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TO  
THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CITIZENS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
ROCKINGHAM  
IN WHICH MANY OF THE BEST YEARS OF HIS LIFE HAVE  
BEEN SPENT AND AROUND WHICH CLUSTER TENDER  
MEMORIES OF HAPPY BUSINESS, SOCIAL AND  
FAMILY TIES THAT CAN NEVER BE  
EFFACED  
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED  
By the Author.

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LYMAN SIMPSON HAYES.



## PREFACE

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This volume originated in a series of short articles upon the early history of this locality written by the author in the summer of 1898 for the columns of the *Brattleboro Phoenix*, a daily newspaper published only during the Spanish war.

Early in 1903 W. C. Belknap, editor of the *Bellevue Falls Times*, asked that the articles be rewritten and expanded for his paper. The first of the new series appeared in the *Times* May 21, 1903, under the title of "Historical Sketches," without a thought of the extent to which they would be prolonged, or that they would lead to a volume of history. They were continued one hundred and eleven weeks, attracting attention in distant localities as well as at home, and requests early became urgent that the facts therein contained be preserved in more permanent and available form. Many details of important historical occurrences were incorporated in those sketches for which there is no room in this book, it having been necessary to condense carefully in order to accommodate the facts to the limits of the work and to include the genealogical records.

The annual town meeting of March, 1904, adopted a resolution naming a Town History committee consisting of Hon. A. N. Swain, Dr. E. R. Campbell and N. L. Divoll, and appropriated \$500 for their use. No action was taken under this vote of the town, but a year later, when the town

increased the appropriation to \$3,500 and added to the former committee the names of James H. Williams (2d) and Foster B. Locke, the enterprise began to take form. After careful investigation, in July, 1905, the committee made a proposition to the author for writing the book, and closed a contract for the printing and binding of the work with Frank S. Whitten of Lynn, Mass., who, as a young man, had learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Bellows Falls Times*, and who, for that reason, had an interest in the town and its inhabitants. To him belongs much credit for his watchful care, and for the excellent typographical appearance of the book.

The original plan did not include genealogies of families, but they were soon found to be the most valuable part of similar town histories, and their preparation has greatly increased the labor. Two hundred and forty-one families are recorded with more or less completeness, the data being furnished in some instances by descendants, and in other cases secured by the author from town and church records and from head-stones in cemeteries here and elsewhere. It is probable that there are errors—no similar book was ever issued without them,—but great care has been exercised to make them as few as possible. In this labor the days have lengthened into months, and the months into years of hard and discouraging toil, which none but those who have attempted similar work can appreciate; but it has had its fascination and in some sense a recompense has been found in resulting pleasure. If it now meets with a fair measure of

approval by the public the writer will feel in a measure repaid for the sacrifices made.

Many persons have shown appreciation and have rendered valuable assistance, — without which success would have been impossible. The members of the Town History committee have spent much valuable time, have been enthusiastic over the task, and have been thoroughly loyal to the interests of the town. Especially has the chairman, Hon. A. N. Swain, shown a deep interest in the work. Its completion is the fruition of a hope, many years ago expressed by him through the columns of his newspaper, that the story of the circumstances attending the early years of our historic and progressive town might at some time be recorded in a permanent volume in which the names of those persons, through whose noble struggles amid great hardships and privations its present prosperity was made possible, should be perpetuated.

Thomas Bellows Peck, A. B., of Walpole, N. H., who has given considerable attention to genealogical subjects, has placed the citizens of Rockingham under obligations because of his interest and assistance in the preparation of this volume, as well as by his work of transcribing and printing the records of the old town church mentioned on page 126, and also his later work, soon to be published, containing the vital records of this town from its organization in 1761 down to 1845. Both volumes are books of reference valuable to public libraries and to persons interested in the inhabitants of this town. Mr. Peck has greatly assisted the author by going

over much of the manuscript and proofs of this History and making valuable suggestions. An hour of personal converse with him has never failed to be of advantage in a betterment of the work, and particularly in encouragement to the writer in hours when the magnitude of the labor induced despondency.

A personal feeling of responsibility for accuracy has been ever present with the writer, who has realized the purpose of the book to be the preservation of facts which must be the basis of future histories of the town, even in coming centuries. He can only say that he has done his best, and the book is now submitted for present and future use by

THE AUTHOR.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT., August, 1907.



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# History of Rockingham

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## CHAPTER I.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION — RIVERS — EARLIEST CONDITIONS

The township of Rockingham lies in the northeastern corner of Windham county, Vermont, in latitude  $43^{\circ}$ ,  $11'$ , longitude  $72^{\circ}$ ,  $32'$ , bounded north by Springfield in Windsor county, east by the west bank of the Connecticut river, south by Westminster, and west by Grafton and a small part of Athens.

Bellows Falls is an incorporated village lying in the extreme southeastern portion of the town, and is one of the larger and more important manufacturing villages of Vermont. There are four other villages and postoffices in the town, viz.: Saxtons River, Rockingham, Bartonsville, and Cambridgeport.

The altitude of the town at its lowest point, the level of the railroad at Bellows Falls station, is 282 feet above the sea. The surface is greatly diversified, the elevation of the higher portions in the north and west sections, upon which some of the best farms are located, reaching a height of 800 to 1,000 feet.

The Connecticut river washes the entire eastern boundary of the town, the line of vegetation on the west side of the river being the dividing line between Vermont and New Hampshire. Broad and valuable meadow lands extend nearly the entire length of the town in this valley. The extensive and valuable water power at Bellows Falls is the principal source of industry and wealth to the entire township.

The main tributaries of the Connecticut, each in turn having several branches of its own, are the Williams and Saxtons rivers.

The former is so named from the fact that Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, Mass., March 5, 1704, preached near its mouth the first Christian sermon ever delivered within the limits of what afterward became the State of Vermont. Williams river has its source in Andover, Windsor county, enters the town at its northwest corner, flowing in a south-east course, and empties into the Connecticut about half way between the north and south boundaries of the town.

About one and one-half miles from its mouth was located the first saw and grist mill in town, of which hardly any trace is now visible. Five miles from its mouth at Lawrence's Mills is a valuable water power which for over a century has been utilized for varied manufacturing interests.

At Bartonsville, six and one-half miles from its mouth, in the extreme northwest corner of the town, there were for many years previous to the flood of October 4th, 1869, extensive mills which were ruined by high water at that time and never rebuilt.

Saxtons river rises in the town of Windham and also takes a southeasterly course through Rockingham near its southern boundary, emptying into the Connecticut in the town of Westminster a few rods south of the town line. Tradition has for many years said that it derived its name from a surveyor named Saxton, who, while surveying the town line between Rockingham and Westminster, fell into the stream while it was very high, and was either drowned or had a narrow escape.

The accuracy of this tradition is disproved by the fact that as early as the year 1724, and before any surveys were made in this vicinity, the record of a scouting party from Fort Dummer under Capt. Joseph Kellogg, on November 30, reads; they "came to Sexton's River, six miles from y<sup>e</sup> mouth of it, which empties itself at y<sup>e</sup> foot of y<sup>e</sup> great falls, and then came down till they came to y<sup>e</sup> mouth of it and so

returned." The first survey of town lines in this section was made by a committee of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1736.

Near the mouth of this river, various mills have been located since the early settlement of the town in the 18th century. At the present time there is only the paper mill of Blake & Higgins. Three-fourths of a mile from its mouth, at "The Forest," have been at various times important mills, at one time two paper mills, and at other times, woolen factories. The power is not used at present. Half a mile farther up the stream is a fall at which extensive woodworking mills were early located, now utilized by the basket manufactory of Sidney Gage & Co. At Saxtons River village, five miles from its mouth, are three valuable water powers which have always been the basis of the prosperity of that village. Three miles farther up the river, and eight miles from its mouth at the village of Cambridgeport, for nearly 100 years have been located mills of varying importance.

In the early part of the last century there were many saw mills and carding mills located on the different brooks and tributaries to these rivers in this town, the remains of which can still be seen in several localities. All records and traditions show that in the years of the early settlement of the town there was a much greater volume of water in each one of the streams than at the present time. The oldest inhabitants at this time vary in their judgment of the average quantity of water now as compared with their earliest recollections. Different individuals place the average at the present time at from 35 to 65 per cent of that in the time of the early settlers. The larger streams, in addition to a greater volume of water, had a different appearance owing to the slopes of the valleys being uncultivated and therefore less gravel and sand washing into them. The channels were narrower, deeper and less subject to changes of bed. The dense forests on all the watersheds tended to equalize the flow of water, which was retained by the soil. The extremes of high and low water were not as great, nor the changes as sudden, as now.

Vermont was uninhabited territory, lying between the two opposing peoples, English and French, who were often at war, and was used as a great thoroughfare through which most of their expeditions were made and on which many of their battles were fought. Most of these incursions and most of the travel of those times was by the water-ways of the larger rivers, because of the impassable condition of the mountains and forests. The Connecticut river was the main artery through which most of these parties passed, and so the "Great Falls," as the falls where Bellows Falls is now situated were called, became especially well known. In coming from Canada sometimes the French and Indians came nearly the whole distance down this river; at other times they came through Lake Champlain, up the Winooski and down the White, to its junction with the Connecticut; others came up Otter creek and across to Black river, reaching the Connecticut just above Charlestown, or from the south end of Lake Champlain across to the Williams or West rivers, returning by the same route.

Although the topography of this town has many peculiarities of hill, dale, plateau and terrace, the latter in all sections being particularly noticeable, we enjoy the especial distinction of two long stretches of a well-defined old sea beach that were left here in the receding of the waters ages ago, although the town is over one hundred miles from the present bounds of the "Great Deep."

In the "Geology of Vermont," published in 1861 under authority of the Legislature, Professor Hitchcock says under the head of "Ancient Sea Beaches": "In Rockingham Center, on Williams river, there is a very distinct beach at the village upon the south side of the river, it appears in the form of large rounded hills, which continue westward in the form of a bank upon the side of the hill. Upon the north side of the river, it extends back in the shape of an arc of a circle, as if it were the shore of a small bay. Its height is estimated to be from 600 to 700 feet above the ocean."

Also, "In Rockingham, between Saxtons River village and Cambridgeport, upon the north side of the river, there is some resemblance to a beach upon the hills above the terraces."

Professor Hitchcock gives a very plausible theory as to how these came to be left so high above the sea, and gives an interesting account of the ten different and well-defined terraces seen about Bellows Falls in the valley of the Connecticut, and at all the points along this river. He works out in reasonable manner the proof of his statement that the whole Connecticut valley was once a great lake above Bellows Falls, ages after the sea itself had receded, and that the rocks here had once interposed a barrier because of which the water, now flowing down the Connecticut, at one time actually was drained through the Merrimac river.

The following quotation from his long article serves to show the theory upon which he bases his judgment.

"On the east side of Connecticut river at Bellows Falls, Kilburn Peak rises very precipitously 828 feet above the river at the top of the falls, and crowds close upon it; while on the west side the country rises rapidly towards the Green Mountains, to a still greater height. One can hardly look at the narrow passage of the river through this gorge, without awakening the inquiry whether it has not been worn out by the river, or some other agency. If so, the valley above this spot must once have formed a lake, which, according to the present levels, would be 800 feet deep. Starting with Kilburn Peak and going northeasterly, we shall find the watershed between the Merrimac and Connecticut valleys extending almost in a straight line to Franconia, and then turning more to the right to Mount Washington. The lowest point in this ridge south of the White Mountains above Connecticut river is at Lebanon, 822 feet above the river at Bellows Falls. On the Vermont side of the river the country rises to the Green Mountain ridge and the lowest depression in it south of the latitude of the White Mountains, is on the Vermont Central railroad at Roxbury which is 930 feet above the river at Lebanon; the lowest point on the Rutland & Burlington road at Mount Holly being 1,350 feet above the river at Bellows Falls. Hence if the Connecticut valley above Bellows Falls had been filled with water to the height of 722 feet above the present level of the river, the water would not have flowed out laterally either into the valley of the Merrimac, or of Lake Champlain. Nor can there be any doubt that there is a barrier on the north, high enough to prevent communication with the valley of the St. Lawrence.

"Now it so happens that where the Northern Railroad has excavated a trench through the eastern watershed in Union, thirty feet deep and 1,200 feet long, it has laid open several large pot-holes in the granite. These we

consider decisive proof that a cataract once existed at this spot, since we know of no other agency that could produce pot-holes. Both on the east and west sides of the cut we find swamps surrounded by gravel beds or modified drift, with brooks starting, the one for Merrimac and the other for Connecticut river. But we see at once that these have had nothing to do with the powerful erosions that are manifest at this spot. A large stream of water must have poured over the barrier from the Connecticut into the Merrimac valley. Had the current been from the southeast the marks of river action would have been on the northwest side; but instead of this we find on that side strong evidence of drift agency, while the pot-holes are on the Merrimac side of the ridge.

"On examining the west mural face and the top of Kilburn peak, we find marks of what seems to be ancient river action, which the subsequent erosions of the drift agency did not obliterate. On account of the difficulty of distinguishing between the two agencies, or we might say between fluvial and oceanic agency generally, all of which have been brought to bear upon this spot, we feel no great confidence in this corroboratory proof of the former outflow of water as high as Kilburn peak.

"The facts, however, that have been stated, force us very strongly to the conclusion that the Connecticut valley above Bellows Falls must have been once filled with water as high as the gorge in Union,—that is, 722 feet above the top of Bellows Falls—and consequently that the mountains there must have been once united, and the gorge have been worn to its present depth by fluvial conjoined with oceanic agency. The great lake above, which once had an outlet at Union in the Merrimac valley, was subsequently drained by the way of Bellows Falls. What diverted the current from Union to Bellows Falls it may not be easy to determine, if we suppose the present levels not to have been changed. But in some other cases we have strong reason to believe that during the sojourn of the continent beneath the ocean at the drift period, gravel accumulated in valleys which on a previous continent were the beds of rivers, so that when the continent rose, the rivers had to seek out new channels."

Professor Hitchcock, in another part of the volume mentioned, drawing attention to the fact of the formation of land in the village of Bellows Falls, indicates positively that at some period later than that spoken of above, after the river had broken down the upper barriers of rock that had held it at a higher level, the Connecticut ran west of Pine hill, between that and Oak hill, where now a large portion of the village stands. He says the formation of soil and rock indicates this with certainty, and that what is now Atkinson and Green streets was once the very bed of the river. He gives the height of the summit of Pine hill as 172 feet above the water in the river at the eddy below the falls.



It should be stated that, although Prof. Hitchcock is considered eminent authority in all geological matters, later learned authorities disagree with his theory of the existence of a great lake above Bellows Falls. The geology of New Hampshire explains what Prof. Hitchcock claims to be strong proof that his theory is correct by attributing the signs observed by him to the various changes known to have occurred during the glacial period. (See "Geology of New Hampshire," Vol. 3, pp. 53-54.)

To-day's residents of this town, enjoying all the advantages of advanced civilization and government, with business at a prosperous level and industries of all kinds teeming with success, can hardly imagine that within 160 years this whole town was an unbroken forest, traversed by marauding bands of Indians and inhabited by wild beasts. This gloomy forest shaded the deep rich soil that the summer sun had not warmed for centuries. That portion lying along the meadows bordering the Connecticut river was covered with a dense growth of majestic pines, while farther back the timber was largely maple, beech and birch. Old decaying trees which had fallen in every conceivable direction among the living giants of the forest, and the thick undergrowth, with the limbs of the dead and prostrate trees, formed an almost impenetrable barrier to travel in all parts of the town. The river thoroughfares were used by the Indians in paddling their light birch canoes, and in winter they marched silently in single file upon the ice. The rattlesnake lay coiled in some sunny nook in the forest, or was noiselessly drawing his repulsive form over mouldering vegetation in quest of some luckless frog. The large black bear, the beautiful deer, the stately moose, each roamed at will safe from the hunter's gun. The night was made dismal by the moan of the catamount or the howl of the wolf seeking his innocent prey. Silence reigned by day, unbroken save by the continuous roar of the "Great Falls" or the morning and evening tattoo of the male partridge cheering his mate. The smaller streams were filled with speckled trout never tempted by the sportsman's fly.

Hundreds of acres of the town were covered by dismal swamps and marshy lands overhung on summer evenings by clouds of mosquitoes and the misty exhalations that arose from decaying vegetation, sowing seeds of malarial disease and death.

The roaming Indian was sole human occupant of this whole territory and by his savage life and instincts added greatly to the unpleasant setting of the picture that greeted the first white settlers in 1753. It would be hard to imagine a more unpleasant or uninviting outlook.



## CHAPTER II.

### FIRST CHARTER FROM MASSACHUSETTS BAY PROVINCE—NO SETTLEMENT MADE UNDER IT

Until the year 1740 the territory now forming the town of Rockingham had been claimed as a part of the Massachusetts Bay Province. The north line of that province was somewhat indefinite, but it included all that part of what is now Vermont and New Hampshire as far as the north side of Ascutney mountain, and by some it was considered to include at least a part of what is now the town of Hartford in Windsor county. In that year King George II., and his council, issued a decree fixing the boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and in 1741 that line was surveyed and permanently fixed nearly as it has ever since remained. Vermont was then a part of New Hampshire and was later designated as the New Hampshire Grants.

There is no record of there being any permanent Indian villages or individual families of that race at that early date in this town. The great thoroughfare from the northern civilized country to the southern passed it, and the abundance of fish at the "Great Falls" yearly called large numbers here. The nearest approach to permanence of residence is shown in Hall's "History of Eastern Vermont" in the account of the different Indian wars. After the account of the death of the noted Indian chief, Philip, he says,—

"But the Indians in the northwestern parts of Massachusetts, who had not depended upon Philip as a leader, still continued their depredations. Some of these tribes having attacked Hatfield on the 19th of September, 1677, were pursued by the English. Resting one night at Northfield, they continued their retreat northward, and at a place in the neighborhood of the present town of Rockingham, Vermont, built a cabin. where, secure from the scouting parties of the whites, they remained some time."

The first grant of a charter, or allotment of land in this town to individuals, is shown in the Massachusetts Archives,

in the records of the General Court. Many petitions had been presented in the year 1735 to the General Court of Massachusetts, praying for grants of land on the Connecticut and Merrimac rivers. That body, on the 15th of January, 1735, ordered a survey of the lands between these rivers, from the northwest corner of the town of Rumford on the latter stream to the Great Falls on the former, of twelve miles in breadth from north to south, the same to be laid out in townships of six miles square each. They also voted to divide the lands bordering the east side of Connecticut river, south of the Great Falls, into townships of the same size; and on the west side, the territory between the Great Falls and the Equivalent Lands, which extended to the north line of Putney, into two townships of the same size. Eleven persons were appointed to conduct the survey and division. They were Joseph Gerrish, Benjamin Prescott, Josiah Willard, Job Almy, William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Thomas Berry, Joseph Wilder, and John Chandler "Esquires" and Captain Joseph Gould and Moses Pierson.

Twenty-eight townships were accordingly laid out between the Connecticut and Merrimac rivers, in what is now New Hampshire.

On the west side of the Connecticut there were granted by the same action of the General Court two townships designated as "Number Two" comprising what is now Rockingham, and "Number One," now Westminster. Number Two was granted to Palmer Goulding, a leading citizen of Worcester, Mass., who had been prominent in Indian wars as an officer of the Bay Colony; a man named Stevens (probably Phineas Stevens of Rutland, Mass., who later became noted in this vicinity as the commander of the fort at "Old Number Four," Charlestown), and fifty-eight others whose names have not been ascertained.

The conditions imposed upon the proprietors of these townships were identical, and briefly stated were :—Each settler was required to give bonds to the amount of forty pounds as security for performing the conditions enjoined.

Those who had not within the space of seven years last past received grants of land were admitted as grantees; but in case enough of this class could not be found, then those were admitted who, having received grants of land elsewhere within the specified time, had fulfilled the conditions upon which they had received them. Each grantee was obliged to build a dwelling-house eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, on his house lot, and fence in and break up for ploughing, or clear and stock with English grass, five acres of land. Each lot must be inhabited within three years from the date of granting. The grantees were further required within the same time to build and furnish a convenient meeting-house for the public worship of God, and settle a learned orthodox minister. On failing to perform these terms their rights became forfeited, and were to be again granted to such settlers as would fulfill the above conditions within one year after receiving the grant. Each township was divided into sixty-three rights—sixty for the settlers, one for the first minister, another for the second settled minister, and the third for a school. The land in each township was divided into house lots and 'intervale' lots, and one of each kind was included in the right of every grantee. The remainder of the undivided land, was to be shared equally and alike by the settlers when divided.

January 25, 1736, the following "Vote abt. Towns laid out on the Connecticut River" was passed:—

"In the House of Represents Voted That when & as soon as there shall be twenty familys Settled in the two Upper Towns lately laid out on Connecticut River, and a Corn Mill & Saw Mill in the said towns or Either of them built & finished & fitted for Service, a new Truck house shall be built above the Town on the West Side of the River and well finished by a Comtee, of this Court then to be appointed for the Security and Safe keeping of the publick Stores for the Indian Trade, which shall be Removed from the Truck house above Northfield accordingly and two hundred [acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province. vizt. One hundred acres on the East side the Great River be & hereby is seperated and appropriated for Such publick uses & Occasions as this Court shall think proper to order and Appoint and for no other use or account whatsoever and Capt. Joseph Kellog is hereby desired and Impowered to lay out the said lands in some Convenient places

as the Situation & Circumstances thereof may admit & that he Return an account of his doing therein as soon as he can Conveniently.

In Council Read & Concur'd—

Consented to J. BELCHER.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 25, 1736."

This proposed important accession to the early business of "Number Two on the West Side of Connecticut River" was never established, probably because the "twenty familys" did not then settle here. The frontier of the settlements, including the fort and truck house, was established at Charlestown,—then known as "Number Four" on the east side of the Connecticut. The order of the numbering of the townships upon the east side of the Connecticut was as follows: Chesterfield "Number One"; Westmoreland "Number Two"; Walpole "Number Three" and Charlestown "Number Four." Settlements were commenced under the above authority of Massachusetts in each of the towns named except Chesterfield and Rockingham.

In the Massachusetts House of Representatives, December 17, 1736, it was

"Voted, that Mr. Palmer Golding of Worcester be & hereby is Impowered to Assemble the Grantees of the Township Number two on the West side of Connecticut River, adjoining to number one Giving timely Notice to the Grantees Appointed by the Comtee of this Court to meet & assemble at some suitable place for the end & purpose above mentioned. their votes for allotting & dividing of their Lands to be allowed of in the way & manner above said."

From the day of the above-mentioned authority to call the first meeting of the grantees, the records are entirely silent. No account has been found of the meetings of these grantees or who they were, except Goulding and Stevens, beyond what is contained above. The explanation given by those now in charge of the Massachusetts Archives makes it probable that any further records of that province in relation to Number Two were destroyed by the fire which occurred among the Archives December 9, 1847. It is not known that any actual settlement occurred in Rockingham under Massachusetts authority. It is probable, however, that the preparations for settlement were similar to what are shown to

have occurred in township Number One, the proprietors' meetings being held in Worcester, Mass., and no record of them being known to exist.

The following account is given in Hall's "Eastern Vermont" of the Westminster action under this charter:—

"Capt. Joseph Tisdale, one of the principal grantees of Number One, having been empowered by the general assembly of Massachusetts, called a meeting of the grantees at the school-house in Taunton, on the 14th of January, 1736-7. A committee was then appointed to repair to the new township for the purpose of dividing the land, according to the wishes of the grantees. They were also required to select a suitable place for a meeting-house, a burying-place, a training-field, sites for a saw-mill and a grist-mill, and to lay out a convenient road. The proprietors held a number of meetings, sometimes at Capt. Tisdale's at other times in the old school-house, and not unfrequently at the widow Ruth Tisdale's. A sufficient time having elapsed, the allotment of the sixty-three rights was declared on the 26th of September, 1737, and proposals were issued for erecting a saw-mill and a grist-mill at Number One, which was now familiarly called New Taunton, in remembrance of the town where the majority of the proprietors resided. At the same time, a number of the proprietors agreed to undertake the building of the mills, and by the records of a meeting held July 8, 1740, it appeared that the saw-mill had been built, and that means had been taken to lay out a road from it to the highway. Other improvements were made at this period by Richard Ellis and his son Reuben, of Easton, who, having purchased eight rights in the new township, built there a dwelling-house, and cleared and cultivated several acres of land. Some of the settlers were also engaged at the same time in laying out roads and constructing fences, who, on their return to Massachusetts, received gratuities for their services from the other proprietors."

From the time of the granting of Number Two until the township was re-chartered by New Hampshire in 1753, the grant was called "Goldenstown," in honor of Palmer Goulding, the proprietor first mentioned in the list. Previous to 1735 the locality had been known as "Great Falls," and it is tradition that at one time it was known as "Fallstown."

It is not known that any actual settlement was made in this town under the Massachusetts charter, and March 5, 1740, the boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire being fixed locating the town in the province of New Hampshire, nothing more was done to that end until the later charter was granted by that province in 1753.

## CHAPTER III.

### CHARTER GRANTED BY GOVERNOR BENNING WENTWORTH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—ALL LAND TITLES DERIVED FROM THAT AUTHORITY

The township which bears the name of Rockingham was a second time chartered under authority of King George II., of England, by Governor Benning Wentworth, of the Province of New Hampshire, December 30, 1753. To this document, of which a copy occupies a prominent place in the first book of record now on file in the town clerk's office, known as the "Proprietors' Records," run back all titles to land in the town. Its issuance marks the first effort to settle the town and redeem it from a barren wilderness.

The charter is as follows:—

#### • THE CHARTER.

Province of  
New-Hampshire



George the Second by the Grace of God King of  
Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the  
Faith &c

TO ALL Persons to whom these Presents shall Come GREETING

KNOW YE that We of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge and mere motion for the due Encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province By and with the Advice of our trusty and well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esqr. our Governor and commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in AMERICA, and of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations hereafter made Given and Granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors Do Give and Grant in Equal shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and his Majestys other Governments and unto their Heirs and assigns forever whose names are entered on this Grant to be Divided to and amongst them into Seventy four Equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being within our Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Twenty three thousand and Forty acres which Tract is contain Six miles Square and no more out which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains



Ponds and Rivers one Thousand and forty acres free according to a Plan thereof made and Presented by our said Governours orders and hereunto annexed. Butted and bounded as follows (Vizt) Beginning at the North East Corner of Westminster and running up by Connecticut River till it extends Six Miles upon a Strait Line Northerly to a Stake and Stones upon the bank of Said River in Hickup Meadow thence running due West Six miles to a Stake and Stones thence running Southerly Six Miles to the North Westerly Corner of Westminster thence Running due East to the bounds first mentioned and that the same be and is Incorporated into a Township by the name of ROCKINGHAM and the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized and Intitled to all the and Every the Priviledges and immunities that other Towns within our said Province by Law Exercize and Enjoy and Further that the Said Town assoon as there Shall be fifty families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of Holding two Fairs one of which Shall be held on the \* \* \* and the other on \* \* \* Annually which Fairs are not to Continue and be held Longer than the respective \* \* \* following the Said respective Days and assoon as the said Town Shall consist of fifty families a Market Shall be opened and kept one or more Days in Each Week as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town Officers agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be on the Last Wednesday in march next \* \* \* which meeting shall be notified by Mr. Benjamin Bellows \* \* \* who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of said first meeting which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of our Said Province and that the Annual Meeting forever Hereafter for the Choice of such officers of sd Town shall be on the Last Wednesday in march Annually. To HAVE & To HOLD the sd tract of Land as above Exprefs'd Together with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances to them and their respective Heirs and assigns for Ever upon the following Conditions (Vizt) that every Grantee His heirs or assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for Every fifty contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township and Continue to improve and Settle the same by additional Cultivations on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the sd Township and it reverting to his Majesty his heirs and Successors to be by him or them regranted to such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually settle and Cultivate the same That all white and other pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be Carefully preserved for that use and none to be Cut or feld within his Majestys Especial License for so Doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs or assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted That before any Division of the Said Lands be made to and amongst the Grantee A Tract of Land as near the centre of the Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and markt out for Town Lotts one of Which Shall be allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one acre YIELDING & PAYING therefor to us our Heirs and Successors for the Space of Ten Years to be Computed from the Date hereof the Rent of one

Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of January which will be in the Year of our LORD CHRIST one thousand Seven Hundred and sixty four one Shilling Proclamation money for Every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for a Greater or a Lessor Tract of the said Land which money shall be paid by the respective Persons above said their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or officers as shall be appointed to Receive the same and this to be in Leiu of all other Rents and Service whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY hereof we have caused the seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq. our Gouvernour and Commander in Cheif of our said Province the Twenty Eighth Day of Decembr in the year of our Lord Christ 1752 And in the 26th year of our Reign.

By His Excellencys

Command with advice of Council

Pr

Theodore Atkinson

Secty.

B. Wentworth

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#### NAMES OF THE GRANTEES OF ROCKINGHAM.

(Vizt) Saml Johnson, Nathan Smith, Ezra Farnsworth, William Parker, Isaac Parker, Jonah Moor, John Kilbun, Lemuel Hastings, Salvenus Hastings, Jonathan White, Josiah Willard, Valentine Butler, Nathan Willard, Benjamin Bellows, Robert Henery, Benjamin Stowel, William Willard, Andrew Gardner, Peter Bellows, Jonathan Wetherbe, Abijah Wetherbee, Andrew Gardner junr, William Simonds, Samuel Wetherbe, Oliver Willard, David Farnsworth, Stephen Farnsworth, Asel Stebens, Jonathan Bigelow, John Densmore, Jotham Bush, John Arms, Simeon Knight, Jacob Elmore, Samuel Larrabee, Josiah Sawyer, David Page, Thomas Stebens, Hezekiah Elmore, Benjamin French, Asa Douglas, John Moffett, Johanna Wetherbee, Daniel Maynard, Iaazaniah How, Daniel Warren, John Stow, Ebenr Hinddale, Obidiah Dickerson, Jonathan Marble, William Syms, Timothy Taylor, Palmer Goulding, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Lee, Richard Clark, Thomas Martin, Tuttle Hubbard, Samuel Wentworth.

The name Rockingham was chosen by Governor Wentworth, as were so many others in colonial days, because of its historic English association. It was so named for the Marquis of Rockingham, Charles Watson Wentworth, who was a relative of the governor, born 1730 and died 1782. He was first lord of the treasury and prime minister of England 1765 and 1766 and again in later years. He was



not a man of marked talent but had great political power on account of his wealth and family connection. Under his administration the stamp act, which became so distasteful to American colonists, was repealed. The same name was applied to many divisions of the American colonies and has been perpetuated in nearly every state of the present Union, as one eminently honorable and distinguished.

Charters were granted other towns in this vicinity by Governor Wentworth, worded similarly to that of Rockingham, as follows: Walpole, February 13, 1752; Westminster, November 9, 1752, (first chartered by the governor of Massachusetts under the name of "Number One" in 1735); Keene, April 11, 1753; Brattleboro, December 26, 1753; Chester, February 22, 1754 (the original name being Flamstead); Grafton, April 8, 1754 (original name Thomlinson); and Springfield, August 20, 1761. Charlestown was originally chartered by Massachusetts as "Number Four" in 1735.

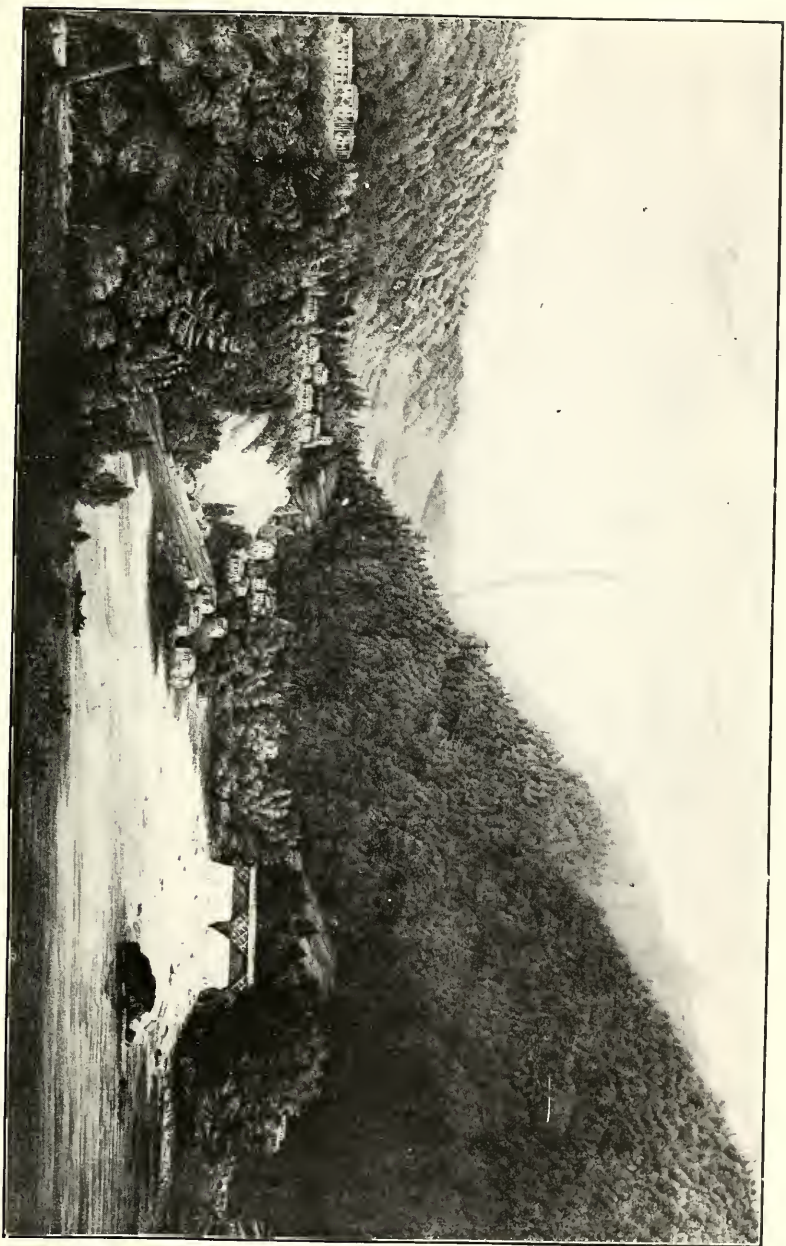
Until March 5, 1740, all the territory upon both sides of the Connecticut river as far north as the south side of Ascutney mountain was a part of the Province of Massachusetts. On that date the state line of Massachusetts was fixed at about its present location, the survey being made the following year. From that time until January 15, 1777, Rockingham, as well as all that is now the state of Vermont, was a part of the province of New Hampshire, although the right to the same territory was disputed by New York. From that date until February 18, 1791, when she was admitted into the Union, Vermont was a sovereign state, without ties to other states or nations, governing herself, coining her own money, issuing her own paper money, having a complete postal system under a postmaster general, and enjoying all the privileges of an independent nationality. During a portion of this time forty-five New Hampshire towns east of the Connecticut river were also included in Vermont territory; among them Charlestown, Walpole, Westmoreland and Hinsdale. In October, 1781, the Legislature of Vermont met in Charles-

town, N. H. The March, 1780, session of Vermont Legislature was held in Westminster.

By the first county divisions of what is now know as Vermont, the town of Rockingham was a part of Cumberland county, which comprised all the territory in Vermont east of the Green Mountains. In 1766 Chester was made the shire town of this great county. Later Cumberland county was divided to comprise what is now Windham and Windsor counties, and Westminster was made the shire town, May 26, 1772. In 1778 the present bounds of Windham county were established, Westminster remaining the shire town until 1787, when the county buildings were removed to Newfane, where they have since remained.

During these changes the settlers of Rockingham took their full share of all the burdens and responsibilities of government, and to the wisdom of her citizens of the period of the Revolution and the few succeeding years was due in a large measure the safe riding of the commonwealth into the haven of the Union. The history of the early Indian times, as well as that of each of the wars of our nation, shows the citizens of Rockingham to have been foremost in defending their rights by arms, while many have gone out from among us to lay down their lives upon the altar of liberty. Many eminent citizens who have achieved national fame and renown have pointed back to Rockingham as their birth-place, or at some time have been sheltered within her borders by the Connecticut, pointing with pride to the fact that they once called it their home.

Benjamin Bellows is credited with the title of "Founder" of the town of Walpole, N. H. He can rightfully have the same title from Rockingham as it was through his efforts that the above charter was granted to this town. Although he never lived here, he was intimately connected with all the affairs of early years and had a large influence. It was left to Col. Bellows to name the proprietors. It was necessary to secure a large number, many more than had any intention of becoming actual settlers, so Col. Bellows probably put in the



From Nature and on Stone by Mrs. Webster.  
(Mrs. Dr. Samuel Webster of Charlestown, N. H.)

BELLOWS FALLS FROM THE SOUTH, IN 1833.



names of relatives and friends, largely residents of Lunenburg, Lancaster and Groton, Mass., and that vicinity. Some of these had already become settlers in Charlestown, N. H. He used the names of prominent people interested with him in settling other frontier towns, like the Willards, for instance. Col. Josiah Willard, Sr., was Col. Bellows' half brother, they having the same mother, Dorcas Cutler (Willard) Bellows. The Wetherbes are an example of his use of the names of women and minor children. Mrs. Johanna Wetherbe was his sister and was wife of Capt. Ephraim Wetherbe, an original settler of Charlestown, N. H., under the Massachusetts grant, which was later confirmed by Governor Wentworth. Abijah, Jonathan and Samuel were her children and small boys when Rockingham was granted. In the division of lands among the different proprietors Col. Bellows drew many lots on the rights of his relatives and personal friends.

At this time only the following of the Rockingham proprietors have been definitely traced.

JOHN ARMS, was born in Deerfield, Mass., 1722, and died in 1770. He was a settler of Brattleboro, its first postmaster and for many years hotel proprietor there. He was sheriff of Cumberland county, 1756 to 1769, and a major in the army 1766. A son-in-law of Colonel Josiah Willard.

BENJAMIN BELLOWS, was born in 1712 and died in 1777. He was the founder of Walpole, N. H., in 1752, and procured the charter for Rockingham. He was the most influential citizen in all this locality. For him the village of Bellows Falls was named.

PETER BELLOWS, was born in 1739, and died in 1825. Was a son of Colonel Benjamin Bellows and came from Lunenburg, Mass., with his father in 1753. He settled later in Charlestown, N. H.

JONATHAN BIGELOW, was a resident of Lancaster, Mass. He was among the very first settlers in Rockingham, was present at the first meeting of the proprietors for organization, March 28, 1753, and the second meeting was held at his house, May 29, 1754. He took a prominent part in all movements for organizing and settling the town. He later removed to Charlestown, N. H., where he died previous to 1771. His son, Aaron, also one of the early residents of this town, removed to Groton, Mass., between 1771 and 1780.

VALENTINE BUTLER, was named as one of the proprietors of Westminster, Vt., when the New Hampshire charter was extended, June 11, 1760.

JOHN DENSMORE. In November, 1750, there was a "John Dunsmoor" living in the town of Keene, N. H., one of its first settlers,—possibly the same.



OBIDIAH DICKERSON (Obadiah Dickinson), was of Hatfield, Mass., as shown by deed on p. 188 of vol. 1, town records.

ASA DOUGLAS, was one of the proprietors of Westminster, Vt., when that charter was extended, June 11, 1760.

DAVID FARNSWORTH, was born in Groton, Mass., August 4, 1711. He was one of the first settlers in Charlestown, N. H., in 1740; taken prisoner there by Indians in 1757.

EZRA FARNSWORTH, was born in Groton, Mass., January 17, 1733, and died in Groton, Mass., June 10, 1788. He was a cousin of David Farnsworth.

STEPHEN FARNSWORTH, was one of the very first settlers of Charlestown, N. H., in 1740. Was captured by the Indians there in 1746, and taken to Canada. At the first proprietors' meeting in Rockingham, March 28, 1753, he was chosen on a committee "to Lay out the Land voted to be Laid out by ye Proprietors."

ANDREW GARDNER (Rev.), was the first minister of Lunenburg, Mass., 1727 to 1732. In 1748 he was chaplain at Fort Dummer and acted also as surgeon. He acted in both capacities in Rockingham, evidently residing here occasionally. He was moderator of the first town meeting held by the citizens, in March 1761. He was the first recorded minister of Rockingham in 1770 and 1771. He removed to Bath, N. H.

ANDREW GARDNER (Jr.), was in Deerfield in 1755. He lived in Rockingham and held various offices here. He was mentioned as one of the proprietors of Westminster in 1760.

PALMER GOULDING, was a prominent and wealthy citizen of Worcester, Mass. He was the leading petitioner for the charter of this township as "Number Two," by Massachusetts Bay, in 1735, and was authorized to call the first meeting of the grantees in Worcester, in 1736. He was probably named as one of the grantees by Governor Wentworth because of his efforts and interest in the earlier charter.

SYLVENUS HASTINGS, probably Capt. Sylvanus, was one of the substantial early citizens and military men of Charlestown, N. H.

EBEN'R. HINDIDALE (Rev. Ebenezer Hinsdale), was born in Deerfield, Mass., in 1707; graduated from Harvard in 1727; ordained in Boston, December 11th, 1732; was chaplain during the Indian wars at many of the garrisons along the Connecticut river. He built a fort on land acquired by him across the river from Fort Dummer and established the town of Hinsdale. He was a colonel in the French and Indian War.

IAAZANIAH HOW (Jazeniah), was in Deerfield, Mass., from 1765 to 1787.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, is a Lunenburg, Mass., name.

JOHN KILBUN (Kilburn), was the first settler of Walpole, N. H., in 1749, and hero of the "Kilburn fight" with the Indians, August 17, 1755, at the south end of Mount Kilburn, which was named for him.

SIMEON KNIGHT, was one of the first three settlers of the town, in 1753, coming here from Northfield, Mass. He was prominent in the Indian wars, and was taken a captive to Canada in 1758, and probably died there. His residence in Rockingham was brief as the first three settlers were driven back to Northfield and Mr. Knight's service in the war was from there. His descendants were always prominent in this vicinity.

SAMUEL LARRABEE. There was a man of this name credited to Rockingham, Vt., in a New Hampshire regiment during the Revolutionary War.

JOHN MOFFETT. A man of this name was prominent in Boston, in 1777. He had much to do regarding lands in the southeastern portion of Vermont, having in his possession valuable journals and records of early date. Spelled "Moffatt."

JONAH MOOR, was one of the grantees of Walpole, N. H. He was probably son of Capt. Fairbank Moor, who married Judith Bellows, sister of Col. Benjamin Bellows.

DAVID PAGE, was a proprietor of Woodstock in 1761, and, with Jonathan Grout of Petersham, Mass., owned ten thousand acres in that town. He was a proprietor and settler of Lunenburg, Vt., in 1764. Probably a land speculator of the time, never living here.

ISAAC PARKER (Lieut.), was probably born in Groton, Mass. He lived in Deerfield, in 1718. He was an early settler of Charlestown, N. H., in 1740, and one of the first captives by the Indians there, in 1746. He was commander of the fort at "Number Four," succeeding Capt. Stevens.

WILLIAM PARKER, son of Lieut. Isaac Parker, was born in Deerfield, Mass., August 19, 1710, and was an early settler of Charlestown, N. H.

WILLIAM SIMONDS (Capt.), was an early settler of Charlestown, N. H., and removed to Rockingham as early as 1761. He was one of the foremost men in public affairs of the town during the remainder of his life. He held many offices, among them that of town clerk from 1769 to 1783, and was captain of the Rockingham company during the Revolutionary War.

ASEL STEBENS (Asahel Stebbins), was born in Deerfield, Mass., May 16th, 1728, and was one of the earliest settlers of Charlestown, N. H. He was killed by the Indians, August 27, 1758, in their attack upon "Number Four."

THOMAS STEBENS (Stebbins), was probably born in Northfield, Mass., in 1730. He filled many important town offices. Was a Revolutionary soldier and "died in the army."

WILLIAM SYMS (Capt.), was a grantee of Keene, N. H., and, in 1746 and 1755, was commander of the fort at that place.

ABIJAH WETHERBE, son of Capt. Ephraim Wetherbe, was one of the grantees of Charlestown, under their New Hampshire charter.

JONATHAN WETHERBE, son of Capt. Ephraim, was one of the grantees of Charlestown, under their New Hampshire charter.

SAMUEL WETHERBE (Capt.), son of Capt. Ephraim, was an early settler of Charlestown, N. H., and an officer in the Revolutionary army. He was later a grantee of Concord, Vt., and settled there.

JOHANNA WETHERBE, was wife of Capt Ephraim Wetherbee and sister of Col. Benjamin Bellows of Walpole, N. H. She settled in Charlestown with her three sons named above, Abijah, Jonathan and Samuel.

JONATHAN WHITE, was an early resident of Rockingham, as the record of a town meeting, February 26, 1776, shows that a committee was chosen "to support the wife and children of Jonathan White."

JOSIAH WILLARD (Col. Jr.), was born in Groton, Mass., in 1716, and died in Winchester, N. H., in 1786. He commanded the garrison at Keene, N. H., in 1748, and succeeded his father in command of Fort Dummer, in 1750. He secured the renewal of the Westminster charter in 1760.

NATHAN WILLARD, was of Keene, N. H. He commanded Fort Dummer in 1757, and had the rank of Sergeant. Was a proprietor of Westminster, in 1760.

OLIVER WILLARD, was early of Winchester, N. H., later a proprietor and settler in Hartland, Vt., as early as 1763. An attorney and assistant judge of Cumberland county. Took an active part in the controversy between New Hampshire and New York authority.

WILLIAM WILLARD, was early of Deerfield, Mass. He was one of the proprietors of the town of Westminster, Vt., and probably settled there. He took an active part in the Westminster Massacre upon the King's side, was arrested and taken to Northampton for trial. He died at Brattleboro.

Only eight of the fifty-nine grantees of the town are known to have been actual settlers here, viz.: Jonathan Bigelow, Stephen Farnsworth, Andrew Gardner, Andrew Gardner, Jr., Simeon Knight, Samuel Larrabee, William Simonds and Jonathan White.

It is probable all the others disposed of their rights to land, receiving in some instances a material consideration and in other cases practically nothing for their grant. Col. Benjamin Bellows received title to many of the lots from those to whom they were granted and became the largest land holder of this section of New England. He held title to from 8,000 to 9,000 acres at his death, located in Walpole, Rockingham, Westminster, Rindge, Fitzwilliam, Keene and other adjoining towns. The larger part of this was acquired by direct grants from the New Hampshire governor, while much was acquired by purchasing title to what had been granted to others.



## CHAPTER IV.

### FIRST SETTLEMENTS IN TOWN — FEAR OF INDIANS CAUSED THEIR ABANDONMENT

Although Canada had been inhabited many years by the French, and Massachusetts by the English, the first white man known to have looked upon the mountains and valleys of Vermont was Samuel Champlain, who, in 1609, some weeks before Hendrik Hudson sailed up the North River, approached what was afterward known as Vermont, from the lake later called by his name.

The first settlement by white men within the territory of Vermont was at Fort Dummer, just south of Brattleboro village, in 1724.

The first white men to reside in the tract which later became the town of Rockingham came early in 1753 and settled near the present site of the village of Rockingham. Three men, at least two of whom had been residents of Northfield, Mass., came here during that year and attempted to make permanent homes, but were obliged to return within a few months through fear of the Indians and French who were particularly active in harassing these northern-most settlements at that time.

As early as 1824 the eminent historian Zadock Thompson in his "Gazetter of Vermont" recorded the names of these men as Moses Wright, Joel Bigelow and Simeon Knight, and succeeding historians have evidently copied the names as he gave them. It is probable, however, that the name "Joel" should be "Jonathan" Bigelow. Col. Joel Bigelow was a pioneer resident of Guilford, Vt., and a noted man in the early days of Vermont. There is no record that he ever resided in Rockingham or owned property here. It is not

known that there was any relationship between these two Bigelows. Jonathan Bigelow was a very early settler here. His dwelling is the first mentioned in the records of the town. He was one of the grantees of the town named in the charter from Governor Wentworth, and the second proprietors' meeting was held at his house May 29, 1754. During the remainder of his life he took a prominent part in the affairs of the town, holding various important offices. From the prominence of Col. Joel Bigelow in affairs of this county during the Revolution, it is easy to see how the error in names might have occurred, but evidently to Jonathan Bigelow should be given the credit of being one of the first three pioneers to push their way into this wilderness with their families, and to be the advance guard of the civilization, which we, as citizens of to-day, are enjoying.

These three hardy men, driven back by the marauding Indians, returned to their former homes and at least two of them appear upon the lists of those taking active part in the military service against the Indians and French during the next eight years. Moses Wright was with the Crown Point expedition in 1755, and in August, 1757, Simeon Knight was with the English army at the Fort William Henry massacre where he was taken a prisoner and carried to Canada.

From the time of the return of these settlers to Northfield, Massachusetts, until about 1760, or 1761, when they came back to Rockingham, it is probable there were no actual residents in this town. A number of families made their homes here between 1760 and 1763, including Moses Wright, Jonathan Bigelow, Michael Lovell and others. The close of the French and Indian War in 1763 made it safer for the settlers in this extreme northern outpost of civilization, and from that date the town increased rapidly in population. The forests were leveled and evidences of civilization became visible in many sections of the town, particularly along the Connecticut and Williams rivers.

Fort Dummer at Brattleboro had been built in 1724, and Fort Hill on the Putney "Great Meadows" and the fort at

Charlestown, "Old Number Four," the two latter in 1740. Outside of these fortified settlements, few settlers had the hardihood to take up land in this dangerous country at so early a date as this settlement in Rockingham was made.

"Number Four," Charlestown, was settled in 1740 by a few families and a fort built there, a small garrison being maintained most of the time.

John Kilburn had built his cabin in Walpole, a mile or so south of the "Great Falls" in 1749, and Col. Benjamin Bellows had settled two miles south of Kilburn early in 1753. There were two families in Westminster in 1751 and in 1760 the number had not increased owing to the war. With these exceptions there were no settlements in this vicinity for many miles around. The whole territory was an unbroken wilderness, almost impenetrable except along the larger streams.

It is impossible at the present day to state definitely where these first civilized inhabitants of Rockingham made their earlier homes. The records of the town do not begin until some years after and although each man in after years probably had real estate recorded as owned by him in different localities, it does not settle the question as to where these first clearings were made and log cabins erected. History is entirely silent regarding it. One tradition places the site of their dwellings as on the north side of Williams river, just below the Rockingham railroad station on land now owned by Charles E. Weeden; another in the vicinity of Lawrence's Mills two or three miles farther up the river; another places it where the present village of Rockingham stands, while still another states "it must have been on the Connecticut river on the large meadows a little north of the mouth of Williams river." It is probable the question may never be definitely settled. An early historian says "the attention of the first settlers was principally directed to fishing for salmon and shad, which were then taken in great abundance at Bellows Falls. For this reason agriculture was, for many years, much neglected and the settlement advanced very slowly." Inasmuch as the Connecticut river was the principal high-

way of the marauding bands of savages when on their predatory excursions to and from the white settlements, it seems more than probable that the first three families made their homes at a distance from that river, even though they made fishing one of their principal occupations. During the first years but few additional settlers came to join the three mentioned. Upon the termination of the war between the French and English, in 1763, settlements in the town became much more frequent, and in the year 1765 Michael Lovell and Benjamin Bellows declared there were at that time twenty-five families settled in the town, and that they had made sufficient improvements in the tillage of land and the laying out of roads to fulfill the conditions of their charter.

The first census of Rockingham, of which there is record, was taken in 1771. There were then in this township 225 souls, fifty of whom were heads of families, or married men. The enumeration was as follows: forty-eight white males under sixteen years of age, sixty-two over sixteen, four over sixty, fifty-two white females under sixteen, fifty-seven over sixteen, one colored male and one colored female, whose ages are not known. These blacks were formerly slaves in Massachusetts and were in the employment of Michael Lovell.

The grand list or property valuation of the town was first taken in 1781, with the result that it aggregated £3,363. In 1791 it had increased to £4,832 15s. In taking the above lists the prices of some of the principal articles were thus stated to the Legislature, to whom the returns were made: "Improved land, 10s. per acre; neat cattle, one year old, 15s. per head; two years old, 30s. per head; three years old and upwards, 40s. per head; an ox, four years old and upwards, £3; horses, one year old, 20s.; two years old, 40s.; three years old and upwards, £4." These prices were considered as about one-half the average selling value of the different property at that time. While the ratio of increase in property in this town during that decade was a fraction over 43 per

cent, the increase of property in the whole state for the same time was 140 per cent.

From 1760 the whole territory contiguous to the Connecticut river including each of the towns north and south of Rockingham on both sides of the river, had what would now be termed a "boomed" growth. This was occasioned by the knowledge of the fertility of the soil and the advantages of being near a great waterway, like the Connecticut river. This knowledge had been gained in passing up and down during the Indian wars and by those who had been engaged as "rangers" by the government while protecting the outposts of civilization. From the time Gov. Benning Wentworth granted the first township within the limits of what is now the state of Vermont (Bennington granted in January, 1749), to 1760, only fourteen townships had been granted, including Rockingham, in 1752. Before the close of the year 1764, so actively had he been engaged in prosecuting his design of opening up this territory, and so urgent had been the call for this new land, that he had named and sold one hundred and eighteen different townships and given fourteen thousand acres of land to reduced officers. This territory included the richest and most valuable portions of land over which New Hampshire claimed jurisdiction, and left but little of the present state of Vermont ungranted. The governor's official fees, and a reservation in every township of a certain portion of land for his own use and benefit, made him one of the richest men in his own province, and put him in possession of abundance of good land, for which he rendered no compensation. Governor Wentworth was a loyal adherent to the Church of England and reserved for its use in each township a certain tract, as is shown by the proprietors' records of Rockingham, in addition to that reserved for his own enrichment.

## CHAPTER V.

### INDIAN OCCUPANCY—LOCAL EVENTS IN THE LAST FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

History records that when the white men first came into the Connecticut valley there were but a few roving tribes of Indians in this section of New England, small remnants of great and powerful races of earlier years. In different parts of this town, particularly in the vicinity of the "Great Falls," were found ample evidences of a much larger Indian population. This is partially explained by the fact that this locality was the fighting ground between the larger Indian races, making permanent residence in the Connecticut valley hazardous.

Dr. Trumbull computes the whole number of savages in New England to have been at one time one hundred and twenty-three thousand, but in the winter of 1616-17 a virulent disease swept away, as was believed, more than one-half the whole number; so that soon after the landing of the Pilgrims it was estimated that not more than twelve thousand warriors could be mustered in all New England. This indicates a population of about fifty thousand Indians at that time. The evidences of very early Indian occupancy in this part of the Connecticut valley indicate a much greater Indian population here at some earlier date than was found by the first white men.

During the period covered by the white man's occupancy before the Indians disappeared, only small roving bands came into this vicinity, except the large parties that at times passed to and fro on the Connecticut on their errands of rapine and bloodshed between the French settlements on the north and the English settlements at the south.

The entire locality contiguous to the "Great Falls" in the Connecticut has always abounded in signs showing either



permanent or transitory occupation by various Indian tribes. At different points in earlier years were often found rude articles fashioned either for war or peace, and arrow-heads, hatchets and rude implements of husbandry have been dug up. The place most rich in these is on the meadow across the Connecticut where is now the village of North Walpole. The heirs of the late Levi Chapin, who early owned the meadow, have a large collection of them. This was evidently once the location of quite an extensive Indian village. Also just south of Cold River station on the meadows, numerous mementoes have been turned up by the plow. In various places on both sides of the Connecticut have been found graves containing skeletons which from their racial characteristics are known to be those of the red man, the first dweller in this territory.

There is a tradition that the section of Bellows Falls extending from the north side of School street, near the head of the stairs leading up from the Square to Henry street and west including the lot on which the Congregational church stands was originally an Indian burying-ground. About ten years ago one of these skeletons was exhumed near the north-east corner of the Congregational church, under the sidewalk.

The late Dr. S. M. Blake, an old citizen of Bellows Falls, well remembered the incidents attending the excavation for grading the road across the island, in front of where the Island House now stands. It was found that the whole distance across the island had, in a much earlier period, been used for an Indian burial-ground. The bodies were uncovered sitting upright, having been buried in a sitting posture with the knees drawn up to the chin, in a circular hole dug deep enough so that the top of the heads came within a foot or two of the surface of the ground. The ploughs and scrapers would take off a skull, and the workmen would dig down and find the remainder of the bones. In this way, he said, dozens of skeletons were found, and some of them were preserved for many years about the town. One of an Indian chief, known to be such by the trophies buried with him, was stored,

until about fifteen years ago, in the block at the head of the Square, now occupied by Frank Massucco. When Granger block on the east side of Westminster street was erected in 1855 a number of Indian skeletons were exhumed there also.

The most pronounced and interesting memento of the savages, and one looked upon by thousands of curiosity seekers, has been the Indian faces cut by some unknown



Indian Sculptures at Bellows Falls.

Early in the 19th Century.

hands and tools on the surface of two or three large rocks just south of the west end of the toll bridge. At the present time they are almost entirely obliterated and curious visitors are obliged to use sharp eyes and some imagination to see them. Within the memory of the older citizens of the present day they stood out with great distinctness. The building of the branch railroad to the paper

mills from the railroad yard, fifteen or twenty years ago, covered a portion of them; others have been concealed by the dumping of cinders from the boilers, and still others destroyed by the frequent blasting of river men in improving the channel for logs.

An interesting account of these Indian faces is given in Hall's "History of Eastern Vermont," dated in 1857. This was accompanied by illustrations reproduced in this work showing how these faces looked before the action of the elements and men had combined to render them less distinct. This account says :



"The picture writing of the Indians, which is to be seen in two localities in eastern Vermont affords satisfactory evidence of the fact that certain tribes were accustomed to frequent the Connecticut and the streams connected with it, even though they were not actual residents of the pleasant banks within which those waters are confined. At the foot of Bellows Falls, and on the west side of the channel of the Connecticut are two rocks, on which are inscribed figures, the meaning of which it is difficult to determine. The larger rock presents a group of variously ornamented heads. The surface which these heads occupy is about six feet in height and fifteen feet in breadth. Prominent among the rest is the figure occupying nearly a central



Sculptures at Bellows Falls.

As they looked about 1860.

position in the group. From its head, which is supported by a neck and shoulders, six rays or feathers extend, which may be regarded as emblems of excellence or power. Four of the other heads are adorned, each with a pair of similar projections. On a separate rock situated a short distance from the main group, a single head is sculptured, which is finished with rays or feathers and was probably intended to designate an Indian chief. The length of the head, exclusive of the rays, is fourteen inches and its breadth across the forehead in its widest part is ten inches. These sculpturings seem to have been intended to commemorate some event in which a chief and a number of his tribe performed some noted exploit or met with some disaster.

The former supposition is undoubtedly the more correct. It is well known that the Indians were usually careful to conceal the traces of their misfortunes and eager to publish the evidence of their successes.

The rocks are situated about eight rods south of the bridge for common travel across the Falls. That on which the group is pictured is during much of the time under water. The other, which is further from the river, is not so much affected by the wash of the stream. Whenever a freshet occurs both are covered."

The illustrations showing the images on the rocks are accompanied by a cut showing a general view of the falls and toll bridge. The picture was made evidently between the time of the building of the Cheshire railroad to the east side of the river and the erection of the railroad bridge in 1851. Only the toll bridge is shown and "a train on the Sullivan railroad is seen passing up on the other side of the river."

In his travels through the northern part of the United States, in the years 1807 and 1808, Edward Augustus Kendall, Esq., referred to the sculptures at Bellows Falls and endeavored to prove by them that the characters on the rock at Dighton, Mass. (or the "Writing Rock on Taunton River," as he designated it), were inscribed by the Indians. He gave an interesting description of the hieroglyphics comparing the similar characteristics of the two. Among other things he says,

"In more than one of the heads sculptured at the Great Falls we see an exact similitude to the heads sculptured on the Writing Rock and particularly in the circumstances that a single dot or hollow is made to serve both for nose and mouth; that no ears are given to the human heads, and that the crowns of the heads are bare. Thus we ascertain that in the sculptures observed upon the Writing Rock there is the strictest similitude, in workmanship and drawing, to those observed upon the rocks at the Great Falls. Thus all questions are answered, except those that regard the nature of the tool by the edge of which the rocks have been wrought upon and the occasions upon which the figures have been wrought. With respect to the nature of the tool every difficulty would be dismissed by supposing that the sculptures were not wrought till after the introduction of iron by the Europeans; but there appears to be good reason for thinking them more ancient, and we shall, therefore, in all probability be compelled to believe that the tool was of no better material than stone."

The only other locality in eastern Vermont where similar pictures have been found is on the south bank of West river

in the town of Brattleboro, but the pictures there are fewer in number, and upon one stone only. We reproduce an engraving of this sculpture taken from Hall's "Eastern Vermont."

The barbarous nature of the warfare carried on throughout all this territory during the period of early settlement when the savages were employed by both the French and English, is shown by the fact that for a period of thirteen years previous to the termination of war between England and France in 1763, the French in Canada by offering bounties for captives and white men's scalps, incited the natural cupidity of the Indians living in that vicinity (the St. Francis tribe which included the Abenakis who were most common in



Indian Rock, Brattleboro.

this neighborhood) to more than their usual activity in harassing the English settlers in this territory. On the other hand, the records of the province of Massachusetts Bay show that in 1745 the governor, with authority from King George II., offered and paid a bounty of £30 for every Indian scalp. This bounty was in 1748 increased to £100, to be divided in equal parts among the officers and soldiers of any scouting party that might capture an Indian, or produce the scalp of one they had killed. The price was paid only upon the delivery of the captives or scalps in Boston. The effect of these bounties upon both sides was to stimulate the opposing forces to deeds of the greatest cruelty and barbarity. Scouting parties were organized and sent out by both sides to lay

in ambush for the others and secure as many scalps as possible. Authentic records are not available from the French side to show the results, but those of the English side, which were nearer to our vicinity and so of the greater interest to us, are on file in the State House in Boston. They show that all parties hunting through this territory for the scalps of the red men were required to keep daily record of their marches and observations and many of these records are unique and thrilling. The official records show many references to the "Great Falls" and to the "Great Mountain by y<sup>e</sup> Great Falls," as having been important points at which watches were kept and all movements of the enemy noted. The main path by the falls here was upon the New Hampshire side along the base of Mount Kilburn. The trails up the Williams river and the Black river, which were principal highways to and from Lake Champlain, were described frequently and many stories of deadly encounters recorded.

From Fort Dummer at Brattleboro, Fort Hill on Putney Meadows, "Number Four" at Charlestown and six or eight other forts and blockhouses in the Connecticut valley, scouting parties frequently went out to watch for the enemy, sometimes as far as Wells river or up the main branches of the Connecticut to pounce upon the unwary enemy before they were themselves pounced upon. Sometimes they were sent to the higher mountains at Great Falls opposite Bellows Falls and Wantastiquet opposite Brattleboro or Ascutney further north, "to lodge on y<sup>e</sup> top," and from these lofty watch towers the keen eyes of the rangers scanned the mapped expanse of the forest, in summer clothed with its beautiful green leafage, later with its innumerable autumnal hues veiled in the soft haze of Indian summer, or gray with the snows of winter and the naked branches, "viewing for smoaks" of hostile camp fires. The wages allowed are thus stated:

"One Captain to have 25s. per month; one Lieutenant to have 13s. 6d. per month; one Sergent to have 13s. 6d. per month; one Corporal to have 12s. per month; and sixteen Centinels to have each 10s. per month; and each of the said twenty men be allowed 8s. per month for providing themselves with provisions."





BELLOWS FALLS FROM TABLE ROCK.  
From a Lithograph Made in 1855.



Among the voluminous records we find many such as these :

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“ Thursday. We travailed upon ye great River within two miles of ye Great Falls in said River, then we went upon Land to the Black River above ye Great Falls, went up in that River and lodged about a mile and a half from the mouth of Black River, which days travail we judged was about ten miles. Fryday. We cross Black River at ye Falls (now Springfield village), afterwards travail through ye woods N. N. W. then cross Black River again. Sabbath Day. Soon after we began our days work, an old pregnant squaw that travailed with us, stopt alone and was delivered of a child, and by Monday noon overtook us with a living child upon her back.”

Among the scouting parties, was that of Captain Kellogg, who had command of a company making its headquarters at Northfield, Mass. November 30, 1724, Captain Kellogg commenced sending out scouting parties to the northward, provided with snow shoes and moccasins. An examination of his journal, which is on file in the Massachusetts Archives XXXVIII, A, 70, shows the following interesting notations :

“ The first scout on November 30, 1724, went up on ye west side of Con. river, and crossing ye West river went up to ye Great Falls (Bellows Falls) and returned, making no discovery of any enemy.

The second scout went up to West river and followed up sd river six miles, and then crossed the woods to ye Great Falls and returned, seeing no signs of ye enemy.

The third scout went west from Northfield about twelve miles, then northward, crossing West river and steering east came to the canoe place about sixteen or seventeen miles above Northfield.

The fourth struck out northwest about six miles, then north across West river and to the Great Meadow (Westminster), below ye Great Falls, then crossed ye Conn. river and came down on ye east side. This meadow is about 32 miles from Northfield.

Ye fifth, the men were sent up West river mountain, there to lodge on ye top and view morning and evening for smoaks and from there up to ye mountain at ye Great Falls and there also to lodge on ye top, and view morning and evening for smoaks.

The sixth went up to West river which they followed five miles, then north until they came upon Sexton's river, six miles from the mouth of it, which emptied itself at ye foot of ye Great Falls, and then came down to the mouth of it and so returned.

In addition we watch and ward three forts at Northfield continually beside what those ten men do at Deerfield, and ye people are uneasy that we have no more men to keep ye forts than we have.”

An historian of Northfield, says :

“ This journal, kept with a soldier-like precision, reads like the most



ordinary matter-of-fact affair, deserving no special attention and no commendation except as evidence of a faithful discharge of duty. But the labors it recorded, and the daring and endurance of this handful of men, thus striking off into the wild forest in the winter, fording bridgeless streams and climbing mountains slippery with ice, and blocked up with snow, watching for the curling smokes from the red man's camp fire and listening for the report of his gun, were a most exciting romance, if they had not been a terrible reality.

By such vigilance and fidelity and wear of soul and body, was the village of our ancestors kept clean of blood."

Among those forty men who performed this service were Benoni Wright, father of Moses Wright, who was one of the first three settlers of the town of Rockingham, and Eldad Wright, a brother of Captain Azariah Wright, one of the Revolutionary heroes of Westminster.

In the winter of 1704 occurred one of the most terrible of the Indian raids, which has a local importance, from the naming of Williams river. In February of that year Maj. Rouville of the French army with a force of two hundred French and one hundred and forty-two Maqua Indians from Caghnawaga, set out from Canada for the purpose of attacking Deerfield, then one of the most flourishing English towns in northern Massachusetts. Proceeding up Lake Champlain and the Winooski river, crossing over to the White river and thence to the Connecticut, down which they went on the ice, they passed the "Great Falls" on the 27th, reaching Deerfield on the evening of the 29th. At midnight the attack was made, and by sunrise they had killed forty-seven of the inhabitants, taken one hundred and twelve captive and burned all the buildings in town with the exception of the meeting-house and one dwelling. In the long silent and secret march down the rivers, in the suddenness and the fierceness of that attack, in the cruel vindictiveness and bloody deeds of the savages, and in their forced march to Canada with the remnant of the colonists, the Deerfield raid was precisely like a score of others witnessed in those bad, dark days. The captives were taken to Canada and there held for ransom. During their march to Canada, they suffered most cruel privations. The close of the first

day's journey found them in what is now the town of Greenfield and the second in Bernardston. Fifteen or twenty captives were killed during the first three days of the march. Every precaution was taken to prevent the escape of the captives. The fourth day brought them to a spot near the north line of Brattleboro, where light sledges were constructed for the conveyance of the children, the sick and wounded. On March 5, the first Sunday of their journey, they were allowed to rest the whole day at the mouth of what is now called Williams river in this town, and from this circumstance the river obtained its name. Rev. John Williams, pastor of the Deerfield church, being one of the captives, obtained permission to hold service, preaching to both the prisoners and their captors. Mr. Williams' family had consisted of a wife, seven children and two servants. The maid servant and two children had been slain at the door of their late dwelling during the massacre. The rest started on the journey distributed among different groups of Indians. On the morning of the second day while fording Green river near the Leyden, Mass., line, Mrs. Williams fell in the water from weakness. This so enraged the Indian who called himself her master that he cleft her head with a tomahawk in sight of other members of the family. The exact spot has in late years been marked by a monument.

On Sunday the prisoners were gathered together upon the snow in a glade of the forest, a dusky fringe of red men encompassed them about and the woodland echoes gave back the unfamiliar sound of the first Christian hymn and sermon ever heard in Vermont. Probably not a soul was present among the prisoners who had not lost friends and relatives by the tomahawk and knife, and all had seen their homes in flames. It must have been a solemn and affecting sermon which the good preacher gave that day. His text was Lamentations 1, 18: "The Lord is righteous, for I have rebelled against his commandments; hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow; my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity." At the mouth of White river

Rouville divided his company into several parties and thence took different routes to the St. Lawrence. That party which Mr. Williams accompanied followed valleys of the White and Winooski rivers. Mr. Williams was conveyed by Lake Champlain down the St. Lawrence and Sorel rivers to the Indian village of St. François, and was subsequently sent to Quebec. One of his daughters, Eunice, became so much attached to Indian life that she married an Indian and became the ancestor of the Indian branch of the Williams family. Mr. Williams was the grandfather of Rev. Samuel Williams, LL.D., the first historian of Vermont, and great grandfather of Hon. Charles K. Williams, at one time chief judge of the supreme court and later governor of this state. Rev. John Williams was born in Roxbury, Mass., in 1664, graduated at Harvard in 1683 and settled at Deerfield. He was exchanged and returned to Deerfield in 1706, where he died in 1728. He left a personal account of his captivity, which contained a graphic story of the Sunday spent in this town. The title of his book is "The Redeemed Captive returned to Zion."

Named by Governor Wentworth as one of the grantees, of the township of Rockingham, and frequently mentioned later in the town records as an official of the town, was John Kilburn, one of the strongest characters among the intrepid pioneer settlers of all this vicinity. To him we are indebted for the origin of the name Kilburn as applied to "Mount Kilburn," the bold mass of rock rising over eight hundred feet above the village of Bellows Falls, and to various local organizations and business enterprises. From Table Rock, upon the top of this mountain, is obtained one of the most beautiful views in the entire Connecticut valley. In early years it was called "Fall Mountain," and is still often so called, particularly by old Walpole residents. The first topographical survey of the village denominates it "Falls Mountain." September 23, 1856, a party of students from Amherst college, accompanied by President Stearns and Dr. Hitchcock christened it "Mount Kilburn" in honor of this hero of one of the most noted Indian battles of the Connecticut valley.

John Kilburn was of English stock, his ancestors having emigrated from England as early as 1635. He was born in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1704; was residing in Springfield, Mass., in 1725; first married in Middletown, Conn., in 1732; his second wife, Hannah Fox, was of Glastonbury and died in 1807 at the age of 84. Kilburn was the first settler in the town of Walpole in 1749. From 1749 till after his fight with the Indians, August 17, 1755, he lived with his wife, his daughter Mehitable, and John, his son, in a small log hut about a quarter of a mile south of Cold River station on the New Hampshire side of the river, one and one-half miles south of Bellows Falls on the road to Walpole. The exact site of the cabin is now marked by a wooden tablet bearing an inscription giving the dates and circumstances. The spot is on the farm owned and occupied by Mrs. Joseph Wells, the tablet being on the east side of the road opposite her house.

The records show that Mr. Kilburn often held various offices of trust in the towns of Walpole and Rockingham in later years.

When he first moved into his log cabin he built a palisade around it and made what further provision he could for the protection of his family.

He sought to live on friendly terms with the Indians, who rejected all overtures for peace and studiously avoided him. Kilburn had lived in this place two or three years before Colonel Bellows came to settle, and during this time he was not only exposed to the inclemency of severe storms in his rude hut, and to all the hardships and trials incidental to frontier life, but was living in constant fear of attack. It is said that during the day he never dared to go further than a few rods from his cabin without his gun. At night the ground was his bed, with a bearskin for covering and a powder box for his pillow. Many times during his absence the Indians are said to have visited his home and to have stolen all that could be carried away.

Between 1751 and 1755 a company of Indians came down the river and landed above the falls. They invited Kilburn

to trade with them, and for a time peace and apparently good will reigned supreme. They continued to hunt and fish in the neighborhood for some time, and as no acts of violence or vandalism were committed the settlers began to feel a little more secure.

On August 17, 1755, was fought the famous Kilburn fight. The fighting began about noon and lasted for six hours, during which time a large number of Indians were killed, and only one white man wounded, who subsequently died. According to the records, John Kilburn and his son, then eighteen years of age, and two other men were returning from work about noon, when a number of Indians were seen in the thickets. The men at once made for the cabin, which they quickly made secure against an attack. In a few minutes one hundred and ninety-seven Indians were seen crawling up the bank west of the house, while an equal number remained in hiding near the mouth of Cold river.

The Indians next appeared on the eminence east of Kilburn's house, and the Indian Philip, a noted chief in command of the band, who had become acquainted with the whites previously, and knew some English, screening himself behind a tree, called out to the settlers to surrender, promising to give good quarter.

"Quarter!" shouted back Kilburn, with a voice that rang through every Indian's heart and every hill and valley, "You black rascals, begone, or we'll quarter you!"

After a few minutes' consultation the Indians gave the war-cry and began the attack. Kilburn managed to get in the first shot, before the smoke obstructed his view, and he had the satisfaction of seeing the first Indian fall, whom he supposed to have been Philip. It is claimed that about four hundred bullets lodged in Kilburn's cabin at the first fire. Kilburn and his men kept up an incessant fire, and when the supply of bullets became low the women suspended blankets under the roof of the house to catch the balls of the enemy, which were instantly remoulded into bullets, and returned to

the Indians. The Indians made several attempts to break in the doors, but were repulsed each time with great loss.

The battle lasted until nearly sundown, when the Indians began to retire, and as evening came on the sound of the guns and the cry of the warwhoop died away into silence.

This encounter proved an effectual check to the expedition of the Indians, and in a short time they returned to Canada. During the whole of the Indian and French war, which continued until 1763, the Indians never again made their appearance in any numbers in this locality, and the settlers were left unmolested. A number of arrow heads and other small relics are found on the battlefield nearly every year.

A skeleton was unearthed fifteen or twenty years ago on the upper terrace, southeast of where Kilburn's cabin stood, and the skull had a bullet hole through it. The skull is now in a case in the Bridge Memorial library in Walpole village and is pointed out to the visitor as perhaps that of the chief, Philip.

According to tradition, John Kilburn and his daughter once spent the night on the top of Mount Kilburn, the father keeping watch while his daughter slept. An Indian, who discovered their presence, suddenly sprang from the bushes and attacked Kilburn, and in the fight which ensued, the Indian was hurled headlong from the point now known as Table Rock.

Kilburn lived to see this whole vicinity populous and prosperous, and until the fourth generation of his descendants was upon the stage of active life. In later years he lived in Springfield, Vt., where he owned large tracts of land, but died in Walpole. His interment was in the present beautiful cemetery in that town, and the plain headstone bears this inscription :

In memory of  
JOHN KILBURN who departed  
this life for a better, April 8. 1789,  
in the 85 year of his age.  
He was the first who began to settle this town  
in 1749.



Among the earlier settlements of this vicinity, and one with which Rockingham's earliest settlers had much in common, was that at "Number Four," afterwards called Charlestown, the town separated from this only by the Connecticut river. Their township was chartered by the province of Massachusetts under the name, "Number Four," in 1738. The first settlement of Charlestown was made in 1740, twelve years before a settlement in this town, by three brothers named Farnsworth, of Groton, Mass. The fact that there was built at Charlestown in 1743 the second large, and, for those days, strong fort in this valley, made it a most important locality to the settlers in Rockingham, particularly because of the protection it gave them from marauding Indians descending the Connecticut river. All early history teems with facts relating to the intimate connections between the settlers of the two townships. Close relations must naturally exist between the inhabitants of two such isolated settlements located on the extreme borders of civilization, and contiguous to each other. What affected one must necessarily affect the other. Rockingham looked to Charlestown and its fort for assistance and protection in many threatened invasions by the Indians and French.

The fort called "Number Four" was located nearly in the middle of the present main street of Charlestown, south of the library building, the exact spot having been marked by a granite boulder last year. A strong blockhouse, sometimes called a second fort, was located southwest of the village on a plateau a little above the lower level of the "Great Meadow" which stretches south of the village, not far from the Sherman Paris farmhouse. The fort was built under the direction of Col. John Stoddard of Northampton, Mass., who was for many years the principal military engineer of the Connecticut valley frontier, and had twenty years before superintended the building of the blockhouse at Fort Dummer. It covered, says Rev. Dr. Crosby, in his "Annals of Charlestown," about three-quarters of an acre, which dimension in the absence of any more definite



measurement, we are under the necessity of receiving. The walls were made of large squared timbers, laid horizontally one above another, and locked together at the angles in the manner of a log cabin. Within the enclosure were buildings called "Province houses." The fort was stockaded at the north side by timbers about a foot in diameter, placed in the ground endwise, about twelve feet high. A letter from Colonel Stoddard in relation to it says, "We intend the fort shall be so built that the soldiers shall be as safe if the enemy were in the parade [that is, in the open space within the enclosure of the wall] as if they were without the fort." The province houses for the use of the garrison were placed directly against the walls of the fort and so prepared on every side that they could be put in an immediate state of defence, should the enemy by any means gain admittance to the enclosure, so they would still have a hard battle to fight before the place could be taken. The whole expense of the erection of this fort was borne by the settlers themselves, the province of Massachusetts Bay having refused to contribute to its erection, although they had paid all the cost of the construction of Fort Dummer.

At various times during the French and Indian wars the protection given by this fort and its brave defenders, was without doubt the means of saving the settlers of Rockingham, as well as many other towns in the valley, from entire destruction. During the most of the time this fort was garrisoned, it was under command of Capt. Phineas Stevens. At times the garrison numbered only thirty men. At other times as many as two hundred were included in its defence.

At one time for a period of some months "Number Four" was entirely deserted by the garrison and all settlers of the town because of the aggressiveness of the enemy. This was also the case with nearly all the settlements north of Fort Dummer including that in the town of Rockingham. The whole body of settlers had retreated to the larger towns in Massachusetts.

From this fort, as well as from Fort Dummer at Brattle-

boro were sent out the parties of "Rangers" to ascertain the locality of the treacherous Indians and French and guard the valley from their depredations. Hardly had the fort been completed and garrisoned when it was attacked by a large party of the French and Indians, under the command of Jean Baptiste Boucher de Neverville, a French officer of the line. The siege continued during three days and in that time thousands of balls were poured upon the fort, yet not one of the garrison was killed and only two were wounded. Monsieur de Neverville, giving up all hopes of carrying the fortification, reluctantly withdrew. His forces, however, continued to hover about the frontiers in small parties, annoying all whom they chanced to fall in with and a portion of them scouted through the territory now known as Rockingham. In admiration of the skill displayed by Stevens in this defence, Sir Charles Knowles, who happened at that time to be in Boston, sent him an elegant sword, and "Number Four" when incorporated as a town in 1753, was called in honor of the commodore, "Charlestown." During the remainder of the war, the garrison at "Number Four" was supported at the expense of Massachusetts.

Whenever reports would reach Captain Stevens of a murder or outrage committed upon the settlers he would send out a party of rangers to follow and punish the depredators. History abounds in thrillings incidents, both of his success and defeat. He often made forced marches of a hundred miles or more into the wilds of both New Hampshire and Vermont and the stories of his adventures read much like the Arabian Nights.

An account of one of Captain Stevens' excursions will be sufficient to show the character of all as well as the hardships and difficulties encountered by his parties of rangers. During the month of March, 1748, a small party of Indians made their appearance at "Number Four," of whom we have the following account in Doolittle's Narrative :

"The snow being very deep, and our men not fearing a small party of skulking Indians, eight of them went out about sixty rods from "Number

Four" to get wood. The enemy, about ten in number, came within thirty rods of the Fort, ran to meet our men, fired upon them, killed Charles Stevens, wounded one Andreas and took Eleazer Priest captive. Our men, not having snow-shoes, could not run out of the path and make their escape, nor had the men in the garrison snow-shoes to pursue them."

Captain Stevens sallied out for the rescue of his men, but could do nothing under the circumstances and he at once despatched an express to Fort Dummer to warn them of the presence of the Indians and of their danger.

The narrative says :

"Great advantage having resulted on former occasions from scouting parties and from watching the motions of the enemies, an expedition for this purpose was projected during the spring by some of the ranging officers and was soon after accomplished. A scout of nineteen men under the command of Captain Eleazer Melvin, marched on the 13th day of May from Fort Dummer. Proceeding up the Connecticut River as far as 'Number Four,' they were joined by Captains Stevens and Hobbs, with a force of sixty men and the whole party on Sunday, the 15th, at sunset set out from 'Number Four' on their hazardous enterprise. They followed the 'Indian road' along the banks of Black River, but sometimes would lose it in fording streams and in traversing forests, where the ground was covered by a thick growth of underbush. On reaching the main branch of Otter Creek, Captain Melvin and his men, according to previous agreement, left the party, crossed the stream and set out for Crown Point."

"Captain Stevens' party passed down the Otter Creek a short distance and then struck eastward in the hope of reaching White River. After travelling five days along one stream which they crossed in one day thirty-five times, they reached its mouth, and found it to be the 'Quarterqueechee' (Ottaquechee). Proceeding down the Connecticut on rafts and in canoes, they reached 'Number Four' after an absence of two weeks."

Captain Stevens remained at "Number Four" two days, which time was occupied in preparing paddles and setting-poles for an excursion down the river. He set out on June 2 with sixty men and six canoes, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for Fort Dummer and got by the falls at Bellows Falls about sun-down and arrived at Fort Dummer about 2 o'clock the next morning. Here they first heard of the great disaster which had happened to the command of Captain Melvin, from whom they had separated some weeks before on Otter creek. Melvin had met the enemy and lost six of his men. Melvin's command was entirely scattered and they straggled into Fort Dummer one, two, or three at a time for some weeks thereafter.

April 19, 1746, "Number Four" was attacked by the Indians and French who took Capt. John Spafford, Lieut. Isaac Parker and Stephen Farnsworth, prisoners. They also burned the saw and grist mills that Capt. Spafford had erected for the proprietors.

The June following the fort was again attacked, but was defended with the loss of Jedediah Winchell mortally wounded, and three others slightly wounded.

Again April 9, 1747 a large force of French and Indians came down the river and laid siege to the fort but were repulsed, the defence by Capt. Stevens being one of the bravest of the wars of that time.

August 30, 1754 a band of Indians surprised the settlers of "Number Four" and took back to Canada as prisoners the family of James Johnson consisting of himself, his wife, and three children, and a daughter of Lieut. Moses Willard, about fourteen or fifteen years of age, also Ebenezer Farnsworth and Peter Labaree,—eight in all. They were held in Canada some years, finally making their way back to the settlement. One of the small children of Mr. Johnson, Sylvanus, became in later years a resident of this vicinity, living across the Connecticut from Bellows Falls.

The foregoing incidents of Indian warfare and atrocities are but a few selected as examples only of hundreds which occurred during the period of early settlements in this valley. Early historians of nearby towns gathered those of their own town and perpetuated them. Rockingham's incidents have not been collated until many of them have passed into the obscurity of over a century and a half, but on its soil and in the vicinity of the "Great Falls" were atrocities committed of as great importance as any in the Connecticut valley.

The tribe of Indians, representatives of which were most frequently seen in this vicinity during the last Indian wars, and scattered members of which often visited this neighborhood in comparatively late years, was the Abenaki, one of the three most prominent tribes found by the French in the great basin of the St. Lawrence river when they began settle-

ments in that region. This name was so frequently heard in early days, and the traditions of its local connections during a period of so much interesting history here was so strong, that it has gradually become a common designation of many social and business enterprises such as "Abenaki Chapter of Royal Arch Masons," "Abenaki Hose company," "Abenaki Machine company," "Abenaki Paper company" and many others. The Abenaki was one of the large and powerful tribes of the country, one division of which gave its name to the Penobscot River, and another to the Androscoggin. It was the Penobscot chief Bashaba of whom Whittier wrote his "Bashaba's Feast." The eastern branches of this tribe sometimes invaded this region, and they gave the name Gonitigow (Long-river) to the Quinnehtuck or Quinneticut of the Pocumtucks—the Connecticut—but they never remained here for any long time.

The excellent history of Vermont written by the late Rowland E. Robinson designated the tribe as "Waubanakee" and that spelling is used by societies in Burlington and the northern portion of the state, while in the vicinity of Keene it is spelled "Abenaki," but the larger number of authorities use it as spelled here. The tribe in later years was known as the "St. Francis" Indians and were located on the river of that name in the Province of Quebec.

Tradition says that long before the white man came to this vicinity, there was a large Indian village of wigwams extending from the south end of Mount Kilburn, where the Fitchburg station of Cold River now is, nearly a quarter of a mile south, and that it was a sub-tribe of the great Abenakis or Algonquins.

From time immemorial the "Great Falls" had been the best fishing ground in all New England, and this tribe was here because of the ease with which food of this nature could be procured. Shad and salmon were more plentiful here, at certain seasons of the year, than at any other place known. The salmon went above here each year, but the shad never were able to get over the falls and would accumulate at a

certain season of the year in immense quantities in the "Great Eddy" that was just below the "Great Falls." The blossoming of the shad tree was the signal for all the Indians for many miles around to gather about the falls for the purpose of salmon and shad fishing.

The oldest inhabitants of the village at the present time talk of their parents and grandparents telling them that at that season of the year the surface of the water in the eddy would be perfectly alive and black with shad, so much so that it often seemed as if a man might walk across upon the backs of the fish. They could be readily caught and thrown out of the water in large quantities with the hands. This was the case even, within the past one hundred years. It was a very profitable industry for the inhabitants to gather the fish, and ship them down the river by boats to the markets, after the boating was established by regular lines. The salmon were a more gamey fish and were taken by both the Indians and early settlers by means of spears as they passed up the narrow places in the "Great Falls."

The Abenaki Indians used frequently to return here previous to the last century after they were driven away by the early settlers, and they committed many acts of murderous nature, being a very savage and vicious tribe. In the narrow defile between Mount Kilburn and the river was the Indian path over which they used to travel from Canada to the white settlements below, on their marauding expeditions. An early account of the life of the Indians in this vicinity says.

"Imagination can see them now, perched upon the rocks, spearing the 20-pound salmon, or scooping with their nets multitudes of shad, or, perhaps, crossing and re-crossing, in their bark canoes, the basin below, while the old squaw was doing the drudgery about the huts, the papoose, half naked, wallowing in the filth, and the dusky maiden loitering about in the shade of the stately elms, stringing her ornaments and wampum. 'Twas here, it may be, they held their orgies and concocted their hellish designs on the white settlers."

During all the first half of the last century small parties of more civilized and peaceable Abenaki Indians used to visit Bellows Falls nearly every summer, coming from their



homes in Canada and New York state. They came down the Connecticut in their canoes, usually bringing supplies of baskets and other trinkets which they had manufactured during the previous winters, which they sold to citizens of Bellows Falls and the then large number of summer visitors. They usually encamped on Pine hill, which was then north of the village and extended as far north as the residence of the late F. E. Proctor at the extreme north end of Green street. Sometimes they built their wigwams on the beach south of the falls, at times on the Vermont side, at others on the New Hampshire side. The men spent much time fishing in the river and hunting on the hills on both sides of the river, while the squaws carried on the mercantile branch of their business.

The last remnant of this tribe came to Bellows Falls early in the summer, about 1856, in their birchbark canoes. The party consisted of a chief who was very old and infirm, a young wife and their sons, one about twenty and the other about nine years old, and others. On the occasion of this last visit they made their camp on Levi Chapin's meadow a short distance above the dam and near the mouth of "Governor's brook," where now stands a part of the village of North Walpole. They built their wigwams in true Indian fashion, of poles, covering them with bark and the skins of wild animals, and during the whole summer the place was of much interest to all in this vicinity. A number of present residents well remember them and the interest which all took in them.

The older son spoke good English and was a manly appearing youth. He was an expert in the use of his rifle and shot gun and collected considerable money from visitors by giving exhibitions of his marksmanship. The little boy was a shy, bare headed, bushy haired little savage. The chief himself was very intelligent and conversed interestingly with his visitors. He had fought with the English in different wars and gave many startling incidents connected with his early life and wild mode of living. He had been to England three times and he wore a large silver medal presented to him by King George III. in acknowledgment of his services. He was very proud of this,



and lost no opportunity to exhibit it to his callers. It bore the king's profile in relief and an appropriate inscription.

Levi Chapin at one time asked if he believed that all the races of men sprang from Adam. With great dignity and deliberation, as well as dramatic eloquence, he pointed to Mt. Kilburn, saying, "You see yonder mountain—you find the bear there, you find the wild cat there, you find the deer there, you find the Indian there," indicating in this way his belief that the Great Spirit had created the Indian with the other wild creatures to inhabit the mountains from which the white man had driven them.

Late in the season the weather grew cold and the party prepared to return to Canada before the river was frozen over, but the old chief wished to die beside the "Great Falls," and be buried with his fathers. After long continued discussion his wife left him in his wigwam with his two sons, and went north with others of the party. The wigwam was removed to the higher ground near River street about opposite the present location of Taylor's livery stable.

As the weather grew colder the skins with which the hut was covered gave poor shelter from the late autumn storms. Mr. Chapin and other residents took much interest in the old warrior and carried him food and bedding. Mr. Chapin arranged with the Walpole selectmen and overseer of the poor, George Huntington, to send some lumber with which to construct a suitable shelter. This, however, was never built for the night after the materials were brought the old chief died.

In his last hour he called his elder son to his side and with his finger on his wrist showed how his pulse beat slowly and unsteadily. "I'm going to the Great Spirit," he said, feebly. He gave to his son the medal and the old rifle he had carried in the wars and charged him to wear the one and keep the other as long as he should live. Funeral services were held at the house of Levi Chapin, Rev. John M. Stow, pastor of the Congregational church at Walpole, officiating, and this last local representative of the original tribe of

Abenaki Indians was buried in what was then the Rockingham burying-ground, now known as the old Catholic cemetery, on the terraces in the west part of the village of Bellows Falls. No stone was erected to mark the spot, and the old representative of the proud tribe of Abenakis rests in a grave, the location of which cannot be pointed out.

The Indian nature is universally considered as stoical and devoid of the finer instincts, seldom exhibiting feeling, but persons who were present when the young Indian made his arrangements with the Rockingham authorities for permission to bury his father speak of the young man as shedding tears and showing much affection for his deceased parent.

Illustrating the connection between the period of savage occupation and present civilization, and a connecting link between, was the half savage, half civilized character of an early white man residing here. He was Sylvanus Johnson, one of the earliest settlers who owned most of the land now covered by North Walpole village, across the Connecticut opposite the village of Bellows Falls. He was unique and very odd in many ways owing to his life as a captive among the Indians while a small boy.

He purchased his farm now covered by the growing village, December 3, 1789, of Peter Bellows. This farm was the north division of land in North Walpole, next above that owned in later years by the Chapin brothers. His first dwelling was a small two-room structure that stood on the east side of Main street north of "Governor's brook," near where the old dwelling owned by A. J. McCarthy on the north side of East street, at the corner of Main, now stands. It was the first house built in North Walpole north of the toll bridge. In later years he erected a two-story dwelling, and at one time the two-room dwelling was used as a school-house, but has since been torn down. The second dwelling is the oldest now standing in the village.

