9, 1727, m Dennis Covert, March 10, 1758; 38 *Eaton*, b Aug. 26, 1730; 39 *John*, b May 25, 1747; 40 *Daniel*, b March 18, 1745-6.

KIRTLAND.<sup>1</sup>

The name of Kirtland is of Scotch descent; and among the first 36 settlers of Saybrook in 1635, was John Kirtland.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Chapman's Gen. of Chapman family, 71,

who came from Silver-street, London. He had a son John, who was the father of Daniel, who was the father of the noted missionary, Rev. Samuel Kirkland, who was born in 1701, graduated at Yale in 1720, under the name of Kirtland.

## JOHN.

JOHN KIRTLAND was married to his first wife in Saybrook, March 3, 1703; 2d, Lydia Baldwin.

Children: 1 *Hester*, b March 10, 1704; 2 *John*, b July 5, 1708, d March, 1787; 3 *Temperance*, b Nov. 10, 1710. By 2d marriage: 4 *Elisha*, b July 21, 1718; 5 *Elisha*, b Aug. 17, 1719, killed at Fort Edward, March 16, 1756; 6 *Lydia*, b Oct. 29, 1721, d June 30, 1770, at Horton, Nova Scotia; 7 *Parmel*, b Jan. 29, 1724; 8 *Constant*, b Jan. 24, 1726, d young; 9 *Constant*, b Dec. 24, 1727, d at Wallingford; 10 *Ezra*, b Oct. 11, 1730, d at Saybrook, Aug., 1801; 11 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 13, 1732; 12 *Dorothy*, b Sept. 21, 1735.

## 8. CONSTANT.

CONSTANT KIRTLAND, son of John and Lury Kirtland, of Saybrook, married Rachel, daughter of Isaac and —— Brockett, of Wallingford, April 19, 1753. She was born May 23, 1732, died at Northford, Feb. 17, 1812.

Children: 13 *Isaac*, b March 9, 1754, d Sept. 30, 1807, in Wallingford; 14 *Turhand*, b Nov. 16, 1755, d Aug. 16, 1854, at Poland, Ohio; 15 *Mary*, b Dec. 23, 1757, m Samuel Cook, d March 3, 1839; 16 *John*, b Dec. 20, 1759, d at Granville, N. Y., May 19, 1843; 17 *Billious*, b June 9, 1762, d Oct. 25, 1805, at Wallingford; 18 *Rachel*, b July 9, 1764, m Col. Edward Barker, d June 13, 1823, at Wallingford; 19 *Fared*, b Aug. 8, 1766, d April 16, 1831, at Poland, Ohio; 20 *George*, b July 2, 1769, d April 10, 1793, at Wallingford; 21 *Lydia*, b Feb. 27, 1772, m Jonathan Fowler, of Guilford, d Aug. 16, 1850, at Poland, Ohio; 22 *Sarah*, b March 19, 1778, m Capt.

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72, 96, 133; Lewis and Newhall's Hist. Lynn, Mass., 154; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., xiv. 241-5; Savage's Gen. Dict., iii. 31, 32.

Wm. Douglass, and had John, Sarah, Benjamin and William, d Sept. 28, 1842, at Northford.

## 13. ISAAC.

ISAAC KIRTLAND, son of Constant and Rachel Kirtland, married Sarah Ives.

Children : 23 *Delight*, m Peter Hall, of Wallingford ; 24 *Sarah*, m Jehiel Hall, of Wallingford ; 25 *Constant*, m Caroline Carrington, he died in N. Y. ; 26 *Clarissa*.

## 14. TURHAND.

TURHAND KIRTLAND, son of Constant and Rachel Kirtland, married Mary, daughter of Moses Beach, of Wallingford ; she died Nov. 24, 1792. Married 2d, Polly, daughter of Dr. Jared Potter, Jan. 19, 1793 ; she was born in New Haven, Feb. 10, 1772, and died at Poland, Ohio, March 21, 1850.

Children : 27 *Jared Potter, M. D.*, b Nov. 10, 1793, m Caroline, dau. of Joshua Atwater, May, 1814 ; 28 *Henry Turhand*, b Nov. 16, 1795, m 1st, Thalia Fitch ; 29 *Mary Beach*, b Sept. 12, 1798, m Richard Hall, d in Poland, Ohio ; 30 *Nancy*, b Jan. 1, 1801, m Elkanah Morse ; 31 *Billious*, b Aug. 29, 1807, m Ruthan A. Frame, resides in Poland, Ohio ; 32 *George*, m Helen, dau. of Randall Cook, of Wallingford.

## 16. JOHN.

JOHN KIRTLAND, son of Constant and Rachel Kirtland, married 1st, Lucy A. Burbank, April 10, 1788 ; she was born Jan. 10, 1771, d Aug. 17, 1728. Married 2d, widow Mary Tyler Benham, dau. of Moses Tyler, and widow of Silas Benham, formerly of Meriden, June 7, 1829. She died April 4, 1836, æ. 57 years.

Children : 33 *Henrietta*, b Jan. 23, 1789, m Wm. Sweetland, of Plattsburg, Nov. 19, 1811 ; 34 *Wm. Henry*, b Jan. 11, 1791, d April 6, 1821 ; 35 *Lucy Fitch*, b April 3, 1793, m Peter J. H. Myers, of Whitehall, Jan. 29, 1815 ; 36 *George Washington*, b April 11, 1795, m Frances Davis, Oct. 6, 1828, he is a lawyer ; 37 *Ann Burbank*, b April 5, 1797, d May 11,

1797; 38 *Ann Burbank*, b April 27, 1798, m Wm. Haile, April 15, 1822, d Nov. 26, 1859; 39 *Eliza Cornelia*, b Sept. 17, 1800, m John B. Shaw, Oct. 13, 1825, d July 22, 1842; 40 *Lydia Maria*, b March 25, 1802, m S. Myers, Oct. 23, 1827, d Nov. 9, 1864; 41 *Rachel Brockett*, b Feb. 11, 1804, m Thos. A. Tomlison, May 16, 1833; 42 *Fohn*, b Oct. 13, 1805, m Catherine Campbell, Sept. 13, 1836; 43 *Isaac Billious*, b Oct. 14, 1807, m Lucy Sperry, Dec. 8, 1835; 44 *Edward*, b July 23, 1810, m Maria Foot, Jan. 24, 1837; 45 *Fared Turhand*, b Nov. 3, 1816, m Ann T. Palmer, Sept. 6, 1849, d May 19, 1861.

## 17. BILLIOUS.

DR. BILLIOUS KIRTLAND, son of Constant and Rachel Kirtland, married Sarah, daughter of Dr. Jared Potter.

Children: 46 *Eliza*, m Liverius Carrington; 47 *Polly*, m Col. Russell Hall; 48 *George*, d 1869; 49 *Sarah*, m Liverius Carrington.

## 19. JARED.

JARED KIRTLAND, son of Constant and Rachel Kirtland, married 1st, Lois, daughter of Elisha and Lucretia Stanley Yale, of Wallingford. He removed to Poland, Ohio, in 1802, where he died, April 16, 1831. She died Oct. 3, 1814, ae. 38 yrs., at Cookstown, Penn. He left a widow, 2d wife.

Children by 1st marriage: 50 *Lucretia*, b Nov. 2, 1796, m Dr. — Manning; 51 *Rachel*, b Dec. 9, 1798, m Col. Caleb Wicks; 52 *Eliza*, b Aug. 2, 1803, m Philo Cook, of Wallingford; 53 *Sarah*, b Oct. 8, 1805, m Geo. G. Hills; 54 *Lois Yale*, b Sept. 21, 1813, m Eli Mygatt, M. D., of Poland, Ohio.

LEWIS.<sup>1</sup>

## BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN LEWIS was the first of the name in Wallingford. He came from Stratford in 1670, and had assigned him lot ———, which he sold to Dr. John Hull, who had come

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Alden's Coll. of Am. Epitaphs, v. 68-70;

from Derby to settle in the place as a physician. Mr Lewis soon after left Wallingford, and returned to his old home in Stratford.

Children: *Mary*, b Nov. 1, 1671, d in Wallingford; *John*, b Sept. 20, 1672; *Mary*, b Nov. 9, 1674; *Edmund*, b 1679, m Hannah Beach, May 21, 1702. He d in 1757, æ. 78 yrs.

## EBENEZER.

EBENEZER LEWIS, blacksmith, married Elizabeth Merriman, Dec. 2, 1685, and settled in the eastern part of the town in 1684. He was a son of William Lewis, of Farmington. He died in 1709.

Children: 1 *Hezekiah*, b Oct. 12, 1686, d 1711, m Abigail ———; 2 *Caleb*, b Oct. 15, 1691, m Sarah Cook, Nov. 25, 1713; 3 *Selekey*, b Oct. 25, 1693; 4 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 15, 1695; 5 *Barnabas*, b Nov. 4, 1697, m Elizabeth ———; 6 *Hannah*, b Oct. 10, 1699, m Samuel Cook Esq.; 7 Dr. *Benjamin*, b Sept. 21, 1701, m Esther Matthews, Nov. 3, 1724; 8 *Malachi*, b Oct. 4, 1703, settled in Middletown; 9 *Agape*, b Jan. 10, 1705.

## 2. CALEB.

CALEB LEWIS, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth, married Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Hope Cook, Nov. 28, 1713.

Children: 10 *Ichabod*, b April 13, 1714, d March 1, 1718; 11 *Caleb*, b Feb. 28, 1717, m Eunice Welton, Jan. 10, 1736; 12 *Ichabod*, b 1716, m Sarah ———, 1777; 13 *Ebenezer*, b

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Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Ct., 160, 161, 167, 277, 306, 307, 332, 354; Bradbury's Hist. Kennebunkport, Me., 257; Bronson's Hist. Waterbury, Ct., 518, 519; Caulkins' Hist. New London, Ct., 295, 296; Deane's Hist. Scituate, Mass., 303, 304; Fields' Hist. Haddam, Ct., 46; Freeman's Hist. Cape Cod, Mass., I. 614, II. 285, 404, 465, 471, 480, 481, 507, 661, 676; Howe's Hist. Col. Virginia, 181-3; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 281; Judd & Boltwood's Hist. Hadley, Mass., 530, 531; Lewis & Newhall's Hist. Lynn, Mass., 180-2; Meade's Old Churches and Families of Virginia, II. 231-3, 325, 326; N. E. Hist. and Gen., Reg., XVII. 162-6; Pierce's Hist. Gorham, Me., 181-3; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 84-90; Sheppard's Account of Lewis Family; Smith's Hist. Delaware Co., Penn., 478-80; Virginia Hist. Reg., v. 24, 25.



April 14, 1715, m Sarah Avered, June 12, 1735; 14 *Hezekiah*, b Oct. 14, 1720, m Abigail Chamberlain, April 25, 1744.

## 5. BARNABAS.

BARNABAS LEWIS, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth, married Elizabeth ———; he died Oct. 1, 1729.

Children: 15 *Lucy*, b March 23, 1724; 16 *Lois*, b May 26, 1728.

## 7. BENJAMIN.

DR. BENJAMIN LEWIS, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth, married Esther Matthews, Nov. 3, 1724.

Children: 17 *Bela*, b Sept. 28, 1724; 18 *Bela*, b Jan. 10, 1725; 19 *Elizabeth*, b March 6, 1727, m Cornelius Johnson, Dec. 9, 1746; 20 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 11, 1728, m Mary Maltbie, April 3, 1773; 21 *Barnabas*, b Aug. 17, 1733, m Rachel Curtis, Feb. 24, 1762; 22 *Jesse*, b Jan. 29, 1734; 23 *Caleb*, b May 22, 1736, m Lucy Holt, March 13, 1748-9; 24 *Samuel*, b March 8, 1741; 25 *Esther*, b Oct. 23, 1738, m Nathaniel Douglass, Feb. 1, 1759; 26 *Mary*, b Oct. 10, 1743; 27 *Mary*, b June 11, 1747; 28 *Levi*, b Oct. 19, 1750; 29 *Levi*, b Oct. 19, 1751; 30 *Lucy*, b March 23, 1754, m Zebulon Frisbie.

## 11. CALEB.

CALEB LEWIS, son of Caleb and Sarah, married Eunice Welton, Jan. 10, 1736.

Children: 31 *Jacob*, b Sept. 7, 1736; 32 *Eunice*, b April 6, 1738; 33 *Amy*, b Jan. 31, 1745; 34 *Caleb*, b April 15, 1752.

## 12. ICHABOD.

ICHABOD LEWIS, son of Caleb and Sarah, married 1st, Sarah ———, 2d, Esther ———; she was burned to death in 1812.

Children: 35 *Samuel*, b Oct. 9, 1748, m Esther ———, he d Feb. 8, 1824, ae. 76; 36 *Elihu*, b June 10, 1752, settled in Albany, N. Y.; 37 *Esther*, b July 11, 1756, m John Mansfield; 38 *Fared*, b May 10, 1761, m Rhoda Munson.

## 13. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER LEWIS, son of Caleb and Sarah Cook Lewis, married Sarah Avered, June 12, 1735.

Children: 39 *Hannah*, b Oct. 9, 1736; 40 *Malachi*.

## 14. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH, son of Caleb and Sarah Cook Lewis, m Abigail Chamberlain, April 28, 1744.

Children: 41 *John*, b May 22, 1745; 42 *Ebenezer*, b Oct. 14, 1746; 43, 44 *Mary* and *Hezekiah*, b April 27, 1755; 45 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 18, 1757; 46 *Abel*, b Dec. 25, 1760.

## 18. BELA.

BELA LEWIS, son of Benjamin and Esther Lewis, married Abigail —.

Child: 47 *Joseph*, b May 6, 1743-4.

## 21. BARNABAS.

BARNABAS LEWIS, son of Dr. Benjamin and Esther Lewis, married Rachel Curtis, Feb. 24, 1762.

Children: 48 *Rachel*, b March 20, 1768; 49 *Levi*, b March 5, 1775; 50 *Merriam*, b Feb. 14, 1777.

## 35. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL LEWIS, son of Ichabod and Sarah Lewis, died Feb. 8, 1824, ae. 76 yrs. He married Esther —.

Children: 51 *Sarah*, b Sept. 8, 1773; 52 *Esther*, b July 15, 1776, m Ephraim Cook, of Wall.; 53 *Elihu*, b March 12, 1777.

## 38. JARED.

JARED LEWIS, son of Ichabod and Sarah Lewis, married Rhoda Munson. He died in Wallingford.

Children: 54 *Isaac*, m Esther Beaumont, kept a hotel and store in Meriden; 55 *Frederick*, m Sinai Hall, of Wallingford.

## JACOB.

JACOB LEWIS married Mary Martin, June 22, 1773.

Children: 56 *Jacob*, b March 10, 1776; 57 *Ezekiel*, b July 6, 1777.

## ISAAC.

DR. ISAAC LEWIS married Keziah ———. He lived on the west side of the river.

Children: 58 *Charles*, b May 8, 1772; 59 *Isaac*, died May 9, 1772, ae. 25 yrs.; 60 *Keziah*, d May 29, 1772, ae. 19 yrs.

Joseph Lewis of Windsor and Simsbury, had sons, Joseph and John, who had a numerous posterity, who settled in Waterbury.

Joshua Lewis, a Baptist Clergyman, came from Wales about 1780, and settled in Connecticut. His son Joshua, likewise a Baptist Clergyman, resided in Conn. and R. I., where he had a son Joshua, who removed to Saratoga, N. Y., and married a Miss Grinelle, and had a son John, who moved to the neighborhood of Auburn, N. Y., where he married Delecta Barbour, and became a farmer. They had five children, one of whom is Dr. Dio Lewis, of Lexington, Mass., born in 1825.

The name of Lewis is derived from the Welsh *Lluaws*, signifying a multitude. The name of Lewes is derived from the same source, as is also the ancient town of Lewes in Sussex, England.

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MARTIN.<sup>1</sup>

The Martins of Plymouth, Devonshire, were originally from Kent. Capt. John Martin, of this family, went round the world with Drake, in 1577.

The name of Martin was adopted as a surname at a very early date; and few names have had a greater number to bear them. The earliest record containing it which I have found, is the "roll of Battle Abbey," on which appears the name of Le Sire de S. Martin. Battle Abbey was dedicated to St.

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Babson's Hist. Gloucester, Mass., 115; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 620-31; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 324; Hough's Hist. Lewis Co., N. Y., 172-4; Littell's Passaic Valley Gen., 278; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 161-4.

Martin, and the date of its roll is 1066. The name was not only numerous on the other side of the water, but has been the same in this country from its first settlement. There was a William Martin at London, England, who assisted the Puritans in preparing for their voyage to Plymouth Rock ; but it does not appear that he came with them. John Martyn, afterwards Capt. John Martyn or Martin of Plymouth, and son of — Martin of Bridgetown, near Totness, who had male issue living at that place in 1620, sailed round the globe with Sir Francis Drake, leaving Plymouth Nov. 15, 1577, and returning to the same port Sept. 26, 1580.

Christopher Martin with his wife and son Christopher, and one whose name is not given, came over in the Mayflower in 1620; but they all died during the first winter. Others of the name however, came in almost every ship that brought over a company, for some years. They settled in various parts of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia and other colonies. Anthony died at Middletown, Conn., 1693 ; William of Stratford at Woodbury, Conn. It is proposed in this to trace only the Wallingford families. As early as 1684, John and Elizabeth Martin made their appearance in Wallingford, and were married by Mr. Moss, Jan. 15, 1684 ; how long they continued in the place does not now appear. In 1735, Robert Martin and his wife Abigail appear to have been in Wallingford.

Children: 1 *James*, b March 3, 1735, m Agnes Crawford, March 8, 1718 ; 2 *Lydia*, b Oct. 27, 1740 ; 3 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 23, 1742 ; 4 *Samuel*, b May 1, 1744 ; 5 *Abigail*, b Dec. 9, 1745 ; 6 *Isaac*, b April 25, 1748 ; 7 *Mary*, b Aug. 30, 1750 ; 8 *John*, b Sept. 27, 1754.

#### WOOSTER.

WOOSTER MARTIN came into Wallingford early in the present century, and settled on the North Farms as a wagon-maker, and by industry and perseverance accumulated a very handsome estate. He was twice married ; 1st, to Althea

Hall, 2d, Delilah Morse, widow of the late Sylvester Hull. He died in Wallingford, May 4, 1862, ae. 72.

Children by 1st marriage: 9 *Othniel Ives*, m —, daughter of Augustus Hall, 2d, — Cook, daughter of Colonel T. Cook; 10 ———; 11 *Henry*, m — Hall, daughter of Joel Hall. By 2d marriage, 12 ———.

## I. JAMES.

JAMES MARTIN, son of Robert and Abigail, m Agnes Crawford, March 8, 1758.

Children: 13 *Mary*, b Dec. 28, 1758, in Wallingford; 14 *James*, b Nov. 10, 1761, in Wallingford.

## MANSFIELD.

CAPT. JOHN MANSFIELD married Esther Lewis, and owned and occupied the house and lot now owned and occupied by Mr. Harrison, and formerly by John Hiddleston, Esq. Mr. Mansfield was in the service of his country during the Revolution, and received for that service a pension from the government. He died highly respected.

Children: 1 *Ira*, he settled at Atwater, Ohio; 2 *Sybil*, m John Hiddleston of Georgetown, S. C.; both d in Wallingford.

MATTOON.<sup>1</sup>

Philip, son of Philip and Mary Mattoon, was doubtless the first of the name in Wallingford. He settled in the northeast part of the town.

## JOHN.

JOHN MATTOON, son of Philip and Mary, who also settled in Wallingford, was born in 1682, and married Jerusha Hall, Oct. 20, 1706. He died Feb. 19, 1754; she died Sept. 28, 1760, ae. 71 yrs.

Children: 1 *Eleazer*, b Dec. 13, 1727, no knowledge of

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Judd & Boltman's Hist. and Gen. Hadley, Mass., 535, 536; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 177, 178.

him or family ; 2 *Gershom*, b Aug. 18, 1730 ; 3 *Ebenezer*, b April 4, 1735, m Martha —, she d Nov. 10, 1802, he d May 27, 1814 ; 4 *David* ; 5 *Isaac* ; 6 *Nathaniel* ; 7 *Sarah* ; 8 *Mary*, m ——— Brooks ; 9 *John*, d Jan. 6, 1808, ae. 51.

## 4. DAVID.

DAVID MATTOON m Phebe Curtis, Oct., 5, 1742.

Children : 10 *Charles*, b Dec 12, 1744 ; 11 *Phebe*, b Jan. 15, 1748 ; 12 *Eunice*, b March 19, 1751.

## 6. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL MATTOON married Mary Curtis, Feb. 17, 1745.

Children : 13 *Joel*, b Jan. 24, 1749 ; 14 *Seth*, b March 21, 1753.

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MERRIMAN.

This name is often spelled on the old records Merriam and Merriman, both names referring to the same person. Joseph Merriam took the freeman's oath in Lexington, Mass., March 14, 1638. He died Jan. 1, 1641, and some of his descendants assumed the name of, or were recorded as Merriman.

## NATHANIEL.

CAPT. NATHANIEL MERRIMAN was one of the original settlers in Wallingford in 1670. Lots Nos. 1 and 2 were set him on the north, west and east corners of the south cross street, also No. 2 adjoining the west lot. These corner lots are now owned by Peter Whittelsey, Esq., and Rev. Edgar J. Doolittle. These extra lots were set to him in consideration of some out land which the committee had given out to other parties to his damage. Capt. Merriman built his house on the lot where Mr. Whittelsey's house now stands, but a short distance to the west of it. A large elm tree stands nearly in front of the old site. He died Feb. 13, 1693, ae. 80 years.

Children : 1 *John*, d Sept. 26, 1651 ; 2 *Hannah*, b May 16, 1651 ; 3 *Abigail*, b April 18, 1654 ; 4 *Mamre*, b July 12, 1657, m Samuel Munson ; 5 *John*, b Feb. 28, 1659, m 1st, Hannah

Lines, 2d, Mary Doolittle ; 6 *Samuel*, b Sept. 29, 1662, m 1st, Anna —, 2d, Elizabeth Peck ; 7 *Caleb*, b May, 1665, m Mary Preston ; 8 *Moses*, b 1667 ; 9 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 14, 1669, m Ebenezer Lewis, Dec. 2, 1685.

## 5. JOHN.

JOHN MERRIMAN married 1st, Hannah Lines of New Haven, March 28, 1682. He married 2d, Mary Doolittle, and after her decease married Elizabeth Peck, March 20, 1690.

Children: 10 *Esther*, b Jan. 24, 1683 ; 11 *Abigail*, b Feb. 1, 1685 ; 12 *George*, b July 14, 1688, m Susanna Abernathy. By 3d marriage: 13 *John*, b Oct. 16, 1691 ; 14 *Israel*, b June 23, 1693, m Comfort Benham, June 23, 1715 ; 15 *Sarah*, b Feb. 17, 1702 ; 16, 17 *Elizabeth* and *Susanna*, b July 20, 1703 ; 18 *Mary*, b March 15, 1705 ; 19 *Caleb*, b April 25, 1707, m Ruth —.

## 6. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL MERRIMAN married 1st, Anna —, 2d, Elizabeth Peck.

Children: 20 *Nathaniel*, b May 22, 1687 ; 21 *Nathaniel*, b March 16, 1690 ; 22 *Theophilus*, b April 28, 1692, m Mary —, May 9, 1714 ; 23 *Samuel*, b Dec. 19, 1694, m Sarah —.

## 7. CALEB.

CALEB MERRIMAN married Mary ——. He died July 9, 1703. Estate £439.

Children: 24 *Moses*, b Oct. 31, 1691 ; 25 *Elizabeth*, b May 4, 1691 ; 26 *Eliasaph*, b May 21, 1695, m Abigail Hall, Dec. 10, 1719 ; 27 *Phebe*, b June 17, 1697 ; 28 *Hannah*, b Sept. 10, 1698 ; 29 *Phebe*, b Sept. 16, 1699, m Waitstill Munson, Dec. 10, 1719 ; 30 *Lydia*, b Dec. 3, 1701 ; 31 *Lydia*, b Nov. 12, 1702.

## 8. MOSES.

MOSES MERRIMAN m Martha —.

Children: 32 *Fehiel*, b Oct. 28, 1713 ; 33 *Esther*, b Nov. 11, 1716, d April 3d, 1734 ; 34 *Phebe*, b March 27, 1720 ; 35

*Benjamin*, b Jan. 21, 1722 ; 36 *Martha*, b Dec. 30, 1723 ; 37 *Mary*, b Feb. 26, 1726 ; 38 *Lent*, b May 25, 1731.

## 12. GEORGE.

GEORGE MERRIMAN married 1st, Susannah Abernathy, June 28, 1713 ; 2d, Ruth —.

Children : 39 *Nathan*, b Nov. 30, 1713 ; 40 *Nathan*, b July 16, 1717 ; 41 *Lois*, b Nov. 10, 1720 ; 42 *Susannah*, b Sept. 13, 1723 ; 43 *Daniel*, b Feb. 22, 1727 ; 44 *Molly*, b July 6, 1730 ; 45 *Sarah*, b May 25, 1733.

## 14. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL MERRIMAN m Comfort Benham, June 23, 1715.

Children : 46 *Foseph*, b Aug. 20, 1716 ; 47 *Comfort*, b Oct. 3, 1720 ; 48 *Felin*, b Feb 16, 1724 ; 49 *Israel*, b Nov. 30, 1732 ; 50 *Elizabeth*, b March 11, 1734.

## 19. CALEB.

CALEB MERRIMAN married Ruth —, Aug. 31, 1732. She died before him. He died of small pox, June 2, 1770.

Children : 51 *Sarah*, b May 25, 1733 ; 52 *George*, b 1736, d Sept. 24, 1787 ; 53 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 24, 1739 ; 54 *Ruth*, b Nov. 1, 1741 ; 55 *Anna*, d July 4, 1751 ; 56 *Ferusha*, d July 5, 1751 ; 57 *Abigail*, d Oct. 3, 1761 ; 58 *Caleb*, b Feb. 26, 1751, d Oct. 9, 1751.

## 21. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL MERRIMAN married Mehitable —.

Children : 59 *Samuel*, b May 3, 1712 ; 60 *David*, b Feb. 11, 1715 ; 61 *Thankful*, b May 31, 1717 ; 62 *Nathaniel*, b May 31, 1720, m Prudence Austin, Dec. 19, 1743.

## 22. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS MERRIMAN married Mary —.

Children : 63 *Anna*, b Sept. 1, 1715 ; 64 *Theophilus*, b Aug. 20, 1717.

## 23. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL MERRIMAN married Sarah Wilcher.

Children : 65 *Samuel*, b Aug. 24, 1728 ; 66 *Samuel*, b Oct. 14, 1734 ; 67 *Catherine*, b Dec. 28, 1736 ; 68 *Nicholas*, b Feb.



17, 1737 ; 69 *Anna*, b March 10, 1737 ; 70 *Samuel*, b Feb. 28, 1739 ; 71 *Sarah*, b Jan. 28, 1742 ; 72 *Stephen*, b March 25, 1743 ; 73 *Miles*, b June 11, 1744 ; 74 *Hannah*, b Dec. 1, 1750 ; 75 *Eunice*, b Aug. 21, 1753.

## 26. ELIASAPH.

ELIASAPH MERRIMAN married Abigail Hall ; she with her daughter Abigail were killed by lightning, Aug. 4, 1758. He died Aug. 14, 1758, ten days after.

Children: 76 *Eunice*, b Oct. 7, 1720, d ; 77 *Eunice*, b Jan. 12, 1722, d ; 78 *Eunice* b Nov. 24, 1722 ; 79 *Sarah*, b Nov. 18, 1723 ; 80 *Titus*, b Aug. 28, 1727 ; 81 *Caleb*, b Sept. 3, 1729 ; 82 *Amasa*, b about 1730 ; 83 *Elizabeth*, b July 27, 1732 ; 84 *Esther*, b Dec. 2, 1734 ; 85 *Abigail*, killed by lightning, Aug. 4, 1758 ; 86 *Elizabeth*.

## 38. LENT.

LENT MERRIMAN married Catherine ———.

Children: 87 *Luce*, b Feb. 14, 1755 ; 88 *Foel*, b Sept. 11, 1756 ; 89 *Mamre*, b June 30, 1758 ; 90 *Katherine*, b May 23, 1760 ; 91 *Moses*, b Oct. 30, 1761.

## 46. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH MERRIMAN married Deborah ———.

Children: 92 *Joseph*, b Dec. 20, 1732 ; 93 *Susannah*, b Sept. 9, 1745.

## AMASA.

AMASA and Sarah Merriman, of Wallingford.

Children: 94 *Charles*, b Aug. 20, 1762. He enlisted into the army of the Revolution as a drummer, in 1776, became drum-major, and served through the war. He married Anna Punderson, of New Haven, May 16, 1784, and settled in Watertown, where he commenced the business of tailor, which he was compelled to relinquish in consequence of ill health. After having "ridden post" from New Haven to Suffield, Conn., four years, and made a voyage to the West Indies, he commenced the mercantile business in Watertown, in which he continued until 1829. He died Aug. 26, 1829, leaving ten children.

MILES.<sup>1</sup>

John Miles was in New England in 1630, and was made free in 1732.

## THOMAS.

MAJ. THOMAS MILES of New Haven, married Abigail Mix, daughter of Thomas Mix, Sept. 7, 1709. His father, Richard Miles, died in New Haven in 1663, and his mother, Mrs. Katherine Miles, died in Wallingford, Jan. 27, 1683, æ. 95 yrs. Anna, the wife of Rev. Mr. Samuel Street, was their daughter. The tomb-stone of Mrs. Catherine Miles is still in the cemetery at Wallingford. Maj. Thomas Miles died Oct. 5, 1741.

Children: 1 *John*, b Jan. 14, 1711, m Sarah —; 2 *James*, b Dec. 18, 1713, m Phebe Thompson, Jan. 10, 1733; 3 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 18, 1718, m Daniel Clark, she d April 17, 1755; 4 *Mary*, b Nov. 19, 1719, m Josiah Stanley, March 14, 1739; 5 *Martha*, b Nov. 5, 1723; 6 *Eunice*, b Dec. 6, 1726, m Stephen Culver, Feb. 12, 1745-6; 7 *Abigail*, b April 2, 1727.

## I. JOHN.

JOHN and Sarah Miles. He died Nov. 18, 1760. She died Nov. 25, 1760.

Children: 8 *Samuel*, b Dec. 18, 1714; 9 *Sarah*, b Aug. 28, 1717; 10 *John*, b Oct. 4, 1723; 11 *Esther*, b Aug. 26, 1726; 12 *Mehitable*, May 2, 1741, she died May 2, 1757.

## 2. JAMES.

CAPT. JAMES and Phebe Miles of Wallingford. He was Town Clerk of his native place for a great number of years. She died Oct. 23, 1756.

Children: 13 *Thomas*, b Oct. 14, 1733; 14, 15 *Samuel*, and *Anna*, b Mar. 24, 1735; 16 *Joseph*, b March 7, 1737; 17

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Allen's Hist. Worcester, Mass. Association, 165, 166; Hill's Hist. Mason, N. H., 205; Miles' Gen. of Miles Family; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 206-8; Smith's Hist. Delaware Co., Penn., 485; Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury, Mass., 368-70; Westminster, Mass. Centennial Celebration, 30.