Sylvanus was the eldest child of James Johnson and Susanna Willard of Charlestown. He was born January 25, 1748, and was a boy of six years when the whole family was

captured by the Indians in the historic raid upon "Number Four," August 30, 1754. He was carried to Canada and remained with the Indians three years, during which time he entirely forgot his native language and became almost a perfect Indian in nature, imbibing a love for the wild life and its peculiar attractions which he never forgot and which colored all his subsequent years.

Sylvanus Johnson married Susanna Hastings, daughter of Capt. Sylvanus and Jemima Willard Hastings of Charlestown, N. H., and they had six children, none of whom ever married. Two boys were drowned in the Connecticut river, while John, Betsey and Susan lived in the old home many years after the death of their parents. The Charlestown records show that "Betsey, daughter to Sylvanus and Susanna Johnson, was born January 12, 1771," and that "James, son to Sylvanus and Susanna Johnson, was born December 30, 1772." The mother, Susanna, died December 7, 1819, and the record of Sylvanus reads, "He died, at Walpole, in 1832, aged 84 years, leaving a reputation as an honest and upright man."

"Uncle Vene," as he was familiarly called in his later years, always venerated the Indians and their customs, maintaining stoutly that they were a far more moral and upright race than the whites. As an instance of Indian honor he would tell the story of his own redemption from captivity. After paying the ransom, his white friends traveled a day's journey and encamped for the night. So homesick was little Sylvanus for his forest home that he stole away in the darkness and followed the trail back to the wigwams of his masters. In doing so he had to cross a river, swimming over with his clothes tied on his head. His Indian friends would not speak to him or recognize him in any way. They had received the money demanded for his ransom and he was theirs no longer. During his whole life he so much preferred the modes of Indian life to the prevalent customs of civilization that he often expressed regret that he was ever ransomed.

He related many hunting stories to the Chapin boys, who

took great pleasure in the friendship of their remarkable neighbor. He told them he was at one time surrounded by wolves on the plains at the foot of the mountains as he was returning from wood chopping. He heard them answering each other as they circled about him and counted seven as they one by one crept out of the woods. He prepared to meet them with his axe, his only weapon, but they were not very hungry and after a time drew off. Another time he wounded a wild cat and she dragged herself into a hole at the root of a tree. He sent his dog in after her. The dog brought her out by the throat, but the cat's claws threatened to "tear his hide into shoe strings." Mr. Johnson described how he danced about the fighting pair trying to finish the cat and save the dog, exclaiming "Zounds! Zounds! she'll kill my dog."

The young men of North Walpole and Bellows Falls counted it a treat to be taken by Uncle Vene on a hunt. Often the old man would pretend to get lost almost in sight of home and keep the frightened and bewildered boys out all night in a shelter made in true Indian style.

Two of his children were drowned, William in 1804 in the eddy below the falls. Phineas on November 18, 1823, started to do some threshing for a farmer in Vermont, intending to walk across the river on the ice. Some time later it was found he had not reached his destination, and his hat was discovered near a hole in the ice. Still his father refused to believe that he was dead. When the young man's body was brought to the surface his father was standing near, "O dear," he exclaimed, "that's him." He at once went home, shaved and dressed in his best suit, and seated himself in his great chair, where he sat controlling his emotions in stolid dignity after the custom of an Indian chief.

Sylvanus Johnson followed the example of the Indians in his love of "fire water." At one time he was crossing the river in his canoe, having indulged his appetite in the taverns at Bellows Falls. He was caught by the strong current and would have gone over the dam had not one of his neighbors put out in a boat and towed him to shore. The old gentle-

man was very indignant at being treated thus. When he was told that he would surely have gone over the dam he exclaimed, "Couldn't I have put out a foot and braced?"

He had a mare named "Narragansett." When he rode to town and returned under the influence of liquor the intelligent old animal would balance him upon her back and always bring him safely to his own door.

When he was dying he called his son John to him. There was considerable property to be divided between his children but his first thought was for his faithful old mare. "Take good care of old Narragansett," he said, "always feed her well and keep her as long as she lives." The old man was weak and he rested awhile and then tried to bring his mind to the necessary matters, but when he spoke again his thought went back to his greatest anxiety. "Take good care of Narragansett," he said, "and I don't care what the d——l becomes of the rest."

John Johnson continued to live in the old home with two of his sisters. He was a respected citizen and a very particular farmer, but not very forcible. Some one said of him "Uncle Johnny could putter all day in a peck measure and it wouldn't be full then."

## CHAPTER VI.

### RECORDS OF PROPRIETORS' MEETINGS

From the time of the granting of the Rockingham charter by authority of King George II., in 1752, until the date of the first town meeting, held the last Wednesday of March, 1761, the affairs of the town were managed by the grantees, or "Proprietors," of whom Col. Benjamin Bellows of Walpole was the most prominent and influential. Evidently all in any way connected with the interests of Rockingham looked to him as the strongest man and wisest counsellor. Although never a resident of this town he was the "Proprietors' Clark" during the whole period, including the last meeting of the grantees, held March 28th, 1764, and during a portion of the time he held other offices, including those of moderator and treasurer.

When the charter was granted there were no residents within the town limits. Three settlers came the next year but were "soon driven back by the Indians." They were probably in town as late as the proprietors' meeting of May 29, 1754, as on that date they voted to Moses Wright seven pounds, and to Simeon Knight five pounds, for services rendered by them. From then until 1761 there is no record of any one living within the limits of the town.

The book of proprietors' records, in which are written, in Col. Bellows' strong and characteristic handwriting, the records of all the meetings, is well preserved and legible for a volume over one hundred and fifty years old. Except the records of meetings nothing is shown but the allotment of the different parcels of land "drawn to the original right" of each grantee, and those assigned by them to others previous to the organization of the town.

According to the conditions of the charter the first legal meeting of the proprietors was held on the last Wednesday of



March, 1753, and although the record shows it to have been holden "at Rockingham aforesaid," there is a tradition that it was actually holden in Walpole, to which some color of truth is given by the fact that the record itself shows the three words quoted above to have been interlined after the original record was made. By the action of this meeting each of the proprietors would at once come into possession of all his lands, each one receiving a house-lot, a river-lot and a lot on some small stream in some other part of the town. A very creditable survey of the whole town was made in 1753 by Caleb Willard, who was evidently a civil engineer of much talent for those days. This plan was eighteen by twenty-eight inches and showed the location of each "Range" and each numbered "Lott" in the whole town, the ranges numbering twelve north and south and the lots varying in number from seventeen to about thirty in each range from east to west in accordance with the variation in actual width of the town caused by the winding of the Connecticut river. The plan showed the location of both Williams river and Saxtons river in their courses through the town, but did not show smaller streams. It was by this survey that the drawing or choice of lots was first made, and the title to a large part of the land in the town is still held by the designation of this map, making it a most important document, and yet, the map itself is lost. In 1868 the original map was taken from the town clerk's office to Newfane, to be used in evidence in a case between prominent residents of the town relating to lines run between different ranges and lots, and it was never returned. The late Elias Olcott had made two rough copies of the map, each differing slightly from the other, from which we have been able to prepare the substantially correct reproduction of the map, which is shown in this volume.

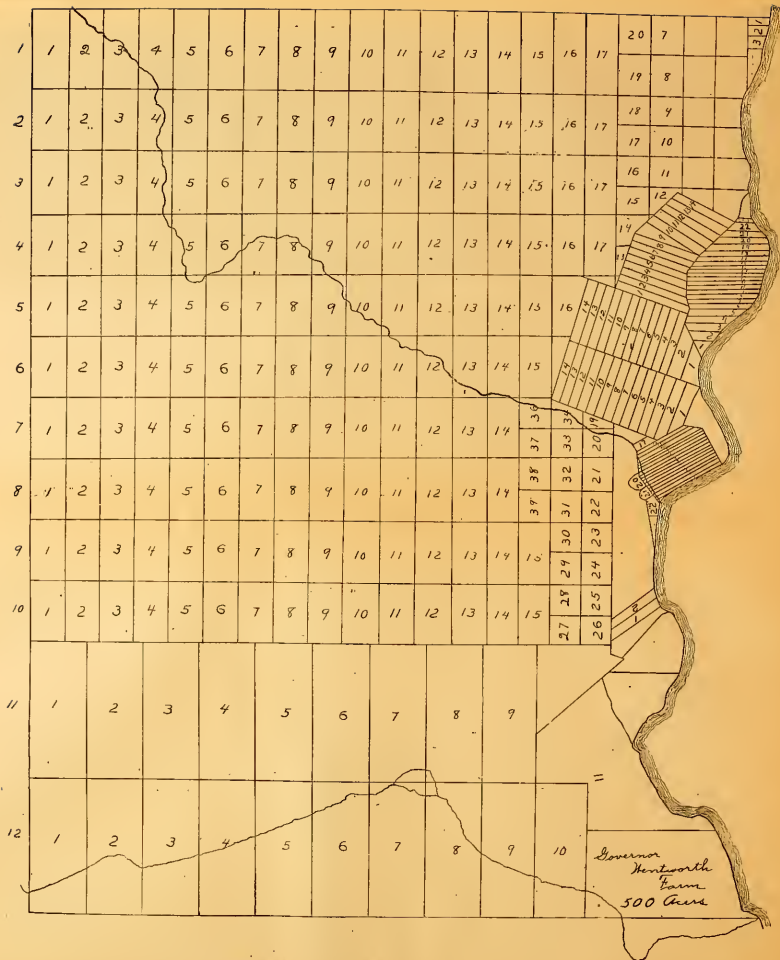
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FIRST SURVEY OF ROCKINGHAM, MADE IN 1753, BY CALEB WILLARD. (See p. 56.)



as would be taken in locating lots to-day for a prospective city. The arrangement of the lots was somewhat unique, there being five sections, conforming to the shape of the different terraces, each of which was of peculiar form, but the lots were regular and creditably planned, varying in size. In referring to these house-lots, in records made by the proprietors, the name is often used "Citydale," and the inference is that this name was to be the one by which the prospective village or city should be known, but, like so many other cities upon paper, it never grew to size enough to need a name. The locality has in recent years been known as the "Williams River Meadows," the "Rockingham Meadows," and the northerly section as the "Upper Meadows."

There was probably no thought that the section now covered by Bellows Falls would ever be the principal centre of business. The localities now covered by the village of Rockingham and other villages of the town, were not designated in any way. A large five hundred acre lot in the extreme southeastern part of the township, comprising nearly all of what is now the village of Bellows Falls, and extending farther west than the present limits of the village, was retained by Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire as his personal property. It is denominated on the map as "Governor Wentworth's Farm, 500 Acers."

In his choice of land for his portion, Governor Wentworth evidently displayed more shrewdness than when he made his choice of five hundred acres in the town of Walpole. The Governor, when he granted the charter to that town nearly a year earlier, did not have a very definite idea of the lay of the land in the vicinity of the "Great Falls" and supposed the land lying in that immediate locality to be the most valuable for his purpose, on account of the shad and salmon fisheries. To make the matter doubly sure he consulted Col. Bellows about the propriety of locating his plot just east of the falls. The Colonel very honestly told him that a plot in that vicinity would be of very little value to him, that "it might make a good calf pasture, but nothing better." It is presumed that

the Governor suspected the Colonel of a little sharp practice by undervaluing this plot, hoping to secure it himself, and so the Governor chose it, locating his missionary lot on the top and sides of what is now known as Mount Kilburn. Even to this day some of the older residents of Walpole refer to that mountain as "the Governor's calf pasture."

The story of the founding of the government of the town of Rockingham, as well as the many and severe trials of its early settlers, is shown by the proprietors' records and makes interesting reading for present day citizens as well as the student of colonial history. The value of these records increases greatly as the years covered by that era recede into the remote past.

Following is the copy of the records of the different meetings of the grantees, or proprietors. The "warnings," or calls for the different meetings are omitted after that of the second :

#### RECORDS OF PROPRIETORS' MEETINGS.

Att A Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Township of Rockingham In the Province of New Hampshire Held on the twenty Eight day of March A D 1753 at Rockingham aforesaid

1 ly Chose Benjamin Bellows Moderator

2 ly Voted by the propriety that thay Lay out to Each proprietor a house Lott and that the Seventy two house Lotts be Laid out In three or more Several Places as the Commette Chosen for that purpose Shall think Best Said Lott Not to Exceede Twenty acres In a Lott Nor Less then ten acers as the Commettee Shall think proper

3 ly Voted that all the Meadow or Enterval Land Lying on Connecticut River and up Williams River in <sup>sd</sup> town Not Exceeding two Miles from the Mouth of <sup>sd</sup> River as the Commettee Shall think proper be divided into Seventy two Lott being one Lott to Each Proprietor

4 ly Voted that that the Commettee Lay out all the Meadow and Enterval Land Lying upon all the Small Rivers In <sup>Sd</sup> town Into one Division or Seventy two Lotts

5 ly Voted that the Commettee Chosen take option of all the Meadow and Enterval Land in <sup>Sd</sup> town

6 ly Voted that the Commette Appointed to Lay out the Land in <sup>Sd</sup> town Copple the House Lott and Both Meadow Lott together So that they may all be drawn att one draught

7 ly Voted and Chose Benjamin Bellows Proprietors Clark

8 ly Voted that Each Right pay to Benjamin Bellows three dollars to his troble and Charge In gitting the Charter and Grant of <sup>Sd</sup> township

9 ly Voted that Each Proprietors Right pay five pounds, old tennar Equal to dollars att forty five shillings, Each for ye Use of the Proprietors to pay for Laying out the Land into Lotts

10 ly Chose Benjamin Bellows proprietors treashuer

11 ly Chose Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Collector

12 ly Voted that Mess<sup>rs</sup>

Andrew Gardner	} Committeee
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows	
Jonathon Bigelow	
Stephen Farnsworth	
& Asahel Stebens	

for to Lay out the Land Voted to be Laid out for ye proprietors and that any two of them be a Corrom.

13 ly Voted that the Committee Lay out Six acres, of Land for a Meeting house place and for ye Proprietors

14 ly Voted and Chose Mr Andrew Gardner Silvinos Hastings and John Grout (or Grant) for to be assessors for ye year insuing

15 ly Voted that if any of the Proprietors See Cause to Move porsonally upon Land In the town before the Meadow Land be Laid out that he Shall have Liberty to take the Lott his Labours Is done upon Provided It be In Williams River meddow So Called Without drawing for

16 ly Voted & agreed that Seven of the proprietors applying to the Clark for a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors the Clark shall call a meeting by Posting up a notification In Some place In s<sup>d</sup> town fourteen days before ye time of meeting

Recorded Pr Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows proprietors Clark

Province of } by the desire of ten of the proprietors of the township of  
Newhamp's } Rockingham these are to Notify and warn the Proprietors  
of S<sup>d</sup> Rockingham that thay assemble and meet att the house of Mr Jonathan Bigelow In said Town on Wensday the twenty Ninth day of May Instant att Nine of the Clock In ye forenoon of ye day that being duly meat and formed thay may act on the Several articles hereafter mentioned If thay See Cause

First to Chouse A Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2 ly to hear the Report of the Committee Chosen to Lay out the House Lott and Meadow Land In s<sup>d</sup> Township and to Draw the Same or act and Vote the same to any person or persons that shall Desire to Take thare Lott without Drawing for as Shall be thought Reasonable by ye proprietors, when meet or any other way that Shall be thought proper by s<sup>d</sup> proprietors

3 ly to See the mind, of the proprietors Wether thay will Lay out the Rest of the undivided Land in s<sup>d</sup> Township and to agree to Let It out by the grate to some one man that Shall agree to take It by the grate for a Certain Sum of money and to agree In What manner the Land Shall be Letted out and Chuse a Committee to See to the Same if thay think Best

4 ly to Chuse a Committee to Lay out Such Road, and Ways as shall be thought needfull for s<sup>d</sup> town at Present

5 ly to Give Land to any person that has Roads Layd through thare meddow Land Where thare Lotts Is Laid out



6 ly to See if the proprietors will give Leve to Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows to Lay out five meadow Lotts in y<sup>e</sup> Meadow Land that is Not as yet Layd out to make up the twenty one Three acre meddow Lott with y<sup>e</sup> Sixteen meddow Lott on Saxtons River which was proposed

7 ly to Grant Such Sum or Sums of Money as Shall be thought Needfull for the Use of the proprietors for Laying out thare Lands or making hie-way, or any other Use for s<sup>d</sup> proprietors, and Chuse a Collectter to Collect y<sup>e</sup> Same and Assessors

8 ly to act anything that Shall be Needfull to Bring forward the Settlement of said town as sone as may be

dated the 4th day of May 1754 A D

Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Propr's Clark

Recorded Pr Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows proprietors Clark

att a Legall Meeting of the proprietors of Rockingham In the Province of Newhamp<sup>t</sup> Held on the twenty Ninth day of May A D one thousand seven hundred and fifty four att the house of Mr Jonathon Bigelow In s<sup>d</sup> Rockingham

first-Voted and Chose Benjamin Bellows Modirator

2 ly Voted to Except the Repourt of the Commettee according as thay have laid out y<sup>e</sup> Land and Draw thare Lotts

3 ly Voted that Benjamin Bellows take the Lower Meadow in s<sup>d</sup> town and the Land Layd Round s<sup>d</sup> Meadow for twenty one House Lott and twenty one ten acer meadow Lott and the Meadow Land on Saxtons River being forty Eight Acers for Sixteen three acer meadow Lotts as Coppled to y<sup>e</sup> house Lott and that said Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows have Liberty to pick five three acer meadow Lotts and Lay them out In any of the undivided meadow Land where he shall See Cause to pick y<sup>e</sup> same

4 ly Voted that Six acers of the North End of the House Lott Number three being thirty three Rod Square Be Set off for y<sup>e</sup> Use of the Town for to Set a Meeting House on also a Road twelve Rod wide through s<sup>d</sup> Lott

5 ly Voted that the meeting be adjourned for half an hour Meet again att time and place and Voted that Bond, be given to the Treashuer by y<sup>e</sup> men to be on the Land by the Last of March Next

6 ly Voted that Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Have Liberty to Lay out ten acers or more of Meadow Land as the Commettee Shall think Proper where he shall pick y<sup>e</sup> same to copple with House Lott Number ten In the West Range of Lott which Has no meadow Lott to cuppled to It

7 ly Voted to Lay out all the undivided Land In s<sup>d</sup> town Into Ninty acers, in a lott and copple three of s<sup>d</sup> ninty acers together to each Share to be drawn to each Right

8 ly Voted to Benjamin Bellows five pounds old tennar money according to Dollars at forty five shilling each for Laying out three Ninty acer Lott, to each Share (?) and Coppeling the same and fitting for Drawing and to be done by the first of March next

Voted that Mr Isace Parker Mr Asahail Stebens and Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows be a Commettee to Lay out the Land for an Equalout for any meddow Land that may be taken for hie way

Voted that Mr Andrew Gardner, Mr Jonathan Bigelow & Mr Asahail Stebens be a Commettee to Lay out Roads

Voted that twenty Shillings old tennar as above be Laid on Each proprietors to be Laid out upon making Road, and that money be worked out at twenty shillings per day Between May and September else be worked out at fifteen Shillings per day

Voted that there be a Road through all the House Lott if Needed

Voted and Chose Mr. Andrew Gardner Mr Jonathan Bigelow and Mr Asahal Stebens Assessors

Voted and Chose Benj'a Bellows Collecttor

Voted to Moses Wright In old tennar Money as within and to each men In like money (Here follows a list of names to whom various amounts were voted, ranging from one pound to 98 pounds, and for various services rendered. The names are important as showing who were here at that time. They were Moses Wright, Ramon Stebens, Jacob Elmers, Benjamin Stowell, Nathan Monvel, Andrew Gardner, Jonathan Bigelow, Asahall Stebens, Stephen Farnsworth, Sam<sup>ll</sup> Ronady, Calib Willard, Benjamin Bellows, Simon Night (evidently Simeon Knight) John Grout (or Grant) and Lemuel Hastings. (The charges were principally for services, giving the number of days. Bigelow, Stebens and Gardner had bills for "Bording Calib Willard," showing them to be keeping house and that Mr. Willard was not. Andrew Gardner was a minister of the gospel, who in the year 1748 was Chaplain of Fort Dummer at Brattleboro, and of whom further account will be given, he being an early settler here and supplying the spiritual needs of the town, as well as acting as physican and surgeon for some years.)

(Following this is the record of "A List of the Number of Each House Lott and Each Meadow Lott as assessed against Each Mans Name these meadow lot in Williams Meadow." The list is a long one giving the "Range" and number of the "Lott," each of the "House Lott," "ten acer meadow" and "3 acer meadow" lots.)

Province of } att a Legall Meeting of the Proprietors of Rockingham Held  
Newhamp's } at the house of Mr Mical Lovwell In sd Rockingham on the  
Seventeenth day of July A D 1760

first Chose Benj'a Bellows Esq Moderator

2 ly Voted to Lay out the undivided Land In sd town ship according to the former vote and Coppel the Lotts by a Commettee Chosen for that Porpose

3 ly Chose Benj'a Bellows Esq Mr Joel Mathews and Mr Moses Wright a Commettee to Lay out sd Land In sd town and Coppel the Lotts

4 ly Chose Mr Mical Lovwell Mr Moses Wright and Mr Andrew Gardner a commettee to Lay out Hieways and See to the Clearing them.

5 ly Voted that the proprietors Clark Provide a book for the Records

6 ly Voted and Chose Benj'a Bellows Esq to Git ye Charter Renued and Lenthend out

7 ly Voted that Benjamin Bellows Esq'r and Samuell Wentworth Esq'r take twenty one Whole Rights or Shares att the South End of the town all to Joyne together

8 ly Voted that Mical Lovwell have Ninty acers of Land Set off by a Commettee Chosen for that porpos whare sd Lovwell has begun to Build a Mill upon Condition that sd Lovwell Buld and keep In good Repairs for the Space of fifteen years from ye date hereof a good Saw mill and Saw for the Proprietors of sd township att the Rate of the one half of the price on Marchantable Bords att ye mill or for the one half of sd Bords att the Choise of the Proprietors Voted that Mess Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Joel Mathews Moses Wright Sam<sup>l</sup> Burr and Thomas Stebens be a Commettee to Set of Said Land and to be done by the Last of October Next

Recorded Pr B Bellows Proprietors Clark.

att a Legall Meeting of the Proprietors of the township of Rockingham In the Province of Newhampshire Held att the house of Michal Lovwell In sd Rockingham on Tuesday the fourth day of August A D 1761

first Voted and Chose Benjamin Bellows Esqr Moderator

2 ly Voted that thare Should be Liborty for a Road through each Ninety acer Lott that is Layd out In Said town if Needed Not to be more then four Rod wide according to the Discretion of the Selectmen that may Lay out the Same

3 ly Voted that the Lott No. 1 In the 10 Range and 2 In the tenth & No 3 in ye 10 & No 4 In ye 10 & No 1 In ye Ninth Range & No 2 In ye 9th and No 3 In ye 9th be Set of for the two Rights, or Shares for ye Church and the Propagating of the Gospel In forarn parts as by charters Granted

4 ly Voted that ye 49 Rights Not yet Drawn be Drawn by Single Draught and was Drawn accordingly as by Entry made

5 Voted that Each man Take the land that Lyeth \* \* adjoining to thare Lott allredy Drawn for to make those forty five acer Lott without a Draught

6 ly Voted that the Lot No fifteen In the fifth Range be divided Into the One acer Lotts to Each Right or Share according to Charters also Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to Tusday the Eighteenth day of this Instant August att two of the Clock In the afternoon and it was adjourned accordingly to meet att this place

Aug ye 18th 1761 Being meat att time and place as above said by adjournment

Voted that the Ministers Meadow Lot be Let out by a Committee Chosen for that porpos and a Note be given for ye Use of the proprietary for the sum Voted that Mical Lovwell William Simond and Moses Wright be a Commettee to let out said Land and to Lay out the money arising In Clearing sd Lot according to thare Best Discretion ye Land Is to be Lett to the Hiest Bidder

Voted that Ebn<sup>r</sup> Lovwell and William Holden be Joyned to the former Commettee to See to the Laying out Some pieces of Land to Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows to make Good his three meadow Lotts that he was to pick thay Not being Coppled to his other Lotts

Voted that Mical Lovwell have the 15th Lott In the Six Range for his Incouragement for Building a Sawmill In said town and said Lovwell Is to give Bond to the Proprietors Treashuer for the faithful Compliance of the former Vote about said mill.

Voted that Benjamin Bellows draw twenty one Shairs as thay are planned being one whole right or Share In a Lott Lying att ye South side of ye town-ship.

Voted that all the Land In said town be Recorded to Each man by the Least (list) and plan Laid down.

Voted that Each proprietors Share In S<sup>d</sup> town pay ten Shilling Sterling money of Grate Britton for the Use of said proprietors for to pay the Charge of a Proprietors Book and for Recording said Land and the rest to be worked out att ye Roads In s<sup>d</sup> town

Voted that the Collectter be desired to Colect this sum with his former Rates yet behind

Voted to Dismiss ye meeting

B Bellows moderator

Recorded Pr B Bellows Proprietors Clark

Att a Legal meeting of the Proprietors of the Township of Rockingham held at the house of Mr. Michael Lovell in said Rockingham held on the Second Day of December 1761

1 ly Chose Benjamin Bellows Esq Moderator

2 ly Drew the Lotts in the Citydale Land according to the Plan and Entered the same to Each mans name

3 ly Appointed Mr. Joel Mathews a Committeeman with Mr. Moses Wright and Mr. Michael Lovell to Lay out Roads in said Town and Dis-missed Mr. Andrew Gardner and said Committee is to Lay out said Roads by Points of Compass where the Land will admit of it and Return the Plan of said Roads the next meeting in March for acceptance and see to the Clearing the same

Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Recorded by me

Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of Rockingham held at the house of Mr Michael Lovell in said Town on Wednesday the twenty Eighth Day of March A D 1764

1 ly Voted and Chose Benjamin Bellows Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

2 ly Voted to Benjamin Bellows five Shillings Sterling on Each Right to be paid out of the money Granted at the meeting held on the Eighteenth Day of August A D 1761 for his service in Buying the Book and Recording and for the Plan and for all his Service Done to this Day

3 ly Chose Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Esq and Capt John Church to Joyne With Mr Moses Wright and Mr Joel Mathews and Mr Michael Lovell to Finish Laying out the Roads in Said Town and to Settle all acts with those Persons that have Done Service in Laying out and Clearing said Roads

Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Esq Moderator

Recorded by me B Bellows Propr<sup>r</sup> Clark

The foregoing are the records of each meeting as they appear, and they are all that are shown to have been held. No mention is made anywhere of the proposed dissolution of

the organization of the proprietors. The commencing of the regular town meetings in March of 1761, as shown in the next chapter, placed the government of the town in the hands of the actual residents, and the necessity for the management of the proprietors ceased.

## CHAPTER VII.

### ORGANIZATION OF TOWN GOVERNMENT—PERMANENT SETTLEMENT—FIRST TOWN MEETINGS

For a few years previous to the last year or two covered by the records of the proprietors' meetings, given in the last chapter, there probably were no permanent residents within the limits of the township. The war between France and England was then raging, with Vermont an almost impassable wilderness between the two contending forces. Each employed savage tribes of Indians to commit the most horrible depredations upon their enemies and paid bounties upon scalps. This made the territory almost uninhabitable for some years after the granting of the charter by Governor Benning Wentworth.

During the last few years previous to the treaty of peace, which was dated February 10, 1763, and known as the "Treaty of Paris," the scenes of war and bloodshed had gradually crept northward upon French territory, and also changed to the sea and lakes. For these reasons this vicinity had become more safe to the English settlers.

There are no records to show how many actual residents there were within the borders of the town in 1761, when the town government was organized, but the records of the first meetings indicate that there were a number of families living here at that time. Neither is it known when the permanent settlements began, but it is probably safe to consider no settlers had been here more than two or three years.

From the date of the first meeting of the residents of the town, held upon the last Wednesday of March, 1761, there was a rapid influx of settlers and clearings were made in quick succession. In the year 1765 Michael Lovell and Benjamin Bellows declared that there were twenty-five families settled in the town, and in 1771 the first census was taken showing two hundred and twenty-five souls.



Especial interest centres in the records of the first few meetings of the infant municipality, telling as they do the story of the struggles and trials, successes and defeats, common to all pioneer undertakings. The town records are complete from the organization to the present time, the earlier books showing age and wear. This fact, together with the danger of destruction by fire, makes it wise to be liberal in quotations from them in this volume.

There is no call recorded for the first meeting, the record of which and the two following ones are copied complete to show the style of record and unique phraseology of those days. After these, only extracts showing acts of general importance are shown.

FIRST TOWN MEETING, LAST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH, 1761.

At an Anauall Meeting held in Rockingham on the Last wedensday of March 1761 and passed the following Votes Viz

first Voted that Missirus Anderew Gardner be Moderator To Govern said Meeting

2 ly Voted That Moses wright be Town Clerk the present Year

3 ly Voted that Missirus Andrew Gardner Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burr Moses Wright Be Select Men for the Year Ensuing

4 ly Voted that william Simonds be Constable the Year Ensuing

5 ly Voted that Mr Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burr be a tithing man ye Year Ensuing

6 ly Voted that Missirus Ammaziah wright William Simonds Be field Drivers ye present Year

7 ly Voted that Missirus Thomas Stebins william Simonds Be hogrieves ye present Year

8 ly Voted that Michael Lovell and Abner whipple be Dear Reaves for the year Ensuing

9 ly Voted that Thomas Stebins and william Simonds be Survayors for the Year Ensuing

10 ly Voted To Dismiss this Meeting

Andrew Gardner Modr

Moses Wright T C

WARNING FOR MEETING MARCH 30, 1762.

Province of ) To William Simonds Constable of the town of Rocking-  
Newhamphshire ) ham

You are hereby Required In his Majstys Name to warne all the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Rockingham that are Qualeified According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Now Dwelling house of mr Michael Lovells In Said Rockingham on ye 30th Day of March at Nine oClock in the fore Noon to Act on the following Arts Viz first To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

- 2 ly for the Choice of Town officers
  - 3 ly to See if the Town will Except of all or any of the Roads Laid out by the proprietors Committee
  - 4 ly to See if the Town will build a pound and where To Set it and Chuse a pound Keeper
  - 5 ly to See if the Town will build a Boat
  - 6 ly to see if the Town will buy Town Book
  - 7 ly to See if the town will Raise any Sum or Sums of money to Defray Town Charges
  - 8 ly to See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large under the Regulation of the Law
  - 9 ly to see what Methood ye proprietors will take In fencing the Lower Medow on Williams River
  - 10 ly to See if the Town will build a pound
  - 11 ly to See When the Creturs shall be Turned out of the Meddows hereof fail Not and Due Return make of Your Doings here In to me on or before ye 31 Day of March Next Given under my hand and Seal March ye -16-and in Second Year of his Majestys Reign Anno Domi 1762
- Moses Wright Town Clerk

According to the Instructions to Me Given In the Warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitence of the Town of Rockingham Qualefied by Law to Vote In town affairs by posting up a Trew Coppey of ye warrant at ye place uSally fourteen Days before S<sup>d</sup> meeting

March ye 31 1762.

William Simonds Constable

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 31, 1762.

Province of } At an Anaual Meeting of the free holders and other Inhabit-  
Newhamphshire } ents of the Town of Rockingham held on wednesday ye  
31 day of March A d 1762 and passed ye following Votes Viz

Voted on the first Article of the warrant of ye said meeting that Joel Mathews be Moderator to Govern Said Meeting

Voted on ye 2d Article first that Joel Mathews be Town Clerk

2 ly Voted that Joel Mathews oliver Lovell William Simonds be Select Men for the Year Ensuing

3 ly that Amasa Wright be Constable for the Year Ensuing

4 ly that Moses wright be Town Treasurer for the Year Ensuing

5 ly that thomas Stebins and William Simonds be Tithing men for ye Year Ensuing

6 ly that oliver Lovell william Simonds be field Drivers for the Year Ensuing

7 ly that David Sanderson & Jonathan Burr be hog Riefs for the Year Ensuing

8 ly that Thos Stebins Moses Wright Be Survayors of high ways for the Year Ensuing

Voted on the 4th article of the warrant first that the Town build a pound

2 ly that the pound be Set on william Simonds house Lott

3 ly that William Simonds be pound Keeper

Voted to Nulifie ye 5th article of the warrant

Voted on the 6th article that ye Town buy Town books for the records of Town to be pasted in

Voted on ye 7th Article that the Sum of Six pounds bay money be Raised In Said Town to Defray Nesesarey Charges le to build a Pound and buy Town books

2 ly that those that work on the pound shall be aloud 3s per Day

Votd on ye Eight Article that the Swine Run on the Commons under ye Regulation of the Law

Voted to Nulifie ye 9 and ye 10th article

Voted that this Meeting be Ajord<sup>d</sup> to the Last Wednesday of Aprill Next at 4 oClock after Noon to the house of Michael Lovels

Joel Mathews Moderator

at a Jornment of a Leagal and full meeting held on ye 31 of March 1762 to wedensday ye 28th of aprill the Same Year

Voted on the 3d Article first that the Roads be Excepted from Abner Whiples House Lott on the Rear of the medow as Described by the plan of the Same

2 ly that ye Road be Excepted from william River to Michael Lovell House Lott as described by the plan of the same

Voted on the Second article that Oliver Lovell be town Treasurer In the Room of moses wright and that abner whiple be Survayor In the Roome of moses Wright

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Joel Mathews modr

Joel Mathews Town Clerk

#### WARNING FOR MARCH 30, 1763.

Province of ) To Amasa wright Constable for ye Town of Rockingham  
Newhampshire ) Greeting You are hereby In his Majtys Name Required  
fourth with to warn and Notefie ye freeholders and other Inhabitence of  
Rockingham Qualefied by Law to Vote In town Affares that they meet and  
assemble at the Now Dwelling house of Mr Michael Lovells In Said Rock-  
ingham on wedensday ye 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant March at Nine oClock In  
the fore Noon to Act on the following Articles Viz first to Chuse a Moder-  
ator to Govern Said meeting

2 ly for the Choice of Town officers

3 ly to See if the town will Except of the pound that was built the Year Past and alow ye Account of those that built it also Chuse a pound Keeper

4 ly to see if the Town will Grant any money to hier preaching the Year Ensuing also to See if the town Grant money to Clear and mend the Roads in Said town and how much

5 ly to See if the town will Except of all or aney of the Road that are Laid out by the proprietors Committee In Said town

6 ly to see if the Town will a Low the Swine to Run on the Commons under the Regulation of the Law

hereof fail Not on Your periel and make Due Return of this warrant and of Your Doings herein unto me on or before the time of Said Meeting Given

under my hand and Seal this 14th Day of march A D 1763 and In the third Year of his Majtys Reign by order of the Select Men

Joel Mathews Town Clerk

according To the Instructions to Me In the within warrant Given I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitents Qualefied to Vote In town affairs that they meet at the time and place and purposes within Mentioned Rockingham

March ye 26 1763

per Amaiah wright

Constable

TOWN MEETING LAST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH, 1763.

Province of } At a Leagal and full Meeting of the freeholders and other  
Newhamphshire } Inhabitents of the Town of Rockingham held on ye Last  
wedensday of March 1763 passed the following Votes Viz first that Joel Mathews be moderator

2 ly that Joel Mathews Olr Lovell william Simonds be Selectmen for the Year Ensuing

3 ly that Tim<sup>o</sup> Lovell be Constable for the Year Ensuing

4 ly that abner Whipple be town Treasuror

5 ly that Tim<sup>o</sup> olcott abner Whipple be Tithing men

6 ly that W<sup>m</sup> Simonds and abner whipple be fence Viewers

7 ly that Thomas Stebins thomas walton be field Drivers

8 ly that William Simonds Joel Mathews be hog Reves

9 ly that Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis william Simonds be Dear Reaves

10 ly that Tim<sup>o</sup> Lovell Joel Mathews be Survayors

Voted on the 3rd Article

first that the pound be Excepted to be Sufficient and the accompts of those that build it Aloued

2 ly that William Simonds be pound Keeper

Voted on the 6<sup>th</sup> article that the Swine be shut up as by Law

Voted that this meeting ajorn<sup>d</sup> to the Last wedensday of april Next to the house of Michael Lovells to meet at four oClock in the after Noon

Joel Mathews Moderator

Apr<sup>l</sup> 27 1763 met at the Time and place apoynted agreable to the aJornment of Said meeting

Voted that this meeting stand further aJorn<sup>d</sup> to the first wedensday of June Next 4 oClock after Noon

Joel Mathews Modrators

Test Joel Mathews Town Clerk

The annual meeting held the last Wednesday of March, 1764, after the election of town officers, “Voted on ye 3rd. article of the warrant that the Road from Saxtons River mouth where it is Mark and Cleared as a publick Road till it Crosses williams River so far as the poynt of the hill by Mathews Stark (Stack or Stock ?) Yerd be Excepted”, and “Voted that ye Road be Excepted as a publick Road from W<sup>m</sup> Simonds house Lott as it is Now markt to Oliver Lovells house”. Also “that Each Inhabitent owning one Right

of Land In Said town work. 4-D-at the Roads and Such as own two Rights or More work Six Days and So In proportion those That own Less.”  
 “Voted that this meeting be ajorn<sup>d</sup> to the house of Michael Lovells at 6 oClock Meet at the Time and place appointed as above”. It was then voted that “the Swine be Shut up as by Law”.

The annual meeting held the last Wednesday of March, 1765, took the following action in addition to electing officers :

“Voted on ye 3<sup>d</sup> article of ye warrant that the Sum of fifteen Shillings be Rais<sup>d</sup> In S<sup>d</sup> Town to be Laid out In Laboure at the Roads from ye first of May to the Last of Sept and 1-6 p<sup>r</sup> Day for oxen and Six pence p<sup>r</sup> Day for a Cart

Voted on the 4th Article of the warrant that the Ministers Lott be Lett out to the highest Bidder and That ye price he Said Lott be Let at Shall be Laid out In Makeing and Mending Roads

Voted on the 5th Article of the warrant that the Swine Run on the Commons under the Regulation of the Law

Voted on ye 6th Article of the warrant that Nathan<sup>l</sup> Davis be pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing

Voted that the Sum of two pounds two Shillings and Nine pence the Sum that ye Ministers Lott was Let at be deducted out of ye Tax that shall be Laid on the Poles In S<sup>d</sup> Town”.

(There is no record of any meetings held between 1765 and 1769. The record of these two dates being upon the same leaf of Vol. 1 shows there are none lost. Here the record changes to the authority of the Province of New York and all subsequent meetings held until the formation of the state of Vermont, in 1777, acknowledged the authority of New York in a similar manner by the beginning of the record.)

“New York }  
 Cumberland } The first warrant for a Town Meeting after it fell into the  
 County } province of New York

These are to Notifye the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Rockingham to Meet and assemble at the Now Dwelling house of Mr Joseph woods on March ye 29 Day 1769 at Teen oClock In the fore Noon to act on the following Articles for to Chuse a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting

2 ly for ye Choice of Town officers

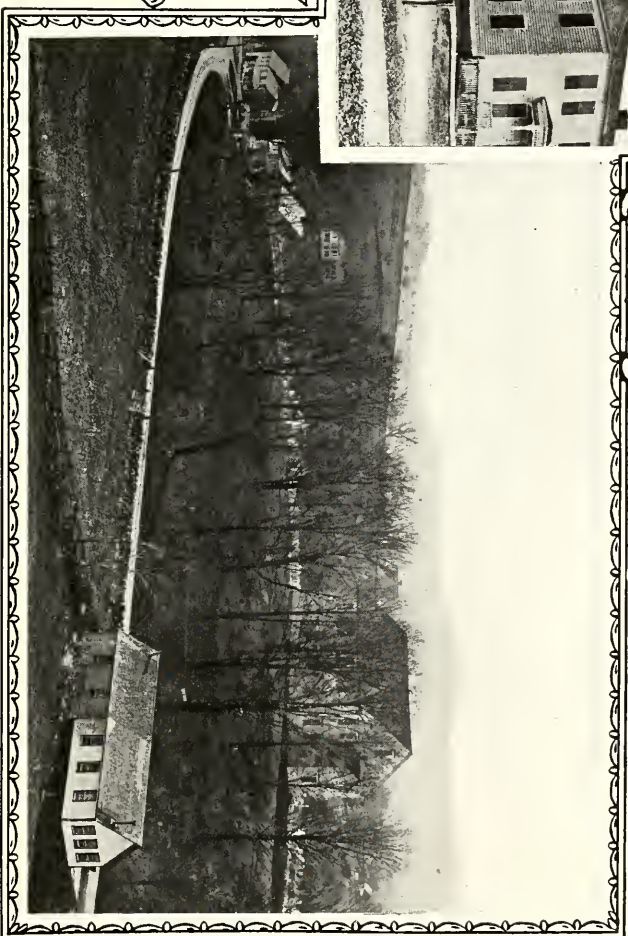
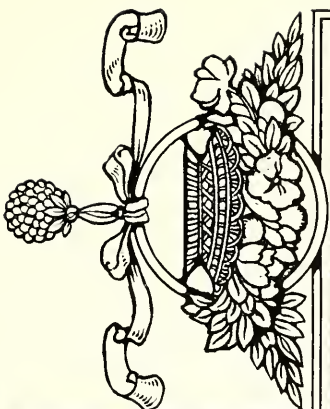
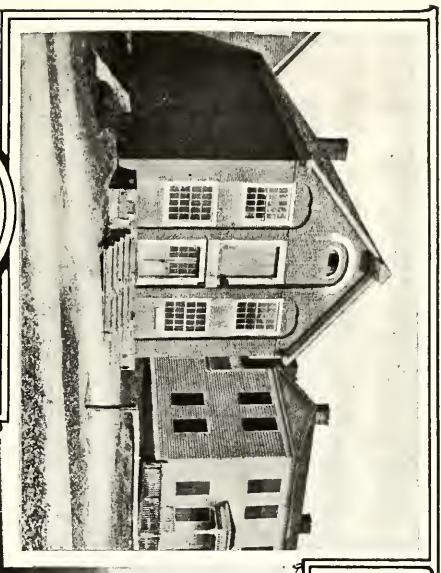
Moses Wright  
 Town Clerk

New York }  
 Cumberland } At a Legal and full Meeting of the freeholders and other  
 County } Inhabitents of the town of Rockingham held on ye Last  
 } Wednesday of March 1769 At the house of Mr Joseph woods  
 at Nine oClock In the fore Noon and passed ye following Votes Viz”. (No business was transacted at this meeting except the election of officers.)

During the year 1769 three special meetings of the town, and the annual meeting of March, 1770, were all held at the “Now Dwelling-house of Mr Joseph Woods”.



THE VILLAGE STORE.



VILLAGE AND MEETING-HOUSE,  
ROCKINGHAM, "OLD TOWN."





April 17th, 1769, the voters "passed In ye Negative" an article "to see if the Town will hier a Minister to preach with them the Summer Ensuing".

"4 ly Voted that a Pound be Made of Good hewd Timber 30 feet square and that it be finished by ye first Day of June Next and be set on Coll Bellows Lott near Mathews Stack (Stark or Stock?) Yards are

5 ly voted that Michael Lovell and Sam<sup>ll</sup> taylor be a committee to build Said Pound.

6 ly voted that philip Safford be pound Keeper

7 ly voted that William Simonds and oliver Lovell and John White and Sam<sup>ll</sup> Taylor Collect what is Due the town for the use of the Ministers Lott and pay out where the town is Indebted

8 ly voted that Michael Lovell buy Two books for the town and to take his pay out of what he owes the Town

9 ly voted that the town Raise the sum of 3-0-0 bay money 10 be paid in Laboure at 0-2-6 pr Day about the pound".

July 24, 1769, it was "Voted that all Strangers who Com to Inhabit In Said town being Not freeholders be warned out of town".

September 20, 1769, an article in the warrant "To see if the Town will Call the Committee to an account for Not Building ye pound which has bin Neglected," was passed "in ye negative," and it was "Voted and Chose Sam<sup>ll</sup> Taylor and Moses wright and Elias olcott to be a Committee to Let out the Ministers Lott for the Year Ensuing".

At the annual meeting the last Wednesday of March, 1770, the town voted to "Pass In the Negative" the proposition again made to censure the committee for not building a pound. Upon an article "to See if the Town will Agree to have their Annaual and other Town Meetings held Nearer the Center of ye Town," it was "Voted that ye Annaual and other town Meetings be held at the House of Mr. David pulsiphers".

This meeting was held, the same as for the past year, at the dwelling of Joseph Woods. David Pulsipher's house was the first tavern of the town, a log house located on the site of the present dwelling owned by N. L. Divoll, the next building north of the old church and cemetery in Rockingham village. The town meetings were all held in this log "Inn" until the town meeting house was first occupied, December 12, 1774, the designation being in each instance "Held at the House of David Pulsipher Innholder". An article "to See if the Town will aGree to have a burying place Laid out In sum Propper Place Near the Center of ye Town" was passed "In ye Negative". It was "Voted that Seventeen bushels of Indian Corn be Delivered to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Andrew Gardner by the over-Seers out of the Rent that Nath<sup>ll</sup> Davis owes the Town".

July 11, 1770, it was voted to "Disanull" the article "to See if the Town will agree on Sum Place for a Meeting House or Chuse a Committee for that End". It was "Voted To Disanull All the Votes for Raising Money for the Time Passed while under Newhampshire which was Not Raised", and also to "Disanull" the article "to see if the town will Except of all or any of the Privet Roads which have bin Laid out this Year".

At the annual meeting held March 28th, 1771, it was voted to "Disanull" the 5th article,— "to see if the town will Collect the Money which was

Voted to be Raised to build Said Pound the Year before Last or Vote more", and the vote was passed "that all and Every person within this Township that Improves Land that it be Made Good fence at Least four feet and a half high the poles or Rales of which the Same is Made to be So Near toGather that No Horse or Neat Cattle May Go through or under the Same and the meeting orders this to prevent Actions of Trespass". It was "Voted on ye Seventh Article of the warrant that the Town Desirs the past Survayors of highways to Render an account at the Next Meeting how they Discharged their Deauty as Survayors and particular how they have Disposed of the fines which they have Colected of those who ware Delinquent in Doing their work at the high ways." It was voted that the former committee, Capt. Lovell and Samuel Taylor. finish the pound, and the Rev. Andrew "Gardner have the use of ye Ministers Lott ye Year Ensuing".

At a special meeting held June 20, 1771, it was "Voted to build a Meeting house fifty five feet Long and forty five feet wide", and "Voted and Chose Missirus John hastings and Simeon olcott of Charlestown and Thomas Sparrhawk of Walepole to be a Committee to Say where the Meeting house Shall be Set". Also "Voted that there be a Committee of three men Chosen In Rockingham to Go After and with the other Committee to Vew the Town and Settlements both the present and the Land for the futer Settlements and Chose Moses Wright oliver Lovell and David Pulsipher to be the Committee".

At a meeting September 7, 1771, it was "Voted that the Town aLou oliver Lovell and Samll Taylers accompt In supporting ye Revd Mr Andrew Gardner and his wife from ye first of July to this Instant September ye 7th 1771 allso Voted that Tim<sup>o</sup> Lovell find a house three Months at five Shillings pr Month and if Tim<sup>o</sup> Lovell Moves his house in ye 3 Months he is to have Six Shilings pr month bay money—and Voted that Missirus oliver Lovell and Samll Taylor be ye Commitee To Support Mr Gardner and his wife ye 3 Months from the Date hereof".

The meeting of March 25, 1772, voted that "Moses wright be aLoud Eight Shilings bay money" for "Going after Mr hardin when he preacht In Rockingham", and the article "to See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large being Yoked and Ringed" was "disannuled".

The record of the meeting May 19, 1772, commences as follows :

" New York     } by order of the Govener and privey Counsill that the Towns  
 Cumberland    } formerly Granted by the Govener of New Hampshire Should  
 County         } be Laid Into Destricts and that our Annauall Meetings  
 Should be held on ye third Tuesday in May and the Meeting is as follows—At  
 An anauell Meeting held on Tuesday ye 19 Day of May 1772 at the house  
 of David Pulsiphers Innholder at Nine oClock In ye foreNoon and Passed  
 the following Votes"—No business was transacted except election of officers.

September 2, 1772, it was "Voted to Build a bridge over Williams River and Chose Missirus peter Evens William Simonds and Joseph woods to be a Committee to build a bridge over Williams River and to provide Timber and plank and all Nessecreies to Comple Said bridge and to Go with the Commissioners to See wheare the bridge Shall be Made".

April 23, 1772, it was voted that "the Place ye Committee Chose for a

Meeting house be Null and Void and of None Effect and Voted that the Meeting house be Set on the hill West of David Pulsiphers house about thirty or forty Rods".

May 18, 1773, it was "Voted on ye 3rd article of the warrant that any person or persons being Chose into Town office pay a fine of Two pounds this province money In Case they Refuse to Serve", and "Voted on ye 4th article of the warrant that the book bought be Sufficient to Record the Records of ye Town both Births and Deaths and any other thing found beneficial to Said town".

August 25, 1773, it was "Voted to Build a Small house 35 feet Long and 25 feet wide and to Set Said house at the End of David pulsiphers Grass wheare the Committee think proper for a meeting house till the town be able "to Build a Larger", and that "peter Evens Junr Samuel Tayler John Lovell to Be a Committee to Build Said House". The 5th article of the warrant for this meeting was "Disanulled". It was "to See if the Town will fulfill their aGreement with the widow Swane and Secure to her the Road or as much Land of the Same Lott as the Town Took for the Road ye West Side of her Lott and to have the Road opened or passable for people from Deacon Evans house Down to the Great River where Kingsley once lived".

November 24, 1773, it was voted to "Raise forty pounds York money to Defray the Charges of Building a meeting house", and "Voted Two Shillings and Nine pence York money per Day this winter and three Shillings and Six pence York money per Day In the Spring and one Shilling and Six pence Like money pr Day for Cattle this winter and In the spring Two Shillings pr Day for Cattle".

In May, 1774, it was voted that "all and Every person within this town-ship that Improves Lands that it Be made Good fence at Least four feet and a half high the poles or Rails of which the Same made to be so Near toGether that No Horse or Neat Cattle may Go through under the Same and the meeting orders this to prevent action of Trespass". It was also voted that "any person or persons Refuses to Serve In the office In which they are Chosen that they pay a fine of two pounds York money".

Here comes the first action of the town referring to the coming Revolution.

"At a full meeting held in the Destrict of Rockingham In the County of Cumberland and Province of New York on the Thirteenth Day of Sept 1774 thought themselves bound in Deauty to Return Sum answer to the Gentlemen Committee of Correspondence who have Sum months Ago Sent to us to Know our minds In and a bout the afare of moveing In the Common Cause of Assisting our Suffering Brethering In the Town of Boston we Being Impossed upon by the Letters being Kept Back But Now heareing the Import of sd Letters from the New York Committee of Correspondence Do Act and Vote as follows Viz Voted on the Second article of the warrant that oliver Lovell Esqr Mr Reuben Jones & Leut Jonathan Burt Be a Committee of Corrospondence to Corrospond with the other Committees of this province and that the town Clerk Record the above Votes In the town Book of Records and Deliver a True Coppey of the Same to the above Committee".

September 26, 1774, it was voted that "oliver Lovell Esqr Leut Jonathan Burt Leut peter Evens be Trustees to Build the Meeting House which was

Voted to Be Bilt Last Year". They took further action regarding the coming storm of Revolution as follows: "Voted on the same article of the warrant that the Committee of Corrospondence meet with the other Committees of Corrospondence In other towns and that the above Committee Send Sirculer Letters to the towns In the County Relative to their Late perseadings".

October 19, 1774, the following unique vote was passed. "Voted that the meeting house be Sot on the Hill which is Now In building and that this meeting house be added to the wedth five feet and one feet and ten inches In the height and Voted that the trustees find four Galonds of Rum to Raise and frame Said house".

November 22, 1774, the town "Voted and Chose Reuben Jones Ebenezer fuller Joseph wood Diligates to Joyne the Convention at westminster ye 30 of November Instant to Consider the State of the County the Inconvenancy the Inhabitants are under in Respect of Colecting their Deus In a Neighboring Province and to advise to Such Measurs as shall be thought Expedent on Said Day" and that "the above Delegates Make a Return of their Perseading". Also "Voted that Mr Reuben Jones and Leut Jonathan Burrtt who ware a Committee of Corrospondence be Excused for thier NonAppearence with other Committies at Westminster".

December 8, 1774, "Voted to Except of the Resolves of the County Congress". The article "to Chuse a Committee of Inspection to Stand In town to See if all persons will pay a Strict adherence to the Resolves of the Grand America in Congress held in philadelphia" was "voted In the Negative".

December 12, 1774, town meeting was held for the first time in the newly erected meeting-house, and it was "Voted that the meeting house be Excepted and the Committees accompts be aLoued" also that "there be a Roe of Wall Pews Round the meeting house and Eight pews In the middle and three Seets Each side the Alley Next the pulpit" and "Every one who Draws a wale Pew Shall Seal up to the flore and Glase the windows aGainst Each of their pews and Do it on their own Cost and all the pews Likewise". "Voted that those who Draws the pews shall draw them aCording to their own Ratable Estates and not on any Leased Lands or Estates". "Voted to Raise the Sum of Teen pounds York Money to be paid in Grane and Laboure". "Voted that the owners of the pews make and finish Said pews by September Next and if any be Neglected and Not Done or finisht they shall forfeit them and they Shall be the towne property". "Voted and Chose oliver Lovell Esqr and Ensign peter Evens and Leut Jonathan burtt Trustees to Expend the money which is Voted to be Raised In and about the meeting house". In the record of this meeting occurs the first reference to any action of the town regarding schools. An article in the warrant was "to see if the Town is willing to hier a School Master to Teach our Childering three Months this Winter and to Chuse a Committee for that purpose and to See if the town will Raise any Sum of money or Grane for that purpos", and it was "Voted in the Negative".

February 6th, 1775, the town "Voted and Chose Leut Moses Wright to Go to Westminster to Joyne the other Dilagates which are to meet at Westminster ye Seventh Day of this Instant february at Ten oClock In the fore Noon".

May 22, 1775, it was "voted and Chose Leut moses wright and Missirus



Joseph wood Dilagates to Go to westminster the Sixth Day of June Next to Act in behalf of the County".

July 18, 1775, "Voted and Chose Leut mosés wright and Joseph wood and William Simonds and oliver Lovell Esqr and Ebenezer fuller Committee of Inspection". On an article of the warrant "to see if the town will make a New Choice of milliterey officers" they "Chose Joseph wood Capt & Charles Richards Leut and Isac Stoel Insign".

November 13, 1775, "Voted and chose Lt mosés wright and oliver Lovell Esqr and Mr Ebenezer fuller Dilagats to Send to Westminster In order to form a New Congress and to Set there with the other Dilagats the twenty first Day of November Instant". "Voted to Carrey In the Valuation of Rockingham Invoice" and "Voted that the Dilagats Examine Into the Cause why the Valuation is Required and if any Damage Should appear to y<sup>e</sup> town In Sending In the above Valuation they are not to Give it In".

December 18, 1775, at a meeting held at the "house of Jehiel Webb Innholder" it was "Voted Not to Send any Dilagates to New York Nor to Westminster on the first tuesday of January Next".

January 9, 1776, they chose Ebenezer Fuller and William Simonds a "Committee to Send to Westminster to Joyn the other Committees or members which may meet on a Generall Call of the Chareman of the County".

February 26, 1776, it was "Voted and Excepted the performances of Mr. Ebr fuller and William Simonds to Westminster and William Simonds to Brattleboro".

May 6, 1776, they "Voted to Send two Dilagats to New York" and "Voted and Chose Salvanus titus Captain and peter Evens Leut and Samuell taylor and Charles Richards Insign".

May 21, 1776, "Voted that the Swine Run on the Commons under the Regulations of the bay province being Yoked and Ringed and if they Do any Damage they are to be Shet up Immeadately".

(Incorporated here, as a part of the record of this town meeting, are the following two records of meetings of the Cumberland County Committee of Inspection, the legislative and judicial body for Revolutionary days.)

"Cumberland } at a meeting held in Rockingham Consisting of five of the  
County } Committee of Inspection of Said Rockingham and three  
Gent<sup>m</sup> Committees of three Neighbouring towns Viz Westminster Chester  
and Springfield held at the house of Mr Jehial Webs In s<sup>d</sup> Rockingham y<sup>e</sup> 8th  
Day of September 1775 and passed to business

First Voted and Chose Lt mosés Wright Chareman

2 ly Voted and Chose William Simonds Clerk

3 ly we Do Resolve on the following Method as haveing Receid No Rules at present that if any outRages are Committed In Said town by any person or persons In Said town any one of us will Give out a warrant and Cause the fenders to com before the whool or the Major part of us for Tryal

2 ly if any shall Speak anything that is Enemical to the Common Cause or aGainst the Committee or aGainst the Congress we will cause Such



offenders to be Brought before us and Deal with them according to their Crimes

Moses Wright	} Committee
William Simonds	
Ebenezer Fuller	
oliver Lovell	
Joseph wood	

Cumberland } at a meeting of the Committee of Inspection held In Rocking  
County } ham the Eighteenth Day of Sept 1776 at the house of Mr  
Jehial webs Inholder and passed to business first

Voted and Chose Moses Wright Chareman

2 ly Chose William Simonds Clerk

3 ly Voted that Mr Jeshua Webb of Westminster Set with the other  
Gent<sup>m</sup> who were Sent by the County Committee for to Judge and Determine  
a Case Depending between Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis and timothy Lovell pl<sup>ts</sup> and Nath<sup>l</sup>  
Bennitt Defendent

4 ly Voted that Cop<sup>r</sup> Elias olcott be Dismist from keeping the prisoners

5 ly Voted that Mr Isac Stoel take Into his Costody the prisoners till  
tomorrow morning Eight oClock

6 ly Voted to Adjorn till tomorrow morning Eight oClock

Meet according to adjournment and opened the meeting

7 ly Voted to Adjorn this meeting to one oClock In the afterNoon

Meet According to Adjournment and the meeting opened

Eigly Voted Liberty for Coll Barrott to Return home

Ninthly Voted as the opinion of this Committee that Nath<sup>l</sup> Bennitt  
procure Bondsmen of one hundred pounds Sterling for his Good behaveor  
whilst he the Said bennitt Stays In the County or Emmeadeatly to Depart  
out of Said County and if he should Return he to be Committed to the  
Common Goal and to Receive Corproll punishment and to pay Cost as  
Aloud

10 ly Voted that the three Gentlemen from the Neighbouring Towns be  
aloud two Dollers Each for their Good Service Exclusive of the Expenses  
also one Dolor for Mr Joshua webs Good Service In this meeting

11 ly Voted that the Evidences have pay for their attendance but the  
officers and his attendance be paid and the Committee to be paid their  
Demand and Cost

12 ly Voted this meeting be Disolved Moses Wright Chareman

At a meeting held In Rockingham August ye 5th 1776 to See if the Town  
wod Raise any Money as a bounty for the men that ware to Go Into the Warr

First Voted and Chose Moses Wright Moderator to Govern sd Meeting

2 ly Voted Not to Raise any money as a bounty for those who ware to  
Go into the Warr

3 ly Voted to Dismiss this meeting

William Simonds Clerk  
Moses Wright Mod<sup>r</sup>

Cumberland } at a Legall and full meeting of the freeholders and other  
County } Inhabitents of the town of Rockingham Meet and assembled  
on the 26th Day of august 1776 at our meeting house and passed the follow-  
ing Votes Viz

first Voted and Chose oliver Lovell Esqr Moderator to Govern<sup>sd</sup> meet-  
ing

2 ly when Doctor Reuben Jones had Exhibited the papers In his hands  
which Contained the Substance of a petition Sent to the honourable Con-  
tinental Congress by a Nomber of Dilligats of a Generall Convention  
assembled at Dorsit on the 16 and 17th Day of January 1776 and also the  
Extraits of the Votes and preadings of a Generall Convention held at  
Dorsit on the 24th of July 1776 toGather with an asocation published by sd  
Convention the Same was taken Into Consideration and after Deliberating

3 ly Voted to associate with the Inhabitants of that Destrict of Land  
Commonly Called and known by the Name of the Newhampshire Grants  
Desendents onely two

Voted to Send two Dillagats to the Convention at Dorsit

4 ly Voted and Chose Docter Reuben Jones and Lt Moses Wright  
Dillagats to Joyne the Convention at Dorsit ye 25th Day of Sept<sup>m</sup> Next

5 ly Voted and Chose a Committee to Make a Draught for Instructions  
for the Dillagats and to make Report to the town of their Instructions

6 ly Voted and Chose Major oliver Lovell and Leut peter Evens Junr  
and Missirus Colbon preston be the above Committee

7 ly Voted and Excepted the Report of the above Committee which are  
as follows the Dillagats are to use their best Influence In Said Convention  
that proper Measurs be taken to Git that Destrect of Land Commonly Called  
and known by the Name of the Newhampshire Grants formed and Incorporated  
Into a Separate Destrict or State and to act on any other or thing that  
Shall be thought proper by Said Convention when meet

Voted on the 4th article of the warrant Not to Send any men Into the  
warr by being prest and without a Bounty

9 ly Voted Not to hold a fast under the proclamatian Issued by the Con-  
vention of the State of New York on the 27th Day of August

10 ly Voted to Dismiss this meeting William Simonds Town Clerk  
Major oliver Lovell Moderator

Cumberland } at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Rock-  
County } ingham meet at our meeting house on the 20Day of Sept  
Instant 1776 at Two oClock In the afterNoon and passed the following Votes  
Viz

first Voted and Chose Lt Moses Wright Moderator to Govern Sd  
Meeting

2 ly Voted on the Second article of the warrant Not to Dismiss the  
present Committee of Inspection but to add more members to it and to  
Regulate the Same and that the Committee of Safety of Rock<sup>m</sup> act with the  
Comm<sup>ts</sup> of Inspection

3 ly Voted on the Same article and Chose Lt mosess Wright and Missirus  
Colborn preston and Leut Sam<sup>l</sup> Tayler Committes of Inspection and Voted

on the Same article of the Warrant Not to have the Small pox Set up here by anocklation at present

4 ly Voted to Dismiss this Meeting

William Simonds T-C

by Leave of the

Committee and

Inhabitants

Memerandom Docter Stevens Requested that he

might be permitted to bring Into Latons house 4 or 5

who ware anoculated till they ware Got well—the Same

was Complied with by giving bonds for his Good Conduct In the affare”

October 17, 1776, it was,—

“Voted and Resolved that the Small pox be Not Brought Into this town by Inoculation Nor any Other way if possible Can be prevented

Voted to pay Major oliver Lovell forty Shillings which he Lent to the County and to have that some added to the Rate formerly Voted for Defraying the Charges of the wife of Jonathan White Deseased and her Children and to Colect the Some with that Rate that Said Lovell may have his money”

September 2, 1776, the action was,—

“5 ly Voted and protested against our Dillagats Going to New York and their further Proseading as representatives of the County

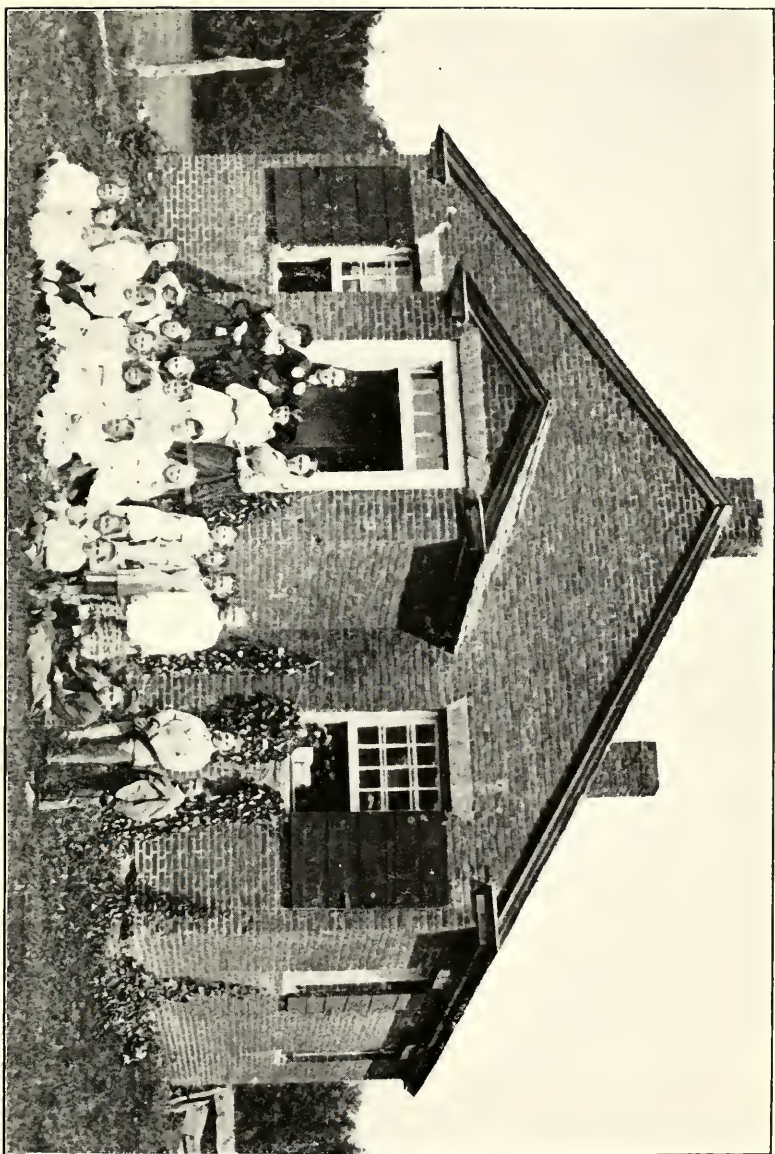
6 ly Voted and Chose a Sub Committee to Draught a Protest against our Dillagats at New York and their further proseadings for ye County

7 ly Voted Docter Reuben Jones and Mr Colburn preston be the above Committee and to make Report thereon to the town

8 ly Voted and Excepted the Report of the above Committee—which is as follows The Town having taken Into Consideration the State and Situation of this County and the manner that our Dillagats ware Chosen to Represent this County at the State of New York we think that they were not properly Elected to Represent the people of this county at Large and when we Veu the pamphlet from the State of New York Dedicated to this County and their Veu the Declaration the Dillagats afforesaid have made that they have full and unrestrained power of forming a Government and further as Dillagats for the County they fully acknowledge the Juresdiction of New York over this County and its Inhabitants and when we further Veu a Resolution of the provential Congress of the Second Day of August ulto which will take the whool of our Interest and when we Consider our Dillagats we Veu them as Dangros men to Transact our political affares for us and whereas we have anter Seedantly Chose Dillagats to Joyne In General Convention held on that Destrict of Land Commonly called and known by the Name of the Newhampshire Grants we Do therefore Enter our Protest aGainst the afforesaid Dillagats Setting In Convention with the State of New York or any others In their place Except Such as shall be Elected or Recommended by the General Convention afforesaid—and we further add that if the afforesaid Dillagats Do Set In Convention for the State of New York we Shall Not hold ourSelves bound by their proseadings

9 ly Voted that there be a Committee Chose to Draught or Draw a Protest In Good form and to See that it be Sent to New York

11 ly Voted and Chose Docter Reuben Jones and Mr Colborn preston the above Committee



BEAVER DAM SCHOOL BUILDING.  
Located South of Saxtons River Village.





12 ly Voted on the 3<sup>d</sup> article of the warrant to Chuse two men for a County Committee

13 ly Voted and Chose William Simonds and Dr Reuben Jones the above Committee

14 ly Voted Not to pay any Regard to the Rate Lately made to Defray the Charges of Jonathan Whites family till the aCompts be first Laid before the town and Excepted

15 ly Voted and Chose Doctor Reuben Jones and Mr Woods a Committee to Notifie the assessors of the above Vote

16 ly Voted to Dismiss this meeting Wm Simonds Town Clerk  
Colborn Preston Moderator

Newhampshire } at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of  
Grants **Alias** } Rockingh<sup>m</sup> held at our meeting house the-13-of febu-  
New Connecticut } ary 1777 at one oclock In the afterNoon and adjorn<sup>d</sup> to  
the house of the widow pulsiphers Inholder and meet According to Adjorn-  
ment and passed the following votes

first Chose moses wright Moderator

2 ly Voted to Send Some meet person to Represent the town in the General Convention to be held at Cephus Kents In Dorsit the 19-of february Current

3 ly Voted and Chose Lt moses Wright to Represent this town In General Convention at Cephus Kents In Dorsit

4 ly Voted to Do our Equal perportion In maintaining and Suporting the Just War In america

5 ly Voted to Dismiss the present Committee of Inspection and Chose a new

6 ly Voted and Chose William Simonds Colborn preston Joseph wood Jehial Webb Lt Peter Evens Jun<sup>r</sup> Lt Moses Wright Jonathan Bur Committee of Inspection for the town of Rockingham

7 ly Voted to Dismiss this meeting William Simonds Town Clerk  
Moses Wright Moderator

Those who acted in the above meeting and them that turned out their Caps for the above Dillagate for Dorsit as his Expenses

Ezra Whittney . . . . .	o	3	4
Capt Salvanus titus			
Colbern preston . . . . .	o	4	o
Isac Stoel			
Joseph Wood . . . . .	o	4	o
Nathan Wright			
Joseph Burr			
Tim <sup>o</sup> Walker . . . . .	o	3	o
Wm Stern . . . . .	o	3	o
Wm Simonds . . . . .	o	3	o
Lt Peter Evens Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	o	4	o
Jehial Web . . . . .	o	4	o
<del>Cornelius Baker . . . . .</del>	<del>o</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>o</del>



Jonathan fuller . . . . .	o	1	0
John fuller . . . . .	o	1	o
oliver Lovell Esqr . . . . .	o	3	o

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Those that fetcht the Lead and flint their Demains

Leut Richards . . . . .	6	o
Capt Wood . . . . .	6	o
Ebenr fuller . . . . .	6	o

In the warning for a town meeting, March 10th, 1777, was the following article:—

“ 2 ly to See if the Inhabitants of Said Rockingham has a mind to make a Bank of money In the Newhampshire Grants or New Conneticut as an additional Bounty Towards Raising Coll Warners Rigt also to Defray other Necessarey Charges In Said New Connecticut Said Bank to Consist of Ten thousand pounds Lawfull money of the State of the massachusets Bay which was agreed to by the Late Convention held at Dorsit which being left to the Consideration of the people at large or Said Grants till the Nintenth of March Next to Determine the affare and to act on any other Business the Town In their Wisdom Shall think proper When Meet

The action of the meeting was as follows,— “ Voted on the 2d article of the warrant to omitt making a Bank of Money In the Newhampshire Grants until we have a Return from the Contant<sup>ll</sup> Congress and be Accepted there as a New State”

Following this is a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Windsor convention, June 4, 1777, calling a constitutional convention for July 2, 1777, at which the state of Vermont was formed. Delegates to this convention were chosen at the following town meeting, June 23, 1777. It was :

“ 3 ly Voted to Receive thea Minition of the Committee powder Lead and flint Sent from the State of New York

4 ly Voted that the Town Committee keep the powder Lead and flint

5 ly Voted to Give the Committee Instructions for Dealing out the powder Lead and flint

6 ly Voted that there be a Committee to Give Instructions to the Town Committee how to Deal out the powder Lead and flint

7 ly Voted and Chose Lt Sam<sup>ll</sup> Tayler Colborn Preston Jehial Webb the above Committee

8 ly Voted and Excepted the Report of the above Committee which is as follows—it is the opinion of this Committee the Chairman of the town Committee fourth with Deal out one pound of Lead to Every man that has Taken the Oath of Alegency to be True to the united States of America, one Pound of Lead and Half a pound of Powder on the first Alaramto Each man that marches to Defend his Contrey

9 ly Voted to Send Two Dillagates to windsor to Joyn the Convention there

10 ly Voted and Chose Mr Joshua Webb and Doctor Reuben Jones Dillgats for Windsor"

Immediately following the record of the above meeting of June 23, 1777, and evidently made at the same time and place, are the following entries :

You Sware by the Ever Living God that you will to the Utt-most of your Power Defend the americain Liberties against british Tyrony and all oppression of the americain State and that you will Stand Ready to assist her In Every thing that shall tend to the peace happiness and well being of Your Country according to the best of Your Skill and Understanding—So Help You God

Charles Richards	Josiah White	} All those Inroted on the Left hand personally appeared on ye Twenty third Day of this Instant June 1777 and took the oath of fidelity to be true to the united States of america
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Richardson	philip Safford	
James How	John Whittney	
Elisha Knights	W <sup>m</sup> Sterns	
fairbanks Moore Jur	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Taylor	
benj <sup>m</sup> Larrabee	James Campbell	
Thos Dutton	Elias Olcott	
Elijah Knights	Jonathan Burt	
Jeheal Webb	Josiah Read	
Ebenezer fuller Jr	Elisha Walker	
Levi Davis	Isaac Read	
John Lovell	Elijah Lovell	
Eli Evens	Asa White	
Salvanus Kingsley	John fuller	
Peter Evens Jr	oliver Lovell	Sworn before me } Chair- W <sup>m</sup> Simonds } man

You sware by the Name of the Ever Living God that you will be true and faithfull to the United States of america as free and Independent Stats and In all things Do Your Deauty as a faithfull Subject of said State in Supporting the Rights, Liberties and privileges of the Same — So help You God

Mathew Lain	} June ye Twenty third 1777 then those Inroted on the Left hand personally appeared and took the oath of fidelity to be tr to the united Stats of america
Ebenezer Allbee	
John Whittney	
Tim <sup>o</sup> Clark	

Sworn before me W<sup>m</sup> Simonds } Chairman

I Do Solemly Sware by the Everliving God (or affirm in presence of almighty God) that I will be true and faithfull to the State of Vermont and that I will Not Dierectly or in Dierectly Do any act or thing Prejudicial or Injurious to the Constitution or Government thereof as Established by Convention.

State of Vermont June 1777 the Names of those who have Taken the Oath of Alegance or affirmation formed by the Late Convention held at windsor In the above State.

Wm Simonds	John Titus	Dr Reuben Jones
Joseph wood	Timo Walker	fairbanks moor
Jonathan Burr	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Bentley	Thos Dutton
Colburn Preston	Ebr fuller	Silas Dutton
Joshua Webb	John Pulsipher	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Burr
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Davis	Gardner Simonds	John Baker
Isac Stael	David Pulsipher	John Archer

The numerous subsequent meetings in the year 1777 seem to have been principally concerned with the question of committees of safety. September 8th, they voted "to Dismiss the Present Committee of Safety and have None." A special meeting called for September 15th to reconsider the vote of September 8th and have a committee, voted not to reconsider, while another meeting called for the 18th of the same month decided to have a committee consisting of seven men, electing Moses Wright, Peter Evans, Jr., Jehial Webb, Isaac Read, Ebenezer Fuller, Timothy Clark and Oliver ——— as the committee. Some question arose as to the legality of this meeting on account of the shortness of the call and the following are recorded: "All that would act in the above Meeting Asher Evans Elias olcott albee Glayzer p Evens Jr N<sup>ll</sup> Davis Jr Jon<sup>th</sup> Burt S Kingsley John Whitney Josiah White Jeh<sup>ll</sup> Web M<sup>r</sup> Line Eb<sup>r</sup> fuller Jon<sup>th</sup> fuller J fuller Nathan Wright Nathan arll Jr Isaac Read fredrick Read Isaac Read Jr". The warning for a meeting to be held December 22, 1777, had this article only, "to See if the town will Dismiss the Present Committee Now In Rockingham for any Infection the town will think is in Said Committee and Chuse an other In their Room". The record of the meeting shows it was "Voted to Dismiss the Present Committee of Safety," and did not choose "an other", while upon another page is a record under the same date that the meeting "voted to Chuse a New Committee of Safety", and "Voted and Chose moses wright Joshua web Ebenezer

fuller peter Evens Jr Jehial web John Lovell Isaac Reed the above Committee".

Up to this time the town and county committees, in conjunction with the committees of safety of the "New Hampshire Grants," had been the entire government, legislative and judicial, in the absence of any other organized form of government. The record of the next meeting, March 3, 1778, acknowledges the formation of the state of Vermont and "Voted and Chose Missirus Joshua Webb Doct Reuben Jones to Represent the Town of Rockingham In the General assembly of this State for the Year Ensuing", it being for the first legislature held by Vermont. Also "Voted Unanimously and Excepted the Constitution". After that record is the following list of "The Number of persons of those that Took oath agreeable to the Constitution":

Ebenezer fuller	Sam <sup>l</sup> Richardson	Lemuel Sargent
Joshua Webb	W <sup>m</sup> Simonds	—— Nichols
Colburn Preston	Lt Charles Richard	Tim <sup>o</sup> Glousen
Reuben Jones	John Whittney	Benj <sup>m</sup> Larrabee
Joseph Wood	Nathanel whitcomb	David Stoel
Josiah White	Jonathan White	Jonathan holten
Nath <sup>l</sup> Davis	John pulsipher	<u>Elisha Gustin</u> ✓
Elijah Knight	Elisha Knight	Levi Davis
abener Wright	fairbank Moore	Luke Hitchcock Jur
Sam <sup>l</sup> Burr	Nathan Earll	John Roundye
Tim <sup>o</sup> Walker	Ezra Whittney	John Roundye Jur
philip Safford	W <sup>m</sup> Sterns	<u>Syr Gusting</u> ✓
Tim <sup>o</sup> Clark	John Titus	

April 9, 1778, Rockingham voted "to Unite with the Newhampshire Grants on the East Side of Connecticut River," and various actions were taken upon seven sections of the proposed constitution uniting towns upon the east and west sides of the Connecticut.

June 16, 1779, "the Meeting opened and the Book of the Law Read and published in S<sup>d</sup> Meeting Voted to Chuse a Committee to Say where the Books Should Be Kept Voted and Chose Joseph wood Colburn preston Josiah White their reportt that William Simonds Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis Joshua Web Esqr Reubens Esqr Leut Jonathan Holton to Keep the books of the Law".

In the record of the annual meeting of 1780, the 20th article as acted upon was as follows: "Voted that any Community being minded to build a School house be permitted to build a School house in the highway Not Infringing or Damaging the Same".

The annual meeting of 1781:

"Voted to Let the Hogs Run at Large being well Yoked and Ringd

Voted that any mans Yard be Sufficient for a Pound the year Ensuing  
Voted to Except of the union East of Conneticut River"

A meeting held the last Tuesday of March 1781 :

" Voted on the Second Article of the Warrant to Raise the 13 men Sent for to Guard the fronteers the Insuing Summer by a Rate Equally assest on the Poles and Estats according to Law"

March 25, 1782, it was "Voted to Raise Six able Bodied men for to Guard the fronteers"

Voted to Class the Town in Six parts—Voted to Chuse a Committee of Three men to assist the Selectmen in Classing the Town — — first Chose Jon<sup>th</sup> Burr<sup>t</sup> Lemuel Sargents and John Lovell the above Committee

Voted to Inrole all Those who was Not in the Common List

August 26, 1782.—Voted on the Second Article of the warrant to wait Till Coll Bradley returnd from the Superor Cortt Respecting Sending the men out into the Service

Voted to build Two Bridges over Williams River at Bellowses Mills the other Near the ford way as we pass to Decon Evans or the upper meadow

July 12, 1784.

On the second article " to see if the Town are willing to postpone paying the fine laid on the people for not Sending their Soldiers into the Service untill a petition can be laid before the general assembly for that Purpose", an affirmative vote was passed.

The third article of the warrant " to see if the Town are willing to Chuse Deligates to Sett in a county convention which is now aforming in order to petition the general assembly that they will metigate the cost of Government so that the inhabitants may not be obliged to give up all their intrest in less than Seven years from the Existants of Vermont". was " voted in the negative".

The following upon page 70 of Volume I. is the first list of citizens recorded. It is not dated, but its place in the records indicates that it was begun by Wm. Simonds, town clerk, in 1781, and continued by successive town clerks :

State of Vermont	}	The freemens Role	
Windham County			
Joshua Webb, Esqr		Tim <sup>o</sup> Walker	John Pulsipher
Ebenezer fuller		philip Safford	Elisha Knights
Colbourn Preston		Tim <sup>o</sup> Clark	Nathan arll
Joseph Wood		W <sup>m</sup> Simonds	Ezra Whittney
Josiah White		Charles Richard	W <sup>m</sup> Sterns
Nath <sup>l</sup> Davis		John Whittney	Amasa Colborn
Elijah Knights		Nath <sup>l</sup> Whitcomb	Charles Richards Jur
Sam <sup>l</sup> Burr		Jonathan White	John Titus

Lem <sup>ll</sup> Sargents	Joseph Dutton	Reuben bingham
Timo <sup>o</sup> Glossen	David Sanders	Jacob Benton
David Stoel	Thomas butterfield	Job Larkum
Jonathan Holton	Benj Gould	John Starns
✓ Elisha Gusting ✓	Isaac Reed, Jur	Alex <sup>r</sup> Campbell
Levi Davis	peter Evens, Jur	Jacob Adams
Luke hitchcock, Jur	John Borling	Isaac Johnson
John Roundye, Jur	Stephen himes	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Berry
John Roundye	William hazelton	Robert Delop
✓ Sam <sup>ll</sup> Gusting ✓	Cornelius Dunfee	Isiah Edson
John harwood	John fuller	Adam Caldwell
Cornielious Baker	Elias Olcott	Elijah Goodale
Ebenezer Clark	Enos Lovell	Moses Marsh, Jr
John Wait	John Archer	Jonathan Wheelock
W <sup>m</sup> Sterns	Daniel Edson	Benjamin Johnson
Ebenezer pulsipher	John Stroud	Joel Chamberlin
Uriah Roundye	William Thayer	John Cooper
W <sup>m</sup> Glazer	Sam <sup>l</sup> Cutler	Daniel Bigsbee
✓ Josiah Gusting ✓	Luther Webb	Charls Clark
Andrew Simonds	Joseph Marsh	Eli Chamberlin
Amasa Shelding	Isaiah Stodard	James Preston
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Eastman	Eleazer Kindal	Joel Barrit
Gershom Lane	Naham Dudley	John Whipple
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Taylor	Joseph Green	John Mathers
Moses Wright	Joshua R. Webb	Hezekiah Clark
Asher Evens	abel gilson	Ruphus Purkins
fradric Reed	Jonnathan Blodget	Elisha Peas
Eli Evens	Daniel Richard	Samuel Hinche jr
W <sup>m</sup> Deen	George Wood	Timothy Lovell
Richard hazelton	James Walker	Zeebe Cooper
Josiah Reed	Isaac Starns	Almon Roundy
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Davis Jur	Eben lock	Timothy Clark jr
John Eliss	John Lane Davis	Nath <sup>ll</sup> Finney
oliver Lovell	Joseph heaseltine	Edward Rose
Jacob pease	Nathan ware	Solomon Petty
Jonathan fuller	David Standly	Elisha Sabins
Abraham Smith	Benjamin Williams	Timothy Powers
John Lovell	Jonathan butterfield	Elijah Reade
Jonathan Burt	Elijah Lovell	Eli adams
Jonas hazelton	John Lane	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Rixford



## CHAPTER VIII.

### HOMES OF EARLY SETTLERS—HOW THE FIRST INHABITANTS LIVED—PRIMITIVE METHODS AND GRADUAL CHANGES

The primitive methods of living practiced by the early settlers of this vicinity are interesting, and some of the every day experiences of those first years make strange contrasts with those of the present day.

Those pioneers were a hardy and vigorous race, inured to hardship and accustomed to danger. They were generally the young and energetic members of the older communities. They had but small store of book learning and were liberally educated in the arts and methods of pioneer life. The hard life they were compelled to lead quickened every fibre and made them sharp in intellect. They were attracted to these townships by the fertility of the soil, made evident by the fine growth of timber, and by the low price at which the land could be had.

The first houses were mere huts furnishing shelter from the cold and the storms, but as soon as possible each was replaced by the more solid and comfortable log houses so common one hundred years ago. Within the memory of many older citizens this style of architecture is vividly recalled, while the young people of to-day, many of them, never saw a log house.

Early in the spring these men, sometimes accompanied by their families but usually alone, came up the Connecticut river and pushed their way into the forests by blazed trees to the spot which had been chosen. Their first efforts were directed to clearing away the trees and getting in small crops of rye and corn. At that season of the year by felling a hemlock or two enough bark could be peeled easily for an excellent shelter when placed on poles upheld by crotched

stakes. As soon as the foliage was out in full they would cut down the trees for their first clearing around the spot selected for the log cabin. In a few weeks the twigs and leaves would be dry and they would set their "chopping" afire. Large quantities of the finest pine and other timber were destroyed each year in this way to clear the land. A "good burn" would clear the land of brush and everything except the bodies of the trees. These the young farmers would cut into logs small enough to handle and roll them into piles to be burned when thoroughly dry. For this heavy work, and for building his cabin, he would exchange works with his neighbors, or many settlers would join in "bees" to clear the land after the burning.

Then the log cabin would be built, of straight, smooth logs, matched and locked together at the corners to bring them in close contact and make impervious walls. Unavoidable cracks were filled with sticks and plastered with mud or clay mortar. When time and expense could be afforded the logs were hewn, otherwise they were left round. One opening was left for a door and one for a window, the latter to be closed with a shutter without hinges. The door made in the same way would be hung on wooden hinges. The roof was of poles covered with bark, or thatched with rye straw. The earth formed the floor, and was soon trodden down smooth and hard by use. Sometimes a puncheon floor was laid, but that was luxury. In many cases there was but one room, sometimes two, the partition being made of logs like the walls, or sometimes curtains were used. The first chimney was usually of stones at the bottom, topped out with short logs and sticks and built like the cabin walls, and plastered with clay mortar. Sometimes there was simply a hole in the roof, over the fire on the ground in the middle of the cabin; and sometimes the fire was outside, in front of the cabin door. Over the fire, a "lug-pole" of green wood was placed, supported at the ends by crotched stakes, or in the corners of the chimney it supported the hooks for suspending the pots and kettles over the fire. These poles later gave

way to the traditional crane and hooks made of iron that were in use during the early part of the last century.

Overhead, in the cabin, poles were laid across on which many articles could be stored, and from which were hung great festoons of drying apples, pumpkin and fruits of various kinds for the winter's use. Sometimes puncheon floors were laid overhead and the loft used for the children, the hired man, or even for the guests, access to it being gained by means of a ladder. Outside the cabin the cellar was dug and covered with logs and earth.

Gradually this primitive cabin was improved, and before the beginning of the nineteenth century the log cabins had become much more palatial and in many instances had given way to the framed, boarded and shingled homes of which there are a few early representatives still standing in and near the different villages of the town. Log cabins were still plenty in the back parts of this town as late as 1850, and two or three stood and were occupied thirty years later than that. There are a few types of the first large and substantial square dwellings, some with "gambrel" roofs, yet standing on the "Upper Meadows," and along the Williams river, that were built previous to 1800, but the number is not large.

There was little furniture at first. Blocks of wood answered for chairs, and often a split log, with holes bored at the corners on the rounded side and sticks driven in for legs, formed the only table. In some instances the cabin was built over a large flat stump which served for some years as the table. The house-keeping articles were few in number and of the most primitive kind:—an iron kettle or two, a frying-pan, a Dutch oven, a few wooden trenchers, pewter platters, plates, spoons and cups, wooden handled knives and forks, water pails or buckets made of staves shaped from straight pine wood, water dippers made of gourds, beds of straw laid upon bark or hemlock branches, a home-made loom in one corner of the principal room, and spinning wheels here and there. Over the fireplace hung the trusty rifle and the fowling piece, by the aid of which a supply of

game was obtained, and beside them hung the necessary powder horn and shot bag.

None of the common people had carpets upon their floors, and the cooking stove was unknown. The most commonly used floors were sanded and the more artistic housewives kept a special long-handled brush made of birch twigs to draw over the floors, forming fantastic designs in the sand as the last act of "tidying up" the house.

Nails were then made by hand, hammered out one by one in the small blacksmith's shops; in some cases farmers had a small forge placed in one corner of the kitchen for this purpose, at which the industrious men would work evenings and stormy days while the busy housewife spun and wove near by. Machines for making cut nails did not come into use until about the year 1800. The state records of New Hampshire show that bounties were paid to men who could produce satisfactory evidence that they had made 100,000 nails within a specified time. Iron was first brought up the river by boats from Massachusetts towns where it was mined, and later mines were opened in various parts of Vermont and New Hampshire that yielded a limited supply of iron ore. Nails were first sold by number, not by weight, and hence came the modern designation of nails as "four-penny," "ten-penny," etc.

The variety of food among the first settlers was limited. One common article was bean porridge, which was eaten for breakfast and sometimes for supper. When milk became plenty, brown bread and milk was eaten for supper. Another common article, which was used to some extent, was baked or boiled pumpkin and milk. Pumpkins were preferred to squashes. Turnips and parsnips were the vegetables mostly used, of which large quantities were raised and eaten. Potatoes were not common, it being a wonder with some how even large families could dispose of a barrel. The corn eaten in the green state was that grown in the common field, sweet corn being unknown. Wheat, although raised in large quantities, was not much used in everyday life, but company

was usually treated with wheaten bread. Barley cakes were made and eaten, but buckwheat was not much relished. Indian puddings were almost an every day diet and it is said some families had them three hundred and sixty-five times a year. They were considered more palatable by some when there was an admixture of sweet apple. Meats of all kinds were consumed more freely one hundred years ago than now. Wild game such as bears, deer, turkeys and small game was plenty, so that it required but little effort to supply a small family. The flesh of the moose was considered equal to beef, and deer furnished venison for those who were skillful enough to shoot them. Wild turkeys were sometimes shot, but they were not seen here in large numbers, and wild geese simply made some of our larger streams and ponds occasional resting places on their long journeys north and south as at the present time. At harvest time wild pigeons came in immense numbers to feed upon the grain. Sometimes their flocks were so large that they obscured the sun like a cloud, and they had special roosting places in groves where millions of them would gather for the night. They were taken in large numbers in nets and were delicious for food. They have almost wholly disappeared, and naturalists tell us they have migrated to Chili and Peru, South America.

Drinking was social, flip being the common strong drink. It was a liquor made of beer, spirits and sugar, heated by a hot iron, and was drunk from the same mug by all. Wines were used principally by the gentry on convivial occasions, every well-to-do family having a sideboard. Blackstrap was not a favorite drink and was only used by those who had lean purses. This was a name given to any spirituous liquor mixed with a liberal quantity of black molasses. Toddy and eggnogg were freely drunk, especially the former, and cider was a common drink both of the rich and the poor.

When navigation of the river was instituted New England rum of an excellent quality was brought up from more southern points and soon became a prominent factor in social life,

as well as forming an important article of freight for north bound boats.

The amusements of our forefathers were few but eminently social. Among the rural population, the husking and quilting bees were pre-eminent. Those occasions were quite frequent. Especially was this the case when some damsel in the neighborhood was about to be married. The married women would gather in the afternoon and do the quilting, and in the evening all the young people would assemble in season for supper, during which some old crone was always on hand to tell the fortunes of the unmarried by the tea grounds left in their cups, which proceeding was enjoyed by young and old. On some occasions the young men would bring along some broken down fiddler, who, for a few coppers, would scrape his fiddle until chanticleer warned him of the rising sun. House warmings, house and barn raisings, the old-fashioned muster and the 4th of July completed the list of entertainments.

Traveling was performed largely on foot or on horseback. When the trail led north or south along the Connecticut river, or along other large streams, boats were used. Many of the early settlers came all the way from Massachusetts or Connecticut towns by boat, bringing their furniture and tools at the same time. Up to 1792 no stages had passed and the roads were not in a suitable condition for a vehicle of that kind. The "chaise" was the first pleasure carriage coming into use about 1808. Some fifteen years later pleasure wagons were introduced into town. Going to meeting on horseback in those early days was sometimes attended with no little danger—the husband mounted in his saddle on a strong horse, holding a child before him, his wife mounted behind on a pillion, holding a second child and with the other arm clinging to her husband. All were sometimes unceremoniously thrown into a pile by the roadside from the restless horse, much to the chagrin of the parties.

As the primitive fireplace, mentioned earlier in this chapter, developed into the large and well built fireplace of



the last years of the 18th century, it became the prominent feature of every dwelling around which the family gathered as a source of the greatest comfort of those years. It consumed large quantities of fuel and the preparing and bringing in of this was great labor for the men and boys of the household. The foundation of the fire was an immense back-log, sometimes six or seven feet long and so heavy that men and boys harnessed themselves to it to draw it in, and sometimes horses or oxen were used to draw it into the house, and get it into place at the very back of the fireplace. In front of this was placed a somewhat smaller fore-log, both lying in the ashes, and on them was laid a smaller top stick. These were usually of green wood and would last for many days. In front of this pile were the andirons upon which was a fore stick, around which was heaped a stack of split wood, chips, etc. The fire was then ready to light. To accomplish this, a piece of steel was struck sharply against a bit of flint, producing sparks, which were caught upon some inflammable substance (sometimes flax soaked in the balsam of pitch-pine, sometimes punk gathered from decayed logs) and then coaxed into a flame by gently blowing upon them, either with the breath or with the bellows, a common implement of those days, which stood at one end of the fireplace at all times with the shovel, tongs and birch broom.

The fire made in this way and replenished as needed was supposed to keep throughout the winter. Sometimes, however, the live coals failed to be a reality in the morning. In this case the boys were sent to the neighbors with a fire pan made for the purpose of carrying coals, or with a tin lantern containing a candle, for a "light." In case there were no neighbors within easy distance, the laborious method of steel and flint must again be resorted to.

As the dense forests thinned under the ruthless axe of the settler, the fireplaces shrank in size, and fires were more simply built; the back-log and fore-stick sufficed for a foundation, and such was the fireplace of our forefathers spoken of by aged people of to-day.

Close by the kitchen fireplace and forming a part of the enormous chimney-stack was the stone or brick oven used on baking days, usually once a week in winter and twice in summer. Saturday was always "baking-day" with those early residents, and this great oven heated early in the morning contained, in addition to its other good things, the great loaves of delicious brown bread and the pot of beans which were left in the oven Saturday night and always formed the Sunday morning breakfast. From this practice, and the capacities of this large brick oven, originated the similar Sunday morning's breakfast so common to many families of the present day.

In 1777 Joshua Webb, the progenitor of the local Webb families of to-day, came to the meadows north of the village of Bellows Falls and erected his dwelling near the middle of the meadow, east of the present site of the Rutland railroad line, and just north of the small railroad bridge where evidences of the cellar can still be seen. His house had one of the immense fireplaces described above, and there were large double doors upon each side of the dwelling through which the yoke of oxen was driven in drawing in the back-log.

At one time these doors served a purpose not contemplated by the builder, as a mad dog bolted through the house, passing in at one door and out at the other. Joshua Webb's daughter-in-law was in the great living room at the time, shelling peas, and the dog in his mad flight passed so near her as to brush against her clothes. The dog was later killed at the foot of "Gilmore" (Allbee) hill.

The earliest citizens were clad wholly in homespun, and the time has been truly called the "Homespun Age." Surely the residents of that time were self-reliant people and had little for their comfort save what was manufactured by their own hands, and from such material as their farms produced.

Every farmer raised his own sheep, thus furnishing wool from which the winter clothing was made. From the flax which he grew upon the meadows of his farm was furnished the fiber from which the women of the household fashioned

the neat linen checks for dresses, aprons and the like, the fine linen, the table cloths, the bedspreads with their intricate patterns, and the coarser tow for other purposes.

In every home might be seen the great wheel for spinning the woolen thread, the little wheel for the linen, and the hand loom for weaving both, as well as the beautiful rag carpets of those days, already fashionable again and termed "Colonial carpets."

In every kitchen stood a dye tub, in which the thread or cloth was colored, the colors most commonly used being indigo blue and copperas.

At a later date the best dresses were made of calico, perhaps obtained at the country store in exchange for woolen or linen cloth, stockings or mittens, made by the busy housewife.

To the nearest tannery the farmer carried the skins of animals killed in the woods or raised on the farm, and had them tanned into leather. From these skins the yearly supply of foot-wear for the family was fashioned by the traveling cobbler, who was considered indispensable in those days, and who, in the less busy seasons, left his farm and went from house to house with his bench and tools, plying his craft and acting as "Surgeon to Old Shoes," or making new ones, as the family demanded. His annual trip about the town was called "Whipping the Cat." If he had not a last of suitable size, there was a woodpile close by, and a block from that could be quickly fashioned into one.

Changing the shoe from foot to foot on alternate days, kept it from running over at the heel and brought an equal wear at both sides, a custom which was thought to increase its longevity though not a source of comfort to the wearer. Men sometimes wore moccasins, made of the untanned skins, and both men and children often went barefoot in summer.

## CHAPTER IX.

### EXTINCT TOWN OFFICES — EARLY LAWS AND PUNISHMENTS FOR CRIME — WILD ANIMALS

In the records of the first town meetings occur the names of several town officers, whose duties are unknown to residents of to-day. Among these are "Tything-men," "Field-drivers," "Pound-keepers," "Deer-reaves" and "Hog-reaves." Reference to the early records of town meetings will show election of these officers each year, and who the first incumbents of the offices were.

Tything-men were more prominent in duties about the old-fashioned churches than elsewhere, but they were a kind of general police of the town. The name is of Anglo-Saxon origin and means the chief man of a tything or parish. It was their duty to keep order in public assemblies, particularly in the meeting-house upon the Lord's day. In the old church at Rockingham village, the tything-men of the town occupied the seats in front of and nearest the pulpit, and, with their crooked staffs about five feet long as insignia of office, kept a watchful eye over the audience and presumably reached out to awaken the unfortunate sleepers if the disturbance of snoring became too loud. They caused terror to the small boy disposed to be uneasy or mischievous during the long service, and it is in this respect that tradition most frequently mentions them. Many other important duties, however, were required of the tything-men. It was their duty to inspect taverns and to keep an eye upon strangers and suspicious characters; they could arrest without a warrant offenders against the law. It was their duty to detain travelers upon the highway on the Sabbath unless it could be shown that the travel was necessary. A number of the duties required of them are now performed by other officers, and some of the duties are obsolete. The office, now extinct, was considered an important one at that

time, and only the most staid and substantial citizens were elected to it. The first town meeting held in 1761, elected but one tything man, Samuel Burr, while the second elected two, Thomas Stebbins and William Simonds. The usual practice was to have two, belonging to different sections of the town. Other towns in the vicinity often had a larger number, Keene, N. H., electing fifteen in the year 1815, only seven of whom qualified.

The duties of the two field-drivers and of the pound-keeper were about the same. The field-drivers elected at the first town meeting were Amaziah Wright and William Simonds. At the second town meeting, 1762, it was voted to build a pound and William Simonds was chosen pound-keeper also. For many years after the settlement of Rockingham, most of the unimproved land, and some of the improved land, was unfenced. The rights to unimproved land were held in common by all citizens. It was the duty of the field-drivers, and later of the pound-keeper, to impound all domestic animals running at large upon the public roads, the common lands, or upon private lands without the consent of the land-owners. For such service they received one shilling each for cattle and horses, and three-pence each for sheep and swine, which must be paid by the owner before the animals could be taken from the custody of the officer. Much trouble arose between early residents because of this practice, as it was often open to question when animals were astray, or off the owner's premises.

The first pound was located a mile or two north of the village of Rockingham, on the farm and near the dwelling of Captain William Simonds. It stood on the north side of the road, near the top of the hill beyond what is now known as the Jonas Aldrich place. Later, one was established on the Captain Michael Lovell farm south of the road from Rockingham village to Chester, and a short distance beyond the turn to Lawrence's Mills. Various pounds have been located in different parts of the town during its history.

Many of the present residents remember the location and

customs connected with the last pound used by the town. It was an enclosure of about five rods square, surrounded by a strong stone wall surmounted by a fence, on top of which was a large stick of timber eight or ten inches square that went around the enclosure. It had an immensely heavy gate on the side next to the road. This was located on the road leading across the hill from Rockingham to Saxtons River, about three-fourths of a mile up the hill from the former village, across the road east of the farm house known as the "Stearns place," now owned by one of the Divoll family. The remains of the stone wall are still to be seen. The land is supposed to be owned by the town, although not used by it for forty or fifty years.

Inhabitants of Rockingham of half a century ago say that at that time the remains of an old pound could be seen on the hill behind the place now owned by the estate of George F. Evans and occupied by George L. Woodward, on the north bank of Williams river about one-half mile below the lower highway bridge over that stream.

Deer-reaves were chosen for many years that they might inform against those persons who killed deer out of season. In early times deer were numerous and more useful to man than all the other animals hunted. As these animals were lean in the winter and the females produced their young in the spring, the colony of Massachusetts, as early as 1698, enacted a law that these animals should not be killed between January 1st and August 1st. New Hampshire continued this law while this township was a part of that province, and one of the first acts of the Vermont legislature was to enact a law for the protection of deer between December 10 and June 10, in each year. Under these laws, the election of deer-reaves was obligatory. The open season being as long as it was, the animals became scarce, entirely disappearing early in the last century. Under the present laws of the state, making an open season in October, of ten days only, the animals are becoming more plentiful and a few are shot in town each season.



Hog-reaves were chosen to have the oversight of the swine that in early days ran at large, and to see that they were yoked and ringed. The town frequently changed its requirements as to the care of these animals, so common and important to the early settlers. Some years they would vote to "let the swine run at large" without restriction; other years, they would vote "that the swine be shut up as by law," and again that "the swine be allowed to run at large the coming year being properly yoked and ringed." The latter term described the practice of putting a kind of yoke about their necks so that they could not get through or under the fences, and the practice was common of putting rings into their noses so that they could not root up the earth. The office is sometimes denominated upon the town records as "Hog-ward," and sometimes as "Hog-constable."

All stock was required to be marked so that the owner would know his own when they were brought again into the fold. The marking was usually done by disfiguring the ears, and the Rockingham town records of those early years contain many certificates of the different devices that were used. Each man had a mark, which was registered by the town clerk. Among the many, the following are examples :

Vol. 1, Page 300. "Fredrick Reades marke for Stock Neat may ye 27 1789 on the Left Ear a happeny off the under Side and a Slit on the End of the Same Jehiel Webb Regr".

Vol. 4, Page 53, "Quartus Morgan Sheep mark crop off of both Ears Recorded by Me Jonathan Burt Town Clerk".

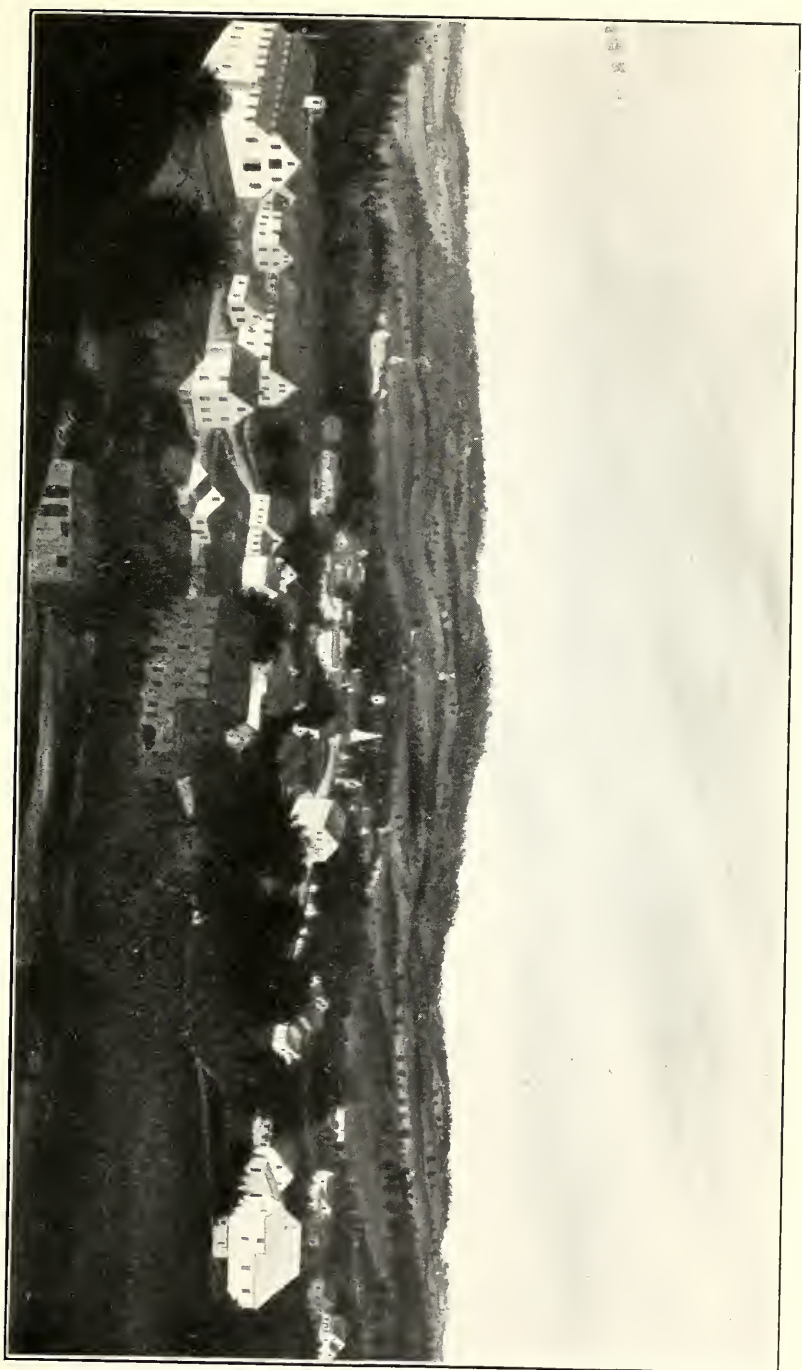
Page 112, "David Wood Junr Cattle & Sheep mark being a 10 in the left ear Recorded by Jonathan Burt Town Clerk".

Page 242, "Ely Evans Cattle Mark being a half crop on the Right Ear—recorded by me this 24th Day of December 1810 Jonathan Burt Town Clerk".

Page 246, "Luther Webb Cattle mark Swallow Tale in Right Ear. Recorded by me Jonathan Burt Town Clerk".

Page 289, "The Cattle & Sheep marke of Samuel Marsh of Rockingham in Windham County & State of Vermont being two holes in the right Ear & One hole in the left ear recd 11th day of April 1812 & rec by me Jonathan Burt Town Clerk".

Vol. 6, Page 2. "Dexter Newtons Sheep Mark is both Ears cut square about one third of the length off & a slit in Each Ear Recd October 19 1815 and recorded by me Joseph Weed Town Clerk".



THE VILLAGE OF SAXTONS RIVER.  
From a Painting previous to the Flood of 1869.



Page 19. "Sheep mark of David Campbell Esqr of Rockingham The end of the left Ear cut Square & a notch on the under side of the same Ear Recd February ye 21st 1816 recorded by me Joseph Weed Town Clerk".

During the early years of Rockingham as a town, there were many peculiar laws upon the statute books which were interesting to note. Nine offences were punishable by death. This was by no means a large number in those days, when Connecticut had twelve upon her list, and in Great Britain no less than one hundred and sixty crimes were subject to the death penalty. A few illustrations of the early forms of punishment will serve to give an idea of the nature of all.

Every town was obliged to maintain a pair of stocks at its own expense, to be set in the most public place. The liar, the profane swearer, the drunkard and the Sunday violator were obliged to sit therein for a length of time, secured with lock and key. The stocks were arrangements whereby persons, sitting with feet extended in front of them, had their legs confined between two pieces of timber hollowed out so as to admit the legs above the ankles, but the feet could not be withdrawn until they were released by raising the timber, which was secured by the lock. Besides this there was the pillory, a somewhat similar contrivance whereby the criminal stood upright with his neck and both wrists confined between two sticks of timber and locked in the same manner; and there was also the whipping post of every town. It is probable that these three instruments of punishment were set up in the public street of Rockingham village, in front of the present brick store, that being the most central and public place.

The town of Westminster had two whipping posts and both remained as late as the year 1804. One stood in front of the old town meeting house and the other, used largely for soldiers, was located at the extreme south end of the "lower street."

One law was, "Whosoever shall commit burglary \* \* shall, for the first offence, be branded on the forehead with the capital letter B, with a hot iron, and shall have one of his ears nailed to a post and cut off; and shall also be whipped on the naked body fifteen stripes. And for the second

offence such persons shall be branded as aforesaid and shall have his other ear nailed and cut off as aforesaid, and shall be whipped on the naked body twenty-five stripes, and if such person shall commit the like the third time he shall be put to death as being incorrigible."

The counterfeiter was branded with the capital letter C, had his right ear cut off, his property forfeited to the state, and was then committed to the workhouse for the remainder of his life.

Should a person become intoxicated, and "thereby bereaved of the use of his or her reason and understanding, or the use of their limbs" he was fined six shillings for the benefit of the poor or to sit in the stocks three hours.

For swearing or cursing, the penalty was six shillings fine or to sit in the stocks three hours.

Blasphemy carried a penalty of "forty stripes on the naked body, and one hour in the pillory and bonds for good behavior."

Horse stealing subjected the person to be whipped not over 100 stripes and other severe punishments.

During Sunday, "rude, profane or tumultuous behavior or disturbance of a meeting" was punished by forty stripes on the naked body, or sitting in the stocks two hours.

Such modes of punishment were not of long duration, for, in 1809, a state prison was built at Windsor, and from that time the imprisonment of the offender was more commonly substituted in their place.

A custom, prevalent to a large extent 100 years ago, was that of "Warning out of town" new comers, for fear they might become town charges. It was in accordance with a statute of the state whereby, if the town so voted, and legal notice was served upon them within the first year of their residence in a town, the persons so warned were prevented from gaining a residence, and the town escaped liability for support should they become dependent. As early as July 24, 1769, the town passed the following: "Voted that all Strangers who Com to Inhabit in said town being Not freeholders be warned out of town."

After this service was made upon them they could never have a legal settlement except by a vote of the town (of which we do not find record in any case), or if the person should be elected and serve one year as either selectman, town clerk, constable, grand juror or lister, the holding of any one of these offices would act automatically to relieve the disability created by the "warning out" process.

The process implied nothing whatever against the character of the party, individual, or family, and it often happened that such warned persons eventually became wealthy and honored citizens. During the year 1808, the constables rendered bills to the town for having "Warned out" thirty-one families, and in 1809 the number was twenty-six.

Below is a sample of the legal form used, hundreds of similar ones being found spread upon the early records. In this case, both the men described became prominent citizens and town officials. They managed a large tannery and currying business. Both have descendants still residing here and the record of each family is an honorable one. Mr. Divoll represented the town in the legislature three years, about twenty years after being "warned out."

STATE OF VERMONT } To either Constable of Rockingham in the  
Windham County ss. } County of Windham.

GREETING. You are hereby commanded to summon Samuel Billings, Susannah Billings, Susannah Billings, 2d, Sarah Divoll and Manassah Divoll now residing in Rockingham to depart said town. Hereof fail not but of this precept and your doings thereon, due return make according to law. Given under our hand at Rockingham this 12th day of March 1807.

ELIJAH KNIGHT, } Selectmen  
DAVID WOOD, } of  
ALEX. CAMPBELL, } Rockingham.

Windham ss. Rockingham, 14th March 1807. Then I served this precept by leaving a true and attested copy of same with each of the within named Samuel Billings, Sarah Divoll and Manassah Divoll.

ELIJAH MEAD, Constable.

Fees \$ .56 Recd. 9th April 1807, Recorded by Jonathan Burt, Town Clerk.

Henry Atkinson Green, who in after years became a member of the well known mercantile firm of Hall & Green, having a store where Union block stands, and who was the



father of the late Edward H. Green, was served with the "warning out" process November 12, 1811, by Constable Ebenezer Locke, Jr., the warrant being signed by selectmen, Jonathan Barron, Samuel W. Pulsipher and Elias Olcott.

The care of the poor of the town was a matter which early appears upon the records, showing action of the town at its meetings when only one or two persons were dependent. An early practice, as was common in other towns then and still remains as a relic of barbarism in a few Vermont towns, was that of selling the care of the poor at auction to the lowest bidder. The first case of this kind recorded was that of a Mrs. Burr, a town pauper. She was advertised and put up at "vendue," being bid off by John Roundy "at five shillings per week, to be paid in wheat at five shillings per bushel." Thus Mr. Roundy received one bushel of wheat per week for feeding, clothing and taking care of this unfortunate public charge. This practice was kept up for some years, although long since discontinued. The town later purchased a farm, thus giving the best of care to its charges, with whom it has been extremely liberal. In the year ending February 1, 1905, \$6,934, less \$489 received from products of the farm, was expended by the town in support of its poor. The present town farm near Bartonsville was purchased September 17, 1861.

The more important wild animals which the early settlers found in town were the black bear, moose, deer, beaver, wolf and the catamount or wild-cat. Numerous stories of adventures with these animals have been preserved both by tradition and records. Col. Benjamin Bellows, living on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut, south of Bellows Falls, was one day hunting small game on Mount Kilburn. He came suddenly upon a huge bear which he shot, and within a few minutes another appeared that shared the same fate. A rustling in the bushes near by at once attracted his attention and he saw the round eyeballs of a large catamount glaring at him above the brakes. He knew instinctively his new customer was a different class of animal to deal with from the

clumsy bear, from which there was not great danger. Fearing the savage disposition of this last animal if wounded and not killed, he brought his gun up with much trepidation, and, aiming at the eyes, he fired. All was silent, but not caring to stay to investigate he beat a hasty retreat to his home, returning at once with his men. They found the catamount dead, the ball having struck squarely between the eyes. To kill a catamount in those days single handed was considered a great feat. The colonel's household lived for many days upon the bear steak, which was considered as one of the delicious meats in early times.

One night a fat pig was stolen from the barn of Calvin Webb, a son of Joshua, who lived just north of the present village of Bellows Falls, by a large black bear, and an interesting tradition handed down through generations of the family is this: Back of where the Walsh stone ledge now is, was formerly a large orchard, but times change so rapidly that at the present time hardly a vestige of it remains. Some of the children of the household were missing one day, and a member of the family was sent to look them up. They were found in this old orchard, and when asked what they had been doing said, "Oh, we have had such a good time feeding a big black dog apples." The dog was none other than a large black bear which had come down from the forest which then stretched for miles over the hills.

William Hale, a grandson of Col. Enoch Hale who built the first toll bridge at Bellows Falls, used to tell the following. He was born in North Walpole in 1805 and spent his boyhood there:

"As late as 1810, the bears used to come down from the north end of Mount Kilburn and eat the corn. On one occasion a girl named Margaret Watson, passing above Chapin's farm, discovered a bear in a shanty. She ran and notified the neighbors, who rallied, but the bear had escaped to the mountain."

Richardson Robertson, of Charlestown, N. H., who died in 1905 at the advanced age of 96, and who passed his boyhood days in Bellows Falls, often told the following:

"In the fall of 1825 some hunters reported that they saw a big bear up in Hapgood woods near the present location of Oak Hill cemetery. Simon Pettes, the tinman of the village, was the owner of a rifle and noted as a good marksman. The village held a meeting, called to get hunters to kill the bear, and Mr. Pettes was chosen to lead the hunters. A lawyer by the name of Hinds was chosen to look after the crowd. They all went to the hill, and when they got into the locality a boy said that he saw the bear lying down, behind a big log. Mr. Hinds ordered them all to keep back out of the way, and as Mr. Pettes saw the back of the bear behind the log, he got all ready to fire at him. Mr. Hinds told him to wait a minute until he could climb a tree so as to be sure of his safety. When Hinds was safely up the tree, Pettes got around where he could get a good mark at the bear and then fired. The bear proved to be a large black calf, that jumped up and blatted when Pettes fired. One of "Squire" Hapgood's cows had strayed away into the woods and left the calf up there. The story of Pettes' and Hinds' bear was told in the *Intelligencer* at the time and it made a very interesting piece.

There was a real bear killed in Jamaica at about this time that had three small cubs. Father, who was the proprietor of the Bellows Falls Stage House, bought one of the cubs and had no trouble in keeping him by giving him a good nest in the back shed of the hotel and fastening him with a long chain. People used to visit the cub and fed him candy and nuts until he was so large that when the boys came to plague him, he would run the length of the chain after them, and it became dangerous. Father had him killed and served a great dinner party to the inhabitants of the village from the bear meat."

The wolves were more feared by the settlers than were the bears, as they were more ferocious. When either kind of animal became troublesome the citizens of three or four towns would unite in a hunt to rid themselves of the brutes. The most noted wolf hunter was Col. Samuel Hunt of Charlestown, who had the reputation of having killed more of them than any other man in the vicinity. In 1797, a most sagacious old wolf had caused much trouble by killing sheep and a great hunt was organized with Col. Hunt in charge. Citizens of Rockingham, Springfield, Charlestown and Walpole all united in the hunt in great numbers. She was started first in Springfield and to elude her pursuers swam the Connecticut and came through the south part of Charlestown. Being hotly pursued there, she crossed the river again into Rockingham, but was driven back into New Hampshire a second time, where Col. Hunt finally dispatched her by a shot from his unerring gun. It is stated that this was the last

wolf hunt by organized forces in this whole region, as the animals soon disappeared.

Rattle-snakes were plenty a century ago in this town, but at the present time they are extinct. About fifteen years ago a large one was seen on Oak Hill, back of the cemetery, by Albert A. Halladay. The late Dr. S. M. Blake, who was familiar with occurrences in Rockingham after 1839, stated he had never known of more than one other having been seen in town since that year. Until comparatively recent years they have been plenty on Mount Kilburn, across the Connecticut river, and early in the last century a number of men made a business of hunting them there, as the oil was valuable in the markets for medical purposes. Levi Chapin, Jr., who lived near the mountain, frequently encountered them and would kill them. Cutting off the head very carefully he would bury it on account of the poison, take the body home and try out the oil. The skin and rattles were preserved as curiosities, many still being treasured by his descendants. One day his barefooted boy, Thomas, was racing with a schoolmate on the hill east of the old stone school-house. A large rattler was crossing the path going toward the river. The other boy saw the reptile in season to stop before reaching it, but Thomas could not, and he saved himself by an agile leap over it. Such escapes from the poisonous bites were frequent. It is supposed the frequent burning over of Mount Kilburn of later years has had an effect in their extermination.

Among the most interesting animals, with almost human intelligence, which the first settlers found in Rockingham were the beavers. They were gathered in villages of their own in at least two, and possibly more, places in the town. One was just beyond Saxtons River village on the road to Westminster West. The first hill one descends in passing out of the village, near the farm of W. W. Barry, has always been known since the town was first inhabited as "Beaver Dam Hill." Older residents of the town still remember seeing remains of the large dam built by these industrious workmen,

and many indications of their well constructed houses. The dam was on the south side of the road near the foot of the hill, and by its construction the beavers had overflowed the meadow covering about twenty-five acres. The land is now owned by W. J. Wright. The school-house formerly there, which is now a part of Mr. Barry's dwelling, was always denominated the "Beaver Dam School-house," and the early town records all referred to the school district by that name.

Another place where the remains of a beaver dam and their houses were visible within the memory of present day citizens, was upon the Hubbard B. Davis farm, now owned and occupied by C. E. Ball and located on high ground about two miles northeast of Saxtons River village. This pond, made by these first hydraulic architects, was not as large as the other one mentioned, being of only about an acre in size. It was located about two hundred rods north of the farm buildings now used by Mr. Ball. The signs of the work have remained more clearly visible here than at the Beaver Dam hill.

A much larger pond than either of these, made wholly by the work of the beavers, was upon the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut, about two miles north of Charlestown village. The railroad passes through the great meadow, which was once flooded, and the place has always been known to railroad men and others as "Beaver Meadow." The dam was on the brook that flows through the meadow and located within a few rods of the bank of the Connecticut river.

The nature of these animals was very shy and retiring, and as soon as the settlers came, they retreated gradually, like the Indian, from the haunts of civilization. The south part of the state being settled first, the animals were found much later in the northern sections. The last captured in Vermont, as far as ascertained by the writer, was one in Essex county about 1830.

Graham, the well known writer upon such subjects, gives the following description of the habits and work of these builders and architects :



"The beavers were from three to four feet in length and weighed from forty to sixty pounds. The toes of the fore-feet were separated answering the purpose of hands and fingers; and the hind-feet webbed, and thus suited to the purpose of swimming. These animals were brown in color. The fur upon their backs was coarse and long, but on other parts of the body, fine and thick, like down, and as soft as silk, and much prized by fur dealers.

When the young beavers were seeking for homes, their first care was to find a place suitable for their purpose. If the site was a lake or pond, they were careful to select one where they were not likely to be disturbed and where the water was of sufficient depth to give them room to swim under the ice. If a stream were chosen, it was always one that could be formed into a pond.

In the building of their villages, the beavers showed much ingenuity and intelligence. In case a stream were chosen, they first set about constructing a dam. If there were a tree at hand that would naturally fall across the stream, they set to work with their sharp, strong teeth to cut it down; and when it had fallen, so that it would assume a level position, gnawed off the branches. Then by the means of branches, earth, and the like, they filled until a dam was completed, as firm and secure as if made by master workmen, as indeed it was. These dams were often of great size and strength and the ponds thus made often covered several acres.

Then there were the homes to be built along the borders of the pond. These were made of twigs and earth, were oval in form (somewhat resembling a haystack), from two to four stories in height, and varied in their diameter from four to ten feet, according to the number of families they were intended to accommodate. Passages led from one floor to another; and the lower floor was always built above the level of high water. Each hut had two exits, one upon land, and the other under water, below the freezing limit, the latter to preserve their communication with the pond throughout the winter season. In these cabins the beavers remained through the long winter, living upon bark and tender twigs, which they had laid by for the winter.

These little creatures always lived in perfect harmony with each other; each knew his own home and storehouse, and was never known to pilfer the goods of his neighbors. Such was the beaver of that date, and such no doubt is the beaver of to-day wherever he may be found."

One peculiarity of the beaver not mentioned in the above account is the tail, which is very wide, often four or five inches, and which some writers claim is used for plastering down the mud of the houses and dams, while other writers go farther and say it is used in driving stakes which form part of the dams. Dr. Williams, the first historian of Vermont, says that it was also commonly used in alarming the community at the approach of danger, by striking the top of the water a resounding blow. The community is said to have



often numbered three to four hundred, and one was usually posted as a sentinel to give warning of approaching danger, while the others labored on their dams or houses.

The first survey for a road through Rockingham, following the Connecticut river from Westminster to the Springfield line, recorded upon the town records as early as 1796, gives names to two localities that have ever since remained with them. The traditions of the origin of these names are interesting and are as follows :

"Coward-ice" is a section of rocky road about two miles south of the Springfield line, near the present farm of M. C. Roundy. It is close to the river and is so called from a legend handed down through all the intervening years that one winter a bear of particularly savage appearance was seen out on the ice of the river opposite. A citizen living near started out very boldly to shoot him, but, he became alarmed and retreated without firing his gun and both he and the locality were thereafter known as "Coward-on-ice," later shortened to "Coward-ice."

"Horse-Heaven," is applied to a steep hill about half way between the north and south lines of the town, just north of the farm at present owned by Johnson & Gay. The legend is that a man drawing a heavy load up the hill is said to have remarked to his horses as they disappeared over the side of the road and fell to the jagged rocks below, "Go to Heaven," instead of the more common profane expression. Evidently early residents thought such praiseworthy and pious remarks should be perpetuated, and they have been to this day.

## CHAPTER X.

THE FIRST MILL—DARK DAYS OF 1780 AND 1881—LATE  
SPRING IN 1780—POTASH AND PEARLASH MANU-  
FACTURE—THE FIRST BURYING GROUND—  
LATER CEMETERIES

Throughout all New England the story of the first settlement of every town shows the importance of the saw and grist mills to the pioneers, in making and living in their rude homes. Among the first things arranged for were the mill, the "hieways," and the church.

The history of the towns of the Connecticut valley shows many hardships in travelling long distances to mills, before they could be established nearer. The first settlers of Rockingham were more fortunate than many, as they had the advantage of being able to go, until they had one of their own about 1760 or 1761, to Benjamin Bellows' mill which was erected two or three years after they came to this town. Bellows' mill was located on what was known as "Blanchard brook" which flowed through his farm, now the Copley Amory place, about three miles south of Bellows Falls on the New Hampshire side of the river. This mill was erected previous to 1755. For some time after Colonel Bellows settled in Walpole, he had to go to Northampton, Mass., to mill, going down with his corn in boats and returning with his meal and other stores necessary to feed his family and the large number of his hired help. Settlers of the neighboring towns, including Rockingham, had to take the same laborious method, the hardships of which can be appreciated if we consider the unbroken wilderness surrounding all this neighborhood at that time. For many years the mill at "Old No. 4," Charlestown, was the most northerly of any, even after settlements had been made as far north as Newbury, Barnet and even Lancaster, N. H. The settlers of those

towns were obliged to come in some instances from 50 to 125 miles to mill, sometimes on horseback, sometimes by boat. The latter mode of travel was hazardous and frequent falls in the Connecticut required the hard work of "carrying by."

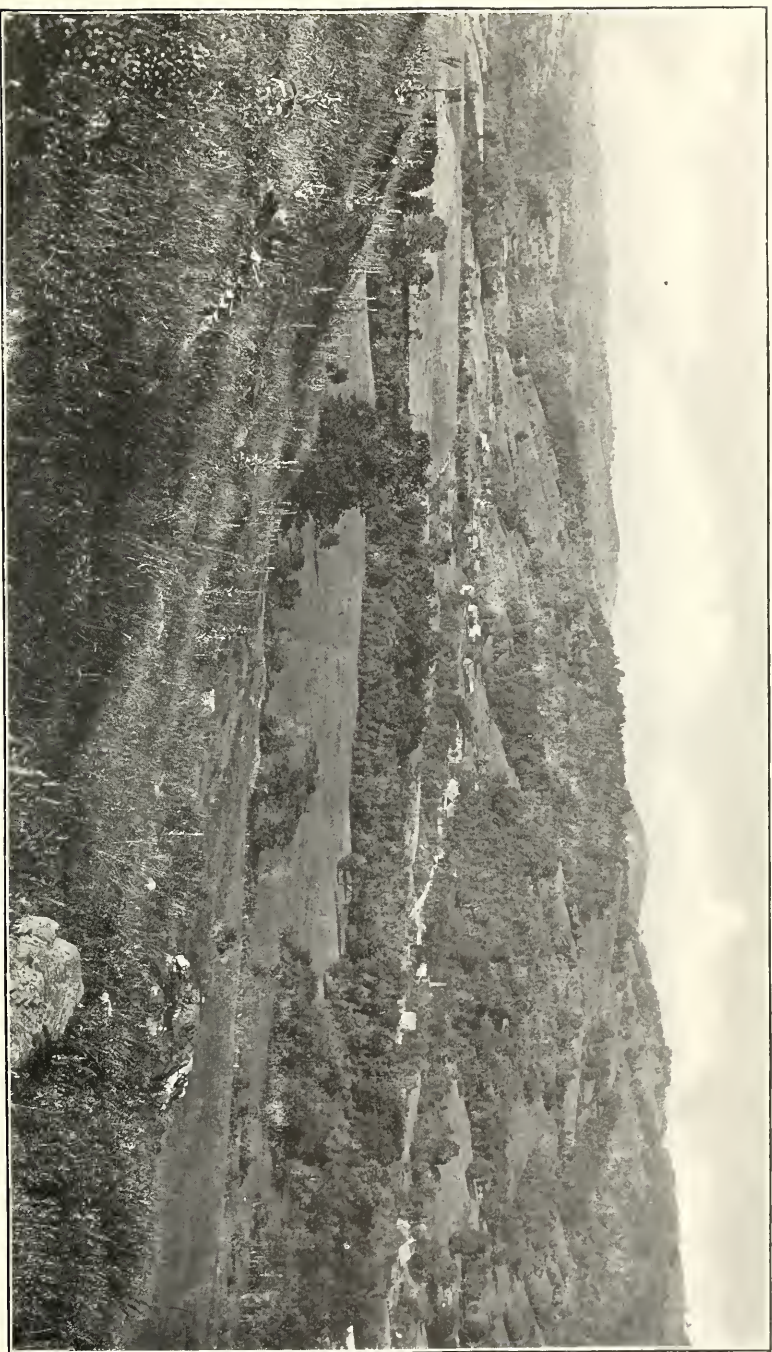
From these facts, will be seen the importance of a nearby mill in each locality, and the advantage which Rockingham settlers had in having one owned by Colonel Bellows so near. Although the first houses were in nearly every instance built of unhewn logs, sometimes without floors or partitions, the necessity of a saw mill is evident, and so one of the first votes recorded by the proprietors was for the "Incouragement" of building a mill.

The actual location of the first mill erected by the settlers of Rockingham has of late years been a matter of much speculation, and variety of opinions. Many of the older residents have claimed that it was located near the mouth of Saxtons river, while the more generally accepted theory of its site places it at what is known as "Brockway's Mills," six or seven miles up the Williams river. Child's Windham County *Gazetteer*, printed about twenty years ago, says :

"Governor Benning Wentworth was interested in the settlement of Rockingham, on account of the excellent masting for ships obtained in this section, and came here personally to make examination and to take measures 'for better securing the masting trees from being cut and felled,' as they had, by charter, been secured for 'the masting of his majesty's navy.' Through his instrumentality the saw mills were erected, one at the place now known as Brockway's Mills, and the other near the mouth of Saxtons River."

One method which Governor Wentworth took to "secure" the best trees was to send surveyors through all the vicinity and plainly mark all trees which were to be preserved for the government with the "Broad arrow," the emblem of the English government used to this day to designate all government property or stores. The law imposed a severe penalty upon him who, either wilfully or by error, felled one of the trees thus marked.

Careful investigation convinces the writer that the first mill of the town very much ante-dated those mentioned above,



BIRDEYE VIEW OF BARTONSVILLE AND THE VALLEY OF THE WILLIAMS RIVER, WITH THE SUMMIT OF ASCUTNEY MOUNTAIN IN THE DISTANCE.  
*Photo by R. C. Bristol.*





and that it was located on the Williams river nearly a mile below Rockingham station. The site is on the north side of Williams river about three-fourths of a mile above the highway bridge on the road leading to Springfield, near the mouth of what is now known as "Hinds'" or "O'Brien's" brook, on the north side of the river.

At this point there is not a great fall in the river, but a steady descent for some distance above the site. The water was brought fifteen or twenty rods in a canal running along the bank of the stream, to a point where the mill stood. The timbers upon which the water wheel rested were discernible at as late a date as 1898 when the spot was first visited by the writer. Further up the bank, and but a short distance from it, are the cellar holes and foundation walls of two or three dwellings, one of which was probably the miller's old home. Possibly one is that of the historic dwelling where the proprietors' meetings of 1760 and 1761 were held, which was designated as that of "Mical Lovwell", frequently mentioned both in the proprietors' and town clerk's records of early years.

Lying upon the river bank a few feet from the site of the old mill, there is an interesting monument to mark the historical spot. A large mill stone formerly used in grinding grain lies nearly sunken into the soil, through the centre hole of which, at the time of the writer's visit, a wood-chuck was gaining entrance to his secluded home. There is now no road used in that locality and very few passers by the spot in later years have understood its history.

The land is a part of the "15th. Lott In the Six Range" of the original survey of the township made in 1753 by Surveyor Caleb Willard. Reference to the records of the proprietors' meeting held July 17, 1760, and also to that of August 4, 1761, will show the action of the proprietors to "Incourage the Building of a saw mill In s<sup>d</sup> town" and that "the 15th. Lott in the Six Range" was given to "Mical Lovewell" for this purpose under certain restrictions.

The "Mical Lovwell," was one of the progenitors of the



Lovell families who still reside in the town, and have ever been prominent in affairs, owning large tracts of land. This mill in the location described is frequently referred to in the town records, Mr. Lovell having more or less financial difficulty in after years and having been assisted in keeping his mill "In good Repairs" by various votes of the town at the subsequent town meetings. The records of the town show that he later added to his saw mill facilities by putting in stones for grinding grain, one of which is probably the one still lying there. Although probably at least one hundred and forty years old, the stone shows the same general characteristics in the cuttings and angles upon its face as those of to-day. The stone itself is of much more primitive character than those of later years in the style of the cutting of the other surfaces.

A few years after the mill was erected in 1762, it became the property of Col. Benjamin Bellows of Walpole, and September 21, 1772, he sold it to Peter Evans, who was one of Rockingham's very early settlers.

Mr. Evans owned and operated the mill until May 21st, 1806, when he sold it to William Hall, Jr., of the Bellows Falls mercantile firm of Hall & Goodridge, for \$1,600. The town record describes this purchase as "10 1-4 acres, including water power, dwelling houses, saw mill and grist mill with three run of stones, mill yard and dam."

The Bellows Falls *Intelligencer* of March 31, 1817, contained the account of the destruction of this mill by fire as follows: "The mill standing near the mouth of Williams River, owned by Hon. William Hall, Jr., was burned to the ground March 24, with a loss of \$2,500, including flour and grain."

March 9, 1818, William Hall, Jr., sold to Jonas Hazelton, Jr., this same property consisting of 10 1-2 acres of land "where a saw and grist mill lately stood."

The mills were rebuilt, evidently in a much enlarged form, and were used for a more extensive and varied business.

The dam at this point in the river was insecure because of

its length, and the sandy shores, and about 1830 it was carried away for the second time. Mr. Hazelton felt the expense of maintaining a dam there to be too great, and in 1831 he took down all the buildings and moved them, together with the machinery except the mill-stone mentioned, to Andover, Vt., making his home there until his death.

From that time the locality described was never used for manufacturing purposes, although the dwellings remained there for some years. The mills were occupied, at the time of the last destruction of the dam, as saw and grist mills (three run of stones), and for finishing the cloths woven by hand in those days, and for dyeing the same. Jonas Hazelton, the owner, lived in the dwelling whose cellar walls are still visible nearest the location of the mill, about five or six rods up the bank. About one hundred rods farther up Williams river, at the mouth of "Hinds'" brook, were two other dwellings, one of which was occupied fifty years ago by a man named Butterfield, the other by Jesse Evans, father of the late George F. Evans of Bellows Falls, and later by Hugh Chapman, who became unbalanced in mind and set fire to that and another one farther up the brook, destroying them.

For some years after the removal of the Williams river mills, there was a saw mill operated about half a mile farther up Hinds' brook, about half way to the place where Mr. Hinds now lives, and the decaying timbers of it can still be seen. It was known as the Butterfield mill.

Because of the many water powers upon the various streams of the town, as detailed in Chapter I., other mills were built within a few years after the first one, and manufacturing of different kinds has since been an important part of the varied industries of the town.

#### DARK DAYS

The old residents of Rockingham frequently refer to having heard their parents or grandparents speak of a noted dark day at some indefinite time early in the settlement of the

town. It is always referred to with a strong feeling of awe, and tradition shows it to have been a time of great terror to the inhabitants of all this vicinity. It is spoken of as "The dark day of 1780." A reliable account states:

"For several days before the 19th of May of that year a sulphurous vapor filled the air, and on that morning there was thunder and lightning and some rain. What little wind there was came from the southwest. By nine o'clock in the morning darkness came creeping on with a yellowish hue which made clear silver appear grass green. A dense vapor settled over all the land from Pennsylvania to the St. Lawrence. The atmosphere was lifeless and the darkness came thicker and thicker, and the sun in disappearing took a brassy hue. The lurid, brassy hue spread everywhere, above and below, and all outdoors wore a sickly, weird and melancholy aspect, and there was a stillness which was frightful. By eleven o'clock it was dark as night, and remained so until three o'clock in the afternoon. The hours or minutes on a watch or clock could not be seen without artificial light, which was a necessity both out of doors and in, in order to transact ordinary business. Drivers of coaches put up their teams; the birds ceased to fly and hid themselves in the trees. Pigeons on the wing took shelter in the forest as they do at night. The fowls went to their roosts, and bats came out of their hiding places and flew about. Sheep and cattle sought the shelter of the barnyard, and the dogs behaved in a strange manner. The worker in the shop was compelled to forego his labor, and the farmer quitted his furough and made his homeward way, to receive the anxious inquiry of the housewife, 'What is coming?' Schools were dismissed and the frightened children hastened home trembling with fear."

Many citizens of the present day remember September 6, 1881, when a dark day with many conditions of atmosphere similar to those of about a century earlier occurred, and caused widespread consternation among the superstitious.

Early risers found the morning unusually dark. At sunrise the light assumed a most peculiar yellow, which increased as the forenoon advanced, giving the earth a very weird appearance. Grass lots and lawns had a singular appearance of light green and blue shades, while sidewalks and streets in Bellows Falls looked like yellow ochre. During the forenoon stores and buildings had to be lighted, and the kerosene lights then used assumed the appearance of the purer white of electricity.

The greatest obscurity occurred at about noon, when the entire heavens assumed a deep yellow or buff tint. This

created many optical delusions, which continued an hour or more. The sky gradually changed to its normal condition during the afternoon, although at sunset the sun looked like a huge ball of fire.

Many theories were advanced as to the causes, but no definite scientific explanation was made.

The spring of 1780 was a noted one, the ice in the Connecticut river remaining firm to a date unprecedented before or since. It is a matter of record that on the 20th of April of that year ten men from the village of Charlestown, N. H., mounted their horses and rode together two miles on the ice up the Connecticut river to the ferry at the mouth of Black river and back again. This was done that the memory of their exploit might be perpetuated and thus the lateness of the season in that memorable year be handed down to succeeding generations.

#### POTASH AND PEARLASH MANUFACTURE

In the early days of Rockingham, and for a number of years during the early part of the last century, the manufacture of potash and pearlash was an important industry. Pearlash was used as a substitute for baking soda, it being of a similar nature. Potash works were located in different parts of this town, as well as all over New England. The location of one place where it was made is still pointed out between Saxton's River and Cambridgeport. One of the largest works in all this vicinity was located across the Connecticut river from Bellows Falls, a few rods south of the old toll bridge, on the east side of the highway, on the first hill the traveler descends in going towards Walpole. From these extensive works the hill mentioned has, until very recent years, been known as "Potash Hill." This industry was the first manufacturing of any kind at North Walpole, except the two saw mills on Governor's brook, which flows through the village.

The manufacture of potash, of which present-day citizens know nothing, is interesting, and worthy of a short description. The product is made wholly from wood ashes. When the

first settlers came to this vicinity, it was necessary to dispose in some way of the immense quantities of trees that then cumbered the ground. For this reason large patches of forest were felled; the logs were thrown up in piles, and when sufficiently dry were burned.

The ashes were then placed in leaches and water was poured upon them. The water, trickling through the ashes formed lye, which was boiled in a large iron kettle.

In a majority of the settlements large public potash works soon came into existence, like those mentioned above, and to these many of the settlers carried their ashes instead of making their potash at home. These were rude wooden structures, some of them being called potash, and others pearlash works.

At the potash works might be seen the huge leaches and the cauldron kettles employed in the making of potash, while at the pearlash works were immense ovens in which potash was baked. When it was of the right consistency it was stirred, and thus broken into lumps; it was then of a pearly white color—hence the name, pearlash. These products were used by the women of that day in the making of soap, and they formed a staple article of merchandise for shipment to the large cities. From this town they were shipped down the river by boat in large quantities.

#### FIRST BURYING-GROUNDS

When the settlers of this town laid out and chose their "Citydale" lots on the broad meadows north of Williams river, in 1753, intending that future generations should there build the largest village, or city, of the valley, they were obliged to provide a burying-ground also in that immediate vicinity. It was located on the extreme southerly point of the high land which divides the valleys of the Williams and Connecticut rivers, and which is now covered by a thick growth of timber. A lot was set apart for the purpose on the majestic bluff which runs to a point just back of what is known as the "Lucius Bancroft" house, at present owned by the estate of George F. Evans.

This formed the only burying-ground in town from 1753 until about 1782, when the new cemetery in Rockingham village was opened. Only a few interments, perhaps a dozen, were made in the first burying-ground. The place was much neglected after the new cemetery was started, and it soon grew up to brush, and later to large trees. To-day it would be hard to find any signs of its former use, and but few of the older citizens remember seeing it. N. S. Proctor, who formerly lived on the Bancroft place, remembers fifty years ago, as a small boy, seeing one old fashioned slate head stone with the name "John Lovell" upon it. Others remember seeing a dozen or more old stones and mounds there, but recall nothing regarding the names. These stones and graves have become covered up among the large trees now standing there, and obliterating forever all traces of the first established public resting place of the dead.

As the town grew, and the different sections became more populous, burying-grounds and cemeteries were laid out in various places, including a number of private yards located upon the farms of the owners. The use of private cemeteries has become obsolete in recent years, but the graves still appear in various localities. Prominent among these are the family cemetery upon the farm formerly occupied by descendants of the first settler, Moses Wright, between Bartonville and Grafton, and the small burial lot in a field west of the La Grange cemetery, in which a number of victims of small-pox were interred at a time when the great dread of the loathsome disease prohibited the burying of its victims in regular cemeteries.

#### OLD BURYING-GROUND AT ROCKINGHAM

In 1782 William Simonds, David Pulsipher, Charles Richards, and Nathaniel Davis, all prominent residents, united in presenting the town with the land in the village of Rockingham which has since been used for burying-ground and meeting-house purposes. From its location near the center of the town, and its contiguity to the church, it was



for nearly one hundred years the principal burial-place in Rockingham, and is still used for the purpose. In this old burying-ground rest the remains of many connected with the founding of Rockingham, and those who were active participants in the struggles and hardships of its early years. Prominent among them, and near the northeast corner of the old town meeting-house, is the grave of Rev. Samuel Whiting, who from 1773 to 1809 was the town minister and had a large influence in both spiritual and temporal affairs. Also that of Joshua Webb, who represented the town in the various conventions leading to the formation of the state of Vermont, and was its representative in the six first sessions of legislature.

#### PARKER HILL BURYING-GROUND

A small burying-ground near the Springfield line on Parker hill, is shown to have been established about 1796, that being the year inscribed upon the earlier stones. The deed of the land from Leonard Parker bears date of 1817, but it is certain it was used a number of years previously. It is not used at the present day. The principal use of this cemetery occurred between 1800 and 1810 and the inscriptions upon the fifty-nine stones show but three interments since 1834, and none since 1857. In this burying-ground, located upon high ground overlooking the beautiful Connecticut valley, rest the remains of Lieut. Philip Safford and his family, one of the most noted heroes of the Westminster massacre, and prominent in Vermont during the Revolution. He was a resident of Rockingham during those stirring days, and in later life resided in a house in the immediate vicinity of the burying-ground.

#### SAXTONS RIVER BURYING-GROUND

In 1807 Simeon Aldrich, a well-to-do resident of Saxtons River village, presented the land for the burying-ground and the first church in that village. June 16, 1810, a large "bee" of citizens met with their teams and levelled off the ground

for the burying-ground and the "common" in front, the meeting-house having but recently been erected. Evidently haying had been completed early that year, as at an earlier meeting it had been "voted that the proprietors meet after haying and harvesting and level the common by notice from Joseph Weed, or some other person." The committee appointed June 21, 1809, to "mark out the burying-ground in regular form" was Amos Chaffee, Daniel Mason and Caleb Washburn. As laid out by this committee the grounds have always been well kept and are still in use, making one of the most beautiful cemeteries in town at this time.

#### IMMANUEL CHURCH CEMETERY

In 1817 the place now occupied by the "church-yard" of Immanuel church in Bellows Falls was first used for burial purposes, and until the year 1845 it was the only burying-ground known to exist in the village. It is tradition that, previous to this yard being used, the ground between School and Henry streets as far west as the Congregational church had been used for the purpose, and that some of the bodies were later removed to the last mentioned yard.

Situated in the very centre of the busy village, within a stone's throw of its largest mercantile blocks, but protected by its natural surroundings of terrace and shade trees, this cemetery holds all that is mortal of scores of those whose names became prominent in the development of its industries during the nineteenth century. Among them are the families of Atkinson, Green, Fleming, Guild, Williams, Wales, Arms, and others, the descendants of whom, still active among the varied business interests of the place, are closely identified with all that makes for the welfare and best interests of the town. Its limits are so circumscribed that for some years only those connected with the early families have here found a resting place.

#### OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The land for the cemetery on the Old Terrace in Bellows Falls was deeded to the town by Solomon Hapgood June 21,

1845, which date probably marks the time of its first use for burial purposes. Within a few years the question of ceding it to St. Charles Catholic church was agitated, and as early as March, 1858, the town voted it to them, although the vote was not carried out. By vote of the town, March 6, 1877, the land was deeded, August 2, 1878, to Daniel Higgins, Thomas O'Brien and Daniel Kiniry, "trustees of the Catholic Society," and it has been controlled by them since. It was the only cemetery of this church until 1894.

#### BURYING-GROUND NEAR LAWRENCE'S MILLS

The first interment in the small burying-ground between Bartonsville and Lawrence's Mills was that of Solomon Wright. His death occurred July 18, 1827. There are now twenty-two stones showing that number of interments, two being dated since 1890. The larger part of those resting here are of the name of Wright, descendants of the first settler.

#### BURYING-GROUND AT LA GRANGE

The stones in the old burying-ground near the deserted village of La Grange, near Bartonsville, record 1836 as the year it was first used, only three persons having been interred there in the last thirty years.

#### OAK HILL CEMETERY

The first meeting of citizens which culminated in the establishing of the present "Oak Hill" cemetery in Bellows Falls, was held in "Chase's Hall" on Westminster street, Saturday evening, March 8, 1862, at which time S. S. Coolidge, C. B. Eddy and A. S. Clark were appointed a committee to investigate and report to a town meeting. This committee looked the most favorably upon the location now known as the "New Terrace", but it did not meet popular favor.

During the winter of 1872-3 the town appointed Wyman Flint, Oscar D. Gray and Albert H. Fisher a committee to



SOLDIERS MONUMENT.



GLIMPSE OF OAK HILL CEMETERY.



locate the cemetery. Their investigations resulted in a purchase in May, 1873, from Seth Hapgood and Col. C. L. King, of a portion of the land now used. Few interments were made there during the next ten years. Since then it has been the favorite location in town for burial purposes, and the number of interments now reach about seven hundred and fifty. At this time there are few cemeteries in New England more beautifully located, laid out and kept than this. To J. C. Day, who has been managing commissioner for the town since the first few years, is due in a large measure the present attractive appearance of the grounds.

#### ST. CHARLES CEMETERY

In 1894 the grounds on the Old Terrace in Bellows Falls in use by St. Charles church having become too crowded, the church purchased the present commodious grounds south of the Saxtons river, just in the edge of Westminster. In the last few years they have been greatly beautified and are coming into general use in place of the old lot.



## CHAPTER XI.

### THE FIRST CHURCH IN ROCKINGHAM, 1773-1839

One of the first things which the sturdy pioneer settlers of the town did, after organizing the town government and laying out primitive roads through the forests, was to organize a church and undertake the erection of a house for the worship of God. The first citizens of Rockingham, coming here from different points in Massachusetts and Connecticut, traced their ancestry back to the Puritans and Pilgrims, and had evidently inherited many of the strict religious ideas of their early forefathers. The records show that before the school, or any other institution, they considered the church and its observances to be the most essential.

The first meeting of the proprietors of the town, held March 28, 1753, voted that six acres of land located near the middle of the township should be reserved "for a Meeting-house place," and that twenty acres should be "Laid out For the Use of the First Settled Minister."

When the management of the town had passed into the hands of the actual residents, and the town was organized, the records of the various meetings, printed in a previous chapter, show a continual thought in regard to spiritual things, although at times the action of the town was contradictory and changeable.

Preaching services were evidently held at some place or places in the town with more or less regularity, even when the number of families was but small. As the citizenship increased services became more regular. It is impossible to say where these first services were held, the first action of the town looking toward a house of worship being taken in June, 1771, ten years after the organization of the town.

Rev. Andrew Gardner, one of the original grantees of Rockingham, was the first minister of the town, serving the

settlers in addition to his duties as pastor, in the capacity of physician and surgeon also, as he had at Fort Dummer and other settlements in the Connecticut river valley. His period of service here ended about 1771. He was never a settled pastor but evidently served this town in connection with others. He held various town offices, and was prominent in many civil affairs. He made this town his home a portion of the time. He was a resident of Charlestown, N. H. in 1746, and after his period of service here in 1771 he removed to Bath, N. H.

The second minister who was employed by the town was Rev. Elisha Harding, and he officiated as the town minister a part of the time from the departure of Mr. Gardner until the organization of the first church in 1773. Mr. Harding does not appear to have been a citizen of the town, but he came into this vicinity about 1755 and was employed many years as chaplain in the large family of Col. Benjamin Bellows, the dominant spirit of Walpole in early days. The records of this town show the allowance of bills for going after Mr. Harding "when he preacht in Rockingham," the transportation evidently being between the home of Col. Bellows and wherever he preached here.

Church organization in Rockingham dates from October 27, 1773, when a council of pastors and members of various Congregational churches in surrounding towns, including Brattleboro, Vt., Winchester, Swanzey, Charlestown, Westmoreland, Walpole and Lebanon, N. H., Warwick and Wrentham, Mass., was held and a church organized, of which Rev. Samuel Whiting was ordained as the first pastor.

Mr. Whiting served the church, and the town, as pastor until May 8, 1809, a period of thirty-six years. During this time the church was supported by direct taxation of the citizens, levied upon the grand list the same as all other taxes, the exceptions being such property owners as filed with the town clerk their certificates that they either belonged to other churches and assisted in supporting them, or that they "did not agree in religious belief with a majority of the

inhabitants of the town." In such cases they were relieved from their proportion of the expense of the support of the town church. Mr. Whiting's ministry in this town, covered largely the formative period of town affairs, as well as the Revolutionary period, and the troublous years when Vermont as an independent republic had to look out for foes upon every hand, and this fact makes his influence, and the influence of the church itself, of much more than ordinary importance.

Without doubt the strong personality and christian character of the minister stamped itself indelibly upon the citizenship of the town, as in those days the town minister was a man of prominence and great influence. When Mr. Whiting was ordained as pastor over the church he was but 23 years old, and during his pastorate the church erected its two meeting-houses and organized itself for active work.

The church in Rockingham was the eighth Congregational church established in what was then known as the "New Hampshire Grants," later as "Vermont." This province was then under the rule of King George III. of Great Britain. The other churches were organized as follows:

Bennington, 1762,	Norwich, 1770,
Newbury, 1764,	Brattleboro, 1770,
Westminster, 1767,	Guilford, 1770,
Windsor, 1768,	Rockingham, 1773.

Only five more were established previous to the Revolution, viz.:

Thetford, 1773,	Putney, 1776,
West Rutland, 1773,	Marlboro, 1776.
Newfane, 1774,	

Rev. Samuel Whiting was son of Joseph Whiting of Franklin, Mass., who traced his lineage back to Nathaniel Whiting who was in Dedham, Mass., as early as 1641 and married Hannah Dwight in 1643. Rev. Samuel Whiting was born in Wrentham, Mass., January 28, 1750; graduated from Harvard college in 1769; received the degree of A. M. from Yale college in 1772; was ordained pastor of the Con-

gregational church in Rockingham, October 27, 1773, and by vote of the town was accepted as its first settled pastor, January 13, 1783. He at once came into possession of the eight lots in different parts of the town aggregating two hundred and eighty-nine acres which had been set apart by the proprietors of the town of Rockingham for the use of the first settled minister of the town.

Mr. Whiting married Mary Goldsbury of Warwick, Mass., May 24, 1774, and they lived in the old "Minister's House," still standing about a mile north of Rockingham village, built on land given by the proprietors.

He died in the old homestead at Rockingham, May 16, 1819, in his 70th year. Mrs. Whiting died August 7, 1799. The graves of both Mr. and Mrs. Whiting and five of their children are in the old burying ground at Rockingham, just behind the old church for which Mr. Whiting gave the best years of his life in his pastorate of thirty-six years.

The traditions of Mr. Whiting that have come down through his descendants show him to have been a strong character, earnest and faithful in the discharge of the duties of his ministry, a man of kind and genial manner, having a keen sense of humor, and he was regarded by his brother ministers as a wise counsellor.

The interesting and valuable book containing the complete manuscript records of the first church of Rockingham, is now deposited in the safe of the Rockingham Free Public Library. The book has been recently returned to the town by Mrs. W. H. H. Putnam of Springfield, Vt., a descendant of David Pulsipher who was one of the earliest settlers of Rockingham, and with his wife, Elizabeth, was among the charter members of the church when it was organized in 1773. Mr. Pulsipher was one of the four men who united in presenting the town with the plot of land upon which the town church and cemetery were located. When the organization of the church was discontinued in 1839, the record book as well as the communion service, the table cloth, and one napkin, were preserved by members of the Pulsipher

family to whom much credit is due for their faithful care. In a fire which a few years ago destroyed the residence of Mrs. Putnam, the communion service which the records show was procured by popular subscription in March, 1819, was lost, but the record book, table cloth and napkin were preserved. The book has been restored to the town as stated above and the other articles would be if the town had a proper and safe place to keep such invaluable mementoes of an era, and of usages, which are rapidly passing out of the knowledge of town residents as succeeding years and different customs obliterate the traditions of the pioneers of the town. Mrs. Putnam says there has always been a well authenticated tradition in her family that upon the occasion of the last administering of the rite of baptism in the old church, by its last pastor, the baptismal bowl was broken by accident, and that occurrence was always considered as an ill omen.

The church records, covering as they do sixty-six years of its existence, are voluminous and deeply interesting to a certain class of readers. Mr. Thomas Bellows Peck of Walpole, N. H., has done a commendable work in transcribing these records entire and had them printed in 1902 in an attractive volume entitled "Records of the First Church in Rockingham," a limited edition of which was published. The book containing the manuscript records is well preserved and nearly all parts of it are perfectly legible. It commences with the record of the council which convened at Rockingham, October 27, 1773, to organize the church and ordain Rev. Samuel Whiting as pastor, and continues in his strong and attractive handwriting until his successor was chosen, November 6, 1818. The records are then written in the hands of the later pastors, and include the record of probably every meeting of the church from its organization in 1773 to its suspension of meetings in 1839, as well as the record of baptisms and marriages at which the different pastors officiated, and a partial record of deaths. The paper of this book is of unusually fine quality, the cover being a home-made sheep-skin one fitted with a flap and string to tie. It

is bound together by a strong rawhide cord in the back, the whole having admirably stood the test of a century and a quarter of time.

Following is a copy of the list of members of the church, the first nineteen names enclosed in the bracket and lines being those of the charter members of the organization :

CHURCH MEMBERS OF ROCKINGHAM		CHESTER MEMBERS
CHH		
Samuel Whiting	*Mary Whiting	*Thomas Chandler & Wife
*Peter Evans	*Mercy Evans	*Jabez Sargent & Wife
*Nathaniel Davis		Jabez Sargent Junr & Wife
*David Pulsipher	*Elizabeth Pulsifer	Phebe Johnson
*Elias Olcott	Sibbel Olcott	Isaiah Johnson & Wife
William Simonds	<i>Martha</i> Simonds	Joshua Hotten & Wife.
Peter Evans Junr	Mercy Evans	
Ebenezer Fuller	*Mercy Fuller	
Asher Evans	*Mary Evans	
*Samuel Larrabee	*Anne Larrabee	
		*Naomi Kingsley. dismissed.
		*Margaret Williams.
		Eunice Burr
Jonth Burr.		
*Joseph Wood.		
. . . . .		*Elenor Preston. Dismiss'd
. . . . .		Agnis Whitney.
Ebenezer Albee.		Rachel Albee.
*Thomas Dutton		*Sarah Dutton.
*John Lovell.		Martha Lovell
Jehiel Webb.		Mary Webb.
		Bethiah Dutton
Eli Evans.		Hannah Evans
*Jacob Pease.		*Mary Pease.
Reuben Jones.		Eunice Jones.
Timothy Walker.		*Rebecca Walker.
Daniel Edson.		*Olive Edson
John Ellis.		. . . . .
. . . . .		Phebe Stoell.
. . . . .		Mercy Knights
. . . . .		Elisabeth Fuller
William Harris Dismissed		*Rhoda Fuller
. . . . .		Sarah Cooper
. . . . .		*Vashti Evans Dismissed
. . . . .		Priscilla Pulsipher
Jonas Hazletine		*Mary Kendall
. . . . .		*Sarah Roundy
George Wood		Sarah Wood. Dismissed
Frederick Reed		*Lovisa Reed



Russel Knight	
*John Lane	*Mrs Benton
Ebenezer Clark.	*Mrs Berry
David Stanley.	Mrs Stearns
	Elisabeth Pulsipher.
	Mrs Walker
	Mrs Ellis
	Mrs Taylor
	Olive Edson - - -
Samuel Emery &	*Emery
Samuel Ober &	Ober
	Mrs Wood
Philip Davis	
John Stoell & Wife	
Will <sup>m</sup> Stearns Jun <sup>r</sup> & Wife	
	Charlotte Ellis

On a loose leaf, laid in the record book, and in a different handwriting from any in the book, there is the following list of names. Internal evidence indicates that they are the names of persons who were members at some time between the pastorates of Mr. Wollage and Mr. Mason, or between 1821 and 1837.

Samuel Ober }	Deacons.	Betsey Stoel
John Stoel }		Laura Davis
Mrs. Stoel }		Roaland Doan }
*Eli Evans		Mrs Doan }
Joseph Muzzy }		Susan Billings
Mrs. Muzzy }		Caroline Gould
*Josiah Drury		*Laura Locke
William Stearns }		Jonathan Stearns
Mrs. Stearns }		John Locke }
Jane Shepherd—Died		Hannah Locke }
Daniel Wise		Catharine R. Locke
Lona Jane Felt		Mrs. Clark—Died
Mrs. Stoel		*Mrs. Nourse
Mrs. Whiting		*Lydia Boynton
Philena Pulsipher		*Olive Evans
Hiram Davis }		Warren F. Evans
Melinda Davis }		Augusta Evans
Melinda Ann Davis		Asa Locke }
Eunice Hoit		Fanny Locke }
David Pulsipher }		Died June 5. 1850
Rebecca Pulsipher }		Mary Jane Locke
Mrs. Stodard		Almira Butterfield
Nancy Barry		Mrs. Gowing
		*Eliza Locke

\*Mrs. Upham

Hezekiah Ober

Abigail Lake withdrawn by letter

\*Polly Gowing

Joanna Pulsipher

A study of the records of this, the pioneer church of the town, and one so intimately connected with the first years of the town's existence, is instructive. They give an insight into the theology and beliefs of the early worshippers upon disputed points of creed, as well as interesting glimpses of the manner in which the church entered into the mutual relations of its members in the ordinary affairs of life and citizenship. In the light of the great changes which have come into creeds, and beliefs of churches, in the century since these records were made, they are invaluable as showing under what influences and amid what conditions our forefathers lived. As the copies made by Mr. Peck are complete, and the limits of this volume inadequate, but a small portion of the record is reproduced here. Supplementing this volume of history, a copy of these church records is valuable as an important part of the town's early history.

Following is the beginning of the record, showing the details of the organizing of the church and the ordination of its first pastor:

*Records of the Church in  
Rockingham*

Pursuant to Letters Missive from the People in Rockingham & Chester in the Province of New York the Chhs of Brattleborough Warwick, Winchester, Swanzy, Charlestown, Westmoreland, Walpole Lebanon & Wrentham by their Elders & Messengers & the Messengers of Hinsdale & Cornish were conven'd at Rockingham October 27<sup>th</sup> 1773.

When antecedent to their embodying into a Council an Enquiry was propos'd to be made in the Standing of the Chh in Brattleboro' upon Which the Revd Mr Reeves & the Messengers from Brattleboro' being previously instructed & empower'd by that Chh gave us full Satisfaction with regard to the Credentials of Mr Reeves & the Agreement of the Covenant of sd Chh

with ours. We therefore Unanimously agreed upon their desire in Consideration of their peculiar Situation to receive & own them of our fellowship. Nevertheless we take this method and Opportunity to bear due Testimony against any Chh' forming itself & putting itself under the Care of a Minister without the Concurrence of Sister Chhs (where it may be had) to establish a Communion of Churches.

The Chhs proceeded to embody into a Council and made Choice of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Reeves Moderator & Mr Fessenden Scribe, the Council being form'd Voted their Acceptance of Mr Reeves & Brattleboro' Chh to our Communion, & our readiness to treat him & them as such, expecting like Returns from them & that the Vote be made Publick at this Time & to our Chhs. In the next Place the Council proceeded to examine Mr Samuel Whiting the Pastor elect, as to his Licence to preach, his regular Standing as a Christian, his Doctrinal Sentiments, & his Views of Undertaking the Work of the Gospel Ministry & he gave full Satisfaction as they expressed by Vote. Voted to proceed to Ordination & that Mr Olcott begin with Prayer, Mr Reeves pray before the Charge Mr Hedge give the Charge, Mr Lawrence the right hand of Fellowship & Mr Fessenden conclude with Prayer.

And agreeable hereto the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Whiting was ordained a Gospel Bishop of Chh in Rockingham & Chester Rockingham Octobr 27<sup>th</sup> 1773 Attest Thomas Fessenden Scribe True Copy Att<sup>st</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whiting."

The following shows the method of the church in arbitrating between its members. These are only a few chosen from the constantly recurring records of similar nature :

"1776, March 21. By the Desire of Brother Asher Evans I informed the Chh & Congregation of his Sorrow for his foolish and Inconsiderate Conduct with Nath<sup>l</sup> Bennett. Voted Satisfactory.

"April 21. Chh Tarried after Publick Worship, read Jonathan Burrs Complaint against Nathaniel Davis & Chose Peter Evans & Elias Olcott to meet with them & endeavor to reconcile the Difficulties between them.

"April 27. Chh Tarried after Publick Worship When Peter Evans Jun'r & Elias Olcott upon Brother Davis saying that wherein he had broke the good Rules of the Chh he was sorry for it, Said it was to the same purport to what they had Advis'd to & Brother Burr was satisfied with, and he being satisfied withdrew his complaint and both parties agree not to mention again the old Story wherein they differed and which was the foundation of the Dispute.

"1780, April 27. Chh Met according to appointment and informed Mr. Davis of their uneasiness with him for Continuing his Contention with Deac<sup>r</sup> Evans & in not resting Satisfied with the doings of the Chh in respect to him after some time, according to the proposal made. Deac. Evans Said before the Chh that if he had injur'd Mr. Davis any way in his Name or Estate he was sorry for it & meant to treat Mr Davis's Character with Brotherly Tenderness which was Satisfactory to Mr Davis. Mr Davis also Said before the Chh and to the Chh that he was Sensible that upon Provocation he had fallen into unbecoming Passions and in his Expressions had broken good Rules, and wherein he had given occasion of offense to the Chh he was sorry therefore

desird that it might be overlook't and their prayers for him; The Vote was then Called whether it was Satisfactory to the Church, pass'd in the Affirmative."

In regard to infant baptism, the following are of interest :

"1779, Dec. 15. Chh met according to appointment at Mr Whitings Put to Vote Whether Brother Ebenezer Fuller might have his Daughter Abigails Children baptized upon his & his Wives account, in the method he desired pass'd in the negative.

"1784, May 6. Chh met according to Appointment, when Some of the Congregation being present, they Made request to the Chh, that there might be a door Open for the Baptism of the Children of Such as had Scruples upon their minds about Coming to the Table of the Lord & yet were willing to enter into Covenant & put themselves under the watch & care of the Chh & offer'd further that they Consider'd this as a Priveledge which they had a right to Demand, as they understood that the Cambridge Platform was to be the Rule by which the Chh was to govern themselves by. After Considerable Conference, it was agreed upon that for the purpose of Coming to some mutual Agreement three members of the Chh should be Chosen to Join with three persons of the Congregation as a Committee with the Pastor to devise & form some Rule of Proceedings to be laid before the Chh in order for their Acceptance, & voting it as a Rule of Proceeding the Chh. The Chh made Choice of Deac'n Peas Peter Evans Jun'r & Jehiel Webb, to join with John Herod, Charles Richards & Caleb Church, who were Chosen on the part of the Congregation, Which Committee were to meet at the Rev'd Mr Whitings on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of May at noon.

"June 15. \* \* \* \* \* the Vote Pass'd is as follows. This Chh taking into Consideration the Uneasiness of Numbers of the Congregation & their request that they might enjoy a Supposed Priveledge of having the Ordinance of Baptism administered to their Children, tho they do not come up to the Table of the Lord and join in full Communion with the church—a liberty which is granted in many Chhs of our Communion tho not so generally as formerly.

Voted.

1. That the Chh cannot Consider it to be a profession of Faith in Christ & Obedience to him, while a Reserve is made as to Coming up to the Sacrament of the Supper, & while there is no profession of Obedience to this Dying Command of the Saviour.

2. That the Chh would Charitably Suppose that such Adult persons as had been Baptiz'd & thereby bro't into the Chh in their Infancy & of good Moral Behaviour, did not mean to renounce their Baptism, reject the Authority watch & Discipline of the Chh or disclaim all Priveledges from it; by their neglect in not answering the Design of their early Baptism, even to profess faith in Christ & Obedience to Him & Thereby make it Their own Act & Deed in a professed & publick manner.

3. That the Chh are willing that Baptism be administered to the Children of all Such of whom they can have this Charitable Thot as mention'd in the preceding Vote & Would desire their Pastor thus to practice.

4. Voted that such as have been guilty of Moral Scandal do make Christian Satisfaction therefor in order to their receiving any Priviledges in the Way above mentioned.

5. That the Applying for any Priviledges in the Chh shall be understood as an acknowledgement of the Authority of the Chh over such as Apply & that it be Consider'd as an actual putting themselves under the Watch and Care of the Chh & that they receive Priviledges no longer than they submit to the Authority and Discipline of the Chh.

6. That such as do receive Baptism for their Children or any priveledge in the Way above mentioned do make a Publick Profession of their Belief of the Christian Religion, do acknowledge the Validity of their own Baptism in Infancy, & their Belief of the Scriptural Right of Administering Baptism to the Infants of such as are members of the Visible Chh, & the propriety of the Mode as practised in our Chhs. That they promise to bring up their Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord & will submit to the Discipline of the Chh exercis'd in a Reasonable & Gospel method.

7. That the Pastor propound such as apply for receiving Priviledges at least one Week before they are received to Priviledges & he is desir'd & directed to enquire of all applying whether they have for some Reasonable term of time Statedly read Gods Word & pray'd in their Families & carefully attended on the Worship of God with their Families on the Lords Day & unless they can Answer in the Affirmative in these Points not to propound them to Priviledges as without the Practice of these things the Chh cannot Consider that there is any kind of Security for the good Education of the Baptiz'd Children or any reasonable Expectation of it.

8. Voted that inasmuch as there may be very particular Caution & Care needful, in directing persons who may apply for Priveledges, and as to propounding them to the Chh: Agreeable to the Desire of the Pastor the Chh do appoint a Committee of the Chh for his help & assistance, whom the Pastor may at any time call to his assistance in any matter of Doubt & to whom he may send any applying persons, to obtain their consent in order to be propounded & it is understood that the Committee assist the Pastor in any other matters; & that this method be Continued in the Chh so long as the good Tendency and effects of it appear.

9. that Daniel Edson, Jehiel Webb, & Deac'n Jacob Pease be the Committee for Purposes above mentioned so long as they shall be willing to afford their Service to the Pastor & Chh & give satisfaction to the Chh therein."

If a church member absented himself from the Communion Service, the church was accustomed to require that he give the church the reason for such sacrilegious action.

"1778, September 4. Chh met according to appointment & Voted

1. that the Chh Covenant Stand without any Alterations & no Adult Persons be admitted to Priveledges & taken under the Watch & Care of the Chh without promising an attendance on the Lord's Table.

2. that persons having own'd the Covenant elsewhere Residing among us, may receive Priveledges in this Chh even while they do not come to the

Table of the Lord So Long as in the Judgement Charity, the Chh can suppose they are endeavoring to remove their Scruples as to Coming to the Table of the Lord & in other Respects live answerable to a Christian Profession.

3. Voted that the Pastor desire of Brother Joseph Wood the Reasons of his still absenting from the Lord's Table."

"1779, September 3. Chh met according to appointment \* \* \* \* Brother Joseph Wood inform'd the Chh that his having absented from the Lord's Table was on account of the Difficulties of Public Affairs & that he had tho't it to be a greater evil for him to partake than Absent, but that he was now Sensible of his having no Scripture Rule to Justify his absenting, desiring the Chh to overlook his Neglect & that he might again Commune with us.

Voted that the Chh is Satisfied herewith."

At the time the church was re-established in 1818, the following confession of faith and covenant were adopted. They are of interest now when compared with those of the present day :

"We believe &c &c

You and each of you believe there is only one living and true GOD : that there is One Mediator between God and man, even Jesus Christ, and there is no salvation in any other ; that the Holy Ghost proceedeth from the Father and the Son and is the Renewer, Sanctifier, Comforter and perfecter of his Saints ; and that these three, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, are the one GOD.

We believe &c

You and each of you believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the word of GOD, and the only sure guide to direct the tempers, desires and dependance of the soul and the actions of life : that sin is a most deadly evil and unrepented of will issue in endless death. its just wages : while true holiness is exceeding lovely in itself and will produce unspeakable happiness to its possessors, and end in eternal life and blessedness in the kingdom of glory.

Thus we (you) profess and believe.

Covenant.

We do now covenant—

You and each of you do now endeavor, in the sincerity of our (your) hearts, to take the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, whose being and perfections we (you) have professed to believe, to be our (your) GOD, and engage to be his willing subjects forever. We (you) take the holy scriptures for the only rule of our (your) life and accordingly covenant to live agreeably to them, a life of repentance, faith and new obedience ; and to renounce every evil & false way. We give (you give) up ourselves (yourselves) to Christ in this his church and engage to attend on all the ordinances of GOD's house and the Gospel discipline here administered, so long as it shall please God to continue us (you) here among you (us).



Thus we (you) and each of you promise and engage, depending on divine grace, to enable us (you) rightly to perform these our (your) Covenant Vows."

In 1819 numerous rules were adopted by the church for its regulation, from which the following are a few extracts :

"Thirdly. Chose three brethren, to wit, Samuel Gowing, Moses Hill, and David Pulsipher Junior, an informing Committee, whose duty be either jointly or severally, to give notice to the Pastor or the Clerk of all public and open breaches and violations of Christian duty, covenant obligations and regulations of this church which may come within their knowledge or the knowledge of either of them.

Sixthly. That no candidate shall be admitted into the church without giving satisfactory evidence of a change of heart. This evidence to be given to the Pastor, who, for the present, is appointed by the church as their committee for such examination.

Seventhly. That every candidate shall stand propounded, two full weeks, before admission, that any brother or sister may have an opportunity to examine such candidate relative to their hope and every qualification the Gospel names requisite for church membership.

Eighthly. That no candidate shall be required to make any public confession for any former sins, crimes or misdemeanors, when his or her repentance and reformation shall evidence a new heart and life : and such, as in the charity of the church, God accepts.

Ninth. That all after offences shall be confessed, if brought before the church or becomes a matter of public notoriety, before the whole congregation.

Thirteenth. That the church in future will hold a prayer meeting on the first Monday in every month to unite with the general concert of prayer now established in all the churches."

December 30, 1782, the record of a town meeting has the following respecting Mr. Whiting and his position as the town minister :

The town chose "a Committee of seven men to Converse with the Revd Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Whiting Respecting the obligation the Signers gave him. The above Committee that were chosen Ware Joshua Webb, Oliver Lovell, peter Evans, Jehial Webb, Jonathan Burt William Simonds John Lovell and the above Committee to make Report of their Doings on the Second Monday of Janavary next." The report of this committee, which was accepted by the town, consisted of the following letter from Mr Whiting, which is spread upon the town record.\*

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\*It is probable that the peculiarities of composition are more those of the town clerk who copied the letter than of Mr. Whiting, who was a finely educated man. This is proven by the fact that the church records which are in his handwriting are written much more in accord with the practices of the present day.

"At the Request of a Committee Chosen to Treat with me in behalf of the Town to Know how I would Chuse to be supported, I would hereby Declare my Concurance with the Vote of the Town at a meeting on Jan'y 1781 as to the manner of my Support and do consider the sd vote of the town to accept of me as their settled minister and to Give me an annual Salary agreeable to the former Covenant from a number of the inhabitants of this Town as a satisfactory Security for my futer Supportt and am Ready and willing to Give up the Obligation I now have from the subscribers as soon as I am paid or Secured as to what Remains Due. And I thank you Gent'n of this Town for the Regard you have shoon me in accepting me as your minister and Rejoyce with you in the more Equitable Moad that this state has provided for the supportt of the Gospell and it would be agreeable if the Town would pass a particular vote to be Recorded that you Quit all Claime and title to that Right of Land which I am now in possession of and that You do Consider it to be secured to me and my Heirs by the Charter of this Town and that you will afford your Endeavors and assistance that I may peacably possess and hold the same. More than which I have nothing to ask at present but your prayers for me and United Endeavors with me for Our Peace Good Regulation well fair and Happiness as a Town and Society.

(sgd)

*Samuel Whiting*

To the Gentlemen of the Town of Rockingham

January 13th, 1783"

The town then passed the following vote; "Voted that this town Haveing Chosen and accepted of the Revd Sam<sup>ll</sup> Whiting as their minister and the sd Sam<sup>ll</sup> Whiting haveing Concurd with us herein and accepted of the Anavel Supportt offered Do consider the Right of Land Granted in the Charter of the Town by the Province of Newhampshire to the first settled minister to be the sd Sam<sup>ll</sup> Whiting's and that the Town do Quitt all supposed Right or Title to the same being Knoon and Lotted out upon the plan by the name of the Minister's right and will afford their Endeavors and assistance that the sd Sam<sup>ll</sup> Whiting Peaceably and Quietly possess hold Injoy the same."

The following recorded in the church record book shows that Mr. Whiting had many problems to contend with requiring wisdom and diplomacy of no ordinary character, and that he at one time strongly contemplated resigning.

"March 5, 1798, the Chh met, being notified by a letter sent to each Member by the Pastor, being met at Mr. Whittings house, & the Meeting being open'd, the Pastor introduced the Conference & business, by reading the following Statement of facts & proposals for Consideration.

Brethren.

I have Called you together without any particular request having been made therefor. And it may be expected that I open the Meeting, by Suggest-

ing Some Reasons, & making some Statement of the Situation of the Chh. & the State of Religion among us, & the matters, which may be proper for the Chh to attend to.

The Chh in this Town was gathered & organized on the Day of my Ordination October 27 1773. It was Composed of Pastor Elect & eleven other Male Members, who had made a Christian Profession & had belonged to other Chhs, & most of them had letters of Recommendation; two of these eleven were residents of Chester, the others were of Rockingham. Publick Worship & Ordinances were divided between Rockingham & Chester for five years. At the Close of these five years, there was some small additions to the Chh in Rockingham & Chester; And as they had never practiced much in attending at each others Communion they Considered themselves as Seperate & Distinct Churches.

The Chh in Rockingham however soon called upon Chester members & they by sending us a Copy of their Covenant & proceedings gave us full satisfaction that they were duly Organized & regularly separated from us as a distinct Chh. during the first five years two of the first nine who subscribed the Covenant were removed by Death. Since the first gathering of the Chh, about 70 have been received, some of whom have been removed by Death, others have removed from us to other places. Some have so left us in principle as to have left our Communion, & there remains now about 50, little more than 12 are Males, a Considerable part of the male members are aged, & the active part of the Chh are about as small as when I was ordained.

It pleased Providence to remove from the Chh some years past & soon after each other three Deacons who as it were began with us & were great supporters & helpers to further Religion among us.

The unhappy disputes in Politics which at several times have run so high among us, have evidently been unfavourable to the flourishing of Religion, the Disputes & divisions in respect to Religious principles which have had a great run among us, tho' they may not have lessened the Quantity of Religion, have been unfavourable to the Communion & Numbers of the Chh. The increase of Wealth in this Town & the Introduction of Luxuries the Changes in Civil Government, the endeavours and attempts which have been made for Obtaining some Publick funds for providing a decent house & supporting Publick Worship therein & the disappointments which attend these attempts, & the common Disputes which have arisen in Civil matters, all have evidently appeared unfavourable to the flourishing state of outward Religion among us. the mention of these general things readily reminds us of the great Share of Calamitys which we have suffered & been carried thro'. Our present weakness & the frowns of Heaven which are upon us need not be dissembled & every private View may well be swallow'd up in a regard for Religion & Community. At the present populous State of the Town, & its great increase in Wealth no decent provision can be made for publick Worship after repeated trials; Without any addition to the Minister's Salary under all the depreciation that attends it It has become more & more burdensome no decent provisions are made for the Administration of Ordinances but not to enlarge upon the peculiar Circumstances of the Town as might easily be done, the Pastor wishes to be encouraged & strengthened, if it can be done consistent with truth & honesty, otherwise not.

The above Statement of the Pastor was not objected to or disputed by the brethren. It being requested by the Brethren to hear what the Pastor offerr'd to the People last October, when he left off Preaching the substance of it was read to them & is as follows—

I would mention to the Congregation that it is twenty four years since my being a Minister here the 27<sup>th</sup> of October next, next Sabbath on which I expect to exchange will be the last Sabbath of the year & whereas my health is such that I cant preach in this meeting house during the Winter season, And as a very Considerable part of those who attend upon publick Worship are Women & Children & such as live at a distance & cant conveniently attend, I think it is my Duty to relinquish my Salary & desist from all ministerial Services during the Winter season. I expect you will be Supply'd next Sabbath with preaching, and I would further add that I do not leave off preaching on account of any disinclination to the business or disaffection to the People, but on account of the peculiar Situation & Circumstances of the Town.

After some Conference upon the above,—no Votes were past, but the Chh meeting was adjourned to the Meeting House on the first Monday in April at One O Clock in the Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment when it was concluded that Mr Whiting make his proposals of beginning preaching again to the people in Town Meeting & thus begin & his salary be paid by those who have not Certificated, in proportion to their doing their part towards Supplying the Pulpit the whole time.

March. 1809

the Chh met at the house of the Revd Mr Whiting agreeable to appointment, when the Pastor made request that he might be dismissed from his Ministerial Labors & after Conversing on the Subject the Chh Voted to comply with the Pastor's Request that a Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between pastor and Chh & should take place & Chose brother Jehiel Webb and brother John Ellis a Committee to unite with the Committee of the Town to invite an ecclesiastical council to advise & assist in this important transaction. 2<sup>dly</sup> Voted to send to the Chhs in Walpole, Grafton and Springfield as a Council.

Letters Missive were accordingly sent to those Chhs, who all of them met at the house of William Hall in Rockingham on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1809 & having formed into Ecclesiastical Council, they united in the following result Viz.

(The end of Rev. Mr. Whiting's records of meetings which terminate abruptly).

February 4, 1809, Mr. Whiting addressed a letter to the selectmen of Rockingham, requesting them to insert in the call for the annual meeting an article to see if the town would dismiss him from his ministerial services, and to choose a

committee to bring about that result in an honorable manner. In his letter asking dismission he says:—

“I am led to make the above request of the town for reasons very different and distant from any neglect in the people to encourage my services among them, although I confess it is hard on many accounts to use my endeavors to keep up a ministerial dignity and the stated worship of God on the Sabbath when *there are so few* who attend upon my public ministry! But it appears to me that with the utmost exertions my usefulness must be nearly closed; and my health and spirits are considerably impaired. I consequently have some wishes to try to repair them by some journeys and relaxations from business. Perhaps some may suppose there is no need of any formality in my dismission under present circumstances, and while the civil law makes no provision, as it is generally understood, for the support of a settled minister, I always had, and still have, some scruples as to the propriety and duty of a minister leaving his people without some formality and agreement of parties, when the relation and connection had been formed with so much seriousness and solemnity as in our usual ordinations.

There are few among us now to remember the solemnity, affection and religious feeling existing at my ordination in this place. Most of those who were the principal actors and spectators in that early and infant state of the town, are dead, and I who have survived, attended their remains to the silent grave. There are some, however, who survive with me, and I trust it would be most agreeable to their feelings that there should be some friendly and formal dissolution of the connection between us as pastor and people, and that there should be no appearance of strife or contention between us; besides I think this would be most honorable to the town, and most conducive to an honorable and speedy re-establishment of the ministry here, among a people become numerous and wealthy. This appears but a small degree of honor from the town to me when it is considered what ferment and collisions both in religion and politics have taken place, and that I have been called to pass through them all in the course of my ministry here. I, alone, remain standing in the ministry in this State of all those who were ordained before me.”

Mr. Whiting had been deeply interested in this church and town from his coming to it in 1773; he had grown up here with the people; and at this time was an old man, fortunately possessed of enough property, saved by strict economy from his meagre salary and his ability as a farmer, to support himself and family comfortably during the remainder of his life.

In accordance with his desire the town chose a committee of well known citizens to confer with Mr. Whiting in behalf of the town relative to the dissolution of the relations existing between him and the people of Rockingham, and with power



to unite with a committee of the church for the purpose of dismissing their minister. They were William Hall, Jr., Elijah Knight and Dr. Alexander Campbell. In their report given to the town upon a later date they say :

"Your committee consider the settling or dismissing of a minister, a work of magnitude; as good order and a well regulated community tends to the promotion of morality and religion, while its opposite is often subversive of order, destructive to morals, and weakens the social compact. Your committee, therefore, are impressed with the importance of treating the subject with all possible delicacy and order. Much, in their opinion, depends as regards the future interest and happiness of the town, on the manner in which the present relation between minister and people is dissolved. If it is effected in harmony, and the town should ever think of settling another minister, they will be more likely to obtain a man of talents, who will support the dignity of his station, than by an opposite procedure. Your committee are fully aware of the difference of opinion in this place, in religious sentiments, still they cannot but hope that all party dissensions will subside, and that the good sense of the town will predominate and this business taken up coolly and acted upon candidly and measures adopted for the dismissing of Mr. Whiting honorably.

Your committee have communicated with the church committee, and with Mr. Whiting. In seeking the dissolution, he does not ask any compensation by which his estate shall be increased, but desires that a certain portion of his property should be *exempt from taxation* during the remainder of his natural life: he has been in the ministerial service *thirty-six years*, and, in the infant state of society in the town has passed through the struggles of revolutionary war, and shared many hardships in common with his fellow citizens; and in late times has suffered by religious dissensions. For many years his salary has been reduced *one-half*, while he has been compelled to pay taxes, a thing he says no other clergyman in Vermont has done; and if the town should exempt him from two hundred dollars on the grand list during his life, it would place him in no better condition than are placed his brethren of the clergy."

The town voted to pay Mr. Whiting all arrearages due him and he was allowed to take his own time to retire from his pulpit. He continued to preach as the town minister until the following May.

A council of delegates from neighboring churches was convened May 18, 1809, which dismissed him with expressions of high regard and esteem, thus closing a remarkable pastorate covering a period of thirty-six years. Mr. Whiting continued to reside upon the old farm, which had come to



him as "the first settled minister of the town," until his death, May 16, 1819.

Rev. Elijah Wollage was the second pastor, he being settled over the church November 6, 1818, and remaining its head somewhat over three years.

Rev. Samuel Mason came to the church as a supply August 1, 1836, was ordained as pastor January 3, 1837, and was dismissed by a council which convened August 22, 1838.

These are the only pastors whom the church had that were settled here, although in the long intervals between the pastorates as shown above the church and town were served by supplies.