*John*, b Nov. 24, 1739; 18 *Catherine*, b Nov. 23, 1741; 19 *James*, b Feb. 19, 1743-4; 20 *Abigail*, b Nov. 9, 1746; 21 *Sarah*, b May 20, 1749; 22 *George*, b April 22, 1752.

## 8. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL MILES m Phebe Tuttle, Nov. 29, 1736, and resided in Wallingford.

Children: 21 *Joseph*, b March 7, 1737; 22 *Amos*, b Feb. 6, 1738; 23 *Ruth*, b May 24, 1739, m Stephen Hall, April 21, 1762; 24 *Mabel*, b Oct. 1, 1741, m John McCleave; 25 *Martha*, b June 28, 1743; 26 *Foel*, b Nov. 18, 1749; 27 *Isaac*, b Aug. 25, 1752; 28 *Samuel*, b Aug. 12, 1757.

## 10. JOHN.

JOHN MILES m Martha Curtis, Nov. 14, 1743, and resided in Wallingford.

Children: 29 *John*, b Aug. 31, 1745; 30 *Simeon*, b April 4, 1746; 31 *Sarah*, b Sept. 30, 1749.

## DANIEL.

DANIEL MILES married Anna ———, of Wallingford. He died Dec. 12, 1756.

Children: 32 *Samuel*, b Oct. 9, 1746; 33 *Charles*, b Feb. 8, 1748; 34 *Susannah*, b Sept. 6, 1750; 35 *Molly*, b Oct. 19, 1753; 36 *Anna*, b April 4, 1756.

## 22. GEORGE.

GEORGE MILES son of Capt. James Miles, came to Wallingford some thirty-five or forty years since, and remained there, until his decease, a single man, greatly advanced in life. He died Feb. 13, 1838, ae. 86 years. He was the last of the male members of the Miles family in Wallingford.

MIX.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN MIX was the first of the name who was in Wallingford. He had assigned to him in 1670, lot No. 12, the same

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 222, 223,

on which now (1870) stand the houses of Joel Peck, deceased, and the heirs of the late Hon. Edgar Atwater. He was the eldest son of Thomas Mix Sen., of New Haven. Daniel, his brother, also settled in Wallingford, married Ruth ———, May 2, 1678.

Children: 1 *Thomas*, b March 25, 1678-9, m Deborah Royce, March 2, 1705; 2 *Lydia*, b July 31, 1682, m Ebenezer Hall; 3 *Daniel*, b June 1, 1685, m Lydia Erwin, May 24, 1732.

#### I. THOMAS.

THOMAS MIX, son of Daniel and Ruth, married Deborah Royce, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Royce; she died Dec. 15, 1738.

Children: 4 *Abigail*, b Jan. 29, 1706; 5 *Josiah*, b Nov. 20, 1707; 6 *Thomas*, b Nov. 27, 1709; 7 *Daniel*, b April 27, 1712; 8 *Deborah*, b March 17, 1744; 9, 10 *Hannah* and *Sarah*, b Jan. 30, 1716; 11 *Stephen*, b May 8, 1718, m Rebecca ———; 12 *Enos*, b May 29, 1720; 13 *Sarah*, b April 1, 1723, m Christopher Robinson, April 14, 1757; 14 *Martha*, b July 18, 1725; 15 *Timothy*, b Dec. 28, 1727; 16 *Enos*, b May 29, 1730, d Dec. 20, 1737.

#### 3. DANIEL.

DANIEL MIX married Lydia Erwin, May 28, 1712. He was a son of Daniel and Ruth Mix.

Children: 17 *Benjamin*, b Aug. 13, 1713; 18 *Lydia*, b Sept. 21, 1716; 19 *Ruth*, b Oct. 5, 1718; 20 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 11, 1720; 21 *Isaac*, b June 7, 1723, d; 22 *Isaac*, b Nov. 5, 1727; 23 *Daniel*, b Nov. 31, 1730; 24 *Jeremiah*, b Nov. 12, 1737.

#### 5. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH MIX, son of Thomas and Deborah Mix, married 1st, Sybil Holt; she d Aug. 5, 1731. He married 2d, Abigail Porter, Dec. 20, 1742.

Children: 25 *Jesse*, b Oct. 22, 1731, m Deborah Parker; 26 *Eldad*, b Oct. 4, 1733; 27 *Titus*, b Dec. 4, 1735, d; 28 *Sybil*, b April 5, 1738. By 2d marriage: 29 *Titus*, b Dec. 4, 1745.

## 6. THOMAS.

THOMAS MIX, son of Thomas and Deborah Mix, married Ruth —.

Children: 30 *Samuel*, b Feb. 3, 1740; 31 *Thomas*, b Aug. 12, 1745; 32 *Enos*, b Feb. 2, 1747; 33 *John*, b Aug. 23, 1750, d in Wallingford; 34 *Amos*, b Dec. 2, 1753.

## 11. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN MIX married Rebecca —.

Children: 35 *Rebecca*, b May 13, 1747; 36 *Stephen*, b Nov. 2, 1748; 37 *Sarah*, b Dec. 31, 1749.

## 25. JESSE.

JESSE MIX married Deborah Parker, Nov. 22, 1753.

Children: 38 *Ruth*, b Sept. 15, 1754; 39 *Josiah*, b Aug. 22, 1755, m 1st, Mindwell Royce, 2d, Keziah Royce.

## THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS and Damaris Mix were married Jan. 17, 1729. He died in Meriden July 3, 1750, ae. 53 years.

Children: 40 *Moses*, b Jan. 3, 1730, died Feb 14, 1730; 41 *Mary*, b April 3, 1731; 42 *Sarah*, b Aug. 26, 1732; 43 *Mary*, b Aug. 4, 1734, d; 44 *Mary*, b Aug., 1735, d Sept. 3, 1735; 45 *Eber*.

## 39. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH MIX was twice married, 1st to Mindwell Royce, Aug. 17, 1777. She died in 1802. He married her sister Keziah Royce, Jan. 2, 1803. He formerly owned and occupied the house, late the residence of Harley Morse, at Yalesville. In 1816, he, with his family, removed to Ohio and settled at Atwater. He died at Rootstown, Ohio, in his 91st year. His wife Keziah died at Atwater, Ohio, ae. 82 yrs.

Children: 46 *James*, b June 7, 1778, m Miss Curtis; 47 *Josiah*, b Sept. 15, 1779, m Sarah Mattoon, d Feb. 4, 1867; 48 *Sarah*, b June 7, 1782, m Joseph Rice, d in 1818; 49 *Mindwell*, b June 1, 1784; 50 *Rebecca*, b May 1, 1787, m 1st, Joseph Hull, 2d, Joseph Parker, d in Wallingford; 51 *Stephen*, b Feb. 14, 1790, m Polly Owens, d Jan. 10, 1832; 52

*Amanda*, b April 13, 1792, m Earl Hawkins, Oct. 24, 1823; 53 *Julia*, d June 10, 1801; 54 *Phebe*, b Feb. 7, 1799, m James Webber, March 1, 1827, is living in Atwater, Ohio. By 2d marriage: 55 *Julia*, b Feb. 4, 1804, m Chauncey Andrews; 56 *Emeline*, b March 14, 1805, m John B. Whittelsey, Oct. 15, 1827, d Sept. 19, 1863; 57 *Samuel*, b Feb. 23, 1807, m Jane Case, is living at Rootstown, Ohio; 58 *Lucy*, b Feb. 8, 1809, m Dr. L. W. Trask.

## JOHN.

JOHN MIX married Elizabeth ———, and settled on the North Farms in Wallingford, as a blacksmith. He raised a large family of sons who learned their trades of him. He died Oct. 3, 1821, ae. 75 years. Mrs. Elizabeth died Sept. 7, 1845, ae. 81 years.

Children: 59 *John*, b 1784, m Olive Ives; 60 *Titus*, b 1787, d Aug. 31, 1833, ae. 46; 61 *Eli*, b 1802, d Dec. 16, 1848, ae. 46; 62 *Elias*, d in Prospect; 63 *William*, died at Cheshire, was a miller at Hough's Mills; 64 *Thomas*, m a daughter of Abel Sanford.

## 59. JOHN.

JOHN MIX married Olive Ives of Wallingford. He was a blacksmith at Yalesville or Tyler's Mills, for several years. He died April 5, 1849, ae. 65 years.

Children: 65 *Foel*; 66 *John*, m ——— Barnes, residence Cheshire; 67 *Butler*, d unmarried at Prospect; 68 *Garry I.*, is a manufacturer at Yalesville, Conn.; 69 *William*, resides in New Haven; 70 *Erwin*, resides in Cheshire; 71 *Olive*; 72 *Sylvia*, m William Haywood, and resides at Brooklyn, N. Y.

## 60. TITUS.

TITUS MIX, son of John and Elizabeth, was a blacksmith in the southeastern part of Meriden, and was at one time celebrated as a plough-maker.

Child: 73 *Titus Mix*, lives in Cheshire.

## DANIEL.

DANIEL and Ruth Mix were in Wallingford as early as 1667. The name of his 2d wife was Deborah ———.

Children by 1st marriage: 74 *Thomas*, b March 25, 1678; 75 *Lydia*, b July 22, 1682; 76 *Daniel*, b July 1, 1684, m Lydia —, May 28, 1712. By 2d marriage: 77 *Daniel*, b April 2, 1702; 78 *Abigail*, b Jan. 29, 1706; 79 *Fosiah*, b Nov. 20, 1707; 80 *Thomas*, b Nov. 27, 1709.

## 76. DANIEL.

DANIEL MIX m Lydia —.

Children: 81 *Deborah*, b March 17, 1714; 82 *Hannah*, b Jan. 20, 1716; 83 *Enos*, b March 29, 1720, d Dec. 20, 1737; 84 *Sarah*, b April 21, 1723; 85 *Isaac*, b Nov. 5, 1724; 86 *Martha*, b July 18, 1725; 87 *Foanna*, b March 13, 1726; 88 *Timothy*, b Dec. 28, 1727; 89 *Daniel*, b March 31, 1730.

## THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS MIX married Damaris —.

Children: 90 *Moses*, b Jan. 3, 1730; 91 *Mary*, b Aug. 4, 1733; 92 *Eben*, b Sept. 3, 1735.

MOSS.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN Moss, the ancestor of all who bear the name in these parts, was in New Haven as early as 1645, and perhaps before that date. He was a prominent man there, frequently representing the people in the General Court. As early as 1667, we find him in what is now Wallingford, perambulating the country in that region for the purpose of settling a village there. In 1670, at the age of 67 years, we find him exerting himself before the General Court at Hartford, to procure an act of incorporation, changing the name of the village to that of Wallingford, which was carried into effect the 12th day of May, 1670. At this time he was a member of the General Court from New Haven. Afterwards he was frequently a member of said Court, as a representative from Wallingford. He was a very active member of the company,

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 246, 247.

and a leader among the settlers, who were constantly filling up the place.

He was at first located on a lot at the south end of the village, a short distance below the present residence of Constant Webb, and adjoining his friends, John Brockett and Samuel Brown, to whom was assigned the lot on which the Beach house now stands. Failing to settle on it within the time limited, his title was forfeited, and the committee to whom such matters were referred, gave it to John Moss Jr., and the same remained in the possession of his heirs and descendants, until the death of the late Ebenezer Morse.

John Moss sen. died in 1707, at the advanced age of 103 years.

His sons, 1 *Mercy*, and 2 *John*, were among the early settlers of Wallingford.

#### MERCY.

MERCY MOSS, son of John the emigrant, married and settled in New Haven; was for a time in Wallingford.

Child: 3 *John*, b Jan. 7, 1677.

#### 2. JOHN.

JOHN MOSS Jr., son of John the emigrant, m Martha Lathrop, 1677. She died Sept. 21, 1719, and he died March 31, 1717. He settled on the Moses Y. Beach lot, and built a house upon it, in which I suppose he died.

Children: 4 *Mary*, b Jan. 7, 1677; 5 *Esther*, b Jan. 5, 1678; 6 Dea. *Samuel*, b Nov. 18, 1680, m Susannah Hall, Dec. 15, 1703; 7 *John*, b Nov. 10, 1682, m Elizabeth Hall, Feb. 25, 1708; 8 *Martha*, b Dec. 22, 1684; 9 *Solomon*, b July 9, 1690, m Ruth Peck, Jan. 28, 1714; 10 *Isaac*, b July 6, 1692, m Hannah Royce, May 2, 1717; 11 *Mary*, b July 23, 1694, m Solomon Munson, June 28, 1714; 12 *Israel*, b Dec. 31, 1696, m Lydia ———; 13 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 10, 1702, m Abigail ———.

#### 6. SAMUEL.

DEA. SAMUEL MOSS, son of John and Martha Lathrop Moss, married Susannah Hall, Dec. 15, 1703. He died July



29, 1765, ae. 85 yrs.; she died March 4, 1766, ae. 83 yrs.

Children: 14 *Theophilus*, b Oct. 24, 1704, m Ruth Bunny; 15 *Martha*, b June 7, 1706; 16 *Susannah*, b Dec. 5, 1708; 17 *Samuel*, b April 4, 1711, m Hannah ———; 18 *Esther*, b July 30, 1713; 19 *Isaac*, b Dec. 5, 1715, m Hannah ———, 2d, Keziah Bowers; 20 *Sarah*, b Feb. 10, 1718; 21 *Isaiah*, b Oct. 16, 1720; 22 *Bethiah*, b March 2, 1723.

## 7. JOHN.

JOHN MOSS, son of John and Martha Moss, married Elizabeth ———. She died Jan. 27, 1754; he died May 14, 1755.

Children: 23 *Hannah*, b Nov. 11, 1709; 24 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 6, 1710; 25 *Samuel*, b April 4, 1711, m Mary ———; 26 *Foseph*, b Feb. 9, 1714, m Lydia Jones, Feb. 4, 1735; 27 *Mary*, b April 22, 1716; 28 *John*, b Nov. 14, 1720; 29 *Levi*, b Sept. 30, 1722; 30 *Eunice*, b Feb. 6, 1728; 31 *Thankful*, b April 26, 1729.

## 9. SOLOMON.

SOLOMON MOSS, son of John and Martha Moss, married Ruth Peck. She died March 29, 1728. He married Sarah ———.

Children by 1st marriage: 32 *Martha*, b June 7, 1706; 33 *Susannah*, b Dec. 5, 1708; 34 *Daniel*, b May 15, 1716; 35 *Daniel*, b Oct. 28, 1717, m Mary Watts, Oct. 3, 1737; 36 *Abigail*, b March 7, 1718; 37 *Solomon*, b Oct. 31, 1719, m Sarah ———; 38 *Ruth*, b Aug. 5, 1721; 39 *Martha*, b Sept. 30, 1723; 40 *Abigail*, b July 9, 1729. Children by 2d marriage: 41 *Lois*, b Jan. 7, 1730; 42 *Fonathan*, b Feb. 8, 1731; 43 *Sarah*, b Nov. 28, 1734.

## 10. ISAAC.

ISAAC MOSS, son of John and Martha Moss, married Hannah Royce, May 2, 1717.

Children: 44 *Heman*, b July 21, 1718, d May 9, 1721; 45 *Hannah*, b March 7, 1722; 46 *Orzel*; 47 *Fesse*, b March 10, 1729; 48 *Elihu*, b May 25, 1731; 49 *Mehitable*, b May 9, 1735.

## 12. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL MOSS, son of John and Martha, married Lydia —.

Children: 50 *Nathaniel*, b Dec. 19, 1722 ; 51 *Isaiah*, b Apr. 10, 1725 ; *Lydia*, b March, 1727 ; 53 *Isaiah*, b Dec. 15, 1731 ; 54 *Keziah*, b Dec. 9, 1734, d Jan. 20, 1737 ; 55 *Asahel*, b Feb. 22, 1737 ; 56 *Keziah*, b July 27, 1739.

## 13. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN MOSS, son of John and Martha, married Abigail —.

Children: 57 *Abigail*, b Dec. 28, 1728 ; 58 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 27, 1729 ; 59 *Barnabas*, b Dec. 27, 1733 ; 60 *Timothy*, b March 17, 1736 ; 61 *Abigail*, b Sept. 30, 1740 ; 62 *Joseph*, b Dec. 17, 1742 ; 63 *Martha*, b Jan. 27, 1744-5 ; 64 *Eunice*, b Aug. 12, 1747.

## 17. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL MOSS, son of Samuel and Susannah Moss, married 1st, Mary Judd, May 28, 1734 ; she died, and he married 2d, Hannah —, Jan. 28, 1748.

Children: 65 *Susannah*, b Oct. 20, 1735, d Feb. 1, 1747 ; 66 *Samuel*, b March 31, 1739 ; 67 *Joshua*, b Jan. 18, 1742 ; 68 *Sarah*, b April 30, 1745 ; 69 *Thomas*, b Jan. 21, 1747 ; 70 *Thomas*, b July 27, 1751 ; 71 *Mary*, b April 9, 1753 ; 72 *Martha*, b May 10, 1755 ; 73 *Bethia*, b May 21, 1757.

## 19. ISAAC.

ISAAC MOSS, son of Samuel and Susannah, married Hannah —. She died March 31, 1731, ae. 40. He married 2d, Keziah Bowers, Oct. 4, 1736.

Children: 74 *Ebenezer*, b June 15, 1723 ; 75 *Heman*, b Jan. 2, 1727 ; 76 Capt. *Fesse*, b Dec. 16, 1729, d at Cheshire, March 20, 1793, ae. 64 years ; 77 *Mehitable*, d May 9, 1735 ; 78 *Isaac*, b Nov. 5, 1734. By 2d marriage: 79 *Keziah*, b March 18, 1746.

## 26. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH MOSS, son of John and Elizabeth, married Lydia Jones, Feb. 4, 1735. He died at Cheshire, July 10, 1775, ae. 62 yrs.

Children: 80 *Rhoda*, b Jan. 9, 1736; 81 *Moses*, b March 18, 1738; 82 *Eliada*, b Aug. 18, 1740; 83 *Eunice*, b May 5, 1742; 84 *Hannah*, b April 9, 1745; 85 *Joseph*, b March 21, 1747; 86 *Elizabeth*, b May 31, 1750; 87 *Isaac*, b March 29, 1754; 88 *Sarah*, b March 22, 1757; 89 *Amos*, b Oct. 2, 1760.

## 28. JOHN.

JOHN MOSS, son of John and Elizabeth, married Lydia ——. She died and he married for second wife, Sarah ——.

Children by 1st marriage: 90 *Amasa*, b April 22, 1746; 91 *John*, b Sept. 3, 1747; 92 *Foel*, d Jan. 12, 1726; 93 *Eunice*, b Oct. 30, 1750; 94 *John*, b April 7, 1753. By 2d marriage: 95 *Sarah*; 96 *Phebe*, b May 6, 1760.

## 29. LEVI.

LEVI MOSS, son of John and Elizabeth, married Martha ——.

Children: 97 *Amos*, b Nov. 17, 1744; 98 *Levi*, b Nov. 16, 1746; 99 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 3, 1748; 100 *Eunice*, b Oct. 30, 1750; 101 *John*, b Feb. 14, 1751; 102 *Martha*, b Aug. 18, 1753; 103 *Martha*, b Nov. 28, 1755; 104 *Stephen*, b Feb. 6, 1758; 105 *Hannah*, b July 24, 1760.

## 35. DANIEL.

DANIEL MOSS, son of Solomon and Ruth, married Mindwell ——.

Children: 106 *Chloe*, b Dec. 6, 1739; 107 *Simeon*, b Oct. 16, 1740; 108 *David*, b Sept. 30, 1742.

## 47. JESSE.

JESSE MOSS, son of Isaac and Hannah Moss, married Mary ——.

Children: 109 *Hannah*, b June 16, 1754; 110 *Foel*, b Dec. 17, 1755, d Nov. 22, 1756; 111 *Fesse*, b Sept. 10, 1757; 112 *Reuben*, b June 11, 1759; 113 *Job*, b April 25, 1761; 114 *Job*, b April 25, 1762.

## 50. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL MOSS, son of Israel and Lydia Moss, married Mary ——.

Children: 115 *Stephen*, b Oct. 6, 1752; 116 *Nathaniel*, b April 15, 1754; 117 *Keziah*, b May 13, 1756; 118 *Mary*, b July 19, 1758; 119 *Lydia*, b Aug. 26, 1760.

## 53. ISAIAH.

ISAIAH MOSS, son of Israel and Lydia Moss, married Phebe Doolittle, April 11, 1738; she died May 10, 1758.

Children: 120 *Phebe*, b June 3, 1739; 121 *Hezekiah*, b Jan. 20, 1741, d July 10, 1742; 122 *Mehitable*, b Nov. 15, 1743; 123 *Hezekiah*, b Nov. 3, 1746; 124 *Phebe*, b Aug. 18, 1752; 125 *Linus*, b March 2, 1761.

MUNSON.<sup>1</sup>

## SAMUEL.

SAMUEL MUNSON, the first of the name in Wallingford, married Martha Bradley of New Haven, Oct. 26, 1665. She died Jan. 9, 1707. He married for his 2d wife, Mary Merri- man, March 10, 1708. He was a shoemaker and tanner of leather, and owned the lot on which now stands the house of Almer I. Hall, Esq. He died in Wallingford, Nov. 24, 1741, ae. 74 years.

Children by 1st marriage: 1 *Martha*, b May 6, 1667, in New Haven; 2 *Samuel*, b Feb. 28, 1669; 3 *Thomas*, b March 12, 1670, in New Haven, d in Cheshire, Sept. 28, 1746, ae. 76; 4 *John*, b Jan. 28, 1672; 5 *Theophilus*, b Sept. 1, 1675; 6 *Joseph*, b Nov. 1, 1677; 7 *Stephen*, b Dec. 5, 1679; 8 *Caleb*, b Nov. 19, 1682, m Elizabeth ———; 9 *Foshuā*, b Feb. 7, 1684, d Dec. 9, 1711; 10 *Israel*, b March 6, 1686; 11 *Solomon*, b Feb. 18, 1689, m Mary Cooley; 12 *Samuel*, b Aug. 25, 1691, m Rachel Cook; 13 *Marlo*, b Feb. 15, 1693; 14 *William*, b Oct. 13, 1695, m Rebecca ———, in 1750; 15 *Waitstill*, b Dec. 12, 1697; 16 *Eunice*, b Sept. 13, 1700; 17 *Obedience*, b Oct. 13, 1792; 18 *Katherine*, b June 3, 1704, m John Mitchell, Oct. 12, 1702. By 2d marriage: 19 *Tamar*, b Dec. 5, 1709.

<sup>1</sup> Machias Centennial Celebration, 171; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 257; Temple's Eccles. Hist. Whately, Mass., 36.

## 5. THEOPHILUS.

THEOPHILUS MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha, married to Mary Moss, by Mr. Hall, June 28, 1714.

Child: 20, *Eliasaph*, b Nov. 17, 1719.

## 6. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha Munson, married Margery Hitchcock, March 10, 1699.

Children: 21 *Abel*, b Jan. 10, 1701, m Sarah Peck; 22 *Abigail*, b April 3, 1704, m Ichabod Merriman, Oct. 17, 1725; 23 *Joseph*, b Dec. 21, 1705; 24 *Desire*, b Feb. 7, 1707; 25 *Thankful*, b Jan. 8, 1708; 26 *Ephraim*, b Nov. 15, 1714; 27 *Margery*, b Oct. 10, 1717; 28 *Femima*, b March 27, 1720; 29 *Auger*, b April 7, 1725, d Dec. 17, 1726.

## 8. CALEB.

CALEB MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha Munson, married Elizabeth Brewer, March 26, 1706.

Children: 30 *Keziah*, b Jan. 13, 1706; 31 *Caleb*, b Aug. 19, 1709, m Abigail Brockett, April 23, 1735; 32 *Elizabeth*, b March 31, 1717; 33 *Merriam*, b April 12, 1720.

## 9. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha Munson, married Katharine, daughter of Rev. Samuel Street, Dec. 20, 1710. He died Dec. 9, 1711.

Children: 34 *Foshua*, b Aug. 2, 1710; 35 *Mary*, b March 2, 1712.

## 11. SOLOMON.

SOLOMON MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha Munson, married Mary Moss, June 28, 1714; m Sarah Peck, June 14, 1753.

Children: 36 *Martha*, b Sept. 14, 1715; 37 *Samuel*, b Sept. 15, 1717; 38 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 17, 1719. By 2d marriage: 39 *Fonathan*, b June 30, 1756; 40 *Eunice*, b Nov. 19, 1754; 41 *Sarah*, b Dec. 11, 1760.

## 12. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha, married

Mary Merriman, March 10, 1708. She died Nov. 28, 1755. He died Nov. 23, 1741.

Children: 42 *Samuel*, b Feb. 5, 1709; 43 *Merriman*, b Nov. 30, 1710; 44 *Mamre*, b Dec. 16, 1712; 45 *Lent*, b Mar. 6, 1714.

## 14. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM MUNSON, son of Samuel and Martha, married Rebecca —, in 1750.

Children: 46 *Martha*, b April 2, 1729, m Ambrose Doolittle; 47 *William*, b July 5, 1731; 48 *Eunice*, b Aug. 15, 1733; 49 *Peter*, b Nov. 22, 1735, d at Cheshire in 1833, ae. 98 yrs.; 50 *Hannah*, b Sept. 6, 1737; 51 *George*, b Oct. 7, 1739; 52 *Samuel*; 53 *Amasa*, b Jan. 27, 1741.

## 15. WAITSTILL.

WAITSTILL MUNSON, son of Daniel and Martha, married Phebe Merriman, Dec. 10, 1719.

Children: 54 *Reuben*, b May 9, 1721; 55 *Hannah*, b Feb. 20, 1723; 56 *Samuel*, b Dec. 7, 1724; 57 *Phebe*, b Jan. 14, 1726; 58 *Solomon*, b March 19, 1728, m Sarah Peck, June 14, 1753; 59 *Waitstill*, b Nov. 24, 1729; 60 *Mamre*, b Jan. 20, 1734, m Timothy Carrington, Sept. 26, 1751; 61 *Martha*, b June 11, 1738.

## 21. ABEL.

ABEL MUNSON, son of Joseph and Margery, married Sarah Peck, Nov. 7, 1728.

Children: 62 *Mary*, b May 2, 1732, m Joseph Doolittle, March 11, 1756; 63 *Titus*, b July 5, 1734; 64 *Lud*, b May 5, 1736; 65 *Levi*, b Aug. 29, 1738; 66 *Sarah*, b Sept. 6, 1740; 67 *Nathaniel*, b Oct. 20, 1742; 68 *Abigail*, b Sept. 2, 1744; 69 *Margery*, b Nov. 3, 1746; 70 *Lydia*, b Oct., 1748; 71 *Abel*, b Jan. 3, 1749; 72 *Joseph*, b Nov. 16, 1751.

## 30. CALEB.

CALEB MUNSON, son of Caleb and Elizabeth Munson, married Abigail Brockett, April 3, 1735. He died July 25, 1747.

Children: 73 *Mabel*, b June 2, 1730; 74 *Abner*, b March 2, 1736; 75 *Harmon*, b Oct. 28, 1738; 76 *Caleb*, b March 13, 1741; 77 *Cornelius*, b April 16, 1742; 78 *Benjamin*, b Aug. 23, 1744.

## 33. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA MUNSON, son of Joshua and Katherine Munson, married Anna ———.

Children: 79 *Joshua*, b Feb. 4, 1750; 80 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 29, 1752; 81 *Joshua*, b Aug. 2, 1754; 82 *Lucy*, b Feb. 3, 1757; 83 *Anna*, b June 28, 1760.

## 42. MERRIMAN.

DEA. MERRIMAN MUNSON, son of Samuel and Mary Munson, married 1st, Esther ———. She died April 6, 1757; he m 2d, Thankful Peck, June 23, 1758.

Children: 84 *Sarah*, b Dec. 16, 1734; 85 *Esther*, b March 25, 1740; 86 *Samuel*, b Dec. 8, 1741; 87 *Mamre*, b Aug. 12, 1745, d Sept. 17, 1745. By 2d marriage: 88 *Sarah*, b Oct. 7, 1758.

## 44. LENT.

LENT MUNSON, son of Samuel and Mary Munson, married Mary ———.

Children: 89 *Mamre*, b Dec. 9, 1749, d Aug. 31, 1751; 90 *John*, b Aug. 25, 1754; 91 *Luce*, b Feb. 14, 1755; 92 *Mary*, b Sept. 29, 1756.

## 46. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM MUNSON, son of William and Rebecca, married Phebe ———.

Children: 93 *Medad*, b Aug. 31, 1731; 94 *Martha*, b Jan. 16, 1740.

## 48. PETER.

PETER MUNSON, son of William and Rebecca, married and settled in Cheshire, where he died ae. 92 years.

Children: 95 *Waitstill*, d in New York a Methodist minister, left numerous descendants; 96 *Reuben*, d in N. York; 97 *Levi*, d in Cheshire, Conn.

## 53. REUBEN.

REUBEN MUNSON, son of Waitstill and Phebe, married Mary Chittenden, Dec. 21, 1741.

Children: 98 *Stephen*, b Sept. 23, 1742; 99 *Moses*, b Sept. 24, 1744; 100 *Reuben*, b Dec. 22, 1746.

## 57. SOLOMON.

SOLOMON MUNSON, son of Waitstill and Phebe, married Sarah —.

Children: 101 *Eunice*, b Nov. 19, 1754; 102 *Jonathan*, b June 3, 1756.

## 58. WAITSTILL.

WAITSTILL MUNSON, son of Waitstill and Phebe, married —.

Children: 103 *Martha*, b June 11, 1738; 104 *Zerah*, was a shoemaker; 105 *Hunn*.

## 62. TITUS.

TITUS MUNSON, son of Abel and Sarah, married Lydia Lindsley, Sept. 22, 1759.

Child: 106 *Irene*, b March 9, 1758.

## 92. REUBEN.

REUBEN MUNSON, son of Peter and Rebecca Munson, married and settled in the city of New York, and became a wealthy manufacturer of combs. He had a large family of children, among whom were William and others whose names I have not learned.

## 96. LEVI.

LEVI MUNSON, son of Peter and ———, married Tenny Brooks of Cheshire, and settled on the old homestead of his father, about a mile and a half north of the village of Cheshire, where he died.

Children: 107 *Levi*; 108 *Abbey*, m Rier Bristol of Cheshire; 109 —; 110 *Benjamin F.*, m 1st, Abigail Atkins, 2d, Anna Cook; 111 *Truman*, m W. Hitchcock.



## 98. MOSES.

MOSES MUNSON, son of Reuben and Mary, married Phebe

Children: 112 *John*, b Aug. 2, 1740; 113 *Thomas E.*, b April 5, 1742; 114 *Margaretta*, b April 14, 1744; 115 *Caleb*, b May 22, 1746; 116 *Hannah*, b May 17, 1748; 117 *Moses*, b Aug. 13, 1750.

## EBENEZER.

EBENEZER and Abigail Munson.