The records show that an aged man named Rev. Broughton White served as minister for a short time in 1839, but he was never settled over the church, and upon his death which occurred the same year all semblance of regular meetings by this old, first, church in Rockingham was discontinued, and the old town church building occupied so many years ceased to be regularly used for the worship of God.

## CHAPTER XII.

### FIRST TOWN MEETING-HOUSES—FIRST MINISTER'S DWELLING

The history of Rockingham dates from a time when "church and state were one," to a certain extent, inasmuch as the first meeting-houses in the village of Rockingham were erected by direct taxation of the inhabitants, and church expenses were paid by money from the same source.

In addition to those in the village of Rockingham, those early "meeting-houses" of the villages of Saxtons River and Cambridgeport can be so termed, as they were not built by any denomination, but as union meeting-houses by the people at large. Each of these villages still treasure structures which come under the old term of "meeting-houses."

The first proprietor's meeting, March 28, 1753, chose a committee to "Lay out Six acres of Land for a Meeting-house place," and a lot, containing twenty acres, was "Laid out For the use of the First Settled Minister."

June 20, 1771, the town took its first action toward building a house of worship by voting "To build a Meeting House fifty-five feet Long and forty-five feet Wide." They chose three men, John Hastings and Simeon Olcott of Charlestown, and Thomas Sparhawk of Walpole, as a committee to locate the building, but the house was not erected and years later it was voted to erect a smaller one.

April 23, 1772, the town rejected the committee's choice of a location and voted that "the Meeting-house be Set on the hill West of David Pulsiphers house about thirty or forty Rods." This was the site upon which the first meeting-house, as well as the present one, was located.

August 25, 1773, it was voted to "Build a small house thirty-five feet Long and twenty-five feet Wide, for a meeting-house till the town be able to Build a Larger;" and that "Peter Evans Jun' Samuell Taylor John Lovell be a Committee to Build said house."

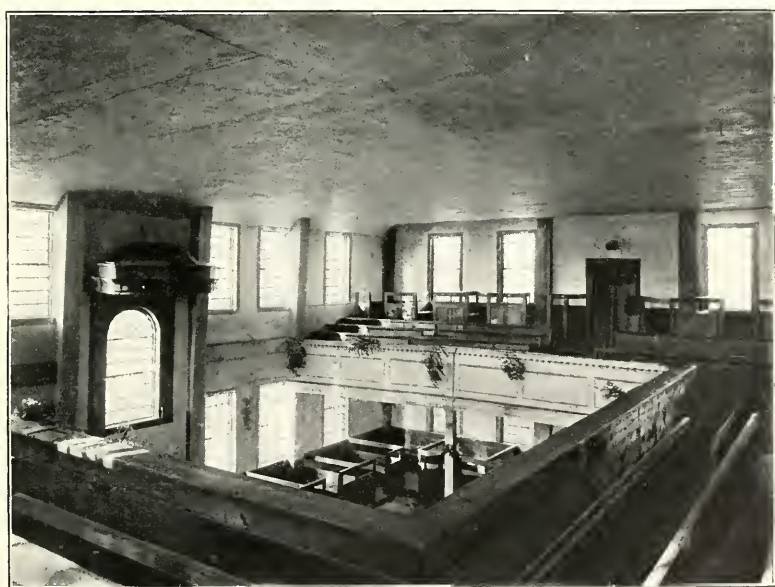
November 24, 1773, it was voted "to Raise forty pounds York money to Defray the Charges of building a meeting-house."

October 19, 1774, it was voted to add five feet to the width and one foot and ten inches to the height, and that "the trustees find four Gallonds of Rum to Raise and frame said house."

December 12, 1774, town meeting was held for the first time in the meeting-house, and it was voted "that the Meeting-house be excepted and the Committees accompts be aLoud;" also, "that there be a Roe of Wall Pews Round the meeting-house and eight pews in the middle and three seats each side the Alley next the pulpit;" also, "chose Oliver Lovell Esq' and Ensign Peter Evans and Ser<sup>t</sup> Jonathan burt Trustees to expend the money which is voted to be Raised In and about the meeting-house."

August 26, 1782, it was voted that "Maj<sup>r</sup> Oliver Lovell Get the Deed acknowledged that David pulsipher Deseast Gave the Town to Set the meeting-house on." The location and erection of this building were evidently matters upon which there were differences of opinion, as immediately following the record of this meeting, and in the bold hand of William Simonds who was then town clerk, is written, "Also I have with three more bought the Ground where the meeting-house Stands with the Burying Yeard the Same was made a present to the Town by us namely William Simonds David pulsipher Charles Richards Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis all to settle peace and Good harmony."

It is tradition that this first small meeting-house was located five or six rods east of where the present meeting-house stands. This building served the town only until January, 1793, when a committee was chosen to sell the old building, the town having found itself "able to Build a larger," and the first action having been taken in 1787 for the erection of the present structure. The quotations from the town records given above are the only description which we have to-day of this first house of worship occupied by our fore-fathers.



OLD TOWN MEETING-HOUSE.  
Built 1787.



April 10, 1787, the first vote in relation to the erection of a larger meeting house, was as follows, "Voted that the Committee appointed by the Legislature of the state of Vermont to build a town house in Rockingham are Directed to sell pews in said house to the highest bidder for to raise money to be Laid out for the purpose of finishing sd House.

3 ly Voted that the Committee Build the town House Just as Large as Charlestown Meeting House as to the square of it.

4 ly Voted to Build two porches one at each end.

5 ly Voted to have the plan of the inside of sd House agreeable to the inside of the Meeting House in Charlestown.

8 ly Voted to have the pews finished which are sold with the money which is given for sd pews."

At an adjourned town meeting, held April 24, 1787, it was "Voted to reconsider the 3d vote (relating to the 'Bigness' of the town house). Voted to Build the town house forty-four feet wide and fifty-six feet long," which are the dimensions of the present structure.

The master builder under whose direction the meeting-house was built was a prominent resident of the town, General Fuller. He lived on a farm about a mile north of Rockingham village, on the top of the hill a short distance south of the Proctor and Wiley farms.

An aged man living in Greenfield, Mass., in 1887, in a communication to the *Bellows Falls Times* about the old church building says :

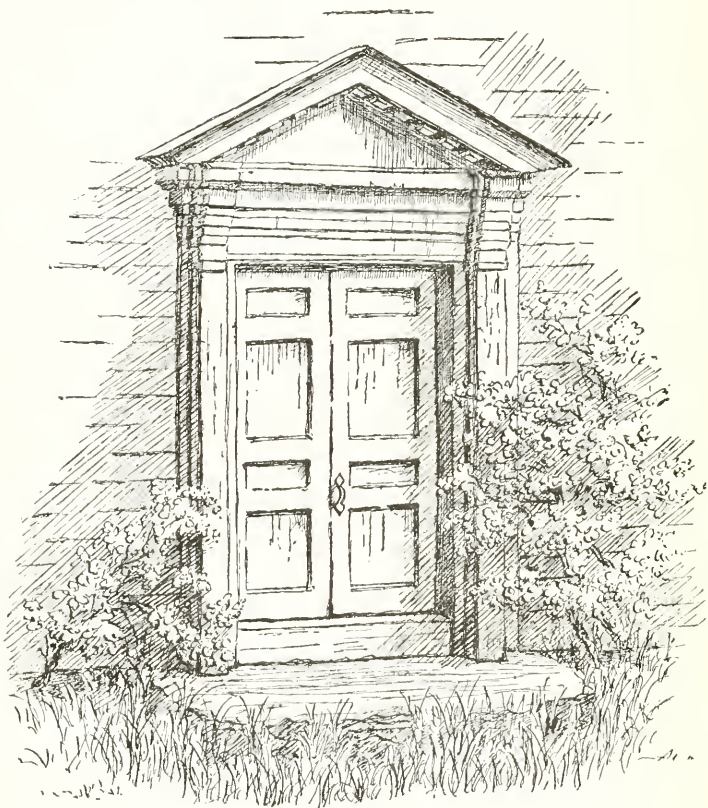
"It was my fortune to have met General Fuller several times during the summer of 1816, who was the master builder of this old house. I was told at that time that when all was ready Mr. Fuller quietly took his place on the beam and went up with the front broad side, as was customary in those days. At the time I saw him he lived in the Dr. Campbell house (so called) now owned and occupied by Rodney Wiley. I think it must have required three or four extra men to have carried Mr. Fuller up, for at the time I saw him he was good for at least 250 pounds."

March 5, 1792, on the article in the warrant "to see what use the Town will agree to Put the Town house to in sd town Voted that it shall be appropriated to the use of publick worship & Town meetings." At the same meeting it was voted "that the Congregational society have their proportion of Time in sd house; also the Baptist, also the Episcopalian's Church though not formed into a Society." The use of the house was denied to the society of Universalists, but at a meeting held May 2, 1796, it was voted "that the Universalists, shall have their proportionable Share of time in the meeting house according to what they have paid and bring in their Teacher on the First Day of the Week."

Although this meeting-house was used for both town meetings and church purposes, the structure was not entirely



finished until about 1800. In 1796 efforts were made to raise money by subscription for its completion, and the committee then stated they had already expended about eighty-eight pounds, lawful money, upon the building. September 24, 1799, a committee of five was chosen to procure subscriptions "for finishing the meeting-house." The painting and glazing had been put up at auction March 19, 1798.



MAIN ENTRANCE OF ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE.  
(Sketched from Photograph.)

The old meeting-house is near the geographical centre of the town, where it was the early custom to build houses of worship, and is the only church building in Vermont dating back

to colonial days that retains the original characteristics in its interior as well as its exterior appearance.

It was a quaint and beautiful custom of those days which set the Lord's house always upon a hill, in the centre of the town, a silent and lofty guardian watching over the affairs of men in the valley below. The meeting-house of the first church organized in Rockingham, a type in itself of the stern, unyielding dignity of those rugged characters, stands close by the graves of those who once made the life of the community, overlooking the Williams river valley, and the peaceful farms below. It is a landmark for many miles and attracts every year many visitors from a distance.

The interior is of severest Puritan outline, the only deviation from the rectangle being an inclosed two-story "porch" at each end, from which stairs ascend to the gallery. The windows are many, and contain each forty panes. The pulpit, which was originally reached by a winding stairway, has been lowered a few feet, but otherwise the interior is unchanged since the days when the good people from the farms in the neighborhood laboriously climbed the hill to sit without fires, with chilling feet and benumbed hands through sermons two hours long, or convened on week days to transact the weighty business of the town.

The pews are of the old square, high-backed style, the outer, or wall row, being raised slightly above those in the center of the room. The spindles which once ornamented the backs of these seats have been ruthlessly removed as curiosities, as have been the hinges which once creaked on Sabbath afternoons as the door of the pew swung back to admit the goodman and his family,—the children in sombre anticipation of long hours of imprisonment on good behavior, to be alleviated only by rare and meagre dolings of fennel and caraway seeds from the depths of capacious maternal pockets.

This building, so interesting and quaint, is an object lesson of the architecture and methods of building in old Colonial days, dating back, as it does, to the years when Vermont was a sovereign republic without ties to other states or nations ;

when all citizens, irrespective of creed, or without creed, were taxed by the government for the support of the gospel, as well as for other purposes for which taxes were imposed by the laws of the commonwealth.

It was the only public building owned by the town until 1887, when the present handsome opera house building was erected in Bellows Falls, just one hundred years after this town church was built. From time to time the building has been used by various religious denominations, but since 1839 it has not been regularly occupied by any. The town very appropriately authorizes the selectmen to keep the building in good condition, the outside being neatly painted, and the roof well shingled, but the inside has had little expended in repairs and curiosity seekers have somewhat marred its beauty. Substantially, it remains in the primitive condition of the 17th century, a silent, and yet eloquent, reminder of the days when there was a more universal interest throughout the community in spiritual things.

The care of the old town meeting-house used to cause much discussion in town meetings of early days.

March 1, 1803, the key of the meeting-house was put up at auction and struck off to the lowest bidder. James Marsh bid it off for the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for the year; and he gave bonds to unlock and lock the house every Sunday morning and evening, and at all other public meetings, at all times, on a penalty of four cents for each neglect of duty; he also agreed to sweep the house four times in the year, that is during the first week in every three months, and for every failure in sweeping he was to forfeit the sum of fifty cents. It is not to be supposed that \$2.50 was considered as sufficient pay for the services rendered by Mr. Marsh; but the honor of the office was a consideration then as now to the office holder. It was no small trust to have charge of the key of both the Town House and the House of God; and if the people had not at that day considered the office of sweeper of some importance, it would not have been necessary to require bonds for the faithful performance of the duty.

In the record of the annual town meeting March 11, 1811, the following appears, and similar records occur frequently :

“ 24th Voted that the key of the Meeting House be kept by Abner Wheelock (he being the lowest bidder for the same which was three dollars & fifty cents) on the following conditions viz : Said Wheelock shall lock and unlock said house every Sunday morning & evening if needed, and at all times when thereto requested by the authority of the Town, and in the case of refusal or neglect to lock and unlock as aforesaid, he shall forfeit & pay the sum of 50 cents for every such neglect, to be deducted out of the sum allowed for such services. Also to sweep said house four times in the present year, that is to say for the first time in the month of April next and so on quarterly to the end of the year, and for every failure of not sweeping as aforesaid to pay 50 cents aforesaid. Also to wash said house in the month of April next.”

During the first years of the history of the old town church at Rockingham, its front door was used to post notices of all important meetings, and for the general dissemination of knowledge among citizens of the town. One of its more important uses was the posting and publishing of all matrimonial banns or intentions of marriage such as were required in those years to be proclaimed in church, or other place prescribed by law, that any person might object to its taking place.

March 15, 1804, Rev. Samuel Whiting posted the following unique, but expressive, notice upon the door of the meeting house :

“ NOTICE,—John Parks Finney and Lydia Archer, of Rockingham, came to my house, and having been published agreeably to law,—but he being a minor and not having his father's consent, I refused to marry them. They, however, declared that they took and considered each other as husband and wife, meaning to live and do for each other accordingly.

Samuel Whiting, minister.

This may, perhaps, be considered the first free love marriage that ever took place in Windham county. The number of inhabitants at this time in Rockingham was not very large, for the whole number of votes cast for governor the next year was only one hundred and fifty, although the number of children in school in the sixteen school districts was seven hundred and thirty-six.

For some years succeeding the building of the first meeting-house in Saxtons River in 1807, the Rockingham build-

ing was known as the "Old North Meeting-house," while that at Saxtons River was distinguished by the appellation of "Old South Meeting-house," they being the only church buildings in the limits of the township, until the first church building was erected in Bellows Falls in 1817.

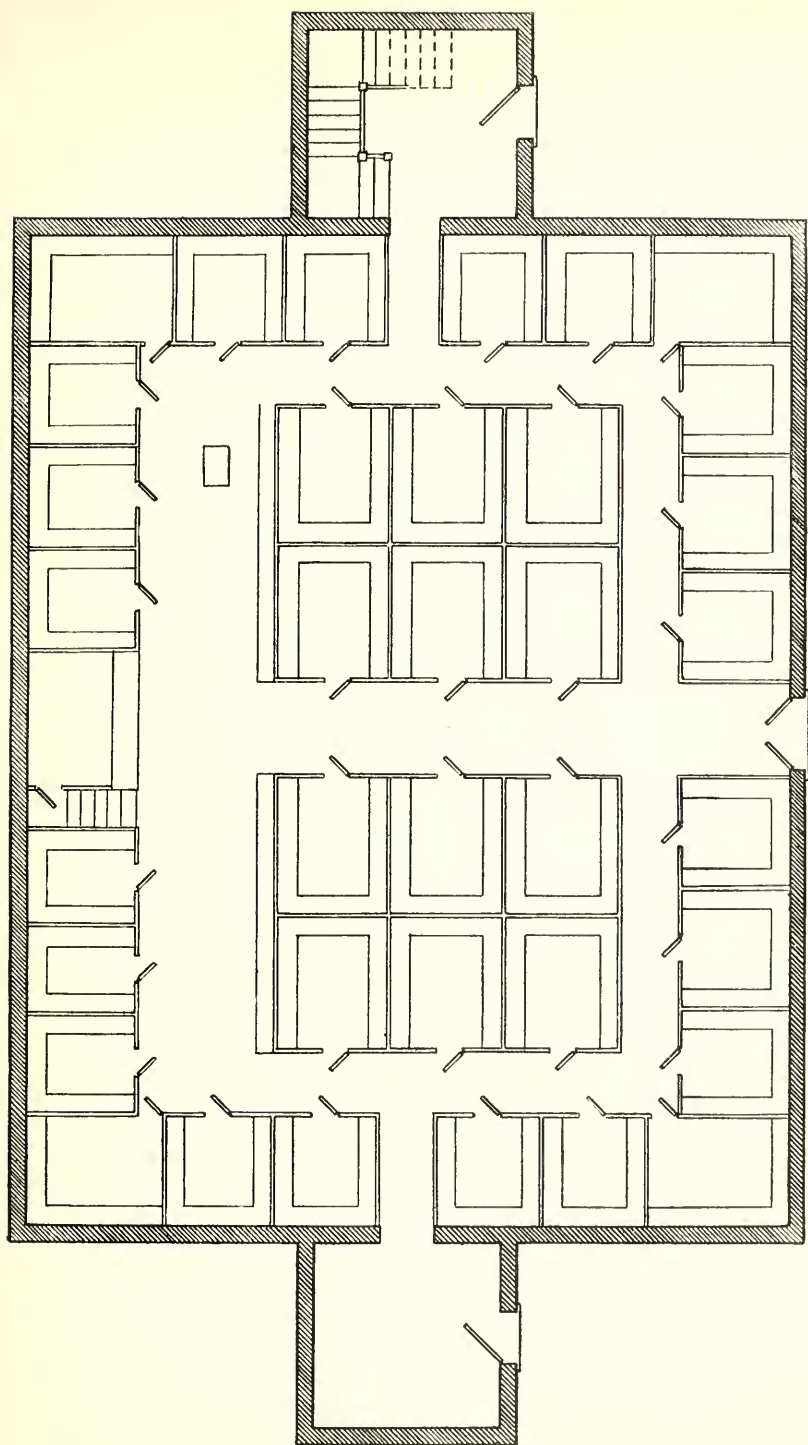
Occasional meetings are held in the old church by neighboring pastors, principally in the summer. Although two box stoves were placed in the church some years since, small chimneys having been built at each end, it is almost impossible to warm the building in the winter. Hundreds of sight-seers visit the building each year because of its historical interest, its age and the picturesqueness of its location. May it long remain as a memento of the past and as an object lesson to the present and future generations, showing the struggles and trials of the rugged inhabitants who first settled this town, and their endeavors to serve in a faithful way the true God, as they understood Him.

Upon another page is a diagram showing the plan of the meeting-house as it is at the present time. The arrangement of pews as shown is the same as they were constructed previous to 1800, except that there were three rows of straight pews immediately front of the two sections of body pews. These were removed about 1860, at the time the pulpit was lowered. These pews were the "official" pews occupied by the tything-men and deacons in the early years of the existence of the church.

May 15, 1906, the town voted to appropriate the sum of \$500 to restore the interior to its original condition, including high pulpit, sounding-board, seats, etc., with the promise that at least an equal amount be raised by subscription, which is being done at this time.

About a mile northwest from the old church building, on an eminence a few rods above the main road between the villages of Rockingham and Chester, stands the well preserved dwelling-house of the first minister in Rockingham, Rev. Samuel Whiting, now owned by M. C. Burnett and known as the Stowell place.





PLAN OF ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE.  
(Scale  $\frac{3}{32}$  in. to 1 ft.)

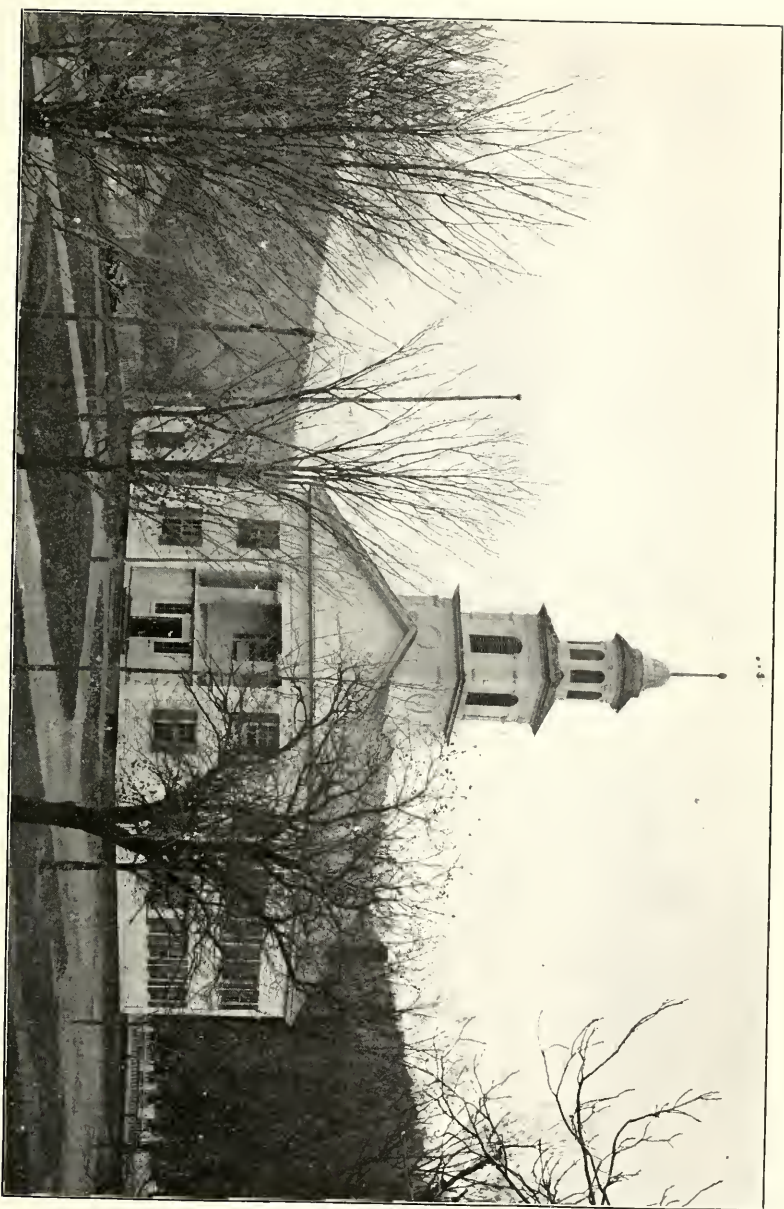


The Whiting place, although of much interest historically, has not been as well identified in the later years, or as generally known to be of historical interest, as the old church and burying-ground, and yet the dwelling dates back to practically the same years. The land of the farm on which these buildings stand was at the first proprietors' meeting, held March 28, 1753, "Laid out For the Use of the First Settled Minister," and was "House Lott No. 3 in the North Range." The location was a beautiful one commanding a broad sweep of valley and mountain and was chosen as being the geographical center of the township. In the ell of the dwelling house is still to be seen the old minister's "office" in which in early days occurred many marriages of early settlers, as well as many other incidents which would be of historical interest at the present day if they had been recorded.

The first General Convention of Congregational Churches of the State of Vermont was organized and held in this dwelling on the third Tuesday of June, 1796. Mr. Whiting also took an active part in the formation of the Vermont Missionary society. While New York was exercising jurisdiction over the south part of Vermont, a ministerial association was formed, in October, 1775, comprising what is now called Windham county. Tradition locates this organization as having been effected in Mr. Whiting's dwelling-house. The name of the organization was the "Ministerial Association of the County of Cumberland, state of New York." The ministers composing this organization were "Rev. Messrs. Abner Reeve of Brattleborough, Hezekiah Taylor of Newfane, Joseph Bullen of Westminster, and Samuel Whiting of Rockingham." They retained the name of Cumberland until June 2d, 1785. No other similiar association was formed in the state for thirteen years.

In Mr. Whiting's office were probably written the very full records of the old church organization which have recently come to light in their original manuscript form.

The year 1807 marked the first effort for the erection of any other meeting-house in the town than that described as



THE OLD SOUTH MEETING-HOUSE AT SANTONS RIVER, ERECTED 1810.



the "Old North Meeting-house" at Rockingham village. The village of Saxtons River, in which a settlement was first made in 1783, had become so populous that for the use of its residents as well as for the farmers of the vicinity a house of worship was desirable.

November 26, 1807, a number of citizens met by verbal notice at Isaac Willard's tavern in Saxtons River to consider the subject of building a non-sectarian union meeting-house. A committee was appointed to find a suitable place upon which to set the house and to draft a plan and report at a subsequent meeting. James McAfee was moderator of the meeting, Jos. Weed the clerk, and the committee named were Roswell Bellows, Daniel Mason, James McAfee, Amos Goodell and Jos. Weed.

The following persons were present at this meeting and agreed to purchase a pew each in the proposed building :

Simeon Aldrich	Jonas Clark	Amos Goodell	Samuel Mason
Ebenz Lovell	Samuel Tuthill	Daniel Mason	Roswell Bellows
John Bennett	Hesh Rice	Silas Dickinson	Joel Barry
Daniel Mason	Jona Barry	Henry Lake	Amos Guernsey
Benj. Davis	Isaac Willard	Caleb Washburn	Sarah House
James McAfee	Daniel Bixby	Joel Barrett	Roswell Burt
Amos Chaffee	Jos. Weed		

At an adjourned meeting the next month it was voted to "Set the meeting-house on the Ground offered by Mr. (Simeon) Aldrich." A building committee was chosen consisting of Roswell Bellows, Daniel Mason, Eben. Lovell, Henry Lake and Isaac Willard. The contract for the erection of the house was let to Roswell Bellows, a prominent citizen of the village.

The contract called for its completion Jan. 1, 1810. The work was done as agreed and the house was dedicated Aug. 23 of that year. This is the same building now occupied by the public schools of the village, it having passed into the ownership of the town some years since. It was occupied for church purposes by the Baptist and Universalist churches of the village until 1842. At that time the Baptist church had erected its own house of worship, and the Universalist church

had discontinued its services. In 1842 it was adapted to educational uses and occupied until 1866 by the Saxtons River Seminary, a popular educational institution of those days, having been fitted to both dormitory and recitation purposes. The general outlines of the building are the same as when it was first erected nearly one hundred years ago.

The history of the Union Meeting-house of Cambridgeport village, erected seventy years ago, demonstrates the possibility of one church supplying the spiritual needs of a small village without over-burdening the community with a multiplicity of denominational structures and organizations.

A call for a meeting of the inhabitants of the village of Cambridgeport and vicinity to be held January 4, 1836, for the purpose of making arrangements for the erection of a meeting-house, was signed by Benjamin Smith, Jr., Isaiah Stodder, Lemuel Bolles, Bailey & Aiken, Samuel Ober, 3d, Henry Harris, James Weaver, Hiram Wooley and G. S. Willard. This meeting resulted in the erection of a meeting-house during the same year.

One of the articles in the constitution of the society which was formed, was as follows :

"The subscribers owning slips in said house shall occupy the same for public worship agreeable to their choice, in proportion to the shares which they respectively own in said house, and if any one denomination does not choose to occupy the time belonging to it for public worship others may occupy the same for such purposes during the time which by it shall be unoccupied."

In 1837, a vote was recorded that the Baptists, Congregationalists, Universalists and Methodists should have the use of the meeting-house. The church building has remained a union house of worship ever since.

Among the names which appear upon the early records of the society, in addition to those above, are Ralph Brintnall, William Thompson, Horace Eastman, John Weaver, Thomas Wyman, Ithimar Bolles, Hubbard Eastman, Isaac B. Wilson, Benjamin Clark, Royal Earle, Jonathan Colton, Alexander Atcherson, Z. Chapin, D. F. Cushing, Isaac Glynn, Charles

Smith, Solon Perry, Edwin Howard and Benjamin Scofield. Since 1870 some of the recorded names of those who have deceased, are William S. Barry, Washington Wyman, Ransom Thrasher, George Wellington, A. A. Wyman and S. M. Dimond, all of whom took active part in supporting a society whose church building should be open to the worship of God by those of any faith. The present trustees are S. J. Weaver, Albert Hammond and L. W. Derby, with S. P. Cushing as clerk and treasurer. By general consent the annual meetings of the Cambridgeport Union Meeting House Society have, in late years, been composed of all residents of the vicinity who are interested in the care of the church building and the support of preaching.

The various offices of the society have been filled with this understanding, without regard to ownership of pews. The securing of preaching has been left to a committee chosen annually with the understanding they shall not be limited by denominational lines, and left entirely free to make such arrangements as they believe will best serve the interests of the citizens. In 1883 the building was extensively repaired and improved, largely by the efforts of Rev. W. R. Davenport, Methodist, who was then preaching in Athens and Cambridgeport. Of late years the most regular preaching has been by Methodists.



## CHAPTER XIII.

### CHURCHES OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY — ALL EXTINCT EXCEPT "IMMANUEL" OF BELLOWS FALLS

Besides the old town church described in Chapter XI. there were a number of other church organizations in town previous to the year 1800.

As early as the year 1786, and until 1793 or 1794 there was a Baptist church in Rockingham, although no records of the organization have been found. The meetings were held in the old town meeting-house alternating with the Congregational society, each, by vote of the town, having an equal right to the use of the building.

The somewhat meagre data in reference to this church is found upon the records of the town, in the records of the first Baptist church at Chester, and in the records of the Woodstock Baptist Association.

Rev. Aaron Leland, the first pastor of the town of Chester, supplied this church a number of years, in addition to his services in Chester and other towns.

November 20, 1786, a certificate of membership in the Rockingham church is signed by "William Bowler, Minister of the Gospel" and spread upon the town records. Nothing is found regarding this man except in that year he was mentioned in the minutes of the Baptist Association, but nothing to show where he resided. All indications are that he was of Rockingham, and the pastor of the church then.

During the next year in June, 1787, a Baptist church was formed at Chester with ten members and Rev. Aaron Leland of Holliston, Mass., became its pastor, remaining in that capacity forty-six years.

On the town records of Rockingham, vol. 1, p. 327, is the following :

"This may Certify whome it may Concern that the persons whose names are after written viz John Pulsipher Eleazer Kindale Jr John Claton Elijah parks philip Safford Alven Safford Joel Powars Benj Ripley Wilber Gloson Ichabod Glosson Timothy Gloson Phineas Parks Joel Barret John Roundy Amos Larcom and Tabitha Glasur with a number more males and females are constituted us a Regular Baptist Church having bin assisted to the same by the baptist Church of Marlow. I also Declare them as a Baptist Church with whom I am in fellowship.

ARON LEALAND Elder

ELISHA SABIN Church Clerk

THOMAS GUSTEN Deacon

June ye 1th 1789

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JEHIEL WEBB Regr."

It is not plain to see the object of this certificate at this time. Taken alone it might indicate this as the date of the formation of the church, but other certificates during the previous three years show the formation of the church to have been much earlier.

A careful study of the various certificates on the town records shows the following fairly correct list of citizens of this town who were in different years members or attendents of this "Baptist Church in Rockingham," in addition to those shown in the above certificate: Isaac Reed, Joshua Johnson, Stephen Stearns, Daniel Weaver, John Roundy, Jr., Elijah Goodale, Ebenezer Locke, Lucy Whitcomb, Gershom Lane, James Preston, Rufus Perkins, Timothy Dorlen, Robert A. Johnson, Thomas Wing, Joseph Adams, Eleazer Thayer, Amasa Coburn, James Hall, Asaph Mathers, Daniel Edson, Eli Adams, Abel Gibson, Jonathan Tarbell, Elisha Ayer, Isaac Kendall, Jedediah Smith, Eldad Gurnsey, Isaac Mason, Oliver Willard, Joshua Webb and Simeon Thayer, Jr.

March 5, 1792, there was an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting "to see what use the Town will agree to Put the Town house to in s<sup>d</sup> town Voted that it shall be appropriated to the use of publick worship & Town meetings," and it was voted "that the Congregational Society have their proportion of Time in said house; also the Baptist, also the Episcopalian's Church though not formed into Society." The use of the house after much discussion and

wrangling was denied to the society of Universalists, but at a meeting held May 2, 1796, it was voted "the Universalists shall have their proportionable Share of time in the meeting house according to what they have paid and bring their Teacher on the first Day of the week."

The only entries indicating other pastors than Mr. Bowler and Mr. Leland are one in January, 1790, signed "John Perkins, Pastor," and in March, 1791, signed "John Perkins, Elder." It is evident no one served the church as pastor except Mr. Leland only temporarily. Elisha Sabin is frequently recorded as church clerk and Thomas Gustin as deacon.

The records of the Woodstock Baptist Association for 1789 mention as the supplies for the Rockingham church :

Elder Kenney 3rd Sunday in November.  
 Elder Perkins 4th Sunday in November.  
 Elder Woodward 2nd Sunday in January.  
 Elder Bailey last Sunday in January.  
 Elder Warren 1st Sunday in February.  
 Elder Hibbard 1st Sunday in May.  
 Elder Drew 1st Sunday in June.

The messengers to the association from the Rockingham church that year were Thomas Gustin and Daniel Edson, the membership of the church being given as forty-three. The church was received into the association that year.

In 1791 the supplies by the association were :

Nathaniel Wilbur 1st Sunday in November.  
 Bro. Ganzy 1st Sunday in January.  
 Elder Woodward 2nd Sunday in February.  
 Stone, 2nd Sunday in July.  
 Elder Jedediah Hibbard, 4th Sunday in July.

The messengers to the association this year were Isaac Reed and Ichabod Johnson, and thirty-five members were reported.

In 1792 the messengers were Artemas Aldrich and Daniel Weaver and forty members were reported.

In 1793 there was no record of supplies furnished the church, and no messengers, but the church reported thirty-one members.

After the year 1793 there is no record of the church having had any connection with the association.

During most of the years of the existence of this church its pastor was Rev. Aaron Leland of Chester, Vt. At different times he subscribes himself as "Elder," "Minister of Chester," and "Clerk or Pastor." Mr. Leland was one of the strong men of his day, both as a minister and as a citizen, interested in affairs of his time, taking his part in political as well as religious matters, and wielding large influence. He served his town long terms as selectman, town clerk, treasurer, and nine years as representative to the legislature, during three of which he was speaker of the House. For eighteen years he was judge of the county court, four years in the governor's council, five years lieutenant governor and in 1828 he declined the nomination made as governor. He was an incorporator of Middlebury college, deeply interested in educational matters of the state, and his name is perpetuated in the title of Leland & Gray seminary at Townshend. He was a conspicuous Free Mason holding prominent offices both in his lodge and in the grand lodge of the state.

He preached in many of the surrounding towns and organized a number of churches, but he acted as pastor of no organized churches except those of Chester and Rockingham. He was born in Holliston, Mass., May 28, 1761, and died in Chester, Vt., August 25, 1832. His emigrant ancestor was Henry Leland, born in England, 1625, died in Sherburn, Mass., 1680.

About the year 1790, only twenty years after the organization of the first Universalist church in America, there was a church founded by the name of "The Universalist church in Rockingham," the members of which were largely prominent citizens of this town, with whom several citizens of Springfield joined upon the broad platform of that faith.

The records of this society are not to be found. The first references to it are found on various pages of the Rockingham and Springfield town records. They are in the form of certificates, dated from 1791 to 1802, certifying that numer-

ous residents of the two towns were members of the organization. The following are samples of these records :

“ Rockingham March 9th 1792

These may Certify whom it may Concern that Solomon petty is of and Belongs to the Universalist Society in this town and Contributes to the Support of the same.

Wm Farwell Jr Elder

the above is a trew copy and was recorded March 8th 1794 pr me

Jehial Webb Regr”

One upon the Springfield town records is as follows :

“ These may certify whom it may concern that Hannaniah Newton is of and belongs to the Universalist Society in Rockingham and contributes to the support of the same.

Solomon Wright, Moderator

Jotham White, Town Clerk.

Rockingham, March 28th 1792.”

The reason for these certificates was that the Vermont legislature at its session at Newbury in October, 1787, passed an act whereby the town churches were to be erected and supported by direct tax upon the inhabitants of the different towns, the tax to be laid upon the grand list and collected in the same manner as taxes for other purposes, but with this proviso and exception :

“ Be it further enacted by the authorities aforesaid, That every person, being of adult age, shall be considered as being of opinion with the major part of the inhabitants of such town or parish where he, she or they dwell, until he, she or they shall bring a certificate, signed by some minister of the gospel, deacon or elder, or moderator of the church or congregation to which he, she or they, pretend to belong ; which certificate shall make known the party to be of the religious sentiments of the signer thereof ; and until such certificate shall be shown to the clerk of such town or parish, (who shall record the same) such party shall be subject to be rated, and pay all such charges with the major part, as by law shall be assessed on his, her or their poll or ratable estate.”

In conformity to this law, and to take advantage of its exceptions, the records of the towns of Rockingham and Springfield show a large number of certificates of citizens of which the above are samples. They are scattered through the record books among a mixed class of records of deeds, meetings, highway surveys, stock marks and other matters, whenever a blank space was found.

A careful examination of the records of both towns gives

a very complete and valuable list of the members of this church between 1790 and 1802. Those residing in Rockingham were as follows, with the years in which the certificates of membership were filed.

1791 Richard Hazeltine, Joseph Gilson, Joseph Marsh, William Hazeltine, John Marsh, Moses Wright, Jr., David Campbell, Henry Davis, Phineas White, Luke Fletcher, Abijah White, Abel White, Samuel Bickford, Solomon Wright, Elijah Reade, Nathan Wright, James Walker, Isiah Edson, Jonas Hazeltine, Moses Marsh, Jr., William Thayer, Thomas Kidder, John Cooper, Zebede Cooper.

1792. Solomon Petty, Luther Adams, David Ayers, Samuel Eastman, John Fish.

1793. Jonathan Burt, James Campbell, John Parker, Joel Knight.

1794. Chandler Porter, Ebenezer Albee, Jr., Elijah Stocker, Benjamin Johnson, Leonard Parker.

1795. Jonathan Abner, John Berry, (Barry), Salmon Wheelock.

1796. Nathaniel Davis, Jr.

1797. Riceris Hooker, Henry Lake, Uriah Roundy, Ezra Whitney, Jr., Daniel Bixby.

1798. Ralph Roundy.

1799. Abijah Searles.

1800. Jonathan Bolles, Asa Berry, (Barry).

Those without the year given were Timothy Powers, John Ripley.

Those belonging to the same church, located in Springfield, were :

1792. Hannaniah Newton.

1793. Charles Richards, Levi Harlow, Eleazer Fletcher, Isaac Parker.

1794. John Maynard.

1795. Abel Houghton, Silas Roys (or Boys) Abel Fling, James Glynn.

1798. Levi Harlow, Oliver Parmenter.

1799. John Dagget, Theodore A. Cary, Taylor Spencer, Phineas Graves, Robert M. Elroy, Joseph Pierce, David Are, of Rockingham, Joseph Durrent, Joseph Jones.

1801. Sylvester Fisher, Timothy Hartwell, Joseph Hartwell.

The first meeting-house used by this society was located on Parker Hill, near the line between the towns of Rockingham and Springfield. Here, later, clustering about the home of the first settler of that vicinity, Lient. Isaac Parker, was a sizable village of about fifty dwellings, and a number of industries described in another chapter. A brick church building, or society house, was early erected about ten rods north of the town line, on the west side of the highway where now may be seen an orchard of old fruit trees. The building faced the east. The seats were old-fashioned benches such



as are seen in the most ancient school-houses. The pulpit was an elevated one, something like that in the old Rockingham church, but smaller, having a flight of stairs leading to it upon each side.

As early as 1833 the village had dwindled to a small farming community. The church services had been discontinued a number of years and the organization had fallen to pieces. The old building stood there until 1853, when it was taken down and its bricks became part of structures in Springfield village.

The first minister of which there is any record was Rev. Russell Streeter, about 1811, although it is known that there were earlier ones. During his pastorate he not only served as minister, but also taught school and worked in William Thayer's shoe shop, learning the trade of shoemaker.

Soon after the establishment of this church, a burying-ground was commenced a few rods in the rear of the building and on higher ground. Although it had been used for some years as a burying-ground the land was not deeded by its owner, Leonard Parker, until 1817, "for the consideration of \$30 paid to my full satisfaction by Leonard Walker, Celah Graves, James Walker, Nathaniel Davis and Ebenezer Albey, all Committee of the Universalist Society of Springfield and Rockingham."

This is the only record found in either town where the name of the society is given otherwise than as "the Universalist Society in Rockingham."

The first church organization in the village of Bellows Falls was that now known as "Immanuel Church (Episcopal) of Bellows Falls." It removed here in 1817 from the village of Rockingham and built that year the first church edifice of the place. It is the only religious society organized in the 18th century in this town which is still in existence.

In the year 1798, Dr. Samuel Cutler, a resident physician of Bellows Falls who came from Hartford, Conn., nine years earlier and who was brought up an Episcopalian, conceived the idea of organizing a parish in Rockingham. He drew

up the articles of association which were signed by himself, Alexander Campbell and fifteen other influential citizens of the town. These articles of association were dated July 28, 1798, and were lost by fire March 18, 1809, and the parish was that year reformed under new articles, also drafted by Dr. Cutler. The name of the original association was the "Protestant Episcopal Society of Rockingham," and it so remained until April 28, 1862, when it was changed to "Immanuel Church of Bellows Falls."

Until 1816, the meetings of the parish were held at Rockingham in the old town church. For about ten years previous to the signing of the articles of association mentioned above in 1798, the society had met for public worship under the leadership of lay-readers, availing itself also of the ministrations of transient clergymen.

The following from the town records of Rockingham is of interest as showing the intimate relationship between this church and that previously established in Claremont, N. H. :

Claremont, August 21, 1785.

To Oliver Lovel, Esqr.

Reposing Special Confidence in you as a Gentl. of honour and Religion I beg leave by virtue of my Ecclesiastical office wick I hold by a Lineal Succession from our Lord Christ and his Apostles to appoint you a Wardean of the Church of England for the Towns of Rockingham Westminster Chester and Thomlinson in Vermont State and accordingly you be appointed for said Towns and are desired to take care of the Intrest of the Chur. according to the Cannons of the Ch.

Sr I am your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble serv<sup>t</sup> and affectionate Brother

RANNE COSSET Clerk

The above is a trew copy and was recorded December the 8th 1785

JEHIEL WEBB Regr

Certificate dated Claremont Aug 21 1785 that Mr. Elijah Lovell is a member of the Church of England.

Signed RANNA COSSET Clerk

Certificate dated Claremont March 8 1786 that Mr. Cornelius Dunfee is a member of the Church of England.

Signed RANNA COSSET Clerk

Certificate dated April 15 1790 that Wm Thayer has joined the Episcopalian Chh of Christ and is Lawful member of the same. Signed

AMOS CALE

Clerk

OLIVER LOVEL

Ch Warden

Certificate dated August 29 1786 that Capt. Moses Wright of Rockingham has Joined the Church of England.

Signed OLIVER LOVELL

Ch Warden

There are no records showing the labors of a resident rector prior to 1810. It has been ascertained that occasional services were rendered by the Rev. J. G. Ogden, the Rev. Bethuel Chittenden, the Rev. Daniel Barber, and a few others. Upon its organization in 1798, it took measures to secure the income from the glebe lands, which amounted to about \$70 per year. These were lands set off by the proprietors in the first division of lands for the assistance of the English "Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts."

March 20, 1816, it having become evident that the village of Bellows Falls would become a place of considerable importance, and no denomination of Christians having made any attempt to establish itself here, it was decided to build a church in this village. At a meeting held in Bellows Falls on the above date Dr. Samuel Cutler, Edward R. Campbell and William Atkinson were appointed a committee to raise funds for this purpose. For some months previous to the completion of this first church building in Bellows Falls the services of the church were held in the first school building of the village that stood on the east side of Westminster street on the present location of the brick block formerly known as the Granger building. Work upon the church was begun in April, 1817, and the building was finished the same year. It was built of wood, stood about thirty feet south of the present stone structure, and it cost \$3,709.69 when erected.

A former communicant in the old church speaks thus of the building :

"A modest building was the church, of convenient access as to entrance. Not far removed alongside was the lecture room, built at the end and over a row of sheds for horses and carriages. The entrance to the room was at one end thereof by means of a flight of stairs, near which stood the hearse-house, so-called. Within the church edifice it was none too warm in winter and none too cool in summer. Pews on either side and between the aisles, and in each corner near the chancel, two or three more. I see the slender posts on the ends of alternate pews, made by the rector's own hands, on which were placed lamps, that service might sometimes be held in the evening. The church was repaired and repainted in 1842."

The Rev. George T. Chapman was appointed rector in 1817, and was succeeded September 26, 1819, by the Rev. Carlton Chase, D.D., a graduate of Dartmouth in 1817. Dr. Chase remained until March 23, 1844, when he was elected bishop of New Hampshire, Bellows Falls being his only rectorship. Upon the departure of Dr. Chase, the Rev. Alvin K. Putnam was chosen rector, who died in 1847 while in charge of this parish. The Rev. Dr. Joel Clap was then rector until the spring of 1857, when the parish was vacant until the following December. At that time the Rev. Andrew Oliver was called to the rectorship. After the resignation of Dr. Oliver, the Rev. C. R. Batchelder was in charge for a time. March 30, 1866, the Rev. Francis Wainwright accepted a call to the rectorship. Mr. Wainwright remained but a short time and in July, 1867, a call was extended to the Rev. Charles S. Hale, who came to Bellows Falls the first Sunday in October, 1867. March 16, 1872, the Rev. Mr. Hale tendered his resignation and in July following, Rev. Charles T. Ogden of Bath, Me., was called to the rectorship, and on July 28 he took charge of the church. In 1881, Mr. Ogden resigned, and in July of that year Rev. Warren H. Roberts was called to the rectorship. Mr. Roberts was in turn succeeded by the present rector, Rev. D. L. Sanford, who took charge of the parish October 1, 1889.

October, 31, 1831, the parish met with a great loss in the death of Dr. Samuel Cutler, who had been among its main promoters and strong supporters. He was born in Lexington, Mass., received his education at Harvard college, and his medical education in London and Edinburgh. Eminent in his profession, a cultivated gentleman, he had been the mainstay of the church for over thirty years. His daughter was the wife of the Rev. Carlton Chase, the second rector.

Among the other names, prominent alike in church and town in early days, are the following: James I. Cutler, son of Dr. Cutler, Col. Alexander Fleming, Henry A. Green, Nathaniel Tucker, Bill Blake, Samuel Guild, 2d, Amos Hitchcock, John Robertson, John Atkinson, William Atkin-

son, William Hall, Dr. John H. Wells, Calvin and Luther Webb, Joseph Bellows, Simon Pettes, William Stone, Asa Wentworth, Col. Alexander Frazier, John W. Moore, Merrick Wentworth, J. G. Wightman, Norman Harris, William Lowell, Jr., William Nutting, Josiah Bowtell, Seth Hapgood, James H. Williams, Sr., and many others.

The preamble and resolutions preceding the new articles of association of 1809 were signed by the following named persons: Samuel Cutler, Alexander Campbell, Peter Evans, Elijah Lovell, George Caldwell, William Minard, Quartus Morgan, Solomon Hapgood, Leverett Tuttle, Peter Evans, Jr., and Jonathan Blanchard. The first additional member to sign the articles was Edward R. Campbell in 1813.

The records of the town and of the first church in Rockingham, the old town church, show that Dr. Cutler took a prominent part in that organization previous to the establishment of Immanuel church. March 20, 1797, the town voted him to be one of a committee of five "to see who are willing to finish the meeting-house in Rockingham." March 15, 1789, Pastor Whiting recorded "Baptized John Lenox and Anna Maria, twin children of Samuel and Jannett Cutler." Again, May 20, 1794, he recorded "Was Baptized by Mr. Ogden, an Episcopal clergyman, James Iredell, son of Samuel and Jannett Cutler, also George Church, son of George and Mehitabel Caldwell, also William Nicholls, living with Mr. Cutler."

Alexander Campbell was in 1809 by vote of a town meeting chosen a committee with William Hall, Jr., and Elijah Knight to confer with Pastor Samuel Whiting regarding his request for retirement after 36 years of service with the town church. Mr. Whiting was granted his request. August 20, 1791, Pastor Whiting had recorded on his church records, "Baptized Alexander Stearns, son of Alexander and Rhoda Campbell, being dangerously sick." Others prominent in the enterprise of establishing Immanuel church had actively assisted in sustaining worship in Pastor Whiting's church.

In the year 1800, Dr. Samuel Cutler and Oliver Lovell

were wardens and Alexander Campbell was clerk of the Episcopal church. In 1801, Dr. Cutler and Dr. William Page were wardens and Jonathan Blanchard was a vestryman. In 1803, the names of Quartus Morgan and Solomon Hapgood are found among the vestrymen. As early as 1819, the parish at Drewsville, N. H., was under the local rector, and it has been so a large part of the time since. In 1820, these names are among the wardens and vestrymen. Solomon Hapgood, George Caldwell, Calvin Webb, Col. Ethan B. Webb, Dana Miller, Thomas Green Fessenden and Dr. John H. Wells. In 1821, the name of Luther Webb appears as vestryman. In 1831, a Christmas gift of a complete communion service was received from George Atkinson. In 1839, Col. E. B. Webb and Asa Wentworth, Jr., were among the vestrymen. In 1853 an organ built by William Nutting, Jr., was put into the church, costing \$1,000 and Mr. Nutting himself served for several years as organist. In 1864, these were vestrymen: Asa Wentworth, Joseph M. Webb, James H. Williams, William Nutting, Russell Hyde and James W. Webb. In the choir of many years ago, still remembered by some of the older attendants, James H. Williams, Sr., played the bass viol, John W. Moore and John N. Baxter played the flute, Charles Hapgood sang bass for more than an ordinary lifetime, James Wentworth sang a magnificent tenor, and the sisters, Mrs. Charles Hapgood and Mrs. Russell Hyde, the one alto and the other soprano. Among the early organists were the sisters, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Fleming, and Miss Annie Fleming, later Mrs. Popham. The present organ was placed in the church in 1882. In 1819, Gen. Amasa Allen of Walpole presented the village and parish with the bell, which still hangs in the church.

This bell was cast by the noted firm of bell founders and bears the inscription,

“ Revere & Son Boston Mass.

Presented by Gen. Amasa Allen, 1819.”

The senior partner of this firm was the Paul Revere whom Longfellow immortalized in “Paul Revere’s Ride,” and the



possession of it is taken pride in by both the village and the church. June 29, 1819, the members of the parish united with the citizens of Bellows Falls in tendering to General Allen, who was one of the wealthy and prominent citizens of Walpole, N. H., a banquet at Webb's new hotel that had two years before been erected upon the east side of the Square. A large and distinguished gathering resulted, at which the after-dinner speeches were continued until the morning hours.

When the island was being graded in the building of the railroad about 1850, a large stone weighing about eighty pounds was thrown by a blast entirely over the Square and descended through the roof of Immanuel church. It struck the cornice on the north side directly back of the organ, cutting off one or two rafters, falling just outside the wall. The place where it was repaired always showed until the church was removed.

As early as 1861, during the rectorship of Dr. Oliver, steps were taken looking toward the raising of funds for the present modern church building. On July 1, 1863, it was decided to erect a new church edifice. Plans and specifications for a Gothic church of stone to seat about six hundred persons were obtained and work was at once begun on the building. The following committees served: On plans, Rev. Andrew Oliver, Col. Alexander Fleming and William P. Wentworth; on subscriptions, James H. Williams, H. E. Stoughton and Aaron Arms; building committee, Asa Wentworth, Wyman Flint and John Arms. Of all these, who so faithfully served in their time, only Wyman Flint remains with us.

On the 25th of December, 1867, the new church was opened for the first time and the congregation rejoiced in the possession of a house of worship surpassed in beauty by few in the diocese of Vermont. The original cost was about \$30,000 but the property has been increased since the erection of the church, until it now has a valuation of about \$75,000. In the year 1891, Schouler Memorial Parish House, a beautiful stone structure connected with the church

building, was presented by the late Mrs. James H. Williams, 2d, in memory of her parents.

In 1869, a church school for girls was established, known as St. Agnes Hall, the site being the location of the present high school building. This was in successful operation under the supervision of Miss Jane Hapgood, its preceptress, for over twenty years, and the graduates from that institution are now scattered over a large part of the world.

The centennial anniversary of the signing of the first articles of the church was appropriately celebrated July 28, 1898. A large gathering of those interested in the church were present. An admirable historical address was given by Rev. S. H. Webb of Providence, R. I., a former member of the church. The exercises began the previous evening and continued throughout the day and evening of the 28th. A reception by the parish upon the grounds in the evening of the 28th was followed by a collation and post prandial exercises, at which Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, bishop of the Vermont diocese, took a prominent part.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### CHURCHES ORGANIZED DURING THE 19TH CENTURY

The first church organized in town in the 19th century, and next to the oldest church now in existence in Rockingham, is the First Baptist Church of Saxtons River Village. Its organization marked the first effort to establish religious worship in that village, and during all the years of its history it has exerted a strong influence upon its citizenship.

November 26, 1807, the first meeting of citizens of Saxtons River Village, irrespective of religious affiliations, was held to arrange for a house of worship, resulting in the completion two years later of the "Old South Meeting-house" of the town, as recorded in Chapter XII. An effort to secure preaching was only partially successful. Different clergymen preached in the new building occasionally, but the first regular pastor of the village was Rev. Joseph Elliott. The meeting-house was most frequently occupied by Baptist preachers, even before the organization of that church.

June 18, 1812, a church was organized, consisting of sixteen members, ten males and six females, bearing the name "The Baptist Church of Christ in Westminster and Rockingham." This church was recognized the same day by an ecclesiastical council convened at Westminster West, of which Rev. Aaron Leland of Chester, Vt., was moderator, and Rev. Joseph Elliot, clerk. The following were the original members, Benjamin Smith, John Tuthill, Samuel Tuthill, Samuel Mason, Enoch Usher, Mary Mason, John Pulsipher, Lucretia Roundy, Lucy Roundy, Nicholas Bools, (Bolles) William Wilder, Sarah Smith, Daniel Mason, Daniel Waite, Elizabeth Waite and Mary Perry. The churches represented in this council were: Chester and Grafton, Vt., Alstead, Chesterfield and Hinsdale, N. H. Of the original sixteen

members, eight united by letters from the church in Westminster, two from the church in Chester, and six by "experience."

July 2, 1812, two persons were baptized, the ordinance being administered by the Rev. Joseph Elliot, who continued to labor as supply for a part of the time, until January 19, 1814, on which day he was duly installed as pastor. Delegates were present at this installation from the churches in Windsor, Alstead, Cornish and Grafton, the two latter being represented only by lay-men. Rev. Jeremiah Higby of Alstead was moderator of the council, and Abner Forbes of Windsor, clerk. Mr. Higby offered the introductory prayer and gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Joshua Bradley of Windsor preached the sermon, made the consecrating prayer and gave the right hand of fellowship. The first deacons of the church were Benjamin Smith, Samuel Mason and Daniel Mason. The first clerk was John Tuthill. Mr. Elliot's pastorate continued without interruption until February 22, 1822, when, at his own request, it was voted to dismiss him from the pastoral care of the church. During his pastorate there were added by baptism one hundred and nineteen, and by letter twenty-four.

For the succeeding five years the church was without a regular pastor. Among those who acted as supply were Rev. Willard Kimball, who preached for one year, and Rev. Joseph Freeman, then a young man, afterwards an efficient pastor of the church. During the five years mentioned, Rev. Sereno Taylor also preached a year. He was an open communionist, although, possibly, the fact was not generally known until the church had hired him. He was ordained as pastor November 2, 1824.

A great religious awakening attended his pastorate, but many of the members of his church were opposed to his views. For this reason Mr. Taylor with twenty of his converts, on January 1, 1825, formed an "Open Communion" Baptist church. It is said to have been the first church of that faith in New England and possibly in the entire country.

Mr. Taylor remained pastor of the open communion church, formed under his direction until January, 1827, when he removed to Winchester, N. H. After his departure, the open communion church changed its articles of faith, and, later, became the Congregational Church of Saxtons River.

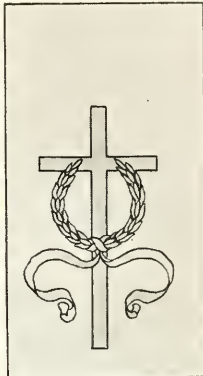
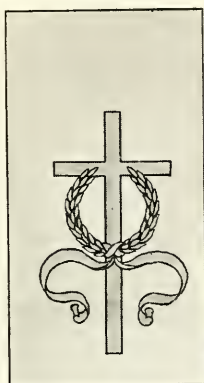
January 19, 1827, Rev. Joseph Elliot was requested to return and resume the pastorate of the close communion church, which he did. During the five years between the two pastorates of Mr. Elliot, sixty-six were added by baptism and one by letter. Mr. Elliot's second pastorate continued until 1830, and resulted in the addition of twelve members, eight by baptism and four by letter.

During a period of eleven years from June 10, 1822, eight young men from this church were licensed to preach the gospel, viz.: Bela Wilcox, Joseph Gambol, Benjamin Dean, Jr., Abner Goodell, Erastus Willard, Charles H. Peabody, Orlando Cunningham and Charles Bolles. In June of 1830, an effort was made to unite the two churches of the village on a compromise basis, but through the steadfastness of Deacon Mason and other leading members of this church, it failed.

August 14, 1830, Rev. Richard M. Ely was elected pastor and continued as such until December, 1835, the church worshipping a part of the time in the meeting-house and a part of the time in the old brick school-house. During Mr. Ely's pastorate, seventy-six members were added by baptism and nine by letter.

Rev. Joseph Freeman became pastor in 1836 and remained with the church until December 8, 1839. During his pastorate, sixty-six members were added by baptism and twenty by letter.

During the pastorates of both Messrs. Ely and Freeman, the church suffered some inconvenience by having to share the use of the meeting-house with other denominations. Near the close of Mr. Freeman's pastorate, the question of the erection of a new church was agitated, and the work was entered upon in earnest in 1840. The present building was



UNION MEETING HOUSE OF CAMBRIDGEPORT.  
BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAXTONS RIVER.      CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAXTONS RIVER.  
(In 1907.)





completed that year, and dedicated December 9, the Rev. Elijah Hutchinson preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Rev. William M. Guilford, the next pastor, invited to the office by vote of the church the same day Mr. Freeman was dismissed, December 8, 1839, remained pastor until 1842. During this pastorate three members were added to the church by baptism and four by letter. Mr. Guilford's successor was Rev. Lucien Hayden, called to the pastorate March 4, 1843, and he continued in this office until July 3, 1857. In the year 1844, the church and society purchased a lot and erected buildings thereon for a parsonage at a cost of about \$1,200. The name of the church was changed September 11 of the same year, to "First Baptist Church of Saxtons River Village," which name it retains to the present day.

Rev. W. N. Wilbur was ordained as pastor January 25, 1858, and so remained until November 30, 1873. During this pastorate, the church building was thoroughly repaired and refurnished at an expense of over \$6,000, and the parsonage was repaired at a cost of about \$600. In October, 1872, Mr. Wilbur was granted leave of absence for six months as he had been appointed financial agent of Vermont Academy. His resignation in 1873 was for the purpose of devoting all his time to the interests of this school. His pastorate of sixteen years duration was reluctantly terminated. From the organization of this church in 1812, to the year 1871, the whole number of members connected with it had been six hundred and thirty-nine.

Rev. S. H. Stackpole was the next pastor, assuming his duties March 1, 1875, resigning the pastorate in February, 1882. He was followed by Rev. William H. Randall who was called November 19, 1882, and accepted December 2, 1882. He remained until July 7, 1889, when he resigned on account of ill health. During the time Mr. Randall was over the church thirty-five members were added by baptism and thirty-seven by letter.

Mr. Randall was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Robbins, who

was called by the church August 18, 1889. The latter pastorate was of short duration and February 6, 1891, Rev. W. R. Baldwin was called. A pipe organ was added to the equipment of the church during Mr. Baldwin's pastorate. Rev. F. G. Boughton assumed pastoral charge May 25, 1897, and he was followed by Rev. A. E. Foote, October 1, 1900. Mr. Foote resigned April 1, 1905, and in May, 1906, Rev. Charles H. Brown of Newport, Vt., accepted a call, beginning his pastorate August 1, 1906.

The Congregational Church of Saxtons River dates from February, 1835. On the 6th of that month, what had been known as the Open Communion Baptist Church of Saxtons River voted to strike out of its articles of faith the clause "Baptism is to be administered by immersion to believers only." On the 22nd of the same month, twenty members were admitted to the church and the name was changed to "The Congregational Church of Saxtons River." (Some authorities give the date of the change as February 6, but the later date is the better accredited.) The church was unfortunate in losing nearly all of the records of its earlier years in the fire which destroyed a number of buildings in Saxtons River, January 22, 1888.

December 13, 1836, Rev. Nelson Barbour was ordained and installed as pastor. At this service Rev. Henry B. Holmes of Springfield, preached the sermon, and Rev. Timothy Field offered the ordaining prayer. The church building was dedicated on the day following, the exercises being included with those of ordination. The membership of the church at this time was about forty. Mr. Barbour was dismissed September 26, 1839. Since that time the following pastors have served the church :

Rev. Samuel A. Benton, January 15, 1840 to November 23, 1842.

Rev. Amzi D. Barber, 1843 to 1852.

Rev. John G. Wilson, 1852 to 1856.

Rev. Benjamin Ober, January 1, 1857 to December 31, 1859.

Rev. Augustus Chandler, September 12, 1860 to September, 1861.

Rev. William J. Harris, October, 1861 to October, 1862.

Rev. Lewis Grout, September 21, 1862 to September, 1863.

Rev. William Spaulding, 1864 to 1865.

Rev. Allen S. Barton, November, 1865 to 1866.

Rev. Levi Loring, April 28, 1867 to April, 1869.

Rev. John G. Wilson, December 3, 1869 to December 5, 1871.

Rev. Joseph Chandler, January, 1873 to January, 1876.

Rev. Amos Holbrook, December 1, 1876 to September 30, 1881.

Rev. William Sewall, April, 1882 to April, 1883.

The present pastor, Rev. George F. Chapin, commenced his work with the church August 1, 1883, and has therefore remained with the church a much longer time than any other pastor in its history. Mr. Chapin's pastorate of over twenty years is especially interesting when we consider that in the fifty-eight years of the church's history previous to his connection with it, sixteen different pastors had been settled over it, while the church was without a pastor for nine years at one time.

Among the early members of the church, and those taking the burden of its struggles, were Deacon and Mrs. E. S. Sabin, Deacon and Mrs. John H. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leach, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Deacon and Mrs. Colin Sabin, Deacon and Mrs. S. W. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. David Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Frost, Mrs. Benjamin Smith, Mrs. Dorinda Cobb, Mrs. A. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Lysander C. Barber and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hubbard.

The present church edifice was erected in 1836, largely through the efforts of Joseph Leach, John Campbell and Deacon E. S. Sabin. They each assumed the responsibility of a third of the cost of the building, a portion of which they received back in later years from the sale of some of the

pews and the contributions of other public-spirited citizens. But to their energy was largely due the success of the effort to have a building of their own. The church had worshipped previous to this in the first church building of the village, which is now occupied by public schools. This they had occupied in common with the Baptists and Universalists.

In 1871, Deacons John Ramsay and S. W. Warner, with Leonard C. Hubbard, were chosen a committee to raise the building ten or twelve feet in order to provide a vestry and social rooms on the ground floor, which was done during that year. In the early '90s Deacon and Mrs. S. W. Warner purchased and placed in the belfry of the church the bell which has since called to worship.

The church has been especially fortunate in its legacies, probably the most so of any church in the town of Rockingham. By the will of Deacon John H. Ramsay, who died January 15, 1896, the valuable parsonage and its grounds, now occupied by the pastor, were received. Mrs. Sarah Jane Warner, widow of Deacon S. W. Warner, died February 21, 1896. Previous to her death, she placed \$3,000, in accordance with a long cherished purpose of her husband, in the care of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society, the interest of which is to be applied annually toward the support of the church. In case the church becomes extinct, the \$3,000 is to go into the treasury of the Missionary society, to be used for its work. She also devised by will to the church \$500 for improvements, memorial windows, etc. Mrs. Julia A. Campbell, widow of the late Dr. Daniel Campbell, died September 16, 1901. She provided in her will for a legacy of \$1,000, the interest of which is to be used in the support of the church.

In 1900, extensive repairs and improvements were made upon the interior of the church, including new organ, pulpit and chairs, carpets, kitchen equipment, fresh frescoes and paint, and a number of expensive memorial windows.

From 1883 to 1893, the church shared the labors of its pastor with that at Cambridgeport.

For some years previous to 1841, preaching services were sustained regularly in the village of Saxtons River by pastors of the Universalist denomination. It is probable there was a church organization, but no records have been found that would substantiate a definite statement to that effect.

The services were held in the "Old South Church in Rockingham," now occupied for public schools, and the fact of there being Universalist services held is still remembered by a number of those now living.

Three churches were using this union meeting-house jointly in 1835, Baptist, Congregationalist and Universalist. Detached papers found among the effects of the late Timothy Clark, Jr., show the Universalists continued their services until about 1841. His daughter, "Aunt Julia" Clark, a very aged lady, now dead, said "In 1831, Warren Skinner was the first pastor of the Universalist society at Saxtons River, and Joseph Hemphill, the second. He came here a young man and was much liked. He remained here and at Rockingham town until 1838-9. There has been no preacher of that order since, at Saxtons River." Mr. Hemphill was postmaster at Rockingham from 1847 to 1849. Rev. Warren Skinner was for a number of years pastor of the Cavendish, Vt., church.

As the names of those who were connected with the sustaining of the Universalist services are of interest, and as nothing can be found of more definite records, the papers and names are copied below, omitting the amount subscribed by each. Many of the names are those of Bellows Falls residents, who evidently attended worship at Saxtons River because there was no Universalist church then in Bellows Falls.

December, 29, 1838

We the subscribers promise to pay the several sums by us subscribed for the support of preaching the gospel of the impartial grace of God at Saxtons River village the year ensuing to commence the third Sunday in April next. The money to be appropriated by Gideon Bemis, Bill Blake, John Minard, John Farnsworth and Stephen R. B. Wales, duly appointed for said purpose :

Gideon Bemis

Henry Lake, Jr.

John Farnsworth

John Minard

Jonas Aldrich

Jeduthan Russell

John Whitcomb

Erastus Lane



S. R. B. Wales	John F. McIlvaine
John W. Church	Ransom Farnsworth
H. G. Smart	H. K. Russell
Horace Baxter	James H. Warner
S. R. B. Wales for	David Danforth
different individ-	Elijah Jones
uals in Bellows	Otis Gilmore
Falls	Luke Tolles
Smith Milliken	A. W. Russell
Josiah Williston	Loren Hawkes
Charles Dickinson	John Baker
Curtis Smith, per	Charles E. Davis
order	William Blake, per
Henry Lake, per	order
order	Daniel Wait
S. W. Parmenter	Randal Smith
John A. Farnsworth	Abel S. Wolfe
Samuel M. Wood	Timothy Clark
Jason Minard	Mr. Blake
George C. Hager	Mr. Stimpson
David Davis	Edward Miller
Buel Carpenter	Samuel Fletcher
Seth Clark	Joseph Spaulding

Another paper read as follows: "We the Undersigned desirous of Having the Preaching of God's impartial Grace preached in Saxtons River Village do Pledge ourselves to pay the sums annexed to our names to the Committee John Farnsworth Timothy Clark and Jeduthan Russell on demand after the first day of April 1840."

This paper had the following signatures, in addition to a portion of those given above: Daniel G. Upham, David Smith, Bill Blake, Hiram K. Russell, Joseph Birt (pr order), Henry Lake Sen. (pr order), Aaron W. Newton, and Lydia Stiles.

Still a third paper read:

"Subscription for Arrearages."

"We the Subscribers being desirous to settle all moneys due for Preaching the past year to Br. Skinner amounting to Fifty Dollars we promise to pay the following sums on demand."

This paper had ten signatures, of which the following have not been mentioned before, Elijah Jones and D. A. Dickinson.

Below the signatures was a note:

"For value Received, we promise to pay Warren Skinner or bearer Fifty Dollars on demand with interest after three months.

(signed) Timothy Clarke  
Jeduthan Russell  
John Farnsworth

Saxtons River, Feb. 22, 1841.

Paid in full Nov. 2, 1843."

In the earliest records of Methodism in this section, Rockingham was included in what was termed the "Athens Circuit," embracing the towns of Athens, Rockingham, Townshend, Newfane, Londonderry, Weston, Grafton, Andover, Chester and Mount Holly. The earliest date given of this circuit is 1803, and John Broadhead and Daniel Young were the circuit preachers, traveling about from town to town, preaching under peculiar hardships. Their remuneration was extremely meagre, and their services were held in private houses, barns and groves. The first quarterly meeting was held in Rockingham in August, 1806, in the old town church, with representatives present from all the towns in the circuit. These quarterly meetings were held in the different towns mentioned above, and usually lasted two days, the place for the next meeting being determined by the vote of those present.

Jesse Lee, who preached in all the eastern states, may have preached in Rockingham at an earlier date than that above mentioned as it is known that he spent two days in Windham county in 1790. Among the preachers who served this circuit were Elder T. Broadhead, Joseph Crawford and Solomon Sias. A license to preach was given by the Rockingham and Grafton class in 1808 to Chandler Walker.

At a quarterly meeting held at Athens in 1809 the following resolutions were passed :

"Whereas, it appears to this conference that there is need of a more close attention to the rules of the discipline to prevent the growing evils of pride and conformity to the world.

Therefore, Resolved.

1. The traveling preachers in our circuit be requested to enforce all of our rules of discipline.

2d. As some plead the necessity of wearing gold for the health, a sister may after making it a matter of prayer, to God, wear a necklace, if she first procure a certificate from an approved physician that the necklace is really useful for her health, but not without : also plain wires may be worn in the ears for health."

Volume 3, page 529, of Rockingham town records has the following certificate :

Know all men by these presents,—That I William McKendree, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, under the protection of

Almighty God, and with a single Eye to his Glory, by the imposition of my hands and prayer, have this day set apart Amasa Cowles for the office of DEACON in the said Methodist Episcopal Church; a man whom I Judge to be well qualified for that work; and do hereby recommend him to all whom it may concern, as a proper person to administer the ordinance of Baptism, Marriage, and the burial of the Dead in the absence of an Elder; and to feed the flock of Christ, so long as his spirit and practice are such as becomes the gospel.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of June, one thousand, eight hundred and fourteen.

Durham Conference Maine : :

W. McKendree (Seal)

Rec'd. Nov. 23, 1818, & Recorded by me,

JOS. WEED Town Clerk.

Bellows Falls became a regular station for preaching services in 1836, Eleazer Jordan being that year appointed presiding elder of the district, which must have been quite extended. Eljah Mason was appointed as the first preacher in charge, but because of ill health he was released at the end of six months. He left a class membership of forty-two, some of whom were probably residents of Saxtons River, and others of Walpole, Alstead and Langdon in New Hampshire. The second preacher was Reuben Dearborn, and at the end of the conference year, July, 1837, the membership had increased to eighty-seven. From the organization of this church until 1845, Methodist interests in this section of Vermont and New Hampshire were closely associated, a presiding elder's district including territory in both states, and the annual conference was held where the united ministerial forces might decide.

Early in 1835, the year before the first pastor was appointed, steps were taken toward erecting a church building, which was completed for occupancy during that year. The first number of *The Bellows Falls Journal*, printed August 8, 1835, had this advertisement:

"An adjourned meeting of the proprietors of the METHODIST MEETING HOUSE, to be erected in this village, will be holden at the Methodist Chapel on the 15th of August instant at 6 o'clock afternoon. A general attendance is requested. Bellows Falls, August 3, 1835."

The same building is in use to-day, and in the same location, but it was thoroughly repaired and enlarged in 1880-1

by raising the building and putting commodious social and vestry rooms on the first floor under the audience room, and again it was improved in 1900. The first parsonage owned by the society was built on the same location as the present one at No. 75 Atkinson street, about 1850. Previous to this time it is probable that a dwelling was rented for the pastor, as, in 1847 a vote was taken authorizing the purchase of a cook stove, two bedsteads and eight chairs, "provided other charges in the district would do a like work for their parsonages." In 1892 a generous offer by the late Franklin P. Ball led to the sale of the first parsonage, which was then removed to Underhill avenue where it now stands, and the erection of the pleasant parsonage now used by the society. The last official report of the church shows church and parsonage property valued at \$13,700.

Among the names of those most intimately connected with the organization of the church, to whose efforts in its infancy was due the successful establishment of a Methodist church here, and whose liberal subscriptions for the purchase of pews made the erection of the church building a possibility, were Sanford Granger, Charles E. Chase, Sr., and S. Cowdry, each at that early day prominent business men of this locality. The subscriptions were made in cash and notes, with additional sums for choice in pews. The average price paid for the pews was about \$30 each. One person purchased eighteen pews as his subscription to the enterprise.

The first mention of stewards appears in the records of 1840, and they probably were trustees of the church property the same as now. They were Sanford Granger, Charles Chase, Franklin Henry, John Clark, Eli Evans, and William B. Kendall. The first benevolences of the church to missions and the American Bible society are recorded in 1842. The Sunday school was in 1863 organized into a missionary society, and so became auxiliary to the present board of foreign missions established by the Methodist Episcopal church in the early part of the last century. In 1842 and again in 1843, interesting and successful camp meetings were

held on land then owned by Eli Evans, now reached by an overgrown road leading from the Springfield road a short distance below the blacksmith shop of Dexter Benson, about a mile east of the village of Rockingham. This is not far from where Rev. John Williams had preached on Sunday, March 5, 1704, the first Christian sermon ever delivered in the territory which afterward became the state of Vermont, and from whom the river took its name.

This location was used as late as 1854, as the *Christian Messenger* during that year said :

"The late Camp meeting at Rockingham, Vt., was attended with results which call for devout thanksgiving twenty-five at least, for the first time sought and obtained forgiveness of sin : more than that number entered into a state of entire sanctification, and a considerable number more were reclaimed from a back slidden condition."

The sessions of the Vermont conference have been entertained in Bellows Falls three times since the church was established here ; in 1875 with Bishop Gilbert Haven presiding ; in 1885, Bishop Thomas Bowman presiding, and in 1900 with Bishop Stephen Merrill presiding. The church policy of short pastorates makes the enumeration of the different pastors for all the years cumbersome, but the present pastor, Rev. L. Olin Sherburne, began his work here in April, 1902, previous to which Rev. Frank W. Lewis, now presiding elder, served the church five years.

The first record of the church having an organ was one purchased in 1861. Ernest E. Ramsey was chosen recording steward in 1886 and he has served continuously until the present time. In 1897 the church adopted the order of service recommended by the General Conference, and in 1898 the bi-monthly observance of the Holy Communion was adopted.

The first serious idea of establishing a Congregational church in Bellows Falls originated with Mrs. Mary I. Walker, wife of Charles I. Walker, Esq., later Judge Walker of Detroit, Mich. They came here from Saxtons River in the spring of 1848 and he engaged in the practice of the law.

The idea was heartily seconded by Mr. Walker and to them belong the honor of first moving in the establishment of a Congregational service, culminating later in a church and society.

On the 23d day of July, 1850, Messrs. Charles I. Walker, C. F. Hall, H. H. Stone, C. F. Pease, A. T. Gibson, H. S. Allbee, George S. Norcross, and possibly others, met at the office of Mr. Walker and signed their names to articles of association under the laws of Vermont, as then existing, to be known as the "First Congregational Society of Bellows Falls." The first meeting was called at Mr. Walker's office the same evening, and an organization effected, with Mr. H. H. Stone as moderator and Mr. Walker clerk. The name of the organization remained the same until March 19, 1889, when it became incorporated under the name of the "First Congregational Church of Bellows Falls," and the old society was dissolved.

An ecclesiastical council of sixteen members, representing the Congregational churches of Keene, Charlestown and Walpole, N. H., and Brattleboro, Putney, Westminster West and Saxtons River, Vt., convened August 9, 1850, at the Methodist meeting-house, at which time and place the organization of a new church was approved. Rev. Amos Foster of Putney was moderator, and Rev. J. D. F. Richards of Charlestown, scribe. The new church consisted of the following eight members: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hall, Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. Augusta Winchester, Mrs. Roxana Cushing, and Miss Mary Underwood, all bringing letters of dismissal and recommendation from other churches.

Prior to the organization of the church, a Congregational clergyman occasionally occupied the Methodist pulpit with the approval of that society. Regular services were, however, first held in the historic hall over the shed in the wing of the Mansion House, later called the American House. It stood near the foot of School street stairs, and in it were held the first meetings of three of the local churches before they



had buildings of their own. After a short time, however, the brick school-house at the corner of School and Cherry streets was obtained for the purpose until the new church was completed.

December 18, 1850, the society voted to take "immediate measures to erect a meeting-house for this society," and chose a committee to procure a plan and report at an early date, limiting the cost of said house to \$2,000. They were George S. Norcross, Holland Allbee, Charles F. Pease, A. T. Gibson and George O. Henry. It was also voted to build "on the lot purchased by Mr. Walker of Russell Hyde for \$300," and this has been the location of the church ever since. March 19, 1851, plans were presented and approved, fixing the dimensions at fifty-one by thirty-eight feet, and a building committee consisting of Holland Allbee, C. F. Hall, George O. Henry, A. T. Gibson, and C. F. Pease were directed to proceed with the work. William Stone was the builder, doing all above the foundation for \$2,000.

September 22, 1851, the society held a meeting in the "vestry of the new church," the upper part evidently not being completed. December 3, the basement was accepted. The date of dedication is unknown, but it was probably the same day as the ordination of the first pastor, December 12, 1851. The total cost of the church was \$2,840.82. The carpets were furnished by the ladies of the society, as was also the bell which was hung in its place in August, 1855, and has now given forth its welcome for over half a century. The church had no pipe organ until August, 1856, when one costing \$400, built by a local builder named William Nutting, was presented by A. A. Stone, who afterwards removed to Chicago.

Extensive repairs were made in 1866 and 1867, costing something over \$2,000. At this time the south walls of the building were moved fifteen feet enlarging the building that amount.

Again in 1883, during the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Dascumb, extensive changes were made in the church building.

An addition was built on the east side fifteen feet wide the whole length of the church. Also an organ recess was built on the west side and the tower on the north-east corner. The church was raised sixteen inches and a ladies' parlor, pastor's study, and a large vestry room arranged in the basement. The entire cost was a little over \$8,400. An organ costing \$2,500 was presented by Hon. William A. Russell of Lawrence, Mass., who was at that time actively engaged in business enterprises here. The building committee were C. W. Osgood, O. L. Slader, O. B. Arms, Rev. A. B. Dascomb and Wallace White. The builders were Richardson & Willard of Westminster. The church was re-dedicated November 1, 1883, Rev. J. L. Withrow, D. D. of Boston, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

In 1898 a lot was purchased on South street and the first parsonage owned by this church was erected at a cost of about \$5,000.

For the first seventeen years the church was aided by the Vermont Domestic Missionary society to the extent of \$2,850, it being \$200 per year for six years and \$150 for eleven years. Since 1876, the church has annually contributed a liberal amount to this society, to which it was so largely indebted in its earliest years.

The different pastors have been ;—In 1850, Rev. Joel R. Arnold, an elderly gentleman from Waterbury, Conn., then a resident of Westminster West, who supplied a little more than a year and was the first regular minister.

Mr John G. Wilson from Nelson, N. H., succeeded Mr. Arnold October 26, 1851, and was ordained as an evangelist December 12, 1851. On account of ill health he closed his labors here October 31, 1852.

Rev. Elijah H. Bonney from Pawlet, Vt., followed as stated supply for six months.

An extended vacancy then occurred until July 5, 1854, when a call was extended to Rev. Samuel E. Day, who was installed February 21, 1855. A call elsewhere led to his dismissal October 14, 1857.

Mr. Isaac S. Perry began service about January 1, 1858. He was ordained as an evangelist January 21, 1858. He closed his labors here June 1, 1862.

Mr. Samuel S. Gardner succeeded him, beginning his regular ministrations August 3, 1862. He was ordained pastor October 3 of the same year, and dismissed May 11, 1864, to take effect June 30 of that year.

Rev. Moody A. Stevens became acting pastor October 30, 1864 and remained until the autumn of 1867.

In September, 1868, Mr. Cyrus Hamlin of New York city, was called to the pastorate and ordained pastor, October 29. He was dismissed March 26, 1874.

Rev. Nathan F. Carter was installed as pastor October 26, 1874 and closed his ministrations here in May, 1879.

Rev. Alfred B. Dascomb of Westminster, commenced his labors in this church as acting pastor in June, 1879, and closed them in September, 1890, on account of ill health.

Rev. J. Ellsworth Fullerton came here from Brighton, Mass., and was installed March 25, 1891. He died October 27, 1897, while still pastor of the church.

Rev. John H. Reid came here from a pastorate at Newburyport, Mass., and was installed April 26, 1898. He severed his connection with this church April 1, 1903, to take up journalistic work in Walden, N. Y.

Rev. Jay T. Stocking commenced his work October 1, 1903, coming from an assistant pastorate in the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, Conn. He was installed December 9, 1903. He resigned to take effect September 15, 1905, to accept the pastorate of a Newtonville, Mass. church.

Rev. Arthur Peabody Pratt, the present pastor, came here from Chelsea, Mass., and was installed May 24, 1906.

To June 1, 1900, there had been a total of 525 persons who at various times had been members of this church. The present membership is about three hundred.

During the first ten years of the existence of the church, Mr. George O. Henry was chorister, and among others who

have rendered long service in this capacity have been Messrs. Samuel E. Baird, S. F. Merrill, L. L. Bennett, Charles Howe, and Calvin L. Barber, the last named having faithfully served for a notably long period.

The first deacons were elected February 26, 1862, O. T. Cressey and Hiram E. Adams. Previous to this the church had only acting deacons. Men filling the offices in later years have been Messrs. J. E. Drury, C. H. Tarbell, C. J. Josslyn, George E. Fay, Henry C. Johnson, Charles W. Osgood, John B. Morse, Walter H. Black and Nathan G. Williams. Mr. Johnson was elected deacon in 1876. Mr. Osgood was elected in 1880. Both are still serving, and with Messrs. Morse and Williams constitute the present board. Mr. Williams, the present superintendent of the Sunday school, has served continuously in that capacity for the past twenty-six years.

September 30, October 1 and 2, 1900, the semi-centennial of the organization of this church was celebrated, the principal address upon the occasion being delivered October 2, by Rev. J. L. Withrow, D. D., of Boston, who preached the sermon at the re-dedication of the building in 1883.

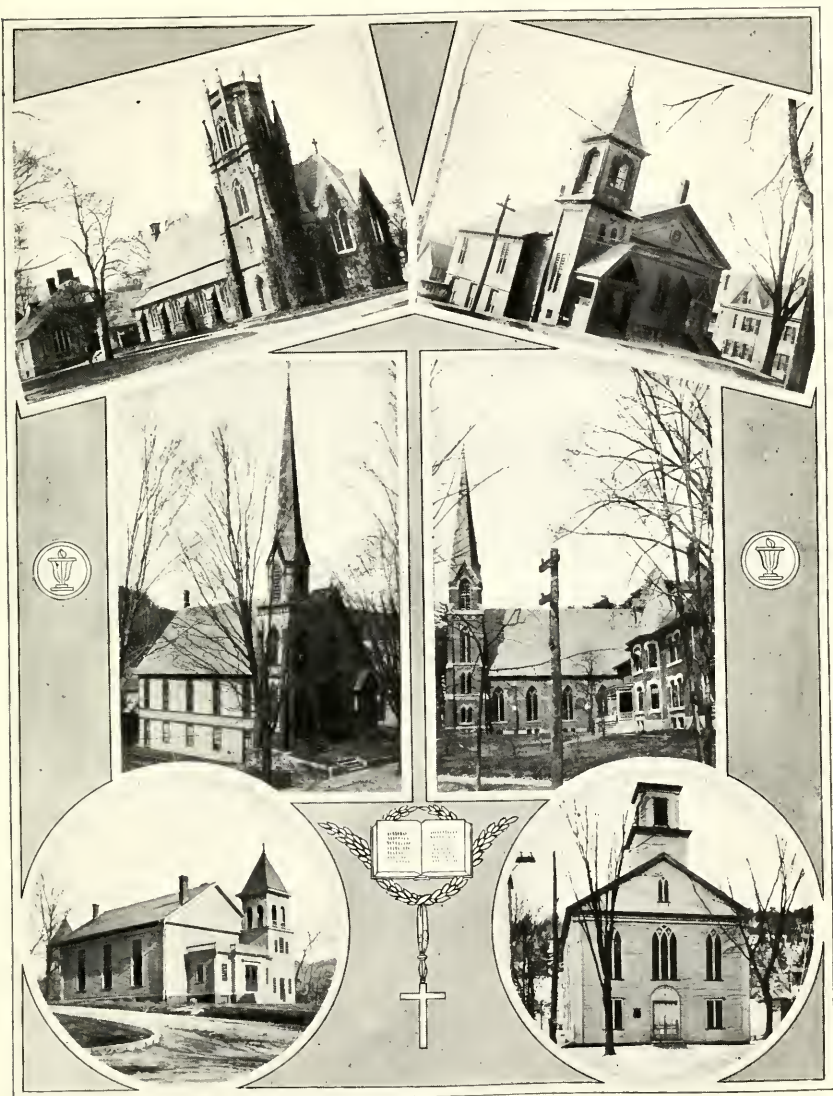
As far as can be ascertained the first mass ever said in the town of Rockingham by any priest of the Catholic church was during the year 1848. Until that year but few Catholics had come into the town, but the building of the different railroads at about that date brought a large number of Irish here. From 1848 to 1853 Father Daly, a missionary of the Franciscan order, who was connected with the Boston diocese, visited this section about once in three months, holding services generally in a railroad shanty, but saying Mass occasionally in a large building standing where the office of the Vermont Farm Machine company now is. It was erected for a boarding house for the projected cotton mill in 1835, and later used as a hotel, known as the "Valley House." In a report made by Father Daly about this time, the bishop was told that the number of Catholics in Rockingham, Windsor, Woodstock, and Plymouth was about four hundred.

In September, 1850, Bishop Fitzpatrick of Boston, accompanied by Rev's. George Fenwick and Samuel Mulledy, visited Bellows Falls, coming here from Rutland. No available hall seemed adapted to the wishes of the bishop and, in looking about the village, he was struck with the beauty of the large pine grove then standing north of the present church edifice, and he determined to hold his services there. In his account he wrote as follows :

" On the hill at the west side of the village is an extensive pine grove. We find there a beautiful place for divine service. Two parallel lines of tall pine trees form a fine nave about a hundred feet long, covered by the limbs, which form an arch above. The ground is entirely free from undergrowth and perfectly dry. At the extremity of this natural nave a temporary sanctuary is formed of cotton cloth enclosing three sides, and covering the top to keep off the wind. Four Masses are celebrated in the forenoon. ( Thursday, September 5, 1850.) People come from within a radius of twenty-five miles. A great number confess. At the last Mass the bishop (using Father Daly's big trunk for a platform) preaches to the people in English and French. Over a thousand are present, of whom only a few are protestants. Confirmation after the sermon. In the afternoon we again hear confessions in the house of John Corbley, an Irish Catholic. Next morning we again spend several hours in hearing confessions. Two Masses are said and confirmation again administered. Total, 75 confirmed."

The " John Corbley " of whom the bishop speaks was John Corbally, an old and highly respected resident, moral and broad minded. He came to Bellows Falls in September, 1828, and resided here until his death February 11, 1876. Mr. Corbally was a gardener and accumulated some property, owning at his death all the land on Cherry street extending from the present Dennis Flavin's homestead around to the place now owned by David Savage. This property he purchased in 1832. Until nearly, or quite, 1848 he enjoyed the distinction of being the only resident Irish Catholic. He left three daughters and a son ; Mrs. Barney Cannon, Jr., and Mrs. John Tiffany of Bellows Falls, Mrs. Jesse Snyder of Columbus, Ga., and John A. Corbally of Atlanta, Ga., who is a prominent architect and builder of that city. He was the builder of the present state house of Georgia. The homestead, in which the early Mass referred to by the bishop was celebrated, stood on the site of Mr. Cannon's tenement house





CHURCHES OF BELLOWS FALLS, 1907.

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on Cherry street, just south of his present residence. The old dwelling was torn down in 1897.

Bishop DeGoesbriand of Burlington, celebrated Mass in Island hall, now the Fall Mountain house on Depot street, in the autumn of 1853, shortly after the organization of the diocese of Burlington and his consecration. During the following year Father Druon began attending regularly from Burlington, celebrating Mass from the early part of that year in the old brick school-house that was located at the corner of School and Cherry streets, on the present location of Mrs. Aaron Arms' dwelling. The old brick building was purchased May 1, 1854, by Father Druon, although possession was retained for school purposes until December 1, 1854. He remodeled it for Catholic worship and called it St. Charles' church. In 1855 this parish was included under the pastorate of Rev. Charles O'Reilly, then the Brattleboro priest, now rector of St. Bridget's church of West Rutland. It was attended by him until 1869, when he was succeeded in the care of Brattleboro and the missions, Bellows Falls included, by Rev. Joseph Halpin.

Rev. E. Gendreau came to Bellows Falls as the first resident pastor in 1871, though for some time after his appointment he resided with Father Pigeon at White River Junction.

In 1872 Father Gendreau considered the time ripe for the erection of a more commodious church edifice, and purchased of William H. Johnson a portion of the present parochial lot, on which stood the small dwelling now owned by Barney Cannon, Jr., and occupied by Conductor Woodfall. Into this house Father Gendreau moved immediately. The purchase price was \$5,000 and the first payment was made the following season. The rest of the parochial lot was secured in 1875, and Father Gendreau commenced the foundation of a new church. Up to this time the village of North Walpole had been a part of St. Charles' parish, but the New Hampshire diocese soon assumed it. It was attached to the parish of Claremont, and later St. Peter's parish was organized and

a church erected. Work on St. Peter's church at North Walpole was commenced in the early autumn of 1877, and the first service was held in the basement on Christmas day of that year. The upper story was not finished until the next year. Because of the changed outlook work upon the new church of St. Charles was abandoned for a time.

Early in 1882 Rev. Edward Reynolds came to assist Fr. Gendreau, and in July, 1883, he succeeded to the pastorate which he has filled since. Father Reynolds was born in County Cavan, Ireland, May 13, 1852. He began his education in the Irish national schools, took up the study of Latin at a day school in his native place, and completed his classical course at St. Bonaventure's College, Alleghany, N. Y. He pursued his philosophical and theological studies at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, and was ordained there December 18, 1881. His whole priestly career has been identified with Bellows Falls, and he has exercised a strong influence for good over those to whom he has ministered.

Within a year after taking charge of the parish, Father Reynolds contracted with Architect G. H. Guernsey of Montpelier for the erection of the present church building, the corner stone of which was laid in June, 1884. The dedication took place November 4, 1885, it having cost, with the grounds, about \$28,000. The building at the corner of School and Cherry streets was sold August 4, 1886. The present rectory was commenced in 1893 and occupied in January, 1895. It cost \$14,500. In 1894, Father Reynolds bought a large tract of land for cemetery purposes, located on the south side of "The Basin" about a mile south from the church, Vicar-General Lynch of Burlington blessing it in September, 1898. The parish had previously used a cemetery that was given to the Catholics by the town in March, 1858, located just east of the present "Oak Hill Cemetery."

At the present time, St. Charles' parish is much the largest one in town. It comprises about two hundred and fifty families and over one thousand members. Although the

church has a seating capacity of seven hundred and fifty it is necessary to duplicate the service each Sunday in order to accommodate the people.