Children: 118 *Thomas*, b Oct. 24, 1741; 119 *Lydia*, b Jan. 30, 1745; 120 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 13, 1746; 121 *Patience*, b Aug. 31, 1749; 122 *Fesse*, b July 5, 1751; 123 *John*, b Dec. 3, 1752.

## OBADIAH.

OBADIAH MUNSON married 1st, Rachel Tyler, Feb. 28, 1753, 2d, Mary Williams, Oct. 15, 1755.

Children: 124 *Barnabas*, b Sept. 24, 1754; 125 *Wilmot*, b July 23, 1755; 126 *Lydia*, b Aug. 11, 1756; 127 *Hannah*, b Jan. 12, 1757; 128 *Stephen*, b Sept. 10, 1759; 129 *Daniel*, b March 23, 1761.

## 129. DAVID.

DAVID and Sarah Munson.

Children: 130 *David*, b Jan. 23, 1741; 131 *Amos*, b Oct. 13, 1745.

## WALTER.

WALTER MUNSON married Phebe ———.

Child: 132 *Martha*, d Jan. 26, 1740.

## ELIASAPH.

ELIASAPH MUNSON married Rebecca ———, and settled on a farm on the west side of the river in Wallingford. He died Jan. 1, 1826, ae. 75. Mrs. Rebecca died Aug. 9, 1849, ae. 90 years.

Children: 132 *Chauncey*; 133 *Rachel*, m John B. Johnson; 134 *Sarah*, m Billious Cook.

NOYES.<sup>1</sup>

## JAMES.

REV. JAMES NOYES came from England in 1634, and is the ancestor of the Noyes family in Connecticut. He was born in 1608, in Choulderton, Wiltshire, England. His father was a minister of that place, and was a very learned man. He came to this country because he could not comply with the ceremonies of the Church of England. He was married to Miss Sarah Brown of Southampton, not long before he came to this country, which was in 1634. He was first called to preach in Mystic, and continued there nearly a year. Afterward he settled in Newbury, Mass., and was pastor of the church in that place for more than twenty years. He died Oct. 22, 1656, in the 48th year of his age. He had six sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to be married, and had children. Three of his sons graduated at Harvard College, and settled in the ministry.

James was pastor of a church in Stonington, Conn. Moses settled in Lyme, Conn., and died 1729, in his 86th year, after having resided with his people 60 years. Nicholas, brother of Rev. James, settled in Salem, Mass.

## JAMES.

REV. JAMES NOYES of Stonington, married Dorothy Stanton, Sept. 11, 1674. He was one of the founders and first trustees of Yale College; was pastor of the church in Stonington 50 years. He died Dec. 30, 1719-20, æ. 80 yrs.

Children: 1 *James*, born in England, his sons were John, b 1619, d in Roxbury, Mass., 1682, and Robert, who settled

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Coffin's Hist. Newbury, Mass., 312; Hobart's Hist. Abingdon, Mass., 423-6; Journals of Smith and Dean of Portland, Me., 158; Kingman's Hist. North Bridgewater, Mass., 582-4; Noyes' Gen. of Noyes Family; Poor's Hist. and Gen. Researches, 119, 120, 136-40, 168, 169; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 296-299; Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury, Mass., 388-90; Wyman's Hunt Family Gen., 119, 120; also p. 291 of this history.

in Roxbury, m Sarah Lynde ; 2 *Thomas* ; 3 *Fohn* ; 4 *Joseph*, m Abigail Pierrepont ; 5 *Moses* ; 6 *Dolly*.

## 3. JOHN.

JOHN NOYES, son of Rev. James of Stonington, married Mary Fish, at Stonington, Nov. 16, 1758.

Children : 8 *Rebecca*, b Nov. 22, 1759, d at Stonington, May 14, 1760 ; 9 *Joseph*, b Feb. 14, 1761, m — Burr ; 10 *Fohn*, b Aug. 27, 1762, m — Skidmore ; 11 *James*, b Aug. 14, 1764, m Anna Holbrook ; 12 *Mary*, b June 21, 1766, d Aug., 1770 ; 13 *Anna*.

Mary, the wid. of John Noyes, married 2d, Gen. Gold S. Silliman of Fairfield, Conn., in 1775, and had two children by her second marriage : Gold S. Silliman, Esq., lawyer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the late Prof. Benjamin Silliman of Yale College.

## 4. JOSEPH.

REV. JOSEPH NOYES, son of Rev. James of Stonington, was born in 1688, graduated in Yale College in 1709. After receiving his first degree, being then about 22 years of age, he became tutor in Yale College, and served four years in that office. He was ordained and installed over the church in New Haven, July, 1716. He married Nov. 6, 1716, Miss Abigail Pierrepont, dau. of his predecessor, Rev. James Pierrepont. None of their children lived to be married except one son and two daughters, viz. : John, Abigail, who married Thomas Darling, Esq., of New Haven, and Sarah, who married Col. Chester, of Wethersfield, Conn. He died June 16, 1761, æ. 73 yrs.

## 7. JOHN.

REV. JOHN NOYES, son of Rev. Joseph, graduated at Yale College in 1756, and was licensed to preach, May 31, 1757. He died Nov. 5, 1767, æ. 32 yrs.

## 10. JOHN.

REV. JOHN NOYES, son of Rev. John Noyes, was born Aug. 27, 1760, graduated at Yale College, Sept., 1779, and was licensed to preach, in Oct., 1783, by the Western Asso-

ciation of Fairfield Co., Conn. He was ordained and installed at Northfield parish, town of Weston, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 30, 1786. He married Eunice Sherwood, March 8, 1786.

Children: 14 *Samuel Sherwood*, b May 20, 1787; 15 *Mary*, b Nov. 3, 1788; 16 *John*, b May 11, 1788; 17 *William*, b May 23, 1792; 18 *Ebenezer*, b March 27, 1794; 19 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 5, 1796, d April 21, 1815; 20 *Charles*, b June 23, 1798, d July 9, 1821; 21 *Eunice*, b Aug. 21, 1800, d Feb. 13, 1804; 22 *Burr*, b Aug. 31, 1803, d July 3, 1830.

Mrs. Eunice, wife of Rev. John Noyes, died March 25, 1824, æ. 64 yrs. Rev. John Noyes married 2d, Fanny Swann of Stonington, Conn., Oct. 16, 1827; she was born July 9, 1776. He died in Northfield, May 15, 1846, æ. nearly 84 yrs. He had written the discourse for the 60th anniversary of his ministry, and it was to have been delivered by him two weeks from the Sabbath on which he was interred.

#### 14. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL SHERWOOD, son of Rev. John Noyes, born May 20, 1787, married Esther Chapman, who was born June 5, 1790, on Nov. 3, 1812.

Children: 23 *Samuel*, b March 12, 1815; 24 *Benjamin*, b Nov. 10, 1816; 25 *William*, b Dec. 10, 1818; 26 *Julia Chapman*, b July 25, 1820; 27 *Charles*, b Aug. 7, 1822, d March 12, 1857; 28 *Josiah Chapman*, b Jan. 22, 1824, d May 22, 1849; 29 *John*, b April 11, 1826, d Oct. 22, 1853; 30 *Elizabeth*, b May 14, 1828; 31 *James Burr*, b Sept. 17, 1830, d Dec. 4, 1851.

Dr. Samuel S. Noyes studied medicine and was licensed to practice in 1810. He settled in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., in 1811.

#### 22. BURR.

REV. BURR NOYES, son of Rev. John Noyes, graduated at Yale College, Sept., 1824. He settled at Chester, Saybrook, Conn., was very successful in his profession, and won the confidence and esteem of the people. He died July 2, 1830.

## 9. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH NOYES ESQ., son of Rev. John Noyes, was born Feb. 14, 1761, died in 1817, ae. 56 yrs. He was married to Amelia Burr, Dec. 11, 1783. She was born Dec. 7, 1764, and died May 7, 1802; he married Lucy Norton, May 24, 1804; she died July 12, 1850, ae. 79 yrs.

Children: 32 *Joseph Fish*, b Oct. 9, 1784; 33 *John Noyes*, b Aug. 7, 1786; 34 *James*, b Oct. 21, 1788; 35 *Samuel*, b Sept. 15, 1791; 36 *Rebecca*, b March 3, 1794. By 2d marriage: 37 *Benjamin Silliman*, b May 5, 1805; 38 *Joseph Chester*, b Aug. 5, 1808; 39 *Thomas Norton*, b Oct. 3, 1799; 40 *Harriet Norton*, b Oct. 5, 1796; 41 *Mary Ann*, b Sept. 7, 1813.

## 11. JAMES.

REV. JAMES NOYES, son of Rev. John Noyes, was born Aug. 4, 1764, and died in Wallingford, Feb. 18, 1844, in the 80th year of his age, being the oldest minister in the county of New Haven. He married Anna Holbrook, of Derby, Conn., Jan. 22, 1769. She died Jan. 1, 1838, ae. 69 yrs.

Children: 42 *Catharine*, b Feb. 1, 1789, d March 19, 1811; 43 *Anna*, b Feb. 1, 1790; 44 *James*, b May 23, 1792, d Oct. 26, 1794; 45 *Mary*, b May 13, 1794, d April 23, 1844; 46 *Sally*, b Feb. 11, 1796, d Jan. 12, 1834; 47 *James*, b Jan. 27, 1708, d 1869, in East Haddam; 48 *Cornelia*, b March 23, 1800, d Jan. 16, 1835; 49 *Esther*, b March 21, 1802, d Oct. 16, 1839; 50 *Abigail*, b May 13, 1804, d April 24, 1844; 51 *Eunice*, b March 12, 1806, d Oct 3, 1824; 52 *Joseph Fish*, b July 3, 1808; 53 *John*, b July 15, 1810, d Oct. 11, 1810; 54 *Catharine*, b May 27, 1812, d Jan. 27, 1833; 55 *Harriet*, b Aug. 11, 1814.

PARKER.<sup>1</sup>

Parker has always been a common name in New England. We find Abraham, Amariah, Edmund, George, Jacob, James,

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Abbott's Hist. Andover, Mass., 20; Bar-

Joseph, Matthew, Nicholas, Robert, Thomas, two or more Williams, and as many Johns, appearing in nearly as many of the different settlements in Massachusetts and Connecticut, at an early day. Abraham Parker was the first of the family in this country. It is supposed that he came from Wiltshire, England. He first settled in Woburn, Mass., where he married Rose Whitlock, Nov. 18, 1644.

## I. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM PARKER was early in Hartford and Saybrook, and had three children: 2 *William*; 3 *Ralph*, died in 1690; 4 *John*, who removed to New Haven; he had 5 *John*, b Oct. 8, 1648, m Nov. 8, 1670, Hannah, dau. of Wm. Bassett; 6 *Mary*, b April 27, 1649, m John Hall, 1666; 7 *Hope*, b May 26, 1650, m Samuel Cook, May 2, 1677; 8 *Lydia*, b May 26, 1652-3, m John Thomas, Jan. 12, 1671; 9 *Joseph*, m Hannah Gilbert, 1673.

## 5. JOHN.

JOHN PARKER and HANNAH his wife were among the early planters in Wallingford, and settled at Parker's farms, about two miles west of the village, which first gave the name to that locality. He was an active business man, and did much in advancing the interests of the settlement. He died in 1711. Hannah his wife died June 7, 1726.

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ry's Hist. Framingham, Mass., 349-51; Bouton's Hist. Concord, N. H., 682; Bridgman's Granary Burial Ground, 136-44; Butler's Hist., Groton, Mass., 421, 476, 494; Caulkins' Hist. of New London, Conn., 306; Deane's Hist. Scituate, Mass., 320; Freeman's Hist. Cape Cod, Mass., II. 438, 466, 472, 642; Hill's Hist. Mason, N. H., 205; Howell's Hist. Southampton, L. I., 260; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 169-76; Jackson's Hist. Newton, Mass., 375-81; Kidder's Hist. New Ipswich, N. H., 417-19; Littell's Passaic Valley Gen., 311; Morse's Gen. Reg. of Sherborn and Holliston, Mass., 185; Morse's Memorial of Morses, Appendix, No. 54; N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., IV. 139, VI. 375, 376, XVI. 41, 91-4; Poor's Hist. & Gen. Researches, 113-15, 124-8; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 349-58; Sewall's Hist. Woburn, Mass., 628; Shattuck's Memorial, 375-7; Smith's Hist. Delaware Co., Penn., 490; Stoddard's Gen. of Stoddard Family, ed. 1865, 14, 38, 39, 63-8; Temple's Eccles. Hist. Whately, Mass., 29; Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury, Mass., 400-4.

Children: 10 *Hannah*, b Aug. 20, 1671, m Wm. Andrews, Jan. 12, 1692; 11 *Elizabeth*, m Josiah Royce, March 24, 1693; 12 *Fohn*, b March 26, 1675, m Mary Kibbe of Springfield, Nov. 1, 1699; 13 *Rachel*, b June 16, 1680, m Thomas Relzea of New Haven, 1700; 14 *Joseph*, m Sarah Curtis, June 7, 1705; 15 *Eliphalet*, m Hannah Beach, Aug. 5, 1708; 16 *Samuel*, m Sarah Goodsell of Middletown, July 16, 1713; 17 *Edward*, b 1692, m Jerusha —, he d Oct. 21, 1776, she d Dec. 27, 1745; 18 *Mary*, m Joseph Clark, Nov. 27, 1707; 19 *Abigail*, b March 3, 1710, m Joseph Bradley Dec. 8, 1765.

## 12. JOHN.

JOHN, son of John and Hannah Parker, married 1st, Mary Kibbe, 2d Sarah —.

Children by 1st marriage: 20 *Rachel*, b Jan. 6, 1701-2; 21 *Fohn*, b Oct., 1703, m Deborah, dau. of Thomas Matthews, Oct. 17, 1727; 22 *Aaron*, b July 8, 1704, d Jan. 12, 1727; 23 *Mary*, b Feb. 8, 1736; 24 *Elisha*, b Oct. 25, 1708, m Susanna Tuttle, Feb. 28, 1728; 25 *Abigail*, b March 3, 1710, m Robert Martin, July 15, 1734; 26 *Elizabeth*, b June 3, 1716; 27 *Lois*, b July 20, 1718, m Thomas, son of Timothy Beach, Nov. 5, 1740; 28 *Isaac*, b 1720, m Hannah, dau. of Timothy Beach, Aug. 11, 1742; 29 —, d April 27, 1773, m Lois Royce. By 2d marriage: 30 *Sarah*, b July 22, 1739.

## 14. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of John and Hannah Parker, married Sarah Curtis.

Children: 31 *Joseph*, b Aug. 6, 1706, d July 25, 1712; 32 *Joseph*, b July 25, 1707; 33 *Andrew*, m Susanna Blakeslee; 34 *Thomas*, b June 7, 1709, m Abigail Dutton and settled in Waterbury, Conn., in 1756; 35 *Hannah*, b Aug. 30, 1700; 36 *Ebenezer*, b March 5, 1713, m Lydia Barnes, April 1, 1735; 37 *Joseph*, b April 3, 1716, m 1st, Lucy Parmalee, Feb. 23, 1742, 2d, Mary Andrews, March 30, 1758; 38 *Ralph*, b Jan. 9, 1718, went to Vermont; 39 *Waitstill*, b July 24, 1721, m Jemima, dau. of Joseph Munson, Oct. 27, 1742; 40 *Sarah*, b

Oct. 18, 1725, m Asaph, son of Samuel Cook, Jan. 15, 1744-5.

15. ELIPHALET.

ELIPHALET, son of John and Hannah Parker, married Hannah Beach ; he died in 1757, ae. 76 yrs.

Children: 41 *Eliada*, b April 2, 1710, d March 24, 1712 ; 42 *Eliada*, b April 22, 1712, m Sarah Curtis Dec. 21, 1732 ; 43 *Chestina*, b April 18, 1714, m Peter Curtis Nov. 22, 1732 ; 44 *Aaron*, b Feb. 17, 1716, m Sarah Martin, March 11, 1756 ; 45 *Gamaliel*, b June 6, 1718, d Dec. 3, 1799, he m Elizabeth — ; 46 *Didymus*, b Jan. 14, 1721, m Phebe, daughter of John Johnson, Dec. 22, 1742 ; 47 *Eliphalet*, b Jan. 19, 1721, m Thankful Hitchcock, May 21, 1745 ; 48 *Joanna*, b July 8, 1723, m Amos Bristol of Cheshire, June, 1740 ; 49 *Bethuel*, b April 2, 1727, m Tabitha, daughter of Matthias Hitchcock, July 19, 1749, he d March 13, 1778 ; 50 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 12, 1729, m Mary Atwater and removed to Simsbury, Conn. ; 51 *Thankful*, m Oliver Hitchcock.

16. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of John and Hannah Parker, m 1st, Lydia — ; 2d, Sarah Goodsell, July 16, 1713 ; 3d, Mary Chamberlain, Jan. 9, 1744.

Children by 1st marriage : 52 *Thomas*, b June 7, 1709 ; 53 *Sarah*, b May 17, 1714 ; 54 *Abiah*, b Aug. 2, 1716, m Daniel, son of John Ives, Oct. 28, 1735 ; 55 *Joseph*, b Aug. 2, 1716, m Lucy Parmalee, Feb. 23, 1742-3. By 2d marriage: 56 *Abraham*, b March 24, 1720, m Damaris, daughter of William Abernathy, Sept, 9, 1747, d July 26, 1775 ; 57 *Jacob*, b April 24, 1722, m Elizabeth, daughter of John Beecher, April 26, 1749, d Sept. 24, 1767 ; 58 *Titus*, b Feb. 23, 1728. By 3d marriage : 59 *Thankful*, b Oct. 8, 1745 ; 60 *Martha*, b Sept. 10, 1749 ; 61 *Lent*, b July 8, 1752.

17. EDWARD.

EDWARD, son of John and Hannah Parker, married Jerusha ———. They settled in Cheshire parish, on what is now called Cheshire street, where she died Dec. 27, 1745.



He married 2d, Rebecca Ives, Dec. 1, 1748; she died May 23, 1762, ae. 65. He married 3d, Ruth Merriman Merwin, Sept. 30, 1762.

Children: 62 *Ralph*, b Jan. 9, 1718, m Martha, daughter of Gideon Ives, Dec. 25, 1740; 63 *Athildred*, b July 1, 1719, m Timothy Hall, Jan. 10, 1748; 63 1-2 *Edward*, b March 11, 1721, m Sarah Burroughs, Aug. 21, 1744; 64 *Foel*, b Feb. 24, 1723, m Susannah Hotchkiss, Dec. 25, 1746; 65 *Ephraim*, b Aug. 23, 1725, m Bathsheba Parsons, Nov. 11, 1747; 66 *Amos*, b Nov. 26, 1726, d Aug. 20, 1748; 67 *William*, b 1728, d May 2, 1752; 68 *Eldad*, b Sept. 14, 1731, m Thankful, daughter of Matthew Bellamy, April 24, 1755, d July 6, 1779; 69 *Joseph Merriam*, b Feb. 2, 1734, d March 21, 1734; 70 *Joseph*, b Oct. 9, 1735, m Mary Andrews, May 30, 1758.

## 21. JOHN.

JOHN, son of John and Mary Parker, married Deborah Matthews. He died March 28, 1749.

Children: 71 *Abiah*, d Aug. 14, 1728; 72 *John*, b Dec. 25, 1730, m Eunice Beach, June 16, 1752, and had John, b Dec. 8, 1755; 73 *Deborah*, b May 4, 1834, m Jesse, son of Josiah Mix, Nov. 26, 1753; 74 *Jesse*, b March 16, 1736, m Dorothy Spenser, Feb. 16, 1758; 75 *Reuben*, b March 12, 1738, m Hannah Chapman of Waterbury, Dec. 10, 1764; 76 *Gideon*, b July 5, 1740, m Elizabeth —, b Nov. 11, 1743; 77 *Isaiah*, b June 14, 1746, m Susanna or Damaris Yale, Feb. 14, 1771.

## 24. ELISHA.

ELISHA PARKER, son of John and Mary, married Susanna Tuttle.

Children: 78 *Ruth*, b Feb. 28, 1728; 79 *Aaron*, b April 9, 1730, m Sarah, dau. of Robert Martin, March 11, 1756; 80 *Elisha*, b July 25, 1735, m Esther Spencer, Aug. 10, 1759; 81 *John*, b Sept. 17, 1739; 82 *Dan*; 83 *Damaris*, b July 16, 1743, m Enos Parker, Dec. 2, 1761; 84 *Susanna*, b Dec. 7, 1745.

## 28. ISAAC.

ISAAC PARKER, son of John and Mary, m. Hannah Beach.

Children : 85 *Keziah*, b Feb. 12, 1743 ; 86 *Lois*, b April 30, 1746 ; 87 *Ruth*, b July 11, 1750, m Gershom Mattoon, Dec. 5, 1776 ; 88 *Isaac*, b Sept. 4, 1754, m Annie Parker, March 19, 1778 ; 89 *Mary*, b Aug. 14, 1755, m Amos Austin, Aug. 17, 1777 ; 90 *Timothy*, b Aug. 14, 1757 ; 91 *John*, b Feb. 21, 1762 ; 92 *Phineas*, b July 14, 1765.

## 34. THOMAS.

THOMAS PARKER, son of Joseph and Sarah Curtis Parker, married Abigail Dutton, Aug. 30, 1748, and settled in Waterbury. He died in 1788.

Children : 93 *Thomas*, b April 3, 1749 ; 94 *Amasa*, b Feb. 28, 1751, graduate of Yale, m Thankful Andrews, Aug. 28, 1771 ; 95 *Peter*, b March 11, 1753, removed to the State of N. Y. ; 96 *Abigail*, b Aug. 28, 1755 ; 97 *Abner*, removed to the State of N. Y. ; 98 *Joseph*, was a physician in Litchfield Co. ; 99 *Daniel*, m Miriam Curtis, Nov. 18, 1762.

## 36. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER PARKER, son of Joseph and Sarah Curtis Parker, married Lydia Barnes.

Children : 100 *Desire*, b June 7, 1735, m Aaron Bellamy, Dec. 20, 1753 ; 101 *Ebenezer*, b July 6, 1737, m Anna —, d Dec. 11, 1762 ; 102 *Caleb*, b March 30, 1739 ; 103 *Foshua*, b April 17, 1741, m Mary, dau. of Oliver Hitchcock, Oct. 30, 1765 ; 104 *Fared*, b Nov. 16, 1743 ; 105 *Lydia*, b March 8, 1745, m Abel Parker, April 23, 1762 ; 106 *Stephen*, b Oct. 27, 1747 ; 107 *Eliakim*, b July 10, 1751, m Phebe Carrington, Feb. 20, 1775, and had Eliakim, b March 13, 1777, m 2d, wid. Lois Ives, Nov. 11, 1777, and had three children ; 108 *Caleb*, b Nov. 2, 1759, m Dolly Peck, Nov. 3, 1783.

## 39. WAITSTILL.

WAITSTILL PARKER, son of Joseph and Sarah Curtis Parker, married 1st, Jemima Munson, 2d, Jemima Beach.

Children : 109 *Margery*, b March 20, 1743-4, d Oct. 1, 1744 ; 110 *Fustus*, b Jan. 1, 1747-8 ; 111 *Margery*, b Feb. 25, 1749, m Eliada Parker, Jr. By 2d marriage : 112 *Femima*, b

June 2, 1753 ; 113 *Rhoda*, b March 25, 1755. By 3d marriage : 114 *Charles*, b Aug. 21, 1760, m Charity Dibble, Oct. 21, 1784 ; 115 *Eunice*, b Aug. 9, 1762 ; 116 *Fustus*, b May 23, 1764 ; 117 *Martha*, b April 17, 1766 ; 118 *Abigail*, b June 10, 1768 ; 119 *Sarah*, b April 2, 1771.

## 33. ANDREW.

ANDREW, son of Joseph and Sarah Curtis Yale Parker, married Susannah Blakeslee.

Children : 120 *Ambrose*, b March 6, 1738, m Comfort Parker, March 22, 1758 ; 121 *Grace*, b Dec. 10, 1739, d Dec. 11, 1739 ; 122 *Patience*, b Dec. 10, 1739, d Dec. 13, 1739 ; 123 *Zeruiah*, b Nov. 28, 1741, m David Miller, Jan. 3, 1765 ; 124 *Oliver*, b Nov. 20, 1743, m Lucy Parker, Dec. 3, 1764, and had Thaddeus, b Jan. 26, 1766 ; 125 *Ezra*, b Dec. 2, 1745 ; 126 *Susannah*, b Dec. 2, 1747 ; 127 *Rachel*, b Dec. 28, 1749 ; 128 *Sybil*, b Feb. 9, 1753 ; 129 *Fason*, b Aug. 17, 1764.

## 42. ELIADA.

ELIADA, son of Eliphalet and Hannah Beach Parker, married Sarah Curtis.

Children : 130 *Martha*, b July 8, 1734 ; 131 *Lettis*, b Sept. 18, 1736 ; 132 *Comfort*, b Sept. 16, 1738, m Ambrose Parker, March 22, 1758 ; 133 *Eliada*, b Nov. 24, 1740, d March 23, 1742 ; 134 *Sarah*, b Jan. 23, 1743-4 ; 135 *Hannah*, b Sept. 23, 1746 ; 136 *Patience*, b Aug. 18, 1748, m Joseph Parker, June 29, 1769 ; 137 *Eliada*, m Margery Parker, May 10, 1770, d Sept. 12, 1776 ; 138 *Phebe*, b Oct. 31, 1752 ; 139 *Levi*, b June 8, 1757, m Lydia Bradley, July 22, 1779.

## 45. GAMALIEL.

GAMALIEL, son of Eliphalet and Hannah Beach Parker, married Elizabeth —.

Children : 140 *Abel*, b Jan. 4, 1741, m Lydia Parker, Aug. 23, 1762 ; 141 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 7, 1742-3 ; 142 *Eunice*, b Jan. 6, 1744-5 ; 143 *Gamaliel*, b Dec. 9, 1745, d Oct. 29, 1765 ; 144 *Amos*, b Jan. 20, 1748-9 ; 145 *Miriam*, b Jan. 28, 1753 ; 146 *Gamaliel*, b Oct. 22, 1755, d Nov. 8, 1755 ; 147 *Gamaliel*, b

Nov. 2, 1756, m Martha Parker, May 2, 1782 ; 148 *Anna*, b Feb. 8, 1759 ; 149 *Amos*, b Dec. 11, 1761, m Mary Curtis, Dec. 5, 1785.

## 46. DIDYMUS.

LIEUT. DIDYMUS, son of Eliphalet and Hannah Beach Parker, married Phebe Johnson.

Children : 150 *Enos*, b March 12, 1744, m Damaris Parker, Dec. 2, 1761 ; 151 *Ichabod*, b Jan. 2, 1748-9, married Susannah Cook, Dec. 3, 1766.

## 47. ELIPHALET.

ELIPHALET, son of Eliphalet and Hannah Beach Parker, married Thankful Hitchcock.

Children : 152 *Valentine*, b March 5, 1745-6, d Dec. 14, 1760 ; 153 *Matthias*, b Sept. 24, 1747 ; 154 *Eliphalet*, b Jan. 22, 1754 ; 155 *Thankful*, b April 3, 1756, d Nov. 28, 1763 ; 156 *Michael*, b Oct. 15, 1758.

## 49. BETHUEL.

BETHUEL, son of Eliphalet and Hannah Beach Parker, married Tabitha Hitchcock.

Children : 157 *Ferusha*, b April 6, 1750, m William Smith, July 10, 1777 ; 158 *David*, b March 9, 1752, d Sept. 6, 1753 ; 159 *Olive*, b March 9, 1754, m Joseph Distance, Feb. 27, 1777 ; 160 *David*, b March 18, 1756, d Oct. 9, 1776 ; 161 *Martha*, b Dec. 12, 1757, m Gamaliel Parker, May 2, 1782 ; 162 *Foanna*, b June 18, 1760 ; 163 *Tabitha*, b Nov. 16, 1762 ; 164 *Bethuel*, b Feb. 21, 1765 ; 165 *Simon*, b April 15, 1767, d Sept. 13, 1773 ; 166 *Thankful*, b June 15, 1769 ; 167 *Asa*, b Dec. 4, 1771 ; 168 *Mary*, b Sept. 29, 1776, d Dec. 15, 1777.

## 55. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Samuel and Lydia Parker, married Lucy Parmalee.

Children : 169 *Esther*, b Jan. 11, 1742-3, d Feb. 8, 1744-5 ; 170 *Joseph*, b Nov. 5, 1746, m Patience Parker, June 29, 1769 ; 171 *Lucy*, b March 13, 1748-9 ; 172 *Esther*, b March 27, 1754 ; 173 *Charles*, b Feb. 26, 1756.

## 56. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM, son of Samuel and Sarah Goodsell Parker, m Damaris Abernathy.

Children: 174 *Sarah*, b July 16, 1748; 175 *Abraham*, b July 20, 1753, d May 1, 1754; 176 *Benjamin*, b May 27, 1755, m Lucinda Curtis, and had two daus., June 25, 1778; 177 *Abraham*, b Aug. 23, 1757; 178 *William*, b Dec. 19, 1759; 179 *Mehitable*, b June 30, 1762.

## 57. JACOB.

JACOB, son of Samuel and Sarah Goodsell Parker, married Elizabeth Beecher.

Children: 180 *Samuel*, b Jan. 10, 1749, and had Jared, b April 22, 1777; 181 *Solitary*, b Jan. 7, 1752, d Aug. 31, 1754; 182 *Elizabeth*, b May 18, 1754; 183 *Jacob*, b Jan. 13, 1756, d Sept. 17, 1756; 184 *Jacob*, b July 1, 1757; 185 *Rebecca*, b Feb. 27, 1759; 186 *James*, b March 3, 1760; 187 *Solomon*, b April 12, 1762; 188 *Adah*, b Feb. 23, 1765; 189 *Abiah*, b March 8, 1767.

## 62. RALPH.

RALPH, son of Edward and Jerusha Parker, m Martha Ives.

Children: 190 *Ferusha*, b Nov. 1, 1741, m Robert Roys, May 27, 1762; 191 *Ralph*, b Feb. 8, 1743-4; 192 *Medad*, b March 29, 1746; 193 *Martha*, b April 18, 1749.

## 63 1-2. EDWARD.

EDWARD, son of Edward and Jerusha Parker, married Sarah Burroughs.

Children: 194 *Sarah*, b in Cheshire, Aug. 28, 1745; 195 *Elizabeth*, b June 7, 1748, m Enos Clark, of Southington; 196 *William*, b June 18, 1752, m Desire Bunnell, Feb. 25, 1779; 197 *Abigail*, b July 7, 1755, m Dr. Benjamin Yale, Dec. 17, 1777; 198 *Edward*, b April 21, 1760, m Rebecca Hendrick, removed to Cazenovia, N. Y.

## 64. JOEL.

JOEL, son of Edward and Jerusha Parker, married Susanna Hotchkiss.

Children b in Cheshire: 199 *Alhildred*, b Sept. 17, 1747, m Asa Bronson, Feb. 5, 1772; 200 *Amos*, b Oct. 22, 1749, m Hannah Hough; 201 *Susanna*, b March 8, 1752, m Allen Bronson; 202 *Foel*, b Jan. 17, 1754; 203 *Stephen*, b Aug. 5, 1759, m 1st, Sally, dau. of Joseph Twiss, May 27, 1787, m 2d, widow Rebecca Stone, dau. of Joshua Ray, b Jan. 6, 1805, d July 1, 1846.

## 68. ELDAD.

ELDAD, son of Edward and Jerusha Parker, m Thankful Bellamy.

Children b in Cheshire: 204 *Phebe*, b July 23, 1756; 205 *Thankful*, b Oct. 6, 1757; 206 *Anne*, b Jan. 1, 1760, m Wm. Starke, Chenango Co., N. Y.; 207 *Thankful*, b March 8, 1762, 208 *Eldad*, b Sept. 27, 1763; 209 *Levi*, b Sept. 28, 1765; 210 *Levi*, b March 19, 1767, m Phebe Scovill; 211 *Oliver*, b March 19, 1771; *Thankful*, b May 12, 1769; *Rebecca*, b March 16, 1773, m Abisha Cowles.

## 70. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Edward and Jerusha Parker, married Mary Andrews.

Children, born in Cheshire: 212 *Beckey*, b March 29, 1760; 213 *Joseph Merriam*, b Oct. 10, 1762; 214 *Eldad*; 215 *Zephaniah*, b Feb. 26, 1769; 216 *Mary*, b Jan. 24, 1767.

## 74. JESSE.

JESSE, son of John and Deborah Matthews Parker, married Dorothy Spencer.

Children: 217 *Jesse*, b May 30, 1759; 218 *Lucy*, b Sept. 17, 1761; 219 *Fared*, b Jan. 31, 1764; 220 *Fotham*, b Feb. 2, 1767; 221 *Dorothy*, b Aug. 5, 1770.

## 79. AARON.

AARON, son of Elisha and Susanna Tuttle Parker, married Sarah Martin.

Children: 222 *Mamre*, b Feb. 14, 1757; 223 *Robert*, b Feb. 12, 1759; 224 *Susanna*, b Feb. 20, 1762; 225 *Abigail*, b April 1, 1764; 226 *Sally*, b March 20, 1766; 227 *Lyman*, b

April 17, 1768; 228 *Eunice*, b Jan. 11, 1771; 229 *Ruth*, b Feb. 1, 1774; 230 *Lyman*, b Feb. 30, 1776.

## 80. ELISHA.

ELISHA, son of Elisha and Susannah Tuttle Parker, married Esther Spencer.

Children: 231 *Elisha*, b April 28, 1761; 232 *Katherine*, b March 30, 1763; 233 *Chloe*, b Dec. 28, 1765; 234 *Asahel*, b April 2, 1768; 235 *Polly*, b March 20, 1773; 236 *Shaler*, b Aug. 28, 1775; 237 *Polly*, b Sept. 13, 1778.

## 101. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer and Lydia Barnes Parker, married Anne —.

Children: 238 *Ebenezer*, b June 4, 1762; 239 *Fabez*, b July 18, 1763; 240 *Femima Doolittle*, b Nov. 16, 1764; 241 *Thomas*, b May 1, 1767; 242 *Ebenezer*, b May 7, 1771.

## 103. JOSHUA.

JOSHUA, son of Ebenezer and Lydia Barnes Parker, married Mary Hitchcock.

Children: 243 *Stephen*, b April 1, 1766; 244 *Lydia*, b May 23, 1769; 245 *Hannah*, b April 21, 1773; 246 *Chestna*, b June 20, 1777; 247 *Eber*, b March 28, 1779; 248 *Fared*, b March 22, 1781; 249, 250 *Mary* and *Miriam*, b Nov. 1, 1782.

## 114. CHARLES.

CHARLES, son of Waitstill and Jemima Beach Parker, married Charity Dibble.

Children: 251 *Charles Pierce*, b Dec. 1, 1785, d Feb. 25, 1788; 252 *Pierce*, b March 20, 1788; 253 *Ruth*, b Feb. 17, 1790, m Sydney Smith, Dec. 16, 1807; 254 *Nancy*, b Dec. 13, 1791; 255 *Charles*, b Jan. 27, 1797.

## 120. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE, son of Andrew and Susanna Blakeslee Parker, married Comfort Parker.

Children: 256 *Ambrose*, b Jan. 15, 1759; 257 *Giles*, b Sept. 15, 1760; 258 *Lydia*, b May 26, 1763; 259 *Comfort*, b May 23, 1766.

## 137. ELIADA.

ELIADA PARKER, son of Eliada and Sarah Curtis Parker, married Margery Parker.

Children: 260 *Munson*, b Feb. 18, 1771; 261 *Chester*, b Oct. 20, 1773; 262 *Linus*, d Feb. 9, 1776.

## 108. CALEB.

CALEB PARKER, son of Ebenezer and Lydia Barnes Parker, married Dolly Peck.

Children: 263 *Augustus*, b Sept. 10, 1784; 264 *Caleb*, b Jan. 30, 1787; 265 *Paulina*, b Dec. 30, 1789; 266 *Nuncy*, b July 5, 1792; 267 *Juliana*, b Nov. 21, 1794.

## 139. LEVI.

LEVI PARKER, son of Eliada and Sarah Curtis Parker, married Lydia Bradley.

Children: 268 *Sybil*, b April 28, 1780, m Amos Peck, Sept. 22, 1799; 269 *Polly*, b Sept. 25, 1782; 270 *Eliada*, b May 31, 1784, m Elizabeth Oswald, Feb. 15, 1807; 271 *Ammi Bradley*, b July 11, 1787; 272 *Lyman*, b April 3, 1790, m Malinda Harrison, March 24, 1818; 273 *Alfred*, b Oct. 19, 1792, m Fanny —; 274 *Belinda*, b Sept. 18, 1795; *Philo* and *Orrin*, b April 18, 1798, d April 18, 1800.

## 44. DANIEL.

DANIEL, son of Arnon and Sarah Martin, married Miriam, daughter of Benjamin Curtis, Nov. 18, 1762.

Children: 275 *Ruth*, b Feb. 3, 1764; 276 *Denison*, b Sept. 28, 1766; 277 *Leman*, b Dec. 21, 1768; 278 *Lucinda*, b July 24, 1771; 279 *Ruth*, b Dec. 10, 1774; 280 *Daniel*, b May 24, 1775; 281 *Ruth*, b Dec. 27, 1777; 282 *Betsey*, b July 16, 1780.

## 147. GAMALIEL.

GAMALIEL, son of Gamaliel and Elizabeth Parker, married Martha Parker.

Children: 283 *Joel*, b April 17, 1783; 284 *Chester*, b Aug. 19, 1784; 285 *Martha Hall*, b Aug. 20, 1786; 286 *Gamaliel*, b Sept. 13, 1788; 287 *Luroxa*, b Nov. 18, 1790; 288 *Zera*, b



July 13, 1792 ; 289 *Laura*, b Sept. 4, 1796 ; 290 *Eunice*, b Dec. 28, 1798.

## 150. ENOS.

ENOS, son of Didymus and Phebe Johnson Parker, married Damaris Parker.

Children : 291 *Dorcas*, b Dec. 17, 1761 ; 292 *Dan*, b March 18, 1764.

## 164. BETHUEL.

BETHUEL, son of Bethuel and Tabitha Hitchcock Parker, married Eunice —.

Children : 293 *Bethuel Virgil*, b Oct. 1, 1796, m 1st, Polly Beach, Sept. 7, 1825, 2d, Lowly Thomas, March 30, 1835 ; 294 *Fason*, b Feb. 14, 1798 ; 295 *Rhoda*, b Sept. 29, 1800.

## 167. ASA.

ASA, son of Bethuel and Tabitha Hitchcock Parker, married Keziah —.

Children : 296 *Laura*, b Feb. 13, 1796 ; 297 *Liverius*, b March 25, 1798 ; 298 *James*, b May 16, 1800 ; 299 *Lemuel*, b April 11, 1804 ; 300 *Asa*, b May 14, 1806.

## 170. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Joseph and Lucy Parmalee Parker, married Patience Parker.

Children : 301 *Fehiel*, b Sept. 26, 1770 ; 302 *Lena*, b Feb. 23, 1773 ; 303 *Lucy*, b Nov. 20, 1775 ; 304 *Sarah* ; 305 *Amy*, b Oct. 16, 1780.

## 196. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM, son of Edward and Sarah Burroughs Parker, married Desire Bunnel.

Children : 306 *Sarah*, b Nov. 7, 1779, m Chas. T. Hill ; 307 *William*, m wid. Rebecca Hull ; 308 *Nancy*, m Divan Lusk ; 309 *Anson* ; 310 *Abigail*, m Elnathan Beach ; 311 *Fanny*, m 1st, Simeon Perkins, 2d, Simeon Hersey ; 312 *Marcus*, m Mehitable Mathews.

## 198. EDWARD.

EDWARD, son of Edward and Sarah Burroughs Parker, married Rebecca Hendrick of Cazenovia, N. Y.

Children : 313 *Chauncey*, b Oct. 9, 1786, m Lydia Atwater ; 314 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 25, 1788, d June 7, 1794 ; 315 *Oren*, b March 9, 1790, d Aug. 4, 1790 ; 316 *Oren*, b July 11, 1791, d 1812 ; 317 *Edward*, b Sept. 2, 1793, d June 8, 1794 ; 318 *Edward*, b March 15, 1795, m Philomela Hitchcock, rem. to Elyria, Ohio ; 319 *Don Carlos*, b April 27, 1797, m Julia Strake ; 320 *Louisa*, b June 18, 1799 ; 321 *Wm. Hendrick*, b Aug. 9, 1801 ; 322 *Abigail* ; 323 *Harriet A.*, m Eliakim Hall.

## 203. STEPHEN.

STEPHEN, son of Joel and Susanna Hotchkiss Parker, m 1st, Sally Twiss; 2d, wid. Rebecca Stone.

Children by 1st marriage : 324 *Clarissa*, b June 10, 1788, d May 27, 1789 ; 325 *Zeri*, b Aug. 1, 1790 ; 326 *Stephen*, b July 17, 1792, d Jan. 15, 1794 ; 327 *Stephen*, b Nov. 3, 1794, d May, 1826 ; 328 *Sarah*, b March 11, 1797 ; 329 *Clarissa*, b March 10, 1800 ; 330 *Joel*, b March 11, 1801 ; 331 *Isabella*, b Nov. 25, 1803. By 2d marriage : 332 *John*, b Aug. 30, 1805, m 1st, March, 1832, Emily Ward, she d June 1, 1867, and he m 2d, Jan. 22, 1868, Grace A. Belden ; 333 *Betsy*, b May 1, 1807 ; 334 *Charles*, b Jan. 2, 1809, m Abi, daughter of Thomas Eddy, Oct. 6, 1831 ; 335 *Edmund*, b Feb. 9, 1811, m Jennette Bradley of Branford, Conn., and had seven children, four of whom are living, he d April 19, 1866.

## PARMALEE.

## LEANDER.

LEANDER PARMALEE came into Wallingford a carpenter and joiner, and continued to prosecute that business until elected sheriff of the county of New Haven, which office he successively held for twelve years, to the great satisfaction of his constituents, and all who came in contact with him as an officer. He married — Blakeslee, daughter of the late Joseph Blakeslee of Wallingford. They both died in Wallingford.

Children: 1 *Samuel B.*, m Lavinia, dau. of George Cook ; 2 —, m Lorenzo Lewis, Esq. ; 3 *Leander* ; 4 dau.

PRESTON.<sup>1</sup>

The name of Preston is of great antiquity in North Britain, and was assumed by the family from their territorial possessions in Mid-Lothian, in the time of Malcolm, King of the Scots. The first of this family upon record is Leolphus De Preston, living in the time of William the Lion, about 1040, whose grandson, Sir Wm. De Preston, was one of the Scotch nobles summoned to Berwick by Edward the First, in competition for the Crown of Scotland between Bruce and Baliol, it having been submitted to Edward for decision. After the death of King Alexander III., 1291, Sir William was succeeded by his son Sir Nicol De Preston, one of the Scottish barons who swore fealty to King Edward I. He died in the beginning of the reign of David II. of Scotland, son of Robert Bruce, and was succeeded by his son, Sir Lawrence De Preston, who was succeeded by Richard De Preston, who was seated at Preston Richard in Westmoreland, in time of Henry II. Sir Richard De Preston, the fifth in descent from the above Richard, of Preston Richard, represented the county of Westmoreland in Parliament, in seventeen Edward III. His son, Sir Richard De Preston, had likewise the honor of being Knight of the shire for Westmoreland in the same reign (twenty-seven Edward III.), and in the same year (1368) obtained a license to impark five hundred acres. His successor, Sir John De Preston of Preston Richard and Preston Patrick, was a member of Parliament for Westmoreland, in the thirty-sixth, thirty-ninth and forty-sixth years of Edward III.

Children: 1 *Richard*, who left a family of daughters only; 2 *John*, who was a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in the reign of Henry IV. and VI., and retired from the bench

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Abbot's Hist. Andover, Mass., 36; Adams' Haven Gen., 2d part, 32; Brown's Gen. of Brown Family; Cothrens' Hist. of Woodbury, Conn.; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 187, 188; Kidder's Hist. New Ipswich, N. H., 421-3; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., xiv. 26; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 482.

in consequence of his great age, in 1427. He left John, a clergyman ; Richard, his heir ; and a daughter.

In 1593 there was a William Robert Preston, who was a relative of Sir Edward Coke.

WILLIAM.

WILLIAM PRESTON, son of John, son of George of Valley Field, England, was created Baronet of Nova Scotia in 1637. He came to America in the ship Truelove in 1635, at the age of 44 years, from Yorkshire, England, with his wife Mary, ae. 34 years. They had on their arrival in Massachusetts four children, as follows :

Children: 1 *Elijah*, b 1624, ae. 11 yrs. ; 2 *Sarah*, b 1627, ae. 8 yrs. ; 3 *Mary*, b 1629, ae. 6 yrs. ; 4 *John*, b 1632, ae. 3 yrs. Children born in New Haven, Conn. : 5 *Fehiel*, b 1640, removed to Stratford where he had land let to him, Sept. 21, 1668 ; 6 *Hackaliah*, b 1643, settled at Woodbury, Conn., in 1681 ; 7 *Eliasaph*, b 1643, lived at Stratford and Wallingford ; 8 *Joseph*, b Jan. 24, 1647.

7. ELIASAPH.

DEA. ELIASAPH PRESTON married 1st, Mary Wilcoxon, widow of Thomas Kimberly, of Stratford, July 9, 1673. She died April 16, 1674. He m 2d, Elizabeth, dau. of John Beach, of Stratford. He went to Wallingford in 1674. He was their first Town Clerk and schoolmaster, and was an energetic and very valuable member of the colony, both for the church of which he was deacon, and the township at large. He died in 1705, ae. 70 years.

Children by 1st marriage: 9 *Mary*, b April 25, 1674, m Caleb Merriman, July 9, 1690. By 2d marriage: 10 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 29, 1776 ; 11 *Hannah*, b July 12, 1678, m Wm. Andrews, May 12, 1692 ; 12 *Eliasaph*, b Jan. 26, 1679, m Deborah Merriman, Jan. 2, 1717 ; 13 *Joseph*, b March 10, 1681, m Jane Cook, July 7, 1708 ; 14 *Esther*, b Feb 28, 1683 ; 15 *Lydia*, b May 5, 1686 ; 16 *Fehiel*, b Aug. 25, 1688, d Nov. 24, 1689.

## 12. ELIASAPH.

ELIASAPH PRESTON married Rebecca Wilcoxon; she died Sept. 2, 1716. He married 2d, Deborah Merriman, Jan. 2, 1717. He married 3d, Hannah Mott, Nov. 26, 1726.

Children by 1st marriage: 17 *Ephraim*, b Sept. 8, 1703, m Patience ———; 18 *Elizabeth*, b Aug. 8, 1711, d 1715; 19 *Foanna*, b March 18, 1714. By 2d marriage: 20 *Fehiel*, b Sept. 11, 1719, m Thankful Sedgwick, Oct. 21, 1741; 21 *Rebecca*, b Sept. 25, 1721; 22 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 28, 1727, m Abner Bunnel, Feb. 19, 1745. By 3d marriage: 23 *Isaac*, b Oct. 1, 1729; 24 *Moses*, b and d April 8, 1733; 25 *Moses*, b Oct. 30, 1734; 26 *Lois*, b Feb. 3, 1737-8.

## 13. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH PRESTON married Jane Cook, July 7, 1708. He married Sarah How, Jan. 30, 1734.

Children by 1st marriage: 27 *Eliasaph*, b May 9, 1709; 28 *Eliasaph*, b May 1, 1710; 29 *Joseph*, b April 7, 1711; 30 *Fonathan*, b Jan., 1713, m Sarah Williams July 28, 1740; 31 *Samuel*, b Aug. 27, 1715; 32 *Fohn*, b June 22, 1715; 33 *Ebenezer*, b Sept. 17, 1725. By 2d marriage: 34 *Dinah*, b Nov. 19, 1734; 35 *Samuel*, b Sept. 30, 1737.

## 17. EPHRAIM.

LIEUT. EPHRAIM PRESTON married Rebecca ———, 2d, Patience ———. She died May 4, 1753; he died April 8, 1772, æ. 69 yrs.

Children by 1st marriage: 36 *Mary*, b Jan. 8, 1731; 37 *Phebe*, b March 6, 1732; 38 *Ephraim*, b Aug. 6, 1734, m Eunice Doolittle, March 25, 1754. Children by 2d marriage: 39 *Reuben*, b May 27, 1736; 40 *Phebe*, b Oct. 3, 1737; 41 *Patience*, b March 30, 1738, d April 18, 1738; 42 *Lent*, b March 5, 1739; 43 *Eliasaph*, b Nov. 28, 1740, m Phebe Hart, Feb. 27, 1764, d April 11, 1717, æ. 37; 44 *Titus*, b Jan. 29, 1743; 45 *Benjamin*, b Dec. 27, 1745; 46 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 7, 1750.

## 20. JEHIEL.

SERG. JEHIEL PRESTON m Thankful Sedgwick, Oct. 21, 1741. He died Nov. 22, 1758.

Children: 47 *Sarah*, b Aug. 23, 1742; 48 *Esther*, b April 1, 1744; 49 *Samuel*, b April 24, 1746; 50 *Caleb*, b April 24, 1746; 51 *Rebecca*, b Sept. 11, 1750; 52 *Thankful*, b Dec. 10, 1752; 53 *Ruth*, b Jan. 28, 1757.

## 28. ELIASAPH.

ELIASAPH PRESTON married Hannah ——.

Children: 54 *Isaac*, b Oct. 1, 1727; 55 *Moses*, b April 8, 1733; 56 *Lois*, b Feb. 3, 1737-8.

## 29. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH PRESTON married Sarah ——.

Children: 57 *Dinah*, b Nov. 19, 1734; 58 *Samuel*, b Sept. 30, 1737.

## 38. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM PRESTON married 1st, Eunice Doolittle, March 25, 1754; 2d, Esther ——. He died April 8, 1772, ae. 69.

Children: 59, 60 *Joel* and *Ebenezer*, twins, d Dec. 11, 1763.

## 39. REUBEN.

REUBEN PRESTON married Elizabeth ——.

Children: 61 *Charles*, d May, 1758; 62 *Mary*, b Jan., 1757.

## 43. ELIASAPH.

ELIASAPH PRESTON married Phebe Hart, Feb. 17, 1764. He died April 12, 1777, ae. 37 years. She m 2d, Stephen Ives.

Children: 63 *Titus*, d in Wallingford; 62 *Reuben*, d in Cheshire; 65 *Elizabeth*, d in Prospect.

REYNOLDS.<sup>1</sup>

## HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH REYNOLDS was born in Watertown, Conn., July 4, 1756. From there he went to Roxbury, Conn., and from

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Caulkins' Hist. Norwich, Conn., ed. 1867,

thence to North Branford. He married Martha Davenport Wolcott, a daughter of Doct. Jeremiah Wolcott. She was born at Branford, Aug. 18, 1762, and died Aug. 19, 1839, *ae.* 77 years, at Wallingford. He died June 30, 1833, *ae.* 77 years. He came to Wallingford about the close of the last century, and resided for sometime in the west part of the town in what was the old Beadles house at Popple Hill. From this place he removed into the village, bought the house formerly the residence of Rev. Samuel Andrews, who was an Episcopal Clergyman before the Revolution.

Children: *Hezekiah*, b Dec., 1773, in Roxbury, Conn.; 2 *Wolcott*, b June 18, 1779; 3 *James*, b April 12, 1783, d Mar. 31, 1807, *ae.* 47; 4 *John D.*, b Apr. 27, 1785; 5 *Luanna*, b Apr. 23, 1784, m Nehemiah Carrington of New Haven, Dec. 23, 1825; 6 *Martha*, b Feb. 13, 1794, m Col. Thaddeus Street of Cheshire, 1823; 7 *Sarah*, b Jan. 12, 1796, m Alexander Harrison, 1819; 8 *Thomas G.*, b March 16, 1798, d Sept. 26, 1826, *ae.* 28; 9 *William A.*, b April 1, 1800, m Jane Lynde, of New Haven; 10 *Beverly*, b Nov. 15, 1806, d Nov. 5, 1807.

#### I. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH REYNOLDS, son of Hezekiah and Martha Wolcott Reynolds, married Anna Wilson, at Savannah, Georgia, in 1806.

Child: 12 *Martha Ann*, b 1807, m Henry Belden, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., in 1828.

#### 2. WOLCOTT.

CAPT. WOLCOTT REYNOLDS, son of Hezekiah and Martha W. Reynolds, married Serephina Beaumont, in 1804. He died Sept. 28, 1842, *ae.* 44 years.

Child: 13 *Serephina*, b Jan. 16, 1805, d *ae.* 28 years.

#### 3. JOHN.

HON. JOHN DAVENPORT REYNOLDS, son of Hezekiah and

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197, 198; Chapman's Gen. of Chapman Family, 110; Kingman's Hist. N. Bridgewater, Mass., 629-35; Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass., 282, 283; Rogers' Hist. & Gen. Researches, 116; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 525, 526.

Martha D. Reynolds, married Lydia, daughter of John Scarritt, in 1822. He was a man eminently fitted by nature to fill almost any place of a public character in the gift of the people. He was often a Representative in the Legislature of the State from Wallingford, and a Senator from the sixth Senatorial district, and Judge of the Probate Court for the district of Wallingford, for a number of years. The duties of those, and all other public offices, he discharged with marked ability. He died Oct. 18, 1853, *ae.* 68 years. Mrs. Lydia, his wife, died July 28, 1862, *ae.* 65 years.

Children: 14 *Martha*, b March 27, 1826; 15 *John D.*, b April 20, 1828; 16 *Serephina*, b March 15, 1833, m S. N. Edmonds, Oct. 4, 1852.

#### 10. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM A. REYNOLDS, ESQ., son of Hezekiah and Martha W. Reynolds, was born in Wallingford, married Jane Lynde, of New Haven, was a merchant and for several years a member of the firm of Harrison & Reynolds, in State-st., and for the last thirty years has been a respectable broker in New Haven.

Children: two daughters and two sons, living in 1870.

#### ROYCE.<sup>1</sup>

Among the first planters in Wallingford was 1 *Isaac*, and 2d *Nehemiah* Royce, who made their appearance in the place in 1671; 3 *Nathaniel*, 4 *Samuel*, 5 *Joseph*, and 6 *Robert* Royce, were also there soon after, all of whom had families, and are believed to be sons of Robert Royce who was at Stratford in 1644.

#### I. ISAAC.

ISAAC and Elizabeth Royce were in Wallingford early in 1671. He died in the autumn of 1682, leaving an estate of

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 190; Caulkins' Hist. New London, Conn., 293-4; Caulkins' Hist. Norwich, Conn., ed. 1867, 199; Savage's Gen. Dict., III. 569-70.



£161. His widow married Ebenezer Clark for her second husband in 1696.

Children: 7 *Isaac*, b Oct. 28, 1673, d Dec. 8, 1673; 8 *Robert*, b Sept. 4, 1674; 9 *Sarah*, b March 10, 1677; 10 *Martha*, b June 1, 1679.

## 2. NEHEMIAH.

NEHEMIAH ROYCE (shoemaker) was in Wallingford with his wife Hannah, among the first settlers. She died June 19, 1677, and he married Esther —, who died Sept. 12, 1706. He died Nov. 7, 1706, *ae.* 72 years. He was the original owner of the James Rice place at the head of Main-st., in Wallingford.

Children: 11 *Mary*, b Aug. 12, 1673, d Aug. 12, 1675; 12 *Mercy*, b Feb. 4, 1675, d Feb. 24, 1675; 14 *Esther*, b Oct. 15, 1678; 15 *Lydia*, b May 28, 1680, m Daniel Messenger; 16 *Nehemiah*, b May 18, 1682-3, m Keziah Hall, Feb. 9, 1700; 17 *Margery*, d Sept. 12, 1683.

## 3. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL ROYCE married Esther —, Oct. 27, 1673. She died June 19, 1677. He was married to Sarah Lathrop by Mr. Moss, April 21, 1681. She died Nov. 11, 1706. He then married Hannah Farnham, Aug. 24, 1707. She died Feb. 6, 1708, and he married Abigail Hoyt, Aug. 25, 1708. She died and he married Phebe Clark, Dec. 27, 1720. He died Feb. 8, 1736; was by trade, a carpenter and joiner and blacksmith in 1687.

Children by 1st marriage: 18 *John*, b April 11, 1675; 19 *Benjamin*, b May 6, 1677, m Rebecca Wilcoxon, d Oct. 20, 1703. By 2d marriage: 20 *Sarah*, b April 3, 1683; 21 *Hester*, b Sept. 10, 1685, d Oct. 14, 1703, *ae.* 18 yrs.; 22 *Lois*, b July 29, 1687, m Samuel Hall; 23 *Elizabeth*, b Dec. 28, 1689. By 4th marriage: 24 *Daniel*, b Sept. 29, 1726; 25 *Lous*, b March 27, 1728; 26 *Robert*, b Nov. 16, 1729; 27 *Elisha*, b Oct. 27, 1731; 28 *Nathaniel*, b July 1, 1733.

## 4. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ROYCE married 1st, Sarah Baldwin, June 5, 1690, 2d, Hannah Benedict, Dec. 12, 1695. He died in Meriden, May 14, 1757, æ. 85 years. Mrs. Hannah died in Meriden, Jan. 12, 1761, æ. 90 yrs.

Children by 1st marriage: 29 *Abigail*, b Nov. 24, 1677, m Joseph Cole; 30 *Prudence*, b July 26, 1680; 31 *Deborah*, b Sept. 8, 1683, m Thomas Mix; 32 *Isaac*, b March 10, 1688; 33 *Ebenezer*, b Sept. 25, 1691; 34 *Nathaniel*, b Oct. 21, 1692; 35 *John*, b April 25, 1693; 36 *Mary*, b Feb. 17, 1695; 37 *Jacob*, b April 11, 1697, m Thankful Beach, dau. of Moses; By 2d marriage: 38 *Hannah*, b Feb. 19, 1697-8, m John Ives; 39 *Ezekiel*, b Feb. 10, 1699, m Anna Merwin, Apr. 26, 1723; 40 *Samuel*, b Oct. 5, 1702, settled in Cheshire, m Martha Moss, 1728; 41 *Abel*, b Jan. 10, 1700; 42 *Benjamin*, b May 23, 1705, m Mindwell Royce, April 11, 1729, was clerk of the mines, d Jan. 30, 1758; 43 *Mehitable*, b July 30, 1709; 44 *Ebenezer*, b Aug. 21, 1713, d Oct. 18, 1752, in Meriden, aged 39.

## 5. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH ROYCE, married to Mary Porter, by the Hon. J. Wadsworth, Oct. 1, 1684. He died March 19, 1704, or 1707, æ. 44 yrs.

Children: 45 *Mary*, b Jan. 12, 1686; 46 *Joseph*, b May 1, 1689, d June 27, 1689; 47 *Joseph*, b May 2, 1690, m Anna Andrews, March, 1710; 48 *Thomas*, b Aug. 13, 1692, m Mary —; 49 *Nathaniel*, b Oct. 21, 1693; 50 *James*, b July 31, 1695, d Dec. 22, 1695; 51 *Hannah*, b Nov. 6, 1696, d; 52 *Sarah*, b Feb. 24, 1699, d Dec. 6, 1711; 53 *Hannah*, b March 18, 1701; 54 *Reuben*, b Dec. 18, 1713, d Sept. 10, 1790, æ. 77 yrs.

## 8. ROBERT.

ROBERT ROYCE married 1st, Mary —, June 2, 1692; 2d, Abigail Benedict, March 14, 1709. He died in 1759, æ. 94 yrs.

Children : 55 *Nathaniel*, b Oct. 23, 1694, m Phebe Clark, Dec. 20, 1720 ; 56 *Dinah*, b Feb. 24, 1696 ; 57 *Josiah*, b July 10, 1698 ; 58 *Ruth*, b Sept., 1701 ; 59 *Sarah*, b April 4, 1703, d Aug. 5, 1723 ; 60 *Timothy*, b June 2, 1705, m Mindwell Wassles, May 16, 1727 ; 61 *Mary*, b July, 1707 ; 62 *Elizabeth*, b Aug., 1709 ; 63 *Gideon*, b May 4, 1711, m Rebecca — ; 64 *Prudence*, b April 11, 1714 ; 65 *Moses*, b Sept. 24, 1716, m Thankful — ; 66 *Martha*, m Edmund Scott, March 16, 1730 ; 67 *Lydia*, b Nov. 20, 1719.

## 19. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN ROYCE, son of Nehemiah and Hannah, married Rebecca Wilcoxon of Stratford, Conn. ; he d Oct. 20, 1701.

Child : 68 *Mindwell*, b Oct. 12, 1703, m Benjamin Royce, April 11, 1729.

## 16. NEHEMIAH.

NEHEMIAH ROYCE, son of Nehemiah and Hannah, married Keziah Hall. His farm was at the head of Falls Plain.

Children : 69 Capt. *James*, b June 30, 1711, d Jan. 20, 1796, ae. 85 yrs. ; 70 *Hannah*, b Nov., 1713, d Dec. 14, 1713 ; 71 *Phineas*, b June 16, 1715 ; 72 *Ephraim*, b Feb. 9, 1717 ; 73 *Hannah*, b May 15, 1720, m Eunice — ; 74 *Keziah*, b March 16, 1726.

## 32. ISAAC.

ISAAC ROYCE, son of Samuel and Sarah, m Hannah —.

Children : 75 *Richard*, b March 16, 1759 ; 76 *Hannah*, b May 20, 1761.

## 33. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER ROYCE, son of Samuel and Sarah, married Abigail Root, March 4, 1741. He died in Meriden, Oct. 18, 1752, ae. 39 years.

Children : 77 *Hannah*, b Jan. 5, 1743 ; 78 *Huldah*, b Jan. 16, 1745 ; 79 *Oliver*, b March 1, 1747, d at Meriden Dec. 6, 1755, ae. 7 years ; 80 *Samuel*, b Oct. 25, 1751.

## 34. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL ROYCE, son of Samuel and Sarah, married Phebe Clark Dec. 27, 1720.