The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls dates from April 11, 1854, although two meetings of citizens and pastors of neighboring churches, had been held previously. The first council met, pursuant to the call of a few members of other Baptist churches, on March 22, 1854, at which Rev. Ira Pearson was chosen moderator and Rev. H. Fletcher, clerk. This council adjourned until April 4, when it met at the dwelling of Benjamin W. Dean, then for a short time a resident of Bellows Falls, coming here from Grafton, Vt. At this meeting it was voted to form a new church, subject to the approval of a council of neighboring Baptist churches. The meeting chose Joseph Cochran and Orlando F. Stone deacons, Benjamin W. Dean clerk, and Orlando F. Stone treasurer. It accepted as its declaration of faith the New Hampshire confession and church covenant revised by J. Newton Brown.

The names appended to the minutes of this meeting held at Mr. Dean's house are the names of those who became, with the sanction of the council, the constituent members of the new church: Joseph Cochran, Orlando F. Stone, Benjamin W. Dean, Mrs. C. Burke, Horace W. Stone, Hannah Stone, Angeline C. Dean, Achsah Christy, Alvin Hovey, A. W. Stebbins, Cornelia L. Stebbins, Mary J. L. White, Persis Rice, Mary E. Rice, Mrs. Ann Meesick, Alanson Wilcox, Mary A. Wilcox, Willis A. Burke, Jonathan Rice, A. Sherwin, Clarissa Sherwin, A. Cochran, Harriet Kemp, Phoebe Saker, L. G. Butterfield, Justus Baker, Mary Baker, C. Burke, Bradshaw Stone, Mrs. B. Stone.

In the adjourned meeting of the council, which was convened April 11, 1854, at which the church organization was completed, were pastors and lay representatives from Brattleboro, Cavendish, Claremont, Grafton, Keene, Ludlow, Saxtons River and Townshend.

The public service of recognition was held the same

evening in the Congregational church. Rev. R. M. Ely of Cavendish preached the sermon, Rev. J. C. Foster of Brattleboro offered the recognition prayer, Rev. L. Hayden of Saxtons River extended the right hand of fellowship and Rev. I. Pearson of Ludlow made the address to the church.

The little church thus launched upon its way met for its first covenant meeting on Saturday, May 6, 1854, at 2 P. M., and decided to meet thus bi-monthly, while they decided to hold a weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. Preaching was sustained by different supplies for some months, the services being held in Wightman's hall located in the second story of the frame building between Rockingham and Canal streets, next south of the present village building. During a portion of this time Rev. A. Jones of Burlington acted as pastor. He had been at the time of the recognition service the agent of the state convention of the church. Rev. W. B. Jones of Connecticut also acted as supply a portion of the time. During the summer of 1856, S. F. Brown of Fairfax, Vt., supplied the pulpit and did pastoral work. August 23, 1856, the church a second time extended him a call to become its pastor and he accepted.

September 11, 1856, the first pastor of the church<sup>\*</sup> was ordained and installed, the services being held at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day in the Congregational church. The council included representatives from the churches at Windsor, Ludlow, Townshend, Saxtons River, Grafton, Windham, Chester, Londonderry, Claremont and Bellows Falls. The council for examination of Mr. Brown had been held at the same place the evening previous. At this ordination Rev. Dr. E. B. Smith of Fairfax preached the sermon, Rev. Mr. Fletcher gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. Mr. Picknell gave the hand of fellowship, while Rev. D. Burroughs gave the charge to the society.

Until 1871 this church observed the ordinance of baptism in the canal at a point near where the paper mill of the Wyman Flint & Sons Co. now stands. The canal at that time flowed wide open and formed a large pond at that point,

furnishing power for two saw mills and other manufacturies. At times the ordinance was observed when it was necessary to cut a hole in the ice for the purpose.

May 13, 1858, Pastor Brown purchased for the church the land on which the church building now stands. The purchase was for \$700, and the deed was from Col. Roswell Shurtleff, who built the Island House, and was a prominent citizen of the time. A deed given to Col. Shurtleff four years earlier by John Arms had stipulated that only a dwelling and out-buildings, or the equivalent thereto, should be built upon the land, and that no building should extend more than twenty feet farther south than a line drawn east from the south corner of the Arms dwelling across the street. This restriction led to the serving of an injunction to restrain the erection of a church building as soon as the foundations were commenced, retarding the building for two years. The courts decided in favor of the church and the building was finished so it was ready for dedication December 27, 1860. In 1871, when the question of building the first parsonage for the society was agitated, it was desired to place it upon the church lot in the rear of the church building, and arrangements were commenced for the carrying out of the plan, but an injunction was again served upon them, and after litigation the courts decided they could not erect an additional building there, and they purchased another lot.

The original church building had a very tall, slim spire, remembered by many present day residents. A wit of early days once remarked that "a darning needle on the top would have been consistent with its proportions" and ever after it was known as the "darning needle spire."

The committee in charge of the dedication of the church building December 21, 1860, were Rev. S. F. Brown, A. Sherwin, J. Baker, P. W. Taft, W. W. Cochran and their wives. The sermon was by the pastor, the opening prayer by Rev. Mr. Gunn of Chester, the dedicatory prayer by Rev. Mr. Adams of Chester, the charge to the church by Rev. Mr. Miller of Saxtons River, and the benediction was



pronounced by Rev. Mr. Fessenden of Proctorsville. In the erection of the church a mortgage for an important amount remained upon the property for some years, making a heavy burden for a struggling church.

Mr. Brown resigned the pastorate February 22, 1863, having established the society upon a firm spiritual foundation and gathered a material addition of numbers to the few who were members when the church was organized. He took up the pastorate of the Cavendish church in August of that year where he remained until November 1, 1875. He was then for four years agent of the state convention, after which he supplied destitute churches until his death, which occurred at his home in Proctorsville in August, 1888, at the age of fifty-nine years.

March 17, 1866, the church extended a call to Rev. N. Pierce, which he accepted and at once entered upon his work. A council was convened April 25, 1866, for his ordination, at which Rev. Dr. Eddy of Boston, preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Pierce remained pastor until February 1, 1868, he having resigned November 2, 1867, to take effect upon that date. He died in Springfield, Ill.

The next pastor of the church was Rev. C. F. Nicholson, the date of commencing his pastorate is unknown, the only record relating to it being dated July 28, 1869, "Owing to a combination of peculiar and embarrassing circumstances the pastor considering it his privilege and not knowing but it was his positive duty, tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the pastoral year, September 25." His resignation was accepted.

October 31, 1869, Rev. J. R. Haskins was called to the pastorate and accepting began his work at once. During the winter of 1870-1, a revival of some proportions was the result of a series of meetings. The need of a baptistry was urgent and the late Gov. Levi K. Fuller, a native of the village, gave the church the baptistry in use since then, and finished the two rooms connected therewith. It was used for the ordinance for the first time Sunday evening February 5, 1871.

Mr. Haskins was successful in securing the funds making the erection of the first parsonage owned by the church possible. Substantial assistance at this time, as at many other times in the history of the church, was given by Gov. Fuller and the Esteys of Brattleboro. During Mr. Haskins' pastorate the ladies of the church raised the funds for the purchase of the present bell, which was rung for the first time May 25, 1873. Mr. Haskins resigned as pastor August, 1876, to take effect October 1, following. Mr. Haskins moved from here to West Somerville, Mass., from there to Northampton, Mass., and, in 1898 he accepted the pastorate of the Grafton, Vt., church. He died at that place in May, 1900. His wife and daughter reside in Northampton.

In September, 1876, E. A. Herring, a young, unordained preacher was called by the church and his ordination took place November 2, of that year. He severed his connection with the church in October, 1878. He has since held various pastorates and is preaching now in East Providence Centre, R. I.

A call extended December 19, 1878, to Rev. S. H. Emery resulted in his commencing his pastorate January 1, 1879. Mr. Emery resigned in November, 1883, and has since labored in Salem, Mass., Saco and North Berwick, Me. He resides at the latter place at the present time, having given up his pastorate.

During the winter of 1883-4 Rev. W. H. Stewart, a chaplain in the U. S. navy, who was on a leave of absence, supplied the church a portion of the time.

Rev. Edward Green was called by the church April 24, 1884. He accepted and entered upon his work, the recognition service being held June 26. He resigned April 5, 1885, having met with a change of doctrinal opinions. He subsequently joined the Unitarian denomination, in which he holds an estimable position, in Exeter, N. H.

Rev. N. W. Alger, who had been acting as state missionary and residing at Saxtons River, took the pastorate of the church June 7, 1885. In 1888 he was called to California

by the illness of a son. His stay was so prolonged by the continuance of the illness that it seemed best for him to resign his local pastorate, which he did in January, 1889. He resided some time in Santa Cruz, Cal., and then took up his residence in Albuquerque, N. M., where he still resides.

During the winter of 1889-90 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. C. H. Brown, a student of Newton Theological seminary and May 4, 1890, Rev. C. R. B. Dodge, who came here from Bridgewater, N. S., became pastor. During Mr. Dodge's stay the church made many advances, both spiritually and materially. Many were added to its membership; in 1892 a beautiful organ was placed in the church, replacing one that had done service many years, and several memorial windows were put in: in 1899 the whole building was remodelled and enlarged, the spire taken down, and a tower placed at the corner: the basement remodelled for social purposes,—all at an expense of \$4,117.58. The dedicatory services were held September 10, 1899, the morning services being supplemented by congratulatory services in the evening, in which the other pastors and churches of the village took part. Mr. Dodge resigned to take effect May 1, 1902, at the close of his twelfth year of service. In the autumn of that year he accepted the pastorate of the St. Johnsbury, Vt., church which he has recently relinquished to become financial agent of Vermont Academy, and now resides at Saxtons River.

In May, 1902, the church extended a call to C. W. Jackson, a student of Yale university and pastor of the Baptist church at Montowese, Conn. He accepted and began his work, being ordained and installed July 1, 1902. He is the present pastor. The membership of the church is about one hundred and seventy-five.

John O. Spring has the notable record in this church's work of having held the offices of deacon, and superintendent of the Sunday school, for the last twenty-five years, and is still efficient in both.

Soon after the erection of the "Union Meeting House" in

Cambridgeport village, in 1836, a small Congregational society was organized there, but because of deaths and removals it became practically extinct within a few years.

April 16, 1868, the present church was organized by a council of neighboring churches in response to letters missive from some of the citizens. The churches participating in the council were: Brattleboro, Westminster East, Westminster West, Saxtons River, Grafton, Windham and West Townshend. Rev. C. S. Smith, secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, was also a member of the council. Mr. Smith was moderator and Rev. S. Harris, scribe. It was voted expedient to organize a church and the public exercises were as follows: Introductory services by Rev. O. Bissell; sermon, Rev. C. S. Smith; constituting the church, Rev. F. J. Fairbanks; consecrating prayer, Rev. Alfred Stevens; charge to the church, Rev. Levi Loring; expression of fellowship, Rev. N. Mighill; and closing prayer, Rev. E. J. Ward.

This church, located at the corner of four towns, Rockingham, Grafton, Athens and Westminster, drew its members from each of them. It was the only church organization in the village, and so remains. The number of male members at organization was nine and females twelve. One member who joined the new organization was a member of the first organization, which had become extinct. Isaac Glynn and David F. Cushing were chosen deacons and Isaac Glynn, clerk. August 9, following, four members were added and at the end of four months, the number of members was thirty-two.

Rev. Julius C. McCollom was the first pastor, and was installed at this council. Rev. Amos Holbrook was acting pastor 1878 to 1881 and Rev. George F. Chapin 1883 to 1893 in addition to his Saxtons River charge.

At this time and for some years past this church sustains no regular denominational services, but its members join with others in the support of preaching. The church never had any building of its own, but used the Union Meeting House in common with the other denominations.

December 18, 1884, a Congregational church was organized in the village of Bartonsville, with ten members. The churches invited to participate in the council which approved of the formation of the new church, were Westminster West, represented by Alfred Stevens, D. D., and Edward Hall; Saxtons River and Cambridgeport by Rev. G. F. Chapin and Deacon S. W. Warner; Windham by Rev. A. Holbrook and James Goold; Springfield by George P. Hayward, delegate. Rev. C. S. Smith, secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society, was also a member. Rev. A. Holbrook was chosen moderator, baptised one person and received the members. The sermon was by Rev. C. S. Smith, and Dr. Stevens gave the charge and the right hand of fellowship to the ten members. Deacon Warner also took part in the service.

Previous to the formation of this church, as early as 1868, preaching had been sustained at intervals. Benjamin Snow, connected with the paper mills then operating in the village, had taken deep interest in the project, and Rev. Mr. Davis moved there from Fitchburg, remaining until after the destruction of the manufacturing interests of the place by the freshet of 1869. He preached in the hall of the hotel and had a flourishing Sunday school. July 4, 1868, this Sunday school had an extensive celebration that many who attended still remember. In March, 1882, Rev. Charles H. Kenney began holding services in a school-house two miles north of Bartonsville, and May 16, 1883, he commenced holding them in the hotel hall. The Sunday school was re-organized the next month, with Rev. L. D. Foster, a Methodist lay preacher, as superintendent and Rev. Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Foster as teachers. In October, 1883, persons in Springfield interested in the project of a church, purchased the hotel building and Mr. Kenney moved his family into it, holding regular services in the hall in the second story, resulting in the formation of the church the next year as stated above.

Many of the neighboring churches interested themselves in the work and assisted by contributions. A musical instru-

ment and communion service were given and a library of about three hundred volumes accumulated. Mr. Kenney remained as pastor until 1887, when he was succeeded by Aaron W. Estey, who came from Rutland, their church letters reading from Wallingford, Vt. The congregations which gathered in 1887, varied from fifteen to eighty and Sunday school from twenty-one to forty-seven. In May, 1885, Charles S. Walker was chosen deacon, and in November, 1888, he removed to Cambridgeport. The interest and attendance upon the services gradually decreased, resulting in their being discontinued altogether, except as neighboring pastors supplied, and the church organization was later dissolved and the building sold.

At times during the summer preaching services are held by neighboring pastors, intermittently. May 17, 1905 a Sunday school was again organized, and at this time it is the only regular service held in the village.

A spiritualist church organization was effected in the village of Bartonsville, and a church building erected in 1868. It was dedicated July 5th of that year. The membership at the time of organization was eighty, and within two years it increased to one hundred and fifty. Mrs. Sarah A. Wiley of Rockingham, was largely instrumental in effecting the organization. She is president at this time and has always served as "acting pastor." They still own their church building which cost about \$1,500. This is the only spiritualist church organization in the state of Vermont which owns its own place of worship. Occasional religious services are still held there, nearly all the funerals in that part of the town, and many social gatherings.

The First Universalist Church of Bellows Falls is the youngest church organization of the town, and was the first of that denomination to be established in this village. The Universalist church on Parker Hill was established about 1790, and that at Saxtons River about twenty-five years later. They had each been extinct for a number of generations when this one was established.



Early in 1878, the subject of establishment of a church of the Universalist faith in the rapidly growing village of Bellows Falls, was strongly discussed. Among those most deeply interested in the matter, and who are to be credited with the successful carrying out of the movement, were Oscar D. Gray and Orasmus F. Woods, who were then leading merchants of the village; John T. Moore, Horace Adams, Nathan Proctor, Harry Evans and Robert Elwell.

Rev. J. H. Farnsworth, the Vermont state missionary, was asked to come to Bellows Falls and hold service October 25, 1878. He preached in "Engine Hall," in the second story of the first village building, located between Rockingham and Canal streets, to an audience larger than could be seated. Steps were immediately taken to find larger quarters. February 13, 1879, they moved into Union Hall on the north side of the Square, and continued there until the new church was ready for occupancy. December 1, 1878, regular preaching services were established, Rev. J. H. Farnsworth acting as pastor. They were held only on alternate Sundays for the first year.

In February, 1879, the "First Universalist Parish of Bellows Falls" was regularly organized and these officers elected: Horace Adams, moderator; S. Stocker, clerk; O. F. Woods, treasurer; Nathan Proctor, George A. Wright and C. C. Caldwell, trustees. February 12, 1880, twenty-three names were added to the list of members of the new organization.

February 12, 1880, the parish purchased the lot upon Green street of Col. Asa Wentworth, and in June of that year work was commenced upon the present church building. August 14, 1880, the corner stone of this structure was laid. Addresses were made by Rev. S. H. McColleston, D. D., Rev. J. H. Farnsworth, Rev. Mr. Wait of Orange, Mass., and Rev. T. D. Howard of Charlestown, N. H. The ceremonies included the sealing of a lead box and placing it in a niche of the corner stone. In the box were several documents relating to the church and denomination, Sunday school and

local papers, and a list of names of those who had contributed to the church fund.

August 3, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M., the church building was dedicated with appropriate exercises. The opening anthem was followed by an invocation by Rev. T. D. Howard of Charlestown, N. H.; reading of the scriptures by Rev. W. Brown of Walpole, N. H.; dedicatory prayer by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth; response by the choir; sermon by Rev. S. H. McCollester, D. D., based upon Jacob's words. "This is none other than the house of God and the gate of Heaven," and those of the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up into the house of the Lord;" dedicatory hymn; address to the people by Rev. G. L. Demarest, D. D., general secretary of the Universalist denomination of America; concluding prayer by Rev. E. Smiley of Putney; closing hymn and benediction.

Rev. J. H. Farnsworth acted as pastor until October 30, 1879, when Rev. S. H. McCollester, D. D., became the first regular pastor. Following is a list of the pastors, together with the dates of beginning and closing their labors:

J. H. Farnsworth, October 25, 1878—October 1879.

S. H. McCollester, D. D., October 30, 1879—November 4, 1882.

J. N. Emery, November 11, 1882—June 28, 1888.

James F. Rhoades, September 6, 1888—November 5, 1891.

E. E. Marggraf, March 17, 1892—September 5, 1898.

Albert Hammatt, December 15, 1898—January 15, 1903.

Washington W. Hooper, February 15, 1903—March 24, 1904.

Fenwick L. Leavitt, June 30, 1904, the present incumbent.

The first deacons of the church were Horace Adams and Nathan Proctor. Upon the deaths of these men they were succeeded by the present incumbents respectively, Julius A. Eaton and Frank G. Pierce.

The Sunday school was established January 8, 1879, with

five classes and forty-nine pupils enrolled. Charles C. Caldwell was the first superintendent; Holley W. Church, secretary and librarian, and Norris H. Cook, treasurer.

George B. Wheeler, the present superintendent of the Sunday school, has served in that capacity nineteen years, and until 1903 had served the church twenty-four years as conductor of the church choir.

## CHAPTER XV.

### ROCKINGHAM'S PART IN THE REVOLUTION, AND IN THE ORGANIZATION OF VERMONT

Early in the history of Rockingham as an organized town came the trying period of the American Revolution, and the events which resulted in the formation of the state of Vermont. During these years, this town exerted a much more powerful influence than has been credited to her. A larger proportion of the citizens were at all times loyal to the new government than in any other town on the east side of the Green mountains. Possibly the proportion was greater than in any town upon either the east or west side. In each vote of Rockingham relating to throwing off the British yoke, rejecting the control of the state of New York, or accepting the constitution of Vermont, only a few scattering votes were ever found that were not in accord with the Liberty party. Other towns of the vicinity, notably the east parish of Westminster, Brattleboro and Guilford had decided Tory majorities.

The story of events leading to this critical period of the country, and the state, has been often and well told. It is unnecessary to rehearse in the History of Rockingham more than enough to make the prominent part which her citizens took clear to their descendants.

From the fact that at the taking of the first census in 1771, there were but sixty-three males in town between sixteen and sixty years of age, in a total population of two hundred and twenty-five, and that the next census, taken in 1791, showed twelve hundred and thirty-five inhabitants, it is probable there were not over one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty residents in 1775, when the storm of Revolution broke, capable of doing military duty. The different muster and pay rolls, given in various records, show

that about one hundred and twenty-five citizens of Rockingham took part at various times in the military organizations of what were known as the "Liberty party." Possibly no other town of the vicinity equalled this record.

Among the strong characters of those years, who made their influence and example felt, were: Dr. Reuben Jones, the first physician of the town, a statesman and diplomat exceeded by few of his time; Lieut. Philip Safford, a hero of the Westminster massacre; Capt. William Simonds, who commanded a Rockingham company, and was town clerk from 1769 to 1784; Daniel and Henry Lake, who, although living in Rindge, N. H., at the time of enlistment, were soldiers at Ticonderoga, while Henry was also at the battle of Bennington, both soon came to Rockingham where their descendants still reside; Timothy Clark, John Pulsipher and William Stearns, each of whom took part in the battle of Bunker Hill; Capt. Lemuel Sargeant; Sergt. Benjamin Larrabee, who was killed while in the service on Lake Champlain, July 15, 1779; Quartus Morgan, private secretary to Baron Steuben throughout the war; David Pulsipher, the first hotel proprietor of Rockingham, who with his son John at the first alarm went to the war in a New Hampshire regiment, and whose fate was never known; Judge Benjamin Burt, who held a captain's commission from Governor Tryon of New York, under King George III., at the breaking out of the war, but later came over from the Tories to the Whigs, or Liberty party, and was made judge of the county court by Governor Chittenden; Captain Moses Wright, one of the first three settlers of Rockingham in 1753, a veteran of the Indian wars, who commanded a Rockingham company in the Revolution; and Joshua Webb, who represented the town in the Vermont legislature during the first six years of the existence of the state.

The rapid increase of inhabitants in this part of New England between the years 1770 and 1775, most of whom took sides with the New Hampshire Grants against the authority of the New Yorkers, tended to strengthen the

Liberty party. Military organizations of "Green Mountain Boys" sprang up on both sides of the mountain, equipped and supported by the towns under the direction of "committees of safety." These committees sent delegates to county committees of safety, acting as provincial congresses. The latter were afterward organized by conventions into a state committee of safety, which resulted in the formation of a state. The constitution of the new state was adopted at Windsor, July 2, 1777, by the convention of delegates from all the above-mentioned committees of safety, the first name, "New Connecticut," being soon changed to "Vermont." Then followed the organization of the state as an independent republic, with enemies ready to prey upon her, upon the part of New Hampshire, New York and England. Naturally there was a division of sentiment among the settlers, some favoring each authority. As stated above, Rockingham stood true to the government of the new state, voting at once, and with hardly an opposing vote, to adopt the new constitution and support the new government.

Ethan Allen and Seth Warner were more prominently engaged than others on the west side of the Green mountains, in promoting opposition to the unreasonable claims of New York.

What Ethan Allen and his "Green Mountain Boys" were on the west side of the state, Dr. Reuben Jones of Rockingham, Captain Azariah Wright of Westminster, and their company of "Liberty Boys," were on this side of the mountain. They were organized with an understanding of joint support between the two sides of the mountain, and Allen was a frequent visitor at Westminster, he being a kinsman of Wright's. In passing to and fro across the mountain, Allen often called upon citizens of Rockingham, with whom he was on intimate terms. Among the homes most frequently visited by this renowned hero was that of Joshua Webb, located upon the meadow just north of Bellows Falls, and that of Dr. Jones, supposed to have been located on the broad meadow just north of Williams river.



The establishment of courts in this county, and throughout what is now Vermont, was under authority of New York. Cumberland county was the first county erected in the Grants, July 3, 1766, and comprised all that portion of the present state east of the Green mountains. In 1780, the Vermont legislature divided this into two counties, "Gloucester" being the name of the northern portion, and Cumberland comprising only what is now the territory included in the counties of Windham and Windsor. Other county divisions of the territory east of the Green mountains have occurred since. The only change made which affects the town of Rockingham, was the later sub-division of Cumberland county into the present counties of Windham and Windsor by the Vermont legislature in February, 1781. At first, the seat of Cumberland county was at Chester. In 1772, the county seat was removed to Westminster, and the historic court-house and jail were erected on "Court House Hill," in that village. In the year 1787, the county seat was changed to Newfane where it has since remained.

In 1772, when the county seat of government was removed from Chester to Westminster, an organized effort was made by the inhabitants of Rockingham to have this town chosen as the county seat. On the second of December the town offered to pay £70 towards the erection of the county building, provided the shire town was located here. Similar offers were made by other towns and Westminster was chosen.

The first important act in the drama of Revolution in which the citizens of Rockingham took a leading part was the "Westminster Massacre" as it has been known in history. This occurred during the night of March 13, 1775, in the old Westminster court-house. During an organized insurrection of the settlers, who had borne the oppression of the king's courts as long as human endurance would allow, the first blood of an organized body of men resisting Great Britain in the Revolutionary War was shed.

Citizens of Rockingham were present in much larger numbers than from all other towns put together. They had

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WILLIAM TRYON, Esq;

Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of New-York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

To Benjamin Dunt of the County of Cumberland Esquire Greeting

Mr. Dunt



WE POSING especial Trust and Confidence, as well in the Care, Diligence, and Circumspection, as in the Loyalty, Courage and Readiness of You, to do his Majesty good and faithful Service; HAVE nominated, constituted, and appointed: And I Do, by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to Me given by his Majesty, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint You the said Benjamin Dunt Captain of a Company of Foot in the County of Westminster and in the Regiment of Mutes whereof Samuel Mallet Esquire is Colonel

You are therefore to take the said Company into your Charge and Care, as Captain thereof, and duly to exercise both the Officers and Soldiers of that Company — to are you likewise to observe and follow such Orders and Directions, from Time to Time, as you shall receive from Me, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in You; and for so doing, this shall be your Commission.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Fort-George, in the City of New-York, the *Eleventh* Day of March, in the *Fourth* Year of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Domini, 1774

By His Excellency's Command,

Edm. Dunning Esq;

Benj. Dunt  
34 years.

Edm. Dunning  
Private Secretary



been chiefly instrumental in creating the public sentiment which had led up to this resistance.

It can readily be seen that the establishment of courts in this territory by New York, officered by New York appointees prejudiced in favor of New York as against the settlers who had secured their hard-earned acres under the New Hampshire charter, with judges who in all their rulings and judgments were opposed to the New Hampshire titles and ready to place the usurping New Yorkers in possession, must soon cause a conflict, and it came. Land titles, and indebtedness of citizens which made the debtor liable to imprisonment, were the two most prolific subjects of litigation.

The session of the court of Common Pleas was to begin Tuesday, March 14, 1775. The oppressed people had determined by general consent, rather than by means of conventions, that the court should not be held. In every town of the large county the matter had been discussed between little knots of men and a determined sentiment of resistance had spread over every locality. In Rockingham at that time the most populous district was that extending from the mouth of Williams river to the site of the present village of Rockingham, with the principal settlement where that village stands at this time. The meetings of the citizens for the discussion of the important public matters of those days were mostly held in the little town meeting-house, in that village, which stood nearly on the site of the present old colonial church and antedated it about fourteen years. Bellows Falls as a village did not exist.

The sentiment of Rockingham had been so strong that on Sunday, March 12, "about forty good, true men," of her best citizens, by arrangement went to Chester, where Judge Chandler lived, to dissuade him from holding court as advertised. They argued well their case, assuring him the feeling was so intense that a conflict between the citizens and authorities was probable. Judge Chandler replied that he thought, with them, it would not be best to hold the court, as things were, but that there was one case of murder to dispose

of, after which he gave his promise that, if not agreeable to the people, they would not hear any further cases.

The Rockingham delegation were not content with this assurance. They had no confidence in the judge's purpose. He assured them, however, that no arms should be brought to Westminster in any event.

The party returned to their homes in Rockingham, and on Monday, the 13th, in larger numbers, they marched to Westminster. Some authorities say one hundred Rockingham men went, but this is probably too large an estimate, possibly they numbered sixty or sixty-five. Certain it is that in the affray the men from this town exceeded in number all the other Whigs there. Much discussion has always been held upon the question whether any of this party were armed or not, but we will show later positive local evidence that they were not.

Reaching the "upper street" of the "King's highway" in Westminster the party met Capt. Azariah Wright and other Liberty men who informed them of news received there that Judge Chandler was coming with an armed force determined to hold the regular session of the court the next day in spite of his promise given. The party went into the old log school-house of the village, located on the east side of the street about eighty rods north of the present residence of Daniel C. Wright, the spot being now marked by a medium-sized maple tree. Capt. Azariah Wright's home was on the west side of the highway only a few rods north of where D. C. Wright lives.

A long discussion was held in the school-house as to the best method to be pursued. When the party broke up each man armed himself with a convenient stick of wood from Captain Wright's wood-pile, as they passed it on their way to the court-house that stood on the east side of the present road on the brow of the hill overlooking the upper street. History records that there were about one hundred of these men at this time, including the Westminster contingent. They marched up to the court-house and took possession

between five and six o'clock, determined to hold it during the night, and so forestall the coming of the armed court party the following day. They had learned that the officers were to post armed guards at the doors to keep them out while court was being held. Soon after they had taken possession of the building and barricaded the doors, Sheriff William Paterson approached, accompanied by a number of men whom he had summoned from Brattleboro and other places. Some were armed with guns, swords or pistols and others with clubs. He demanded admission which was refused. He ordered the King's proclamation to be read, and commanded them to "disperse within fifteen minutes or he would blow a lane through them." The Whigs replied offering to let them in if they would come unarmed, which the sheriff refused to do. Discussions were held at intervals for some hours, loud boasts and threats being made by the King's officials, and, possibly by the Whigs who were thoroughly in earnest.

Judge Chandler came into the court-house about seven o'clock and was reminded by the Whigs that he had promised no arms should be brought. He replied that they were brought without his knowledge and he would go and take them away, promising the Whigs should be undisturbed until morning when he would come in without arms and listen to anything they might wish to say. Upon these assurances of Judge Chandler the Whigs depended. They drew up an agreed statement of grievances to present to the court in the morning and the larger part then withdrew from the building, going to the homes of friends for the night. They left a strong guard and all was quiet about the court-house.

Meanwhile the sheriff sent word to all the Tories in the neighborhood to come to his assistance, and they met at Norton's tavern, known later as the "Tory tavern." It stood the next place south of the D. C. Wright homestead, on what has been known in later years as the Brigham place. The old building remained a noted curiosity until only a few years ago. At this place, after a liberal patronage of the bar by



the whole party, the sheriff organized his forces and at eleven o'clock at night made the attack for control of the court-house. The main approach was discovered by the Liberty men on guard, who at once manned the doors and refused admittance. After some time spent in parleying, of similar import to that earlier in the evening, the sheriff and his party came up the steps, but were twice forced back. At last the sheriff ordered his men to fire into the building. Twice they fired over the heads of those within, and then a volley aimed directly at the men inside resulted in a terrible slaughter. Ten of the liberty men were wounded, two mortally. The sheriff's men rushed in and, seizing the wounded and dying patriots, with the rest of the Liberty men, seventeen in all, threw them into the small jail pen which occupied a part of the lower floor of the court-house, there to endure the taunts and abuse of their excited and drunken captors during the remainder of the night.

Five bullets penetrated the body, and one the brain, of William French, a young man of Brattleboro, twenty-one years old, who was there in company with his father, who had been a leader among the Liberty men. Before morning he died in the prison pen surrounded by his companions in misery.

Daniel Houghton of Dummerston, also received a mortal wound in this volley and died nine days after. The bodies of both these heroes, the first martyrs of the Revolutionary struggle which so soon opened at Lexington, were interred in the cemetery opposite, and a monument common to both, erected by the state, now commemorates the noted event. In 1902, the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a suitable marker upon the site of the old court-house.

History makes record of two Rockingham men who were in the court-house when the shooting occurred, although probably more than that number were there. Philip Safford, of whom Hall's History of Eastern Vermont, says: "Philip Safford, a lieutenant of the Rockingham militia, was in the court-house at the time the attack was made. Most of the

Whigs who were in his situation fled by a side entrance after a short conflict with their opponents. But he, determined to depart by more honorable passage, sallied out at the main door, bludgeon in hand, knocked down eight or ten who endeavored to arrest him, and received in return several severe cuts on the head from a sabre wielded by Sheriff Paterson."

Another man named White of Rockingham, was severely wounded in the knee by a musket ball, and was incapacitated for labor many months thereby. He remained three months at Captain Wright's hospitable home, at the end of which time he was taken on a litter to the river, placed in a boat by which he could be more easily transported, and carried to some place where he could have the advantage of more skillful surgeons than were available in this vicinity.

Upon the important question of whether the Liberty men were armed that night, as was claimed to be the case by the court party in their account known to history as the "State of Facts," the testimony of Calvin Webb of Rockingham, is most convincing. Mr. Webb was born in 1757 and died upon the Carlton Webb farm just north of Bellows Falls in 1853. In 1852 he told the historian, Benjamin H. Hall, as follows:

"At the time of the court-house affray I lived in Westminster, but was not present at the scene. Heard of it the next day from a little man, familiarly known as Hussian Walker, a mighty flax dresser, who was in the engagement. Soon after I started off in company with several youngsters, whose names I have forgotten. Many people were going in the same direction. It was about the middle of the day when I reached the court-house, and soon after my arrival I saw the body of French, who had been shot the night before. A sentry was stationed to guard the corpse, as it lay on the jail room floor. The clothes were still upon it as in life. The wounds seemed to be mostly about the head; the mouth was bloody, and the lips were swollen and blubbered. The Liberty men had no guns when they first came, but after French was killed they went home and got them."

Salmon Wright, a grandson of Capt. Azariah Wright, a boy of thirteen at the time of the massacre, said also, in 1852, to the same historian:

"There were no arms carried by the Liberty party, except clubs which were obtained by the Rockingham company at my grandfather's wood-pile. There were no Tories wounded, save those knocked down by the club of Philip Safford. In regard to the statements in the Tory depositions, they are all fudge! There were no weapons carried or used by the Liberty men, except the aforementioned clubs. This is a fixed fact."

The next morning, the 14th, messengers rode in every direction from Westminster carrying news of the tragedy, and among them "Dr. Reuben Jones of Rockingham rode hatless and coatless as far as Dummerston, arousing the people." By night the streets of Westminster swarmed with at least five hundred stern and determined settlers, ready to avenge the outrage. These were partly organized militia from the different towns, including Colonel Bellows' company from Walpole. Deep mutterings were heard, and many counseled shooting or hanging the Tory court party. It is said the wise counsel of Colonel Bellows had much to do with allaying the excitement. For many days the streets were filled with military men and civilians, more determined than ever upon asserting their rights and never again submitting to the king's court.

That morning the court assembled at the appointed time, but instead of proceeding with the regular business, spent a brief time in preparing a "State of Facts," an account of the conflict from their side. This was replied to a few days later by a document written by Dr. Reuben Jones, entitled, "A Relation of the Proceedings of the people of the County of Cumberland and Province of New York."

Both of these documents are preserved among the state archives and throw light upon the two sides of one of the most important occurrences in the history of the struggle for freedom. The court met again in the afternoon of the same day and adjourned "to the next term," which never came. That day's session was the last ever held in this county under authority of England's king.

Sixteen of the court party who were engaged in the massacre were arrested that evening after adjournment of court. Seven of them were as follows: Thomas Chandler,

the chief judge; Bildad Easton; a deputy sheriff; Capt. Benjamin Burt; Thomas Sargent; Oliver Wells; Joseph Willard and John Morse. Each was released on the 17th, having given bail for appearance for trial when wanted: while nine others, including Sheriff Paterson and Clerk Benjamin Gorton, were marched to Northampton, reaching there the 23rd, and confined in jail three weeks, when they also were admitted to bail. The opening of the war diverted the attention of all classes, and the participants in this affray were never brought to trial. Some became staunch supporters of the Whig cause and did loyal service against the Tories in later years. Among the latter was Capt. Benjamin Burt, who became a judge in this county and an influential citizen, dying in Bellows Falls, June 9, 1835, at the age of ninety-five years.

An examination of the records of the Vermont adjutant general's office, and other available sources of information, shows that during the Revolution the troops from the different sections of Vermont did not remain in the service continuously throughout the time of the war. They were organized, usually by towns, for special service, and when that service was completed they were disbanded and paid for the length of time during which their enlistment continued. These companies were at first under the general direction of the different committees of safety described above, sometimes under the immediate direction of those committees, and at other times, particularly during the last years of the war, Brig. Gen. Ethan Allen and Col. Seth Warner were the military heads of the Vermont troops.

The first military organization of the town of Rockingham of which there is any record was that of a company of "Liberty Men" which had as officers: Captain, Stephen Sargent; lieutenant, Philip Safford; and surgeon, Dr. Reuben Jones. No list of the privates in this company has been found. The company was organized sometime between 1768 and 1774, and was purely a town organization. They do not appear in the records of the adjutant general upon the

Revolutionary rolls, as the organization existed only previous to the formation of the state. They probably served without pay, and, like the "rangers" of previous years, were for the protection of the town and neighborhood.

A month after the Westminster massacre came the battle of Lexington, and the struggle for freedom became a common cause in all the provinces. News of the battle and general uprising of Massachusetts citizens, sent by swift messengers to all this neighborhood found the Liberty men in this vicinity fully awakened to the issues, having already struck the first blow for freedom. Parties of volunteers at once hurried down to Lexington and Cambridge, some on horseback and others on foot, all with one great purpose, that of release from the burdensome yoke of the British government.

Vermont sent no organized body of troops out of the state during the war, having all she could attend to within her own borders, in her complicated situation as between New Hampshire, New York and the English government. In every battle of the war, however, were found the yeomen of Vermont standing in the ranks with troops from other states.

There were large parties of men who went from towns east of the Connecticut, and those who went from Rockingham joined them, some at Walpole, and others at Charlestown. General Benjamin Bellows, Colonel John Bellows, Thomas Sparhawk and a party of thirty-five volunteers started from Walpole on the morning of April 21, 1775. A portion of the Rockingham contingent were in this party. Similar companies of men went forward as rapidly as possible from other towns in Cheshire county, which then included Sullivan county. These parties were independent of each other, but, after they had been together a short time, the New Hampshire Provincial Congress organized them into regiments. The men from this part of New Hampshire and Vermont were formed into a regiment under the command of Col. James Reed of Fitzwilliam. The men from Walpole

and near-by towns were formed into a company in this regiment under Capt. John Marcy of Walpole.

The first record of this company is its "Pay Roll," found in the New Hampshire State Papers, Vol. XIV, pp. 104, 105, 106. The dates of enlistment are mostly early in May but it is uncertain whether they dated from the time of leaving home or from the time of joining the company. The men enlisted for eight months. Colonel Reed's regiment was stationed at Medford and was one of those that held the rail fence at the battle of Bunker Hill, and brought up the rear during the retreat. Captain Marcy's company took part in this battle in the ranks of this regiment, and a large proportion of its members were later paid for clothing and accoutrements lost in the battle.

The names of the men from Rockingham who are known to have taken part in this battle, as above, are as follows:

	Time of entry.	Time of service.	No. miles travelled.
William Sternes, (Stearns) Serg't.	May 8, 1775	3 months, 1 day	130
David Pulsifer, Corp'l.,	May 8, 1775	3 months, 1 day	130
Timothy Clark, Drummer,	May 7, 1775	3 months, 1 day	132
John Pulsifer, Private,	May 8, 1775	3 months, 1 day	130

There was also another man who may be identical with Samuel Burt of Rockingham although his name is printed "Burl," a natural error. His record is, "Samuel Burl, May 8, 3 m, 1 d, 132." The time and distance being identical with the other Rockingham men makes the theory of his being a Rockingham man a very probable one. To this list of Rockingham men at Bunker Hill should be added the name of Samuel Hall, a private in Stark's regiment as shown by Vermont Revolutionary Rolls, p 661.

In the New Hampshire Manual for the general court for 1899 there is a list of men serving in New Hampshire regiments at Bunker hill who were paid for loss of clothing and equipments in that battle, and the important fact is stated that Timothy Clark, John Pulsipher and William Stearns were among that number, which proves conclusively that these three at least from Rockingham, were actually engaged in the conflict.



David Pulsipher, who was the first innkeeper of this town, was never heard from by his family after he left for the war, although he was shown by a muster roll of his company, made out August 1, 1775, as living upon that date.

The others named above returned to Rockingham after their discharge and became important and influential citizens.

Upon pages 81 and 82 of this history are given interesting copies of town records which show various lists of citizens who proved themselves loyal in all the events of these stirring years.

In Volume I, on page 52, is the following list :

" of those that had Recd powder that Marcht for Ticonderogue	
	LEAD
Capt Joseph Wood one pound of powder	2
Lieut Richard—Dito—one pound	2
Lieut Preston—Dito—one pound	2
Insign Ebenezer fuller—one pound from Capt Wood	2
John fuller Dito—one pound	2
Nathan wright Dito—one pound	2
Wm Sterns Dito one pound—one flint Two pounds Lead	2
John pulsipher—one pound	2
John titus—one pound	2
John Whitney ye 2d—one pound—Dito	2
Isaac Stoel—one pound—Dito	2
Nathan Arll—one pound—Dito	2
John Whitney Senior one pound Dito	2
Jonathan Burr—one pound Dito	2
fairbanks Moor Junr one pound Dito	1-2
Gardner Simonds—one pound. Dito	1-2
Wm Tagert—one pound—Dito	1-2
Elish Knights—one pound	LEAD 2
Abijah White—one pound Dito	1-2
Doctr Reuben Jones—one pound—Dito	Dito 2
Tim <sup>o</sup> . Clark—one pound Dito	Dito 2
total 21 p; 30 Lead "	

This little band of patriots took part in an expedition which was intended to relieve Gen. St. Clair and his little garrison at Ticonderoga, who were beset by the British army and gun-boats under Gen. Burgoyne. Fort Ticonderoga had a garrison of twenty-five hundred Continental troops commanded by Gen. Arthur St. Clair, while Gen. Burgoyne had four thousand regular troops, the flower of the English army,

and in addition three thousand Hessian troops, Tories and Indians.

Gen. St. Clair and his officers, learning of the approach of this formidable army, decided that it would be useless to attempt to hold the fort against Burgoyne's forces and at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 6th of July, 1777, the Green Mountain Boys sorrowfully relinquished what two years before they had gained under Gen. Ethan Allen, the fortress that guarded the frontier of their country. During their retreat, there occurred at Hubbardton, July 7, 1777, the only battle fought upon Vermont soil during the Revolution. It resulted disastrously to the forces of the patriots and here Col. Seth Warner, who was in command of the rear guard with his own regiment, a Massachusetts and a New Hampshire regiment, finding himself heavily outnumbered and outflanked gave that celebrated order, not found in any work of tactics, "take to the woods and meet me at Manchester." Warner's regiment did reassemble after that bloody and unequal encounter and when the time came did valiant work at the battle of Bennington.

The alarm of the threatened invasion by Burgoyne, and his intention to march across to the Connecticut valley sweeping everything before him had reached Rockingham by horse-back riders the middle of June and hurried meetings were held. Arrangements were made for raising a company here to assist in defending the New England colonies. The above company was quickly raised, and under command of Captain Joseph Wood started out upon the long and tedious march across the mountains. The exact date of departure cannot be ascertained but it must have been after June 23d, as a portion of the men whose names are recorded as having "marcht" are included in the list of those who took the oath of fidelity to the United States on that day, before William Simonds, the town clerk. It is probable they left within the next few days, and possibly all took the advice of Colonel Warner and left "a few hills of corn unhoed," as it was the time of year when hoeing corn was a duty of the farmers.

The records are silent as to whether this company reached Ticonderoga previous to its evacuation, July 5th, and with the regular United States army took part in the battle of Hubbardton, July 7th, or not. It is, however, safe to assume that they were at each place, and later took part in the battle of Bennington.

Upon the same page of the Rockingham town records, and immediately following the list "of those that had Recd powder that Marcht for Ticonderogue," is the following :

"of Those that Marcht to Manchester Insign Ebenezer fuller, Jonathan Burr, had Rec'd as above.

	LEAD
Levi Davis half a pound powder—one pound of LEAD	1
Josiah White half a pound Dito	1
Ebenezer fuller—half a pound Dito	1
Ebenezer pulsipher—half a pound Dito	1
Charles Richard junr half a pound Dito	1
abel white half a pound Dito	1
Nathan Arll—half a pound Dito	1
John pulsipher—half a pound Dito	1
Samll Burr half a pound Dito	1
Zadoc Sipo half a pound Dito	1
Isaac Stoel Junr half a pound Dito	1
Solomon Wright half a pound Dito	1
philip Safford half a pound Dito	1
Joseph Dutton half a pound Dito	1
John Dutton half a pound Dito	1
Silas Dutton half a pound Dito	1
fairbanks more Junr one Quarter pound Dito	1
John Wait half a pound Dito	1
Andrew Simonds half pound Dito	2
Gardner Simonds one pound Dito	2
James How Dito	1
Capt Joseph Wood half pound powder Dito	1
Tim <sup>o</sup> Walker one pound Lead half powder	1
Elisha Walker one pound Lead half	1
John Lovell one pound Lead half pr }	1
Josiah White one pound Lead half pr }	
13 one quarter	.26

Upon the same page of the town records as the above list is the following, although evidently written some months later :

“ September the first—those of ye 3d Draught Recd the amenition  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Richardson Lead one pound—powder quarter pound  
Lenard Read half pound Lead and Quarter pound powder  
David Campbell half pound Lead one Quarter of powder } 1  
James Campbell half pound Lead one Quarter of powder } lb.  
Josiah Read half pound Lead one Quarter of powder half 2 pounds  
Thos Dutton half pound Lead—one Quarter of powder pound on 2d”

Following the events in the progress of the campaign detailed above, which resulted in the evacuation of Fort Ticonderoga and the disastrous battle of Hubbardton, the Vermont Council of Safety, July 7, 1777, issued a call to all officers of militia to send all the men to Manchester they could possibly raise. They were there to meet the gathering remnants of Col. Warner's forces that had been ordered to “take to the woods and meet him at Manchester.”

This call for assistance, as well as the terrifying reports of the disaster at Ticonderoga and Hubbardton, brought by those returning from there, greatly excited the settlers of all towns upon both sides of the Connecticut river. The British general had made known his purpose to cross the mountains by the old military road to Charlestown, and continue as far south as Brattleboro, in order to separate the colonies and cut off their communications with one another.

Excitement ran high in Rockingham and Walpole, and particularly in Charlestown, where the military headquarters of this vicinity were at the fort known as “No. 4.”

Colonel Benjamin Bellows of Walpole, who was with the expedition to Ticonderoga, but who had returned to Walpole on account of the illness of his father, Col. Bellows, senior, wrote to the New Hampshire Committee of Safety under date of July 13, 1777, warning them of the danger threatening all this section of Vermont, and the Connecticut valley, and urging prompt action by troops and arms.

Ira Allen also wrote to the New Hampshire Council of Safety for assistance in making a stand against the enemy in Vermont and the president of the State Council replied that New Hampshire had already determined to send one-fourth of her militia, under Brig.-Gen. John Stark. Accordingly

on the 19th, Stark received orders to repair to No. 4, to take command.

Without doubt the Rockingham company, whose record is so briefly given, went to Charlestown and there joined the forces of the general and with him "Marcht" across the mountains of Vermont, and with him shared the glories of that ever memorable battle at Bennington on the 16th of August, 1777.

Rowland Robinson's History of Vermont, says,—

"Stark was collecting his men at Charlestown and sending them forward to Warner at Manchester as rapidly as they could be supplied with kettles, rum and bullets. There was great lack of all three of these essentials of a campaign, for there was but one pair of bullet moulds in the town, and there were frequent and urgent calls for lead. When the lead was forthcoming the one pair of moulds was kept hot and busy. But at last on the 7th of August, Stark was at the mountain-walled hamlet of Manchester with one thousand four hundred New Hampshire men and Green Mountain Boys, ready to follow wherever the brave old ranger should lead."

While in Charlestown, General Stark wrote to the New Hampshire Council as follows :

"There is very little rum in store here. If some could be forwarded it would oblige us much, for there is none of that article in those parts where we are going, that is in Vermont."

Robinson's History states that after Ticonderoga had been evacuated, July 6th of that year, the garrison soldiers, as well as soldiers who had been sent to their relief, made a brave and ineffectual stand under Warner at Hubbardton, and from thence all repaired to Manchester. Thus all those who marched from Rockingham for the relief of Ticonderoga ultimately became Stark's soldiers and fought in the battle of Bennington. It will be correct, in all probability, if we credit those who are given in the list of Rockingham men as having "Marcht for Ticonderoga," with having also taken part in the battles of Hubbardton and Bennington.

The following copy of General Stark's report is interesting as showing the amount of military stores then at his command in Charlestown :

"An Account of the States Stores now in the Custody of the following persons in this Town.

Colonel Samuel Hunt has now on hand 13 Barrels of Powder, 7 sheets of lead or pieces,—100 Flints.

Commissary Grout has on hand the following articles: 11 Barrels of powder, 9 of which are condemned. About 34 Bushels of Salt.

Mr. White (Jotham White, later Major,) has on hand also 5 Hogsheads of Rum, 5 Barrels of Sugar, 2 Do. Do.

Commissary Grout has dealt out to my Brigade 509 Pounds of Powder, 710 Do Balls and Lead."

Charlestown continued to be a military post and a depository for supplies for the army to the close of the war, in which a commendable part was taken by a large number of her citizens, as well as those of the surrounding towns.

General Stark, after taking the necessary time at Charlestown to organize his men, and run all the lead clock weights, and other available supply of that exceedingly scarce article, through the "one pair of bullet moulds," was ready, August 6, 1777, to start upon his long and tedious march over the Vermont mountains. In his expedition was the little band of sturdy Rockingham men under Ensign Ebenezer Fuller whose names are given upon a previous page.

Their course lay through Chester, Andover, and Peru, and so across the mountain range by the present pass to Manchester, Vt. The first night overtook them in Peru, and they camped about one hundred rods north of the present village. The town was then called Bromley. There is a letter preserved written by the General while there. It was directed to the commander of the fort at Charlestown and ran thus:

Bromley, August 6, 1777

Col. Hunt—I would request of you to fix them cannon at No. 4 immediately on proper carriages so that they may be ready for your defense in case of danger. I would pray you to forward with all convenient speed all the rum and sugar that is in Mr. White's store belonging to the state. Be sure to employ some careful teamsters to transport them.

I am sir, your hum'l serv't,

JOHN STARK B'd G.

N. B.—Get all the cannon from Walpole brought up to No. 4 and fix them too on carriages.

A granite obelisk has lately been erected in Peru, with a bronze tablet bearing an inscription as follows:



“ Encampment of  
General John Stark,  
August 6, 1777.

While on his march with one thousand men from Charlestown, N. H., through the woods to the battlefield at Bennington.

Erected August 7, 1899, by the sons and daughters of Vermont.”

The importance to Rockingham of the victory over the British forces at the Battle of Bennington is shown in the outline of the campaign made by Gen. Burgoyne, in his orders issued to Lieut. Col. Baum, August 9th, a portion of which were :

“ You are to proceed from Battenkill to Arlington, and to take post there till the detachment of Provincials under the command of Capt. Sherwood shall join you from the southward. You are then to proceed to Manchester, where you will again take post, so as to secure the pass of the mountains on the road from Manchester to Rockingham. From thence (i. e. Manchester), you will detach the Indians and light troops to the northward, towards Otter creek. On their return, and also receiving intelligence that no enemy is in force upon the Connecticut river, you will proceed by the road over the mountains to Rockingham, where you will take post. This will be the most difficult part of the expedition, and must be proceeded upon with caution, as you will have the defile of the mountains behind you, which might make a retreat difficult. You must therefore endeavor to be well informed of the force of the enemy's militia in the neighboring country. Should you find it may be effected, you are to remain there, while the Indians and light troops are detached up the river, and you are afterwards to descend the river to Brattleborough, and from that place by the quickest march, you are to return by the great road to Albany.”

Thus, had Gen. Stark been defeated, the town of Rockingham would have become the base of the British operations, north and south in the Connecticut valley, and her citizens subject to great indignities and hardships because of their known loyalty to the Liberty party. Another portion of the instructions of Gen. Burgoyne was “to take the towns with such articles as they wanted and to obtain a large supply of cattle and bring all horses fit to mount the dragoons, to the number of thirteen thousand at least.”

The Battle of Bennington, which turned the tide of war again in favor of the Liberty men, was fought on the 16th of August, 1777, just over the state line in New York. It was on the morning of that day that Gen. Stark mounted a fence and made his famous speech, “Boys, yonder are your

enemies, the Red-coats and Tories. We must whip them, or to-night Molly Stark is a widow." Who can measure the power of the influence of his enthusiasm and determination?

Eminent historians have given the details of the firing which was described by Stark himself as the hottest he ever saw and "like a continuous clap of thunder." Men at work in their fields both in Rockingham and Walpole distinctly heard the sound of the cannonading.

Burgoyne's army, weakened by the loss of a thousand men, hampered by the lack of horses and provisions and greatly delayed by defeat, was forced just two months later to surrender. On the plains of Saratoga five thousand seven hundred men, and much valuable war material fell into the hands of Gen. Gates.

The British attempt to cut the colonies in halves had failed. Had it succeeded, the history of our country to-day would be quite different. Citizens of the town of Rockingham took a noble part in the conflict which turned the tide of affairs in this section.

The military records of the state show "A pay Roll of the Detachment of a company commanded by Lieut. Charles Richards in Col. William Williams' regiment of militia in the service of the United States—1777." This was composed of Rockingham men as follows: Lieut. Charles Richards; Timo. Clark; Charles Richards, Jr.; Elisha Walker; Asa White; and Daniel Richards; all of whom entered the service September 27, and were discharged October 20, being in the service only twenty-four days, for which "Charles Richards, Lt." receipted to the state treasurer for £10 in payment of above service, September 3, 1778. The particular service rendered by this detachment in the regiment named is described as "On an expedition to Bennington," but as the battle of Bennington occurred on the 16th of August, over a month before their enlistment, they were evidently not engaged in that conflict. It is probable that they took part in the Saratoga campaign, and were present at the time of the surrender of Burgoyne, October 17, 1777. The battle of Bennington

was an incident in that campaign, and troops sent after the battle of Bennington probably kept on farther and joined the army at Saratoga. The date of their discharge, October 20, 1777, seems to corroborate this theory.

During 1778, and while the province of New York still claimed the territory of Vermont, the militia of Cumberland county was divided by the legislature of New York into two regiments known as the "Northern" regiment and the "Southern" regiment. In the Southern regiment was a company of Rockingham men of which the officers appointed October 24, 1778, and receiving their commissions from the Council of Appointment of New York, were Moses Wright, captain; Isaac Reed, 1st lieutenant; and Ashur Evans, ensign. The officers of this regiment, appointed by the same authority, August 17, 1778, were Eleazer Patterson, colonel; John Sergeant, lieutenant colonel; Elkanah Day, major; Henry Sherburne, adjutant; and Richard Prouty, quartermaster. With other regiments, they were formed into a brigade under the command of Brigadier General Jacob Bayley, and Brigade Major Simon Stevens. The records of the organization and history of this company are meager, only the names of the officers as above being given and the date of their appointment. The Revolutionary Rolls show that this company served in the "First, or Lower regiment," of which William Williams was earlier the colonel, appointed by the Committee of Safety of Cumberland County, January 4, 1776, and of which Oliver Lovell of Rockingham was the 2d major.

While the inhabitants of the New Hampshire Grants, now Vermont, were taking their part in the war-like transactions described, they were also moving toward the formation of an independent republic that should be free from all ties of a servile nature. During 1776 and 1777 various conventions of her citizens were held at Dorset, Westminster and Windsor resulting January 15, 1777, in the adoption at Westminster of a formal Declaration of Independence, and on the 2d day of July of the same year in the completion of the formation of

an independent republic, named "Vermont," adopting a constitution and outlining a formal government.

In all these conventions, Rockingham took a leading part through her delegates. Dr. Reuben Jones, who was a delegate to each one, and represented the town in the first two legislatures, was a statesman and diplomat whose influence was not exceeded by more than three or four others to whom has been given the credit of the formation of our noble state. The records of each convention, and those primitive sessions of the legislature, bear abundant testimony to the validity of this claim. He was among the few strong characters to whom Vermont owes her existence. He was ably seconded by Joshua Webb and Moses Wright who at different times represented Rockingham in those formative bodies.

The records of the town during those years bear abundant evidence of the sincerity and strength of the support given to these delegates by the voters when they were elected, as well as the wise and thoroughly loyal instructions given them for their action in various crises, shown in resolutions adopted by the voters.

From the time of the formation of the state of Vermont, July 2, 1777, the records of the military affairs of this town changed from the town records to those of the state. Heretofore in many respects towns had been republics of their own, now they were aggregated into one, the history of which, while an independent republic, or since its admission to the Union in 1791, is a record of which every citizen may be proud.

The Vermont Revolutionary Rolls, p. 198, record the names of the following company of Rockingham men. The spelling of the names in many instances is incorrectly given, but most of them can be readily recognized and identified. Nearly all the names on this roll, as well as on those following, are frequently found upon the town records as being identified with the later history of the town.

"An Abstract of Capt. Jona. Holton's company, Col. Eben'r Woods' Regt. of Militia, service done in the Alarm in Oct. 17, 1780.

Capt Jona. Holten	Elijah Read
Lt. Wm. Stearns	Ebenr Lock (Eben)
En. Timo. Clark	Ebenr Albree (Eben)
Sergt. John Roundy	Saml. Spalding
“ John Whitney	Phillip Safford
“ John Titus	Uriah Roundy
“ John Pulsipher	Asa White
Corpl. Danl. Richards	Luther Webb
Drumr. Ch. Richards	Zadoc Sipeo
Colburn Preston	Saml. Burr
Luke Hitchcock, Jr.	John Stowell
Benj. Larabee	John Strond
Gardner Simonds	John Davis
David Camble	Levi Davis
Phineas White	

The time of service of this company was as follows, two men paid for seven days, three for eleven and the remainder for fifteen days. They were credited with having marched sixty miles and the total pay for service and travel of the company, for which Captain Holton receipted to the state treasurer, June 26, 1781, was £64 and 4s.

The particular "Alarm" for which they were called out was the Indian raid at the time of the burning of Royalton, Vt., which occurred October 17, 1780. This raiding party consisted of about three hundred men, all Indians except four white leaders. They came from Canada and attacking Royalton without warning they murdered two men, took twenty-six men and boys prisoners, two of whom they killed the next day near Randolph, and with the remainder returned to Canada. Most of the prisoners were exchanged and returned to their homes the next summer, after suffering severe hardships.

At that time there were two rude forts, one at Barnard, named "Fort Defiance," and one at Bethel, named "Fort Fortitude," for the protection of those frontier towns. It is known there was an important number of Rockingham men among the garrison of Fort Defiance during that month and these are the only men from this town who could have been there. This alarm is the only one occurring about that time; the number of miles they were paid for marching corresponds

to the distance ; hence it may be stated with positiveness that the service rendered was at Fort Defiance. The exact location of this fort has been made the subject of much research by Dr. Gardner Cox of Holyoke, Mass., who has written an account telling a graphic story of the fort, and the life of the garrison during those winter months. He has in his possession the diary of a man named Carpenter who was one of the garrison of Fort Defiance. It has these entries, beginning in October, 1780 :

" Ye 20 Part of Ye companies from Windsor & Woodstock Militia joined us for 10 days."

" Ye 29 Militia Dismissed &c."

" Nov. 2 Ye Militia of Rockingham Dismissed."

Captain Benjamin Cox, who commanded the forces at this fort, was an ancestor of the doctor, and the story is an interesting one.

The condition of " alarm " and excitement into which the burning of Royalton threw the citizens of this section is illustrated by an incident which occurred in the neighboring town of Athens during the latter part of the same month, all Rockingham residents expecting every day a similar raid and murderous assault. One day two men at work in a remote part of that town were alarmed by sounds which to them seemed like the whoops and yells of Indians. They quit their work and spread the alarm as fast as possible. The people, affrighted almost out of their senses, hurried away their women and children with all possible dispatch, expecting from each tree they passed to be saluted by an Indian tomahawk or scalping knife. Jonathan Perham and family, who were among the very earliest families who settled in Athens, decamped in such haste they left their oven heating and their oxen chained to a tree. The report was spread with the greatest rapidity throughout the neighboring towns, and, gaining in magnitude as it went, the story reached Rockingham and other localities that a descent by the Indians had occurred upon Athens and that the town was destroyed. The whole country round about here was soon in arms to



defend themselves from the merciless foe. Some spent the whole night in preparing guns and ammunition, and the apprehension of impending destruction chased sleep from every eye.

Their fear, however, was soon changed to chagrin, for it was found that the hallooing of a hunter, calling to his dogs and friends, aided by the excited imaginations of his hearers, rendered susceptible through fear, had amounted in the course of a few hours to a belief in the entire destruction of a fine settlement and the massacre of its inhabitants. The scare rapidly passed away after it was explained and tranquillity was restored.

On p. 608 of Vermont Revolutionary Rolls, is the following record of a Rockingham company :

A Pay Roll of Capt. William Simonds' Company. Col. Bradley's Regiment raised to assist the Sherriſt to go to Guilford.

Capt. William Simonds	Elezer Sterns
John Harwood	Lemuel Sargeant
Timoy Clark	Abraham Smith
Jona. Holten	John Lovell
Jehiel Webb	Wm Storms
Isaac Stoel	John Fuller
St William Stearns	St Colven Webb
Gardner Simonds	Abel White
— Elisha Gasting	John Hazelton
Ichabod Clossen	John Pulsipher
Corp'l. Nathan Ware	Dan'l. Richard
Almon Roundye	

This pay roll is dated at Westminster, October 26, 1782. The time of service of some of the men is four days, and the remainder five days. The company is credited with having marched forty miles. The pay was three shillings per day, except Captain Simonds who received six shillings, and they were paid four pence per mile for travel.

The total paid by the state treasurer, Ira Allen, July 14, 1783, to Captain Simonds for the company pay and travel fees was £32 4s.

The original manuscript of the roll was multilated in binding and the name of one soldier, in addition to those given above, was cut away and lost.

During the years from 1778 to 1784 the town of Guilford was in a state of continual turmoil because of the large Tory majority in the town having taken possession of its records and affairs. Resistance to the collection of taxes or the assertion of any authority by the "pretended state of Vermont" was continuous. At that time Guilford had the largest number of inhabitants of any town in the state. A small number of the inhabitants were loyal to Vermont, and, as neighboring towns were more loyal than Guilford, continuous friction was experienced. The Rockingham company described above accompanied those of other towns, and, under command of Gen. Ethan Allen, assisted in enforcing the laws, collecting taxes and imprisoning those who rebelled against the Vermont authority.

Again, in January, 1784, as shown by Hall's *Eastern Vermont*, a company was raised in Rockingham consisting of twenty-two men, who, under command of Capt. John Fuller, again went to Guilford upon the same errand. They rendezvoused with other companies at Brattleboro and marched from there to Guilford in a blinding snow storm. There, met by Gen. Ethan Allen, who had marched across the mountain at the head of a small army, the object of their visit was proceeded with. Gen. Allen issued the following short, but expressive proclamation:

"I, Ethan Allen, declare that unless the people of Guilford peaceably submit to the authority of Vermont, the town shall be made as desolate as were the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, by God."

It may be questioned if the proclamation, as written by Gen. Allen, had the comma before the two last words as it is generally printed. The usual descriptions of the old hero seem to indicate he would not be averse to its being there if it would have made his meaning more emphatic.

The Yorkers, having fired upon Allen and his men, were pursued, and all either taken prisoners or dispersed. Those taken were put under bonds for their good behavior, and were compelled to furnish supplies and quarters for the troops. Under Allen's martial law, the constable and sheriff

found no difficulty in the collection of taxes. Produce, horses, cattle, sheep and whatever else could be found belonging to the most violent Tories, were taken and sold for the benefit of the state.

Sergeant Benjamin Larrabee of Rockingham was killed on Fourteen Mile Island in Lake Champlain, July 15, 1779, under the following circumstances: As a member of Col. Seth Warner's regiment he left Fort George to gather huckleberries on that island in company with Maj. Wait Hopkins and a large party. They were surprised by a scouting party of twenty-four Indians and three white men, sent out by Colonel Claus, and Sergt. Larrabee and eight companions were killed. Eight were taken prisoners. The account says, "A Mrs. Scott and one child were wounded and left with another child on the island. The Indians stripped and scalped the men that were killed, but did not offer any violence to the women after the first fire."

By an act passed by the Vermont legislature, October 25, 1780, Rockingham was assessed for the support of troops in the field as follows,—“6150 of flour;—2050 of beef;—1025 Salt Pork:—174 bu. Corn;— & 87 bu. Rye.”

The Revolutionary Rolls of New Hampshire show the following Rockingham men as having served in regiments of that state, in addition to the lists given of those who were at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Samuel Larrabee, aged twenty-three, of Rockingham, Vt., was a private in Capt. Isaac Farwell's company in Col. John Stark's regiment. At Walpole he received pay, in February, 1778, £20 1s. 2p. which amount included pay for seven miles travel. (N. H. Rolls p. 592.)

John Loide (Lloyd) of Rockingham, aged thirty-five, was mustered July 15, 1776, into Capt. William Barron's company, and was later paid £9 18s. (N. H. Rolls v. 4, p. 690.)

John Larrabee of Rockingham was one of a party who “Are enlisted during the war” February 14, 1781, in Captain Farwell's company of the 1st N. H. regiment. (N. H. Rolls v. 3, p. 218.)

William Taggart of Rockingham was also of the above company, "enlisted during the war" and on page 934 of the same volume his description is given "age 52; size 5, 10; born in Londonderry, N. H.; residence, Rockingham, Vt.; enlisted February 4, 1778, at Charlestown; for the war."

A study of early events in the history of Rockingham, and the men connected with them, brings to light many facts and connected circumstances of interest. Among them, during the Revolution, was the peculiar situation upon two sides of an important political controversy of two men, in later years prominently connected with events in Bellows Falls and Rockingham.

Col. Enoch Hale, who built the first toll bridge across the Connecticut here in 1785, and was a leading resident of Rindge and Walpole, was a landowner in the town of Rockingham and later lived in town a number of years. He was moderator of the Rockingham town meeting held September 1, 1795, and at different times held a number of other local offices. He died in Grafton, Vt., in 1813.

Dr. William Page of Charlestown, N. H., who, with Gen. Lewis R. Morris of Springfield, Vt., was named as an incorporator of the Bellows Falls canal in 1791, moved to Bellows Falls in 1798 and was the projector and overseer of a manufacturing establishment here, as well as the engineer in full charge of the construction of the canal. He was the first postmaster of Bellows Falls, his office being in the office of the canal company, which at that time was located in a small building standing on the brow of the hill overlooking the canal, in the rear of the store now occupied by J. J. Fenton & Co. He was grandfather of the late Gov. John B. Page of Rutland, and died in Rutland in 1810.

These two men in 1781 were prominent actors in a controversy which for some months threatened to plunge the states of Vermont and New Hampshire into civil war, and, in fact, each state actually ordered out its military fully equipped and ready to march against the other at a moment's notice. Only for a calm, conservative consideration of the

other's side of disputed questions and a strong reluctance to cause bloodshed upon the part of both states, the collision would have occurred and the subsequent history of peaceful and mutually happy relations would have been reversed.

Vermont was then an independent commonwealth, without ties to other states or nations. New Hampshire was one of the original thirteen states of the Union. Forty-five towns east of the Connecticut river had voted by large majorities to join themselves to the republic of Vermont, and Vermont had accepted them. For some months the majority and minority of these forty-five towns had each had their separate board of officers, and each had by this means a representative in the Vermont and also the New Hampshire legislatures. A county known as Washington county, Vt., had been formed of towns in New Hampshire territory, with Charlestown as its shire town.

Dr. William Page was high sheriff of this county under Vermont authority, and at the same time Col. Enoch Hale was high sheriff of Cheshire county, as this same territory was known in New Hampshire. As both governments had their own separate courts governing one and the same people, no decisions could be enforced by either side, owing to the opposition of the other. The legislature of Vermont had met at Charlestown in October, 1781. A clash of authority was sure to come. Early in November of that year Sheriff Page, under Vermont authority, had arrested two citizens of Westmoreland for some offence. The legislature of New Hampshire, then sitting at Exeter, passed a special statute empowering Colonel Hale to go to Charlestown and release these men "held under the pretended authority of Vermont." Failing to accomplish this he was to call on the militia for assistance.

He went to Charlestown and demanded of Jailer Ely the release of the prisoners. Being refused he made show of attempt at breaking into the jail and was promptly arrested and placed in jail himself. The affair being reported to the governors of both Vermont and New Hampshire, Governor

Chittenden of Vermont authorized Dr. Page, with two Vermont justices of the peace, to go to Exeter and endeavor to arrange some peaceable solution of the difficulty regarding authority over this territory. Upon their arrival at Exeter, they were promptly arrested by direct warrant from the president of the council of New Hampshire and confined there in jail. The governors of each state at once ordered a regiment of militia to be armed and equipped, ready to march at a moment's notice, to maintain the dignity of their respective commonwealths. In this situation, with both sheriffs in jail, and excitement running high among the people on both sides of the Connecticut, the strained conditions remained for some weeks. Governor Chittenden opened a personal correspondence with Gen. Washington, and through the latter's calm and conservative advice, Vermont was induced to give up all claim to territory east of the Connecticut, although the individual towns still held to their original wish to remain a part of this state. The west bank of the Connecticut was fixed upon as the dividing line between the states, and it so remains to-day. The sheriffs were released about January 1, 1782, on their own recognizance, and were never brought to trial. A few years later they became prominent and influential citizens and business men of the village of Bellows Falls, and were firm personal friends. Very soon after this, Vermont was admitted as the fourteenth state of the Union, this incident being one strong point in their plea for admission.

During the year 1779, Rockingham, in common with many of the towns in the Connecticut valley, was subject to numerous collisions between its citizens who were loyal to the Liberty party, and the Tory citizens of other towns. In only a few instances did the small minority of Tory influence in this town cause trouble. On the fifth of May of that year, Capt. Lemuel Sargeant of Rockingham, while engaged in enforcing one of the laws of Vermont, was threatened and insulted by Isaac Reed, Enos Lovell, Ashur Evans, and other inhabitants of the town. Being arraigned at Westminster, on



the twenty-sixth of May, they were charged in the information of the state's attorney, with a "flagrant violation" of the rules of society, of the laws of the land, and of an act of the state passed in the month of February preceding, entitled, "An act for preventing and punishing riots and rioters." Having been adjudged guilty, Reed was fined £30 6s. 6d.; Evans £25 6s. 6d.; and Lovell, £20 6s. 6d. To satisfy these mulcts, executions were issued, and the sheriff was directed to sell such a portion of the estates of the delinquents as would meet the demand.

At the elections which were held on the 27th of March, 1781, in this and other towns of the county, a number of prominent officials who had held office under the state of New York, had thus been prominently known as loyal to the king during the early years of the Revolution, were found to have been elected to various county and town offices. They had seen that it was probable the state of Vermont would be victorious in its struggle, and so within the last year or two had come over to the Vermont side of the controversy. When the result was made known, great indignation was felt by those who from the beginning had resisted the tyranny. Among the people of Rockingham a great feeling of dissatisfaction was manifested at the prospect of seeing those who had either remained neutral in the struggle, or had openly opposed the authority of Vermont, placed in positions which were justly due to those who had suffered in the now triumphing cause.

This feeling resulted in a strong and notably characteristic protest signed by about fifty Rockingham citizens, now a part of the records of the proceedings of the Governor and Council for that year. The petition was dated on the ninth of April and addressed to Governor Chittenden and to the Council of the state.

It remonstrated against the election to office of the "friends to Ministerial Tirrany and Usurpation," who until within a few days had been the "a Vowed Enemies to all authority save that Derived from the Crown of Great Britton," and the

"known Enemies to this and the United States of America." "If there is proof wanted of this," they continued, "we will bring in their being active in and accessory to the shedding the first Blood that was shed in America to support Brittanic Government, at the Horrid and Never to be for Got Massacre Committed at Westminster Court House on the night of the 13th of March, 1775." They further declared that they could perceive no difference "between being halled to Great Britton for Tryal or being Tryed by these Tools amongst our Selves," and asked for a new election, or for the retention of the commissions of Noah Sabin, Jr., as judge of probate; of John Bridgman, Luke Knowlton, and Benjamin Burt, as judges of the county court; of Oliver Lovell and Elias Olcott as justices of the peace; and of Jonathan Hunt, as high sheriff, in order that the petitioners might have an opportunity "to Enter a proper Impeachment and prove that Said persons are Not onely Disqualified for holding any public Station By their own bad Conduct but Cannott be freemen of the State of Vermont by the Constitution thereof."

The records of the Council show that the petition had respectful consideration and much discussion. It was, however, unavailing. Each of the men named were confirmed and commissioned by the governor, much to the disgust of the protestors. It was evidently a shrewd piece of diplomacy upon the part of Governor Chittenden to unite the interests of the strongest Tory citizens with those of the new and struggling state.

The following list of Revolutionary soldiers, and soldiers of the War of 1812, interred in the different cemeteries of the town, is made principally from a list made in 1887 by a committee of E. H. Stoughton Post, G. A. R., to which a few well authenticated names have been added, making the list as complete as possible :

## GRAVES OF SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION

## ROCKINGHAM VILLAGE BURYING-GROUND

Berry, Jonathan (Barry)	Morgan, Quartus
Brown, Joel M.	Proctor, Nathan
Burke, - -	Roundy, John
Butterfield, William	Stearns, Jonathan
Closson, Wilbur	Stearns, William
Davis, John	Smith, J. Col.
Halladay, Richard M.	Taft, - -
Heselton, Uriah	

## SAXTONS RIVER CEMETERY

Adams, Philip	Lake, Daniel
Atcherson, Thomas	Ober, Samuel
Davis, Major Benjamin	Perry, Joseph
Dudley, John	Rice, Hezekiah
Eaton, Maverick	Wooley, Nathan
Gilcrist, Samuel	Wooley, Jonathan
Lake, Henry	

## IMMANUEL CHURCH YARD, BELLOWS FALLS

Church, Capt. Charles	Webb, Luther
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## PARKER HILL CEMETERY

Safford, Lieut. Philip

## CAMBRIDGEPORT CEMETERY

Wyman, Uzziah. He was the first person interred in this cemetery.

## GRAVES OF SOLDIERS OF 1812

## ROCKINGHAM VILLAGE BURYING-GROUND

Burr, Harley	Estabrook, Abraham
Eddy, John	Smith, John

## SAXTONS RIVER CEMETERY

Nutting, Joseph G.	Waite, Gen. Daniel
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## CAMBRIDGEPORT CEMETERY

Thrasher, Comfort	Thrasher, Wyman
Thrasher, James	Wyman, Thomas

## CHAPTER XVI.

### SCHOOLS

Present opinion puts the school system first in importance of all the public institutions, and rightfully so. The earliest settlers of this town considered the school as of lesser importance. The records of town meetings show attention and appropriations for church, mills and "hieways" before any for the establishment of schools.

In the first constitution of the state of Vermont, adopted at Windsor in July, 1777, it was declared that—

"A school or schools shall be established in each town by the legislature for the convenient instruction of youth," and that "one grammar school in each county and one university in this state ought to be established by direction of the general assembly."

The first school law of Vermont was enacted October 22, 1782.

In the warning for the town meeting of December 12, 1774, was an article—

"4th, to see if the Town is willing to hier a School Master to Teach our Childering three months this Winter and to Chuse a Committee for that purpose and to See if the Town will Raise any Sum of money or Grane for that purposus," and it was "Voted In the Negative."

At a town meeting held March 28, 1792, at the house of Jehial Webb, town clerk at that time, a committee consisting of Moses Marsh, John Fuller, David Sanders, Elias Alcott (Olcott), Daniel Weaver, John Roundy, Jr., Nathan Wright, John Lovell, Philip Davis, Turner Wing and Enos Lovell was appointed to divide the town into school districts. This committee reported at another meeting held at the same place August 27th, of that year. Their report embraced the following territorial limits of the ten school districts into which the town was first divided. The names given in the

boundaries give important information as to place of residence of many of the early settlers at that date. They were :

Southeast district, from Westminster line to John Gilmore's; thence to David Wood's and William Minard's.

Enos Lovell's district, from Cowardise west, to take in Eliphalet Felt, Jonathan Burt and Eli Adams.

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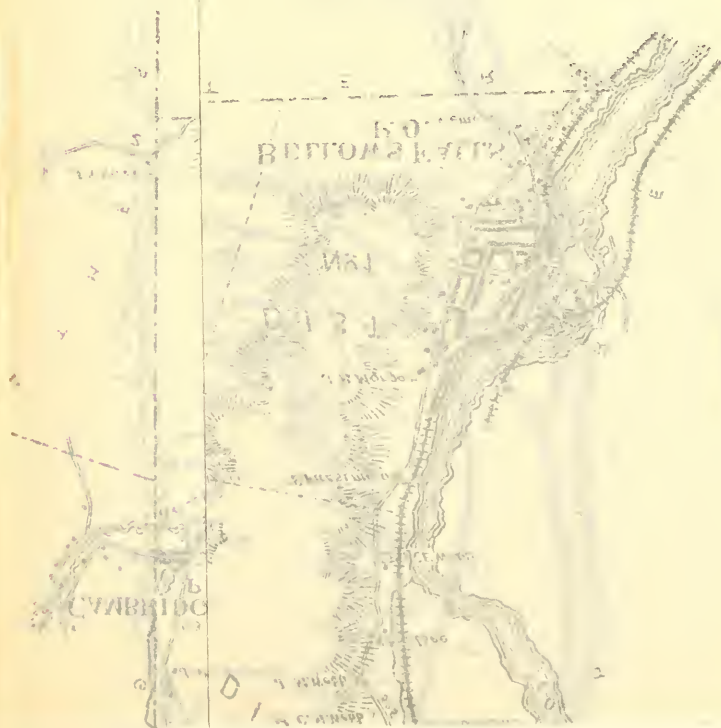
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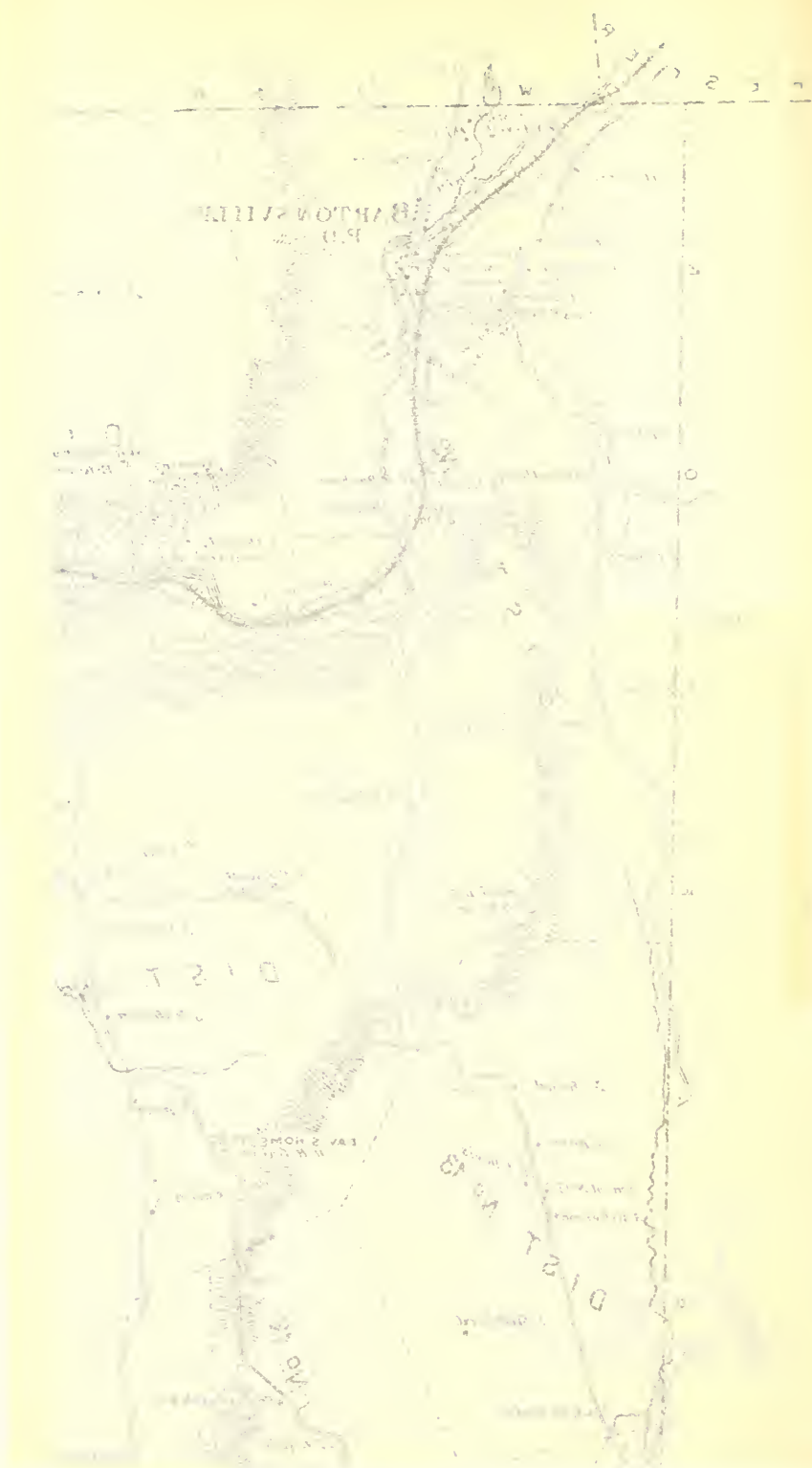
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Boarding such woman and of preparing a Room for the purpose according to the number of Scholars we subscribe for

Rockingham March 24, 1800.

	Scholars.
Jos. Weed	No. 2
Joshua Hale	two
Peletiah Sargents	2
Leonard Burt	2
Benj Bellows 2d.	1
Solomon Hapgood	2
George Bradshaw	2
Quartus Morgan	2
Dan'l Farrand	two
Thos. Alker (?)	two.

Probably within a short time from the signing of the above the first small school building described later was erected on Quartus Morgan's land, just north of the present village.

Until 1893, when the present state law uniting the town schools under one management went into force, each school district was a small municipality enacting its own rules of government and having its own standard of completeness and efficiency. Each district had a school building, and by the law of the state, was compelled to maintain schools a certain number of weeks in the year. Some idea of the crudeness of the methods employed at that date may be gained from the following fragmentary extracts from the records of "Elijah Lovell's School District in Rockingham," later known as "School district No. 6," now called the "Lawrence Mills district."

The district was organized in 1801 and a school established, held at first in the dwelling of Samuel Emery, who was then the owner of the mills. The first school-house was built in 1803, and was located near the north-east end of the present railroad bridge. This first building was destroyed in 1821 and at a meeting held January 21, 1822, at the house of Samuel Emery, it was "voted to build a school house twenty-six feet long and twenty feet wide with a poarch six feet square," but later in the same meeting the size was changed to twenty-four feet long and twenty feet wide, the

voters evidently feeling that the first dimensions were extravagant to accommodate the eighty scholars then in the district. The school-house as finally erected is described in the records as follows:

"Description of a school house let out to be built October 5, 1822, to Robert Finlay for \$218. The walls of said house and poarch to be made of good merchantable brick. Said house to be built twenty feet wide, and twenty-four feet long. Said poarch six feet square inside, eight feet stud, with two fire places one at each end of the house. Swinglass windows in the body of the house twenty lights in each window two rows of seats on each side of the house Suitable for writing Scholars one ditto for small scholars the floor in the porch to be laid of two inch sound pine or hemlock planks Said rooms to be ceiled overhead and the walls not plastered The house and poarch to be finished by the first day of December next in a plain workman-like manner Suitable to teach school in pay to be made in grain in the month of January next. To be Shingled with good white pine Shingles."

The total expense of the school in this district for the year 1852 was \$97.65, made up as follows: "12 weeks school taught by female at 1.25 per week, \$15, 12 weeks by male do \$39. Cost of board, 36. cost of wood 7.65." The number of scholars in the district in 1853 was fifty-five. The records of the annual school meeting October 8, 1853, show the following action:

"10 ly Voted to set up the board at auction and the lowest bidder to board the teachers. Alby Buss has the two first weeks at \$1.75. Lucius Estabrook 3 and 4, 1.74½. Geo. W. Morrison 5, 6, 7, 1.75. Timothy Lovell the remainder 1.90 Raymond Brockway boards the female for \$1.25 per week." The number of scholars in 1854 in this district was only twenty four, and the same number in 1856.

The question of heating the school-house was much discussed. Some years the district voted not to furnish wood to heat the building.

At the annual meeting, December 10, 1807, \$14 was voted for "getting wood for the support of the school" and it was "voted that each and every person taxed should have the privilege of paying his or her tax or rates in good and merchantable hard wood, cut three feet long and split suitable for the fire in said school house if delivered at said school house by the 10th day of January."

The rate allowed was \$1.00 per cord. The teachers usually "boarded round," the board being credited on the taxes in place of so much cash. Under date of November



11, 1822, the following vote is recorded, "voted that the board of the master and mistress be set at \$1.00 per week and that if any man would rather pay the money than board, let him pay it." The records above quoted are typical of those in all the districts of the town.

The system was crude and was often in the control of uneducated men. The conditions have gradually changed and now schools are fewer in number and have developed a much higher grade of efficiency.

The south-middle district, covering the present village of Saxtons River was organized October 11, 1814, at the dwelling-house of Rev. Joseph Elliot. It is the same house now owned by H. A. Stearns in the south part of the village. October 17, 1814, it was voted to unite with district No. 6 in Westminster.

The town records show the following as the number of pupils in the different districts in the year 1805 :

South-East,	26,	Bellows Falls.
South-West,	32,	Cambridgeport.
South-Middle	75,	Saxtons River.
Marshes,	83,	"Rollins Hill," north of Rockingham village.
Pleasant Valley	33,	"Pleasant Valley."
Middle district	87,	Rockingham.
Elijah Lovell's	88,	Lawrence Mills.
West-Middle,	62,	
Oliver Willard's	70,	
Hugh Orr's,	45,	
Gilman's,	28,	
Enos Lovell's,	53,	

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The relative number of children in the families of Rockingham one hundred years ago can be seen by the fact that the census of 1800 shows the total population of Rockingham as 1,684 with the above number of pupils of school age. In the year 1905, the number of pupils between the ages of five and eighteen was 1,386, the population of the town in 1900 being 5,809. Of the pupils in 1905, 1,095 were located in Bellows Falls, twenty-eight in Cambridgeport, one hundred



and sixty-four in Saxtons River, eleven in Rockingham, and eight in Lawrence Mills.

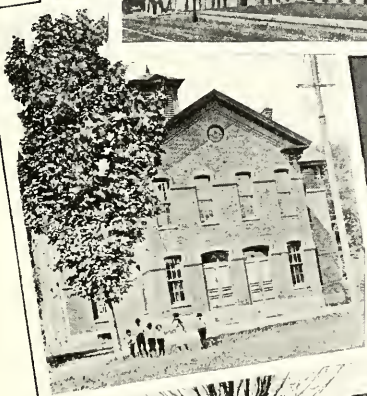
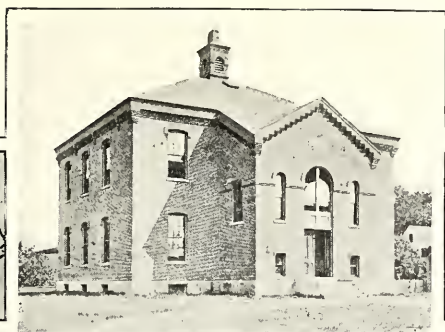
#### SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN BELLOWS FALLS

The first dwellings in Bellows Falls were built upon the meadows just north of the present location of the village, the principal occupations of the inhabitants at that time being farming and fishing. For this reason the first school building was erected a little north of the village of to-day. It was about ten rods southeast of the corner of the cottage houses built a few years since by A. E. Lamb nearly opposite the street leading to Webb terrace from Rockingham road, and nearly the same distance from the main highway.

At this point, the road, previous to the building of the railroad, was about ten rods nearer the river, the school-house being immediately at the side of the road. The exact location of this building is still shown by a depression in the land where the foundation was, and the spot has recently been marked in a temporary manner.

The town records show very little relating to school matters before the control came into the hands of the town, and little care was taken when the change was made to preserve the important records of the different districts. All the records previous to those of 1870 of school district No. 1, which embraced what is now the village of Bellows Falls, are lost. The first building was probably not used after about 1810, the only knowledge of it having been handed down by tradition, well authenticated, from Quartus Morgan who became a prominent resident as early as 1798, and who owned the land where the building stood.

The next school building in this district was located where the brick Granger block now stands, on the east side of Westminster street, and was erected soon after the beginning of the last century. It was a square, one story, brick building, originally with one, later with two rooms. Its shingled roof came to a peak in the centre from its four sides, surmounted by a small cupola, and it was a prominent land-



THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF BELLOWS FALLS, 1907.

No. 4, WELLS STREET.

No. 5, NEW HIGH SCHOOL, SCHOOL STREET.

No. 2, SCHOOL AND GEORGE STREETS.

No. 3, ATKINSON STREET.

No. 1, OLD HIGH SCHOOL, CHERRY STREET.



mark as one approached the village from the south on either side of the river. It never possessed a bell. It stood a little back from Westminster street and on higher ground, there being a short flight of steps in front of it leading to its one entrance. After 1830, it was used as a tenement house, and was torn down when Granger block was erected in 1855. The next school building was erected in 1830, on the corner of what are now School and Cherry streets, upon the site of the present residence of Mrs. Aaron Arms. This also was of brick, had two rooms only, and took the place of the last mentioned building.

This was used by the district until the fall of 1854, when the first brick high school building was built on the site of the present "Old High School Building No. 1," on Cherry street. On May 1, 1854, the building at the corner of Cherry and School streets was deeded to the Catholic church, but the use of it was retained for school purposes until December 1, 1854. At this time the new building on Cherry street was ready for occupancy; and the old building was for some years used for a Catholic church.

The first high school building, erected in the summer of 1854, at a cost of \$5,000, was destroyed by fire November 27, 1866, and was replaced the next year by the main part of the present structure, costing \$17,000. This was first occupied January 1, 1868. Important additions were made to it in 1887 costing \$6,000. It was known as the "High School" building until 1896 when the present high school building was erected, and since then it has been known as the "Old High School" building, or "Building No. 1."

In 1879, building No. 2, between School street extension and George street, was built, followed in 1884 by No. 3 building near the south end of Atkinson street, and in 1892 by No. 4 on Wells street. These buildings are all of similar construction, each having four school rooms, and each cost about \$12,000.

In 1896 the present high school building on the north side of School street was built at an expense of about \$60,000,

and contains rooms enough to provide for the increasing needs for some years to come. In addition to these regular school buildings, the vestries of the Congregational and Baptist churches have been used at various times by the public schools of the town. After the destruction of the high school building by fire, in 1866, the vestry of the Congregational church and the office now occupied by the editorial department of the *Bellows Falls Times* were used for school purposes and supplied all the facilities until the March town meeting in 1867, when it was voted not to have any high school until the new building should be completed, which was January 1, 1868.

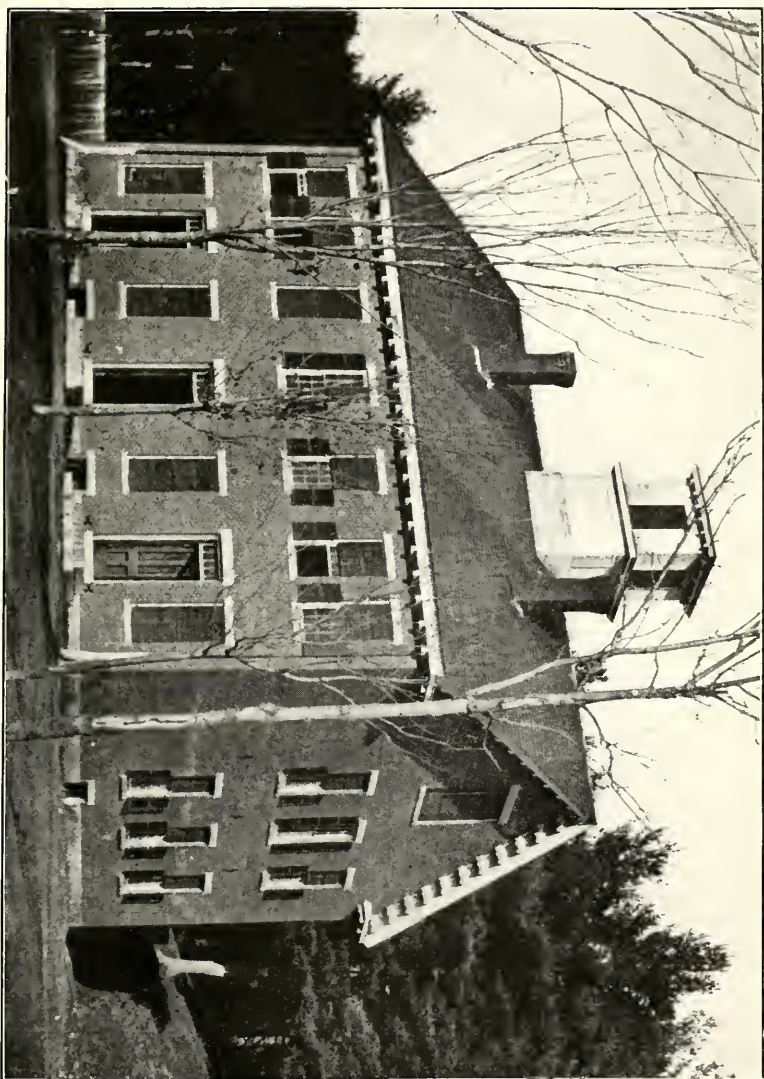
#### SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN SAXTONS RIVER

The first school building in Saxtons River village was located on the north side of Main street, nearly opposite the upper dam, on the grounds of W. B. Glynn's present residence, about half way between where the dwelling stands and the street. It was built of brick, two stories, with one school room in each story. This was taken down about 1849 and a frame building erected in its place. About 1866 the district was united with the neighboring district in Westminster and the "Old Seminary" building secured on the south side of the river, which has since been used. The school-house which was then abandoned was partly used in building Mr. Glynn's residence, and about half of it used in building the structure now occupied by I. A. Farr's meat market.

#### BELLOWS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

In 1854 the term "high school" was applied to the highest grade of Bellows Falls schools, a system of grading the pupils then being adopted, but without graduation. First it was "high" and "primary," then an "intermediate" was added, and later a "grammar" school. No regular course of study was laid out until 1872, when the district voted that "the prudential committee be instructed to arrange a system





THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IN BELLOWS FALLS.  
Erected 1854, Burned November 27, 1866





of study as soon as possible for the three schools, high, grammar and intermediate." The same year it was voted to establish a second intermediate. With this crude system the schools were conducted, without graduation, until 1874. In the fall of this year Prof. L. F. Ward of Westminster, who had been a prominent instructor in various seminaries, including the old Saxtons River seminary, was engaged as principal of the high school and he that year arranged the first system of classes. The first class to graduate was that of 1876, and with the exception of 1877 and 1880 classes have gone forth each year with diplomas. The total number of graduates to date is 369.

GRADUATES OF THE BELLOWS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

1876.

Alice M. Eddy.	Hattie A. Hildreth.	Frederick H. Babbitt.
Clement A. Granger.	Fred A. Piper.	

1878.

Mary A. Barry.	Emily H. Farr.	Emeline G. Hadley.
Leora E. Stuart.	Mary E. Stuart.	Minnie J. Wright.
George H. Babbitt, Jr.		

1879.

Annie Merriam.	Frank H. Chipman.	Elmer E. Eddy.
Fred B. Griswold.		

1881.

Mary L. Dow.	Mary L. Guild.	William A. O'Brien.
George I. Whitney.		

1882.

Katherine A. Diggins.	Mary C. Gale.	Maud M. Hapgood.
Carrie M. Hutchins.	Jessie M. Randall.	Emily O. Sabin.
Ida M. Wilson.	Everett M. Ball.	Orrin H. Carpenter.

1883.

Annie M. Titus.

1884.

Marcia A. Church.	Grace A. Kidder.	Gertrude L. Morrill.
Hattie Titus.	Carroll A. Moore.	Thomas E. O'Brien.

1885.

Winifred E. Ball.	Flora E. Clarke.	Annie M. Dow.
Lura M. Homans.	Myra C. Kingston.	Hattie M. Ladd.
Florence E. Locke.	Clara B. Mandigo.	Carrie B. Marble.
Mary B. Wales.	William A. Conant.	Nat A. Wheeler.
Ned K. Woods.		

1886.

Marion P. Davidson.	Ned S. Alexander.	Edward A. Shuttleworth.
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1887.

Lena E. Cooper.	Katherine B. Titus.	Charles B. Underhill.
Charles E. Whitman.		

1888.

Mabel D. Capron.	Eleanor Carruthers.	Adella M. Clarke.
Hattie E. Jenkins.	Alice M. Locke.	Lura A. Lovell.
Lillian Manning.	R. Jeannette McQuaid.	Alice M. Parkinson.
Mabel Turner.	Belle Whitman.	

1889.

Minnie A. Austin.	Annie M. Ball.	Abbie L. Carpenter.
Minnie A. Hackett.	Alma M. Richardson.	Emma L. Shaw.
James F. O'Brien.	Walter C. Smith.	

1890.

Mary J. Flavin.	Nettie M. George.	Julia C. Morrill.
Mary C. Nims.	Mary E. Powers.	Bertrand Bigelow.
George H. Guild.	Edgar A. Guild.	

1891.

Bertha I. Capron.	Cindie B. Dalton.	Lura A. Perry.
Mabelle E. Parsons.	Edgar Carruthers.	Newton D. Clarke.
Charles S. Eddy.		

1892.

Annie P. Ballou.	Alice B. Banks.	Alice B. Cannon.
Mary S. McLeod.	Gertie B. Spaulding.	Chauncey C. Adams.
J. Homer Bacon.	Nathaniel W. Smith.	

1893.

Bertha I. Bigelow.	Lucy M. Hall.	Rosabelle A. Hatch.
Lucy A. Phelps.	Katherine M. Sullivan.	Edmond C. Bolles.
Bert Underhill.	C. Ernest White.	Louis B. Willson.

1894.

Katie M. Carpenter.	Fannie M. Chipman.	Ruth C. Gove.
Gertrude S. Hayes.	Florence Young.	George A. Andrews.
Henry E. Bush.	Erwin W. Kelley.	Alonzo B. Mack.
Will A. McDonald.	Allie C. Moulton.	Byron A. Robinson.

1895.

Mary E. Baker.	Lulu M. Ranville.	Mary W. Worrall.
Elizabeth Flavin.	Daisy Webb.	Nellie Hartnett.
Nancy Whitney.	Susie Thompson.	Emma L. Moore.
Effie M. Clark.	Rodney W. Roundy.	Harold A. Hatch.

1896.

Elizabeth B. Butterfield.	Susan P. Roundy.	Ethel E. Fullerton.
Margaret J. Sullivan.	Ida M. Young.	Jennie M. Daggett.
Stella M. Dunham.	Mary A. Read.	Edith M. Currier.
Agnes D. St. Croix.	Stella H. Webb.	Dana G. Pierce.
Willard H. Bacon.	Thomas Shaughnessy.	

1897.

Helen G. Guild.	Jennie S. Shipman.	Katherine M. O'Brien.
Carrie E. Daggett.	Caroline H. Arms.	Charlotte M. Day.
Jennie B. Ellis.	Blanche A. Webb.	Elizabeth L. Dean.
Bertha A. O'Brien.	Elizabeth A. Hennessey.	Mary A. Keough.
Ada L. Williams.	Ella F. Spaulding.	Harry N. George.
Gordon P. Johnson.	Henry O. King.	Arthur W. Coolidge.
Ernest T. Dean.		

1898.

Angie G. Allbee.	Emily I. W. Blake.	Lula A. Buxton.
Genevieve Williams.	Lucy J. Barker.	Ethel C. Buckman.
Emily L. Gosselin.	Florence E. Finlayson.	Ida A. Isham.
Eva M. Weeden.	Edith O. Wetherbee.	Mabel L. Roundy.
Kendall Banning.	Francis H. Burr.	Harry W. McKinnon.
John W. Church.	Adelbert E. Edson.	Alan D. Finlayson.
Joseph E. McGreen.		

1899.

Margaret S. Williams.	Grace A. Church.	Annie O. Fullerton.
Bessie E. Lewis.	Lula M. Lewis.	Anna B. Williams.
Ida M. Flavin.	Bertha M. Bacon.	Alice C. Frost.
Katherine A. Hennessey.	Mary A. McGreen.	Ila G. Smith.
Ruth J. Thayer.	Emma L. Winnewisser.	Mildred Young.
Patrick H. Hartnett.	Nelson B. Ober.	Francis B. Upham.
William B. Barker.	James A. Bruce.	Harvey F. Chase.
Harlen G. Foster.	Selah F. Harriman.	James W. Howard.
John H. Kiniry.	Richard F. Barker.	

1900.

Annie D. Dodge.	Etta M. MacDonald.	Lena M. Miller.
Mary W. Roundy.	Helen E. Gibson.	Clara L. George.
Frederick P. Bailey.	Frederick H. Blossom.	J. Ambrose Busby.
Patrick W. Carroll.	John C. Hennessey.	Emmett R. Smith.
Frank W. Weeden.	Laurie D. Cox.	Archie E. Beebe.
John C. Cray.	Ernest E. Griffith.	George W. Kiniry.
Maurice J. Roche.	Henry A. Stoddard.	Owen F. Sullivan.
Morton G. Wiley.		

## 1901.

Elizabeth F. O'Neill.	Helen T. Sanford.	Katharine W. Williams.
Mary L. Wright.	Mary B. Farr.	Agnes M. Gast.
Grace Holland.	Nancy M. Holland.	Mary C. Hughes.
Caroline A. Miller.	Mattie L. Reynolds.	Geneva M. Thayer.
Ardell B. Carpenter.	Florence T. Morgan.	Elizabeth P. Ward.
Elizabeth F. Willson.	Henry A. Shaughnessy.	Mark R. Arnold.
Herbert G. Bancroft.	William E. Cray.	John J. Howard.
Lemuel E. MacKinnon.	Daniel P. Thompson.	

## 1902.

Annie L. Benson.	Jessie E. Ryder.	Margaret S. Ryder.
Alice M. Weaver.	Marian A. Willson.	Ina A. Church.
Sara B. Dalton.	Anna C. Hartnett.	Mary F. Higgins.
Harriette A. Kemp.	Margaret G. Sylvester.	William D. Hayes.
Carl F. Northrup.	Raymond S. Wilbur.	Henry C. Capron.
Thomas K. McCaffrey.	Archibald L. MacKinnon.	Stephen N. Searle.
George W. Upham.		

## 1903.

Grace E. Sargeant.	Kathryn A. Tully.	Bertha E. Wiggin.
Alice A. Sanford.	Esther E. Meacham.	Mary M. Barrett.
Madeline Babbitt.	Mary M. Brosnahan.	Edith B. Damon.
Anna M. Farrow.	May F. Hennessey.	Charles D. Whitcomb.
Charles C. Frost.	Walter C. Hadley.	Jay L. Livermore.
Charles R. McAuliffe.	Francis A. McGreen.	John P. Shea.
John J. Brosnahan.		

## 1904.

Helen W. Ryder.	Bertha Bodine.	Mary F. Barrett.
Blanche Woodfall.	Margaret E. Savage.	Katherine L. Hogan.
Cora A. Houghton.	Mary F. Howard.	Grace F. Perry.
Veliska F. Exner.	Katherine H. Sheridan.	May E. Hartnett.
May A. Pierce.	Julia V. Marlborough.	Grace O. Williams.
Timothy J. Shea.	Walter E. Martin.	Jerry J. Morin.
Preston H. Hadley, Jr.	Scott B. Splan.	Hugh F. O'Brien.
Harry E. MacDonald.		

## 1905.

Annie M. Barry.	Helen Deyette.	Elizabeth Dickinson.
Louise C. Hay.	Annie Knowlton.	Jennie Krieger.
Ethel Mack.	Edith McDonald.	Kathryn E. Petty.
Margaret M. Riley.	Lena L. Sawyer.	Ruth Simonds.
Lula M. Whitcomb.	Francis R. Bolles.	Philip P. Brooks.
William Brown.	Harold H. Cady.	Melvin H. Damon.
Felix E. Exner.	Hugh S. Kimball.	Ray J. Rand.
Frank E. Shaughnessy.	Lee L. Smalley.	



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**BELLOWS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1907.**

Rowe Campbell Wales, John Charles Lawlor, Bernard Larkin Riley, Gay Lewis Fifield, Maurice Keefe,  
 Prof. A. E. Tuttle, Ruth Mildred Hadley, Ethel Clara Dowlin, Julia Agnes Putter, Nora Agnes Hogan, Bessie Frances Kemp, Florence Marion Ray,  
 Gladys Helen Blake, Agnes Catherine Shen, Arthur James Sherman,  
 Marion Lucia Williams, Edna Young Bond, Mary Anna White, Catherine Isabelle McLeod, Marguerite Elizabeth Taylor, William Charles Gray,  
 James Keilhan, Anne Helena Mitchell, Gladys Eleanor Kimball, Faith Duleana Thayer, Susie Etta Willard, Carl Kenneth Bowen.





1906.

M. Gertrude Blake.	Emma G. Bond.	Annie E. Cleary.
Mary M. Cray.	Jennie M. Farnsworth.	Flora M. Frost.
Edna T. Gibson.	Catherine C. Higgins.	Ethel W. Hill.
Anna Howard.	Josephine M. Howard.	Mary E. Howard.
Blanche A. Kelley.	Jessie L. O'Brien.	Mae J. O'Brien.
Mabel H. Perry.	Florence G. Pierce.	Charlotte D. Ryder.
Ida P. Royce.	Mary G. Searle.	James E. Barrett.
Ernest F. Bowen.	Eugene J. Cray.	Morton Downing.
Frank H. Houghton.	Edward J. Howard.	Charles F. McGreen.
Walter E. Parsons.	Herbert R. Pierce.	Guy W. Powers.
John B. Putnam.	Edward C. Rice.	

#### BELLOWS FALLS TEACHERS

Among the teachers of the Bellows Falls schools in early days, still remembered by older inhabitants, was P. B. Goodsell, the first principal of the high school, who taught here from 1854 to 1857. Miss Sarah Hyde, Miss Cutter (Mrs. O. D. Gray), Miss Conant, and Miss Callender were teachers in other grades. A. D. Roe of Springfield, Mass., was principal from 1857 to 1859. Mrs. Roe was then assistant, and in after years published several volumes of poems. When she left here, the pupils presented her with the unique gift of a hair wreath, made from the hair of every scholar in the schools. At this time, Sarah W. Divoll, sister of J. L. Divoll at Rockingham, taught the intermediate and Sarah A. Barker the primary departments. The names of Miss Horton and Miss Willis are also found as teachers during this period.

William H. Johnson, who afterward became a prominent local business man and later resided in New York, was principal in 1859-61, and Mrs. Johnson assistant. Miss Cragin of Ludlow, Miss Divoll, Miss Church, Miss Aldrich, Miss Fisher, and Mrs. Wheeler were among the other teachers at about this time.

A. M. Wheeler, later a minister in Salem, Mass., was principal five terms in 1862 and 1863; Mr. Flanders, later a minister in North Tisbury, Mass., one term in the fall of 1863; M. S. Webb, who died in California, five terms in 1864 and 1865; A. B. C. Douglas one term in the fall of

1865; Prof. L. F. Ward, who died at his home in Westminster in 1882, four terms in 1866, and 1867. No school was held in the village in the spring and fall of 1867, on account of the destruction of the only school building by fire. Rev. N. Pierce, then pastor of the Baptist church here, and who later went to Michigan and thence to Springfield, Ill., where he died in 1873, was principal during the winter term of 1867-8; Mr. Crawford, who later became a minister in Rutland, Mass., one term in the spring of 1868; Charles G. Allen, later a manufacturer in Barre, Mass., two terms in 1868 and 1869; C. R. Crowell, who later resided in Walpole, N. H., the spring term of 1869; Mark Ward, later engaged in the manufacture of electrical apparatus in Springfield, Mass., spring term of 1870; F. A. Bolles, now for thirty-three years town clerk of Rockingham, the fall term of 1870; Alfred S. Hall, now a lawyer in Boston, the winter term of 1870 and 1871; Miss Emma Brown, one term in the spring of 1871; H. L. Cheesman, later a physician of Theresa, N. Y., six terms in 1871-2-3; J. S. Chapman, who later moved to Florida, two terms in 1873 and 1874. During Mr. Chapman's principalship of the high school, the names are found of Isabella Perkins as teacher of the grammar school, Miss E. Austin, the intermediate in place of Miss Emily Vilas who was temporarily absent, and Miss Corlew the primary.

In 1874, Prof. L. F. Ward returned here and the system of graduating classes was established. Miss Emily Vilas taught the grammar school at this time, Miss Annie Kidder the intermediate, and Miss Agnes Elmendorf the primary. George A. Brown succeeded Prof. Ward as principal from 1878 to 1881. Mr. Brown later became a lawyer in Bellows Falls and is now well known in that profession in Everett and Boston, Mass. At this time the names are on record of Mrs. Geo. A. Brown as teacher of the grammar school, Mrs. Flanders and Miss Eddy the intermediate, and Miss Elmendorf the primary. Herbert D. Ryder, now a lawyer of Bellows Falls and chairman of the school board, was prin-

principal from 1881 to 1887. He was followed by O. F. Davis, later principal of Salt Lake Academy at Salt Lake City, Utah, who was principal during the school year of 1887-8. J. C. Simpson, later superintendent of schools of Portsmouth, N. H., now a member of the publishing firm of D. C. Heath & Co., was principal from 1888 to 1892; S. S. Wright, 1892 to 1894; F. E. Chapin, later of Randolph, Mass., 1894 to 1897; A. B. Crawford, now principal of the Newmarket N. H., High School, 1897 to 1899; F. L. Bugbee of Ludlow, Vt., now with Henry Holt & Co. publishers of New York, 1899 and 1900; Marshall W. Downing, now master of the Greek and Latin departments of the Syracuse, N. Y. high school, was here from 1900 to 1903 when he was succeeded by Walter D. Parsons. Mr. Parsons was succeeded in 1904 by A. E. Tuttle, the present principal.

The list of those holding the position of first assistants in the high school is complete only from the year 1863: Miss Flanders, two terms in 1863 and 1864; Miss Stone, the spring term of 1864; Miss Hoyt, the school year of 1864 and 1865; Miss Robinson, two terms in 1865 and 1866; Miss Leech, three terms in 1866 and 1867; Miss Prentiss, two terms in 1867 and 1868; Miss Lizzie Clark, the winter term of 1868 and 1869; C. F. Eddy, the fall term of 1871; F. A. Bolles, the winter term of 1871 and 1872; Miss Burke, two terms in 1872 and 1873; Miss Austin, four terms in 1873 and 1874; Mrs. Joslin, the winter term of 1874 and 1875; Miss Leach from 1875 to 1878. Miss Leach was followed in 1878 by Miss Mary A. Barry, now Mrs. A. H. Webb of Brattleboro, who served continuously in that capacity until 1895 with the exception of one term in 1886 which was supplied by Mrs. Swart. Miss Barry was succeeded by Miss Mary Goodrich, who was followed in 1897 by Miss Jessie A. Judd, who still retains the position.

In 1898, G. W. Cox was appointed superintendent of schools and was the first to devote his entire time to the work. In 1900, Mr. Cox resigned to accept the position of superintendent of schools in Ware, Mass., and Everett W. Lord

now assistant commissioner of education of Porto Rico, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Lord was succeeded by B. E. Merriam, the present superintendent, in 1902.

The latest report of the superintendent of schools shows the present enrollment of scholars in the town of Rockingham to be 1,197. Of this number 155 are in the high school, 813 in the other graded schools in the village of Bellows Falls, 130 in the Saxtons River village schools, and ninety-nine in the rural districts. The last school census shows the number of children between the ages of five and eighteen years to be 1,337, of which 1,044 are in the village of Bellows Falls, 131 in Saxtons River village, and the remainder in the rural sections of the town.

There are now forty teachers employed in the town, of whom twenty-eight are in the village of Bellows Falls, four in Saxtons River, and six in rural districts in which schools are still maintained. The high school now requires the attention of the principal and six assistants. Two special teachers, having charge respectively of the art and penmanship departments, and of music, are employed in the Bellows Falls and Saxtons River village schools.

The scholars are transported from many farming communities to the villages or the other rural schools, thus making possible larger and better schools. Schools are continued in only six rural districts.

The present school board has three members, Herbert D. Ryder, chairman since 1889, Dr. James C. O'Brien, and Dr. John H. Blodgett. An attempt was made in the year 1893, when the control of the schools was taken from the districts and assumed by the town, to change the name from Bellows Falls High School to Rockingham High School, as it now became free to the pupils from all parts of the town. This attempt failed on account of the long continued associations of the original name, and the school has always been known as the Bellows Falls High School. In 1893, a school paper, the *Oracle*, published by the students of the high school, was started and continued until the fall of 1900.

In 1891, a private kindergarten was established by Miss Mary Dascomb in the vestry of the Congregational church and has been continued by her since. A room in the old high school building is now occupied by her school.

#### A BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL

There was, during the '30's, a boy's boarding school located near where Wyman Flint's dwelling now stands on Westminster street, a little south of the corner of Henry street, the capacity being from fifteen to twenty pupils. In this school a number of men in later years, prominent in Bellows Falls and other localities, received their fitting for life's work.

#### SAXTONS RIVER SEMINARY

In 1842, a seminary with the above name was started in Saxtons River village and held a high standard of education during its whole history. It ceased its work in 1866 to be followed three years later by the first effort to establish Vermont Academy in its place. During all the years of its existence, the seminary was held in the building now occupied by the graded schools. This building was built in 1809 and occupied for a church, used by three different denominations. In 1842 some public spirited citizens became interested in the enterprise and contributed largely of their means to purchase the building and support the school. Among these were George Perry, Dr. R. A. Severance, Joseph Leach, Fletcher Perry, Hon. Daniel Kellogg, Hon. David Chandler and many other prominent citizens of the vicinity.

Rev. D. H. Ranney was the first principal, remaining in charge some two years. During this time, Miss Margaret Man, Miss Howlett and Miss Ellen Gregory were assistant teachers.

Reuben Hubbard Washburn, the second principal, also remained two years, and associated with him as teachers were Miss Gertrude Hyde (later Mrs. N. T. Sheafe), Miss Sarah Warren of Ludlow, Miss Whittlesey, and Lucien Sherman of



Dover. The third principal was Mr. Colby, but he remained with the school only a short time.

The fourth principal was Prof. L. F. Ward, a man widely known in after years in this vicinity as an educator, and, later, as principal of Bellows Falls high school. He continued in charge of the seminary from 1847 until 1852 and his assistants were Miss Marion Ward, Miss Jane Smith, Mrs. Butterfield of Grafton, Miss Fanny Arnold and Mrs. E. M. Ward.

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During the next three years, the seminary was in charge of Rev. W. N. Wilbur and under his direction it enjoyed a high degree of prosperity.

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The following committee of seven was appointed to take the necessary preliminary measures for carrying the resolu-

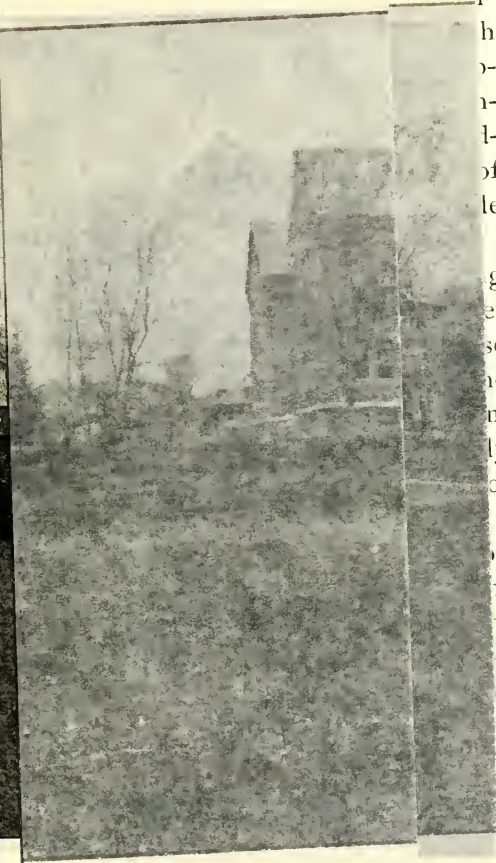
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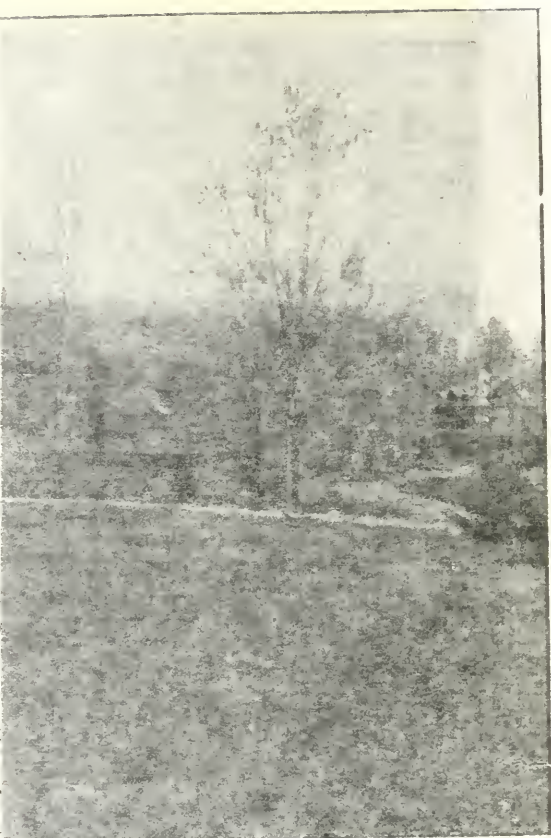
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tion into effect: Revs. T. H. Archibald, G. S. Chase, W. L. Palmer, M. A. Wilcox, S. F. Brown, Hon. R. J. Jones and William M. Pingry. The institution was incorporated in 1872. It was proposed to raise by subscription a permanent endowment fund of \$100,000 and the project met with good encouragement from the first. The first large subscription was for \$20,000, given by Charles L. Jones of Cambridge, Mass., a native of Saxtons River, and the first building was named "Jones Hall" in his honor. The citizens of the village added \$30,000 to this and in 1873 the whole amount was made up.

The academy was first opened in 1876 in the dwelling just east of the Baptist church, known as the Perry house, and all the exercises of the school were held in that house until Jones hall was erected. As the years passed and the demand increased, new buildings followed. The present plant comprises nine first-class buildings, all substantially planned for the various purposes, representing an outlay of something over \$125,000.

Dr. Horace M. Willard, now of Quincy Mansion school, Quincy, Mass., was the first principal and remained at the head until 1889, when Dr. George A. Williams, now at the head of the Greek department in Kalamazoo college, succeeded him. Rev. Homer C. Bristol was principal for two years following Dr. Williams' resignation, and was succeeded in office by Dr. Edward Ellery. He resigned in 1904 and the present principal, John L. Alger, succeeded him.

The school has, ever since its start, admirably filled its place as the state school of the Baptist denomination, and has been an important factor in the educational and business enterprises of this town. The number of graduates to the present time is about six hundred. Several thousand students have received a part of their education at this school, including many of our present prominent citizens.

In the years of growth a large debt was accumulated, and in 1897 a movement was set on foot to relieve the school of this burden. Rev. S. H. Archibald was chosen field secre-



tary, and by dint of hard work, generous responses on the part of friends of the school, and the pledge of J. D. Rockefeller of New York, to add \$15,000 to the endowment fund when the debt was paid, the task was accomplished.

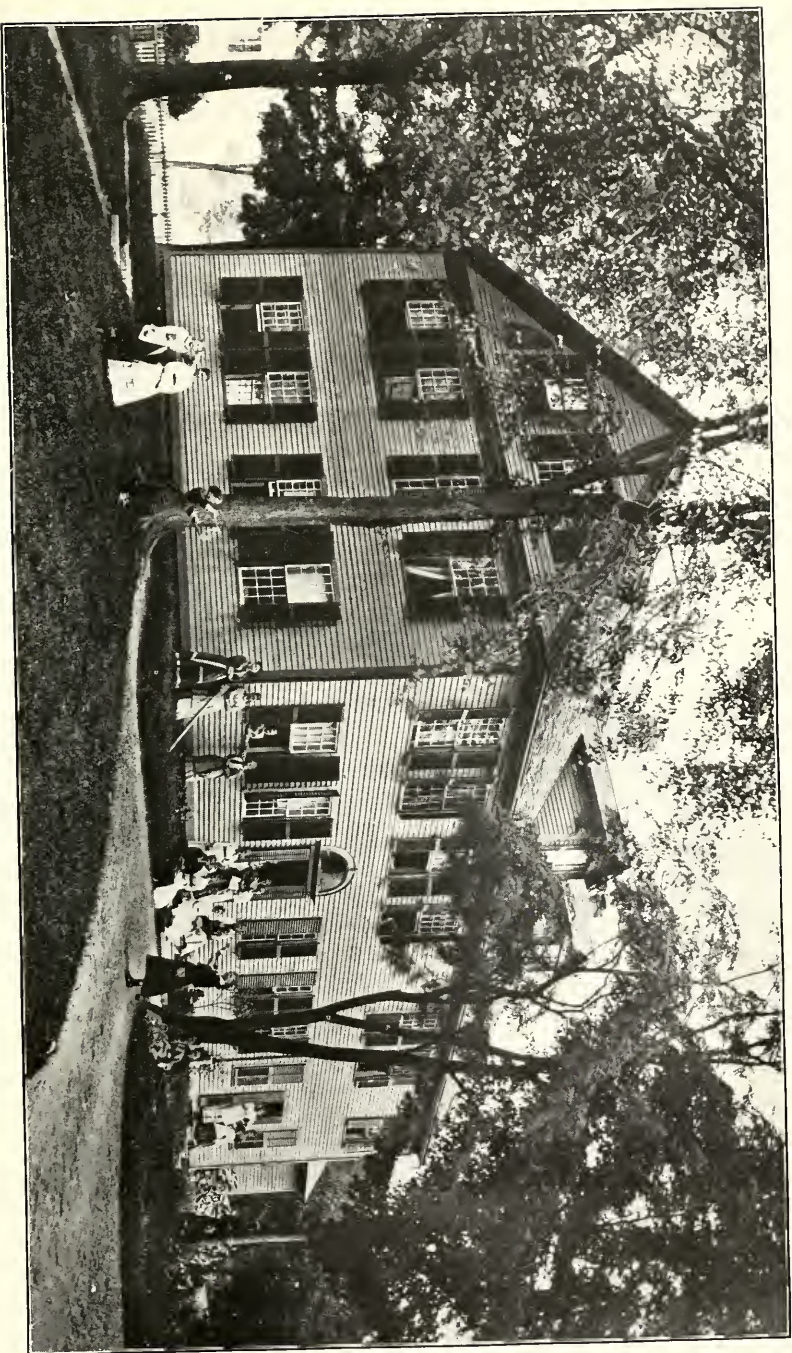
#### ST. AGNES HALL

On the corner of School and Cherry streets in Bellows Falls, and until its removal in 1895 to make way for the present high school building, stood a long, rambling two-story frame building which had served as one of the earlier dwellings of the place. For the twenty-two years between 1867 and 1889 this was occupied as a young ladies boarding school. During the last twenty years of its existence the school was under the direction of Miss Jane Hapgood and the standard of efficiency was high. Hundreds of women scattered over the world look back with pleasure to school days passed there.

The school was under the patronage of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont, the local rectors and the bishop taking an active oversight, and girls came from all parts of the country, it being distinctively a church school. The building was erected for a dwelling and for many years was occupied by S. R. B. Wales, the grandfather of George R. Wales, the present dry goods merchant. It dated back to about 1800, but was enlarged when it became a school.

The school was started a year or two previous to the coming of Miss Hapgood. In 1869 she took a lease of the property for twenty years from its owner, the late James H. Williams, who purchased it for the purpose, but the school attained no celebrity until it came under the care of Miss Hapgood. The name, "St. Agnes Hall" was given it by Rev. Charles S. Hale, then rector of Immanuel church. At the expiration of the lease it was relinquished, as the diocese had established a similar school, Bishop Hopkins' Hall, in the vicinity of Burlington.

Miss Jane Hapgood was born on the ancestral farm in Reading, Vt., September 18, 1831; graduated from Troy



St. AGNES HALL.  
Taken down in 1895.



Female seminary, 1850; taught in South Carolina four years and in Illinois four years; and was vice-principal of Cleveland seminary two years, previous to assuming charge of St. Agnes Hall.

A "SELECT SCHOOL" IN THE EARLY '40'S

The following list of pupils in a select, or subscription school in Bellows Falls in the early '40's was given the writer by the late Mrs. A. F. Nims, who was the "Cynthia M. Chapin" of the list. The school was kept in a building then standing where the Church homestead now is on the east side of Westminster street, and is the same now owned by Mrs. Ellen Brosnahan further south on the same street. The building was erected and occupied as a tin-shop by Simon Pettes on the site of the present Mammoth block on the south side of the Square, and was so occupied by him after it was moved, previous to being occupied as a school.

The teacher of the school for a number of terms, was Miss Susan Evans, who was a member of the family of Rector Carlton Chase of Immanuel church, later Bishop Chase of New Hampshire.

The pupils were:

Sarah Barker, whose father was W. P. Barker, the village butcher.

Sarah Conant, daughter of William Conant, furniture manufacturer.

Helen and Alexine Frasier, daughters of Col. Alexander Frasier, who owned the grist mill.

Emily and Edward Bingham, daughter and son of O. E. Bingham, merchant.

Anna, Emma A. and Charles Fleming, daughters and son of Alexander Fleming, agent of the Canal company.

Caroline and Charles Wentworth, daughter and son of Col. Asa Wentworth, merchant.

Anna Hapgood, daughter of Charles Hapgood, noted as chorister of Immanuel church.

Martha and Frances Chase, daughters of Charles Chase, the tanner.

Martha Church, daughter of Harmon Church, farmer.

Mary E. and Ellen R. Blake, daughters of William B. Blake, paper maker at the Forest mills.

Elizabeth and Caroline Silsby, sisters of Mrs. Charles Hapgood, whose father was a bridge builder of Charlestown.

Sarah Robertson, daughter of Roswell Robertson, financier.

Catherine, Charlotte and Adaline Guild, daughters of Rufus Guild, shoemaker and cultivator of mulberry trees and silk worms.

Cynthia M. and Thomas F. Chapin, daughter and son of Levi Chapin, farmer at North Walpole.

Artemas Johonnott, grandson of Dr. Artemas Robbins, the village physician.

Fitch Hyde, son of Col. Russell Hyde, hotel-keeper and merchant.

Rudolph Geyer, Nathaniel Tucker's grandson, at the toll bridge.

Nehemiah Royce, son of a farmer.

Frank, John and Hammond Grout, sons of Solon Grout, capitalist, who lived where James H. Williams now does.

Ellen, daughter of John W. Moore, editor and proprietor of the Bellows Falls *Gazette*.

Mary and Ann L., daughters of Seth Hapgood.



## CHAPTER XVII.

### ROADS, POST-ROADS, TURNPIKES, HIGHWAYS

One of the hardest problems with which the first settlers of this town had to contend was the making of roads through the then unbroken wilderness. The burden was greater in Rockingham than in many other towns because of the hilly nature of its surface and its large streams to be bridged and followed.

The first meetings of the grantees or "proprietors" under the charter from King George II. indicate the many obstacles met and overcome. They assessed themselves frequently for roads during the ten years in which they managed the affairs of the town. At the second meeting of the proprietors, held May 29, 1754, Andrew Gardner, Jonathan Bigelow and Asahel Stebbins were chosen a committee to "lay out roads," and it was "voted that twenty shillings old tennar as above be Laid on Each proprietor to be Laid out upon making Road, and that money be worked out at twenty shillings per day Between May and September else be worked out at fifteen shillings per day."

One of the earliest votes of the citizens after the management was turned over to the actual residents in 1761 was of the same import. Thomas Stebbins and Moses Wright were the first highway surveyors, elected in 1762, and at a special meeting held a month after the annual meeting Major Oliver Lovell was chosen in the place of Moses Wright, who had resigned.

These roads, at first marked through the forests only by blazed trees, soon became rough bridle paths. All transportation was performed on foot and horseback, no vehicle with wheels being used till many years later. Probably nothing was in those days done toward grading roads, only the obstructing trees and rocks being removed.



The legislature, October 27, 1795, authorized the building of the first post-road through the town, it being part of a road to be laid out from the south line of Vermont to the north line of the town of Newbury. Dr. Samuel Cutler and David Sanderson of Bellows Falls, and Adjutant Eliakim Spooner were appointed a committee to lay out this road through Windham county, and it was "to be laid near Connecticut river." The definite survey of this road through the town of Rockingham showing each turn and the points of compass, was filed at the town clerk's office in 1796. Its location has never been changed in any material degree. It was a part of a system of post-roads of this section of New England, being a post route, or "a road on which the post or mail is conveyed."

"Post-riders" were employed, and an important part of their work was the sale and delivery of the different newspapers published in the vicinity. At the time this post-road was built, there were papers published at Westminster, Walpole and Windsor, and the post-riders had control of their circulation upon their routes.

Two advertisements in the *Vermont Intelligencer and Bellows Falls Advertiser* in 1818, the second year of its publication, were as follows:—

#### POST-RIDER'S NOTICE.

*Reuben Prentiss* proposes to ride Post for the purpose of distributing the *Vermont Intelligencer* for the term of one year from the 26th of January last, and will supply gentlemen, who may be disposed to take said paper on the most accommodating terms in any part of his route, which will be from Bellows Falls to Saxton's River village, Westminster west parish, Putney, Brookline, and Townshend, to Athens.

Said Prentiss will likewise perform errands and transact business with which he may be entrusted with faithfulness, punctuality, and at a reasonable rate.

February 16, 1818.

#### A POST RIDER.

*Wanted* immediately, to distribute the *Vermont Intelligencer* in Rockingham, Springfield, Weathersfield, Reading and perhaps further north. There are always about one hundred subscribers on a part only of said route, and it is believed that more might be obtained. Apply at the Printing-Office, Bellows Falls,

BILL BLAKE & CO.

February 16. 1818.

An earlier post-route, which had accommodated the inhabitants of the east side of the town, and Bellows Falls, was laid out down the Connecticut on the New Hampshire side. Page 263 of the Records of the N. H. Committee of Safety shows that July 27, 1781, John Balch was appointed a post-rider for the term of three months, and they agreed with said Balch to set out from Portsmouth on Saturday morning and ride to Haverhill by way of Conway, Plymouth, thence down the river to Charlestown, Keene and to Portsmouth again, every fourteen days during the term, for which service he was to receive "seventy hard dollars, or paper money equivalent." In 1792, a post-rider carried the mail once a fortnight from Concord through Weirs, New Boston, Amherst, Wilton, Peterboro, Dublin, and Marlboro to Keene, and thence through Westmoreland, Walpole, Alstead, Acworth, Charlestown, Claremont, Newport and Hopkinton to Concord. Thomas Smith of Surry was post-rider on this route. His compensation was £12 per year and the perquisites on papers and private packages. The postage at that time was six-pence (about twelve cents) on each private letter for every forty miles, and four-pence for any number of miles less than forty. Mr. Balch continued to ride for two years and was succeeded by Timothy Balch of Keene who was reappointed in 1785.

The era of turn-pikes was inaugurated during the very last years of the eighteenth century, and continued in this town and vicinity until about 1840. The name "turn-pike" originated from the "gate on a road to obstruct passengers, in order to take toll:—originally consisting of cross bars armed with pikes, and turning on a post or pin." A "turn-pike road" was a "road made by individuals, or by a corporation, on which tolls were collected," and their construction was a popular mode of investment.

The first through this town was "The Green Mountain Turn-Pike," chartered by the legislature November 2, 1799. It extended from the east line of Clarendon to Bellows Falls. Among its incorporators and first owners were John Atkinson,

the Englishman who invested his money in the building of the Bellows Falls canal; Dr. William Page, the civil engineer who built the canal and who was the first postmaster of Bellows Falls; and Daniel Farrand, one of the first lawyers of the town, later a judge of the supreme court. There were to be four gates on the road, one near its east end in Rockingham, one in Cavendish, one in Ludlow and one in Shrewsbury. The toll established by law to be taken at each of these gates was

“for each coach, phaeton, charriot or other four wheeled pleasure carriage, drawn by two horses fifty-six cents, and for each additional horse, ten cents. For every chaise, chair, sulky, or other two wheeled pleasure carriage drawn by one horse, thirty cents; and for each additional horse, nine cents. For every cart or waggon drawn by two oxen or horses, twenty-five cents; and if drawn by more than two oxen or horses, for every additional ox or horse, four cents. For every sled or sleigh, drawn by two oxen or horses, twelve and an half cents; and for each additional ox or horse, three cents; and if drawn by one horse, eight cents. For every man and horse, six cents. For all horses led or driven, exclusive of those in teams or carriages, two and one-half cents. If under two, if over ten, one cent each. For all neat cattle in droves of the number of ten or under, the sum of two cents each; if over ten, one cent for each additional creature—And for all sheep or swine to the number of twelve, a cent each; if over twelve at the rate of three cents per dozen.”

The charter provided “that no person shall be obliged to pay any toll at either of the said gates who shall be going to or from public worship or to or from any grist mill or sawmill, or on militia duty or on the ordinary domestic duty of family concerns.”

Among the other provisions of the charter, toll gatherers must not delay travellers and the corporation should be liable for any damages because of condition of the road. If any person should turn out for the purpose of going around the gate he should forfeit and pay triple toll as a fine. Plain signs should be displayed at each gate showing the rates of toll.

A charter was granted October 26, 1807, to a company for the building of a turnpike connecting with the Green Mountain Turnpike at Chester and continuing over the mountain to Manchester, Vt. This later became a part of the most popular stage route between Boston and Saratoga Springs.

Another charter was granted by the legislature November 7, 1800, to a corporation named the Connecticut River Turnpike Company to build a turnpike through Rockingham. In the list of incorporators were Dr. William Page and Dr. Samuel Cutler of Rockingham and Gen. Lewis R. Morris of Springfield, Vt. They were empowered to build a road "from the now turnpike road north of the bridge at Bellows Falls to the south line of Thetford, in such place or places as said corporation shall choose." There were to be four gates in the distance, at each of which the rates were relatively the same as those quoted above except that they began with thirty-one cents instead of fifty-six cents, and the other specifications named correspondingly lower rates. It was provided, however, "that no one of the gates contemplated in this act shall be erected in the Town of Windsor."

These turnpikes were built and maintained by private capital for about forty years after which the different towns through which they were laid arranged to purchase them and they became parts of the present system of highways.

Investment of capital in these turnpikes was popular and remunerative during the years they were in use. Early in their existence in this town, changes were made in the system of toll charges by locating gates at less distances from each other and by charging a smaller rate of toll at each, but the aggregate always mounted to practically the same figure in the whole distance. Older residents still refer to certain sections of road as "the turnpike."

A few present residents remember the old toll gate, and adjacent toll house, which was located about sixty rods northwest of the blacksmith shop in the village of Rockingham on the road to Chester, and recall the convivial celebration of the removal of the gate when the road was made free. The principal "exercises" were held at the village tavern, of which Harvey Woods was the proprietor.

At one time during the existence of this Green Mountain Turnpike, a company was formed to build a piece of road from a point above Lawrence Mills to the bridge across the

Connecticut to South Charlestown, keeping on the north side of Williams river. The object was to somewhat shorten the route, but as it was to cut out the village and hotel of Rockingham, it met with great opposition in that quarter and was never completed. For some distance below Rockingham station, it wound around the rocky cliffs and portions of the wall built at different points are plainly visible at the present time.

Another point where a toll gate was located on this turnpike was a little below the present village of Bartonsville, a few rods south of the present dwelling of Noyes L. Jackson. The turnpike passed his house, but many years ago was discontinued for some distance below and changed to another location. The last toll gatherer at this point was a pensioner of the war of 1812 familiarly known as "Deacon" Muzzy. He came to Rockingham from Ticonderoga, N. Y., with "Uncle Nathan" Wooley, another character well known in after years.

In the later years of the system of turnpike roads they became decidedly unpopular as many of the people looked upon them as monopolies, and many traditions have been handed down of the gates being destroyed by exasperated citizens who believed that none should have the privilege of obstructing their free right of way.

The first "County Road" between Bellows Falls and Keene was built in 1823 as, December 29th, of that year, the *Bellows Falls Intelligencer* said "The new county road from Walpole village to Keene is so far completed as to be passible for sleighs from Walpole village to the third New Hampshire turnpike, a little south of Carpenter's Tavern." There were two "Carpenter's Taverns" in Walpole at that time, the one referred to here being on the top of Carpenter's hill about four and one-half miles southeast of the village. The other was near the mouth of Cold river, now known as the "Cold River House."

In the year 1808, no bridge had been built across the Connecticut at the mouth of Williams river and passage at

that point from the turnpike was made by means of a ferry boat, for which an additional toll was charged. By law, the proprietor of the ferry was obliged to provide and keep suitable boats and to employ proper ferrymen for the convenience of the public. In that year, the owners of the land on the Vermont side disputed the right of the turnpike to cross their land and they erected a heavy fence across the road obstructing the travel to the ferry. The people became much excited and pulled down the fence a number of times but it was put up stronger and heavier each time. Finally, the selectmen of Rockingham and the people of Charlestown had a public meeting at which all interested were warned to appear, and it was agreed "that a gate should be made, and a road opened two rods wide from the ferry to the turnpike road,—the north line running from a maple tree to a large stump, south of Mr. Hager's barn-yard."

Turnpikes were an important system in the operation of the old public stage coach lines, and the tolls made an important part of the expense of conducting the different routes that were established in this vicinity soon after the year 1800.

From the time the town assumed the control of the various turnpikes, betterments have been made in the highways, all of which have been free for many decades. The expense of maintaining and improving the highways and bridges of this town has increased year after year until 1905, when it amounted to \$3,785.02, of which the state highway money refunded was \$599.17. In the last few years the town has invested about \$35,000 in bridges across the Connecticut at Bellows Falls. The last relic of the earlier method of obstructing the passage of teams by the collection of toll at any point upon the highway or bridges, was abolished November 1, 1904, when the old toll bridge across the Connecticut at Bellows Falls was made free after its continuous use as a toll bridge for over one hundred and nineteen years.



## CHAPTER XVIII.

### THE FIRST TOLL BRIDGE ACROSS THE CONNECTICUT, AND LATER BRIDGES

The first large enterprise which directly affected the town of Rockingham, was the erection in 1784 and 1785 of the first toll bridge at Bellows Falls. It was the first bridge spanning the Connecticut river at any point, and was the only one until the year 1796, when one was built at Springfield, Mass. Because of the fact that this was the pioneer of bridges, and an account of the wildness of the scenery about it, its erection brought the town of Rockingham as well as the "Great Falls" into prominence. It is probable that at the time this bridge was built, there were less than a half dozen primitive dwellings in what are now the villages of Bellows Falls and North Walpole. Residents here were interested chiefly in the extensive fishing industry at that time being carried on at this point, and in the increasing business of carting freight from the boats above and below the falls, previous to the building of the canal.

The first bridge completed during the year 1785, was built under a special act of the New Hampshire legislature, which was as follows :

"AN ACT to enable Enoch Hale to build and Keep a bridge over Connecticut River.

Whereas Enoch Hale of Rindge in the County of Cheshire Esqr. hath petitioned the general Assembly of said State for the Liberty and Privilege of building and Keeping a Bridge over Connecticut river at the great falls called Bellows falls in or near the Town of Walpole in said State and to have the exclusive right and Privilege for that purpose of said River from the upper end of said falls to a rock opposite to a line between land of said Hale and John Hubbard Esqr. and that the same might be a toll bridge and under proper regulations for public convenience. The prayer of which petition appearing reasonable and the granting of the same to be of public utility.

Therefore be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said State in general Assembly convened and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That the exclusive right and privilege of building and

Keeping a Bridge over said River any where between the upper end of said Falls and the rock aforesaid in said falls be and thereby is granted and conveyed to the said Enoch Hale his heirs and assigns forever, and that the said Enoch Hale his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to, and have the exclusive right of receiving from any person or persons who may have occasion to pass over the same bridge either by themselves, or with horses, carriages, cattle or creatures of any kind or any other thing such toll or pay therefore as the justices of the quarter sessions of the peace in said County may from time to time allow and order for ferrymen over said river and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Enoch Hale his heirs and assigns shall be and hereby are subjected to like penalties and forfeitures for any neglect in keeping said Bridge in constant Repair or for not giving good and ready attendance to passengers, as ferrymen are or may be liable to by the Laws of this State or such as may be made for the regulation for Ferrymen within the same."

This act was passed by the House of Representatives December 30, 1783, and by the Council December 31, 1783.

June 14, 1797, the New Hampshire legislature, by another act, protected Col. Hale by giving him the exclusive right to maintain a highway bridge within a distance extending two miles north or south of the one he had erected.

June 14, 1804, the New Hampshire legislature fixed the following rate of tolls for passing over the bridge.

"For each passenger on foot, three cents; each horse and rider, six cents; horse and chaise or sulky, 12 1-2 cents, curricl or chaise with two horses, 20 cents; each four wheel carriage with two horses, 25 cents; each four wheel carriage with four horses, 30 cents or mail stage, passengers, etc., included, 25 cents; a cart or wagon drawn by one horse, and driver, with or without loading, 10 cents; a cart or wagon with two oxen or horses, 16 cents; with three oxen or horses, 20 cents; with four oxen or horses, 25 cents; each sleigh or sled with one horse, 10 cents; each pleasure sleigh with two horses, 15 cents; each loaded sleigh or sled with two horses or oxen 15 cents; each loaded sleigh or sled with four oxen or horses 20 cents; each additional horse, ox or mule, three cents, horses four cents each, neat cattle and mules, each two cents; sheep, hogs, calves and goats, 10 cents the score or half cent each."

The original structure was erected at the same point as the present one, but was much shorter and stood from twelve to fifteen feet lower, with sharp pitches in the road at each end. A good representation of this primitive bridge, is the accompanying cut from an oil painting made and presented to the Rockingham Free Public Library several years ago by Frederick J. Blake, a former local artist, now of Rutland.

It was painted from an old lithograph, and he was assisted by the recollections of a number of aged citizens who well remembered the interesting old structure.

The bridge was entirely without cover of any kind, the roadway being placed at the bottom of the frame, with sides coming only six or eight feet above the floor.

The following account from the *Massachusetts Spy* of February 10, 1785, shows the estimate of the undertaking at that time, and the reputation of our falls for its scenery :

"We hear from Walpole, state of New Hampshire, that Colonel Enoch Hale hath erected a bridge across the Connecticut river on the Great Falls, at his own expense. This bridge is thought to exceed any ever built in America in strength, elegance, and public utility, as it is the direct way from Boston through New Hampshire and Vermont to Canada, and will exceedingly accommodate the public travel to almost any part of the state of Vermont. This bridge is 360 feet in length and about 60 feet above high water mark. The attempt to build it was apparently hazardous, but the work was executed with no other damage than slightly wounding the colonel, and the death of a young man who fell 50 feet into the river on a rock which appeared at the surface of the water."

The river gorge in the vicinity of these bridges is a locality which in the early years of the settlement of this valley had a reputation nearly equal to that of any falls on this continent. The greater marvels of nature in other sections had not then been discovered. A few years after the bridge was built, and when the different stage lines had been established throughout New England, the advertisements of the different routes out of Boston mentioned this one as giving passengers a "view of one of the most stupendous works of Nature" at the bridge over the "Great Falls in the Connecticut at Bellows Falls." They were spoken of in terms almost identical, relatively, with those in which the "Niagara Falls Route" of the different railroad lines to-day is advertised as a great attraction. All stages that came through from a distance, up to the time of opening the railroads, used to advertise to stop here long enough to allow their passengers to fully examine the falls, and whenever they crossed the bridge they would drive to each side and stop some time for the convenience of their patrons.



FIRST BRIDGE OVER THE "GREAT FALLS."





Something of the reputation in England, a century ago, of the "Great Falls" which were later spanned by this first bridge may be gained from the following quotation from the "History of Connecticut, by an Englishman," dated April 28, 1781 :

"Two hundred miles from the Sound is a narrow of five yards, only, formed by two shelving mountains of solid rock; through this chasm are compelled to pass all the waters which, in time of the floods, bury the northern country. Here the water is consolidated, without frost, by pressure, as it swiftly passes between the pinching, sturdy rocks, to such a degree of induration that no iron bar can be forced into it; here iron, lead, and cork have the one common weight; here, steady as time and harder than marble, the stream passes, irresistible, if not as swiftly as lightning. The electric fire rends trees to pieces with no greater ease than does this mighty water. The passage is about 400 yards in length, of a zigzag form, with obtuse corners. At high water there are carried through this strait masts and other timber, with incredible swiftness, and sometimes with safety: but when the water is too low, the masts, timber and trees strike on one side or the other, and are rent in one moment into shivers, and splintered like a broom, to the amazement of the spectator.

No living creature was ever known to pass through this narrow, except an Indian woman, who was in a canoe, attempting to cross the river above it, but carelessly let herself fall within the power of the current. Perceiving her danger, she took a bottle of rum she had with her, and drank the whole of it, then lay down in her canoe to meet her destiny. She miraculously went through safe, and was taken out of the canoe intoxicated. Being asked how she could be so daringly imprudent as to drink such a quantity of rum with the prospect of instant death before her, the squaw, as well as her condition would allow of, replied: 'Yes, it was too much rum to drink at once, to be sure; but I was unwilling to leave a drop of it, so I drank it, and, you see, have saved it all.'

Many present residents of Bellows Falls remember the incident of Captain Paul Boyton's passing through the falls in his rubber floating suit, October 30, 1879. He was on a pleasure trip down the Connecticut and arrived at the dam just at night. During that evening it became known about town that he would go through the falls the next morning, and probably two thousand people gathered on the banks and bridges to see the daring feat. The water was somewhat high and rushed through the gorge with a mighty force. He went into the water just below the dam and with his paddle boldly struck out for the centre of the current, being carried swiftly down. He was caught a number of times in



eddies and carried round and round, giving him a hard pull to get out into the current. When, at last, he went over the place where the water rushes with the greatest force, just above the Fitchburg railroad bridge, he went out of sight and did not appear seemingly for some minutes, the hair of the of the spectators literally stood on end.

He, however, appeared soon a long distance down the river, and came out of the water from the eddy below. He stayed again that night at Towns' hotel, and to an interested audience he stated that that point was the worst he ever was in, and that nothing would tempt him to repeat the experiences of that day. He said the water bore him down with a terrible weight to the bottom of the channel and for a few moments he confidently expected it would hold him there to his death.

The original birch bark box in which the first tolls of the bridge were kept is still here in the possession of one of Col. Hale's descendants, Levi L. Wetherbee. This box is made from yellow bark, with a wooden bottom and cover, the whole sewed together with strong linen thread, and is a great curiosity. It has only recently been returned to Vermont from a branch of the family living in Massachusetts.

The following incident in the history of the bridge, showing how Col. Hale lost possession of it, was communicated to the writer by the late Edward H. Green, a descendant of Mr. Geyer and a one time owner :

"Col. Hale, although a man of some wealth during the most of his life, became involved after building the bridge, and was forced to mortgage it to a wealthy Englishman, Frederick W. Geyer, who had made a practice of spending his summers in what was known in later years as the "Tucker Mansion," at the east end of the bridge. Mr. Geyer's winter home, and office, was in Boston. He had for a long time coveted the ownership of the bridge as a good paying piece of property, but Mr. Hale held to it with an iron grip. The mortgage referred to being a time mortgage of the class that if not paid when due the bridge would pass to the ownership of the mortgagee, made it important that the amount should be paid before a certain day. Mr. Hale after much effort raised the amount in time to send to Boston to reach there the day before it should pass out of his hands.

He sent the money by a son, who went by stage, and in stopping at a hotel on the way he met his wife, from whom he had separated some years

before. At the hotel the old difficulties were discussed and satisfactorily adjusted, but in his renewed joys he became forgetful of his trust and delayed his trip till it was too late to reach Boston in time to pay the mortgage. He rushed into Mr. Geyer's office the day after it had become due, and was informed the money would not be accepted and that his father had lost the bridge through his delay.

Mr. Geyer, obtaining ownership in this manner, retained it until his death, which occurred about 1820. In the division of his estate the bridge fell to his daughter Anna, who had married Nathaniel Tucker."

In 1840, the frame was found to be somewhat decayed on account of exposure to the elements, and the present bridge was built about fifteen feet higher than the old one, and directly above, without in any way interfering with it. Dr. S. M. Blake some years ago gave a graphic description of the gathering of a large crowd to watch the workmen cut away the old bridge after the completion of the new one in July, 1840. The old frame was allowed to fall to the rocks many feet below and later was carried away by high water.

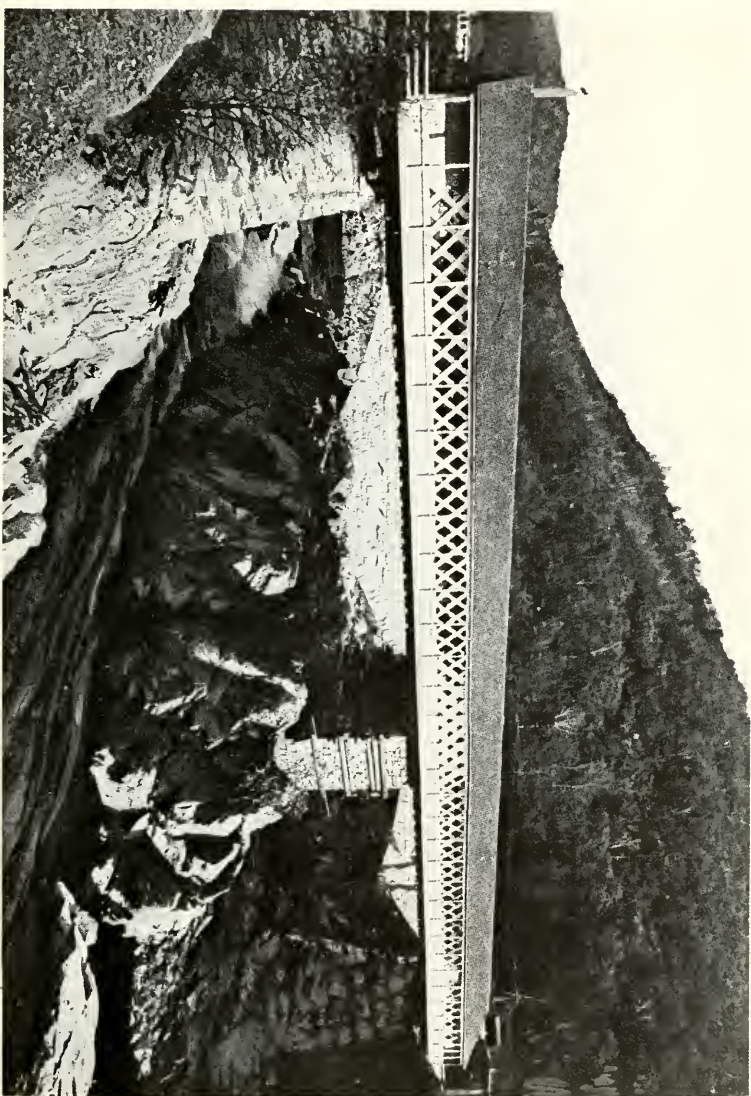
From the erection of this bridge during the ownership of the property by Mrs. Nathaniel Tucker, and its management for many years by her husband, it has always been known as the "Tucker Bridge." Sanford Granger, as a builder, had a prominent part in building the new bridge, and furnished the lumber for it in connection with the Elwells of Langdon.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, their grandson, Edward H. Green, purchased the interests of the other heirs, and owned the bridge until 1880, when it was bought by Hon. William A. Russell. March 17, 1902, it was purchased by the Bellows Falls Canal Co., and remained in their possession until it was purchased by the towns of Walpole and Rockingham, November 1, 1904. At that date, the use of this property became free to the public, after a continuous period of toll gathering of nearly one hundred and twenty years. This event was celebrated in an appropriate manner by a procession, followed by fire-works in the evening, and a public meeting with speeches by prominent men.

Much of the time while the bridge was under the management of Mr. Tucker, he attended to the gathering of the tolls

himself, the gate at first being at the New Hampshire end of the bridge. Another of the early toll gatherers was Cady Parks who died August 20, 1837, at the age of sixty-three. The late Edward H. Green said of him: "Old Cady Parks was a well known character of the village in my boyhood, who had charge of the drilling and blasting of stone for the Canal company, as well as acting as undertaker of the place." Somewhat later Powers Crossett, father of A. P. Crossett, a present citizen, became keeper, coming here from Alstead in 1836, and assuming the care of the bridge in 1837. He was in charge when the structure was built in 1840 and so remained until 1849, when he removed to Reading, Vt. He kept the time of the men employed in building the Tucker bridge and inspected the lumber and other supplies used. He returned here in later years, after having tended the toll bridge between Walpole and Westminster a short time, and had been taking tolls at the Tucker bridge three or four years when he died, in 1865, in the old toll house. Later toll gatherers were Nathaniel Munroe, Stillman Buss, Charles H. Sawyer, and Frank L. Ranville. The son of the last named, Charles M. Ranville, was in charge when the bridge was freed in 1904.

In some freshets, while the old bridge was in service, the water came high enough to dash against the timbers endangering its safety. During the freshet of 1839 it was in danger of being taken away by the coming down of the bridge which had spanned the river at South Charlestown. When the upper bridge moved off its foundations and until it reached the falls at this place, the old sign upon the end could be plainly read, "Passengers are not to Pass Faster than a Walk." Mr. Milliken, who lived near that bridge, jumped upon a horse and rode here to notify Mr. Tucker, who came out on the New Hampshire side above his bridge. He was so excited that those who saw him say he had all the appearance of trying to guide the on-rushing bridge into the lower channel on the Vermont side by making motions of pushing the bridge to the right point with his cane, which



THE TUCKER TOLL BRIDGE.





was his constant companion. Just before it reached the bridge the force of the current broke it up so there was no damage. The late Mrs. A. F. Nims was seven years old at this time and recently said :

"I remember the incident well. My father was watering his horse in the barn-yard when he saw it coming. He called his family to see it and mounting the horse without saddle or bridle rode down to see the fate of the Tucker bridge. The Charlestown bridge rode grandly upon the rapid current until it pitched over the first rapids, when one corner struck a rock and it went to pieces 'all at once and nothing first.'"

During this freshet while Mr. Tucker was trying to attach ropes to the end of his bridge to keep it from being lifted from its foundation, he was assisted by Rector Carlton Chase of Immanuel church (later bishop of New Hampshire), and in some way Mr. Chase fell into the rushing rapids, nearly losing his life. A rope quickly thrown to him was grasped and he was drawn out much exhausted.

The old Tucker family Bible, now in possession of the heirs of the late Edward H. Green, has these records: "Nathaniel Tucker, his Bible, 1776." His son, Nathaniel, made these notations, "1853 the West Butment of the Bridge gave way in consequence of 3 days rain, May 26th, Thursday Night at 12 ock" (At this time a portion of the Vermont end of the bridge fell, breaking off near the pier in the middle, and the place where it was spliced can still be seen.) "Great Freshet at Bellows Falls. Rain began 3rd September, continuing until 12 at night. The east end of Bridge was moved 18 inches. The wharf was carried away." (This wharf was a protection of logs above the west abutment.) "The river was never known to be so low, September 5, 1829." "E. H. Green bought the Tucker house at Bellows Falls, July 1st, 1879."

During the years that the ownership of the bridge remained in the Tucker family, it was Mr. Tucker's practice to allow any persons from the New Hampshire side of the river, who wished to attend the Christmas festivities at Immanuel church, to cross the bridge free of charge. The Christmas observances in those early days were much more



extensive than at the present time. They included the illumination of buildings, and several extra church services with exceedingly fine music, and people came in from many miles around.

When the regular stage routes were first established through this section, the stages did not make a practice of crossing the toll bridge on account of the expense of the toll, but went directly up the river, from Boston and Keene to Charlestown. When passing the end of the toll bridge, the driver blew his horn and any prospective passengers from Bellows Falls must cross the bridge on foot, taking their baggage over in a wheel-barrow. The attendants of the Bellows Falls hotels met their patrons at the New Hampshire end of the bridge, and the usual toll of three cents was paid for each foot passenger. Later, when the stage lines became of greater importance, the stages came over to Bellows Falls.

The high rates of toll allowed by law were at first the same as had been established for ferriage, and they became burdensome to the people so that ill will was felt against the owners. During the ownership of Mr. Geyer, there was a particularly severe winter, during which the ice was firm across the river, both above and below the falls. This enabled teams to cross as readily upon the ice as upon the bridge, and roads were made by citizens both across the eddy and above the dam. For a number of months there was not a track across the bridge and Mr. Geyer, feeling a little restless at the turn affairs were taking, built a wall on the New Hampshire side blocking their road across the ice. A prominent citizen came up from Walpole and tore this wall away. Mr. Geyer objected and an altercation ensued, during which the Walpole man offered Mr. Geyer a drink of their usual toddy of those days. This was indignantly refused by Mr. Geyer and he often afterward referred to it in this manner, "do you know, one of the leading men of Walpole offered me a drink of rum from a wooden runnett," referring to a peculiar dipper of those days, and seeming to take his only

offence from the dipper used. It is stated that later salt was used to destroy the road, but unsuccessfully, as residents would cover the tracks with water. Contention was rife over the matter, but later a compromise of the price of toll created a better feeling toward the bridge.

During the early part of his residence here, Nathaniel Tucker, for many years the manager of the toll bridge, lived with his family in a large building at the east end of the toll bridge, familiarly known as the "Tucker Mansion." It stood about where the brick engine house of the Boston & Maine railroad is now, upon a knoll so high that the bottom of the cellar floor was on a level with the ridge-pole of the present bridge. This dwelling was three stories in height and had two wings, one on the north and one on the south, that at first were one story each, and later two stories high. The one on the north side was occupied by the kitchen and domestics. The main hall of the building was in the form of a cross, extending through the building from front to back, and from north to south, with four outside doors. The doors of the ells opened upon broad piazzas two stories high facing the west, while the centre west door of the main building opened upon a high pillared porch. Just in front was a bank wall with a flight of stairs leading down to the highway, which passed between the stairs and a pretty "common" which sloped from that down to the bridge, twenty feet lower. Through this common passed another flight of stairs leading from the mansion down to the bridge. The bridge roads branched from the main Walpole and Charlestown highway some rods south and north of the mansion, descending the incline and passing west of the common, which was artistically laid out. The garden connected with the mansion was south of the building, and the barns were on the north side.

These buildings were, in their day, the most entitled to the appellation of "mansion" of any in this whole region, because of their grand proportions, and elegant surroundings. They were a prominent feature of the landscape when the "Great

Falls" were noted far and wide for their scenic beauty. Persons coming to this vicinity from the south upon either side of the river, were struck by their beauty and majestic location. The picture of the first bridge, shows the prominent character of these buildings, but fails to show their beauty as related by the oldest inhabitants of the present day.

They were built by Col. Enoch Hale soon after the building of the bridge, and previous to 1796 had passed into the possession of Benjamin Bellows, 3d. In that year Mr. Bellows deeded them to Maj. Jonathan Grout, who in turn sold them to Frederick W. Geyer. They did not come to Mr. Geyer with the foreclosure of the mortgage upon the bridge, but were acquired later. In 1817, the building was occupied for hotel purposes by Thaddeus Nichols, and was known as the "Mansion House Hotel." It was occupied thus as late as 1839, as the late Dr. S. M. Blake spent his first night in this vicinity there in that year.

They were taken down when the railroad was built in 1848. The timber was used in erecting the house now owned by John B. Morse on School street and that recently owned by Dr. F. H. O'Connor on Green street. Mr. Tucker then bought and moved into what is now the Hetty Green place on Church street.

The next bridge, after the two toll bridges, to span the Connecticut at Bellows Falls, was the first Cheshire railroad bridge located only a few feet north of the toll bridge. This was erected a few months after the completion of the railroad between Fitchburg and Bellows Falls in 1849, the depot being located on the New Hampshire side until the bridge was built, and passengers for Bellows Falls were obliged to cross the toll bridge.

This wooden bridge was a picturesque affair. In its day it was a wonder, for its two spans each measured one hundred and forty feet, and they marked the limit of length of span at that period. Then, too, its location in a most romantic spot, where the water of the river rushed through a narrow channel worn in the rocks made all the surroundings

of the place most attractive. It was a massive pine frame work upon a principle of bridge building that to-day seems primitive. The stone that was used in building the abutments and pier of this bridge was all quarried from what was known as "Thayer's ledge" in Rockingham, near the Springfield line. It was drawn by team down to the Connecticut and loaded on large scows that brought it down the river to the head of the canal, where it was loaded upon small cars and run down to the bridge by hand. The ledge is located on the top of the divide between the Williams and Black rivers, about two miles from the Connecticut and at the top of a high hill. The late Charles Hapgood had charge of the boats which brought it down the river. A. P. Crossett, then a boy of eighteen, assisted the workmen in running the stone to the bridge on the cars.

This bridge did its duty well until the autumn of 1899, when some question having arisen as to its safety the Fitchburg road, which then owned it, suddenly decided to replace it with the present beautiful stone arches. Work was commenced September 13, of that year, under a contract with Holbrook, Cabot & Daly of Boston. Without interfering with the passage of trains for a single day, the structure was completed December 10.

This bridge is unique in having two of the longest arches with the least rise of any bridge in this country. The spans are each one hundred and forty feet long with a rise of but twenty feet.

The first bridge here of the Sullivan railroad, similar in every respect to the first frame Cheshire bridge above described, was placed across the river almost directly over the dam during the summer of 1851, about the time of the completion of the Vermont Valley railroad from Brattleboro to Bellows Falls. The Sullivan railroad had been open from here to Windsor nearly two years, using a station located near the New Hampshire end of the toll bridge. This primitive bridge in turn gave way to the present iron lattice bridge in 1882, the first piece of iron being laid February 1,

and the completed structure was tested May 18, of that year.

For a few years previous to 1904, the citizenship of the village of North Walpole, in New Hampshire opposite the village of Bellows Falls, had increased so rapidly as to demand better highway bridge facilities than were furnished by the old toll bridge. At the annual Rockingham town meeting held March 1, 1904, it was voted to authorize the selectmen to borrow on the credit of the town not exceeding \$6,666.67 to be used to defray one-third of the expense of purchasing the real estate, easement and franchise of the Tucker toll bridge; and \$18,333.34, to be used to defray one-third the expense of building a new steel arch bridge. One week later, at its annual town meeting, Walpole voted not to exceed \$45,000 for its two-thirds of the cost of purchasing the Tucker toll bridge and the building of the new bridge. A permanent arrangement was made between the two towns whereby the cost of erecting and maintaining the new bridge, as well as the Tucker bridge if it was continued, should be borne two parts by Walpole and one part by Rockingham.

The bridge committee, under whose direction all arrangements were made, was as follows :

Walpole.	Rockingham.
E. K. Seabury.	M. H. Ray.
F. O. Smalley.	J. C. Day.
C. E. Seward.	S. J. Cray.
C. J. O'Neil.	C. W. Osgood.
W. H. Kiniry.	C. H. Williams.

After long deliberation this committee decided upon the present style of bridge and June 24, 1904, the contracts for the construction of the stone and steel works were awarded. The plans were prepared by J. R. Worcester, a civil engineer of Boston. The contract for the steel superstructure was awarded to Lewis F. Shoemaker & Company, of the Schuylkill Bridge Works of Philadelphia, for \$40,394; while the contract for building the stone work was awarded to Joseph Ross & Sons of Boston for \$4,545, making a total cost of \$44,939.





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Restored in 1906.



STEEL BRIDGE ACROSS THE CONNECTICUT AT BELLOWS FALLS.  
Opened for Traffic March 20, 1905.





The bridge was completed inside of the appropriations made, and was opened to the public at 4 P. M. Monday, March 20, 1905, at which time W. H. Kiniry removed the last obstructions. A formal celebration of the event by citizens of the two villages occurred that evening. The school and church bells of North Walpole were rung and red fire and fire-works set off. The Citizens band played on the bridge and later at Russell Memorial Hall in North Walpole, where the principal celebration and public speaking completed the exercises.

The bridge consisted of two spans, one 104 feet 8 inches in length over the Rutland railroad tracks, and the other 540 feet in length over the river. This latter span is notable in that it is the longest highway arch span in the United States, excepting the one across the Niagara river near the falls, and because it is the only long-span arch with suspended floor in this country. The arch of the main span rises seventy feet above the level of the road bed at its highest point. The bridge is thirty-two feet wide over all and carries a carriage way and sidewalk twenty feet and six feet wide, respectively.

The bridge is built to sustain a maximum load of sixty pounds to the square foot on the road way and the sidewalk, and a concentrated load of eighteen tons on two axles two feet apart. The estimated weight of the steel in the bridge is nine hundred thousand pounds.

## CHAPTER XIX.

### THE BELLOWS FALLS CANAL

For over a century the canal at Bellows Falls has been intimately connected in various ways with all branches of industry and business in this vicinity. To it the village of Bellows Falls is largely indebted for its business prosperity, and almost for its existence. In various ways it has been the greatest factor in making the history of the village, and thereby of the greatest importance to the town of Rockingham and all this immediate neighborhood.

The construction of the canal was commenced in the spring of 1792, but the actual passing of boats was not possible until October, 1802, obstacles being met which could not be foreseen and which rendered the cost much greater than was expected by its projectors.

The canal was built primarily for navigation as was clearly indicated by the cumbrous name given by the legislature, a "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls." Although at its completion, or very soon after, there were a number of extensive mills that had their power from it, which were destroyed by fire May 11, 1812, other mills were soon erected by the company including two saw mills an oil mill and a wool carding shop. Boats and rafts of lumber passed through it as late as 1858, although the building of the different railroads through the Connecticut river valley between 1848 and 1851 practically did away with navigation except for the passage of lumber down the river to the markets. At all times the water has been used to turn the wheels of business activity, as well as to further the interests of commerce, but not until 1870 was its utilization for power a marked feature of this vicinity.

Like so many corporations which are the initial enterprises of gigantic money making industries of after years, the

men who furnished the money to build the canal and locks and keep them in repair until they passed out of the original ownership in June, 1866, lost heavily upon their investment.

The amount realized by the originators was probably not over twenty per cent of the amount which had been sent over here from England for the purpose of building and maintaining it, during the seventy-four years in which it was almost wholly owned in London. This result was not much, if any, worse than the experiences of capital invested in the various canals at different points on the river.

Present-day inhabitants of New England little appreciate the importance of the effect which the early navigation of the Connecticut river was expected to have upon the commerce of the world, particularly between New England and the different parts of old England. Following the close of the Revolutionary war the attention of English citizens, and of English capital, was directed to the development of the business interests of this country similar to the influx of northern capital into the south after the close of the War of the Rebellion. A writer in a paper published in London in 1797 foresaw in the completion of the canal at Bellows Falls, then under construction, "a water communication with the River Thames—a glorious prospect for both countries and a source of commerce and wealth to draw still closer between them the ties of amity." It can hardly be said that the "glorious prospect" was ever fulfilled from the Englishman's standpoint, but it certainly was a very great advantage, in connection with the other canals of the river, to all this section of New England, in bringing the markets of Springfield, Hartford and New York much nearer to the early inhabitants than they had been by the cumbrous ox teams and almost impassable highways of those early times.

The Connecticut (named by the Indians "Quon-eh-to-kot," meaning "Long River") was the first river in this country to be improved by canals. It is the longest and has been navigated more above tide-water than any other river in New England.

The canal at Bellows Falls was one of a series of six at different points in the river with locks for raising and lowering boats, without which it was impossible to get them past important falls. English capital played a large part in the cost of some, although none was so absolutely and unreservedly in the hands of foreigners as this. These canals were at Enfield, Conn., (now Windsor Locks) South Hadley Falls, Turners Falls, Mass., Bellows Falls, Hartland and Wilder, Vt.

By means of the river and these canals it was proposed to navigate upon an extensive scale as far north as Wells River and Barnet, Vt. In connection with this commerce it was proposed to build a canal from the Connecticut across to the Pemigewasset river in New Hampshire and a survey was made of the route leaving the Connecticut in Haverhill. Also at a mass convention held at Montpelier, the money was quickly raised that paid the expense of a survey for a canal following up the Wells river, thence across the mountain to Montpelier and to reach Lake Champlain by the Winooski river.

From many points of view, the Bellows Falls canal was the most important of any located on the Connecticut river. The width of the river where the dam must be constructed, the great fall of fifty-two feet from the level of the water above the dam to that of the eddy half a mile below, the extreme narrowness of the channel through the falls, and the rocky nature of the banks all conspired to make the undertaking one of great expense and risk.

The capital with which the dam, canal, and locks were built, together with additional capital needed for repairs and the purchase of other real estate in later years, was furnished by three brothers of London, Eng., John, Francis and Hodgson Atkinson, and by Ebenezer Storer, an early treasurer of Harvard college. Neither of these men ever spent much time at Bellows Falls except John Atkinson, who came here often. He removed here from New York in 1817, and died here in 1823. Hodgson died in London between 1811 and



JOHN ATKINSON.  
1742-1823.  
Built the Bellows Falls Canal, 1792.





1813, leaving this investment as a part of his large estate. His will, probated here in 1829, appointed Thomas and Francis Atkinson, his two sons, joint executors. They managed the affairs of the estate until about 1840, when, one or both having died, the management, until a sale of the property was effected in June, 1866, was vested in George Atkinson, another son, in the interests of the estates. George Atkinson was in Bellows Falls frequently during the later years, but earlier executors are not known to have been here personally, the business being managed wholly by local agents.

The charters of both the states of Vermont and New Hampshire name as incorporators, Dr. William Page of Charlestown, N. H., and Gen. Lewis R. Morris of Springfield, Vt. The name of General Morris does not appear in record in any of the transactions in connection with the history of the canal except the charter, and the purchase of the land and water rights previous to its being built. Dr. Page was employed as the civil engineer in constructing the canal, assisted by his son, William Page, Jr., who was at that time a student at Yale, and who later became a prominent attorney in Rutland and was the father of Gov. John B. Page.

The act of Vermont legislature under which the canal and dam were built was passed at Rutland, October 25, 1792, although a somewhat similar charter had been granted by the previous legislature at Windsor, dated November 1, 1791. The name given to the organization, "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls," was retained until 1831, when it was changed to the present name "Bellows Falls Canal Company." A charter by the New Hampshire legislature, almost identical with the Vermont act, was granted December 18, 1792.

The exclusive right of building the canal, and erecting the dam, was granted the corporators with the restriction that they should begin the work within three years and complete it "fit for use" within ten years. It fixed the rate of toll at fifteen cents per ton of freight for loaded boats, and half that

sum for empty boats passing through it," according to the tons said boats will carry, and the same sum for every thousand feet of boards and timber, etc." If, at the end of thirty-one years from the date of the charter, upon investigation by the supreme court, it should be found that the annual net income had exceeded twelve per cent of the actual cost of the construction, the toll rate should be reduced. The company were given the usual rights in relation to flowage and acquiring land needed, the damages to be ascertained by a commission appointed by the county court, and the supreme court was to make an examination of all affairs of the company once in ten years.

An amendment to the charter was made October 16, 1795, requiring the locks to be forty feet long and sixteen feet wide. November 6, 1802, authority was given by the company to raise the tolls from fifteen cents to seventy-five cents, and they were reduced to fifty cents by the legislature of 1803. The legislature of 1805 gave the company authority to charge such tolls as they should see fit, the same to be advertised in newspapers of the valley. Thereafter, until 1847, tolls varied from fifty cents to eighty cents in different years. From 1847, it was left with the supreme court to fix the rate of toll once in three years.

Two reports of legislative committees of different years contain facts of interest in the history of the enterprise. To the session of 1830 the following was a part of the report made by the committee on roads and canals.

After rehearsing the previous legislative action in relation to the canal, it says :

" Your committee find, that soon after the commencement of said canal, a Mr. John Atkinson (a wealthy merchant of New York), purchased in 8-9ths of the stock of said company, and that a Mr. James Casey (Carey?) purchased in the remainder—and that after expending much money in the accomplishment of said works, the said Atkinson became embarrassed in his circumstances, and was under the necessity of mortgaging the same, together with several thousands of dollars of other property near Bellows Falls, to persons in Great Britain—That said Atkinson and said Casey (Carey?) are long since dead—and that said mortgage was foreclosed in Chancery in May, last passed, and that the time for redeeming said property expires in May next—

and that the sum required for the redemption thereof, exceeds forty-nine thousand dollars.

Your committee find, that after said canal and locks were nearly or quite completed, that the same were swept away by a freshet—and that the locks were afterwards built at a greater expense, being extended in a different direction, and more commodious for transportation—being 75 feet in length and 20 feet in width, which we presume to have been taken into account of the expenditures, as contained in the committee's report to the legislature in 1803 above named, but your committee have no certain knowledge of the fact.

We find that the owners of said locks have always been accommodating and generous towards the transporters of loading through their locks, in the estimation of the amount of tonage. That there has been no complaint as to the road, for carting by said canal—that their tolls have uniformly been lower than at most other locks on the river, considering their expenses. That the building of said canal and locks would not probably cost, at this day of improvements in the art of canalling, over \$50,000 exclusive of damage done by flowing, etc.—That from the growing scarcity of lumber above said falls, the transportation of lumber is much less than formerly and will probably continue to decrease; while that of other loading, which is much of it carried on wheels across land, would, should the navigation of Connecticut river be much improved, be vastly increased. That an act was passed at the last session of the Legislature incorporating a company by the name of Connecticut River Steam Boat company, the object of which is to improve said navigation, and that great hopes are entertained by many that such improvement will speedily commence.

It appears to your committee, from an abstract furnished on oath by the agent of said Bellows Falls Company, that the average annual net profit arising from tolls on said canal for 25 years last past, or since 1805, has amounted to about \$3,000 per annum, or about three per cent on \$100,000 and that the annual average of repairs, for the same term including all expenses and the wages of agents of said company are \$1927.33 per annum. And that agreeably to the report of said committee of 1803—the outlay of the company at that time amounted to the sum of \$105,338.13.

Your committee also find, that said company will shortly be obliged to make repairs on said locks and canal:—We also find, that the said company have ever appeared friendly to the general improvement of the navigation of Connecticut river, and have even appropriated some funds for the removing of bars in said river.

Your committee find that a Convention was holden at Windsor, in September last past, for the purpose of taking into consideration subjects connected with the improvement of navigation of Connecticut river—from the report of which it does appear that strong hopes are entertained that a line of Steam Boats will be put upon said river for the transportation and conveyance of tonage to and from Hartford in Connecticut to Wells River in Vermont in the course of the ensuing year: and that thereby a vast amount of tonage, that is now driven overland on wheels, in consequence of the delays and expense now suffered in attempting to transport the same to and from market upon said river, will speedily return to said river.

On the whole, your committee, not willing to interpose any new obstacles to the future improvement of the navigation of Connecticut river on a more extensive scale than hertofore—and believing that said petitioners have not realized that income from their expenditures in erecting said canal and locks that could have been reasonably expected by them, or by the several legislatures who have had their case under consideration, would humbly recommend the accompanying bill. All of which is respectfully submitted, by

30th, October. 1830.”

H. F. Janes, for committee.

Again, in 1831, the legislative committee on roads and canals made a report from which the following quotation is of interest as showing the progress of attempts at navigation, and certain phases of the history of the canal.

“ \* \* \* It is evidence, that there is a portage road at Bellows Falls, by which the public carted by said Falls before the locks were erected, which road the company by the acts now in force, are not permitted to obstruct. That said road has not been obstructed by said company—That it is now in good repair—That the canal company have made an agreement with the Connecticut River Valley Steam Boat Company in relation to the tolls to be received by them of said Steam Boat Company for a period of ten years, which is, as appears by a resolution of said company, satisfactory—That during the present year there has been a regular weekly line of boats plying on said river belonging to said Steam Boat Company. It appears also by the statement upon oath by the Agent of said canal company, that the number of boats which passed said locks and canals this present year up to the first day of October last, was 74, and the amount of tonage of rafts and boats for the same period was 4168 1-2 Tons—Last year the number of boats for the same period was 70, and the tonage of 5380 Tons, and in 1828 the number of boats for the same period was 103, and the tonage 7225 Tons, showing an actual decrease of the tonage of the present year, compared with previous years.—That said works are exposed to damage by freshets. That repairs and expenses of said company upon an average of the last 26 years have exceeded by about \$14,000, the sum which would have been received by said company, had tolls been taken at the rate of 15 pence per ton, as allowed by the act of 1795, upon the amount of tonage which has passed through said locks. An act was passed the last session of the Legislature, by which the Supreme Court at their annual session in the County of Windham, in the year 1832, were to fix a tariff of tolls, which is to continue a tariff of tolls for three years, and in like manner to fix the tariff of tolls every four years thereafter for the term of 15 years. In consequence of there being no provision made in said act of last session of any minimum sum, below which the Supreme Court should not reduce tolls, and the frequency of the application of said company to the Supreme Court, has, the petitioners say, rendered, the stock of said company very uncertain in value and unsaleable in the markets of the country.

It appears from letters laid before the committee, from Boston and New York, that the stock of said company had been there advertised for sale, but that no sales could be effected in consequence of the provisions contained in

the 2d section of the act of the last session. The petitioners ask for a repeal or modification of the 2d section of said act.

Against the prayer of the petitioners, memorials were referred to your committee, signed by 390 individuals purporting to live in the valley of Connecticut River, with other memorials of the same import, have been referred to your committee since we had the subject under consideration. These memorialists state among other things that the act of last session was the result of compromise and therefore ought not to be repealed or altered.

The petitioners also ask the privilege of altering the name of their company (from "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls" to "Bellows Falls Canal Company")—to increase the number of their shares—to direct the mode of conveying real estate, and to make an uniformity in the mode of advertising. To granting the prayer of the petitioners in these particulars there is no objection.

In view of the facts stated in this report, your committee are of the opinion that relief can be granted to the petitioners without injury to the public or the rights of individuals residing in the valley of Connecticut River. For that purpose we would recommend the accompanying bill. All of which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN S. PETTIBONE,  
for Committee.

3d November, 1831."

During 1802, the same year that boats first passed through the canal, it is evident there were mills in operation using water taken from it. Advertisements in the Farmers' Museum, published at Walpole, N. H., August 9, 1802, show a carding mill owned by Page & Atkinson, and evidently operated by Gookins & Sanderson. These firms were dissolved October 1, 1802, the business to be continued by the "Bellows Falls Co." with William Page, Jr., as agent, and a store was to be started by the company.

In 1812 the mills had increased upon the canal to two paper-mills, two saw-mills, two grist-mills and a cotton factory, all of which were destroyed by fire during the night of May 11 of that year, as described elsewhere under the head of serious fires.

The records of the Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls commence with the first meeting of the stockholders, held in the "Tontine Coffee House" in the city of New York, November 8, 1802. There were "present John Atkinson and James Carey."



William Page, Jr., was chosen clerk and authorized to act in certain capacities for the company. Charles Storer and William Page, Jr. were appointed joint agents, "with full powers to transact all business relative to the interest and concern" of the company. The meeting January 7, 1803, was held at the "Store of William Page Jr., in Rockingham," and subsequent meetings were held either at the coffee house mentioned, at William Page, Jr.'s store, the store of John Atkinson & Sons in Bellows Falls, or at the hotel of Quartus Morgan, now the old Frost block on Rockingham street. January 2, 1804, Charles Storer was chosen clerk in place of William Page, Jr. From this time until the meeting of September 1, 1823, the record was each time, "Present John Atkinson" or "John Atkinson, by his attorney." At a meeting September 21, 1823, the record was changed to "Present, John Atkinson, Jr., Administrator of the estate of John Atkinson, deceased." January 15, 1814, Charles Storer resigned as clerk and William Atkinson, was chosen to the office, which he held until 1816. In December, 1816, William Hall, Jr., and Henry A. Green were appointed agents and Mr. Green was chosen clerk of the corporation.

May 8, 1819, Alexander Fleming was appointed agent and clerk for the company. Mr. Fleming remained clerk of the company and signed all the records of meetings until September 22, 1866, when he resigned, terminating an unusual record of service covering a period of forty-seven years.

Until January, 1832, the company owned but little, if any real estate in the village, except what was necessary for canal purposes. On the ninth of that month the record shows the authorization of the purchase of large amounts of real estate in nearly all parts of the village, parcels of which have been sold within the past few years to great advantage to the corporation. At that meeting the sale was authorized of the lot on which stood the "large double brick store" now known as Mammoth block, located on the south side of the square, to William Hall and Samuel W. Goodridge, the price being \$560. "Also the agreement for the sale of a Water Privilege and

Land for a Grist Mill to John Carey for one thousand dollars" (now Frank Adams & Co.'s mill) "and of a building lot to Stephen J. Mellish for three hundred and fifty dollars" was confirmed. The last named was the lot for the frame tenement house which stands just west of the Conant brick building on the south side of Bridge street.

February 6, 1832, it was "resolved that the New Seal of the Corporation be composed of the following device—A Guard Gate surrounded with the words 'Bellows Falls Canal Co.' and that such Seal remain in the Custody of the Clerk of the company for the time being."

February 28, 1832, it was "Resolved, that James I. Cutler and Henry F. Green be added to Alexander Fleming, as agents of the company."

March 14, 1832, a resolution was passed confirming the sale of the building lot on which the Walker block now stands, on the south side of Bridge street, the price being \$400.

June 30, 1832, the sale of a lot to William Conant for \$150 was confirmed, it being the lot on Bridge street now occupied by the building in which are the offices of the Bellows Falls Canal Co. and the Fall Mountain Electric Light and Power Co.

October 31, 1833, a rule was adopted that "Whenever any person having direction or care of any boat, raft or lumber approaching the entrance of said Canal at either extremity thereof shall be desirous of entering the same with such lumber, raft, or boat, he shall first give notice at the office of the Agency and not be permitted to moor and enter such raft or boat in the canal until permission is obtained for that purpose. All sticks and boxes coming into the Canal from above must be entered with the smaller end foremost and all boats with the stern foremost in all Cases and every person infringing this regulation or by-law or the one immediately preceding shall forfeit to the corporation the sum of fifteen dollars for every offense to be sued for in the name of the corporation."

Notices of this were to be posted near each entrance of the canal and in other public places in the village of Bellows Falls.

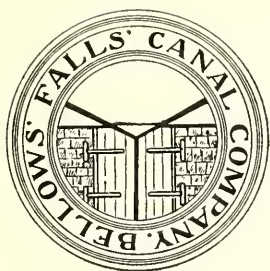
One of these signs with large letters "ALL ENTER STERN FOREMOST" stood many years at the head of the

canal. One Friday night some of the practical jokers, for whom the town was noted, removed the sign from its place and nailed it over the door of a tenement on Westminster street occupied by two maiden ladies. The public efforts of these worthy ladies Saturday morning to remove it by pulling down with spike poles were ludicrous. Worshippers at Immanuel church the next morning smiled broadly as they approached the church and discovered the sign nailed high over the door of that edifice. Men who in after years were among the most sedate and sober of our citizens often admitted with a sly wink that they were responsible for the transpositions.