Children: 81 *John*, b Feb. 14, 1723; 82 *Dinah*, b Nov. 6, 1724; 83 *David*, b Sept. 29, 1726; 84 *Lois*, b March 27, 1728; 85 *Robert*, b Nov. 16, 1729; 86 *Nathaniel*, b July 1, 1733; 87 *Phebe*, b May 15, 1735; 88 *John*, b March 22, 1737; 89 *Josiah*, b March 2, 1738; 90 *Elisha*, b Oct. 27, 1739; 91 *Clark*, b Oct. 4, 1740.

## 37. JACOB.

JACOB ROYCE, son of Samuel and Sarah Royce, was married to Thankful Beach by Capt. Hall, Sept. 28, 1724. He died Nov. 13, 1727.

Children: 92 *Amos*, b Nov. 1, 1725, m Sarah —; 93 *Experience*, b Dec. 1, 1727.

## 39. EZEKIEL.

EZEKIEL, son of Samuel and Hannah Royce, married 1st, Anna Merwin, April 25, 1723. She died Dec. 20, 1725; He married 2d, Abigail Alling, Nov. 30, 1726. He died in Meriden, Sept. 4, 1765, ae. 66 years.

Children by 1st marriage: 94 *Samuel*, b Jan. 29, 1724; 95 *Barnabas*, b Dec. 12, 1725. By 2d marriage: 96 *Anna*, b July 3, 1727; 97 *Rachel*, b Oct. 4, 1728; 98 *Ezra*, b June 7, 1730, m Anna —; 99 *Lucy*, b March 4, 1732; 100 *Deborah*, b Aug. 17, 1734; 101 *Ezekiel*, b July 23, 1736; 102 *Ezekiel*, b Oct. 15, 1739, m Lydia —, d Sept., 1808, ae. 69 years; 103 *Abigail*, b July 14, 1751.

## 40. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ROYCE, son of Samuel and Hannah, married Martha Moss, Dec. 25, 1728.

Children: 104 *Samuel*, b May 9, 1732, m Sarah —; 105 *Nathaniel*, b May 20, 1734, m Sybil —; 106 *Sarah*, b Nov. 27, 1737; 107 *Ebenezer*, b April 13, 1740; 108 *Levi*, b Oct. 29, 1744; 109 *Reuben*, b June 22, 1750.

## 41. ABEL.

ABEL ROYCE, son of Samuel and Hannah Royce, was married to Joanna Beach, Oct. 23, 1723, by Thomas Yale.

Children: 110, *Rhoda*, b Dec. 13, 1725; 111 *Hester*, b

Dec. 21, 1727; 112, 113 *Abel* and *Foanna*, b March 30, 1730; 114 *Benedict*, b Feb. 19, 1735; 115 *Mehitable*, b April 1, 1737; 116 *Hezekiah*, b Dec. 16, 1739; 117 *Huldah*, b Nov. 6, 1742.

## 42. BENJAMIN.

BENJAMIN ROYCE, son of Samuel and Hannah Royce, married Mindwell'—, April 11, 1729.

Children: 118 *Benjamin*, b April 1, 1730, m Phebe —, she d June 13, 1776, æ. 46, he d in Meriden, Feb., 1777; 119 *Solomon*, b Jan. 31, 1741.

## 44. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER ROYCE, son of Samuel and Hannah Royce, married Abigail Root, March 4, 1741.

Children: 120 *Hannah*, b Jan. 5, 1743; 121 *Huldah*, b Jan. 16, 1745; 122 *Olive*, b March 1, 1747; 123 *Samuel*, b Oct. 28, 1751.

## 48. THOMAS.

THOMAS ROYCE, son of Joseph and Mary Royce, married Mary Holt, Dec. 23, 1714, residence in Meriden. He married Anna Child, July 21, 1730.

Children: 124 *Sarah*, b June 23, 1716; 125 *Joseph*, b July 16, 1719, m Eunice —; 126 *Mary*, b Feb. 12, 1723; 127 *Benjamin*, b June 26, 1724, m Anna Chamberlain, May 29, 1750; 128 *Thomas*, b June 29, 1727; 129 *Enos*; 130 *Anna*, b Sept. 15, 1731; 131 *Samuel*, b Nov. 20, 1733; 132 *Phebe*, b Dec. 30, 1742.

## 54. REUBEN.

REUBEN ROYCE, son of Joseph and Mary Royce, married Keziah Moss, Nov. 18, 1736. She died Oct. 3, 1770, æ. 53. He died Sept. 10, 1790, æ. 77 years.

Children: 133 *Anna*, b Aug. 5, 1737; 134 *Rachel*, b Nov. 26, 1753.

## 57. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH ROYCE, son of Robert and Abigail, married Elizabeth Parker, March 24, 1693. Married 2d, Abigail Clark, May 1, 1722.

Children: 135 *Ebenezer*, b Jan. 22, 1713. By 2d marriage: 136 *Sarah*, b June 5, 1723; 137 *Justus*, b 1725; 138 *Thankful*, b 1727; 139 *Charles*, b 1731; 140 *Stephen*, b 1733; 141 *Caleb*, b 1734.

## 60. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY ROYCE, son of Robert and Abigail, married Mindwell Wassles, May 16, 1727.

Children: 142 *Hannah*, b Dec. 29, 1727; 143 *Lydia*, b Feb. 11, 1730; 144 *Timothy*, b June 25, 1732, m Abigail —; 145 *Ruth*, b Aug. 31, 1735.

## 63. GIDEON.

GIDEON ROYCE, son of Robert and Abigail, m 1st, Mary —, 2d, Rebecca —.

Children: 146 *Mary*, b May 10, 1743; 147 *Titus*, b Feb. 4, 1745; 148 *Wait*, b July 11, 1748; 149 *Gideon*, b Dec. 26, 1751; 150 *Mary*, b Oct. 30, 1753; 151 *Justice*, b Dec. 8, 1756, m Lois Perkins, of Meriden; 152 *Rebecca*, b April 16, 1758; 153 *Fonathan*, b March 18, 1760.

## 65. MOSES.

MOSES ROYCE, son of Robert and Abigail, married Thankful Austin, Jan. 6, 1740.

Children: 154 *Thankful*, b July 5, 1747; 155 *Amasa*, b March 21, 1751, d Dec. 12, 1797, ae. 47 yrs.; 156 *Abner*, b Jan. 4, 1753; 157 *Foel*, b Feb. 16, 1754; 158 *Amos*, b March 19, 1757.

## 69. JAMES.

CAPT. JAMES ROYCE, son of Nehemiah and Keziah, married Miriam —. She died Aug. 20, 1757, ae. 37 years. He died Jan. 20, 1796, ae. 85 years.

Children: 159 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 6, 1744; 160 *Keziah*, b July 27, 1746, m Janet Tyler, of Wallingford; 161 *James*, b Dec. 18, 1748, m Mary Tyler; 162 *Foel*, b Jan. 10, 1751, d July 27, 1756, ae. 6 yrs.

## 72. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM ROYCE, son of Nehemiah and Keziah, married Eunice —.

Children: 163 *Mindwell*, b Aug. 12, 1740; 164 *Keziah*, b May 12, 1742; 165 *Margery*, b March 17, 1742; 166 *Ephraim*, b June 30, 1744; 167 *Stephen*, b Sept. 2, 1752; 168 *Mary*, b Dec. 31, 1754.

## 85. ROBERT.

ROBERT ROYCE, son of Nathaniel and Phebe, married Hannah Bennet, Nov. 5, 1752.

Children: 169 *Bennet*, b Nov. 11, 1752; 170 *Hannah*, b Jan. 27, 1755; 171 *Chauncey*, b April 20, 1757; 172 *David*, b Feb. 24, 1760.

## 86. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL ROYCE, son of Nathaniel and Phebe, married Sybil ———.

Children: 173 *Martha*, b Jan. 3, 1756; 174 *Sybil*, b April 11, 1760.

## 88. JOHN.

JOHN ROYCE, son of Nathaniel and Phebe, married Hannah ———.

Children: 175 *Mary*, b May 8, 1751; 176 *Hannah*, b Jan. 18, 1753, d; 177 *Matthew*, b Oct. 13, 1759; 178 *Hannah*, b June 2, 1761.

## 92. AMOS.

AMOS ROYCE, son of Jacob and Thankful, m Sarah ———.

Children: 179 *Sarah*, b Sept. 3, 1754; 180 *Jacob*, b Dec. 9, 1756, m ——— Hull; 181 *John*, b Nov. 15, 1758; 182 *Hannah*, b May 22, 1761.

## 94. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Ezekiel and Anna Royce, married Deborah ———.

Children: 183 *Stephen*, b Oct. 21, 1756; 184 *Hannah*, b April 28, 1758; 185 *Ebenezer*, b March 24, 1760.

## 98. EZRA.

EZRA, son of Ezekiel and Anna Royce, married Anna Royce, Nov. 25, 1746; res. in Meriden before 1793.

Children: 186 *Fesse*, b Oct. 3, 1746; *Rachel*, b Oct. 20, 1747; 187 *Joseph*, b April 14, 1756; *Mehitable*, b April 3,

1750; 188 *Sarah*, b Nov. 9, 1751; *Seth*, b June 6, 1752; 189 *Esther*, b Aug. 2, 1754; *Asa*, b Sept. 1, 1754; 190 *Deborah*, b Sept. 6, 1757; *Lucy*, b Oct. 26, 1757; 191 *Thomas*, b Sept. 26, 1749; 192 *Ezra*, b Oct. 30, 1759, res. in Meriden.

## 102. EZEKIEL.

EZEKIEL, son of Ezekiel and Anna Royce, married Lydia —. She died Oct. 28, 1813, ae. 73 yrs. He died Sept. 3, 1808, ae. 69, in Meriden.

Child: 193 *Oliver*, b July 26, 1760, d in Meriden, April 28, 1794, ae. 34 yrs.

## 104. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Martha Royce, married Sarah —.

Children: 194 *Mindwell*, b Nov. 8, 1756, m Josiah Mix in 1777; 195 *Phebe*, b Nov. 10, 1758; 196 *Lucy*, b May 1, 1761; 197 *Keziah*, b March 25, 1768, m Josiah Mix, he d in Ohio, May 13, 1845, ae. 91.

## 116. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH, son of Abel and Joanna Royce, died in Meriden at a very advanced age.

Children: 198 *Benajah*, d near South Meriden; 199 *Porter*, d in Wallingford.

## 123. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Ebenezer and Abigail Royce, married Deborah —.

Children: 200 *Stephen*, b Oct. 21, 1756; 201 *Hannah*, b April 28, 1758; 202 *Ebenezer*, b March 24, 1760.

## 125. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of Thomas and Mary Royce, married Eunice —.

Child: 203 Capt. *Joseph*, b 1748, d Sept. 10, 1790, ae. 77.

## 144. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY, son of Gideon and Rebecca Royce, married Abigail —.

Children: 204 *Mindwell*, b April 27, 1754; 205 *Timothy*, b



May 12, 1755 ; 206 *Elijah*, b July 26, 1756 ; 207 *Chauncey*, b Sept. 7, 1757 ; 208 *Foanna*, b Sept. 27, 1758 ; 209 *Katherine*, b Oct. 4, 1760.

## 151. JUSTICE.

JUSTICE ROYCE, son of Gideon and Rebecca Royce, married Lois Perkins of Meriden. She died in Wallingford and was buried there.

Children : 210 *Roswell*, d in Wallingford ; 211 *Fotham*, went west ; 212 *Ann*, m Moses Taylor ; 213 *Mary*, d in Meriden ; 214 *Titus*, resides in Wallingford now, 1870.

## EVAN.

EVAN ROYCE married Rachel Parker, May 20, 1724. He does not appear to be of the same family of any of the preceding, yet it is quite possible that he was.

Children : 215 *John*, b May 25, 1725 ; 216 *Anna*, b June 23, 1724 ; 217 *Evan*, b June 18, 1729 ; 218 *Charles*, b March 28, 1731 ; 219 *Mary*, b Feb. 5, 1733 ; 220 *James*, b Jan. 1, 1735 ; 221 *Lois*, b Nov. 4, 1740 ; 222 *Rachel*, b June 30, 1743 ; 223 *Hannah*, b March 25, 1759 ; 224 *James*, b Feb. 1, 1757.

## 161. JAMES.

JAS. ROYCE, son of Capt. Jas. and Miriam Royce, when living, owned and occupied the house and lot at the head of Main-Street, in the village of Wallingford. The old house and lot had been owned by the family from 1670 down to 1868. Mr. James Rice died Feb. 17, 1827, ae. 79 years. His wife died Aug. 6, 1834, ae. 83 years. The maiden name of his wife was Mary, daughter of William Tyler, and sister of Samuel and Jared Tyler, late of Wallingford.

Children : 225 *Nehemiah*, b 1774, m 1st, Ruth Hall, 2d, Abigail, daughter of Caleb Hall, Esq., he d April 8, 1831, ae. 57 years ; 226 *Ambrose*, b 1777, d Aug. 21, 1810, ae. 33 years ; 227 *Miriam*, m Isaac Peck of Wallingford ; 228 *Sedgwick*, d in western N. Y., a Baptist minister ; 226 *Lura*, m Chauncey Hough of Wallingford ; 230 *Foel*, b 1786, m Lucretia Yale, d Dec. 21, 1828 ; 231 *James*, resides in west-

ern N. Y. ; 232 *Mary*, b 1782, d Aug., 1859, ae. 77 ; 233 *Henrietta*, b 1791, d of measles, Feb. 18, 1818, ae. 27 years ; 234 *Sylvester*, b 1793, d April 1, 1820, ae. 27 years.

## 218. CHARLES.

CHARLES, son of Evan and Rachel Royce, married Lois

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Child ; 235 *Thaddeus*, b Nov. 3, 1757, res. near Gitteau's corner.

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 STANLEY.<sup>1</sup>

The ancestor of the Wallingford Stanleys was John Stanley, who died on his passage over from England, leaving a son John, and a daughter Ruth, both of whom were married (the same day), Dec. 5, 1645. John the son was nephew of Timothy Stanley, of Cambridge and Hartford.

John Stanley, the grandfather of the Wallingford branch, was born in 1625, came to New England in 1634, settled early in Windsor and Farmington, joined the church in Farmington July 12, 1753, was a deputy from Farmington, four sessions to the General Court, was a Captain in King Philip's War, and a leading man in Farmington. He married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Scott, Dec. 5, 1645. He married 2d, Sarah, daughter of John Fletcher, of Milford, June 26, 1661. He died Dec. 19, 1706, and his 2d wife and widow died May 15, 1713.

Children : 1 *John*, b in Hartford, Nov. 3, 1647 ; 2 *Thomas*, b in Farmington, Nov. 1, 1649, m in 1690, Anne, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Peck, she d May 23, 1718 ; 3 *Sarah*, b Feb., 1651-2, m Joseph Gaylord ; 4 *Timothy*, b March 17, 1653-4, m Mary, dau. of John Strong, in 1676, and d childless ; 5

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn. ; Dagget's Hist. Attleborough, Mass., 94, 95 ; Judd and Boltwood's Hist. Hadley, Mass., 582 ; Leonard's Hist. Dublin, N. H., 396-7 ; Morse's Memorial of Morses, App. No. 55 ; Savage's Gen. Dict., iv. 163-6 ; Thurston's Hist. Winthrop, Me., 196-7.

*Elizabeth*, b April 1, 1657, d ; 6 *Abigail*, b July 25, 1669, m John Hooker, Nov., 1687 ; 7 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 28, 1672, m John Wadsworth, she d Oct. 5, 1713 ; 8 *Isaac*, b Sept. 22, 1660, was an imbecile.

## I. JOHN.

JOHN STANLEY appears to have been a prominent man in Waterbury. He was the first recorder of the town and proprietors. He was appointed first by the committee, and afterward, Dec. 26, 1682, by the town, which offices he filled until his removal to Farmington. He was a good penman and well qualified for the office, as the records fully demonstrate. He married Esther, daughter of Thomas Newell of Farmington, and d May 16, 1729 ; she d in 1740.

Children: 9 *Esther*, b Dec. 2, 1672, in Farmington, d 1676, ae. 4 years ; 10 *John*, b April 9, 1675, in Farmington, m Dec. 14, 1714, d Sept. 8, 1748 ; 11 *Samuel*, b 1677, m Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Bronson of Lyme, July 15, 1702 ; 12 *Nathaniel*, b 1679, m Sarah Smith and settled in Goshen, d 1770 ; 13 *Thomas*, b May 25, 1684, in Farmington ; 14 *Sarah*, b July 4, 1686 ; 15 *Timothy*, b June 6, 1689, m Martha Smith of Farmington, settled in Goshen after 1735.

## II. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL STANLEY married Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Bronson of Lyme. He died in 1737 ; he was a mill-wright and carpenter, and lived in Wallingford, Farmington and Durham.

Children: 16 *Samuel*, b in Waterbury ; 17 *Abraham*, b April 13, 1705, m Prudence, dau. of Isaac Pinney, of Windsor, Conn. ; 18 *John* ; 19 *Esther* ; 20 *Ebenezer* ; 21 *Anna*, b March 8, 1713, all b in Wallingford ; 22, *Elizabeth*, b 1715 ; 23 *Asa*, b 1717 ; 24 *Ruth* ; 25 *Fosiah* ; all b in Farmington.

## 17. ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM STANLEY married Prudence Pinney of Windsor. He settled on a farm a little west of Yalesville. He died Feb. 17, 1788, ae. 85 yrs.

Children: 26 *Abraham*, b Dec. 7, 1731; 27 *Prudence*, b May 13, 1734, m Laban Andrews, April 5, 1758; 28 *Oliver*, b Oct. 10, 1743, grad. at Yale, 1768, was a lawyer; 29 *Lucretia*, b Aug. 7, 1748, m Elihu Yale.

## 18. JOHN.

JOHN STANLEY married Hannah Ives, May, 29, 1735. She died in Wallingford, July 13, 1750.

Children: 30 *Hannah*, b June 6, 1736, d June 28, 1750, ae. 14 yrs.; 31 *John*, b Dec. 26, 1737; 32 *Mary*, b June 11, 1740; 33 *Thomas*, b July 1, 1743; 34 *Sarah*, b July 2, 1745.

## 25. JOSIAH.

JOSIAH STANLEY married Mary Miles, of Wallingford, March 14, 1739. He died Oct. 31, 1756.

Children, 35 *Abigail*, b June 9, 1742; 36 *Mary*, b Aug. 9, 1744; 37 *Benjamin*, b June 3, 1748.

## 28. OLIVER.

OLIVER STANLEY ESQ. married ——. He was graduated at Yale College in 1768, and became a lawyer of considerable note in his native village. He owned the house and lot where Mrs. Edgar Atwater now lives (1869), and died there.

Children: 38 *George Washington*, graduated at Yale; 39 *Sarah*, m Medad Baker.

## 38. GEORGE.

GEORGE WASHINGTON STANLEY ESQ. married ———. He practiced his profession as a lawyer in his native place for several years, with great success; and was Town Clerk and Judge of the Probate Court. In 18— he went to Middletown, where he was made Attorney for the State. He remained there several years, and subsequently went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he soon became distinguished as a learned, discreet and faithful counselor. He died at an advanced age, leaving one son to perpetuate his name, and who is reported to be a successful business man at Cleveland.

## SCARRITT.

James Scarritt was from Branford, Conn. In 1758 he was in the old French war with Miles Yale, Col. Isaac Cook, Samuel Parsons, and old Samuel Barnes. These men used to meet often and relate their experiences in that war, to the great gratification of any who might be present. Mr. Scarritt was a weaver and schoolmaster. He taught school before the Revolution, and until within the memory of the writer. He was the honored father of John Scarritt, who was also a schoolmaster, and also the highly respected Town Clerk of New Haven, for many consecutive years. He died in New Haven.

Children: 1 *Amanda*, m W. Lyon, she d in 1869; 2 *Lydia*, m John D. Reynolds; 3 *Marcus*; 4 *Louisa*; 5 *James*, m ——— Johnson, and removed to Waterbury.

STREET.<sup>1</sup>

## NICHOLAS.

REV. NICHOLAS STREET came from England and settled at Farmington, Mass. In 1649 he went to New Haven where he died April 22, 1674.

Children: *Samuel*, b 1735, grad. at Harvard, 1664; *Susanah*; *Sarah*; *Abiah*; *Hannah*.

## I. SAMUEL.

REV. SAMUEL STREET married Anna, daughter of Samuel Miles, Nov. 3, 1664. He was one of the original subscribers to the settlement of Wallingford in 1670, and was the first settled clergyman in the place. Four years after the settlement commenced, he was called to settle there, and continued in the work of ministry there until his decease, Jan. 17, 1717, a period of nearly 45 years. Mrs. Anna Street died July 19, 1730.

Children: 1 *Anna*, b 1665, in New Haven; 2 *Samuel*, b

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Dodd's Hist. East Haven, Conn., 153; Savage's Gen. Dict., IV. 222-3.

1667, in New Haven ; 3 *Mary*, b 1670, m John Hall of Wallingford ; 4 *Susanna*, b June 15, 1675, in Wallingford ; 5 *Nicholas*, b July 14, 1677, settled in Groton, Conn. ; 6 *Katharine*, b Nov. 19, 1679 ; 7 *Sarah*, b Jan. 15, 1681, m Theophilus Yale.

## 2. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL STREET JR. married Madeline Daniels, Nov. 1, 1684. She died and he married Hannah Glover, July 14, 1690. She died July 3, 1715, and he married for his third wife, Elizabeth —, Dec. 20, 1716.

Children by 1st marriage: 8 *Samuel*, b Nov. 3, 1685 ; 9 *James*, b Dec. 28, 1686, m Rebecca Scoville, Sept. 6, 1731 ; 10 *Anna*, b Aug. 26, 1688. By 2d marriage: 11 *Eleanor*, b Dec. 3, 1690 ; 12 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 19, 1692 ; 13 *Elnathan*, b Sept. 2, 1695, m Damaris Hull, Feb. 6, 1722 ; 14 *Mehitable*, b Feb. 15, 1699 ; 15 *John*, b Oct. 25, 1703, m Hannah Hall, June 9, 1734 ; 16 *Samuel*, b May 10, 1707, d Oct. 15, 1752.

## 5. NICHOLAS.

NICHOLAS STREET married Jerusha Morgan, April 22, 1707.  
Children: 17 *James*, b Feb. 10, 1708 ; 18 *Elizabeth*, b Apr. 24, 1709.

## 9. JAMES.

JAMES STREET m Rebecca Scoville.  
Children: 19 *Samuel*, b Sept. 6, 1731 ; 20 *James*, b Sept. 14, 1733.

## 13. ELNATHAN.

ELNATHAN STREET married Damaris Hall, Feb. 6, 1722.  
Children: 21 *Benjamin*, b May 18, 1723 ; 22 *Samuel*, b Jan. 10, 1725, d Jan. 18, 1725 ; 23 *Samuel*, b Dec. 8, 1728 ; 24 *Nicholas*, b Feb. 21, 1730, graduated at Yale, 1751, ordained Oct. 8, 1755, d at East Haven, Oct. 3, 1706 ; 25 *Elnathan*, b Feb. 20, 1732 ; 26 *Anna*, b Feb. 16, 1736 ; 27 *Mary*, b June 28, 1738 ; 28 *Fesse*, b April 24, 1741, m Lois Cook.

## 15. JOHN.

JOHN STREET married Hannah Hall, June 5, 1734.

Children ; 29 *Thaddeus*, b March 15, 1735, d March 16, 1735 ; 30 *Hannah*, b June 7, 1736 ; 31 *Sarah*, b July 8, 1738 ; 32 *Mary*, b May 4, 1740 ; 33 *Elisha*, b Dec. 17, 1745.

## 16. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL STREET married 1st, Keziah Munson, Nov. 12, 1734 ; 2d, Sarah ———. She died Oct. 1, 1795, ae. 68 years ; he died in Wallingford, 1792, ae. 85 years.

Child by 1st marriage : 34 *Glover*, b May 28, 1735. Children by 2d marriage : 35 *Titus*, b June 4, 1750, m ——— Atwater, of Cheshire ; 36 *Caleb*, b Oct. 23, 1753.

THOMPSON.<sup>1</sup>

There are few names more common among the early settlers of New England than that of Thompson, most of whom came from London and Hertfordshire, and were probably related to each other. Of these, the principal individuals connected with the New England settlements were David Thompson, who emigrated to Portsmouth, N. H., in 1622, where he established fisheries, and in 1623, removed to an island in Boston Harbor, which still bears his name ; James Thompson, who was one of the first settlers of Woburn, Mass., in 1634 ; Major Robert Thompson, who resided in Boston in 1639, and was a man of wealth and respectability ; Maurice Thompson, a merchant of London, Governor of the East India Co., who established fisheries at Cape Ann, in 1639 ; Rev. William Thompson, who came to York, Maine, in 1637, and Anthony Thompson, of New Haven, Conn.

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 163, 232 ; Barry's Hist. Hanover, Mass., 409, 410 ; Bradbury's Hist. Kennebunkport, Me., 297-80 ; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 727-37 ; Dodd's Hist. East Haven, Conn., 154-6 ; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 427-9 ; Hooker's Memorials of James and Augustus Thompson ; Journals of Smith and Dean of Portland, Me., 68 ; Kingman's Hist. N. Bridgewater, 314, 315 ; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., IV. 180, XIII. 112-16, 318-20 ; Savage's Gen. Dict., IV. 283-90 ; Sewall's Hist. Woburn, Mass., 390-402, 643-5 ; Stiles's Hist. Windsor, Ct., 815 ; Thompson's Gen. of Thompson Family ; Thompson's Hist. Long Island, N. Y., II. 425-31.

## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH THOMPSON and his wife Elizabeth were in Wallingford among the first planters, though not an original subscriber. He was collector of taxes in 1681.

Children: 1 *Joseph*, m Hannah Clark, Feb. 1, 1700; 2 *John*, b Feb. 1, 1685, m Sarah Culver, June 23, 1710; 3 *Hannah*, b April 16, 1687.

## I. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH THOMPSON, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Thompson, married Hannah Clark. He died *ae.* 67 years.

Children: 4 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 23, 1710; 5 *Samuel*, b Nov. 10, 1713; 6 *Tamar*, b Sept. 18, 1715; 7 *Phebe*, b April 12, 1720; 8 *Hannah*, b Sept. 10, 1725; 9 *Keziah*, b Jan. 15, 1728.

## 2. JOHN.

JOHN THOMPSON, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Thompson, married Sarah Culver, June 23, 1710.

Children: 10 *Abel*, b and d Jan. 14, 1715; 11 *Abel*, b 1717, d 1798; 12 *Anna*, b Jan. 28, 1719, m Benjamin Sedgwick; 13 *Mabel*, b Nov. 11, 1721; 14 *Sarah*, b Oct. 5, 1724, m John Moss; 15 *John*, b Jan. 26, 1726.

## 5. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL THOMPSON, son of Joseph and Hannah Thompson, married Rachel ———.

Children: 16 *John*, b Feb. 24, 1747; 17 *Samuel*, b June 11, 1751; 18 *Phebe*, b Feb. 20, 1753; 19 *Rachel*, b April 20, 1755; 20 *Samuel*, b Oct. 5, 1757.

## II. ABEL.

ABEL THOMPSON, son of John and Sarah Culver Thompson, married ———. He was the father of Abel, who was the father of Capt. Caleb Thompson, late of Wallingford, deceased.

Children: 21 *Edward*, d in Wallingford; 22 *Stiles H.*, d 1863; 23 *Lodema*, m E. S. Ives, Esq.; 24 daughter.



## JOSEPH.

JOSEPH and Abigail Thompson had the following family in Wallingford.

Children: 25 *Elihu*, b Oct. 9, 1745; 26 *John*, b July 22, 1757.

THORP.<sup>1</sup>

## SAMUEL.

SERGT. SAMUEL THORP was an early settler in the eastern part of Wallingford, near Muddy river. His house stood on the east side of said river, on an old highway which is closed, and which ran south from the east side of the late Col. Russel Hall's barn. Lot No. 14 on the east side of the main street, in the village, was assigned him for a house lot. He died at the age of 84, Feb. 2, 1728. Mary Thorp, his wife, died March 1, 1718.

Children: 1 *Elizabeth*, b Feb. 15, 1668; 2 *Samuel*, b Mar. 8, 1670; 3 *Hannah*, b Sept. 9, 1678; 4 *Naomi*, b Jan. 31, 1681, m John Boulcott, Oct. 18, 1708; 5 *John*, b July 6, 1686; 6 *Samuel*, b Apr. 11, 1687; 7 *Hannah*.

## 6. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL THORP married 1st, Hannah ———, 2d, Elizabeth How. He died March 14, 1764. She died Oct. 19, 1751.

Children by 1st marriage: 8 *Samuel*, b Mar. 24, 1707; 9 *Joseph*, b Dec. 8, 1708; 10 *Elizabeth*, b Oct. 3, 1710; 11 *Daniel*, b Jan. 4, 1711; 12 *Hannah*, b Nov. 18, 1712; 13 *Samuel*, b Apr. 10, 1713; 14 *Lydia*, b Oct. 31, 1714; 15 *Hannah*, b Nov. 1, 1716; 16 *Thomas*; 17 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 13, 1715; 18 *John*, b Aug. 2, 1718; 19 *Olive*, b Mar. 14, 1720. By 2d marriage: 20 *Hannah*, b Feb. 11, 1722; 21 *Mabel*, b Jan. 12, 1724; 22 *Mary*, d Oct. 19, 1767; 23 *Abner*, b Oct. 14, 1720; 24 *Asher*, b Oct. 14, 1727; 25 *Phebe*, b April 1, 1728; 26,

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Savage's Gen. Dict., IV. 243.

*Elnathan*, b Aug. 13, 1729 ; 27 *Sarah*, b Dec. 10, 1734 ; 28 *Tamar*, b Sept. 18, 1735.

## 9. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH THORP, married Abigail ———. He died Sept. 13, 1755.

Children: 29 *Sarah*, b July 7, 1741 ; 30 *Fared*, b Oct. 27, 1744 ; 31 *Joseph*, b May 1, 1750 ; 32 *Titus*, b Mar. 1, 1751 ; 33 *Abigail*, b Apr. 22, 1753.

## . II. DANIEL.

DANIEL THORP married Elizabeth ———. She died Oct. 16, 1751.

Child: 34 *Mary*, d Oct. 16, 1751.

## 13. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL THORP, son of Samuel and Hannah.

Children: 35 *Thomas* ; 36 *Lois*, b Feb. 26, 1736 ; 37 *Sarah*, b Apr. 16, 1737 ; 38 *Lydia*, b Oct. 9, 1741 ; 39 *Lynes*, b Oct. 12, 1743.

TUTTLE.<sup>1</sup>

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM TUTTLE, his wife and three children, and a brother John came from Devonshire, England, in the ship Planter, as passengers, and were registered April, 1635. John was born in 1596, and settled at Ipswich, Mass. ; he left numerous descendants. William's age was put at twenty-six years, his wife Elizabeth's at 23 yrs., John, their eldest child, at 3 1-2 yrs., Ann, 2 1-2 yrs., and Thomas at three months. Mrs. Elizabeth united with the church in Boston, July 24, 1636, and brought to be baptized a son, Jonathan, July 2, 1637, and another, David, April 7, 1639. Soon after, the family re-

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 723-7 ; Dodd's Hist. East Haven, Conn., 156-8 ; Hall's Hist. Rec. Norwalk, Ct., 203-241, 267-269, 281-290, 297 ; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 248, 249 ; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., VIII. 132-42 ; Otis's Gen. Otis Family ; Savage's Gen. Dict., IV. 350-2 ; Wyman's Hunt Family Hist., 529.

moved to New Haven; there he became a man of consequence, and was much employed in public affairs. He resided in that part of the town now called North Haven, and was there in 1659, on land that belonged to the estate of Gov. Eaton. He died in 1673, at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Elizabeth died Dec. 30, 1684, æ. 81 yrs. He was a subscriber to the compact for the settlement of East Haven. Estate, £440.

Children: 1 *John*, b 1631, in England, m Catharine Lane; 2 *Anna*, b 1633, in England; 3 *Thomas*, b 1635, m Hannah Powell, May 21, 1760; 4 *Fonathan*, b July 2, 1637, in Boston, m Rebecca, dau. of Francis Ball; 5 *David*, b April 7, 1639, in Boston, d in 1693; 6 *Joseph*, b Nov. 22, 1640, in New Haven, m Hannah Munson; 7 *Sarah*, b April, 1642, m John Hanson, Nov. 11, 1663; 8 *Elizabeth*, b Nov., 1645, m Timothy Edwards of Windsor, 1667; 9 *Simon*, b March 28, 1647, settled at Wallingford in 1670; 10 *Benjamin*, b Oct. 29, 1648; 11 *Mercy*, b April 27, 1650, m Samuel Brown of New Haven; 12 *Nathaniel*, b Feb. 29, 1652, m Sarah, dau. of Ephraim How, and settled at Woodbury, Conn., where he d Aug. 20, 1721. Cothren, in Hist. of Woodbury, gives his descendants.

#### 1. JOHN.

JOHN TUTTLE, eldest son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, was born in England in 1628, came to America with his parents in 1635, in the ship Planter, married Catherine Lane, Nov. 8, 1653, and died in 1683. Estate, £79.

Children: 13 *Hannah*, b Nov. 3, 1655, m Samuel Clark, Nov. 7, 1672; 14 *John*, b Sept. 16, 1657; 15 *Samuel*, b Jan. 9, 1659, m Sarah Newman, in 1684; 16 *Sarah*, b Jan. 22, 1661-2, m John Humiston, Sept. 10, 1685; 17 *Daniel*, b April 13, 1664, d 1700, at Milford, æ. 36 years; 18 *Mary*, b April 13, 1664, m John Ball, June 6, 1716; 19 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 26, 1666; 20 *David*, b Nov. 14, 1668.

#### 3. THOMAS.

THOMAS TUTTLE 2d son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle,

was born in England in 1634-5, and was brought to America by his parents in the ship Planter. He married Hannah Powell, May 21, 1661.

Children: 21 *Hannah*, b Feb. 24, 1661, m Samuel Clark, Nov. 7, 1672; 22 *Abigail*, b Jan. 17, 1663; 23 *Mary*, b June 14, 1665, d Aug. 12, 1683; 24 *Thomas Jr.*, b Oct. 27, 1667, m Mary Sanford, June 28, 1692, he d Jan. 30, 1703; 25 *John*, b Dec. 5, 1669; 26 *Esther*, b April 9, 1672, m Samuel Russell, Feb. 25, 1694; 27 *Caleb*, b Aug. 29, 1674, m Mary Hotchkiss, March 1, 1699; 28 *Joshua*, b Dec. 19, 1676, m Mary Mix, Feb 25, 1710; 29 *Martha*, b May 23, 1679, d Jan. 25, 1699, ae. 20.

#### 4. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN, son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, was born in Boston, and came to New Haven when a child with his parents. He married Rebecca Bell of Norwalk, Conn., and settled on a farm in what is now North Haven, and on which some of his descendants continue to reside to this day (1870). He died in 1700. Estate, £100. His wife Rebecca died May 2, 1676.

Children: 30 *Rebecca*, b Sept. 10, 1664; 31 *Mary*, b Feb. 7, 1666, m Ebenezer Frost, Oct. 4, 1704; 32 *David*, b Nov. 14, 1668; 33 *Jonathan*, b April 6, 1669; 34 *Simon*, b March 11, 1671; 35 *William*, b May 25, 1673; 36 *Nathaniel*, b Feb. 25, 1676.

#### 5. DANIEL.

DANIEL, son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, was a proprietor in 1685. For some cause which does not now appear, he was in 1687 put under the charge of his brother Thomas, and died in 1692, ae. 55 years, without children. He had lot 16, east side of Main-st. in Wallingford, 1670. Estate, £29.

#### 6. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Munson, May 2, 1667. He died in Sept., 1690. She afterwards married Nathan Bradley

in 1694, and died in 1695. Estate, £269. This family was of East Haven, Conn.

Children: 37 *Joseph*, b March 18, 1668, m Elizabeth Sanford, Dec. 10, 1691-2; 38 *Samuel*, b July 15, 1670, m Sarah Hart, Dec. 11, 1695; 39 *Stephen*, b May 20, 1673, m Ruth —, settled at Woodbridge, N. J.; 40 *Foanna*, b Feb. 25, 1675, m Stephen Panbonna; 41 *Timothy*, b Sept. 30, 1678, d Nov. 21, 1678; 42 *Susannah*, b Feb. 20, 1679; 43 *Elizabeth*, b July 12, 1683; 44 *Hannah*, b May 14, 1685, d in infancy; 45 *Hannah*, b Feb. 26, 1686.

## 8. ELIZABETH.

ELIZABETH TUTTLE, daughter of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Richard Edwards of Windsor, Conn. She was the maternal ancestor of the late Gov. Henry W. Edwards, of New Haven.

Children: 46 *Mary*, b 1668; 47 *Timothy*, b May 14, 1669, m Esther Stoddard; 48 *Abigail*, b 1671; 49 *Elizabeth*, b 1675; 50 *Ann*, b 1678; 51 *Mabel*, b 1685; 52 *Cynthia* —.

## 9. SIMON.

SIMON TUTTLE, son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Miss Abigail, daughter of John Beach, and was among the first subscribers to the compact for the settlement of New Haven village (now Wallingford), in 1669-70, and settled there near his father Beach's land, perhaps on a portion of it. His house lot was No. 13, east side Main-st., with 8 acres of out land. He died April 16, 1719, ae. 72 years. Mrs. Abigail died Aug., 1722.

Children: 53 *Daniel*, b Nov. 11, 1680, m Ruth How, Oct. 18, 1711; 54 *Dea. Timothy*, b 1681, m 1st, Thankful Doolittle, Nov. 2, 1706, she d Nov. 23, 1728, 2d, Mary —, 3d, Sarah Humiston, June 28, 1749, he died April 15, 1756, ae. 75; 55 *Thankful*; 56 *Rebecca*, b April 30, 1698; 57 *Jonathan*, b Sept. 18, 1701; 58 *Isaiah*, b July 10, 1704, m Susannah Doolittle, June 4, 1727; 59 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 8, 1705; 60 *Deborah*, b Jan. 1, 1709; 61 *Davil*, b April 25, 1713.

## II. MERCY.

MERCY TUTTLE, daughter of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Samuel Brown, who was among the original subscribers to the compact for the settlement of the village of Wallingford, and had assigned to him the lot on which now stands the residence of the late Moses Y. Beach, Esq. ; but as he did not settle on it within the time prescribed, he lost his title, and it was assigned to John Moss. Dea. Philo Brown, of the firm of Brown, Elton & Co., of Waterbury, is a direct descendant of her. See "Bronson's Waterbury."

Children: 62 *Abigail*, b March 11, 1669, d young; 63 *Sarah*, b Aug. 8, 1672; 64 *Rachel*, b Aug. 14, 1677; 65 *Francis*, b Oct. 7, 1679; 66 *Gideon*, b July 12, 1685; 67 *Samuel*, b Oct. 29, 1699.

## 12. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL TUTTLE son of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Sarah How, Aug. 10, 1682. He settled in Woodbury, Conn., about 1680, where he raised a considerable family. He died Aug. 20, 1721, leaving a widow, Sarah. His descendants are somewhat numerous in Woodbury and vicinity, to this day.

Children: 68 *Mary*, bap. May, 1683, d before 1721; 69 *Ephraim*, bap. July 20, 1683, m Dinah Wheeler, Feb. 13, 1706; 70 *Temperance*, bap. Nov. 24, 1674, d Nov., 1749; 71 *Hezekiah*, m Martha Huthwith, April 11, 1711, d in 1753; 72 *Isaac*, b Feb. 3, 1698, m 1st, Prudence Wheeler, Jan. 10, 1729, she d 1730, m 2d, Mary Warner, she died Oct. 28, 1746; 73 *Anna*, d July 22, 1753.

## 35. WILLIAM.

WILLIAM, son of Jonathan and Rebecca Tuttle, m ———.

Children: 74 *Aaron*, b Nov. 25, 1698, m Mary Munson, Feb. 6, 1723-4; 75 *Mary*, b Aug., 1702; 76 *Susannah*, b Nov. 10, 1708; 77 *Lydia*, b Feb. 22, 1710-11; 78 *Femima*, b Feb. 13, 1712; 79 *Hannah*, b Nov. 10, 1715; 80 *Dan*, b Aug. 1, 1718, d young; 81 *Dan*, b Aug. 30, 1722, m Abigail Frederick, Jan. 26, 1743, at Wallingford.

## 37. NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL, 2d son of Jonathan and Rebecca Tuttle, married and settled in New Haven.

Children: 82 *Jonathan*, b 1701; 83 *Silence*, b 1703; 84 *Moses*, b May 8, 1704; 85 *Nathaniel*, b May 29, 1714, m Mary Todd, Jan. 16, 1737-8.

## 53. DANIEL.

CAPT. DANIEL TUTTLE, son of Simon and Abigail Tuttle, settled on lot 16, east side of the main street in Wallingford village, married Ruth How, Oct. 18, 1711; he died in 1748.

Children: 86 *Daniel*, b 1714, d Aug. 12, 1767, ae. 53; 87 *Jehiel*, b Aug. 7, 1717, m Hannah Hull, Aug. 31, 1742; 88 *Abiah*; 89 *Phebe*, b Jan. 8, 1719, d; 90 *Lydia*, b April 15, 1722, m Benj. Culver of Wallingford; 91 *Eunice*, b April 9, 1725, d April 12, 1726; 92 *Eunice*, b July 12, 1726, m Gideon Ives, Jr., Oct. 19, 1745; 93 *Ambrose*, b Sept. 25, 1728, m Esther Ives, May 31, 1748; 94 *Enos*, b Jan. 3, 1732, m Sarah Francis, April 21, 1757; 95 *Mary*, b Oct. 11, 1733, m Joseph Francis, Aug. 31, 1750; 96 *Phebe*, b Jan. 8, 1734, m Samuel Miles; 97 *Lois*, b March 9, 1737, m Abel Ives, June 19, 1760; 98 *Martha*, b Feb. 25, 1720, d Jan. 1, 1742.

## 54. TIMOTHY.

DEA. TIMOTHY TUTTLE, son of Simon and Abigail Tuttle, married Thankful Doolittle, Nov. 2, 1706. She died Nov. 23, 1728. He married 2d, Mary Rowe of New Haven, June 9, 1729; she died Jan. 22, 1747-8. He married 3d, Sarah Humiston, June 28, 1749. He died at Cheshire, April 15, 1756, æ. 76 yrs.

Children: 99 *Rachel*, b April 10, 1706, m Nathan Tyler; 100 *Ebenezer*, b May 18, 1708, d Dec. 3, 1736, ae. 28 yrs.; 101 *Ephraim*, b April 10, 1710, m Hannah Payne, Jan. 16, 1734; 102 *Mary*, b Oct. 3, 1712, m Miles Hull of Derby, Dec. 4, 1729; 103 *Gershom*, b Aug. 11, 1714, settled in Bristol, Conn., d ae. 74 yrs.; 104 *Timothy*, b Dec. 4, 1716, m Hannah Wadams of Goshen, Conn.; 105 *Abigail*, b April 11, 1719, m John Gaylord of Cheshire; 106 *Simon*, b June 12,

1721, settled in Bristol, Conn. ; 107 *Moses*, b Dec. 18, 1723, settled in Cheshire ; 108 *Thankful*, b Nov. 15, 1726, d Dec. 9, 1747 ; 109 *Mehitable*, b Nov. 15, 1730, m Andrew Clark ; 110 *Ichabod*, b July 2, 1732, d Jan. 9, 1747-8.

57. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN, son of Simon and Abigail Tuttle, married Rebecca Gilbert, Dec. 8, 1724.

Child : 111 *Simon*, b Nov. 16, 1725.

58. ISAIAH.

ISAIAH, son of Simon and Abigail Tuttle, married Susanna Doolittle, June 4, 1727.

Children : 112 *Jonathan*, b May 19, 1728, settled in Wallingford ; 113 *Theophilus*, b March 4, 1729, settled in Wallingford, d Nov. 17, 1787, ae. 58 ; 114 *Isaiah*, b Feb. 6, 1732, d in childhood ; 115 *David*, b Jan. 21, 1733, d in 1765 ; 116 *Elizabeth*, b June 17, 1736 ; 117 *Sarah*, b July 13, 1738 ; 118 *Isaiah*, b Nov. 29, 1742, d young ; 119 *Solomon*, b Aug. 19, 1746.

71. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Tuttle, had a son who settled in North Haven, and has numerous descendants, some of whom reside in New Haven, Conn. ( 1870 ).

86. DANIEL.

DANIEL TUTTLE, son of Daniel and Ruth Tuttle, married Phebe ———.

Children : 120 *Zopher*, b July 19, 1743 ; 121 *Prudence*, b Jan. 24, 1745 ; 122 *Dan*, b Nov. 27, 1746 ; 123 *Ichabod*, b Feb. 14, 1748 ; 124 *Benoni*, b Sept. 30, 1749 ; 125 *Fabez*, b July 20, 1751 ; 126 *Ichabod*, b Nov. 28, 1757, d Oct. 31, 1834, ae. 77 years ; 127 *Beri*, b Apr. 29, 1761, drowned May 11, 1809, ae. 47 years.

87. JEHIEL.

JEHIEL TUTTLE, son of Daniel and Ruth Tuttle, married Hannah Hull, Aug. 30, 1742.

Children : 128 *Daniel*, b Jan. 9, 1743-4 ; 129 *John*, b Apr. 30,



1746 ; 130 *Charles*, b Dec. 24, 1747 ; 131 *Jeremiah*, b Nov. 25, 1750 ; 132 *Charles*, b Jan. 26, 1753, settled at Windham, Greene Co., New York ; 133 *Foel*, b July 25, 1756.

## 93. AMBROSE.

AMBROSE TUTTLE, son of Daniel and Ruth Tuttle, married Esther Ives, May 31, 1748. He died in 1757.

Children : 134 *Samuel*, b Dec. 22, 1748, d May 9, 1755 ; 135 *Ambrose*, b Oct. 11, 1752 ; 136 *Martha*, b Oct. 9, 1750 ; 137 *Benjamin*, b Sept. 5, 1754 ; 138 *Samuel*, b Dec. 22, 1757.

## 94. ENOS.

ENOS TUTTLE, son of Daniel and Ruth Tuttle, married Sarah Francis, April 21, 1757. Probably left Wallingford when a young man.

Child : 139 *Sarah*, b Feb. 19, 1758.

## 101. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM TUTTLE, son of Dea. Timothy and Thankful Tuttle, married 1st, Esther Hotchkiss, June 11, 1731. She died May, 1732, of small pox. He m 2d, Hannah Paine, Jan. 16, 1734. She died May 22, 1756, ae. 42. He m 3d, Thankful Preston, Dec. 16, 1761. He died in Cheshire, Feb 2, 1775, ae. 64 yrs.

Children : 140 *Edmund, M. D.*, b Nov. 26, 1733-4, d May 5, 1763, ae. 30 yrs. ; 141 *Esther*, b Feb. 10, 1736 ; 142 *Ebenezer*, b Oct. 15, 1737, m Eunice ——— ; 143 *Ephraim*, b March 20, 1739, m 1st, Mary Hall, Aug. 2, 1754, 2d, Elizabeth Atwater ; 144 *Noah*, b June 30, 1741, d July 23, 1742 ; 145 *Timothy*, b July 1, 1743, d young ; 146 *Noah*, b Dec. 18, 1744, d June 30, 1828, at Camden, N. Y., ae. 84 yrs. ; 147 *Timothy*, b May 17, 1745, went to Ohio ; 148 *Hannah*, b Jan. 4, 1746-7 ; 149 *Lucius*, b Dec. 4, 1749, d June 27, 1846, ae. 97 yrs. ; 150 *Thankful*, b March 13, 1752. By 2d marriage : 151 *Ruth*, b Jan. 3, 1761-2 ; 152 *Edmund*, b Dec. 30, 1764, m Sarah L. Royce, Dec. 6, 1784, he d Jan. 1, 1846, ae. 90.

## 103. GERSHOM.

GERSHOM TUTTLE, son of Dea. Timothy and Thankful

Tuttle, married and settled in Goshen, Conn. He died Oct. 23, 1760.

Children: 153 *Noah*, b March 26, 1742, m Ruth Beach; 154 *Mary*, b Dec. 1, 1743; 155 *Ichabod*, b June 23, 1744, was killed at Wyoming, by the Indians; 156 *Amos*, b Feb. 9, 1745; 157 *Elisha*, b Nov. 24, 1746, m Elizabeth Matthews, Feb. 20, 1772; 158 *Deliverance*, b Oct. 14, 1753, d Oct. 8, 1760; 159 *Timothy*, b Jan. 13, 1755; 160 *David*, b Dec. 26, 1756, d Oct. 10, 1760; 161 *Hannah*, b May 10, 1758; 162 *Thankful*, b May 30, 1759, m Philip Cook; 163 *Lois*, b May 21, 1760.

#### 104. TIMOTHY.

TIMOTHY, son of Dea. Timothy and Thankful Tuttle, married Hannah Wadams Jan. 27, 1743, and settled at Goshen, Conn.

Children: 164 *Mary*, b Dec. 1, 1743, m — Sedgwick of Cornwall Hollow; 165 *Amos*, b Feb. 4, 1745; 166 *Elisha*, b Nov. 24, 1746, d in Goshen, July 28, 1825; 167 *Ichabod*, b June 23, 1748, m Elizabeth Matthews, Feb. 20, 1772, killed by Indians at Wyoming, Pa.; 168 *Noah*, b March 26, 1752, m Ruth Beach, was hotel keeper several years in Canada; 169 *Deliverance*, b Oct. 14, 1753, d Oct. 8, 1760; 170 *Timothy*, b June 10, 1755, m Abigail —; 171 *David*, b Dec. 26, 1756, d Oct., 1760; 172 *Hannah*, b Aug. 10, 1758; 173 *Thankful*, b May 30, 1759, m Phillip Cook of Goshen, Conn.; 174 *Lois*, b May 21, 1760.

#### 107. MOSES.

MOSES, son of Dea. Timothy and Thankful Tuttle, married Sybil Thomas, June 2, 1746. He died in Cheshire, Jan. 17, 1809, ae. 86 yrs. She died July 16, 1804, ae. 80 yrs. Both are buried in the Episcopal yard, Cheshire.

Children: 175 *Ichabod*, b Feb 14, 1748, m Sarah Hitchcock; 176 *Sybil*, b April 15, 1749, m Amos Hitchcock, May 31, 1764, settled in Canada and died there; 177 *Sarah*, b Aug. 19, 1750, m Isaac Moss; 178 *Rebecca*, b Feb. 21, 1752, m Reuben Merriman; 179 *Moses*, b Oct. 24, 1753, settled in Prospect; 180 *Anna*, b Oct. 24, 1753; 181 *Freedlove*, b April

8, 1756, m John Benham ; 182 *Thaddeus*, b Aug. 18, 1757, m Cornelia Atwater ; 183 *Samuel*, b April 16, 1759, m Martha Hull, settled in Vermont ; 184 *Lydia*, b July 9, 1761, m Abner Doolittle of Cheshire.

## 112. JONATHAN.

JONATHAN TUTTLE, son of Josiah Tuttle of North Haven, married Hannah Barns, Feb. 6, 1754, and settled in the southwest corner of Wallingford, near the foot of the Blue Hills. The locality has ever since borne the name of Tuttle's farm. He died May 27, 1795, ae. 65 years. Hannah his relict died Nov. 6, 1831, ae. 97 years.

Children : 185 *Rebecca*, b Dec. 21, 1754, m Lent Hough, of Wallingford ; 186 *Isaiah*, b May 5, 1757, m Sarah Yale, their children were Samuel, Jonathan, Harvey, Romantha, and Rev. Anson, all went to Ohio ; 187 *Hannah*, b Jan. 2, 1760, m Bethiel Todd ; 188 *Sarah*, b Dec. 18, 1762, m Reuben Jones, of Wallingford ; 189 *David Fustus*, b Jan. 27, 1765, m Polly Tuttle, April 29, 1790, she d Jan. 9, 1813, ae. 48 ; 190, *Samuel*, b 1771, m Abigail Cook, Oct. 25, 1792 ; 191 *Polly*, m Samuel Johnson, of Wallingford.

## 127. BERI.

BERI TUTTLE, son of Daniel and Phebe Tuttle, of Wallingford, was drowned while at work on the bridge at Humiston Mills, May 11, 1807, ae. 47 years. He married Charity Johnson. She died Jan. 31, 1814, ae. 52 years.

Children : 192 *Nancy* ; 193 *Laura*, b 1788, m Asa Tuttle and d in Cheshire ; 194 *Clarissa* ; 195 *Merrit*, b 1795, m Mary, dau. of Stephen Cook ; 196 *Franklin*, b 1800, d Nov. 18, 1811, ae. 11 yrs. ; 197 *Ira Esq.*, b June 30, 1805, m Mary, dau. of John B. Johnson Esq., d Jan. 10, 1870, ae. 64.

## 132. CHARLES.

CHARLES TUTTLE, son of Jehiel of Wallingford, settled at Windham, Greene Co., N. Y.

Children : 198 *Mamre* ; 199 *Anna* ; 200 *Charles* ; 201 *Daniel Bliss*, b July, 1797, m Abigail Clark Stimpson ; 202 *Sallie* ; 203 *Ephraim*, d 1866.

## 201. DANIEL.

DANIEL BLISS, son of Charles and — Tuttle, married Abigail Clark Stimpson.

Children: 204 *Lemuel S.*, b at Windham, Greene Co., N. Y.; 205 *Sarah B.*; 206 *Daniel*; 207 Rev. *Daniel Sylvester*, b Jan. 26, 1837, m Harriet M. Foote, he was consecrated a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Idaho, Montana and Utah, May 1, 1867, his children were George M., b Sept. 23, 1866, and Herbert Edward, b June 14, 1869.

## 142. EBENEZER.

EBENEZER TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Hannah Tuttle, married Eunice ———.

Children: 208 *Mary*, b March 12, 1761; 209 *Phebe*, b Aug. 15, 1763; 210 *Ebenezer*, b July 28, 1765; 211 *Joseph*, b Aug. 9, 1767.

## 143. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Hannah Tuttle, married 1st, Mary Hull, Aug. 20, 1764. She died in 1768. He married 2d, Elizabeth Atwater. She died in 1808. He died in Cheshire, Conn., 1811, ae. 72 years.

Child by 1st marriage: 212 *Uri*, b Oct. 31, 1765, m 1st, Peggy Morrison, she d Oct. 17, 1813, ae. 46 yrs, he m 2d, — Stowe. By 2d marriage: 213 *Ephraim*, b Feb. 28, 1776, m Lois, dau. of Capt. David Hitchcock; 214 *Lucy*, m Gideon Walker, settled in Southington, Conn.; 215 *Mary*, b in 1769, m S. Ufford Beach, she d Feb. 1, 1854; 216 *Elizabeth*, m Nath'l Royce, of Southington, Conn.; 217 *Hannah*, m Elia-saph Preston, of Prospect, Conn.; 218 *Abigail*, m John Peck, of Homer, N. Y.; 219 *Stephen*, m Catharine Smith, and went to Burton, Ohio.

## 149. LUCIUS.

CAPT. LUCIUS TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Hannah Tuttle, married Hannah, daughter of Andrew and Lowly Hull, of Cheshire. He was a prominent man in Cheshire for many years, and during the Revolution was under General Washington's command at Boston and Long Island, and himself

had command of a company of his townsmen at the battle which resulted in the surrender of General Burgoyne and his army in 1777. He died at the house of his son Lucius, in Wolcott, at the age of 97 years.

Children: 220 *Andrew Hull*, b Aug. 28, 1775; 221 *Lucius*, b Aug. 7, 1776, d in Wolcott, Conn., had a family there; 222 *Betsy Ann*, b April 8, 1778, m Samuel Benham, of Cheshire; 223 *Marcus*, b March 25, 1780; 224 *Anson*, b Dec. 22, 1781, d Sept. 19, 1863, ae. 32; 225 *William B.*, b Feb. 11, 1784, d Jan. 6, 1822, ae. 38 yrs.; 226 *Hannah*, b March 24, 1785, d unm. June 9, 1846, ae. 59; 227 *Gaius*, b July 5, 1736, d ae. 67 yrs. in Cheshire; 228 *Esther*, b Dec. 30, 1792, m Levi Doolittle, and died in Cheshire.

## 152. EDMUND.

EDMUND TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Thankful Tuttle, married Sarah S. Royce, Dec. 6, 1784. He died at Cheshire, Jan. 1, 1846, ae. 82 years. She died Dec. 16, 1856, ae. 89 yrs.

Children: 229 *Sybil Stella*, m John Hall, April, 1826; 230 *Lowly*, d Nov. 18, 1813, ae. 17 yrs.; 231 *Edmund*, d July 11, 1793, in infancy; 232 *Lois S.*, m James Merriman, of Southington; 233 *Nancy*, d Jan. 4, 1827, ae. 24 yrs.; 234 *Laura Ann*, d Sept. 20, 1829, ae. 23 yrs.; 235 *Myra*, m Jesse Brooks, of Cheshire; 236 *Ruth*, m John Peck, and died in Cheshire, Conn.

## 175. ICHABOD.

ICHABOD TUTTLE, son of Moses and Sybil Thomas Tuttle, married Sarah Hitchcock, daughter of Dan and Esther Hitchcock, of Cheshire, and was for many years owner of the farm now known as the Dickerman farm, situated about a mile and a quarter east of Cheshire village. She died Oct. 30, 1834, ae. 77 years.

Children: 237 *Dan*, m Hannah Holdreden, settled at Great Bend in Penn.; 238 *Sally*, m Ephraim Smith; 239 *Clara*, m Titus Smith; 240 *Friend*, m Eunice Linn, and died in Penn.; 241 *Susannah*, m Green Smith of Cheshire; 242 *Alfred*, d unmarried at Cheshire; 243 *Minerva*, m Ethural Bristol of

Cheshire; 244 *Ichabod*, d at Vergennes, Vermont, by his wife Elizabeth, he had Calvin, Luther and Ichabod; 245 *Benajah*, d in Vergennes, Vt.; 246 *Lavinia*, m Gaius Hitchcock of Cheshire, in 1791, he d May 27, 1862, ae. 71 years; 247 *Zephaniah*, m Betsey Hotchkiss, he d in S. C.; 248 *Sarah Julia*, m 1st, Capt. Wm. Harwood, 2d, Harry Davidson; 249 *Maria*, m 1st, Cyrus Bradley, 2d, Sheldon Lewis, of Bristol.

## 179. MOSES.

MOSES TUTTLE, son of Moses and Sybil Tuttle, married Damaris ———, and settled in Prospect, Conn., where he died Jan. 17, 1835, ae. 82 years. He was the honored father of Mrs. Joel Merriman, of Cheshire, and of Mrs. Benjamin Dutton Beecher, of Cheshire and Prospect, and others whose names I have been unable to ascertain. She died July 25, 1835, ae. 77 years.

Child: *Wooster*, m Mercy ———, d in Prospect, Feb. 26, 1843, ae. 65 yrs.

## 189. DAVID.

DAVID JUSTUS, son of Jonathan and Hannah Tuttle of Wallingford, died Jan. 9, 1813, ae. 48. Mrs. Polly Tuttle, his widow, died Sept. 22, 1836, ae. 67 years.

Children: 250 *Rebecca Hough*, b March 7, 1801, m Augustus Hitchcock; 251 *Betsey*, b Nov. 1, 1790, m John Gaylord of Wallingford; 252 *Sally*, b June 29, 1792, d Sept. 21, 1810; 253 *Harry*, b Oct. 20, 1796, m Mary Bronson of Wolcott; 254 *Fulius*, b Dec. 2, 1798, m Sylvia, dau. of Ambrose Tuttle of Hamden; 255 *Fesse*, b Sept. 22, 1794, res. in Wallingford; 256 *Merwin*, m Eliza Hemingway, and died at East Haven, Conn; 257 *Caroline*, m Allen Tuttle of Hamden, res. North Haven; 258 *Eliza*.

## 190. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Jonathan and Hannah Tuttle, married 1st, Abigail Cook. She died July 6, 1808, ae. 36. He then married Lucy ———, who died Dec. 2, 1823, ae. 56 yrs. He died Feb. 3, 1824, ae. 53 yrs. He was a man of note in Wallingford.

Children; 259 *Lucy*, b Sept. 20, 1793; 260 *Anna*, b Nov. 5, 1795; 261 *Orren*, b Jan. 18, 1801, deceased while a young man; 262 Rev. *Beri*, Baptist minister in Ohio.

## 195. MERRIT.

MERRIT TUTTLE, son of Beri and Charity Tuttle, married Mary, daughter of Stephen Cook, of Cheshire. He died June 20, 1844, ae. 49 years. She married Wm. Todd for her 2d husband, and died Oct. 2, 1864.

Children: 263 *Sarah*; 264 *Caroline*; 265 *Marietta*; 266 *Benajah*, killed by falling into a cider mill, Nov. 12, 1813, ae. 11 yrs.; 267 *Fulia*; 268 *Ira A.*, m Maria, dau. of Hiram Bristol; 269 *Selden*, m 1st, Ellen Doolittle, April 11, 1849, 2d, Sarah L. Chatfield, Dec. 24, 1862; 270 *Henry Clay*, b June, 1832, m Cornelia Blakeslee, April 14, 1804; 271 *Merrit*; 272 *Louisa*.

## 212. URI.

URI TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Mary Tuttle, married 1st, Peggy Morrison, she died; he married 2d, Catharine Stow. He died in New Haven.

Children: 273 *Henry Hopkins*, b May 18, 1794; 274 *Wm. Ames*, b Jan. 22, 1796, resides in Auburn, N. Y.; 275 *Elizabeth Mary*, b Nov. 20, 1797, m Wm. Hall; 276 *Harriet*, b April 12, 1801, m — Smith; 277 *Fane C.*, b Sept. 17, 1803, d Aug. 17, 1805. By 2d marriage: 278 *Charles*, b Oct. 3, 1815, d Oct. 23, 1854; 279 *Fane*, b Jan. 5, 1818, d Jan. 9, 1818; 280 *Chester Allen*, b Oct. 20, 1819, d Sept. 16, 1820; 281 *Frances*, b Jan. 28, 1821, m Henry How; 282 *Frederick*, b 1822, d ae. 14 yrs.; 283 *George F.*, b Oct. 28, 1823, m Maria Antoinette, dau. of Rev. W. Brown, of New York city, a graduate of Yale College in 1818; 284 *Chester Uri*, b June 9, 1825.