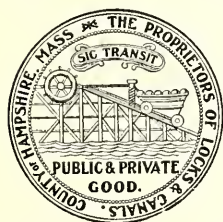
In the year 1856, a writ of Scire Facias was served on the Canal Co. by John N. Baxter, then state's attorney of Windham Co., alleging that for the past three years or more the locks had been "out of repair and going to decay, rendering them dangerous and unsafe to the great damage and detriment of the public and those having occasion to use said locks." The complainant further alleged "that by reason of the premises and consequent neglect to render Connecticut river navigable by Bellows Falls, the company had forfeited their rights," and he therefore prayed that the court would adjudge the charter forfeited and annul all their rights given by the act of incorporation. This suit was before the courts for some years and caused the company much complication and expense, but was settled by the legislature's relieving them of the obligation to keep the locks in repair, as the railroads had taken away the necessity of navigation of the river.

When the canal ceased to be used for navigation there were the following mills using power from it:—The present grist mill: one paper mill; the machine-shop of the Vermont Valley railroad; a cabinet shop; a saw-mill and a fulling mill.

April 15, 1857, all the property of the Bellows Falls Canal Company was deeded to "George Atkinson, Esq., of London, in trust" for the payment of the debts of the corporation.



The first corporate seal of the "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls," which has not been used for many years, was a representation of the old "guard-gates" that stood in the canal just where the present stone highway bridge is on Bridge street. At that time the highway bridge across the canal was about twenty feet farther south, so that the guard gates were about that distance above the old bridge. The bridge was a primitive one of round log stringers, planked over, and with a large log on each end of the planks to keep teams from running off the sides. The guard gates were double doors opening from the centre by means of a purchase gained by long poles attached to the tops, and the same device was used to open the gates of each of the nine locks, except the third one from the upper end, which had a windlass to open it. The accompanying cut is made from impressions of the seal found upon some old deeds. The seal itself has been lost many years, and the cut accompanying this is thus of peculiar interest.



The seal of the company which built the canal at South Hadley Falls, Mass., the first canal constructed on the Connecticut river, showed an unique contrivance for raising and lowering boats the fifty-five feet necessary at that point in the river. It was used from 1795 to 1805, after which regular locks were in operation. The contrivance was fully described in the *American Universal Geography* by Jedediah Morse, D. D., published in 1805. There was an inclined plane connecting the two levels. On it was a track for a car. Two water-wheels, one on each side of the canal, at the head of the inclined plane, were turned by water of the canal and made to draw up and lower this car. The raft or boat was floated into the submerged car;

then the water-wheels were set in motion and drew the car and its load out of the water up the track on the inclined plane into the higher level, or reversing the process, passed the car and its load to the lower level.

In Bellows Falls, near the south end of Canal street, where now stands the three story "Brown Block," used to stand a one and a half story frame dwelling which in boating days was used for an extensive bakery by Mrs. Alvah Pierce. The back door of the ell of this dwelling reached close to the canal near where the Vermont Valley railroad bridge now is. Boats and rafts passing up and down the canal made a practice of stopping at the back door of the basement, and hundreds of loaves of bread and other products of the culinary art were there daily procured in the busy season by the river-men.

The late Edward H. Green in 1898 told the writer :

"As a boy, I was one day watching a raft passing through the canal, handled by old Jack Adams, one of the best known river-men of his day. I stood on the old wooden bridge, first built across the canal just below where the present stone arch is on Bridge street. There was a log on each side of the bridge to keep teams from running off, and in my eagerness I leaned over the log too far and fell into the water twenty feet below, but Jack fished me out safely, and with no injury except a thorough ducking and great fright."

The investment made by the English capitalists who built the canal, was a losing one. Although the figures named as the first cost of cutting the canal and building the locks, \$105,338.13, was in paper currency which, between 1792 and 1802, the period of construction, had a greatly depreciated value, the same was true at the time when they disposed of their holdings in 1866. The above legislative report shows that from 1805 to 1830, the net annual profit of the canal was about three per cent. on \$100,000. The records of the canal company from 1830 to 1853 inclusive, show the net income to have averaged only \$1,513.37 annually or only about 1 1-2 per cent. Of the last twenty-four years mentioned, there were seven during which the balance of expense was on the



wrong side. In the year 1851 the loss was \$801.09; in 1852, \$786.20; and in 1855, it was \$776.25.

June 16, 1866, the English capitalists made a sale of the whole property, which had been largely in the ownership of the Atkinson family since it was started in 1792, to Ex.-Gov. S. W. Hale and E. F. Lane of Keene, N. H. There is evidence to indicate the total amount received by the originators for all the property, including a large amount of valuable land, building lots and buildings, in addition to the water rights, dam, locks and canal, was not far from \$65,000. In 1858 a statement made by the owners showed that an amount "probably nearly equal, with the value of the land, to the original outlay, has from time to time been since expended by the Company in the erection of Mills, Buildings, Repairs and Improvements, and in the purchase of additional Land," making the total outlay by the Atkinsons and their English friends not far from \$200,000, an important amount for those days.

By the original charter there was no limit to the amount of the capital stock, but the proprietors were at liberty to raise and expend any amount they found necessary or deemed wise. There were originally only eighteen shares. These were sub-divided in 1831 into two hundred and sixteen, and in 1852 these were again divided into three shares each, making the total number of shares six hundred and forty-eight when the property was sold in 1866.

Gov. Hale and Mr. Lane owned the property from 1866 until 1871 when a large majority of the stock was purchased by the late Hon. William A. Russell. He associated with him other enterprising and aggressive men and from that time to this the utilization of the water of the canal for power, largely for paper and pulp-mills, has each year increased, and consequently the village of Bellows Falls and its suburbs, to-day have more than five times the population of that date.

About 1875, the canal was widened from an average of twenty-two feet to seventy-five feet at its narrowest point, and deepened from its old depth of four feet to a minimum of



seventeen feet. Very substantial and expensive head gates were built with steam power for raising and lowering the them. A new dam was built higher than the old one, and many other changes made, the whole amount expended in improvements at about that time reaching the generous figure of \$300,000.

The present officers and active managers are Richard S. Russell (son of Hon. William A. Russell), president; James H. Williams, clerk and treasurer, and Leland J. Royce, superintendent.

The company has sold mill sites enough to fully use the power afforded by the river, at its minimum capacity, and to these purchasers the company lease the water privileges at an annual rental per "mill power" of eighty-five horse power each. The International Paper company rent one hundred and thirty-five mill-powers, and the smaller mills lesser amounts. The aggregate number of the mill-powers at this time is one hundred and sixty three, making a total of 13,855 horse-power now utilized here.

## CHAPTER XX.

### NAVIGATION OF THE CONNECTICUT

The era of river transportation, which extended from the close of the Revolution to a few years after the completion of the railroads through the Connecticut valley, or until about 1858, is one of deep interest, and the details of boating have always had a fascination to the dwellers of the valley that has steadily increased as its day has receded into the obscurity of distant years. Not many are now living who remember the methods of boating or rafting, as carried on in those days, and when such an one is found he is always sure of attracting an interested audience as he rehearses the stories of the days when the boatmen were as important personages as were ever the old stage drivers, or the early railroad conductors.

There is record of the floating of logs down the river to be used for masts in the English navy as early as 1732. A few rafts of boards were made up and passed down the river from below Bellows Falls as early as 1735, but not many until the close of the French and Indian war in 1763.

The earliest navigators were the Indians, who with their bark canoes, or dug-outs, passed up and down upon their warlike and murderous excursions, either upon other tribes or upon the early settlers.

The first settlers in the Connecticut river valley, and points reached from this valley in all the northern country, came up the river with their families and scanty supply of household and farming utensils in the primitive boats then used.

In later years when the venturesome white man had settled along the banks in large numbers and the question of transportation to and from the markets of Springfield and Hartford had become a perplexing problem, larger flat boats came into use, built and run between the different important

falls of the river. At each of these places the boats were unloaded and the freight transported by the falls on teams, there to be reloaded, thus furnishing definite and remunerative employment at each place for dwellers near the falls. This was the occupation of the very first citizens of Bellows Falls, in addition to salmon and shad fishing.

Between the years 1795, when the first canal was opened at South Hadley Falls, and 1829, when the last river canal was completed at Enfield, Ct., navigation received a great impetus from the improvements made by dredging the river and by the construction of canals which made it possible for boats to pass the different falls without unloading.

The citizens of Fairlee, Vt., still treasure the model of what is claimed to have been the first boat ever successfully propelled by steam. It was put on the Connecticut river opposite that town by Capt. Samuel Morey a number of years before 1807 when Robert Fulton was credited with the invention.

From 1824 to 1835 steam was used to a great extent in transportation upon the Connecticut, both in towing flat boats and in freight steamers. The high water mark of steam navigation on the Connecticut was reached in 1831, during which season a fleet of steamers plied the river more or less at all points between Hartford, Ct., and Wells River, Vt.

Bellows Falls, during all these years of navigation, was an important point in the transportation problem, as the falls here were the most precipitous, and the descent in the river the greatest in its entire course.

Before the building of the canal was commenced in 1792 a number of residents made a business of carting freight between the "Lower Landing" and the "Upper Landing," making the business remunerative. The Lower Landing was a few rods east of the lower lock that was located where the five story coating mill of the International Paper company now is, and the Upper Landing was five or six rods above the present north entrance to the canal. By the terms of the charter of the Canal company the road between these two

landings must be kept open so that freight could still be transported by team if the toll charges were too severe. November 7, 1792, the Vermont legislature passed an act granting to David Sanderson of Bellows Falls the exclusive right to transport this freight by the falls until the canal was completed, the charges to be the same as the canal tolls had been fixed. Mr. Sanderson at that time owned the larger part of all the land now covered by the village of Bellows Falls. He was to be fined £5 if he caused any unnecessary delay, and if any person infringed upon his rights by transporting freight themselves they were to be fined five shillings per ton for all so transported.

For a time after the canal was completed larger boats came up to this point than could pass the locks, and the freight still had to be transferred that was destined north of here. Landings were maintained at the different towns north and south where local freight was delivered.

At Westminster the landing was located nearly opposite "Court House hill," while for the accommodation of Walpole freight, a landing was used just south of the present location of the east end of the long bridge. For Rockingham, Chester and other points in the Williams river valley, the landing was nearly half a mile north of the mouth of that river, just below the west end of the bridge across the Connecticut, which later stood there until swept away by a flood in the spring of 1839. At Charlestown there were two landings, one located at the lower end of the village, and the other at the upper end, and, Charlestown being at that time a distributing point for a large territory, these were busy places. There was a building for temporarily storing goods at the lower landing, but none at the upper.

At Claremont the landing was at the mouth of Sugar river; at Windsor south of the west end of the present toll bridge on River street; at Hartland it was known as "Shorts Landing," a few rods north of the present railroad station, while at White River Junction it was located on "The Point" a short distance north of the mouth of White river. These

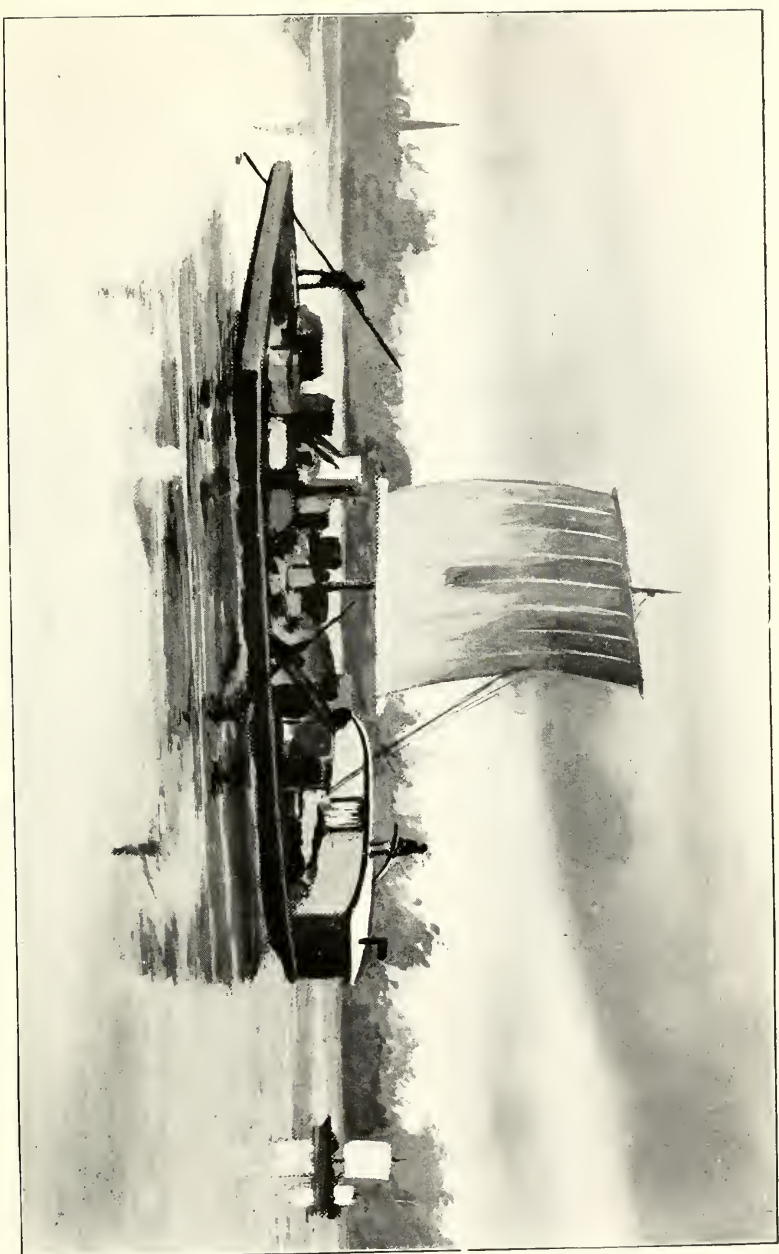
landings were all important rendezvous for loungers and others to see the "boats come in" filling the want now met by the railway stations of the country places at train times.

By far the larger part of the transportation of freight was always done by flat boats propelled principally by poles, and, when the wind was right by large square sails, and assisted by the current on the downward trip. Large amounts of lumber were rafted down the river, made up into rafts, and on these rafts there were often piled shingles, clapboards, and many kinds of heavy freight and produce that would not be damaged by wetting. The details of these crafts, their uses and management, are best told in the personal stories which follow of men who were actually engaged on them. They know how to tell them better than can be described by the pen of one who never saw the cumbrous floating vehicles of seventy-five and one hundred years ago.

A search of many months for a picture showing these early boats has been rewarded by finding one shown upon another page that very correctly represents the construction of these flat boats. The picture was taken further down the river where it was wider, but Mr. Howard whose description follows says it is exactly like the boat upon which he worked except that his boat had a top-s'l eight feet square above the main-s'l of the boat shown.

#### THE FLAT BOATS.

One of the few men now living who worked on the canal here during boating days, and on the flat boats that ran out of Bellows Falls, is L. S. Howard, who has for the past twenty years or more been sexton of Oak Hill cemetery. His story shows very minutely the methods and practices of those days when the "Long-River" was an important artery in the commerce of New England, connecting its interior with the wider world. Mr. Howard was born in Grafton, Vt., March 16, 1823, and came to Bellows Falls in 1848. He worked on the locks of the canal here, under S. R. B. Wales, and on the river boats and rafts for a number of years.



A FLAT BOAT ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 19TH CENTURY.





His memory is clear as to the conditions and occurrences of the last years of locking boats through the canal. He says :

“ In the years when I was employed on the locks here the main guard gates stood just where the stone arch highway bridge now stands on Bridge street. Below this was a section known as the ‘ Stone hole ’ in which were two locks, the lower gate being opened by a windlass, and the others by long levers. Below this first section of locks, was a large mill pond extending to the grist-mill now owned by Frank Adams & Co., and below that, along where the sulphite and coating mills are now, there was a succession of six more locks, the lower one opening into the eddy at the point where the race-way of the coating mill is. My brother, Harrison Howard, and Jesse Brockway worked in the canal company’s saw-mill standing where the Robertson Paper company’s mill is. When the locks were being used by boats it took all the water so the mill could not work. At such times my brother and Mr. Brockway assisted in handling the locks. Four men were needed to open and close the locks below the grist-mill, and three men those at the ‘ Stone hole.’

“ A large freight business was done for many years between Hartford, Ct., and Bellows Falls by boats that floated down with the current and came back by tug from Hartford to Springfield and from there sailing when the wind was favorable, and poling, or “ snubbing ” the boat along when necessary.

“ The two boats best known locally engaged in this business were owned here by Col. Asa Wentworth, Jr. of Bellows Falls, and Benjamin Smith of Cambridgeport, and were run respectively by Captains Charles and Austin Davenport. The boats were seventy-two feet long, eleven and a half feet wide, and when loaded to their capacity of about thirty tons would draw only two to three feet of water. They were flat-bottomed boats, having a cabin at the stern, a mast in the centre, around which the freight was packed, and with a gunwale extending around the entire boat. The main sail was about twenty feet square and was fastened in its centre, extending some feet each side of the boat. A top sail was about eight feet wide at its bottom, narrowing towards the top. In addition to these a third sail was placed above the top sail in very light winds.

“ When the wind was not available as a motive power the men used long stout poles in pushing the boats along. The man on each side would place one end of the pole firmly on the bottom of the river, and, with the other end against the shoulder, walk from bow to stern, seventy-two feet, thus propelling the boat. When work first began in the spring this caused the shoulders to become very sore, and later there would be callous places upon each shoulder as large as the hand.

“ The boats carried down loads of freestone, shingles and other produce, bringing back heavy freight such as iron, sugar, molasses, grindstones, salt, etc., while a specialty was made of new rum during the last of June.

“ Boats usually took three days on the downward trip, going as far as Northfield, Mass., the first day, from there to Springfield the second, and to Hartford on the third. It took much longer to come up the river, the time

varying with the wind. The round trip averaged about two weeks. The return trip from 'Miller's Mills,' as they were then called, at the mouth of Miller's river, was once made in a single night. I was on that boat, owned by Mr. Smith and run by Captain Austin Davenport. That night we got through the locks at Miller's behind the Wentworth boat run by Captain Charles Davenport. When the two boats got up as far as Northfield Farms, where we would tie up for the night under ordinary circumstances, Austin said, 'Boys, let's go on by Charles. Don't make any noise and we'll give him a surprise in the morning, I can steer.' So by the light of a full moon and with the aid of a strong south wind, we came along all night arriving at Bellows Falls about day-break. The next night, after getting our boat all unloaded, about dusk we saw Charles' boat coming round the bend south of the eddy. He certainly was surprised, to say nothing of being mad, at thus having the march stolen on him, as he had supposed all day that we were behind him.

"In leaving the canal at Bellows Falls, going down the river, considerable difficulty was often experienced in getting out of the eddy owing to the currents, which were very different from what they now are. I think the average amount of water in the river now is not over forty per cent of what it was in those days. A strong current came down from the falls in the main river, and striking through the middle of the eddy it divided at the lower end, eddying around, so that on both the Vermont and New Hampshire sides of the river the current near the shore actually set strongly up stream. The trouble was to get through this northerly current and into the main stream, especially if a strong, south wind was blowing. Boats would often eddy around a number of times, going clear over to the New Hampshire side, often taking many hours before the current could be struck which would take them out of the eddy. To overcome this difficulty, a post was set in the river at the south end of the eddy and a rope passed through a pulley fastened to it. Old Seth Hapgood, who lived where Miss Ann Hapgood does now, kept a pair of oxen for the purpose of helping boats out of the trouble. He would ride as far into the river as possible on the 'nigh' ox and with the aid of the rope attached to the boat and passed through the pulley on the post, draw the boat out into the right current. It used to be a common saying among rivermen that 'Old Seth Hapgood prayed every morning for a south wind so boatmen would have to employ him to get them out of the eddy.'

"Mr. Hapgood was also employed by the boatmen coming up the river, using his oxen attached to a long rope to draw the loaded boats over the swift water on the bar at the mouth of Saxtons river. Men now living tell of the competition between the boys of the village in their race to tell Mr. Hapgood of the appearance of boats headed up stream that he might be ready, and the old man never failed of rewarding the first informant with a few pennies.

"At Enfield just over the Connecticut line was a canal to avoid some rocky rapids in the river, and as they were not entirely impassable to boats some of the time, it was a practice to run south bound boats over the rapids, while north bound boats had to use the canal. This was done to save time as well as the canal tolls one way. Special pilots were used who knew the channel among the rocks, and the danger attending the passage led at one

time to the formation of a company which, for a premium, would insure the safety of boats there, but I never heard of an accident. At several points, rapids and shoal places required an additional force of men. One of these places was the rapids opposite the village of Walpole and extra men were usually taken down from here to assist, who came back on foot. At some of these places men known as 'swift-water-men' were taken on to pilot the boats through those particular rapids. Below the locks and 'Severance Hotel' at Turners Falls was a sharp turn in the river, known as 'Honey Pot Eddy' where much trouble was often experienced. Just this side of the ferry at Westmoreland was a peculiarly shaped rock known as 'Whales-back,' while just below Brattleboro were rocks known among the river men as the 'Geese and Goslings.'

"At practically all points along the river where boats were supposed to stop, the country stores carried a stock of rum in addition to their other merchandise. There was a store building about where Granger block on Westminster street now stands, the front door opening on Westminster street and a flight of stairs leading down the back side of the canal. They sold rum in addition to dry goods and often disposed of a barrel full in one morning to the boatmen and raftsmen. This rum was made from distilled molasses and seldom caused drunkenness or fighting. It was sold at twenty-five cents a gallon or three cents a tumbler ( $\frac{1}{2}$  pint). Brandy, gin and West India rum sold at five cents a glass, while whiskey was unknown. In spite of the large amounts of liquor consumed, there was not as much drunkenness as at the present time."

Mr. Howard remembers that among the several attempts to establish steamboat navigation there was a little steamer named the "William Hall" which came here from Hartford. It was too big to go through the locks and it was drawn around through the village by oxen and went up to Windsor. It was drawn back around the falls by oxen on its return trip, and was run for a short time between here and Hartford once a week, but it did not pay and in later years it was used as a tug on the lower part of the river. The records of the Connecticut Valley Steamboat company show this boat as having been built at Hartford, Conn., in 1831, and as having been used as a tug below Springfield for many years. It was the boat upon which James Mulligan, late president of the Connecticut River railroad, was engineer as a young man.

#### RAFTING ON THE RIVER

C. W. Bliss, at the present time a merchant at West Fairlee, Vt., tells the writer an interesting story of a trip

down the river in May, 1854, when a boy of eighteen, in the capacity of cook for a rafting gang. He says :

The lumber was round logs cut sixty feet long. They were fastened together by two-inch planks at each end and in the middle of each log. Through these planks a wooden pin was driven into each log, making a solid mass about twelve feet wide and sixty long, which was called in the river parlance, a "box." From the end of the planks, at each corner of the box, a stout hard wood pin stuck up fifteen inches or more, against which was braced oars for propelling and guiding the box, and over which could be placed short planks with holes in them, thus yoking the boxes securely together. Two boxes, side by side, and three in length, six in all, constituted a "raft" or "division," and it was in this form that the trip down the river was made, except when it was necessary to "break up the rafts" into boxes in order to pass through the different canals.

There were eighteen rafts in our lot and we had eighteen men. It took two men to navigate each raft with rough oars at opposite corners and so the practice was for the men to take nine rafts as far down the river as possible and make connections with a north bound passenger train ; then go back and bring the other nine down. A rough board shanty nearly covered one box. One end was used as dining room and kitchen, the other for sleeping purposes. An old elevated-oven stove was used in cooking. In the sleeping end, a liberal quantity of straw was thrown loosely on the logs on which the men slept with their clothes on. They lay in two rows with heads toward the sides of the raft and feet in the middle. I bought at different points white bread and I made brown bread, cooked potatoes, beans, tea and coffee. These constituted the whole bill of fare. The men were always sure to reach the raft on which was the shanty at meal time and at night. The rafts, when left at night, or at other times, were tied to trees on the shore.

The lumber in the raft on which I shipped, was owned by an old man named Richardson from Orford, N. H., who accompanied us by train, coming aboard frequently. It came from much farther north than Orford and was to go to Holyoke, but not making a sale of it there, it was taken along to Middletown, Conn. I joined the party at the locks at what is now Wilder, just north of White River Junction, and left it at Holyoke, having hired out only to go this distance, and having become tired of it. It took three weeks and four days between those two points. My pay was \$1 per day while the regular men had \$1.50. One "pilot" was among the men, who knew the channel of the river at all points, and he received \$3 per day. An additional pilot was taken on at two different points, one called the "Geese" and the other "The Tunnel," on account of the swiftness of the water and the dangerous rocks at both places. The pilots or "swift-water men," at each place knew the rocks perfectly and they took the head of the first raft, guiding that, the rest following in exactly the same course.

When the rafts reached Bellows Falls, it took the men three days to break them up and get the one hundred and eight boxes through the locks and put them together again. One of these days was Sunday, but the river-men always had to work on Sunday the same as on other days. That day, I think

there were at least five hundred people on the banks of the river and the canal watching our work. There was considerable competition between the men on the different rafts on the long stretch of still water above the dam to see which raft would get down to the canal first. As the river was broad and still for some miles, it gave them their best chance for sculling, but the movement was necessarily slow.

After getting out of the lower locks at Bellows Falls, I remember seeing a number of small dwellings near the locks on the Vermont side. From one of these an old Irishman's cow had wandered down over the broad beach into the water in which she stood up to her body. The irate wife of the old man came down and called the cow loud and long, but she would not come ashore. The woman yelled a command to her "old man" to come and drive the cow out. "The divil a bit will I do it," says he, and after soundly berating him for his neglect, she calmly gathered her skirts about her high enough to keep them from getting wet, and walked in, driving the cow home herself.

Among the men was a large and powerful half-breed Indian named Sam Flint, who stood six feet four inches, and was very strong. He was a general favorite and in all cases when any of the boys went ashore, and it was thought there might be trouble from drinking or otherwise, they wanted Sam to go to protect them. There were many places along the river where rough crowds gathered at saloons. As the raft was leaving the eddy at Bellows Falls, Sam made a mistep and landed in the river, but was readily pulled aboard again and worked with his wet clothes on until they were dried. No other man got a ducking during the trip.

William H. Fuller, a native of Bellows Falls, says regarding early remembrances of his boyhood days—

"I remember distinctly watching for the flat boats to come early in the spring and fall, but during the summer months they did not run unless we had very high water. I also remember the great rafts of logs and the lumber rafts with shingles, lath, clapboards and often wool and farm produce on board. We boys used to enjoy rides through the locks up and down, and it was a treat for us when we could assist in pushing open the great gates that let them through the locks from one crib to another. I used to see them more above than below the dam as my home was on the corner of Rockingham and Green streets. When a heavy loaded boat was pulled through the canal to the head above the dam, a number of men would tow it up to a bend in the river just at the head of Green street, and I have known boats to tie up and wait there for a day or more for a breeze, then set sail and tack from one side of the river to the other till they were out of sight around the bend above Mr. Webb's. Before the railroad was built the bend in the river just below Mr. Morgan's house used to be a place where boats and rafts tied up to piles driven for that purpose.

The large rafts that came down the river were made in sections as large as would fill one of the cribs in the locks, were all pinned together and after tying up in the bend above the dam, were unpinned and dropped down with ropes into the canal and when through the locks were all pinned together again, pushed out into the stream to go on down.



Some rafts contained twelve sections and had one or two shanties built on them where the lumbermen slept and ate.

There was but little traffic by boat after 1848, but rafts continued coming down as late as 1852. There was one class of navigators that interested the people intensely every year till as late as 1852: remnants of the Abenaki tribe of Indians came down the river in the spring with their canoes and dugouts, pulled them up on the shore, and came up and pitched their wigwams at the foot of Oak Hill, bringing with them baskets, bows and arrows, mats and a great many trinkets which were purchased by the people."

#### THE ERA OF STEAMBOATS

From 1820 to 1840 the Connecticut river was navigated with the assistance of steam to an important extent, the system gradually increasing until it reached its greatest use in 1831 and then diminishing. In a limited way, and over short reaches, many small steamers plied the river at various points, both for passenger and freight service, previous to 1826. In that year a steamer named the "Barnet," was constructed in New York City by the Connecticut River company, later known as the Connecticut Valley Steamboat company, which was expected to navigate the river regularly as far north as Barnet, Vt., and it was also planned to have others built for the same purpose. They were to carry passengers and freight, and tow the flat boats. No steamer from tide-water ever reached Barnet as was expected and the whole scheme of steam navigation of the river proved a dismal failure.

The Barnet reached Bellows Falls December 12, 1826, upon her first, and last, trip as far north as this, and the occasion was celebrated with great enthusiasm. It was a day always clearly remembered in after years, by those who participated, as the greatest day in the history of Bellows Falls to that time.

The trip had been a long and eventful one as, very naturally, many obstacles were met along the way after getting into the Connecticut river. She left Hartford about the 24th of November, 1826. On the 28th of that month she was at Enfield Falls, now Windsor Locks, Conn., making her way northward and reached Springfield the same day.

# Rates of Toll Established by Law July 1<sup>st</sup> 1804.

Foot Passengers	10	Three horse do	20
Horse & Rider	25	Four horse or Oxen	25
One horse Chaise or Sulkey	12	One horse - Sled or Sleigh	10
One horse Covered Carriage	12	Two horse do	15
Two horse do	25	Four horse do	20
Four horse Carriage	25	Each additional horse	3
Mail Stages	25	Neat Cattle & mules	2
One horse Wagon or Cart	10	Horses	4
Two horse do	16	Sheep Hogs & Calves	5

SIGN REMOVED FROM THE TOLL HOUSE OF THE BELLOWS FALLS TOLL BRIDGE, NOVEMBER 1, 1904.

## TARIFF OF TOLL,

AT  
BELLOWS FALLS CANAL,  
for 1818.

Every 2 Hhds Liquor, Salt or Sugar, as one Ton, at	\$60,75
3 do. dry goods, grain or other light articles,	75
3 1-2 tierces Salt or every 25 bushels,	75
6 do. dry goods, grain or light articles,	75
8 Bbls. liquor, sugar, fish, salt, or provisions,	75
5 1-2 do. pot or pearl ashes,	75
10 do. Flour grain, or light Articles,	75
4 Chest Tea,	75
4 Crates Crockery Ware,	75
And for every Boat passing the Canal	2,00

### ALSO.

Every 1m. ft. 1 in. boards, as one Ton,	\$6,75
1-2 m. 2 in. Plank, (and so in proportion,)	75
1 1-2 m. saw'd Clapboards	75
6 m. 18 in. Shingles,	75
1-2 m. Hhd. heading as one Ton,	75
2-3 m. do. Staves,	75
1 m. Barrel do.	75
Long Sticks passing Locks, each do. do. drawn from pond, do.	75
Saw logs under 20 ft. in length, each 20 cts. or 75 cts 1 m.	

For the accomodation of Boats passing through the Canal, not more than six boxes of Lumber will be allowed to enter the head, at one time—and all boxes, so coming in, over six in number, shall pay at the rate of \$1,00 per Ton, estimated as above.

For the further accomodation of Boats, and to facilitate the passing of Rafts, no boxes shall exceed 54 ft. in length, 13 ft. in width and draw more than 2 feet of water.

All persons concerned, will govern themselves accordingly.

N. B. Payment will be expected on passing through the Locks.

HALL & GREEN, Agents.  
Bel lows Fall's. January 1, 1818. 54

## NOTICE,



It was not until Wednesday forenoon, December 13, that she appeared to a large multitude of expectant watchers at Bellows Falls that covered every available space of ground that would give a commanding view of the eddy below the falls. The crowd was composed not only of citizens of Bellows Falls but those of every town for many miles around, as the progress of the new device had been heralded for weeks, although she had been expected here much earlier.

The eddy in those days was a much larger sheet of water than at present, affording better opportunity to exhibit the working of a craft of the dimensions of the *Barnet* than would seem possible to-day. She was seventy-five feet long fourteen and a half feet wide, with wall sides and flat bottom. In working condition, without load, she drew twenty-two inches of water. Her paddle wheel was at the stern, similar to the Mississippi river boats. She was commanded as far up the river as Northampton by Captain Palmer. At that point Captain Strong of Northampton, one of the most noted river men of that day, took command.

Her approach to the village, as she appeared coming around the bend of the river, was heralded by the ringing of the only church or school bell in town in those days, the same one still used by Immanuel church. Also by fifty discharges of a large cannon located in the only park of the village, that is now occupied by the Baptist church and its grounds. A bystander remarked at the time "That bell has a most joyous peal," and that "There are a lot of folks here to see the plaguey strange contrivance."

After taking two or three turns about the eddy to show her speed and power she was run into the lower lock of the canal, located where the present five-story coating-mill stands. The citizens of Bellows Falls had organized and chosen a committee of arrangements for the welcome and entertainment of those on board the wonderful craft. As she was moored in the lower lock the Bellows Falls' committee approached the side of the lock and delivered the following speech of welcome :

"Gentlemen :

The inhabitants of this village have instructed us their committee to greet you with a most hearty welcome, and to assure you they feel a pleasure and delight in the novel manner you have visited them. The arrival of the steamboat Barnet to the Falls will be ever held a most memorable epoch in its history and will speak volumes of conviction to every candid mind of the practicability of improving this noble river."

To this speech President Smith of the Hartford Association For Improving Connecticut River, who was one of the passengers, responded as follows :

"Gentlemen of the Committee :

Be pleased to accept, and to tender to those whom you represent, our grateful acknowledgments for this kind and hearty welcome. The lively interest and satisfaction manifested by this numerous assemblage of citizens, and generally by the inhabitants of the valley who have witnessed the progress of the Barnet, will afford great pleasure to all who have promoted this first introduction of a steam boat above the tide waters of the Connecticut. No reasonable doubt remains that judicious and not difficult improvements of the river will extend and secure the invaluable benefits of steamboat navigation, to nearly the whole population of this valley."

Between two and three o'clock of the same afternoon occurred the notable banquet tendered by Bellows Falls in honor of the occasion. It was held in the large dining-room of the Mansion House hotel that stood on the west side of the Square, the front door of which was where the front door of the F. B. F. Grocery company's store is to-day. As one entered the two-story frame building of those days the first door on the left opened into the large office, or "bar-room." Back of that was the kitchen. On the right hand the front room was the "sitting-room" or parlor, while immediately back of that was the large dining-room in which the banquet was held. The building had been erected only a short time, possibly the same year, and the proprietor who furnished the entertainment that day was Solomon Mann, one of the leading "tavern keepers" of the valley in those early times.

The dining hall was filled, every available seat being occupied, and a large number waited outside to hear the speechmaking who could not be accommodated at the tables. Among those at the tables were the officers of the Association for Improving the Connecticut River who had come up on



the boat; Captains Strong and Palmer, who had brought the boat up; the local committee of arrangements and a number of leading citizens of Bellows Falls, and many leading men of nearby towns and from other states. It was probably one of the most jubilant and yet representative gatherings which had ever occurred in all this vicinity. The banquet was termed at that time "An elegant dinner." A menu showing the viands and order of the courses would be a most interesting document at this time.

After the "removal of the cloth" the following toasts were announced and responded to, each being accompanied by the discharge of the cannon located on the hill in the rear, within fifty feet of the room:

The Barnet — Which scatters inducements to industry as she passes our farms; we bid her welcome with all our hearts.

Connecticut River — To the first scattered inhabitants of her shores she gave food and sustenance; to us she promises luxury and wealth.

Steam — Perkins has made steam give power to the cannon; and our cannon proclaim the victory of steam.

Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures — Three strands which, well united, form the strong cord of national wealth.

Connecticut River — Destined yet to be the patroness of enterprise and to bear upon her bosom the golden fleece of industry.

The enterprising, energetic and persevering inhabitants of Hartford — We have long been their friends, we shall soon be their neighbors. Three cheers.

The spirit of improvement in our sister, New York — Egypt has perplexed the world with the enigma of her pyramids; New York has forever recorded her character between the Hudson and the Lakes.

Vermont — A stone bastion in the great fortress of the Union.

The Northern and Western Canals of the State of New York — A work for a nation — No less than a nation has accomplished it.

The memory of our countryman, Robert Fulton — With a purer fame than the conqueror of Europe; like him he used a subjugated element to extend and secure his conquest.

Our mother Connecticut — Her children are glad to see a visitor from home.

The State of Massachusetts — We are proud that she constitutes an interesting portion of Yankee land.

New England Enterprise — With an engine rightly constructed and judiciously managed, high pressure is safe.

After the regular toasts were announced the president of the day gave the following:



The President of the Connecticut River Company — His indefatigable exertions for improving the navigation of our river are worthy of more than present praise and we hope the history of the Connecticut River valley will name him with honour in future times — We beg leave that he will accept our thanks; and at the same time do us the honour to present the assurance of our hearty co-operation to the company of which he presides.

The President of the Connecticut River company, Mr. Smith, arose, and after some preliminary remarks expressed himself in the sentiments below :

The citizens of New Hampshire and Vermont — Enterprising, liberal and intelligent, may they be prospered accordingly.

Volunteer toasts were then offered as follows :

His Excellency DeWitt Clinton — The father of internal improvements.  
Connecticut River — The grand highway from Canada to the sea-board.  
Give us Steam!!

Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut — May they all be united in the improvement of the Connecticut River.

Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire — The first projector, and the two last the coadjutors of a noble enterprise. To the tune of "When shall we three meet again."

Intention of marriage between Lake Memphremagog and Miss Seabrook are hereby made public. May the marriage contract between the above parties be duly solemnized and never be dissolved.

The Town of Barnet — May she speedily be gratified with a sight of her firstborn.

The Marquis of Worcester — The man who first conceived the idea of applying steam to the propelling of machinery.

A speedy execution of the proposed improvement of Connecticut River.

The improved navigation of the Connecticut. We assume its accomplishment as certain. — May the wealth which it shall diffuse be so universal as to reach the pocket even of those who ridicule the measure as visionary, and oppose it as impracticable.

The valley of the Connecticut. — Needs no canal while the river runs.

The Connecticut River Association — The triumphant success of this their mission cannot fail to convert the most obstinate infidel to the true faith.

The supporters of the proposed navigation of the Connecticut — May the united exertions drive down all opposition.

The Barnet — Not like the dove that went from the ark of the first marine builder; on the contrary she has found joy, rest and a welcome.

Let Connecticut river be dammed — never choked.

A Pioneer with high pressure for every canal.

The grand movers of the Improvement of the Connecticut River — may they not be wanting in support.

Massachusetts Legislature — May local interests yield to public benefit.

The arrival of the Steamboat Barnet — May it be the means of converting

many of our respectable citizens to the cause of the improvement of the Connecticut River, and serve as a lesson to mankind, that they ought not even in the hour of affliction and persecution, despair of better days.

The cannon was used at frequent intervals during the remainder of the day and evening. Fireworks were discharged that night from the little park where the Baptist church stands now, and the whole village was given over to rejoicing as never before. Some of the references in the above toasts may be explained by the following account of the struggles and opposition to the enterprise, which was printed in the *Bellows Falls Intelligencer* on the following Monday :

“The arrival of the Barnet at this place is an event which will form an interesting epoch in the History of the Connecticut river, and is only a small item in the list of improvements calculated to be carried into execution at some future period. It is known to most of our readers that the cause of improving the Connecticut river by dams and slack water has met with a decided opposition from the inhabitants of some of the towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The gentlemen who first conceived the plan of navigating the river by the means of steam power, have been ridiculed, and the whole scheme laughed at as visionary. We never doubted its practicability, and we have now the fullest assurances that the plan is not only practicable, but will speedily be carried into effect. The gentlemen who compose the Association to improve the river are entitled to the warmest thanks of the public, for their indefatigable zeal and perseverance in the cause they have undertaken; and we doubt not but they will see their most sanguine expectations carried into effect.”

The next morning President Smith of the Hartford Association, who seems to have been the principal official in charge of the trip and its attendant celebrations along the river, tendered to a large number of ladies and gentlemen of Bellows Falls an excursion around the eddy and a short distance down the river and return, a novelty often remarked upon by them in later years.

The size of the Barnet having been found too large for the dimensions of the locks at this place, the boat left at eleven o'clock that day, the 14th, upon its return trip a parting salute of one hundred and twenty-four discharges of the old cannon bidding it good-bye. Two hundred people accompanied her as far down the river as Westminster. She was at Brattleboro Thursday night, and reached Hartford the

following Tuesday. Much more time was used than necessary upon both the up and down trips because of the celebrations at the different points, and the many profligate entertainments, many of which were refused fearing the closing of the river by ice.

In August, 1829, a second attempt to prove the river navigable by steamboats, was made by one named the "Vermont." She came up from Hartford, passed the locks here, and late in October she reached the locks at "Water Queechy" in Hartland, Vt., but the locks at these falls proved too narrow for the little boat and she plied between Bellows Falls and Windsor a few months, but unsuccessfully. The Vermont was eighty feet long, fourteen feet wide and drew but twelve to fifteen inches of water. The stroke of the piston of the "Vermont" was horizontal and the power of the engine one hundred and twenty horse. In 1831, the "John Ledyard," built at Springfield, Mass., reached the nearest point to Barnet of any tide-water steamer. She stranded on a bar just north of Wells River and was forced to give up the attempt of going farther north. She was commanded by Capt. Samuel Nutt, a prominent boat builder of White River Junction, who, for some years, acted as superintendent of the Connecticut Valley Steamboat company. He was born in 1792 and died at White River Junction in 1871.

In the season of 1831, steamboat navigation reached its climax on the Connecticut river. In that year the Connecticut River company was merged into the Connecticut Valley Steamboat company. Early in the season it advertised a line of freight pole-boats to run between Wells River and Hartford while its fleet of steamboats was building. Its plan was to use light draught boats and operate them between the different canals, covering the distance in five different sections, each steamer being built somewhere on the section which it was to cover. There were three steamers below South Hadley. The "William Holmes" was built here at Bellows Falls on the beach below the village and the expense of it was the greatest of any of the fleet, amounting to \$4,943.61.

She was to run between here and South Hadley Falls. The "David Porter" was built at Hartford, Vt., and ran between that place and Bellows Falls. She cost \$4,737.29. The "Adam Duncan," built at White River Junction by Capt. Samuel Nutt, ran north of there.

The company issued tickets which were printed in sheets and were about two by four inches in size. A few of these are still preserved as souvenirs. At the left end of each is a figure of the Goddess of Plenty with agricultural implements at her left, and a mill in the distance on her right; at the top is the picture of a steamboat, and in the vacant space is printed :

"This ticket entitles the bearer to Twenty miles travel on board the Boats of the CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY STEAM BOAT COMPANY.

J. W. Hubbard, *Clerk*.

Windsor, January 20, 1831."

The company which built these boats made a financial failure in only one season. Freight rates were necessarily high, the river needed much "improvement," and the company closed the first season with a balance against it and an assessment on its shares. The stockholders were dissatisfied and gave up the attempt to run steamers on the Connecticut, and the company failed. Frequent attempts to navigate the river on a smaller scale were made in after years, before the era of railroads, but none of them proved successful for any length of time. The "William Holmes" plied between here and Turners Falls only during the season of 1831. Later she passed up through the locks and was operated a year or two between here and Charlestown, with occasional excursions farther north, but she was not a financial success. The machinery was removed, the hull drawn out on the bank opposite what has been known as "The Patch" at the north end of the village where it was left to decay and was finally carried down stream by a freshet.

The most serious accident that occurred during the steamboat times upon this river was the explosion of the two boilers of a boat named the "Greenfield" (formerly the Ariel Cooley)

at a point just north of Smith's Ferry, Mass., May 18, 1840. The boat was built in 1837, and had been rebuilt and supplied with new boilers in 1839. She was employed at the time of the accident in towing between South Hadley canal and Greenfield. Three men were killed and others injured by the accident.

An epitaph in the Brattleboro cemetery reads :

“ The Grave of Alanson D. Wood,  
who was killed instantly on this river by the explosion of  
the steamboat Greenfield, May 18, 1840. Ae. 30.”

## CHAPTER XXI.

### POST-OFFICES OF THE TOWN — LIST OF POSTMASTERS IN THE DIFFERENT VILLAGES

In the year 1783, while Vermont was an independent republic without allegiance to other states or nations, Governor Chittenden and his council established the first post office in Vermont at Bennington and authorized the employment of a post rider between that town and the office at Albany, N. Y. The man rode weekly carrying the mail in his saddle bags. The next year the legislature of Vermont established four other offices in the state, at Rutland, Brattleboro, Windsor and Newbury, and the post rider,—the pioneer of the splendidly equipped railway post offices of to-day,—between Brattleboro and Newbury passed through Belows Falls once each week, each way. The rates of postage were the same as those of the United States, which then numbered but thirteen states. Anthony Haswell, Esq., of Bennington was chosen postmaster general of Vermont. The post rider between Bennington and Brattleboro was allowed for travel three pence per mile, while riders on the other routes were allowed only two pence, the additional rate being on account of the extremely mountainous country between Bennington and Brattleboro. These post riders were allowed the exclusive privilege of carrying letters and packages on their respective routes, and any person who infringed upon their rights was subject to a fine of ten pounds. Upon the admission of Vermont into the Union, as the fourteenth state, in 1791, the post offices established in this commonwealth became a part of the general government, and the number increased rapidly during the next few years.

When regular stage coaches were started in this vicinity about the year 1800, the mails were transferred to, and car-



ried by, them. In the year 1818, stages and mails passed through Bellows Falls in four directions three times each week.

In 1808, the rates of letter postage were as follows :

“ Every letter composed of a single sheet of paper conveyed not exceeding forty miles, eight cents. Over forty miles, and not exceeding ninety miles, ten cents. Over ninety miles, and not exceeding one hundred and fifty miles, twelve and a half cents. Over one hundred and fifty miles, and not exceeding three hundred miles, seventeen cents. Over three hundred miles, and not exceeding five hundred miles, twenty cents. Over five hundred miles, twenty-five cents.

Every letter composed of two pieces of paper, double those rates. Every letter composed of three pieces of paper, triple those rates. Every letter composed of four pieces of paper, weighing one ounce, quadruple those rates, and at the rate of four single letters for each ounce any letter or packet may weigh.”

As late as 1861 each letter was required to be placed in a wrapper in the post office, and in the package was enclosed a “way-bill” showing the name of the addressee and the amount of postage upon it, similar to what is now done with express and freight parcels.

The first post office in this town was established in 1801, in the village of Rockingham, then the largest village, followed a few months later by that at Bellows Falls.

Following is a list of the different postmasters of the town, giving the dates of their appointments.

#### POSTMASTERS AT ROCKINGHAM

Roswell Bellows, January 1, 1801.  
 William Hall, Jr., January 1, 1802.  
 D. W. Hall, January 5, 1808.  
 Robert Gilmore, May 20, 1810.  
 E. R. Campbell, 2nd, January 1, 1811.  
 Horace Baxter, January 18, 1812.  
 Stephen Tyler, April 20, 1818.  
 Russel Burke, July 18, 1820.  
 Royal Earl, November 3, 1821.  
 Henry Campbell, May 12, 1826.  
 N. B. Roundy, December 9, 1833.  
 Lewis M. Olcott, March 25, 1834.  
 James Bennett, February 25, 1841.  
 Harvey Wood, April 9, 1841.  
 Elias Olcott, Jr., May 15, 1844.

Darius Smalley, June 26, 1845.

Joseph Hemphill, June 7, 1847.

Seymore Childs, November 27, 1849.

Lewis S. Eddy, June 18, 1851.

John H. Olcott, February 10, 1854.

Willard Stowell, December 30, 1856.

Josiah B. Divoll, April 21, 1862.

Oscar J. Divoll, April 26, 1904.

#### POSTMASTERS AT BELLOWS FALLS

A post office was established in Bellows Falls April 1, 1801, and Dr. William Page was the first postmaster. He kept it in the office of the canal company, then known by name of "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls," of which company Dr. Page was the engineer and superintendent. The building was located on the brow of the hill in the rear of Mammoth block. The canal was not completed so that boats passed for a year after the post office was established.

April 1, 1805, Quartus Morgan was appointed postmaster and the office was moved into the old "Morgan Tavern" on the west side of Rockingham street where it was kept until after the death of Mr. Morgan in 1810. This building, still standing, is now known as Frost's block. Mr. Morgan's clerk, Nathaniel Page, acted as postmaster after Mr. Morgan's death until the appointment of his successor. Mr. Page was prominently known in those days in connection with the tavern, as he was the assistant for Mrs. Morgan who managed the house until 1816.

Jabez Hills was appointed to succeed Mr. Morgan, June 15, 1810, and the office was for many years in the country store of Hall & Green, a two-story frame building that stood where Union block now is on the east side of the Square. Mr. Hills was clerk for the firm for a number of decades. The late George Slate told the writer a number of years ago that he remembered Mr. Hills well, and that

"as postmaster he gave general satisfaction, was always faithful and obliging. He was the first letter carrier that I ever heard of at that day. It was said when letters came into the office for people two or three miles away he would take the letters, walk out and deliver them."

Dr. John H. Wells was appointed March 18, 1830. He first kept the office in a little frame building which stood where the Allbee plumbing shop now is on the south side of Bridge street in the east end of Howard block. He later moved into Ira Russell's store where the Corner Drug store is on the south side of the Square, and still later into his own building, a small frame one standing on the north side of the Square, where the Italian fruit store is at the present day. Dr. Wells was a physician of the old school, had a large local practice and for many years kept the village drug store, the first in town.

John W. Moore became postmaster April 24, 1841, and the office was moved into his printing office just north of the old Mansion House, on the site now occupied by the National Bank of Bellows Falls on the west side of the Square. Mr. Moore was editor and proprietor of the *Bellows Falls Gazette*, at that time the only local newspaper.

May 4, 1843, William R. Williams, a brother of the late James H. Williams, was appointed, and moved the office into the hotel temporarily, but held the position only a few months.

John W. Moore was appointed a second time November 9, 1843, and the office was again located in the printing office on the west side of the Square.

Andrew Watkyns was appointed March 23, 1846, and he continued the office in the north half of the printing office building where Mr. Moore had kept it. Mr. Moore occupied the south half.

John N. Baxter became postmaster July 24, 1849, and John W. Moore was appointed for a third time July 24, 1850.

Dr. Samuel Nichols, a popular physician whom many still remember, was appointed September 19, 1851, and at first kept the office in his drug store in the same location as Mr. Watkyns' had been, and later moved into the block where Dr. Wells kept it in 1830.

Albert G. Burke received the appointment June 18, 1853, and was succeeded by Hiram Atkins February 20, 1854.

Mr. Atkins was the editor and proprietor of the *Bellows Falls Argus*, the local paper of that day, and both offices were located in a frame block which stood north of the "Bellows Falls Stage House," about where the centre of Union block now is. This was probably the same building in which the office was located by Jabez Hills in 1810, and was burned March 14, 1860.

O. D. Gray was appointed postmaster September 15, 1860; A. N. Swain, May 23, 1861; Col. Russell Hyde, August 5, 1873; Q. E. Morgan, February 6, 1878; George O. Guild, August 2, 1886; Barney Cannon, Jr., July 24, 1890; Alfred Dow, December 11, 1894; Barney Cannon, Jr., the present incumbent received his second appointment December 14, 1898. He died in office September 13, 1906.

After 1860 the office moved its location so frequently until it settled where it now is, that it was often suggested that it be placed "on wheels" for convenience, and, in fact, it was many years in a small frame building that was frequently moved about to different locations on the Square to suit changed conditions and postmasters. After the conflagration of March, 1860, it was located for a time in the Canal street block, now owned by the estate of A. H. Brown; later it was in Wightman block between Rockingham and Canal streets now known as Farr block, and for a few months before Postmaster Guild, in 1888, located it in the new opera house block where it now is, it was in the Granger building south of Cray's block on the east side of Westminster street.

The postal receipts of the Bellows Falls office have increased rapidly in the last few years. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1890, the total receipts were \$8,137.64, while for the year ending March 31, 1906 they were \$23,719.54.

Free delivery of mails was inaugurated in the village November 1, 1899, and rural free delivery September 1, 1900.

## POSTMASTERS AT SAXTONS RIVER

Daniel Kellogg, December 2, 1818.  
Warren Lovell, May 22, 1823.  
Royal Earl, April 11, 1826.  
Benjamin Frost, June 29, 1843.  
Charles Smith, November 4, 1847.  
William L. Wiley, October 1, 1849.  
Henry C. Wiley, July 19, 1850.  
Calvin Fairbrother, February 26, 1855.  
Eliot R. Osgood, June 22, 1861.  
F. G. Butterfield, October 17, 1866.  
Eliot R. Osgood, July 10, 1867.  
Henry C. Johnson, March 10, 1873.  
Eliot R. Osgood, January 19, 1883.  
William H. Campbell, October 21, 1885.  
Helen I. Campbell, May 11, 1889.  
Minnie A. Benton, May 4, 1898.

## POSTMASTERS AT CAMBRIDGEPORT

George S. Willard, April 16, 1834.  
Jesse Howard, June 17, 1837.  
Moses Drury, November 8, 1837.  
Joseph Buswell, August 31, 1838.  
Isaac Stickney, June 20, 1839.  
Jesse Howard, October 3, 1840.  
George W. Goodrich, July 1, 1841.  
John S. Fullerton, December 23, 1843.  
David F. Cushing, June 26, 1845.  
Cyrus W. Wyman, December 28, 1853.  
D. F. Cushing, April 15, 1857.  
Isaac Glynn, August 2, 1861.  
Solon Perry, February 16, 1863.  
George Wellington, July 23, 1867.  
Isaac Glynn, August 22, 1867.  
Charles F. Glynn, December 16, 1868.  
Joel B. Ober, January 31, 1873.  
D. F. Cushing, Jr., November 2, 1876.  
Warren G. Stevens, date not given.  
Solon P. Cushing, March 31, 1886.

## POSTMASTER AT LA GRANGE

Samuel Jackson, February 2, 1835.  
Office discontinued September 1, 1837.

## POSTMASTERS AT BARTONSVILLE

Alfred Sargeant, February 9, 1842.  
Charles F. Barrett, April 12, 1844.  
Ralph G. Roundy, April 8, 1847.  
Lucius W. Adams, February 12, 1850.  
O. W. Fletcher, September 6, 1864.  
George N. Gould, September 3, 1874.  
H. S. Bowker, September 20, 1883.  
Mary Bowker, June 10, 1901.

The postal receipts of the five post offices of the town for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1906, were as follows:

Rockingham,	\$105.35.
Bellows Falls,	\$23,719.54.
Saxtons River,	\$2,595.41.
Cambridgeport,	\$197.46.
Bartonsville,	\$255.48.



## CHAPTER XXII.

### THE ERA OF THE STAGE COACH

The era of transportation by stage lines north and south, east and west, through the town of Rockingham, is one the stories of which will continue to be of deep interest to the end of time.

Previous to the stage coach, and paving the way for it, came the post rider, who had carried mails and small parcels of merchandise between the distant points on horseback. Then followed the establishment of stage lines, connecting the larger towns of the country, and carrying passengers as well as mails and newspapers. As fixing somewhat the date of establishment of stage lines, the following item of news printed in the *Vermont Gazette* at Bennington, November 15, 1784, is of value :

.. Hartford Conn., November 2.

A stage wagon has lately been erected to run, with four horses, between the city of New York and Stratford ferry, in Connecticut, which completes the stages from Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, to Richmond, in the State of Virginia, a distance of upwards of 700 miles."

The date of the establishment of the first stage line through this town has not been ascertained, but advertisements in newspapers of the vicinity show that in 1801, there was a weekly stage coach up and down the Connecticut valley, as well as from, and to, Boston once each week.

In 1807, there were three stages a week passing through here each way between Boston and Hanover. In 1814, a regular four-horse coach was put on between Boston and Burlington, which in that year stopped over night at Keene in each direction Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In 1826 and 1827, competing lines were running over this route and as many as sixty to one hundred passengers each day stayed over night in Keene. Many of the coaches at this time had six horses. One line came from Keene via West-

moreland, and the other via Surry and the "Forest Line," which connected over the South Charlestown bridge with the Green Mountain turnpike following the Williams river through this town. This line was advertised as being thirty miles shorter to Rutland than any other route. For some years the village of Rockingham was more of a stage headquarters than was Bellows Falls. Also the village of Walpole, on account of its being the point of intersection of the lines, some of which were owned in that village.

In 1822, advertisements of the stage lines showed the fare from Boston to Keene to be \$4, Walpole \$4.75, Windsor \$6, Rutland \$7, Middlebury \$8. The advertisements were signed "Daniel Brooks, agent for proprietors." In 1838, the regular fare from Boston to Keene had been reduced to \$2.50 and to Bellows Falls it was \$3. About this time competition was so sharp that the fare between Boston and Bellows Falls was for a little time forced down to twenty-five cents each way.

In the days of the old lumbering stage coach the driver was the most important personage in the whole region. He was not exceeded even by the conductor of the first railroad trains in after years in his popularity. Among the local stage drivers best known on these through routes between 1840 and 1850 were Daniel Arms, Josiah Bowtell, John and Cabot Rogers, Daniel Pingree and Ambrose Arnold. Some of those living at Walpole and noted far and wide were Lovell Farr, Otis Bardwell, Thomas Bardwell, William Huntington and Ira Hodgkins. Other drivers were Jerome Armstrong, "Deacon" Green, John F. Sparhawk, Moses Downer, Gardner Hall, Oren Hall, Henry O. Clark, John F. Perry, James Moody, John McCormick, Dean Butterfield, Thomas Miner, Oliver Huntington and Hiram Hodgkins.

The History of Springfield, Vt. (by Hubbard and Dartt, 1895), p. 61, says:—"In 1836, Samuel W. Porter, James Whipple, Nomlas Cobb, Simson Leland, and Luke Williams were engaged in running stages from Walpole, N. H., towards Hanover, on the Connecticut river, and from Drewsville, N. H., to Perkinsville, Vt., and had twenty-six horses in the business.

James Whipple afterward bought out the others, and in 1845 sold the staging to George M. Dickinson of Charlestown, N. H., who carried it on until the Sullivan County railroad was built, when he sold the route to Saunderson & Putnam."

During a portion of the early times of staging the coaches passed up and down the river on the New Hampshire side without coming across the toll bridge at Bellows Falls, on account of the expense of toll. The drivers as they approached the falls going either north or south, would blow their horns, thus notifying prospective passengers in this village of the coming of the stage, and they would take passage from the east end of the toll bridge. They then paid the fee of three cents for walking across the bridge, instead of the much higher toll charged for the passage of the coach. In later years this practice was discontinued and the coaches came into the village, making headquarters at the old "Bellows Falls Stage House," that stood upon the site of the present Hotel Windham.

The taverns at small villages along these through stage routes were always important places, and the arrival and departure of the coaches were events of great importance. The post office of each country village was usually located near the tavern, or in it, and the passengers embraced the opportunity to frequent the bar while the mail was being sorted by the postmaster. The stage carried but one mail bag, which the postmaster opened at each post office, looking over its contents and retaining what belonged to his office. He added his outgoing mail, and locking the bag, the stage was ready for its onward trip.

Reminiscences of these old "stage and tavern days," related to the writer by various aged people in former years are interesting. Among them the late late Richard Robertson of Charlestown, who died in 1905, at the age of 96, and who spent his boyhood days from 1821 to 1832 in the Bellows Falls Stage House owned by his father said :

"In 1821 we had a mail to and from Rutland three times a week, carried by a Mr. Clark with one horse. Up and down the Connecticut valley the mail also went three times a week, carried by a man named Marsh of Charles-



SANTONS RIVER HOTEL, ERECTED 1877, TAKEN DOWN 1903.





town. This stage passed on the New Hampshire side of the river, and if there was any traveler at father's hotel who wished to take the stage we went out and blew a horn to notify the driver. We would then take a wheelbarrow to carry the trunk over or back and the passenger walked. The coach would not come across the bridge because of the high toll. Toll was also charged for foot passengers, but it was not as excessive as for coaches. Mr. Marsh ran the stage to Walpole and Mr. Skinner to Windsor. Marsh found the new coach too heavy for two horses, and he later put on four, and then made a practice of coming across the bridge. He would drive with a great flourish around the Square in front of both the Stage House and the Mansion House, the last being located on the west side of the Square at the end of Westminster street. One day he had a driver named Frink driving for him and he made too great a flourish tipping the heavy coach over in the Square as it came around.

Patronage increased rapidly in both the hotel and stage business. Father and S. R. B. Wales, who kept the Mansion House, were sharp competitors, and each strove to get some advantage over the other.

Soon a new and important stage route between Boston and Saratoga Springs was inaugurated, passengers taking the regular stage from Boston to Bellows Falls and an additional line was put on here driving through Chester, Manchester and Bennington. Davis Bates of Springfield, Vt., was a big stage man and used to go to Saratoga summers in charge of the Boston line through Bellows Falls. If parties of eight or more passengers could be made up for the trip, a special stage would be put on running through the whole distance with change of horses. When this line was first inaugurated, father was notified that a party of eight would take dinner at his house a certain day. He got up a fine dinner for them and they ate a whole quarter of lamb. When the man conducting the party went to pay the bill, father charged him \$2 as the bill for the eight dinners. The man looked surprised and said he 'wanted to pay the whole bill,' thinking father had made a mistake and charged for only one dinner. He insisted in paying more and father offered to accept thirty-seven and one-half cents each, instead of the regular twenty-five cents, but the man objected and at last paid father \$4. We always charged Boston people fifty cents for each meal after that.

Davis Bates induced Joseph Willard of Westminster, and later his brother, Henry Willard, to go to Saratoga, starting them in a hotel career in which they afterwards became famous the country over. Later he got one of the Leland's from Chester a place in Saratoga. Leland had previously driven stage through here. One day I refused to trust him for a feed at our hotel and some years after I went to Leland's big hotel in Saratoga and stayed one day for which he charged me \$5. I paid without a murmur and went to the other hotel at \$1.50 per day. I always thought that he remembered that I would not trust him.

One day rival stages raced the other side of the river and driver Brooks came across the bridge at full speed. Nathaniel Tucker followed him into the barn and said, 'Brooks, you have run my bridge, \$2 fine.' Brooks drew his pocket-book and handed Tucker the money, but Tucker refused it, saying, 'Don't do it again.' "



Newman Weeks, an aged man now living in Rutland, Vt., writes :

"In regard to my trips by stage in my younger days, some peculiar incidents came under my observation and they still cling to my memory. The people of Bellows Falls and Brattleboro I knew about, especially the old stage, railroad and military men.

The old Cheshire Hotel in Keene was the noted 'Stage Lodging House' from which the four and sometimes six horse, sixteen passenger coaches left in the morning for Fitchburg and Boston. The stage agent, located at the Cheshire House, was a very large man and as stern and savage as he was large. One very popular stage driver was 'Bill Hodgkins.' He always wanted the seats on the box outside to be reserved for the good looking ladies. The stages in those early days landed at the 'Old Stage Tavern,' on the narrow Elm street in Boston, Mass. Time from Rutland, Vt., to Boston was three days, and the fare was \$8. The driver expected the cigars and drinks would be free at all the points where horses were exchanged.

Now for two incidents : In 1848, I was in trade in Clarendon, Vt., with a nephew, D. W. C. Gaskill. He was going to Boston to buy a stock of goods. The cashier of the bank in Rutland asked him to take a package of \$5,000 to be left at the Suffolk Bank, Boston. To send by express was quite expensive, and they would take the risk. He took a peculiar way that proved safe. He used an old, badly worn, sheep-skin valise ; put the money package in a stocking-leg with other stockings, shirts, etc. : put in some old newspapers ; had no lock but fastened it with straps. The old valise was put with many others on the top of the stage coach and at hotel stopping places over night it was thrown off and piled with the other baggage in the wide front hall of the hotels. There was no special care taken of the old worn valise and the cash reached the old Boston bank all right.

On one of my return trips from Boston, Otis Bardwell was keeping a stage tavern at Walpole. Horses and drivers were changed there. The four-horse coach was driven to the door and little Dan Arms took the reins and was waiting for the word 'all aboard.' One large, dignified, gray-headed passenger was walking back and forth on the piazza. Mr. Bardwell very politely informed him that the coach was waiting for him. He said 'Where is the driver?' He was informed that the man on the coach was the driver. 'What ! that boy to drive us over the Vermont mountains to Rutland?' 'Yes,' said Mr. Bardwell, 'and if he don't get you there all right I will pay all damage on demand.' Little Dan, as a young, single man, was popular because he was so very accommodating. The stage leaving Rutland in the morning would reach Clarendon about 8 o'clock ; and if a good looking school teacher had a long way to walk, the stage would wait for her to fix her curls, and get all ready to sit on the box and watch the horses. Little Dan Arms had lots of friends, as stage driver and conductor on the railroad, later."

The Daniel Arms referred to by Mr. Weeks as so popular a stage driver lived at Bellows Falls and was one of the

first passenger conductors of the Rutland railroad. Later for some years he was ticket agent at the Bellows Falls station.

Dean Butterfield, a well known driver over the "Forest Line," used to relate the following anecdote to the "outside passengers," who rode with him. On those old coaches it was always considered the most desirable place to ride on the outside, and there were often as many as six on the top of the coach with the driver. Two or three sat on the driver's seat, and three or four on the stage roof, with their feet hanging down back of those who were with the driver. There was always an iron railing around the sides and rear of the coach that extended to the front edge of the driver's seat, so there was little danger of any person, or thing, falling off that was once placed on the roof. It was possible to enjoy the scenery better here, and, not the least appreciated part, were the entertaining stories told by most of the drivers. Mr. Butterfield would inform any passengers who were timid at the coach being overcrowded, that :

"I once took twenty-two passengers safely from Bellows Falls into Boston, including one man who weighed two hundred and eighty pounds, and he rode all the way on a trunk placed for him on the top of this very stage. It happened on that trip that John Quincy Adams and his wife were among the inside passengers. They had been visiting Saratoga Springs. Mr. Adams asked me on arriving at Nashua, the end of my route, to continue on to Boston, because he 'felt perfectly safe with such a driver.' So I changed with the Lowell driver, and went into Boston with my stage and the twenty-two people all right. There was on the Forest road at that time a very large amount of travel in the spring, summer and fall,—'people went to the Springs in summer and to the Falls in the spring,' as the great Dodge used to say at his concerts. There were few mammoth trunks in those days, and all baggage paid extra charges. In the winter the passengers were mostly business men going to and from the Boston markets.

An advertisement in the *Bellows Falls Gazette* in 1839 gives information regarding the facilities of staging and railroad transportation between Bellows Falls and Boston in that year. The advertisement was surmounted by a large cut of an old-fashioned stage coach drawn by six prancing horses and was as follows :

## NEW ARRANGEMENTS

## FOREST LINE OF STAGES

LEAVES Bellows Falls, Vermont, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 A. M. via Drewsville, N. H., Alstead, Marlow, Stoddard, Hancock, Greenfield, Lyndeboro, Wilton, Milford and arrives in Nashua in season for the 4½ o'clock Train of Cars for Boston the same day.

RETURNING, leaves Nashua on the arrival of the Morning Train of Cars from Boston Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and arrives at Bellows Falls at 9 o'clock P. M.

STAGES LEAVE BELLOWS FALLS the next morning for Troy, Albany, and Saratoga via Townshend and Stratton.

For Montpelier via Charlestown and Woodstock—for Middlebury and Burlington, Chester and Rutland.

This is considered the best route from the Connecticut river to Boston.

Bellows Falls, June 1, 1839. BUSS, MORRISON & CO., Proprietors.

During the panic year of 1837, an accident occurred a mile south of here on the old stage road to Keene that thoroughly startled the citizens of this village and all the surrounding territory, the mail stage being precipitated into Cold river. Three ladies lost their lives.

It was March 14th of that year, and both the Connecticut and Cold rivers were swollen and filled with floating ice, the weather having been warm for a week preceding. The regular mail coach which then ran three times a week between Boston and Hanover, by way of Bellows Falls, left Walpole in the morning. The driver's name was William Simonds, and he had four passengers, the three ladies and a man named Swain, who was acting as a messenger conveying \$5,000 in currency from Boston to the old state bank here which was then doing business under the name of the "Bellows Falls Bank." This was the original method of transferring funds from one bank to another.

When the bridge across Cold river was reached, located below the present one and a little above the location of the present railroad bridge, it was found the water and ice in the Connecticut had backed up so much as to raise the bridge somewhat from its foundations, but the driver determined to hazard the experiment of crossing. He had four horses, and just as his leaders reached the north side of the river, and were already upon the bank, the bridge floated away taking

the coach and all its occupants with it. This drew the horses back into the stream.

Mr. Swain clung tenaciously to his tin trunk containing his treasure, and also to one of the ladies until she was crushed by the ice, when he made his way rapidly to the west bank of the Connecticut as best he could on the floating cakes of ice. He reached the Vermont side in safety and delivered his trunk to the bank officials.

The ladies and the team were lost, but when assistance arrived from Walpole the driver was found clinging to the bushes near the mouth of Cold river and was rescued. The body of one woman was found at the time, but the other two were not recovered until the following summer. One was found two miles south, opposite the Copley Amory place, and the other near Boggy meadow some distance south. They were a Mrs. Dunham with a Mrs. Chesley and her sister. The coach and three of the horses were lost, and the town of Walpole in consequence of the disaster suffered heavy damages.

The exciting experiences and narrow escapes of travel by stage coach were illustrated October 18, 1866 when the three horses attached to a heavy stage coach well filled with passengers became frightened while standing at the Bellows Falls railroad station. It was the coach, that until the completion of the electric railroad, ran daily between Bellows Falls, Saxtons River, Grafton and Townshend. The horses, without a driver, dashed around by the Island House, through Bridge street and the Square. The driver, when he saw his horses disappearing ran quickly by the way of Canal street and met them in front of the present opera house. By a hazardous leap at their heads he succeeded in throwing the leader, and the coach was thrown violently upon its side. The passengers were each more or less injured but, by a miracle, none seriously. The pair of horses cleared from the coach with the front wheels, when it went over, and were not caught until they had run more than a mile on the Rockingham road.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

### RAILROADS—TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

One of the earliest efforts to create public sentiment in Vermont favorable to the building of railroads originated in Bellows Falls in the summer of 1843. Dr. S. M. Blake, then editor of the *Bellows Falls Gazette*, was very enthusiastic and devoted much space in his paper to the subject. The result was a largely attended railroad meeting held here early in 1844. Hon. Alvah Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., had just returned from Europe and was full of enthusiasm and railroad enterprise. He was present and greatly assisted in explaining the operation and results of railroads already built in other states and countries. At this meeting all the railroads now running in this part of the state, including the West River railroad which was not built for some years afterward, were projected and discussed.

The first charter of the Vermont Central Railroad company was granted by the legislature November 15, 1835, and the revised charter under which the road was built was passed October 31, 1843. January 8, 1844, a largely attended railroad convention was held at Montpelier that resulted in the raising of money for surveys, and later in raising the required capital stock for the first railroad to be built in Vermont. The contract to build the entire road from Windsor to Burlington, one hundred and fourteen miles, was let to Sewal F. Belknap. The first rail was laid at White River Junction on the farm of Col. Samuel Nutt early in 1847 and Isaac B. Culver, assistant engineer of that division, was accorded the honor of driving the first spike in the track of this road.

Regular passenger trains first passed over the road from White River Junction to Bethel, June 26, 1848, and this was the first railroad train run in Vermont.

The first railroad to reach Bellows Falls was the Cheshire, now part of the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine. This corporation was chartered by the New Hampshire legislature December 27, 1844, and the Sullivan County railroad July 10, 1846.

The first train of excursionists from Boston, Fitchburg, Keene and other points, reached here January 1, 1849, and went as far north as Charlestown on the line of the Sullivan, not crossing into Vermont as no railroad bridges had been built across the Connecticut. There were many demonstrations of joy all along its route.

Following is the quaint account of the event contained in the *Bellows Falls Gazette* of January 4, 1849:

THE CARS HAVE COME !

"On Monday, January 1, much to the astonishment of some, and gratification of all, the first train of cars ever seen in this vicinity, passed over the Cheshire road and Sullivan to Charlestown, No. 4. The day was fine and a great assembly of people had collected here to witness the grand entree of the Iron Horse. The engine came up in grand style and when opposite our village, the monster gave one of its most savage yells, frightening men, women and children considerable, and bringing forth the most deafening howls from all the dogs in the neighborhood. This day, Thursday, the Sullivan road is to be opened with the usual ceremonies, to Charlestown, and then the arrival of the cars will be a common everyday business affair."

The road was opened through from Charlestown to Windsor, March 31, of that year. The first passenger conductors on the Sullivan road were O. J. Brown of Claremont, and Ambrose Arnold of Windsor, later of Westminster.

The facilities for travel in this section of New England immediately following this opening are shown in the following advertisement which appeared in the Boston papers for some months :

CHESHIRE RAILROAD

OPEN TO BELLOWS FALLS

On and after Monday, January 8, 1849, passenger trains will leave Boston in connection with the Fitchburg trains, daily at 7 o'clock A. M., and at 3.45 P. M.

Leave Bellows Falls at 1.30 and 4.30 P. M.

Leave Keene for Boston at 6 A. M. and 2.45 P. M.



Leave Keene for Bellows Falls and Charlestown, at 7 and 11.20 A. M.

Passengers by the first train from Boston will proceed directly through to Bellows Falls and by first train down, directly through to Boston.

Passengers by the last train up and the last train down will remain at Keene over night and will arrive at Boston at 10 o'clock and Bellows Falls at 8½ o'clock the following morning.

All the above trains connect with the trains over the Sullivan railroad, now open to Charlestown, N. H., making a continuous railroad line from Boston to that place. Also at Groton with the trains of the Nashua and Worcester and Stony Brook railroads, by which a direct communication both ways, without delay at Groton, is established between Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Lowell, Lawrence and the state of Maine; Worcester, Providence, New York city and Albany; and Keene, Walpole, Bellows Falls; Rutland, all western Vermont, Charlestown, Windsor, and the entire lines of the Vermont Central and Passumpsic railroad.

Stages run in connection with this line from Winchendon to Rindge, and Jaffrey; from Fitzwilliam to Richmond, Winchester, Hinsdale and Brattleboro.

From Keene to Chesterfield and Brattleboro; from Bellows Falls to Rutland, White Hall and Burlington.

From the Sullivan railroad at Charlestown to Claremont, Newport, Springfield, Weathersfield, and Windsor, Woodstock and Hanover.

Passengers leaving Bellows Falls at 1.30 P. M., can reach New York city via Worcester and Norwich, the next morning at 5 o'clock.

Freight trains will run in connection with the usual Fitchburg trains.

L. TILTON, Engineer.

Keene, January 5, 1849.

The first blow in the construction of the line of the "Champlain & Connecticut Railroad company" chartered November 1, 1843, now the Rutland railroad, was struck in Bellows Falls during the month of February, 1847. They began laying rails from Bellows Falls April 15, 1849 and the road was opened through to Burlington, December 18, of that year. A. P. Crossett, still a resident of Bellows Falls, says that he moved the first three wheelbarrow loads of dirt in its construction, on the island at this place. He was then working for Judge Baxter, who lived where the Island House now stands and whose son, H. Henry Baxter, had the contract for grading the rocky and uneven surface of the island, and building the first three miles of the line.

There was much rivalry between the Rutland line and the Vermont Central line via Montpelier, to see which road would get trains into Burlington first.

The Central line was successful, being opened through for business June 20, 1849.

Although the Vermont Valley Railroad company was chartered November 8, 1841, it was not opened for business between Bellows Falls and Brattleboro until 1851. The most important undertaking, locally, in the construction of this road was the building of the tunnel that runs under the Square and principal business part of the village. It is about four hundred feet in length and extends under a number of the most substantial mercantile structures of the place. For many years the general offices of this company, as well as the only machine shop on its line, were in Bellows Falls. The machine shop was located on the canal near where the Wyman Flint & Sons Co., paper-mill is, and the car and engine houses were below Westminster street, in front of the present residences of Wyman Flint and A. N. Swain. Superintendent Peyton R. Chandler and later Superintendent Madison Sloat, had their headquarters here. In 1854 only one passenger conductor, named Deming, was running between here and Brattleboro.

For some months after regular trains began running from Fitchburg to Windsor, there was no bridge across the Connecticut at this point, and the station for Bellows Falls was at the New Hampshire end of the toll bridge. The late Alfred Kemp carried passengers, mail and express to and from that station. After the old Cheshire and the Sullivan bridges were built, the station was located where the present one is. The first building was that now standing on the east bank of the canal next north of Depot street and occupied as a dwelling. This was used only a few years, and was replaced by the present brick structure, made out of bricks from the brickyard of Sanford Granger located on the south side of the Saxtons river, just above Gageville.

For several years previous to 1824 statistics showed the average rate of freight upon salt and other common merchandise between Boston and Bellows Falls had been \$13.50 per ton, "never less than \$10 in the best of sleighing."

Because of the fact of the Rutland road's having seven or eight miles of its line built through the town of Rockingham, that line has always been more closely identified with this town than the others, which only barely touch the village of Bellows Falls. In the early days of railroads, this road was advertised as extending "from Burlington to Rockingham," and Bellows Falls was hardly known as even a station on the road. This probably arose from the charter's granting the right to build a road from Burlington to "some point in the town of Rockingham on the Connecticut river."

In the summer of 1849, it was opened for traffic from Burlington to Rutland, and from Bellows Falls to Ludlow where connection was made by stages over the mountain. When the road was opened through in December, 1849, a train from Burlington and one from Boston, with the president, directors and other officials and friends on board, met at the summit in Mount Holly, and bottles of water from Lake Champlain and from the Atlantic ocean were broken and the waters mingled together. Other and different bottles were not broken, but uncorked and served to make the occasion more joyous. For the free use of the accumulated crowd, a barrel of New England rum was rolled out, one head broken in, and a number of tin dippers put into use.

Before the two roads were opened over the mountain, and while there were several miles of staging on each line, a three days' race with mails and messengers was run between Boston and Burlington over the Rutland & Burlington, and Vermont Central roads. The mail agent over the Rutland road at that time, and the one who had charge of the mails on this route during these three days, was Henry H. Howe of Ludlow, afterward a passenger conductor for several years. The locomotive used was the "Rutland," it being the fastest one then on the road. The engineer was Silas Pierce, later master mechanic at Bellows Falls. This engine went as far as Ludlow, then the mails were taken on horse-back, with relays of fresh horses each four miles as far as Cuttingsville, then by train again to Burlington. The Rutland & Burling-

ton road, as it was then known, won the race by two hours the last day, and as the victory resulted in the securing of the bulk of the mails over this route, it was a pronounced "scoop" over the Vermont Central.

The mail agent and his pouch were carried over the Cheshire and Rutland roads on empty engines with instructions to "get through just as quick as possible." The late Niles Aldrich of Bellows Falls was the engineer who brought the mail over the Cheshire road, and in after years he often made the remark "I ran her so fast that as we came up around the south end of Mount Kilburn I kept picking out the spots where we should probably land if she left the iron."

In the first days of the Rutland road eighteen ton "wood-burner" locomotives were used on the passenger trains, and it was necessary to "wood-up" twice between Rutland and Summit and four times between Bellows Falls and Summit, at which times all train men, including express messengers and mail agents, lent a hand and were often assisted by the passengers themselves.

The first agent at Bellows Falls of the R. & B. R. R. was Joel Hammond, and the two freight clerks were Ira and Henry Russell. Of Joel Hammond it was said that he was a capable official, a good talker but a very poor speller, and his correspondence shows he would write "Car No. — has not arrived yecht."

During the building of the Rutland road, September 15, 1847, a peculiar accident occurred which in all the intervening years has been considered the most remarkable in its results of any recorded in the medical world. A workman named Phineas Gage had a long iron bar blown entirely through his head and brain, by a premature discharge of a blast while making the rock cut a mile east of Cavendish station. The strange thing was that the man recovered and was able to work about nineteen years thereafter. It was such a marvellous thing to relate that it was doubted by physicians everywhere and close investigation was made by surgeons from other states. The "tamping bar" was three

feet and a half long and tapered at the upper end a distance of eight inches to half an inch in diameter at the lower end. It was very smooth like a spindle to a spinning wheel. The bar entered the head on the lower part of the left cheek, passed through the brain and through the skull at the top of the head. In later years, the man expressed a desire that after his death his skull, as well as the bar that passed through it, should be preserved, and the two are now in the museum of the Massachusetts Medical College in Boston.

A short time after the completion of the road through to Rutland, a work train from Bellows Falls to the summit had a heavily loaded flat car of rails on the rear end. Going up the steep grade below Healdville the car of rails broke away and running back gained such velocity that it left the track and pitched down a bank into the woods. One rail went entirely through the trunk of a large tree leaving a hole such as a ball from a cannon would make. Many curious sight-seers from this town visited the place.

A few years later a singular accident occurred just this side of the summit of the mountains between here and Rutland. During a severe snow and wind storm, three engines were attached and sent out from Rutland to plow the drifts and clear the track to Bellows Falls. The forward engine was the "Chester," well remembered by older residents and run that day by H. R. Dyer. Next came the "General Strong" run by George Dennis, and the third was the "New Haven" with "Dad" Foster at the throttle. While descending the steep grade, the General Strong left the rails because of a hard crust in a deep drift and went down a steep bank landing upon a stone wall. The other engines did not leave the iron and the snow was flying so thickly the men on them did not notice the loss of Dyer's engine until they were near the next station. They went back and found it, with the engineer and fireman unhurt but not caring to repeat the experiment.

A number of important accidents have occurred upon this road within the limits of this town.

In January, 1861, a freight train became derailed on the bridge across the Williams river just above Lawrence Mills, at that time known as "Brockway's Mills." The bridge broke down and fell to the river below carrying with it five cars. On these cars were two trainmen who also fell the whole distance but miraculously escaped injury. Part of the cars were loaded with live-stock and about seventy cattle and sheep were killed.

Another hair-breadth escape from loss of life occurred on the high bridge across the rocky chasm at the mills above mentioned, July 24, 1869. The mail train coming south about noon ran off an open switch just at the north end of the bridge. The train was running at a very rapid rate and it went on to the bridge on the ties. The locomotive went entirely across the bridge before it tipped over and rolled down the bank. Edward Foss was the engineer, George W. Kenney fireman, Starkey conductor and Whitney brakeman. There was also on the engine Mr. McIntyre of Chester, and the three went down with the engine but received no serious injury. When the cars of the train stopped, one of the passenger cars was just tilting over the side of the bridge lying partly on its side, and the passengers in crawling out feared that their weight would tip the car over on to the rocks eighty feet below.

December 10, 1878 the evening passenger train leaving here for Rutland about seven o'clock in charge of Conductor Josiah Bowtell and Engineer Albert Pratt, with Fireman Edward Davis and Baggage-master Kittredge Rice, ran into a washed-out culvert, the first one south of the bridge above mentioned. A heavy rain storm of the day had washed out the embankment leaving frozen earth adhering to the ties and rails so all appeared safe to the engineer. The whole train, locomotive, baggage and passenger car, went into the chasm and the engine was left standing on end leaning against the opposite bank on the tender. Frank A. Kemp of Bellows Falls, the express messenger, and Edward Davis of Rutland, the fireman, were both instantly killed. Engineer Pratt had



his collar bone broken, E. W. Horner, roadmaster, of Rutland, had a broken nose, and Baggage-master Rice was severely injured. Conductor Bowtell was painfully bruised, as was nearly every passenger in the train.

April 6, 1888, the passenger train leaving Bellows Falls about 7 P. M. in charge of conductor S. M. Whitney, Moses Pratt engineer and John Pratt fireman, met with an accident about half a mile above Rockingham station, by which both the engineer and fireman were instantly killed and nearly all of the passengers injured. The melting of the winter's snow, aided by warm weather and a severe rain, had loosened the shelf of earth upon which the roadbed was laid so that when the train reached that point the roadbed and train were precipitated down the hill nearly one hundred feet upon the meadow below. Large trees which then stood on the embankment below the railroad slid with the moving earth nearly to the river bank, and are still growing in their new location. The whole train went down and the baggage car with the cab of the engine were destroyed by fire.

January 14, 1887, the night express north, leaving Bellows Falls at 11.05, was derailed at Williams' rock, about three miles north of the station. Every wheel of the train except the front truck of the engine left the track, but no car went down the bank, and no one was hurt.

Early in the history of the Rutland & Burlington railroad, the corporation became financially embarrassed, and in January, 1855, Sheriff George Slate of this village sold at auction here 22,000 shares of stock of the corporation for \$22, it being at the rate of one mill per share of \$100 face value. The purchasers of the road at this price were Hon. William Henry, Jabez D. Bridgeman, and Peyton R. Chandler of this place, who became owners and directors of the corporation. They managed it but a short time when a thorough reorganization was effected.

A curious fact is that although great improvements in road-bed, locomotives and cars, as well as numerous safety appliances have been made since the first days of railroading

in Vermont, a time table of the road issued in 1852 shows that the principal passenger train between Burlington and Bellows Falls ran the distance of one hundred and twenty miles as quickly as the time table of this year makes it, lacking only twenty minutes. In 1852 the morning mail train left Burlington at 7.30 and reached Bellows Falls at 12.30. By its present time the train leaves Burlington at 8.30 reaching Bellows Falls at 1.10.

The first passenger conductors of the road between here and Rutland were the late Josiah Bowtell and Daniel Arms of Bellows Falls, both of whom had been engaged in staging along the line previous to the construction of the road. Elisha P. Reed and Henry H. Howe both of Bellows Falls, were other early conductors.

In the building of the south end of the Sullivan County railroad in what is now the village of North Walpole, opposite the village of Bellows Falls, several interesting incidents occurred. The end of the road, and the north end of the Cheshire road, is a few feet from the second crossing north of the toll bridge and at the north end of the Cheshire yard.

The first locomotive to pass over the Sullivan road in the fall of 1848 was named the "Charlestown." It was run up over the Cheshire road as far as it was completed to Westmoreland, and two teams were sent down from here to draw it in pieces by the incompleted section. A. P. Crossett, still living here, drove one four-horse team. It was set up just over the line in the town for which it was named. It was a small machine, a primitive affair, having one small drive wheel on each side, but one who was a witness of the event said "when it came rushing down the track one evening, breathing fire and smoke, ringing its bell and whistling, every one looked upon it as a monster."

The first section of the Sullivan road was constructed as far north as "Governor's brook," which runs through North Walpole near Pine street, under a foreman named Thompson, while the north section of the Cheshire was being constructed at the same time under the Grandfield brothers.

These were built entirely by Irish emigrants and those laboring on the adjoining sections were by a mischance from different counties in the old country, the residents of which counties were at a deep and lasting enmity with each other. Desperate fights occurred between these two factions at numerous times while the work was in progress. Some blood was shed, and it was currently reported the results were in one or two instances fatal to the belligerents. At one time all the men working for the Grandfields were driven from their homes in the temporary shanties and with their families sought shelter on "Fall Mountain," as it was then called.

The work on Thompson's section did not progress rapidly because the deep cut through the ledge east of the falls was of a peculiarly hard rock and the drift in such a direction that the powder used in those days would blow out only a small portion at a time. It was said to be by far the hardest piece of railroad to build in this vicinity. Thompson was succeeded by the Larkin Brothers, but still the work lagged and was behind. The Cheshire road was completed and the Sullivan only lacked this section to connect the two roads in the winter of 1848-49.

Work had just begun on a deep sand cut in the hill on which Mrs. A. F. Nims' residence now stands. The high sand hill on the west side of the track, corresponding with the Nims' terrace, has since been removed. A Mr. Belknap was the head contractor under the Larkin Brothers, and he attempted to take matters into his own hands. Whether he disagreed with the Larkin Brothers as to hours of work, or the amount of pay of the workmen is unknown, but he went to Boston and brought a trainload of men to take the places of those who had been employed.

On the morning the train load of workmen arrived, the Larkins and their men appeared all dressed in their best suits, but bareheaded, coatless and with their sleeves rolled above their elbows. The women joined them in holiday caps and aprons each carrying a long white stocking filled with

cobblestones. The hill where the work was stopped then extended west to the highway. Along the brink of the deep cut they had made in its side, these men and women quietly took their places. Mr. Belknap marched his recruits from the end of the Cheshire road to the cut, drew a sword cane and walked into the pit saying to the men behind him "go to work boys." A deep voice from the bank above answered him, "Be Jabers, the first man who strikes a blow is a dead man sure." None of the workmen would face this challenge and follow Belknap, so he was obliged to walk out of the pit as he had walked into it, alone. The men from Massachusetts demanded that they be taken back, saying they had been hired under a misrepresentation, which was done. Some agreement was reached with the Larkins whereby they relinquished their contract from that time. Fifty teams were put to work, and the earth was rapidly drawn from the cut and used in making the fill, which extends from just above this point to the north end of the section at Governor's brook.

The crossing at the north end of the village of North Walpole which for the past fifty-five years has been known as the "Dutchman's crossing" (recently abolished), was so called because the section of railroad from the Charlestown line south to the "Governor's brook" was built by a large party of emigrants from Holland. They were mostly young married men who brought their wives with them. The women were comely, and, as they wore their national costumes, they attracted considerable attention among the citizens in all this vicinity. They were a genial and fun-loving class of people. The dances held at the "Dutchman's" were attended by many young people from Bellows Falls and all the surrounding country. They were enjoyable events in the busy life of those days. They were held in the larger of the temporarily constructed huts furnished for them.

In 1851 the Sullivan railroad secured a lease of lands from Jonathan and Levi Chapin and built what was then known as the "branch track," extending from Chapin's switch to the location of the present Sullivan railroad bridge.

The first frame bridge, which was replaced in the spring of 1882 by the present iron structure, was erected during that year to connect with the Rutland railroad yards on the island.

When the earth was removed from the top of the ledges east of the falls a remarkable human skeleton, unmistakably that of an Indian, was found. Those who saw it tell the writer the jaw bone was of such size that a large man could easily slip it over his face, and the teeth, which were all double, were perfect. It was supposed at the time, and is still so held, that this was the skeleton of the tall Indian chief named Philip, whom John Kilburn saw fall before his rifle during his noted fight August 17, 1755, a mile and a half further down the river. This skeleton was kept for many years deposited in the attic of a small building on the north side of the Square. This building was then occupied by Dr. John H. Wells' office and drug store, and stood where the Italian fruit store now does. When the building was rebuilt a decade or more ago the bones disappeared.

A number of years after this skeleton was found a man travelling in New York state met an Indian who gave an account of the Kilburn fight in which his father took part. He stated that "Philip's body was carried to the Great Falls and buried under a flat rock that the white men might not discover it."

The charter of the Bellows Falls & Saxtons River Street Railway company was granted by an act of the legislature approved by the governor November 22, 1892, naming as incorporators: A. N. Swain, James H. Williams, L. M. Read, Wyman Flint, J. T. Moore, John A. Farnsworth, John F. Alexander, E. H. Pettingill, Zina H. Allbee, Clark Chase and their associates, successors and assigns. The work of building the road was not commenced until October 5, 1899. It was built by contractors C. W. Blakeslee & Brother of New Haven, Conn., who still own a large part of the stock. The first superintendent and general manager, who also took a leading part in the arrangements for the building, was Joel

H. Holton, a native of Westminster, Vt. Power was first turned on and a car moved June 13, 1900, it going as far as the residence of the late C. L. Barber at the corner of Atkinson and Henry streets. Mr. Barber had been deeply interested in the enterprise from its inception, and had presented the corporation with the land now known as Barber Park, the only restrictions placed upon it being that no intoxicating liquors should ever be sold therein and if at any time abandoned by the road it should revert to his heirs. Mr. Barber was ill, and his death hourly expected. He had expressed a desire to see the cars running, and it was thus gratified. On June 20, another car was run as far as the Barber farm, carrying Mr. Barber's body thus far toward its final resting place at Saxtons River, the bridge at the farm not then being in place.

The road was completed and opened for traffic its entire length during the month of July, 1900.