## 213. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Lois, daughter of Capt. David Hitchcock, of Cheshire, June 15, 1806. She was born Sept. 2, 1781, and died Feb. 11, 1843, ae. 62 years. He died July 4, 1860, ae. 84 years.

Children: 285 *Marus*, b March 6, 1807, m Fannie Tyon of Colchester, Conn.; 286 *Ephraim*, b Jan. 20, 1809, m Elizabeth Ives, of Middletown, Conn.; 287 *Abner*, b Jan. 27, 1811, m Hannah Beecher, of Bristol, Conn.; 288 *Henry*, b Sept. 8, 1812, m Abigail Ames, of Ohio; 289 *Edmund*, b Sept. 6, 1814, m Betsey Hubbard, of Wallingford; 290 *Peter Green*, b Sept. 7, 1816, m Mary A. Roberts; 291 *Lucy Ann*, b July 24, 1818, m Henry Lane, she d Jan. 14, 1855; 292 *David*, b May 6, 1820, d ae. 6 weeks; 293 *Joseph*, b March 26, 1822; 294 *James*, b March 26, 1822, d ae. 3 weeks; 295 *James*, b Feb. 14, 1822, m 1st, Levia Root, of Southington, Conn., 2d, Calista Darrow, of Bristol, Conn.

## 264 STEPHEN.

CAPT. STEPHEN TUTTLE, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth Tuttle, married Catharine Smith, of Cheshire, Conn. He went to Burton, Geauga Co., Ohio, and died there about 1866-7.

Children: 296 *Augustus F.*, res. in New Haven; 297 *Mary*, m Silas Gaylord, of Cheshire, and settled in Ohio; 298 *Elizabeth*.

## 227. GAIUS.

GAIUS TUTTLE, son of Capt. Lucius and Hannah Tuttle, married Bella Gaylord, of Wallingford. He was a farmer and resided about a mile and a quarter from the village of Cheshire, eastward, on the road to Meriden. He died in Cheshire, ae. 67 years.

Children: 299 *Phebe N.*, b Jan. 24, 1811, m Stephen Beecher, Aug. 8, 1844; 300 *Samuel Anson*, b Aug. 18, 1814, m 1st, Eunice Pierrepont, May 1, 1844, she d Sept. 17, 1850, ae. 29, he m 2d, Emily R. Royce, dau. of Dea. Silas Royce of Meriden, May 11, 1854.

## JOTHAM.

JOTHAM TUTTLE, a descendant of Jonathan and Rebecca Tuttle, son of Nathaniel and Mary Tuttle, married Keziah Munson, and settled at Tuttle's farm, in Wallingford, where he died, ae. 66 years. His 2d wife was Elizabeth Perkins.



Children by 1st marriage: 301 *Eli*, m Asenath Perkins, and settled in Hamden; 302 *Asa*, m Laura Tuttle, and settled in Cheshire, where he d, she d in 1870; 303 *Mary*; 304 *Esther*. By 2d marriage: 305 *Manning*, went west many years ago.

TYLER.<sup>1</sup>

Roger, John and William Tyler, supposed brothers, were the first of the name in Wallingford. Roger Tyler married Sarah Humiston, Jan. 10, 1698. John Tyler married Phebe Beach. William and Mary Tyler were the first of the name in Wallingford.

## JOHN.

JOHN TYLER, married to Abigail Hall, by Rev. Samuel Street, Jan. 14, 1694. She died Nov. 20, 1741.

Children: 1 *Esther*, b Sept. 20, 1695, m Moses Beach of Wallingford; 2 *John*, b Jan. 29, 1697; 3 *Abigail*, b Jan. 29, 1697, m Sam'l Andrews, of Wallingford; 4 *Nathan*, b Apr. 17, 1701, m Rachel ———, she died in Cheshire, Nov. 2, 1749, ae. 44 years; 5 *Lois*, b Nov. 7, 1706; 6 *Thomas*, b Nov. 26, 1708, m Lydia ———; 7 *John*, b Jan. 14, 1710, m Phebe Beach, April 7, 1731; 8 *Isaac*, b Jan. 17, 1713, m Susannah Miles, Nov. 27, 1732; 9 *Joseph*, b March 21, 1716, m Mehitable ———; 10 *Experience*; 11 *Hannah*, m Maccock Ward.

## WILLIAM.

WILLIAM TYLER married Mary ———. She died in Wallingford, March 11, 1754. He, in company with Mr. Samuel Stanley, purchased the mills at Yalesville in 1703. He bought the interest of Mr. Stanley in 1704. From this

<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches see Bradbury's Hist. Kennebunkport, 16, 581; Bridgeman's King's Chapel Burial Ground, 289-91; Daggett's Hist. Attleborough, Mass., 95; Eaton's Hist. Thomaston, Me., 440; Field's Hist. Haddam, Conn., 46; Heraldic Journal, III. (1867) 184; Holden's Gen. Capron Family, part 1, 191; Hudson's Hist. Lexington, Mass., 281; Savage's Gen. Dict., IV. 354-6.

date, they remained in the family until after the decease of the late Mr. Samuel Tyler, in 1822, when they were set out to his daughter Merab, whose guardian, the late Nehemiah Rice, sold them to Charles Yale Esq.

Children: 11 1-2 *Mary*, b Sept. 7, 1695, m Francis Sedgwick, Feb. 5, 1734; 12 *Sarah*, b Nov. 25, 1697; 13 *Phebe*, b Oct. 5, 1700; 14 *Samuel*, b Aug. 11, 1702, m Jerusha Sedgwick Feb. 15, 1734; 15 *Martha*, b Oct. 4, 1706, m Jacob Francis, Jan. 20, 1763; 16 *Mehitable*, b Nov. 14, 1707; 17 *Abiah*, b Nov. 10, 1708; 18 *Ephraim*, b April 18, 1713, m Elizabeth De Wolf, Feb. 13, 1734; 19 *Mehitable*, b Nov. 17, 1718, m Stephen Merwin, April 12, 1743; 20 *Asa*, b July 30, 1722.

## NATHAN.

NATHAN TYLER m Rachel ———. She died at Cheshire, Nov. 25, 1749, ae. 44 years.

Children: 21 *Lois*, b May 12, 1731; 22 *Thankful*, b April 18, 1733; 23 *Rachel*, b Nov. 24, 1736; 24 *Tirzah*, b March 6, 1738; 25 *Barnabas*, b Aug. 30, 1739, d Sept. 20, 1749; 26 *Heber*, b and d Sept. 30, 1749.

## 6. THOMAS.

THOMAS and Lydia Tyler were of Wallingford.

Children: 27 *Elizabeth*, b Nov. 18, 1736; 28 *Reuben*, b Sept. 19, 1738; 29 *Rispi*, b Dec. 8, 1740; 30 *Joseph*, b Feb. 19, 1743, d Feb. 25, 1752; 31 *Experience*, b Aug. 18, 1745; 32 *Obedience*, b Nov. 24, 1747.

## 7. JOHN.

JOHN TYLER married Phebe Beach, April 7, 1731. After her decease he married Mary Doolittle, Nov. 9, 1741.

Children: 33 *Benjamin*, b Jan. 14, 1732, d Feb. 25, 1732; 34 *Benjamin*, b Feb. 23, 1733; 35 *Lydia*, b June 28, 1735; 36 *Patience*, b March 6, 1739. By 2d marriage: 37 *John*, b Aug. 15, 1742; 38 *Phebe*, b Nov. 10, 1743.

## 8. ISAAC.

ISAAC TYLER married Susannah Miles; she died Jan. 25,

1760. He died April 12, 1801, ae. 89 years, at Cheshire.

Children: 39 *Abraham*, b June 9, 1735; 40 *Enos*, m Obedience Smith; 41 *Abraham*, b 1738; 42 *Miles C.*; 43 *Isaac*, b March 23, 1740; 44 *Amos*; 45 *Jacob*, b March 20, 1742-3; 46 *Susannah*, b April 8, 1745; 47 *Hannah*, b July 20, 1747; 48 *Sarah*, b March 2, 1749, m Jesse, son of Stephen Welton, of Waterbury; 49 *Nathaniel*, b Oct. 9, 1753; 50 *Eunice*.

#### 9. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH TYLER married Mehitable ———. She died Aug. 28, 1757. He died Oct., 1741, leaving an estate of £548.

Child: 51 *Sybil*, b Dec. 31, 1740, m Benjamin Cook, Aug. 28, 1757.

#### 14. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL TYLER married Jerusha, daughter of Samuel and Ruth Sedgwick, of Hartford.

Children: 52 *Lathrop*, b June 22, 1734, he built the original mill known as Humiston Mill; 53 *Samuel*, b Dec. 14, 1735, m Damaris Atwater, April 21, 1763; 54 *Daniel*, b March 17, 1738, he built the mill in the south-east part of the town; 55 *Moses*, b March 15, 1740, d Jan. 15, 1743; 56 *Ferusha*, b July 23, 1743, d May 3, 1744; 57 *Fared*, b Nov. 5, 1744, m Keziah Rice, she died 1817, ae. 73 yrs.; 58 *Moses*, b Feb. 12, 1746, d Nov. 22, 1776, in Wallingford; 59 *Fason*, b May 23, 1749; 60 *Mary*, b 1751, m James Rice, he d in Wallingford; 61 *Ferusha*, b Jan. 4, 1754.

#### 40. ENOS.

ENOS TYLER married Obedience Smith, who died July 28, 1771, ae. 38 years. He then married Lydia ———, and she died Oct. 27, 1744, ae. 36 years.

Children: 62 *Reuben*, b May 30, 1759; 63 *Enos*; 64 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 22, 1761; 65 *Bede*; 66 *Sarah*; 67 *Mary*; 68 *Lydia*.

#### 53. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Jerusha Sedgwick Tyler, married Damaris, daughter of Phineas and Mary Atwater, April

21, 1763. He was the last male in the Tyler line that owned the mills at Yalesville, and was himself constantly employed about the mills during a long life. Bennet Jeralds Esq. has recently erected a new house on the site of the old one. The new-episcopal church at Yalesville occupies the ground on which formerly stood the large barn of Mr. Tyler. He died March 13, 1823, ae. 88 yrs. She died April 24, 1810, aged 72 yrs.

Children: 69 *Merab*, b 1763; 70 *Selina*, m Sherlock Andrews of Wallingford; 71 son, d young; 72 *Julia*, m Dr. James Gilbert of New Haven; 73 *Lavinia*, b March 14, 1781, m Harry Whittelsey of Catskill, N. Y.

#### 54. DANIEL.

DANIEL, son of Samuel and Jerusha Tyler. He built the mills at the south-east part of the township, which are still in the possession of his descendants. He was killed by an insane person named Coles, for the crime (as the insane man claimed), of being a tory of the Revolution.

Children: 74 *Royal D.*; 75 *Samuel*, d at the south.

#### 57. JARED.

JARED, son of Samuel and Jerusha Tyler, married Keziah Royce, July 15, 1772. He died March 17, 1816. She died Feb. 8, 1819, ae. 73. He owned and occupied a large farm at what is now Yalesville. Miles Clark is the present owner of the house in which Mr. Tyler lived.

Children: 76 *Jared Royce*, b Sept. 2, 1776, m Rhoda —, went to Vermont, where he died; 77 *Kezia*, b April 18, 1784, m Ethelbert Benham of Cheshire, she d July 19, 1830; 78 *Foel*, b about 1774, m 1st, Esther Hough, in 1798, 2d, P. Blakeslee, he d in 1831, in Lockport, N. Y., had Jared, James, Jane and Amanda, all deceased; 79 *Elizabeth*, b 1794, m Ebenezer Allen and went to Ohio, where she d at the age of 74; 80 *Amanda*, b April 2, 1780, m Capt. Wm. Davidson of Milford, was lost at sea; 81 twins, b 1796, d early.

## 58. MOSES.

MOSES, son of Samuel and Jerusha Tyler, married Lois —. She died Aug., 1809, ae. 54 yrs. He died Nov. 22, 1776, ae. 31 yrs. He was the owner of a large house which was occupied as a hotel, and stood on the ground now occupied by Mr. McKenzie's house at Yalesville. The old tavern was burned some sixty or seventy years since, with all its contents.

Children: 82 *Noble*, b 1802, d Mar. 22, 1844, ae. 42; 83 *Lois*, m Capt. John Nott of Wethersfield, both died in Wallingford; 84 *Mary*, m 1st, Silas Benham of Meriden, and had Jared Nelson Tyler Benham, an only son, she m for her 2d husband John Kirtland Esq.

## 78. JOEL.

JOEL TYLER, son of Jared and Keziah Tyler, was born about 1774, married Esther Hough about 1798; after her death he married Polly Blakeslee. He died in Lockport, N. Y., in Feb. or March, 1831.

## 76. JARED.

JARED ROYCE TYLER, son of Jared and Keziah Tyler, was born Sept. 2, 1776. He died Nov. 14, 1844, ae. 68 yrs., in Lockport, N. Y., leaving a widow, Rhoda, but had no children born to them.

## 80. AMANDA.

AMANDA TYLER, daughter of Jared and Keziah Tyler, was born April 2, 1780, married Capt. William Davidson, of Milford, in the year —. He with his vessel and crew were lost while returning from the West Indies. The last heard from him was that he left the Island with his vessel heavily laden with salt, just before a severe gale. She married 2d, Abijah Carrington, in Milford, in the year —, and died in Milford, in the year —.

## 77. KEZIAH.

KEZIAH TYLER, daughter of Jared and Keziah Tyler, was born April 18, 1784, married Ethelbert Benham, of Cheshire, Conn., Oct., 1808, died July 19, 1830, in Cheshire, Conn.

## 79. ELIZABETH.

ELIZABETH TYLER, daughter of Jared and Keziah Tyler, was born in 1794, married Ebenezer Allen, of Bristol, at the age of 25, and died *ae.* 74 yrs. and 11 months. She died in Geneva, Ohio.

WHITTELSEY.<sup>1</sup>

## JOHN.

JOHN WHITTELSEY is believed to be the first person of the name who emigrated to the United States, and the ancestor of all the Whittelseys who have lived here. He came from England about 1650, and became a tanner and shoemaker at Saybrook, Conn. The town of Saybrook, by authority of the General Court, gave to Mr. Whittelsey and Wm. Dudley the right to establish a ferry over the Connecticut river, near which he lived, in 1663. This still belongs to his descendants. He died April 15, 1704; his wife died Sept. 29, 1714. Their descendants were:

(a) *John*, settled in Saybrook; (b) *Stephen*, attorney at Saybrook; (c) *Joseph*, settled at Saybrook; (d) *Eliphalet*, settled at Wethersfield, married Mary Pratt, Dec. 1, 1702; (e) *Ebenezer*, settled at Saybrook; (f) *Jabez*, settled at Bethlem, deacon; (g) *Samuel*, settled at Wallingford, minister; (h) *Elizabeth*; (i) *Ruth*.

## SAMUEL.

REV. SAMUEL WHITTELSEY was the youngest son and child of John and Ruth Dudley Whittelsey of Saybrook, and was born there in 1686, was graduated at Yale college in 1705, married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Nathan Chauncey, son of Rev. Charles Chauncey, President of Harvard College. He

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<sup>1</sup> For collateral branches, see Andrews' Hist. New Britain, Conn., 235, 317, 355, 376; Cothren's Hist. Woodbury, Conn., 756-65; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., xx. 321; Scranton's Gen. of Scranton Family, 43; Savage's Gen. Dict., iv. 537; Whittelsey's Memorial of Whittelsey Family.

was ordained at Wallingford as colleague to Rev. Mr. Street, April 10, 1710, after having preached one year on probation. He died April 15, 1752, having nearly completed the 42d year of his ministry.<sup>1</sup> His widow died Oct. 23, 1767, ae. 84 yrs.

Children: 1 *Samuel*, b July 10, 1713, m Susanna Newton of Milford, Sept. 21, 1743; 2 *Lois*, b Nov. 28, 1714, m Col. Elihu Hall, Jan. 2, 1734; 3 *Chauncey*, b Oct. 8, 1717, m 1st, Elizabeth Whiting, Oct. 17, 1751, 2d, Martha Newton, Aug. 13, 1753; 4 *Sarah*, b Jan. 19, 1720, d Aug. 23, 1725; 5 *Elisha*, b Oct. 19, 1721, m Susanna Hall of New Haven, April 8, 1754; 6 *Charles*, b Jan. 16, 1723, m Lucy Hall of Cheshire, June 13, 1751; 7 *Sarah*, b Oct. 20, 1726, d Nov. 2, 1746; 8 *Katherine*, b Dec. 26, 1728, m Rev. James Dana, May 8, 1759; he was born May 10, 1735, and d Aug. 28, 1793, at New Haven; she d Aug. 18, 1812.

## I. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL WHITTELSEY grad. at Yale College in 1729. He was a tutor in that college from 1732 to 1738, Master of Arts from Yale and Harvard colleges; settled in the ministry at Milford, where his virtues, piety, and good deeds shone with peculiar brightness and beauty. His life was unceasingly devoted to faithful labor in sacred things, and the advancement of religion among his people in Milford, who with commendable zeal honor his memory. His wife, to whom he was married Sept. 21, 1743, died May 10, 1803, ae. 87. He died Oct. 22, 1769.

Children: 9 *Samuel*, b Aug. 3, 1745, m Mary Hubbard, was a physician in Milford, d Oct. 22, 1776; 10 *Susanna*, b Jan. 26, 1747, m Dr. Edward Carrington of Milford, d Jan. 1, 1801; 11 *Sarah*, b Oct. 31, 1749, m John Chandler, who grad. at Yale, 1764, and was sheriff of New Haven Co., she d July 1, 1803; 12 *Royal Newton*, b Feb. 24, 1754, m Ann Woodruff of South Farms, April 20, 1775.

## 3. CHAUNCEY.

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY was graduated at Yale College,

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<sup>1</sup> See p 115, ante.

1738, ordained March 1, 1758, over the 1st church in New Haven; preached election sermon, May 14, 1778. President Stiles says of him, "He was an excellent classical scholar, well acquainted with the three learned languages, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, also with Geography, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, with Moral Philosophy and History, and with the general Cyclopædia of an academic life; and amassed by laborious reading, a great treasure of wisdom. In Literature, he was in his day, oracular at College, for he taught with facility and success in every branch of knowledge." One of his most distinguished pupils said of him at his funeral, "I shall never forget the pathetic and earnest recommendations of early piety which he gave to us in the course of his tutorship."

It was this man of whom David Brainard said, "He had no more grace than this chair." Peabody, in his life of Brainard (p. 274) said in reference to this language, that it was "a phrase which that individual justified by his subsequent proceedings." Dr. Bacon in his historical discourses (pp. 248, 249) refutes this charge, and shows the spirit which dictated the utterance of such language. He was licensed to preach, Sept. 30, 1740. "In 1745 he resigned his office in college, and for reasons which do not appear, relinquished the design of entering the ministry, and settled in New Haven as a merchant. He continued in business ten years; during this time he was an active member of the first Church and Society. He was brought forward by his fellow citizens into public life. He represented this town in the General Assembly of the colony, and in a variety of public trusts, he discharged himself with fidelity and growing influence. He was subsequently settled as colleague with Mr. Noyes." When settled in the ministry he applied himself to theological studies and the duties of the pastoral office with an ardor, zeal and assiduity equaled by few. His

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1 See Bacon's Historical Discourses, pp. 243, 266.



affability and dignity of manner, philanthropy and integrity, joined to an accurate knowledge of men and the affairs of life, commanded esteem and veneration.<sup>1</sup> He married 1st, Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Whiting, and 2d, Martha Newton, a sister of his brother Samuel's wife.

Children: 13 *Chauncey*, b Oct. 27, 1746, m Lucy Wetmore, Feb. 12 1770; 14 *Samuel Joseph*, b July 13, 1749, d Aug. 3, 1751; 15 *Elisha*, b Oct. 14, 1751, d Oct. 23, 1751; 16 *Newton*, b June 1, 1754, grad. at Yale, 1773, m Beulah Fuller; 17 *Martha*, b Sept. 1, 1756, m Capt. Wm. Van Duerson, he d May 3, 1763; 18 *Elizabeth*, b July 1, 1758, d Aug. 1, 1758; 19 *Elizabeth*, b May 2, 1760, d July, 1760; 20 *John Bryan*, b June 15, 1763, d Aug. 27, 1763; 21 *Samuel*, b Feb. 10, 1763, grad. at Yale college in 1779, m Sarah Van Duerson, Dec. 10, 1788; 22 *Charles*, b Oct. 18, 1764, m Anna Cutler, Oct. 9, 1792; 23 *Susannah*, b Feb. 25, 1766, m Judge Dyer White; 24 *Bryan*, b Aug. 6, 1768, d at New Haven, Jan 9, 1835; 25 *John*, b Sept. 8, 1770, grad. at Yale college in 1791, m Ann Kerwood; 26 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 18, 1773.

## 5. ELISHA.

ELISHA WHITTELSEY married Susanna Hall of New Haven, April 8, 1754. He was an attorney at Wallingford, and died at that place Feb. 25, 1808, ae. 87 yrs. She d Oct 19, 1768.

Children: 27 *Elisha*, b Jan. 1, 1755, m Sarah Jones; 28 *Susanna*, b Sept. 2, 1756, m Caleb Street; 29 *Sarah*, b Mar. 15, 1759, d June 23, 1764, in Wallingford; 30 *Mary*, b April 9, 1751, m Dr. Wm. Cook; 31 *Elizabeth*, b April 4, 1763, m Dr. Liberty Kimberly, in 1788, she d in Derby, 1827; 32 *Charles*, b Nov. 12, 1764, d May 26, 1768; 33 *Sarah*, b Dec. 6, 1766, d Nov. 8, 1774; 34 *Charles*, b Sept. 29, 1768, d Jan. 9, 1769.

## 12. ROGER.

ROGER NEWTON WHITTELSEY married Ann Woodruff, April 20, 1775; she was born April 5, 1756, and died March

<sup>1</sup> See Dana's sermon on the Close of the 18th Century, Note B, p. 60.

7, 1825, at Litchfield, South Farms. He was a farmer, and died March 15, 1835; he was for many years a Justice of the Peace for Litchfield County.

Children: 35 *Samuel*, b Dec. 18, 1775, was a minister in New York, m Abigail Goodrich; 36 *Newton*, b Oct. 31, 1777, m Esther Robbins of Claremont, N. H.; 37 an infant son, b Dec. 29, 1779, d Jan. 7, 1780; 38 *Chauncey*, b Dec. 13, 1781, m Mary Bacon of Roxbury, Conn., Dec. 11, 1811; 39 *Susanna*, b Feb. 12, 1784, m Capt. Stephen Cogswell of New Preston, Conn.; 40 *Fabez*, b Feb. 8, 1786, m Nancy Parker of Terryville, Conn.; 41 *William*, b July 28, 1788, m Abigail Mills of Boston, Mass.; 42 *Henry*, b May 18, 1790, m Abby Ray of New York; 43 *Frederick*, b Jan. 25, 1792, m Hannah Ray of South Farms; 44 *Charles*, b Aug. 23, 1793, m Elizabeth Fuller of Avon, Conn.; 45 *Anna*, b May 28, 1795, m Dea. Chester Stone of Franklin, N. H.; 46 *Lucy*, b Oct. 10, 1797, m Stephen Cogswell Jr. of New Preston; 47 *George Washington*, b Aug. 10, 1799, m 1st, Cornelia Keeler, 2d, Elizabeth G. Boardman, res., New Milford.

### 13. CHAUNCEY.

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY married Lucy Wetmore of Middletown, Conn., Feb. 12, 1770; he graduated at Yale College in 1764, and was licensed to preach, but gave it up on account of his health, after two years; he was elected deacon, Sept. 17, 1778, and served twenty-three years; was Alderman and Collector of the Port at Middletown; his wife was an only daughter of Seth Wetmore, and her mother was a sister of Pres. Edwards.

Children: 48 *Lucy*, b Oct. 4, 1773, m Capt. Joe. Alsop, of Middletown, Conn., Nov. 5, 1797; 49 *Hannah*, b May 10, 1775; 50 *Betsy*, b May 24, 1780, m Capt. Joseph Williams, May 25, 1817; 51 *Chauncey*, b Jan. 18, 1783, m Seth Lathrop Tracy, April 14, 1818, an attorney.

### 16. NEWTON.

NEWTON WHITTELSEY, married Beulah Fuller, of Middle-

town, Conn. He graduated at Yale, in 1773. Was a merchant. He died Dec. 4, 1785, æ. 64 years.

Child: 52 *Martha*, b Nov. 6, 1785, m Julius Dunning, Nov. 20, 1808, settled in Shelby Center, N. Y.

## 21. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL WHITTESEY married Sarah Van Duerson, of Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 10, 1788. She was born May 30, 1763, and died Apr., 1811, æ. 65 yrs., at Vincennes, Ind. He grad. at Yale, in 1779. He was an attorney. He died March 7, 1838, æ. 71 years.

Children: 53 *Catherine Van Duerson*, b Sept. 9, 1790, res. Carlisle, Ind.; 54 *Wm. Chauncey*, M. D., b Dec. 26, 1792, m Ann Elizabeth Rapine, Nov. 20, 1822; 55 *Samuel Gilbert*, b in 1794, d; 56 *Samuel Gilbert*, b Dec., 1796, d June, 1810; 57 *Isaac Newton*, b July 19, 1798, m A. Elizabeth Van Buntin, April 12, 1831; 58 *Eliza Lefferts*, b April 16, 1800, m Dr. James K. Ohaver, Dec. 6, 1825; 50 *Chas. Egbert*, M. D., b March 24, 1802, d Sept. 4, 1824.

## 22. CHARLES.

CHARLES WHITTESEY married Ann Cutler, Oct. 9, 1792. She was born in New Haven, July 12, 1773, and died Feb. 8, 1850. He was a merchant at New Haven, and died March 12, 1828, æ. 64 years.

Children: 60 *Mary Cutler*, b Aug. 12, 1793, d in New Haven, Dec. 5, 1853; 61 *Chauncey*, b Aug. 5, 1795, d Aug. 21, 1795; 62 *Susannah*, b Dec. 5, 1796, m 1st, Rev. Samuel B. Ingersoll, 2d, Wm. T. Eustice, of Boston; 63 *Charles Bryan*, b Dec. 12, 1798, m Jane B. Wilford, was a merchant in New Haven; 64 *Chauncey*, b Sept. 6, 1801, was a minister, d March 12, 1826; 65 *Fohn Cutler*, b Nov. 1, 1803, m Eliza Waller, June 7, 1829, she was b in 1807; 66 *Henry Newton*, b Feb. 9, 1808, m Elizabeth A. Wilson, of New Haven, Nov. 30, 1837; 67 *Martha Ann*, b Oct. 13, 1811, m Rev. George Oviatt, Feb. 17, 1839, d April 5, 1811.

## 24. BRYAN.

BRYAN WHITTELEY was lame from his birth. He died at New Haven, Jan. 9, 1835.

## 25. JOHN.

JOHN married Ann Kerwood, June 1, 1799. He grad. at Yale, 1791, was U. S. Inspector in N. Y. city. He died May 12, 1849, at New Haven.

Children: 68 *Elizabeth K.*, b May 12, 1800, d ae. 3 years; 69 *Edward*, b May 2, 1801, a merchant, d in New York, July 9, 1842; 70 *John Newton*, b Feb. 11, 1803, d in New Orleans, La., July 9, 1803; 71 *Mary Elizabeth*, b June 29, 1805, d in New Haven; 72 *Charles*, b Nov. 3, 1807, m Maria Tuthill, Nov. 3, 1837, she was b Dec. 28, 1816; 73 *John Russel*, b Oct. 10, 1809, m Martha Butler, Jan. 12, 1835, she was b March 29, 1809; 74 *Wm. Kerwood*, b Aug. 27, 1812, d at Tipton, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1849; 75 *Martha Newton*, b April 17, 1815, m Moses H. Baldwin April 23, 1839, Pittsfield, Mass.; 76 *Fane Ann*, b Feb. 2, 1818, d Sept. 20, 1825.

## 27. ELISHA.

ELISHA WHITTELEY married Sarah Jones of Wallingford, Sept, 8, 1777. She was born March 30, 1758, and died Sept. 15, 1836. He was a merchant and town clerk of his native town for many years. He died greatly lamented, Sept. 16, 1822, ae. 67 years.

Children: 77 *John Hall*, b June 4, 1778, m 1st, Sally Chitenden, Dec. 14, 1798, 2d, wid. Clara Bostwick, Aug. 4, 1824; 78 *Nancy*, b March 15, 1780, m 1st, Wolcott Reynolds, 2d, John Hunt of New Haven; 79 *Henry*, b Feb. 2, 1782, m 1st, Lavinia Tyler of Wallingford, May 2, 1811, 2d, Merab Hull of Cheshire, May 12, 1828; 80 *Eunice*, b Sept. 26, 1784, d July 31, 1819, in Wallingford; 81 *Jared Potter*, b March 8, 1777, m Lydia G. Acker, Oct. 22, 1814, d Jan. 25, 1869; 82 *Lucy*, b Feb. 16, 1789, m Drake Andrews of Wallingford; 83 *Sarah*, b May 29, 1792, d Nov. 11, 1792; 84 *Peter*, b Feb. 8, 1794, m Betsey Hunt, April 16, 1823.

## 35. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL married Abigail Goodrich. He graduated at Yale in 1803, licensed to preach in June, 1804, ordained at New Preston, Dec. 30, 1807, settled nine years, during which time 142 were added to the church, April' 30, 1817, took charge of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Hartford, became Principal of the Ontario Female Seminary, April, 1826, afterwards removed to the Seminary at Utica, became publisher of the *Mother's Magazine*, 1833, removed to New York city in 1833.<sup>1</sup>

Children: 85 *Samuel Goodrich*, b Nov. 8, 1809, m Anna Cook Mills; 86 a son, b March 26, 1811, d March 28, 1811; 87 *Charles Chauncey*, b Sept. 2, 1812, d April 29, 1818; 88 *Elizabeth*, b Sept. 29, 1815, d Jan. 26, 1848; 89 *Henry Martyn*, b Aug. 12, 1821, lawyer in N. Y. city; 90 *Charles Augustus*, b Oct. 20, 1823, a seaman; 91 *Emily Chauncey*, b Jan. 17, 1825, m Rev. Lucius Curtis, of Woodbury.

## WILCOX.

The family of Wilcox is of Saxon origin, and was seated at Bury St. Edmonds, in the county of Suffolk, England, before the Norman Conquest. Sir John Dugdale, in his visitation of the county of Suffolk, mentions fifteen generations of this family previous to 1600. In the reign of King Edward III., Sir John Wilcox was entrusted with several important commands against the French, and had command of the cross-bowmen from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. Jno. Wm. Wilcox, of Bury Priory in Suffolk, an eminent Queen's counsel, is the representative of this ancient family. Sir George Lawrence Willcocks, of Brookend, County Tyrone, Ireland, is the eldest son of the late George Willcocks Esq. of Coal Island, County Tyrone, by Isabella, daughter of the Rev. Charles Caulfield. He was born in 1820, educated at Dungannon, and is a magistrate for County Tyrone. This family is a

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<sup>1</sup> See Cothren's Hist. of Woodbury, Conn., p. 270.

branch of the family of Willcockses of Tottenham High Cross, Middlesex, but has been settled in Ireland for about two centuries. They have been, and some branches are still members of the Society of Friends. On the old records the name is spelled both Wilcox and Wilcocks. It is derived from *William*.<sup>1</sup>

William Wilcox, who was chosen Lieut. Governor in the early times of the Massachusetts Colony, was the first of the name who is recorded on the list of the early officers. He was an officer of the artillery company, and died at Cambridge, November, 1653. He is there stated to have come to this country from the county of Suffolk. Nine of his descendants graduated at the New England colleges up to the year 1823.

#### JOHN.

JOHN WILCOX of Hartford was an original proprietor in 1639. He had a son John who accompanied him from England. This son John was born in England, and married 1st, Sarah, eldest daughter of Wm. Wadsworth, Sept. 17, 1646; 2d, Catherine, daughter of Thomas Stoughton, Jan. 18, 1650; 3d Mary —, who died 1671; 4th, Esther, daughter of Wm. Cornwall.

Child by 1st marriage: 1 *Sarah*, b Oct. 3, 1648. By 2d marriage: 2 *John*, b Oct. 29, 1650; 3 *Thomas*; 4 *Mary*, b Nov. 13, 1654; 5 *Israel*, b June 19, 1656; 6 *Samuel*, b Nov. 9, 1658. By 3d marriage: 7 *Ephraim*, b July 9, 1672; 8 *Esther*, b Dec. 9, 1673; 9 *Mary*, b March 24, 1676. John Wilcox died May 24, 1676.

#### 5. ISRAEL.

ISRAEL WILCOX was in Middletown in 1675; he mar-

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<sup>1</sup> This name has become the parent of a greater number of surnames than any other baptismal appellation; among which may be mentioned Wilcox, Wilkes, Wilkins, Wilmot, Willis, Wilson and Williams. Gillet, and Gillot are also from the same source. In France this Christian name has produced Guillot, Guillemain, Guillemette, Villemain, etc. See *Mem. Soc. Ant. Normandie*, XIII.

ried Sarah, daughter of John Savage, March 28, 1678; he died Dec. 20, 1689. She died Feb. 8, 1724.

Children: 10 *Israel*, b Jan. 16, 1680; 11 *John*, b July 5, 1682; 12 *Samuel*, b Sept. 26, 1685; 13 *Thomas*, b July 5, 1687; 14 *Sarah*, b Nov. 30, 1689.

## 6. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL WILCOX of Middletown, born Nov. 9, 1658, married Abigail, daughter of Francis Whitmore, May 9, 1683; he died March 16, 1714.

Children: 15 *Samuel*, b Feb. 20, 1684; 16, 17 *Francis* and *Abigail*, b July 5, 1687, Abigail d in 1688, and her mother a fortnight after.

## 7. EPHRAIM.

EPHRAIM WILCOX removed to Middletown, and married, Aug. 23, 1698.

Children: 18 *Esther*, b Jan. 4, 1707; 19 *Ephraim*, b June 4, 1709; 20 *John*, b Aug. 8, —.

## 20. JOHN:

JOHN WILCOX, born Aug. 8, 17—, married Hannah —, lived in Middletown.

Children: 21 *John*, b Jan. 15, 1740, d April 25, 1823; 22 *Samuel*, b May 8, 1742, d Sept. 4, 1807; 23 *Hezekiah*, b Mar. 4, 1744, d Sept. 11, 1776; 24 *Joseph*, b March 29, 1746, d Jan. 31, 1832; 25 *Hannah*, b Jan. 28, 1748, d Feb. 19, 1826; 26 *Giles*, b Jan. 2, 1750; 27 *Simeon*, b Feb. 25, 17—, d Oct. 13, 1827; 28 *Submit*, b Dec. 5, 1754, d Aug. 16, 1803; 29 *Comfort*, b Feb. 17, 175—, m Patty Doolittle, Aug. 10, 1780; 30 *Sarah*, b Feb. 7, 1760, m Abel North, Feb. 11, 1788, and had five children.

## 21. JOHN.

JOHN WILCOX, son of John and Hannah, married Eunice Norton, Oct. 16, 1766.

Children: 31 *Seth*, b July 31, 1767, m Matty Bacon, Mar. 21, 1736; 32 *Feduthan*, b Nov. 18, 1768, m Sally Fisk, May, 1793; 33 *John*, b Sept. 13, 1771, m Sybil Giles, 1795; 34

*Eunice*, b July 4, 1774 ; 35 *Fedediah*, b June 1, 1778, d Oct. 10, 1789.

## 22. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL WILCOX, son of John and Hannah, married 1st, Ruth Roberts, 1784, and 2d, Ruth Wood, 1796.

Child: 36 *Ruth*, b Aug. 12, 1798. After his death his widow married Thomas Scofel, Feb. 17, 1779.

## 23. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH WILCOX, son of John and Hannah, married Rachel Boardman, Nov. 9, 1775.

Child: 37 *Hezekiah*, b Oct. 11, 1776, d Jan. 18, 1792.

## 24. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH WILCOX, son of John and Hannah, married Miriam, daughter of Josiah and Sybil Bacon, Nov. 30, 1785. She was born Feb. 7, 1762. d March 19, 1825.

Children: 38 *Sarah*, b Oct. 29, 1786, d Nov. 4, 1847 ; 39 *Fedediah*, b Feb. 7, 1788, d 1856 ; 40 *Submit*, b Nov. 11, 1789 ; 41 *Joseph*, b Oct. 21, 1791, d Jan., 1858 ; 42 *Hezekiah*, b March 28, 1793 ; 43 *Elisha B.*, b June 20, 1795 ; 44 *Lavinia*, b Jan. 31, 1797, d Sept. 24, 1843 ; 45 *Maria* ( or *Miriam* ), b March 19, 1801, d March, 1847.

## 26. GILES.

GILES, son of John and Hannah Wilcox, married Rachel Dove, Nov. 9, 1775.

Children: 46 *Olive*, b Nov. 1, 1776, m Amos Churchill, April 21, 1796 ; 47 *Giles*, b Aug. 28, 1779 ; 48 *Sylvester*, b Feb. 14, 1782 ; 49 *Samuel*, b Oct. 20, 1786 ; 50 *Sarah*, b Nov. 30, 1788.

## 42. HEZEKIAH.

HEZEKIAH, son of Joseph and Miriam Wilcox, married Rama Roberts, Nov. 7, 1816. She was born Dec. 23, 1792, and died Jan. 10, 1869.

Children born in Westfield: 51 *Joseph Alston*, b Oct. 15, 1817, m Lucy Ann Bacon ; 52 *Ann*, b Sept. 7, 1821, d March 7, 1826 ; 53 *Phebe Miranda*, b Dec. 4, 1822, m Hollister Ris-



ley; 54 *Lavinia*, b July 29, 1825, m Wm. Hall of Meriden; 55 *Hezekiah*, b Dec. 23, 1827, d Nov. 16, 1833; 56 *Henry*, b May 30, 1830, m Sarah Dunham.

## 43. ELISHA.

ELISHA B., son of Joseph and Miriam Wilcox, married Hepsibah —, Jan. 26, 1818.

Children, born in Westfield: 57 *Frances Sophia*, b June 3, 1819, m Edwin Savage, Nov., 1837; 58 *Lucy Maria*, b June 15, 1820, m George Miller, Aug. 5, 1845; 59 *Hannah Jane*, b April 13, 1822; 60 *Horace Cornwall*, b Jan. 26, 1824; 61 *Julia*, b Jan. 7, 1826, m Newell H. Bowers, Sept. 2, 1846; 62 *Jedediah*, b March 4, 1827; 63 *Dennis Cornwall*, b Dec. 14, 1831; 64 *Edson*, b March 14, 1831, d Oct. 1, 1851; 65 *Hezekiah*, b Oct. 12, 1832; 66 *Edmund North*, b Aug. 7, 1836; 67 *Mary Ellen*, b Oct., 1838; 68 *Elisha Watson*, b July 27, 1840.

Israel and Jedediah Wilcox were the first of the name in Westfield, Conn.; both came from Middletown, Upper houses.

The arms of the Wilcoxes of England are, per fesse, *or* and *az*, a fesse, gules, over all a lion rampant, counterchanged.

Crest: a demi lion rampant, *az*. The lion rampant indicates that he to whom the arms were granted, had gained a victory whilst in command of the army.

## YALE.

## THOMAS.

THOMAS YALE married Mary, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Turner, of New Haven, in 1645. Capt. Turner was of Lynn, Mass. in 1630; he moved to New Haven in 1638. He was Captain of Mr. Lambertson's Phantom ship, which sailed from New Haven on a voyage to the old country, and was lost with all on board, Jan., 1666.

Mr. Yale came to America in 1637, with his father-in-law Gov. Eaton, his mother, brother David and sister Ann, who

became the wife of Gov. Hopkins. He was a merchant at New Haven; his house stood on the ground now owned and occupied by Yale College, in that city.

Gov. Theophilus Eaton, his step-father, having deceased, Mrs. Eaton and her son Thomas Yale, went to England, with Elihu, afterwards Gov. Yale, the distinguished donor of Yale College, accompanied by David Yale his brother, and Hannah Eaton, a daughter of the Governor. Returning to New Haven the following year, he purchased land in North Haven near the present location of the bridge (Mansfield bridge), of Gov. Eaton's estate, and settled on it in 1660. He was evidently a man of energy and business tact, and was frequently called to fill many important offices, by the citizens of New Haven. He died March 27, 1683, *ae.* 67 years. His wife, Mary Turner, died Oct. 15, 1704.

Children: 1 *John*, b 1646, settled in North Haven; 2 *Thomas*, b 1647, settled in Wallingford in 1670; 3 *Elihu*, b April 5, 1648, donor of the College at New Haven; 4 *Mary*, b Oct. 26, 1650 m Capt. Joseph Ives; 5 *Nathaniel*, b Jan. 3, 1652; 6 *Martha*, b May 6, 1655, d Jan. 15, 1670; 7 *Abigail*, b May 5, 1660; 8 *Hannah*, b July 6, 1662, m Eros Talmage; 9 *Elizabeth*, b Jan. 29, 1667, m Joseph Pardee, of East Haven.

## 2. THOMAS.

CAPT. THOMAS YALE, son of Thomas and Mary Yale, of New Haven, was born in that place in 1647, married Rebecca, daughter of William Gibbards, Esq., Dec. 11, 1667. She died,——. He married 2d, Sarah, daughter of John Nash. She died May 27, 1716. He married 3d, Mary Beach, of Wallingford, July 31, 1716. He was one of the first and most active settlers in the village of Wallingford in 1670, to which place he removed that year. In 1710 he with the Rev. Samuel Street were the only surviving signers of the Plantation Covenant of Wallingford. He was a Justice of the Peace and Captain of the Train band, Surveyor of land and generally moderator of the business meetings of the town, &c.

He died Jan. 26, 1736, ae. 89 years. Mrs. Rebecca Yale was born Feb. 26, 1650.

Children: 10 *Hannah*, b July 27, 1669; 11 *Rebecca*, b Oct. 2, 1671; 12 *Elizabeth*, b July 25, 1673; 13 *Theophilus*, b Nov. 13, 1675; 14 *Thomas*, b March 20, 1678; 15 *Nathaniel*, b July 12, 1681; 16 *Mary*, b Aug. 27, 1684; 17 *Fohn*, b Dec. 8, 1687.

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NOTE TO BENHAM FAMILY.<sup>1</sup>

URI BENHAM was born December 26, 1739, died April 22, 1832, at Cheshire. Lois his wife was born Oct. 16, 1747, died Dec. 26, 1827, at Cheshire.

Children: *Sarah*, b Oct. 11, 1769; *Uri*, b Oct. 23, 1771, d Oct. 23, 1826; *Lois*, b Sept. 25, 1773, d Nov. 27, 1774; *Mary Lois*, b Oct. 27, 1775; *Lent*, b March 25, 1778, d Oct. 18, 1836; *Ethelbert*, b July 14, 1780, d Jan. 26, 1849; *Amanda*, b Jan. 1, 1783; *Joseph*, b Jan. 26, 1785, d Oct. 29, 1853; *Martha*, b March 2, 1788, d March 7, 1836.

[This work has increased to such an extent that it has been found advisable to omit the Yale genealogy,<sup>2</sup> for which material had been gathered. Mr. Elihu Yale, of New Haven, a few years ago published a genealogy of the family, to which the reader is referred].

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1 See pp. 653-656, ante.

2 See p. 546, ante.

## APPENDIX.

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### A.

#### SUCCESSION OF TOWN CLERKS IN WALLINGFORD, FROM 1670.

NEW HAVEN COMMITTEE, to April 28, 1673, 3 years. NATHANIEL MERRIMAN, from April 28, 1673, to Dec. 15, 1682, 9 years. ELIASAPH PRESTON, from Dec. 15, 1682, to April 26, 1687, 5 years. JOSEPH HOULT, from April 26, 1687, to April 28, 1696, 9 years. JOSEPH ROYCE, from April 28, 1696, to Dec. 28, 1697, 1 year, 8 mos. THOMAS HALL, from Dec. 28, 1697, to Dec. 25, 1711, 14 years. SAMUEL MUNSON, from Dec. 25, 1711, to Dec. 23, 1740, 29 years. THOMAS MILES, from Dec. 23, 1740, to Oct. 20, 1741, 10 mos. JAMES MILES, from Oct. 20, 1741, to Feb. 6, 1766, 25 years. CALEB HALL, from Feb. 6, 1766, to Dec. 20, 1774, 8 years. CALEB COOK, from Dec. 20, 1774, to Dec. 19, 1775, 1 year. CALEB HALL, from Dec. 19, 1775, to Dec. 16, 1783, 8 years. ELISHA WHITTELSEY, from Dec. 16, 1783, to Nov. 11, 1800, 17 years. GEO. W. STANLEY, from Nov. 11, 1800, to Nov. 8, 1803, 3 years. HUNN MUNSON, from Nov. 8, 1803, to Oct. 6, 1834, 31 years. FRIEND COOK, from Oct. 6, 1834, to Oct. 5, 1835, 1 year. JAMES CARRINGTON, from Oct. 5, 1835, to Aug. 15, 1836, 10 mos. JAMES W. CARRINGTON, from Aug. 15, 1836, to Oct. 3, 1836, 2 mos. SAMUEL COOK, from Oct. 3, 1836, to Oct. 5, 1840, 4 years. DELOS FORD COOK, from Oct. 5, 1840, to Oct. 22, 1840, less than one month. HENRY A. COOK, from Oct. 22, 1840, to Oct. 4, 1841, 1 year. LORENZO LEWIS, from Oct. 4, 1841, to Oct. 6, 1856, 5 years. E. S

IVES, from Oct. 6, 1856, to Sept. 29, 1860, 4 years. LORENZO LEWIS, from Oct. 8, 1860, to Oct. 7, 1861, 1 year. E. S. IVES, from Oct. 7, 1861, to April 1, 1863, 2 years. J. B. POMEROY, assistant T. C., from April 1, 1863, to Sept. 7, 1863, 4 mos. AUGUSTUS HALL, from Sept. 7, 1863, to Sept. 27, 1864, 1 year. E. S. IVES, from Sept. 27, 1864, to Jan., 1868, 4 years. GEORGE W. BARTHOLOMEW, from Jan., 1868, to April 15, 1868, 3 mos. EDWARD F. COOK, from April 15, 1868, to Sept. 6, 1869, 1 year, 5 mos. FRANKLIN PLATT, elected April 6, 1869.

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B.

PHYSICIANS IN CHESHIRE.

DR. ELNATHAN BEACH was located in the center of the village. He built the house known as the Bronson house. DR. GOULD NORTON owned and occupied the house since owned by the late Pliny Hitchcock. DR. PIERRE E. BRANDON, a Frenchman, lived and died in Cheshire. He was a skillful physician and had an extensive practice. DR. THOMAS TRYON CORNWALL had a large practice. DR. LAMBERT FOOTE was an excellent physician for many years. DR. CHARLES SHELTON was eminent in his profession. He died in 1832, ae. 50 years. DR. ASA J. DRIGGS is still practising (1870) in Cheshire, where he has been for many years. DRs. CHAMBERLAIN and UPSON recently removed to Cheshire. DR. WILLIAMS, a homœopathic physician, is practising in Cheshire.

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C.

On page 233, in speaking of the division of the society, we said that the 1st Congregational society *claimed* and *retained* the church records. In order that we may not be misconstrued, we annex the following note:

*Meriden, Dec. 31, 1847.*

“The Church met after preparatory lecture. A communication was read from the Congregational society connected with this Church, stating that the new house of worship was nearly completed, and inviting the Church to occupy it for the service of the sabbath, whereupon resolved:

“That the invitation from the society to remove our place of worship be accepted, and our Pastor requested to appoint all meetings on the Sabbath in the new Church immediately after it shall have been completed.

“Resolved further, that so many of the members of the Church as choose to remain in the old house of worship, be affectionately recognized as a Church of Christ whenever duly organized, and that our Pastor be authorized to terminate their connection with this Church on their intimating to him their wishes to that effect, and that they thus reserve one-half of the Church property.

“Resolved further, that the brethren thus leaving us for the purpose of forming another Church, be allowed to take a copy of the Church records. Meeting adjourned.

“G. W. PERKINS, Moderator.”

A true copy. B. H. Catlin, Moderator.

*Meriden, Aug. 2, 1870.*

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## D.

### REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS,

In addition to those found on pp. 368-70. Lieut. Ephraim Chamberlain, Lieut. Dan Johnson, Benajah Rice. Daniel Atwater was killed in a skirmish with British troops at Camp's Hill, April 28, 1777. Asaph Cook was at the battle of Lexington. Capt. Joel Cook served with his father Capt. Isaac, through the war. In 1812, he was an officer under Gen. Harrison, in many hard fought battles with the Indians. Lieut. Samuel Hart was wounded at Saratoga. Charles Merriman

was a drummer; in 1776 he was drum major, and served through the war. Capt. Lucian Tuttle was under Gen. Washington at Boston and Long Island, and had command of a company of his townsmen at the battle which resulted in the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne and his army in 1777.

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E.

OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL WAR.

It was found that the second group of officers intended for this work could not be finished in time; it is therefore omitted. It will probably be published in the Soldiers' Memorial. CHARLES L. UPHAM was born in Townshend, Vt., May 24, 1839, enlisted as Orderly Sergt. in Rifle Co. B, 3d Reg. Conn. Vols., May 14, 1861, mustered into the U. S. Vol. service as Captain Co. K, 8th Reg. Conn. Vol. Inf., Sept. 23, 1861, promoted to Major, same Reg., Dec. 23, 1862, to Lieut. Col. Apr. 2, 1867, to Col. 15th Reg. Apr. 6, 1863, mustered out of service at the close of the war, June 27, 1865, was in the following engagements: Bull Run, Roanoke Island, Newbern, severely wounded, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Com. the 16th Conn. Reg., Siege of Suffolk, Edenton Road, Providence Church Road, Kinston.

WM. McLAIN PRATT was born in Meriden, December 12, 1837, enlisted and mustered in 8th Conn. Vol. Infantry, May 14, 1862, as private, wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, promoted to 2d Lieutenant, November 17, 1862, 1st Lieut. and Adj. May 29, 1863, Major, November 1, 1864, Lieut. Col. April 25, 1863, resigned Oct. 30, 1865, and was on detached service in North Carolina as A. D. C. to Brig. Gen. Edward Harland from Feb., 1864, to Feb., 1865, served with the 8th Regiment the rest of the time from date of enlistment to resignation, commanded the regiment from Feb., 1865, through the final struggle, was at the capture of Richmond April 3, 1865.

THEODORE BYXBEE was born in New York City, Nov. 29, 1834, enlisted April 16, 1861, and was mustered in at New Haven, April 21, 1861, as captain of Co. F, 1st Reg. Conn. Vols., promoted to Major, June 1, 1861, engaged in the first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, re-enlisted Sept. 3, 1862, as captain of Co. G, 27th Reg. Conn. Vols., promoted to Major, Oct. 2, 1862, mustered in U. S. service, Oct. 21, 1862, was engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 17, 1862.

ROGER M. FORD was born in New Marlborough, Mass. Dec. 28, 1834, enlisted April 17, 1861, for three months, as private in Co. F, 1st Reg. Conn. Vols., mustered in April 23, 1861, promoted to Corporal, July 6, 1861, at Falls Church, Va., was at the battle of Bull Run, discharged July 31, 1861, enlisted Sept. 21, 1861, for three years, in Co. K, 8th Reg. Conn. Vols., Inf., mustered in as 2d Lieut., Sept. 22, 1861, promoted to 1st Lieut. March 18, at Newbern, and to Captain of Co. G, March 7, 1863, at Newport News, Va., discharged Sept. 2, 1864, at Annapolis, Md., on account of wounds received at Petersburg, Va., June 25, 1864, enlisted at New Haven, Jan. 3, 1865, as private in the 8th Reg. Conn. Vols., Inf., promoted to 1st Sergt. Co. E, Feb. 6, 1865, at Chapin's farm, Va., mustered out Dec. 12, 1865, was in the following battles: Roanoke Island, Newbern, Fort Macon, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Wallthal Junction, Swift Creek, Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and at the taking of Richmond, April 3, 1865.

JARED R. COOK was captain of Rifle Co. B, 3d Reg. Conn. Vols., and was mustered into service, May 14, 1861. May 23, the Regiment arrived at Washington, and on the 24th of June went to Virginia, where it was placed in the extreme front of the Union center. Capt. Cook was at the battle of Bull Run, and was honorably discharged Aug. 12, 1861.



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ler, 923--928.

## W.

WHITTELSEY, 928--935. Wil-  
cox, 935--939.

## Y.

YALE, 939--941.

## ERRATA.

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In the year 1561 a book was printed called the "Anatomy of the Mass." It had only one hundred and seventy-two pages in it, but the author was obliged to add sixteen pages to correct the blunders. Type setting in early times was not remarkable for accuracy or exactness, and the same may be said at the present day in regard to local histories. The proof-sheets of this work were carefully read three times before the work went to press, yet a multitude of errors have been discovered since the book was printed. The following are the more important ones :

Page 75, line 15 from bottom, for 1782, read 1682 ; p. 81, line 4 from bot., for James Andrews, read Jo. Andrews ; p. 85, line 10 from bot., for Edward Peck, read Eleazar ; p. 108, line 8 from top, for time, read town ; p. 119, line 1 at bot., for Hull, read Hall ; p. 122, line 9 from bot., for Studley, read Standley ; p. 122, line 7 from bot., for 1831, read 1721 ; p. 138, line 9 from bot., for Hull, read Sam'l Hall ; p. 147, line 9 from bot., for Mix, read Ives ; p. 147, line 5 from bot., for South, read North ; p. 149, line 9 from bot., for pains, read point ; p. 154, line 5 from bot., for Hoppen's, read Hopper's ; p. 225, line 17 from bot., for 1742, read 1726 ; p. 247, line 9 from top, for How, read Now ; p. 256, line 4 from bot., for Asa I., read Asa J. Driggs ; p. 259, line 10 from bot., for northern, read southern ; p. 270, line 4 from bot., for Thomas, read Theophilus Yale ; p. 306, line 10 from bot., for McLean, read McLain ; p. 314, line 9 from top, for Willshine, read Thomas Willshire ; p. 368, line 16 from top, for Joseph Twin, read Joseph Twiss ; p. 369, line 14 from bot., for Hull, read Isaac

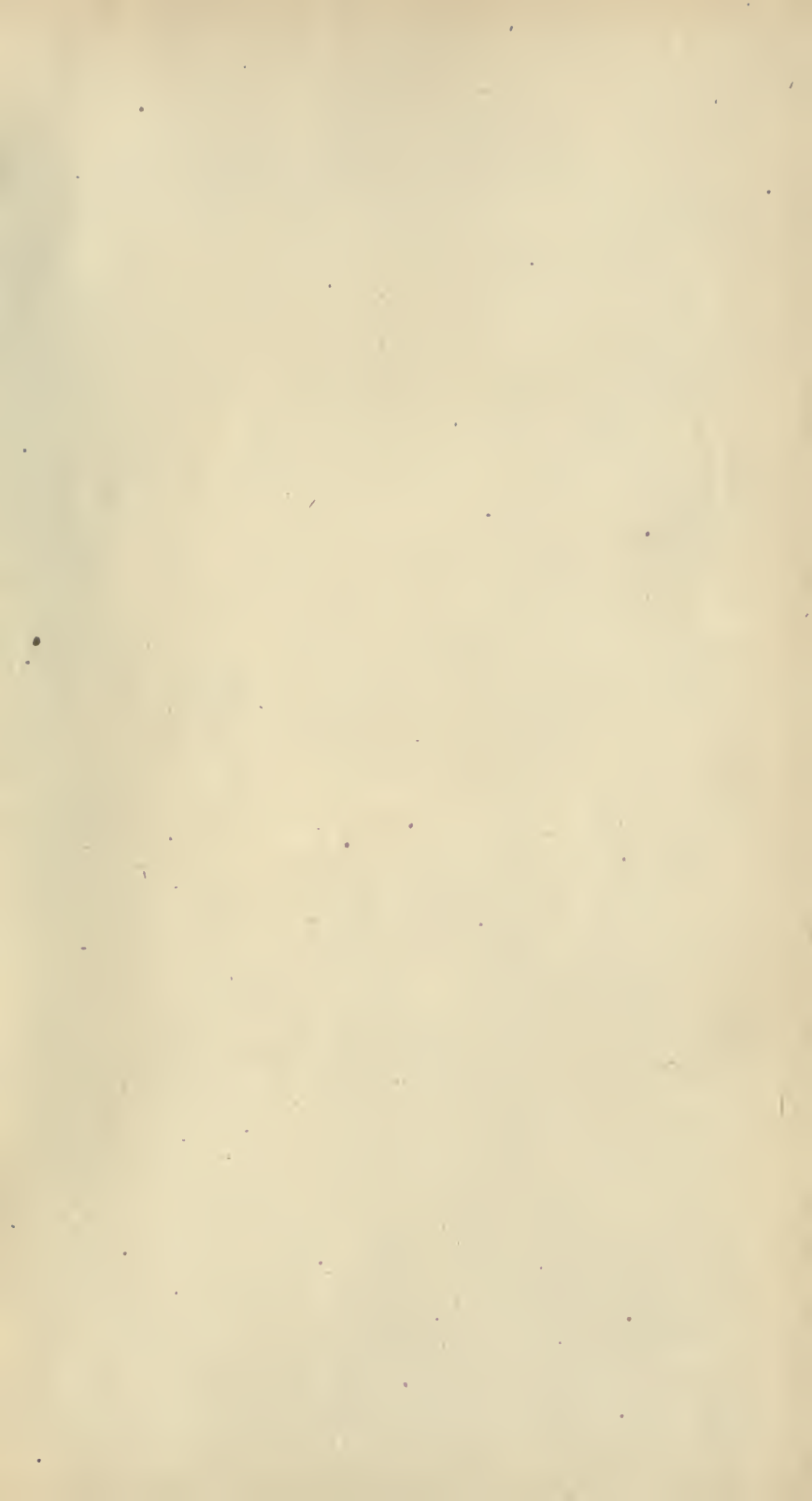


Hall, Jr. ; p. 371, line 18 from bot., for Justin read Justice Rice ; p 376, line 12 from bot., for Norton, read Newton ; p. 412, lines 3 and 11 from bot., for Denham, read Benham ; p. 417, line 11 from top, for Screen, read Green ; p 430, line 11 from bot., for Curtin, read Curtiss ; p. 440, line 5 from top, for Homer, read Thomas Brooks ; p. 474, line 10 from bot., for Reed, read Read ; p. 478, line 14 from bot., for 1833, read 1853 ; p. 513, line 9 from bot., for west, read east ; p. 517, line 11 from bot., for labors, read losses ; p. 533, line 18 from bot., for Hall, read Hull ; p. 533, line 19 from bottom, for Dacia Hall, read Docia Hull ; p. 534, line 10 from bot., for is, read was a son of the Judge ; p. 537, line 4, for Joel Hall, read Hull ; p. 538, line 2 from top, for Charles Hall, read Hull ; p. 538, line 4 from top, for Mr. Hall, read Hull ; p. 538, lines 2 and 5 from bot., for Hall, read Hull ; p. 539, line 17 from top, for Carmon, read Cannon ; p. 540, line 3 from top, for Johnson, read Doolittle ; p. 544, line 12 from bot., for Gibbons, read Gibbards ; p. 545, line 6 from bot., for Elisha, read Elihu ; p. 546, line 11 from bot., for 1750, read 1850 ; p. 546, line 10 from top, for 1850-7, read 1850-1 2 years ; p. 559, line 3 from bot., for I read J ; p. 559, line 7 from bot., for 24, read 23 ; p. 573, line 1 from bot., for Evans read Lewis ; p. 585, bottom line, for national, read natural ; p. 610, line 5 from top, for Hall, read Hull ; p. 625, line 2 from bot., for Julia Hall, read Hull, dau. of Jeremiah ; p. 626, lines 9 and 12 from top, for Daniel, read David Atwater ; p. 635, line 6 from top, for Freeman, read Truman ; p. 647, line 8 from top, for Grange, read Geauga ; p. 668, line 4 from bot., for McLean, read McCleve ; p. 669, line 8 from top, for Hall, read McCleve ; p. 675, line 15 from top, add, Ephraim Cook m Elizabeth Hull ; p. 675, line 3 from bot., for Boone, read Boorge ; p. 676, line 19 from bot., for survey, read society ; p. 693, line 6 from top, for Perlina, read Pauline ; p. 709, line 19 from bot., omit Horace ; p. 743, line 6 from top, for Daniel, read David ; p. 750, top line, for Bradley, read Moss ; p. 780, line 8 from bot., for 1802, read 1809 ; p. 781, line 11 from top, for Ann Bull, read Ann Buel ; p. 785, line 13 from top, read, m 2d, Almer Hall ; p.

796, line 15 from top, for Hall, read Hull ; p. 802, line 14 from bot., read Mehitable ; p. 812, line 13 from top, for Brothers, read Bray ; p. 817, line 9 from top, for Sam'l J., read Sam'l G. ; p. 818, line 12 from top, for Jonathan, read Jotham ; p. 819, line 12 from bot., for Lawrence, read Lauren ; p. 822, line 10 from top, for 1761, read 1781 ; p. 841, line 12 from bot., for Cookstown, read Coolstown ; p. 842, line 14 from top, for Selekey, read Selebes ; p. 886, line 21 from bot., for let, read set ; p. 888, line 6 from bot., for Elizabeth, read Eliasaph ; p. 900, line 17 from bot., for 1753, read 1653 ; p. 904, line 9 from bot., for Hall, read Hull.







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