A charter for the extension of the road through Cambridgeport to Grafton under the name of the "Grafton & Saxtons River Railway company," was procured at the session of the legislature of 1902, but no movement toward constructing this road has yet been made.

When the Cheshire railroad was completed to Bellows Falls in 1849 there was no telegraph line, and for some months there was no arrangement whereby if trains were late they could be reached by telegraph. Trains going in the opposite direction had to wait until those delayed came, or take the chances of a collision. About the time of the completion of the Vermont Valley railroad, in 1851, telegraph service was established.

Among the first operators here was the young boy, Levi K. Fuller, whose parents lived at the north end of Green street, and who later became governor of Vermont; Fid Randall, who later became general train despatcher of the Vermont Central lines; a young man named Mott who was succeeded in the '60s by William Batchelder at present at attorney at White River Junction. Mr. Batchelder says "Mr.



Mott's office was in the northeast corner of the railroad waiting room and in addition to delivering all his own messages he sold paper collars and cuffs which were then just invented and popular."

The telegraph company's records show that the Vermont & Boston Telegraph company was incorporated November 11, 1848. The line through here from White River Junction to Springfield, Mass., was completed in October, 1851, under Jesse C. Rowe, superintendent. This was a line built and operated under what was known as the "Bain" patents. October 28, 1851, F. O. J. Smith conveyed to C. C. Wyman the "Morse" patents for the operation of a line between Boston and Rutland via Bellows Falls, and the "Northern Telegraph company" contracted with the Cheshire road to place a line upon their right of way between Bellows Falls and South Ashburnham. In 1853 the two ownerships existed, and the Bellows Falls operator had to understand two distinct systems, and use both Bain and Morse alphabets. This was continued at many offices as late as 1868, when the Morse system was universally adopted after the consolidation of the different companies.

Tuesday morning, August 17, 1858, when the first telegraphic information was received at Bellows Falls of the successful working the evening before of the first sub-marine cable under the Atlantic ocean connecting the two continents, the eighth annual meeting of the Vermont Teachers' Association was in session at the Congregational church. A boy entered the meeting about ten o'clock in the morning and distributed a few copies of a *Bellows Falls Times* extra giving information of the event. Immediately J. S. Adams, Esq. of Burlington, arose and moved that business be suspended, that a portion of the Scripture be read, that prayer should be offered by the president of the convention, Rev. Calvin Pease, D. D., and that Old Hundred be sung in the words, "Be Thou O God Exalted High." These exercises, as was afterward described by Gov. Ryland Fletcher who was present, "were performed in a very appropriate and

impressive manner." Church bells were rung and many evidences of joy manifested here and in surrounding towns.

The first magnetic telephones used here were put in during the month of March, 1881, for the American Bell Telephone company by F. W. Childs & Co., of Brattleboro. The first instruments installed (they being on private lines and with no thought of a general exchange by a switch board) were those upon lines between the National Bank of Bellows Falls and the residence of its president, James H. Williams; the office of the Fall Mountain Paper company, connecting with the machine shop of Osgood & Barker and the freight office of the Cheshire railroad: and a little later a line was built connecting the office of Walker, Dewey, Blake & Co.'s brewery, near Cold river, with the office of E. E. Dewey, located where the store of George B. Allbee is on Bridge street.

During the month of April of the same year, a stock company was formed and a line constructed between Bellows Falls and Saxtons River under the name of the Saxtons River Telephone company. The Saxtons River instrument was at first in the shoe store of M. J. Amsden on Main street and the Bellows Falls' one was placed in the dry goods store of George O. Guild.

The device was then in its experimental stage and a great wonder to residents. Many amusing incidents are told of the surprise and awe with which the farmers and others first heard voices at a distance. The distance between these two villages was then supposed to be about the limit of the power of the instruments. Few, if any, other instruments were installed until April, 1882.

On the 6th of that month the Boston & Northern Telephone company of Salem, Mass., which was the predecessor of the present New England Telephone & Telegraph company acting under the Bell Telephone company, made a contract with L. S. Hayes of Bellows Falls to develop the business in a large surrounding territory and build exchanges at various points. This contract was in force until June 1, 1883, when the Boston & Northern com-

pany purchased it of Mr. Hayes, the purchase including the Saxtons River company. During these fourteen months one hundred and fifteen miles of outside lines were erected, connecting Bellows Falls with thirty other villages. The first switch-board was in the small office room in the rear part of what is now the Corner Drug store, and was tended by the drug clerk. When the change of ownership occurred, June 1, 1883, there were eighty-three subscribers to the Bellows Falls exchange with no employees who did not have other duties perform.

## CHAPTER XXV.

### THE VILLAGE OF BELLOWS FALLS

The falls in the Connecticut river at the southeast corner of the town, where is now located the largest village in Rockingham, were early given the name "Great Falls," and were so known for some years after the first settlement of the town in 1753. The first settlement in the town, was at, or near, the present site of Rockingham village. A few years later when a small number of dwellings appeared upon the banks of the Connecticut near the falls, it naturally took the same name and was known as "Great Falls." At some time previous to 1791, when the first charter was granted for building the dam and canal at this point, the name had been by common consent made "Bellows Falls," both as designating the falls in the river and the village which was growing up near them.

The name chosen was in honor of the most prominent citizen of this whole section of New England, Col. Benjamin Bellows, "the founder of Walpole," who was instrumental in procuring the charter of Rockingham; who owned large tracts of land in these towns and many others in the vicinity; and who wielded the largest influence of any one man in the Connecticut valley. He resided in Walpole two miles south of the falls, on the farm now owned by Copley Amory, and there he early had a fort for the protection of the settlers from the murderous attack of the Indians. He largely shaped the policy of government of the two towns and was prominent in all their public affairs, as were his descendants for a number of generations, and are still so in Walpole.

The family name of Bellows was derived from the French words "Belle Eau," meaning "Beautiful Water," and thus the name chosen had a double significance, as, in early days the falls of the Connecticut at this point were considered the

most romantic and awe-inspiring of any water-fall then known on this continent.

Until the year 1792, when the building of the Bellows Falls canal was commenced, there were probably not more than a half dozen houses within the limits of what is now the corporation of the village of Bellows Falls. These dwellings were principally occupied by those who made a business of fishing in the Connecticut, and of carting freight past the falls between the "lower" and "upper" landings, from the boats that plied up and down the river.

The building of the canal, which occupied ten years, gave a new impetus to the settlement, but for many years it was not as large a village as that at Rockingham center. The first school was established in the spring of 1800. From this time the growth appears to have been steady, keeping pace with the development of the navigation of the river, until the first movement looking toward securing a village charter was made in 1831.

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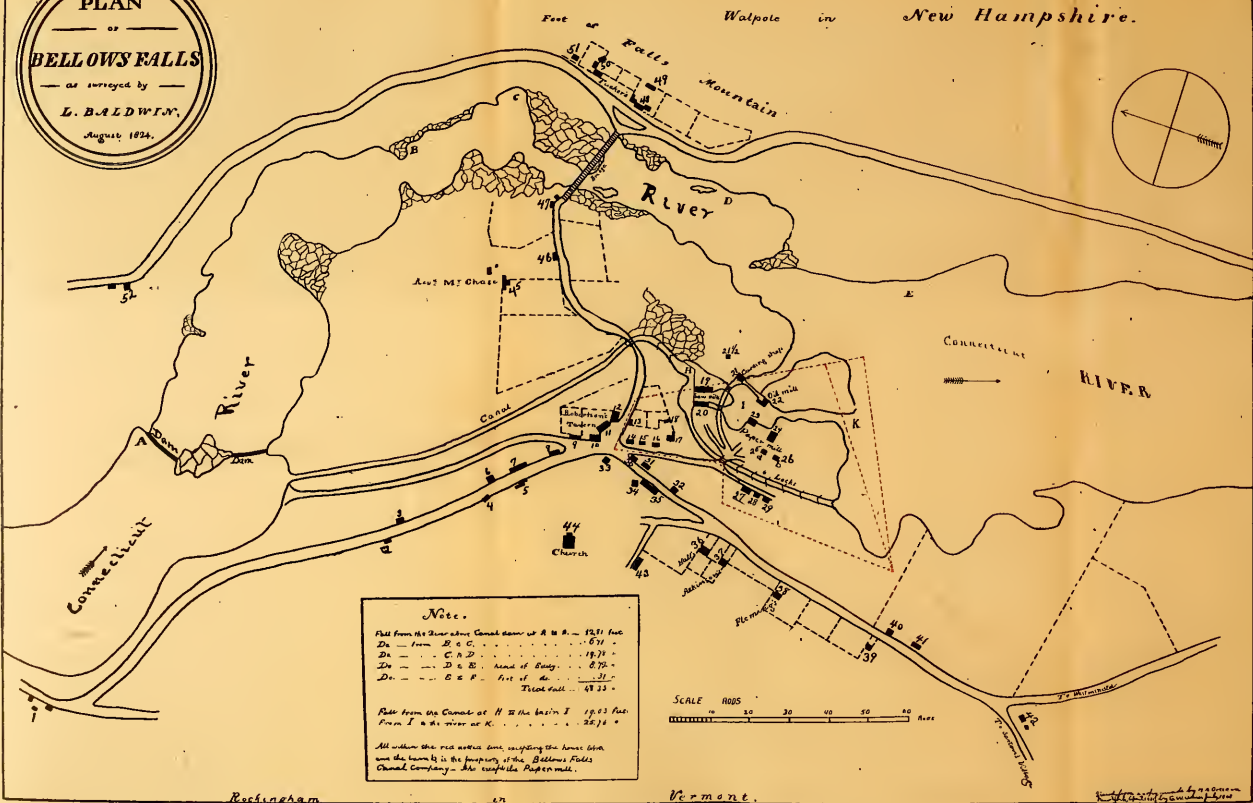
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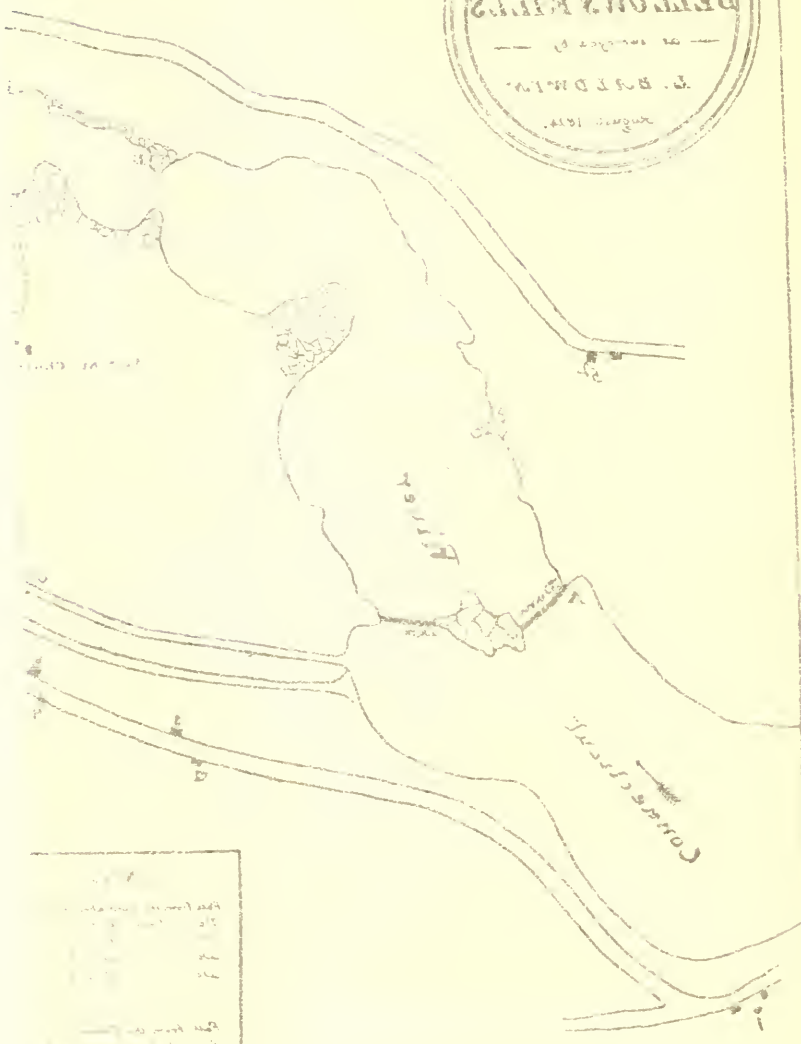
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House" and is still standing, having been moved directly back to the base of Oak hill, on Wells street. It is now owned by John E. Brosnahan and occupied by tenants.

No. 1—The farm buildings of the late James B. Morgan, still standing at the north end of Rockingham street and occupied by his descendants. The dwelling was built in 1814 by the widow of Quartus Morgan, grandmother of its present occupants. This is the only house in Bellozvs Falls occupied continuously by different generations of the same family since that early date.

No. 2—The old blacksmith shop of John Rogers on the west side of Rockingham street, about where the present blacksmith shop is. Mr. Rogers owned this shop previous to his doing business on the south side of Bridge street.

No. 3—Known in early years as the "Shipman house," more recently the "Hubbard house," on the east side of Rockingham street, now owned by Mrs. J. T. Keefe. It was then occupied by Abraham Shipman.

No. 4—A dwelling known for many years as the "Guild place." Occupied in 1824 by the grandparents of George O. Guild. It stood where Maynard block now does.

No. 5—The old "Morgan Tavern," described in Chapter XXVI., now "Frost block," on the west side of Rockingham street.

No. 6—A small one-story dwelling owned in later years by H. H. Baxter. It stood on the present location of the village building.

No. 7—The frame building on Rockingham street known at the present time as "Farr's block." It was originally a one-story building known as "Cutler's Row." J. G. Wightman in the winter of 1853-4 added the second story in which was a large hall, that was for several years the principal public hall of the village. In making this addition, a staging fell the three stories on the Canal street side, carrying Mr. Wightman and four men with it. Mr. Wightman and one man were injured so severely that they never fully recovered. Mr. Wightman kept a grocery store first in the basement on Canal street, later in the first story on Rockingham street.

No. 8—The building later known as the "Dr. John H. Wells block." It was a small two-story building standing at the head of the Square. About 1890 this was rebuilt into the present three-story block on the same location. In this building was located the Bellozvs Falls post office from 1830 to 1841.

No. 9—A two-story frame store building standing near where the center of Union block now does. It was occupied in 1824 by Hall & Green's general store in the first story, and storage in the second.

No. 10—Robertson's Tavern. A frame hotel erected in 1817, described in Chapter XXVI.

No. 11—The hotel shed.

No. 12—The hotel barn.

No. 13—A small two-story dwelling on the south side of Bridge street, occupied by a watchmaker named William Lowell who had a shop in one corner. He made a specialty of gold beads, and later became a noted pike fisherman. He had two daughters, Elmira and Parmelia, noted as good dancers.

No. 14—The general store of the "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls" in later years "Bellows Falls Canal Co." In 1832, when Mammoth block was erected, on its site, this building was moved across the Square and became the ell to the two-story brick "Pettes block" which was torn down in 1899, to make room for the two-story brick block at present occupied by Goodnow Bros. & Pearson on the west side of the Square.

No. 15—A two-story dwelling until recent years adjacent to the south side of Mammoth block, behind Fenton's clothing store. This was occupied as early as 1804 by Samuel Guild, grandfather of George O. Guild.

No. 16—A one-story dwelling immediately south of No. 15, occupied at one time in recent years by Andrews' marble shop. It was torn down three or four years since. It was also occupied for about thirty years by Franklin Henry's book bindery.

No. 17—The Canal company's office. It stood on the brow of the hill overlooking the canal and there boatmen and raftsmen paid all tolls during the time the river was used for navigation. In this building was located the first post office of Bellows Falls, kept by Dr. William Page who was agent for the Canal company.

No. 18—Probably a small shed or barn.

No. 19—An old saw-mill owned by the Canal company, burned in a conflagration of four buildings in 1850, and soon rebuilt. This latter mill was taken down in 1871 to make room for paper-mills. Up stairs was located the old-fashioned up and down mill for sawing logs; down stairs, the wood-working shop of Solomon Snow; later owned by Lucius Harlow.

No. 20—A second saw-mill of the Canal company, called the "Big Mill" because it had a larger saw and was capacitated for larger logs than No. 19. The logs for both were drawn from a small pond in the canal, west of the mill.

No. 21—Carding shop for carding the home-made rolls spun by the housewives of early years.

No. 21½—A small tenement building.

No. 22—A mill for making linseed oil from flax seed. The manufacture is described in a later chapter.

No. 23—The paper mill of Bill Blake & Co. On this site was erected by Bill Blake, in 1802, the first paper-mill in Vermont. It was destroyed by fire within a few years and at once rebuilt, the latter building being the one shown by the map. It was sold in 1824 to James I. Cutler & Co. and in 1834 to Green & Fleming who owned it when it was burned July 12, 1846. On this site was built the first pulp-mill in Bellows Falls in 1869.

No. 24—It is uncertain whether this was a building used in connection with the paper-mill, No. 23, or whether it was the first dwelling of Bill Blake. Tradition places a dwelling here, with a garden and orchard in the rear across the mill race-way on the island. It was built by Bill Blake.

No. 25 "a"—A frame dwelling owned and occupied by Dr. William Page during his residence here from 1798 to about 1810. Later occupied by tenants.

No. 26 "b"—A barn in connection with No. 25.

Nos. 27, 28, 29—Three large houses built by Capt. Bill Blake, about the size and style of the old Morgan homestead. Capt. Blake lived in one for a time and rented the others. They stood between the present grist-mill and the railroad, a little south of the former. They were known for many years as "King George's Row."

No. 30—A two-story frame building where the present Corner Drug store is, the first story occupied by James I. Cutler & Co., as a book-store and bindery.

No. 31—A two-story frame building occupied by John Sawtelle. He had his cooper shop on the first floor, opening on Mill street, and lived in the second story with a door on Westminster street. The building stood where Barry's block now does.

No. 32—The village school-house, standing on the present site of the brick block built by Sanford Granger. It was a square building, with two rooms on its one floor, and with a peaked roof. After the erection of a brick school-house at the corner of School and Cherry streets, this building was used as a tenement house. At one time it was occupied by a noted Democrat named Hiram Graves.

No. 33—Probably a temporary building.

No. 34—Probably a temporary building.

No. 35—"Cutler's Row," a long frame building standing where the Allbee block now does. It had three divisions which were sometimes occupied for dwellings, sometimes for stores. In later years "Bob" Luck had his ship-carpenter's shop in one division, where he built boats. "Aunt Tabby" Ripley lived in one section at one time.

No. 36—Mrs. Hetty Green's present residence on Church street built in 1806 by Capt. William Hall, then a member of the mercantile firm of Hall & Green. It was later occupied by Nathaniel Tucker, who owned the toll bridge.

No. 37—The present Williams' homestead, on the corner of Henry and Westminster streets, known in 1824 as the Atkinson house. It had been for some years the home of John Atkinson, the originator of the canal, who died there in 1823. This dwelling was occupied later by Col. Alexander Fleming, for forty-seven years the agent of the Canal Co.

No. 38—The "Conant House" that stood where Wyman Flint's residence now does. The building is the same now standing on the northwest corner of Atkinson and Saxtons River streets, and is occupied by Underhill's grocery store and several tenements. In 1824 it was occupied by Col. Alexander Fleming as a residence.

No. 39—The old farmhouse of Solomon Hapgood which stood on the present site of Francis G. Flint's residence on the corner of Westminster and Hapgood streets.

No. 40—Hapgood's farm wagon house.

No. 41—Hapgood's blacksmith shop.

No. 42—A small frame dwelling on Westminster street just south of Saxtons River street on the lawn in front of James H. Williams' present residence. It was occupied in early years by Simon Pettes and later by Capt. Theodore Griswold.



No. 43—A barn connected with the Capt. William Hall residence, standing nearly where the Congregational church now does.

No. 44—The first Immanuel church building standing about thirty feet south of the present church. It was the only church building in the village until 1836.

No. 45—Rector Carlton Chase's residence. It stood where the Island House now does and was built by Dr. Samuel Cutler, father of Mrs. Chase.

No. 46—Unidentified.

No. 47—The dwelling of the toll gatherers and the office building of the toll bridge. These buildings were rebuilt at the same time as the toll bridge in 1840.

No. 48—The old "Tucker Mansion" at the east end of the toll bridge, described in Chapter XVIII.

No. 49—Unidentified.

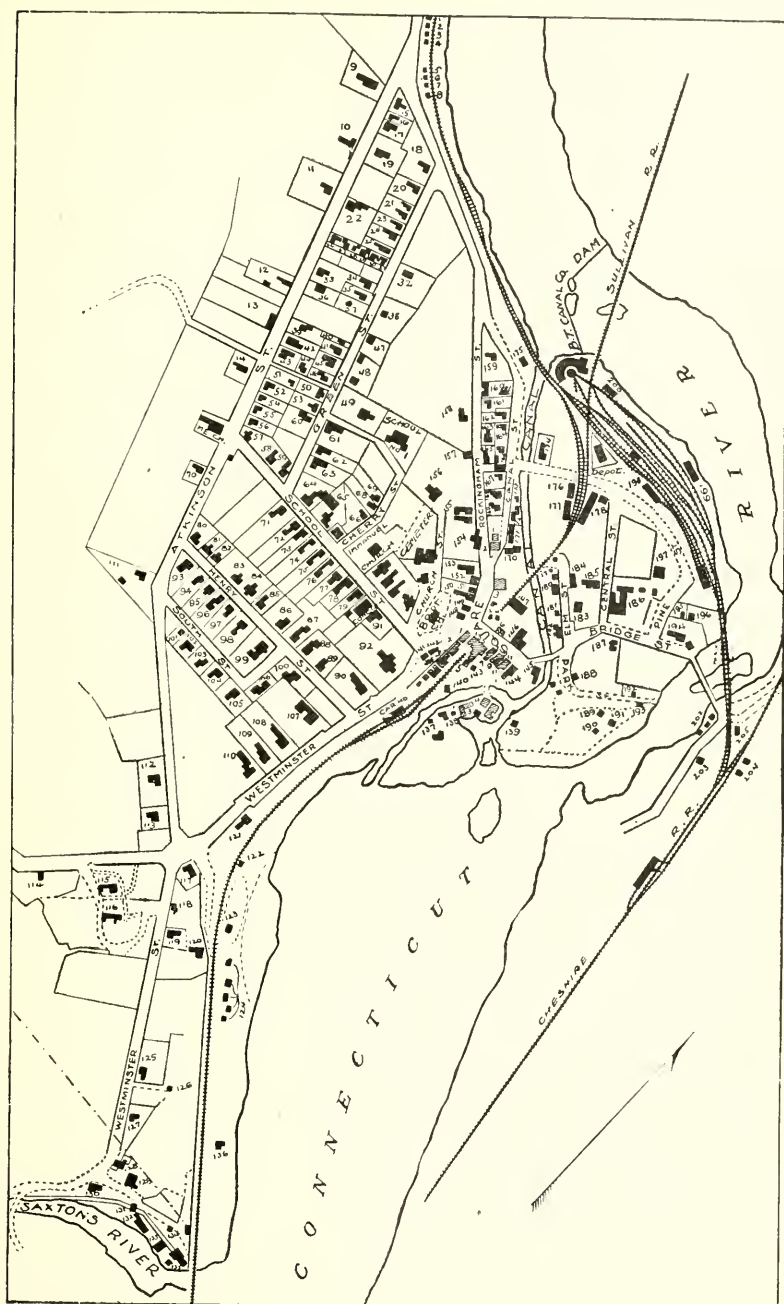
No. 50—Barns connected with the Tucker mansion.

No. 51—A dwelling erected for the coachman of the occupants of the Tucker mansion.

No. 52—Farm buildings of Levi Chapin, Jr.

Another map of the village shown on page 349 was made from a map in the Windham County Atlas, published in 1869 by Beers, Ellis & Soule. This map is of particular importance as during that year a portion of the water-power passed into the hands of those who at once began to develop it systematically, and then began the growth of the village as an important manufacturing centre. It will be seen that the number of buildings had increased from about sixty in 1824 to about two hundred and twenty-five in 1869. The population of the village at that time as shown by the census records printed elsewhere was not far from twelve hundred, and this number increased to over twenty-two hundred during the following ten years.

In locating the owners or occupants of the buildings by the following list the numbers correspond with those given upon the map. Just north of the limits of the map stood the old Morgan homestead, as at the present time. The first eight numbers were small dwellings on land owned by the Rutland railroad, in the locality for many years designated as "The Patch," and occupied largely by employees of the road. The last of these disappeared about 1902. Another dwelling stood just north of No. 1, occupied at the time by J. McCarty.



MAP OF BELLOWS FALLS IN 1869.

1. J. Sullivan.
2. P. Hubbard.
3. P. Griffin.
4. P. Hyde.
5. Mrs. Keefe.
6. J. Brown.
7. R. R. Co.
8. J. McCarty.
9. Elias Olcott.
10. B. F. Canal Co.  
The "Old Yellow  
house" tenements.
11. J. H. Webb.
12. Miss Esther Butterfield. A small building in the rear occupied for soap manufactory.
13. William Stone's carpenter shop (horse power.)
14. George Slate.
15. C. D. Tarbell.
16. G. F. Moseley.
17. A. G. Kilburn.
18. Ezra Cook.
19. Martin Cain.
20. O. L. Perham.
21. Levi Allen and D. Stearns, both R. men.
22. Henry Wells.
23. Jeremiah Leach.
24. S. E. Baird.
25. H. W. Hutchins.
26. Miss E. B. Richardson
27. Oric Prouty.
28. Mrs. Sarah Holden.
29. George Goodenough.
30. Elisha P. Reed.
31. Elisha P. Reed.
32. John McMahan.
33. Thomas McGreen.
34. J. F. Saker.
35. A. J. Darling.
36. Esther Butterfield.
37. Bartholomew Rady.
38. J. Bustead.
39. William Stone.
40. C. B. Eddy.
41. Freeman Wallace.
42. William Stone, occupied by George Griswold.
43. S. R. Wales.
44. F. Whitman.
45. Hollis Streeter.
46. Capt. Walter Taylor.
47. Franklin Henry, the old bell ringer.
48. Mrs. Clancy and Miss Kate Hughes.
49. William H. Johnson.
50. William Stone.
51. M. M. Whitney.
52. Dr. S. M. Blake.
53. James Diggins.
54. Methodist Parsonage.
55. A. S. Clark.
56. Daniel K. Barry.
57. W. S. Myers  
"Squire Hall"  
house, unnumbered, corner of School and Atkinson streets, occupied by Edw. P. Kidder.
58. Joseph Willson.
59. Asa Wentworth.
60. Gates Perry.
61. L. C. Dickinson.
62. Laban Bullock.
63. S. F. Merrill.
64. S. S. Coolidge and S. S. Vilas.
65. Leon D. Hurd.
66. Henry Billing.
67. Catholic Church
68. Dennis Flavin.
69. John Corbally.
70. Thomas O'Brien.
71. Elbridge Hapgood.
72. Albert Derby.
73. Thomas C. Ball.
74. S. Sanders.
75. Capt. Walter Taylor.
76. Leander Amadon.
77. John Billing.
78. Norman H. Farr.
79. Dr. Samuel Nichols.
80. M. C. Ladd.
81. George Underwood.
82. G. E. Cobb.
83. William Nutting.
84. William Nutting.
85. L. L. Bennett.
86. F. M. Willson.
87. Wyman Flint.
88. Mrs. Fabius Bancroft.
89. Jabez Hills.
90. James H. Williams.
91. Col. Russell Hyde.
92. Mrs. Nathaniel Tucker.
93. Hiram Newcomb.
94. W. S. Stuart.
95. H. W. Gates.
96. Lyman Hapgood.
97. Marshall Wardner.
98. Oscar D. Gray.
99. H. H. Stone.
100. Mrs. Ann Green.
101. "Nigger" Smith.
102. Mrs. Driscoll.
103. J. H. Griswold.
104. George O. Guild.
105. Horace Stone.
106. Mrs. Ann Green.
107. William Conant.
108. Edward A. Green.
109. A. N. Swain.
110. Estate Solomon Hapgood.
111. J. P. Brockway and gunshop.
112. Lyman Hapgood.

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| 113. Charles Hapgood.   | 129. Sanford Granger.     | John Adams.              |
| 114. Mrs. Flavin.       | 130. C. E. Chase.         | 142. Russell Hyde gro-   |
| 115. E. W. Bancroft.    | 131. and 132. Perry &     | cery store and           |
| 116. Low estate.        | Ellis tannery.            | Hiram Newton.            |
| 117. John Church.       | 133. Granger's saw-mill.  | 143. Bellows Falls Canal |
| 118. Nathaniel Gilmore. | 134. "C. S. M." (?)       | Co. office.              |
| 119. J. Kilburn.        | 135. A. S. Granger.       | 144. W. J. Conant furni- |
| 120. Ira L. Earle.      | 136. Sanford Granger.     | ture store.              |
| 121. Seth Hapgood.      | 137. Frost, Derby &       | 145. S. E. Perham black- |
| 122. J. Hackett.        | Co. scythe snath          | smith shop.              |
| 123. D. McCarty.        | factory.                  | 146. Charles Towns       |
| 124. Five dwellings of  | 138. Grist-mill, J. Will- | livery and Hart-         |
| Sanford Granger.        | son & Co.                 | ford Sorghum Ma-         |
| 125. William P. Barker. | 139. A. McCarty dwell-    | chine Co.                |
| 126. Barker's slaughter | ing.                      | 147. Storehouse of Hart- |
| house.                  | 140. storehouse.          | ford Sorghum Ma-         |
| 127. A. G. Henshaw.     | 141. C. E. Holbrook       | chine Co.                |
| 128. C. E. Chase.       | shoe store and            |                          |

## ARBITRARY NUMBERS "UNDER THE HILL"

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Clark & Chapman machine shop. | blinds. Laban Bullock wood   |
| 2. A. S. Clark foundry.          | turning. Cobb & Underwood    |
| 3. Blacksmith shop.              | doors, sash and blinds.      |
| 4. Woodworking shop.             | 5. B. F. Canal Co. saw-mill. |
| Tolman & Kraetzer sash and       |                              |

## ARBITRARY NUMBERS ON BRIDGE STREET, SOUTH SIDE

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Times</i> block, occupied on the | Slate and Connecticut River Mu-    |
| first floor by Leander Amadon          | tual Fire Insurance Co.; third     |
| jeweler; on the second floor           | floor <i>Bellows Falls Times</i> . |
| law offices of H. E. Stoughton,        | 5. Mammoth block, east end owned   |
| C. E. Arnold and W. S. Myers.          | by Norman Harris and occu-         |
| Town clerk's office.                   | piated by S. S. Cragin grocery     |
| 3. Mammoth block, west end, occu-      | store, B. T. Locke and Co. and     |
| piated first floor by Arms &           | Good Templars' hall.               |
| Willson hardware merchants;            | 7. Johnson & Babbitt drug and      |
| second floor offices J. D. Bridg-      | book store and express office.     |
| man, A. Wentworth, George              | 9. Cobb & Sargent restaurant.      |
|  | 11. Frank Whitman marble shop.     |

## ARBITRARY NUMBERS ON BRIDGE STREET, NORTH SIDE

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. S. Sanders restaurant.      | M. D. Jackson & Co. jewelers in |
| 4. Goodwin's harness shop.     | the west half; and Dr. L. C.    |
| 6. O. D. Gray clothing and dry | Barker's office.                |
| goods store in the east half:  |                                 |

## ARBITRARY NUMBERS ON WESTMINSTER STREET

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|---|--|
| 1. N. H. Farr & Co. clothing merchants; Dr. F. Whitman office.  | 3. J. D. Bridgman livery stable.   |
| 2. R. C. Dinsmore & Co. milliners; E. C. Hooper & Co. groceries; Dr. O. F. Woods drugs; M. M. Whitney barber and Dr. S. M. Blake dentist. | 4. Brick block owned by Sanford Granger and occupied by F. P. Hadley dealer in stoves and tinware. |

## ARBITRARY NUMBERS ON ROCKINGHAM STREET

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|---|--|
| 1. Wightman public hall; Dr. S. Nichols office; S. Chandler; G. W. Frost eating room and Griswold & Warren meat market. | 3. (East side of Square) George O. Guild dry goods and groceries; S. H. Guild tailor; C. B. Eddy office; Albert Derby's office and Masonic hall. |
| 2. E. E. Dewey restaurant.  |  |
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| 148. E. Hapgood shoe shop.  | 170. Alvah Pierce dwelling.   |
| 149. Post office.   | 171. Norman Harris tenements.   |
| 150. Jabez Hills, tenantless.   | 172. Alfred Kemp dwelling.  |
| 151. J. F. Saker, tailor and A. S. Wood milliner.                               | 173. J. McNamara dwelling.  |
| 152. Bellows Falls Bank.  | 174. Josiah Bowtell, dwelling, was the first railroad station in Bellows Falls. |
| 153. Warren Walker dwelling.  | 175. Storehouse of Arms & Willson.  |
| 154. Old Morgan Tavern then owned by Edmund Blake and used as a tenement house. | 176. J. Willson & Co. flour and grain.  |
| 155. (South) Grocery store, J. G. Wightman.                                     | 177. Vermont Valley railroad freight depot and woodshed.                        |
| 155. (North) Millinery store of the Misses Guild.                               | 178. Rutland & Burlington R. R. car house and woodshed.                         |
| 156. S. C. Fleming dwelling.  | 179. T. Londrigan dwelling.   |
| 157. Tinshop and engine house.  | 180. Paint shop.  |
| 158. William Flavin dwelling.   | 181. Sullivan dwelling.   |
| 159. Niles Aldrich dwelling.  | 182. William Nutting organ factory.   |
| 160. F. P. Hadley dwelling.   | 183. Charles Towns livery stable.   |
| 161. E. W. Hildreth dwelling.   | 184. Bowling alley connected with Island House.                                 |
| 162. John Kimball dwelling.   | 185. 1st story grocery, 2nd story "Island Hall."                                |
| 163. Black & Spaulding tenements.   | 186. Island House owned by Charles Towns.                                       |
| 164. Ezra Kimball dwelling.   | 187. Aaron Arms dwelling.   |
| 165. R. Spaulding dwelling.   | 188. Daniel Higgins dwelling.   |
| 166. Spaulding's buildings, restaurant in south portion.                        | 189. E. Moon dwelling.  |
| 167. E. Brown dwelling.   | 190. D. Brosnahan dwelling.   |
| 168. Samuel Guild dwelling.   | 191. Mrs. Mansfield dwelling.   |
| 169. Alfred Dow dwelling.   |   |

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| 192. Patrick Casey.                                | 197. Livery of Island House.       |
| 193. J. Bennett dwelling.                          | 198. Cheshire freight house.       |
| 194. Nathaniel Tucker tenements<br>and toll house. | 199. J. Willson & Co. storehouse.  |
| 195. Thomas Hallahan dwelling.                     | 200. Rutland R. R. Co. rail shop.  |
| 196. John Holloran dwelling.                       | 201. to 205 small R. R. buildings. |

In the year 1831 the legislature defined the boundaries which are now practically the limits of the Bellows Falls village corporation in an act incorporating the "Bellows Falls Fire Society" for protecting the village property from destruction by fire. The boundaries were designated:

"Commencing at the southeast corner of said town, running on the southern line of the same to the southwest corner of Solomon Hapgood's farm, thence northerly to the northwest corner of Lorana and James Morgan's farm; thence easterly on the north line of said farm to the Connecticut river; thence southerly to the place of beginning."

Until this time the village had no organization except such as was included in the whole town of Rockingham. Under this act certain rules were prescribed regarding safety from fire, and the inhabitants of the area named were taxed to pay for a primitive fire protection consisting of a "Hydraulic Fire Machine," a few buckets, ropes and ladders. The "Machine" was a second-hand one that was worked by two cranks on which eight men could work at a time. It was kept in a building where the Edward Arms block stands at the present day on Westminster street.

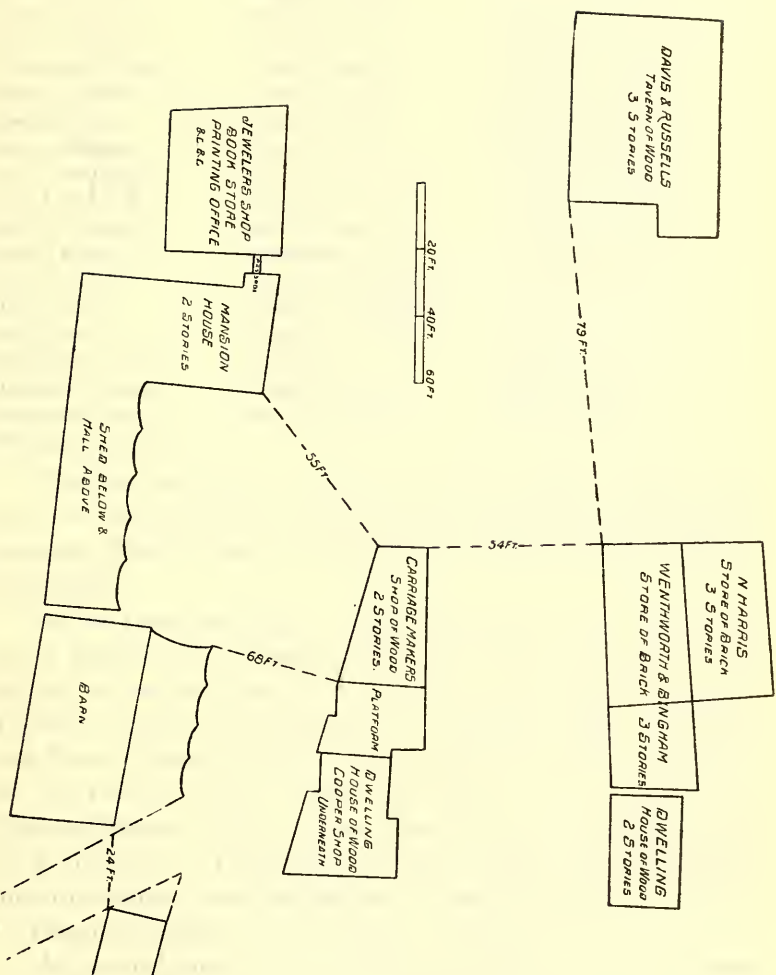
The Vermont legislature November 1, 1833, passed "An Act of Incorporating the Inhabitants of the First School District in Rockingham For the Purposes Therein Mentioned," which, if approved by two-thirds of the legal voters of the said school district should give them certain rights and privileges independent of the town. Among these privileges were the power to sue and be sued in the courts of law, to provide fire protection, to build proper streets, sidewalks and sewers, to hold real estate not exceeding \$2,000 and personal property to the same amount; to make by-laws for the proper government and policing of the village, and to tax the inhabitants to pay necessary expenses.



As often occurs in progressive movements there were many who strongly opposed the new order of things. At the first meeting of the voters called to ratify the charter, held in the village school-house on the corner of School and Cherry streets the first Monday in January, 1834, Rev. Carlton Chase, rector of Immanuel church, was elected chairman and S. H. Taylor clerk. Those present voted against its acceptance twenty-five to thirteen. At the same meeting a committee of five was appointed to canvass the voters of the village and ascertain how each stood upon the question of its adoption. The committee consisted of Henry F. Green, Solomon W. Adams, Ira Russell, B. E. Mack and John Sawtelle. When, at an adjourned meeting January 13, it was found the committee had taken no action, the members were discharged and new ones appointed. They were H. F. Green, S. R. B. Wales, Ira Russell, Horace Baxter and Stephen I. Mellish. They were instructed to at once "ascertain the number of the male inhabitants of the District," "solicit the names of all the legal voters in favor of the act of incorporation, and report at an adjourned meeting." January 30, 1834, this committee reported their canvass of the voters. They had secured the assent of seventy-four out of one hundred and six voters then residing here.

The following is a complete list of the legal voters residing in the village January 30, 1834, as shown by the report of the above committee.

Adams, Solomon W.	Downer, Thomas	Hills, Henry F.
Atkinson, John	Doyl, Alexander	Kennedy, Levi
Bancroft, Horace	Doyl, Patrick	Kimball, John
Barker, William P.	Elmore, Eri	Lord, George
Barrett, Marshall	Evans, George	Lowell, Wm.
Baxter, Horace	Fleming, Alex.	Luck, Robert
Billing, John	Fraser, Alex.	Lynch, Wm.
Bingham, O. A.	Gilbert Clark	Mack, Benjamin E.
Buckland, M. S.	Gleason, Richard	Mead, Aaron
Bundy, P. E.	Goodridge, Samuel W.	Mellish, George
Burnham, Henry S.	Graves, Hiram A.	Mellish, Stephen I.
Burt, Benj.	Green, Henry F.	Miller, Ed. D.
Campbell, A. S.	Griswold, Theodore	Minard, Mahlon
Cary, John	Guild, Josiah	Monroe, Gustavus



SOUTH PART OF THE SQUARE IN BELKOWS FALLS, NOV. 28, 1839.  
From Drawing by Col. Alexander Fleming, Agent of the Belkows Falls Canal Co.



Chase, Carlton	Hapgood, Solomon, Jr.	Shipman, Abraham
Clark, Andrew	Haseltine, Benj. B.	Shipman, William
Conant, James	Hatch, W. C.	Shrigly, Wm.
Conant, William	Henry, Wm.	Simonds, Willard
Corbally, John	Morgan, James	Snow, Solomon
Cook, Benj. G.	Parker, Caleb S.	Stone, Wm.
Craven, Patrick	Parks, Cady	Taylor, Sam. H.
Cummings, David	Parks, Fred W.	Thomas, Perley
Cutler, James I.	Parks, Joseph	Tiffany, Amasa
Davis, Loren	Pettes, Simon	Tole, Patrick
Davis, Warren	Pierce, Alvah	Townsend, James S.
Day, Abraham S.	Pierce, Reuben, Jr.	Tucker, Nath'l
Day, George W.	Proctor, Ips.	Upton, Daniel
Guild, Roswell S.	Reid, Freeman L.	Wales, S. R. B.
Guild, Rufus	Robertson, Jno.	Wales, Samuel
Guild, Rufus, Jr.	Robertson, Richardson	Watkins, George 2d
Hall, Caleb	Robbins, Artemas	Wheeler, Arnold
Hall, John	Rogers, John	Wells, Jno. H.
Hall, Wm. Fred	Russell, Ira	Wightman, John G.
Hapgood, Charles	Sawtelle, John	Wilcox, Anal. H.
Hapgood, Levi	Sawtelle, Oliver	Wise, Daniel
Hapgood, Solomon		

The last survivor of the the above named voters, who were the business men of that year, was Richardson Robertson, who died in 1905 at Charlestown, N. H., at the age of ninety-six.

At the same meeting at which the report of the committee given above was accepted, the following were elected the first officers of the corporation "for the year ensuing:" Sam. H. Taylor, clerk; John Sawtelle, S. I. Mellish, John H. Wells and Wm. Conant, bailiffs; Carlton Chase, S. R. B. Wales, H. F. Green, Simon Pettes and Wm. Henry, wardens; Horace Baxter, S. H. Taylor, Wm. Henry, A. Robbins and H. F. Green, a "Committee to draft a code of bye-Laws for the Government and regulation of the Corporation;" Henry F. Green, treasurer; Ira Russell, collector.

At various times as the village has grown the first charter has been amended to meet changed needs, but in most respects it has remained substantially as adopted in 1834.

Until 1869 the village had no building of its own except a small shed-like structure for keeping the small hand fire

engine. The annual and special meetings were usually held in the only school-house of the place, at the corner of School and Cherry streets. It was a one-story brick building at this time with two rooms. February 9, 1835, the village voted "no" to a proposition to add a story to that building to provide a hall in which to hold meetings. At times the records show meetings held in "Wightman's Hall," which was in Farr's block on Rockingham street, "Chase's Hall" over Charles E. Chase's store in what is now Barry's block on Westminster street, in "Gray's Hall" in Gray's block, sometimes in the hall over the horse sheds of the "Mansion" or "American" House, which stood where the store of the Chase Furniture Co. now is, sometimes at the "Bellows Falls Stage House" on the site of Hotel Windham, and sometimes in later years at the offices of Lawyers C. B. Eddy or H. E. Stoughton.

The first vote looking toward a village building was January 3, 1853, and the agitation was kept up until the summer of 1869 when it was voted to build the frame engine house, hall and village building located between Rockingham and Canal streets, which served the corporation for all its purposes until 1903, except the meetings of voters of later years which were held in the opera house. The vote under which that building was erected limited the total expense to \$1,650. S. S. Coolidge, O. F. Woods and G. H. Babbitt were the building committee. The building was occupied for some purposes during that summer. August 21, 1869, Capt. Walter Taylor was "appointed a committee, and he is hereby authorized and directed to build a lockup in the lower north room of the engine house at a cost of not to exceed \$100." Also some other finishing of the interior and sheathing was authorized. From this time until the opera house block was erected in 1887, village meetings were held in that hall and Union hall, since then in the opera house, the voters having outgrown the accommodations of engine hall.

The present modern brick block of the corporation was erected upon the same site as the old one, in 1903, at a cost of about \$25,000. It is occupied by the offices of the bailiffs,

police station, water department, fire department headquarters, and a hall and offices are rented.

The first water supply of the village was obtained from wells dug in the vicinity of many of the residences and public buildings. The last of these wells connected with public buildings, was closed up in 1903 when the foundations of the village building were laid between Rockingham and Canal streets. When the workmen came to excavate for the foundations of the new building they found the walls of the well still in good condition although the well itself was filled to some depth with debris. This old well had an interesting history. It was dug in 1799 by Quartus Morgan, who had the year previous purchased the historic "Morgan Tavern" located on the opposite side of Rockingham street, now known as "Frost's block." It was dug as a supply for that hotel at first. It soon became the principal supply for all the residents of that vicinity, and was known as the "town well." In the last years of its use it had a large well house, and a long chain with a bucket on each end, running over a drum operated by a crank; when one bucket ascended full, the other one descended. Many of the present old residents remember seeing this well and house, and recall going there to procure water.

When "Robertson's Tavern" was built in 1817 upon the present site of Hotel Windham, the supply of water was secured from a similar well behind the house, between where the railroad track now is and the canal. This water was good for cooking purposes, but so hard that the different proprietors of the hotel had to use a "wash house" on the banks of the canal using river water for their laundry work.

A few years after the well was dug a peculiar taste became apparent in the water. At about that time, a great interest, which in some places amounted to excitement, was engendered by the discovery of important and valuable medicinal springs in different parts of the country. The springs at Saratoga were being developed, and the medicinal qualities



of the Abenaki springs, located two miles south of Bellows Falls in the town of Walpole, which became so popular a few years later, were then being prominently discussed. The curious taste and smell in the water which came from the "Robertson Tavern" well was at once attributed to the same popular cause, and Mr. Robertson became convinced that he had a second Saratoga, with an equal bonanza for his pocket-book. The fame grew for many weeks, the qualities of the well water becoming more and more pronounced, and people came from long distances with jugs and all kinds of receptacles to get the water. It was soon reported to have made marvellous cures of many kinds of diseases. A new and showy house was erected over the well and many people boarded at the tavern to get the benefit of continuous use of the water.

One day it occurred to Mr. Robertson that it would be a good plan to clean out the well and still further improve it. When those who were at work emptying the well came to the bottom they were chagrined to find the decayed bodies of two large house cats which had in some manner fallen into the well. Their presence had caused the offensive taste and odor to which the valuable qualities had been attributed. After the cleaning was completed, there were no further indications of "medicinal" qualities, but the water was of an unusually pure and sweet taste. Mr. Robertson was ever after sensitive at being rallied upon his "medicinal" water, but claimed that he "had the advantage of having enjoyed fame, even if it was of brief duration."

When the Mansion House was erected on the location now covered by the block of the Chase Furniture company and other buildings extending as far south as the School street stairs, a well was dug almost in the centre of the ground now covered by the store of the New York Racket. Over that well for a number of years was a large wooden pump with a long handle, under which was a long trough and into it the water was pumped for animals. Buckets from the house were filled by hanging them on the spout of the pump. The

picture of this old building upon another page shows this old pump and wooden trough standing in the yard, a prominent feature of the surroundings of the building.

Traditions of the family state that Solomon Hapgood was the first resident to bring running water to his dwelling. His residence was on the west side of Westminster street, on the north corner of the present Hapgood street, where the residence of Francis G. Flint now is.

His aqueduct was at first made from pine "pump-logs," later changed to freestone. His source of supply was a small spring on the side of Oak hill. Later other persons had similar private aqueducts supplying one or two families.

As early as 1821 the question was agitated of bringing water from Minard's pond. The legislature October 27 of that year passed an act incorporating the "First Aqueduct company," upon the petition of Bill Blake, James I. Cutler and Alexander Fleming, "to bring water from Minard's pond, so called, about 1 1-2 miles from said village." No pipe was laid there until 1848.

November 4, 1822, the "Second Bellows Falls Aqueduct company" was incorporated, the act not naming the incorporators. This company was formed for the purpose of bringing water from the large springs in Westminster, just above Gage's Mills, a distance of about two miles. The first meeting of the stockholders of this corporation was held at Robertson's Tavern, June 3, 1828. The stockholders were Henry F. Green, James I. Cutler, Rufus Emerson, Alexander Fleming, William Hall, Hall & Goodrich, John Robertson, Elizabeth Atkinson, Artemas Robbins, Carlton Chase, J. D. Bradlee, Simon Pettes and Benjamin Burt. There were twenty-four shares in all, of which Judge Benjamin Burt owned three and the other stockholders owned one and two shares each. The officers elected June 16, 1828, were Dr. Artemas Robbins, president; Rev. Carlton Chase and William Hall, Esq., directors; Henry F. Green, clerk; and Simon Pettes, treasurer. They purchased the springs of Judge Burt for \$100. December 30, 1828, a committee

reported the aqueduct as completed by Levi Crowell, Jr., the cost being \$1,696.05. Mr. Crowell gave bonds of \$2,500 to guarantee that the water would run all right for three years. This aqueduct was first laid with freestone cut about two inches square and twelve or fourteen inches long, bored lengthwise, and the sections were connected by lead thimbles. A few sections of this old aqueduct are still treasured as curiosities. It was later relaid with lead pipe and has served with varying regularity from ten to fifteen families until the present time.

The present principal source of water supply of the village is a natural pond located a mile and a half northwest of the centre of the village, for many decades known as "Minard's pond." It contains thirty-seven acres, and the surface of its water is two hundred and ninety feet higher than the paving of the Square when it overflows. It nestles in a basin among the hills, completely surrounded by woods, and forms a picturesque and beautiful locality. The water comes largely from very cold springs that rise from the bottom of the pond and it is of unusually pure quality. Within the past few years, as the population of the village has increased and demanded more water, two brooks have been brought into the pond to add to the supply.

The first pipe from Minard's pond was laid in 1848 by a private corporation chartered under the name of the "Bellows Falls Water company." It was organized with the following directors: James H. Williams (1st), Asa Wentworth, Jr., George Slate, William Conant and John Arms. Mr. Williams was president and Mr. Slate superintendent and manager during all its history. It was proposed to lay a three-inch pipe, but the village voted to pay the company six per cent interest on the amount of the difference between the cost of a three and four-inch main, and the latter size was adopted. The laying of the mains was completed in 1850 and from that year it became the principal source of supply of the village. The works were purchased by the village in 1872 for \$22,000, and in 1873 the four-inch main was

replaced by an eight-inch pipe. Again in 1898 this size was found inadequate and it was in turn replaced by the present main of twenty inches in diameter.

Early in the history of the use of the pond as a water supply, a dam was placed across the low bank on the east side, materially increasing the storage capacity. This dam was relaid and raised five feet higher in 1904, again increasing the estimated storage capacity from seventy-five million gallons to one hundred and thirty-five million gallons.

Frequent analysis of the water by the state laboratory has shown it to be of remarkable purity, and this has been proved by the average good health of the citizens.

The locality around this pond is one of historic interest. Formerly there were numerous dwellings in the vicinity. The pond received its name from the Minard family, who were among the first settlers in the town. William Minard originally lived on what is now known as the Barber park farm on the line of the electric railroad. He built two houses for his sons on the old road leading directly over the hill back of the farm buildings and past the south end of the pond, connecting near the present intake with the road leading down the east side of the hill to Bellows Falls.

During the memory of a number of persons now living, the land on the east side of the pond, now covered with dense forest, was cultivated, and one resident tells of seeing "a bear in the meadow mowing just east of the pond" when she was a girl. In going from Bellows Falls to the intake, just before the pond was reached, the road divided and a person could go to Saxtons River around the north or south end as they chose. Both roads are now overgrown and hardly discernible, but form a pleasing ramble for pleasure seekers. Mr. Minard cleared the first growth of trees around the pond and they produced the most valuable timber of all this locality. Many of the tall pines were floated down the river and found their way to England to be used for ship masts. The old growth of oak was used for ship knees.

There still remain indications of one house that stood on

the east side of the pond near the present intake and an old cellar-hole on the south side in what is known as the Griswold pasture. In this latter house, until about fifty years ago, lived a descendant of the Minard family, who, as well as his wife, was a somewhat peculiar character.

Among the stories told by present residents, handed down from their ancestors is the following: Mr. Minard, wishing to make his wife a present, gave her a side-saddle, and, as they had no horse, she used it hour after hour on a log which she had placed in the dooryard. At one time an ox team drawing timber across the pond in winter, broke through the ice. The driver called lustily to Mr. Minard for help, who shouted back asking if "a nail hammer would help in getting the oxen out of the water."

There are two or three farm dwellings still occupied on the western slope north of the pond. Several have fallen to decay since the old road across there was used. This road north of the pond connects with a cross road from the Barber farm to Rockingham village, but little used at the present time.

Minard's pond was, in the early years of the settlement of this vicinity, much noted for its excellent fishing, pickerel, perch, pout, shiners and eels being found there in abundance. On account of the purity of the water from the springs at the bottom, the fish were of firmer and better quality than those found elsewhere. In a "Geographical Gazetteer of the State of Vermont," published in 1823 by N. J. T. George is this statement: "Minard's pond covers an area of about 100 acres. About six years since, pickerel were first procured to be put into this pond by the particular exertion of Gen. H. Bellows; and the past season (1821) pickerel have been taken weighing five pounds."

The contrast is great between to-day's complete equipment of a modern system for fighting fires compared with that of 1835, when the first inventory of the fire department was recorded. It was:

"One engine with Rigging and Hose sufficient to work the same. Twelve Buckets. Two Narrow Axes. Two Fire Hooks. Five Long Ladders. Four Short Ladders and one Engine House."

The members of the engine company numbered sixteen of the leading citizens, and William Conant was captain that year. They had no supply of water but such as could be drawn from the canal and the village wells. The pay of the members of the "department" was provided for in the first by-laws of the village as follows :

"The Polls of all members of the Engine Company shall be exempt from taxation, by this corporation, during the term of said membership, and be furnished with an annual supper at the expense of the Corporation under the direction of the Wardens."

The annual supper clause was repealed in 1842, but until that time this was one of the annual society functions of the place.

In 1849, the question of a larger engine was first agitated but no action taken until after the conflagration of March 14, 1860. During that summer a new "Hunneman" hand engine was purchased at an expense of \$1,363, and many of to-day's residents remember the victories won by it in various tests with other departments at firemen's musters at Rutland, Keene and elsewhere. The small value of the first engine is shown by the account of the village treasurer, which shows only \$22.50 received for it when sold in 1863. Plank, later cement, reservoirs were placed at the intersections of some of the streets, and these were many years filled by the pipes of the Bellows Falls Water company. After the purchase of the water supply by the village, and the enlargement of the mains, hydrants were gradually installed, until to-day there is no property within the limits of the village not covered by them, with a pressure of one hundred and thirty pounds to the inch, as well as by the steamer, mill pumps and other appliances which are second to none in villages of this size. This is shown by the fact that since 1868 no fire has extended outside the building in which it originated.

The present apparatus for extinguishing fires consists of one powerful steam fire engine, of the Silsby rotary type,



one hook and ladder truck with first-class hooks and ladders, a full supply of light and heavy hose carts and all the needed smaller appliances; one engine company, one hook and ladder company, five hose companies and 4,200 feet of serviceable hose. All members are "call" men and paid by the hour for service. "The Stevens" alarm system consists of fifteen alarm boxes; five miles of covered and three of bare wires; one bell striker attached to the Methodist church bell, and a whistle machine, connected with the boilers of the International Paper company; tappers, gong indicator and all other appliances, making the equipment first class in every respect. A number of the mills have powerful force pumps and fire departments of their own, which double the efficiency of the fire department in the business section, in case of emergency. The steam and water power pumps of the mills are connected with the mains in such manner that in case the gravity system should at any time be inadequate, the mains of the whole village can be filled from the Connecticut river, making a valuable auxiliary to an otherwise most complete fire-fighting system.

Until 1885 the village had no system of sewerage. In that year the village voted to lay main sewers of large capacity the whole length of Atkinson street and through the Square at an expense "not to exceed \$20,000." Lavant M. Read, N. G. Williams and John Robertson were the committee under which the system was built. Judge L. M. Read was the engineer in charge. During the next ten years sewers were laid through all the side streets and every building was connected with them. Extensions of the system, as well as of the water service have been made every year since. From the natural characteristics of the place it has been possible to make this system as nearly perfect as any in the country.

From the primitive highway in use through the village when the corporation was established, to the present complete and well-graded street system, has been a gradual evolution at no particular year requiring notable expense. The cost

has been large, but it has been very evenly distributed. The streets are a credit to the enterprise of the citizens. They were lighted to a greater or less degree, generally "less," until 1890 by kerosene lamps. In that year it was voted to light them by electricity, which has since been done in a creditable manner, the cost increasing with the extension of the system. The village purchases the lights of the Fall Mountain Electric Light & Power company. That company having both steam and water-power plants of large capacity renders excellent service, not only to Bellows Falls, but to all the surrounding villages. Bellows Falls paid in 1905 \$4,154.60 for lighting its streets, and \$6,711.63 for its other street department expenses.

Some of the streets are named for early citizens as follows :

Atkinson, for the English family of that name who built the canal and owned it seventy-four years.

Barker for William P. Barker, who owned the land around which the street runs and lived in the old dwelling at the south end of Westminster street, known as the "Barker house," one of the first built in that section of the village. He had a slaughter house in the rear.

Blake, for Dr. S. M. Blake, for many years a prominent business man, editor, dentist, etc. He once owned land through which the street runs.

Brosnahan avenue, for John E. Brosnahan, a present resident who was active in securing the opening of the avenue, owning dwellings upon both sides.

Brown, for George A. Brown, an attorney and real estate dealer, who purchased all the land now covered by the New Terrace and divided it into building lots.

Burt place, for Judge Benjamin Burt, a prominent civil and military official during the Revolutionary war, who formerly owned all the land now covered by the south part of this village and the north part of Westminster.

Butterfield avenue was laid out through land owned by Mrs. Charles W. Butterfield, who erected all the houses on both sides of the street.

Chase park, for Clark Chase, a former merchant of the village who purchased the land, erected the buildings, and still owns them.

Earle, for Ira L. Earle who erected the first dwelling upon the street, which was for many years the only one there.

George, for Frank A. and Dr. Ozias M. George, many years prominent public officials and business men of the village.

Granger, for Sanford Granger, who once owned a saw-mill and considerable land near the mouth of Saxtons river, including that through which the street passes.

Green, for Henry Francis Green, and Henry Atkinson Green, prominent business men of the village. Through land owned by the latter the street was laid out.

Gove, for E. W. Gove, who built the first dwelling upon the street.

Hadley, for Franklin P. Hadley, for many years a prominent tin-man and merchant of the village. He owned the large dwelling on the corner of Hadley and School streets at the time of his death.

Hapgood, and Hapgood place, for Solomon Hapgood, whose farmhouse stood at the corner of Hapgood and Westminster streets, and whose farm comprised what is now the south part of the village, extending one-half mile from the Westminster line, and parallel thereto, one mile west.

Henry, for William Henry, the first cashier of the old Bellows Falls Bank, and later a member of congress from this district. When Henry street was laid out he made the proposition that if the village would give it his name he would set out a row of maple and elm trees on each side, which he did and the beautiful arching trees now there were set and nurtured by him.

Hyde, for Col. Russell Hyde, a prominent merchant, postmaster, landlord and business man of former days. He owned the land through which it runs, and the stone ledge has always been known as the "Hyde ledge."

Lovell, for Leverett T. Lovell, a local merchant, hotel and real estate owner. He owned land through which the street was laid out.

Russell, for William A. Russell, prominent as a paper-mill owner, and the leading spirit in the evolution of the manufacture of paper from wood.

Steuben, for Baron Steuben, a noted general during the Revolutionary war. Previous to Quartus Morgan's coming to Bellows Falls in 1798, he had been private secretary to the general, and upon intimate terms. The family of Mr. Morgan in laying out the different streets upon their farm, gave to one the general's name.

Tuttle, the family name of Mrs. Lorana Morgan, widow of Quartus Morgan, who purchased the land through which the street runs, in 1814. She owned the farm until her death, and the streets were laid out under the direction of her heirs.

Underhill avenue, for A. S. Underhill, through whose estate the street was run, the dwellings being built upon his land.

Webb's terrace, for Carlton E. Webb, who owned the farm from which the land was sold.

Wells, for Dr. John H. Wells, a prominent physician and the first druggist of the village.

Williams, for James H. Williams (1st), who during his whole life was connected with the banking enterprises of the village as clerk, cashier and president, and prominent in financial matters of the village.

The policing of the village has grown with the place, from no protection, except such as given by the town and county, to a present force of two permanent and six special men. The cost of this department in 1905 was \$1,515.32.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

### VILLAGES OF SAXTONS RIVER — ROCKINGHAM — CAMBRIDGE- PORT — BARTONSVILLE AND LA GRANGE

The village of Saxtons River is situated on the river of that name near the center of the southern boundary of the town of Rockingham. It is to-day a flourishing village of about nine hundred and fifty inhabitants, with a variety of mills and other industries. It is the location of Vermont Academy, the Baptist educational institution of Vermont. The village is connected with Bellows Falls by an electric railroad five miles long, completed in 1900.

The first settlement was made in this village in the year 1783. As late as the year 1858 there resided at Windsor a man by the name of Amos P. Cummings, then in the ninety-first year of his age, and the oldest person living in the town of Windsor. Mr. Cummings often gave to interested hearers an account of his first visit to the locality now covered by this beautiful village, when it was an entirely unbroken wilderness of immense trees of primitive growth. He said that in the year 1783 he cut down the first tree felled in the forest where Saxtons River village now stands. Henry Lake, one of the early settlers often said in later years there were but two houses in the village when he came to town in 1795.

The selection of the location of Saxtons River village as the site of a growing hamlet was occasioned by the three valuable water-powers situated there and known as the "upper," "middle," and "lower" falls of the river. These falls have since the early settlement of the place been utilized by varied industries and have furnished business and employment for a large portion of the citizens, especially in the earlier years.

January 5, 1820, application was made to the selectmen of Rockingham to lay out and establish the boundaries and

limits of the territory to be known as the village of Saxtons River, and they defined them as follows :

“Extending west on the road leading to Grafton as far as the division line between Ebenezer Lovell’s land and Samuel Ober’s land; and north on the road leading to John Pulsipher’s as far as the division line between Ebenezer Lovell’s land and Jonathan Barron’s land; and north on the road leading from Saxtons River village to the centre village, in said Rockingham, as far as the division line between Gates Perry’s land and James Willard’s land; and east on the road as far as Josiah Fay’s house; and also east, on the road leading to Bellows Falls, as far as the bridge near Whitcomb’s saw-mill” (Carter Whitcomb’s saw-mill was located across the road from the present woolen-mill), “and south on the road leading from Saxtons River to Westminster West Parish as far as the north line of the House farm, so called; and east, leading up Bolles hill, so called, 50 rods beyond Joseph Elliott’s house; and west on the road to Samuel Mott’s, as far as the top of Beaver Dam hill, meaning to include all the public highways within the extreme limits above mentioned.”

August 21, 1821, the above boundaries of Saxtons River village were enlarged as follows :

“Beginning near Gates Perry’s barn on the road from Saxtons River, by Timothy Clarke’s, extending as far as Hezekiah Rice’s north line including said Rice’s farm.”

*Thompson’s Gazetteer of Vermont*, published in 1828, says of the village :

“It was built and settled principally through the exertions of the active and enterprising Roswell Bellows, Esq. The village contains an elegant meeting-house” (now the public school building), “a post office, two carding machines, one grist, two saw, and two fulling mills, one tannery, one forge, one furnace, one distillery, two woolen factories, one tavern, two stores, one law office, and forty-five dwelling-houses. The grist-mill in this village was built by Allbee & Russell, and is equal to any in the state.”

Theophilus Hoit, now living in Saxtons River at the age of ninety-two, made his home there in 1835 and has been familiar with the changes occurring there since that year. He says :

In ’35 on the upper falls there was a one set cassimere woolen-mill, “narrow,” owned and run by Earl & Campbell, an iron foundry, cabinet shop, blacksmith shop and a wheelwright shop. On the middle falls was another wheelwright or carriage shop and a sand-paper manufactory on the south side of the river, while on the north side were a saw-mill, grist-mill (taken down many years ago), soap stone mill, wool pullery and tan-yard. The saw-mill was owned and run by Ransom Farnsworth, the grist-mill by Jeduthan Russell and the tannery by David Chandler. When Mr. Russell built his





SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE, 1907.





grist-mill he paid for it by grinding corn for the Allbee distillery which was located between East Westminster and Bellows Falls. On the lower falls, standing where the present woolen-mill is, was a large satinet woolen-mill which was burned in April, 1847. In 1835 it was owned by Jefferson T. Butler, who had purchased it the year before of the Whitcomb Brothers of Swanzy, N. H. They owned all the land on that side of the street up to the Baptist church, including the pasture and wood lot east of the factory, and the "Perry house" just east of the church, which had been built by a man named Bellows, and in which Judge Horace Baxter, a leading lawyer of those days, had lived. Mr. Butler late in 1835 sold the woolen-mill property to Ammi Smith, who ran it till 1845 or '46, and it was occupied by Prosper Merrill when it burned in 1847.

In March, 1835, in addition to the manufactories mentioned above, there were two hotels, three stores, one tin shop and the meeting-house referred to in the quotation from *Thompson's Gazetteer*, which had been known as the "Old South Church in Rockingham" to distinguish it from the old "North Church" at Rockingham village. It was the second church building in the town. In 1835 what is now known as "Edson's factory" building stood at the upper end of the village and was being used as a sand-paper shop. In '60 this building was changed into a shoe manufactory by a corporation with a capital stock of \$15,000. A man named D. F. Murphy owned the larger part of the stock and managed the business. The manufactory was operated only a few months and made a failure.

In 1842 there was a clock manufactory here owned by Daniel M. Tuthill. Both brass and wooden clocks were made, a number still being in use in various parts of this and surrounding towns. Mr. Tuthill was a cabinet maker having his shop on the south side of the upper falls where the present grist-mill stands. He lived in a dwelling standing in what is now the mill-yard near by. The brass works of the clocks were purchased in Connecticut, while the wooden clocks were made by him. He made all the cases in his shop and placed the finished product upon the market.

November 29, 1905, Saxtons River village became incorporated under the general law, the limits then detailed being only slightly different from those recorded in 1820. The first officers were Dr. F. L. Osgood, moderator; George P. Alexander, clerk; Cecil K. Hughes, treasurer; B. M. Walker, collector; F. B. Locke, W. W. Barry, Starks Edson, W. B. Glynn and S. A. Whipple, trustees.

The village of Rockingham located near the centre of the township dates from the first settlement of the town, as it was

probably in that immediate vicinity that the very first settlers made their homes. Until about 1825 it was the principal village of the town in business and inhabitants, and most of the town officers were located there. In 1835 there were three taverns, two stores, two blacksmith shops and an extensive tannery in the village. At the present time there is one general store, one hotel, two blacksmith shops, about twenty dwellings and here is located the old town Meeting-house built in 1787 near the site of the first town building erected in 1773. About 1835 an extensive factory was projected on Williams river near the present railroad station. A dam was erected about twenty feet below the location of the present highway bridge, forming a large pond covering several acres. The company failed to build the mill and after expending much capital the enterprise was abandoned. While the pond was there pleasure boats were placed upon it and it was made attractive for visitors. Not a trace remains of the projected manufacturing plant.

The village of Cambridgeport is located in the southwestern portion of the town on the line of Grafton, a portion of the village being in that town. The village has fewer inhabitants at the present time than during a large portion of the last century. It has a post office, country store, a saw and grist-mill and a hotel.

It derives its name from J. T. Cambridge, who commenced the clothier's business there in 1825, the name being given to it by "Squire" Joseph Weed, then of Saxtons River.

Uzziah Wyman, a prominent resident of the locality, who died about 1888 at the age of nearly ninety years, is authority for the following statement in relation to the early history of the place :

"In 1792 a Mr. Adams came from the settlement at Saxtons River, making his way by marked trees, to what is now Cambridgeport, and built a hut, moving his family thereto in the same year. He remained only a short time, however, and for some years no other settlement was made. In 1810 some parties by the name of Bulling purchased a tract of one thousand acres of land in this vicinity, including the present site of the village and extending over into the town of Athens, upon which they erected mills, where the



SCHOOL HOUSE



MAIN STREET LOOKING WEST



CAMBRIDGEPORT  
FROM THE 'HILL'



CUSHINGS  
STORE  
FOR 65  
YEARS



MAIN  
STREET  
LOOKING  
EAST



MAIN STREET - LOOKING EAST



CAMBRIDGEPORT-HOTEL 29





village now is. In 1812, Nathaniel Bennett purchased the mills, erected two dwellings and the following year the first school-house was built. In 1814 Simeon Evans built the first store and commenced trade. During this year the first road was laid through, running east of the present factory pond, and over the hills to Grafton. Mr. Evans also built the old tavern, which he occupied a few years. He died in 1819. In 1825 Mr. Cambridge, as before mentioned, commenced the clothier's business here, and soon after the mills were destroyed by fire together with a quantity of dressed and undressed cloth. In 1836 the Union church was built, called the Cambridgeport Union House, preaching being supplied by the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Universalist denominations. During this year, also, a factory was erected by Royal Earl, John Campbell, Josiah Stoddard, and Roswell Minard, who worked it a few years, when it fell into the hands of Ithamar Bolles, who sold it to George Perry, Benjamin Scofield and others. In 1860 this factory was burned, though immediately rebuilt. In 1866 the factory was sold to the Rockingham Woolen Co., and was afterwards owned by George Wellington. A Mr. Cochran was the first blacksmith in 1819. Mr. Mitchell, a hatter, came the same year. A man by the name of Jesse Howard opened a law office here about 1840, and died soon after."

In 1836 Earl & Campbell, who owned the woolen mill at Saxtons River, went to Cambridgeport and erected an extensive stone woolen-mill building at a cost of over \$31,000. During the panic of the next year the firm failed and the mill was not utilized for some years. In 1857 George Perry, Philip Fletcher Perry, J. A. Farnsworth, B. Scofield and T. Hoit bought the mill and all its belongings for \$5,000. They put in new machinery and an engine for power and under their management the enterprise was successful. Under different ownerships the mill had varying success and it was burned down twice. For many years it furnished the major part of the business of the village, the only other manufacturing enterprise being a soapstone mill a short distance up the river. The stone walls of the original woolen mill are those now holding the saw and grist-mill. After its last destruction by fire about 1878, while owned by Robert Fitton, it was not utilized as a woolen factory.

The village of Bartonsville, located in the extreme northwest corner of the town, dates from about 1840, when Jeremiah Barton erected the first mills there, using the water power then furnished by the Williams river. It derives its name from him, he being an honored citizen of the vicinity



from 1832 until his death in 1879. The village may be termed as the successor of the little village of La Grange located a half mile farther west. A saw and grist-mill was early built on the upper falls at Bartonsville and in 1851 or 1852 they were rebuilt into a paper-mill by E. R. Robertson, later of Bellows Falls, and a man named Dunham of Westminster West. Three or four years later John Stearns and Noyes L. Jackson erected a second paper-mill on the lower falls.

These mills furnished the life and activity of the little hamlet until the disastrous flood of October, 1869. When that occurred Albert C. Moore, of the présent corporation of the Moore & Thompson Paper company of Bellows Falls, owned the upper mill and had just thoroughly rebuilt it at a large outlay of capital and was to start it the very day of the flood. He was also manager of the lower mill for its owners, the Union Paper company of Springfield, Mass. This flood changed the course of the river, leaving the village and mills some distance away, and ruining the power, as shown in chapter XXVII.

The village from that time declined rapidly, and business has been at a low ebb. At the present time there are only a country store and twelve or fifteen dwellings.

Until about 1840 there was a little hamlet known as La Grange, of which present residents know little, situated upon the plain where is now the town farm about one-half mile west of the present Bartonsville post office. Until that time it had for some years two taverns, two blacksmith shops, a country store and a dozen or more dwellings. Now only four farm dwellings are in sight. This place was a noted stopping place for stages, different ones putting up at each hotel, and business for some years was as promising as that of most other villages in the vicinity. The utilization of the water power at Bartonsville drew the business there, and it gradually dropped out of existence as a village. A post office was established at La Grange in 1835 and continued two years with Samuel Jackson, the storekeeper, as postmaster.

A village of some importance once existed on Parker Hill, on high ground near the line between the towns of Rockingham and Springfield.

The locality was so named in honor of one of the first settlers in this vicinity, Lieut. Isaac Parker, who came from Chelmsford, Mass., as early as 1788. He travelled by the public road as far as the old village of Rockingham, then striking into the virgin forests and following a trail directly north by means of marked trees for a distance of two miles, he came to one of the highest points of land in the town of Rockingham. He chose this spot for his future home and the locality has ever since borne his name. He built first a log house, and later a framed dwelling upon his farm. A portion of his farm was located in Rockingham and a portion in Springfield. A few years after settling there he joined with other zealous Universalists in building a brick church building, or society house as it was then called, and a creditable cemetery was laid out. (See pp. 159 and 118.)

Within a few years after 1800 this locality on the top of the hill was one of the most populous settlements of the vicinity. There were two taverns, two blacksmith shops, a shoe shop, a shop for making sleighs, one or more stores, the church and about fifty dwellings. The old cellar-holes of many of these buildings are still to be seen, although there are but two farmhouses within a half mile at the present day.

One of the taverns was kept at that time by Leonard Parker, son of Lieut. Isaac Parker, the first settler; the other, by Leonard Walker. In the dance hall of this latter public house some of the earliest Masonic meetings held in this vicinity took place. There was no water-power near Parker Hill and the tendency of the next generation was toward more advantageous sites for villages, where power could be secured. In 1833 the village had dwindled in size until it was but a small farming community. The many cellar-holes, the old cemetery in which many citizens rest from their labors, and the traditions of "the oldest inhabitant" only remain to tell the story of this once populous village with its church, school and industries.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

### HOTELS

The first hotel, styled in early days "inn" or "tavern," known to have been established in this town was located on the site of the dwelling now standing next west of the old meeting-house in Rockingham village. The first inn-keeper was David Pulsipher, who in 1767 came from Ware River, Mass., to Rockingham, and soon after erected a large building of logs on this spot and kept it as an inn for the entertainment of travellers. It is often referred to in the town records. March 28, 1771, and until the first town church was ready for occupancy in March, 1774, the town meetings were held "at the Now Dwelling house of Mr. David Pulsipher's Innholder," and this was for many years a common rendezvous for public meetings of different kinds. Mr. Pulsipher went into the Continental army early during the Revolution and never returned, nor did his family ever know of his fate. His widow managed the old tavern for a number of years thereafter, and the records speak of it as "the house of the widow Pulsipher's Innholder." During the years 1775 and 1776 the records speak of town meetings being held "at the house of Jehial Webb Innholder," indicating another public house in addition to Mrs. Pulsipher's.

The number of public houses in the village of Rockingham has varied. At the present time there is but one, known as Lovell's hotel, located on the north side of the main street. During the last days of the stage coach there were at least two others, one kept in the large dwelling across the street from the present hotel, on the east corner of the road to Saxtons River. The other, known as Severance's hotel, was kept in the large dwelling now standing the second east of the old church, on the road to Bellows Falls.

The first hotel building in Bellows Falls, of which there is definite record, is now the old tenement building standing



BEL LOWS FALLS STAGE HOUSE, ERECTED 1816, BURNED MARCH 14, 1860.



"OLD MORGAN TAVERN," ERECTED PREVIOUS TO 1798 AND STILL STANDING.





on the west side of Rockingham street next north of the Central house, and known as "Frost's Block." In the year 1798 Quartus Morgan came to Bellows Falls and purchased the building in which had been conducted a hotel, and to which he frequently referred in after years as "a very old building when I bought it." He continued to use it as a hotel until his death in 1810, and his widow Lorana used it as such until 1814 when she erected the present Morgan homestead and moved there. For some years later it was used for a hotel and then it was made into two tenements. It is now occupied for various business purposes and is the oldest building in the limits of Bellows Falls.

It was probably the only hotel at that early date, although there is a tradition from Mr. Morgan that when he came to town there was another on the present site of the hotel Windham.

During the period when the canal was in construction, from 1792 to 1802, this hostelry was a popular resort and patronized by many eminent people. After the establishment of regular stages it was the principal "stage house" until the erection of "Robertson's Tavern" in 1816. Without doubt many functions of an important nature occurred here in those early days, but there is no record of them and the traditions are vague.

Previous to 1817, the "Tucker Mansion," built for a fine residence at the east end of the toll bridge, had been used for a time as a hotel. In that year the owner, Fred W. Geyer of Boston, advertised it to rent as the "Mansion-House Hotel," describing its location.

The first recorded hotel on the site of the present Hotel Windham was a two-story frame building erected in 1816 by Col. E. B. Webb and Solomon Snow. The original cost was \$3,000, and the owners becoming embarrassed, it was sold at auction, July 10, 1821, to John Robertson of Hinsdale for \$2,700. When first erected, it was known as "Webb's Hotel," and after its purchase by Mr. Robertson its name was "Robertson's Tavern." When competition in hotel and stage busi-



ness became sharp, a few years later, the name was changed to "The Bellows Falls Stage House," by which name it was known until it was burned in 1860. It was purchased by Col. Russell Hyde "of Guilford" March 10, 1834 and he added a third story. By some it was called "Hyde's Hotel" but the name "Stage House" was the more common, as all the stages passing through the village stopped there.

In the years 1839-1841 the hostelry was operated by the firm of Davis & Russell.

Wells W. Felt was proprietor in 1854. In later years he became widely known as connected with the Lindell House, St. Louis, the Tremont of Chicago, and later the palatial Gardner House of Chicago. Mr. Felt left the "Stage House" November 1, 1855, and was succeeded by two young men named Finlay and Holmes.

In the fall of 1856, Solon S. Finlay was "proprietor" and Edward Jones, "superintendent."

Late in 1857, a man named Sanderson was proprietor, and M. W. Merrill of Shelburne Falls took it early in 1858.

Older citizens of to-day tell many interesting facts in relation to the style in which this tavern was conducted in its early days. Among the boarders here for many years were Thomas Green Fessenden, the first editor of the *Bellows Falls Intelligencer*, Hon. William Henry, who in after years became a member of congress from this district, and many others. When William Henry brought to Bellows Falls as a young boy the late James H. Williams (1st), who in later years became the head of the banking institutions of this village, he placed him as a boarder in Robertson's tavern.

One Fourth of July some representatives of Young America, in celebrating at a very early hour in the morning, had an old canon which they were causing to "talk" in front of Mammoth block across the Square. The patrons of Robertson's tavern, being unable to sleep, were many of them sauntering about the house. A guest of the house, who had been lying on an old haircloth sofa in the "sitting-room," on the south side, had just risen and sauntered out to the piazza.



SIGN OF THE OLD MORGAN TAVERN.  
1799-1814.



He stood leaning against the second pillar from the east when the boys in their excitement, forgetting to remove the iron ramrod from the cannon, fired it toward the hotel. The ramrod passed between the post and the guest, and through the side of the building into the sitting-room, lengthwise through the lounge from which the guest had just risen, and buried itself in the opposite wall of the room, without doing further damage.

The picture from which the accompanying cut of the old Stage House was made was a daguerreotype taken about the time of its sale by Col. Hyde in 1834. The persons on the piazza are identified by a daughter of Col. Hyde as (reading from left to right) Hon. William Henry, Judge Horace Baxter, William "Fred" Hall, Col. N. T. Sheafe and the boy "Jimmie" Mead.

The addition on the ground floor at the right was the room used for a bar before prohibition days. The left-hand corner room, corresponding to the reading room of the Hotel Windham, was the "sitting room" and parlor. When first erected, about one-third of the second floor was used as a dancing hall, the rest being devoted to sleeping rooms.

The building was destroyed by fire in the conflagration of March 14, 1860. It was then owned by Charles Towns, who had purchased it in July of the previous year.

Previous to July, 1826, a hotel was built on the west side of the Square by James I. Cutler & Co. The front piazza stood where the front of the present Chase Furniture company block is. From this, a little back from the street, and extending south toward the School street stairs, was a long row of horse sheds, with a public hall over them, south of which stood the hotel barn, which extended to where the stairs now stand.

The main building extending back from the street was at right angles with the horse sheds, as is shown by the plan of that portion of the Square made in 1839. This plan gives the relative locations and shapes of this and the old Robertson tavern. The accompanying cut, which was made from

one of a very early period, is defective in representing the building to be in a straight line. In the cut can be seen the old pump and the wooden trough in front of the sheds, by means of which water for horses and for the hotel was drawn from a well beneath. The water for the hotel was taken in at a door opening into the kitchen from the horse shed nearest the house. The stairs leading to the public hall over the sheds were through the shed farthest from the hotel. The church steeple seen over the hotel building is that of the first Immanuel church erected in 1817, and replaced in 1867 by the present stone structure.

The first proprietor of this hostelry was Solomon Mann. For many years it was known as the "Mansion House," and in later years as the "American House."

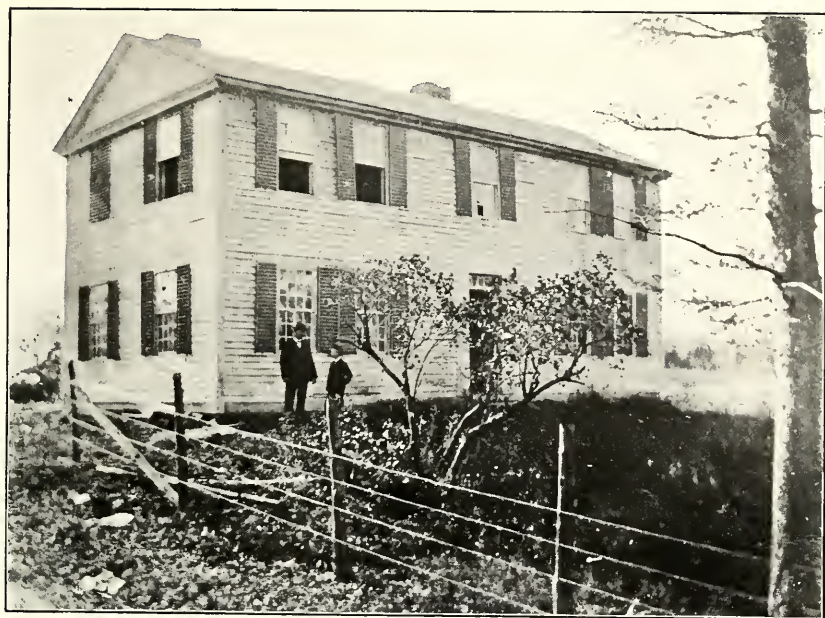
Capt. Theodore Griswold was the proprietor in 1840 when Daniel Webster was a guest on his historic trip to Stratton mountain. At that time Mr. Webster addressed a great throng of people from the top of the piazza.

In this hotel was held December 13, 1826 the historic banquet tendered to the officers and crew of the "Barnet," the first steamer to reach Bellows Falls from tide-water.

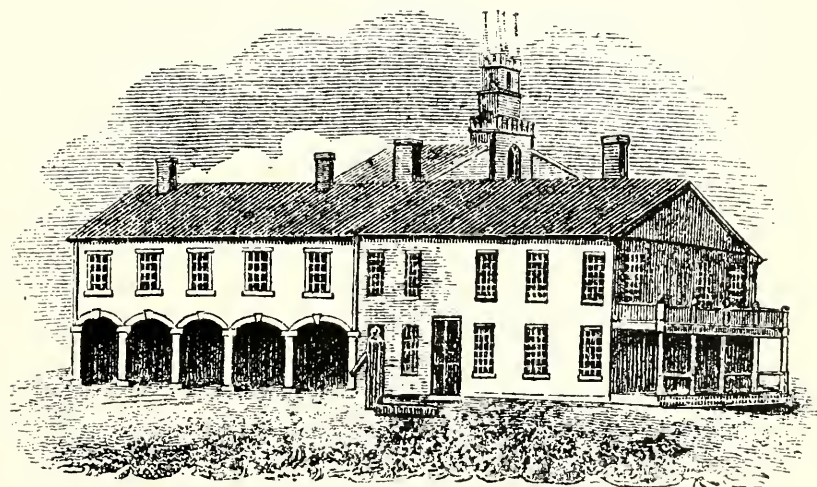
For some years the hall over the horse sheds was the principal public hall of the village and in it many important gatherings occurred. A number of the present church organizations held their meetings in this hall before they had church edifices. At the south end, over the last horse shed, were two anterooms or "dressing rooms." The entrance to the hall from the outside was from this horse shed and through these anterooms, another entrance being at the opposite end from the second story of the hotel.

A number of present citizens tell of their personal knowledge regarding an assault upon these anterooms. When not used in connection with the hall, they were at times rented for various purposes. One year a number of well known business men became so interested in playing cards, and gambling therewith, that they neglected both their business and their wives at home. At last a number of the staid





HOUSE OF REV. SAMUEL WHITING.  
(See Page 148.)



"MANSION HOUSE," LATER THE "AMERICAN HOUSE."  
Erected previous to July, 1826, burned Nov. 17, 1867.





matrons of the village investigated, and one night looking through the windows of these rooms from the high bank in the rear saw their husbands engrossed in an interesting game. They quietly summoned a number of other women who also had husbands there, and the party arming themselves with sticks and stones approached the rear and stormed the citadel, demolishing the windows and driving out the men, who later straggled home, somewhat discomfited, not knowing who had committed the deed. This assault had the effect of breaking up the practice.

Others tell of watching the different balls and entertainments in the hall, as boys, from the top of the bank wall that still stands in the rear, the windows being nearly level with the wall and only three or four feet distant. This afforded an excellent opportunity for all sorts of boyish tricks. These buildings, with the exception of the barn, were destroyed by fire November 17, 1857.

The stately Island House building still standing on the north side of Bridge street is a constant reminder of the days when it was the scene of many social triumphs and the temporary home of both beauty and greatness. Its outlines to-day are the same as when built in 1851, although its interior is occupied for storage, tenements and even manufacturing purposes. It has an interesting history.

Until the above year the site now covered by this building had been occupied by one of the best dwellings of the village, built about 1792 by Dr. Samuel Cutler and occupied by him, later by his son-in-law, Rector Carlton Chase, and last by Judge Horace Baxter. In 1850 Col. Roswell Shurtleff remodelled the old dwelling into a frame hotel, not as large as the present brick building. Just as it was about completed and ready for occupancy the building was destroyed by fire and Col. Shurtleff at once began the erection of the present structure. This was about the time of the opening of the four lines of railroad into the place and, in addition to being a railroad centre, it was proposed to make Bellows Falls an important summer resort. Eminent success followed these

efforts and for some years the Island House was one of the best known and most popular summer hotels of New England.

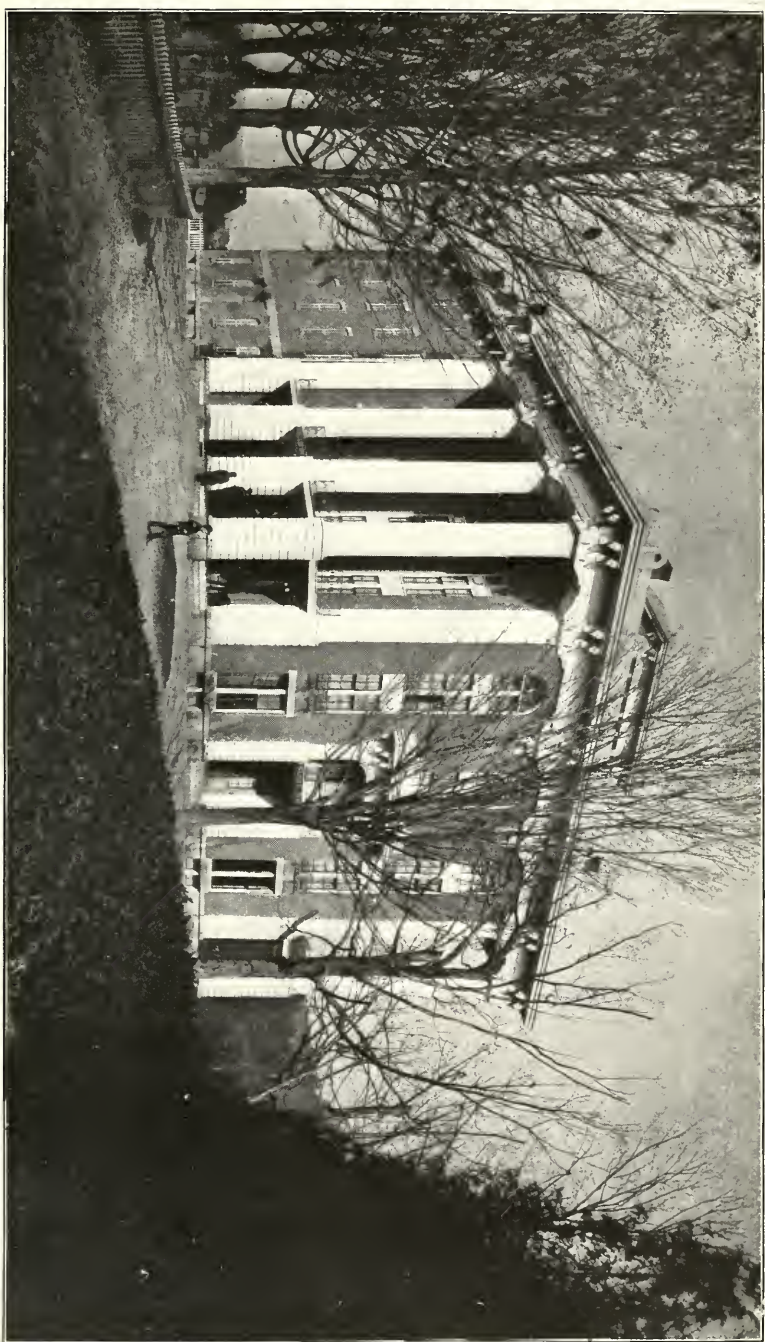
Until the Civil war broke out its best class of patrons was composed of wealthy citizens from southern cities, some of whom spent the whole season here, and others stopped over on their way to the White mountains and on their return. The war put an end to this class of patronage and from that time its success declined.

Early in its history considerable money was spent on the surroundings and in providing excursions and entertainment for its guests. Nearly all the land on the Island except what was owned by the railroad was the property of Col. Shurtleff. He had two large bowling alleys near where the office of the Vermont Farm Machine company now is, and the building now occupied by the Fall Mountain House was erected for an entertainment hall that saw many scenes of gaiety and festivity. For some years it was the largest and best public hall in the village. The stables and the extensive gardens and greenhouses were in the rear of the hotel building, on land now covered by the works of the Bellows Falls Machine company, while across Bridge street in front, and on the two sides were parks with fountains and statuary, and a grove of large pine trees extending over the whole length of the rocky river bank opposite the falls.

A good carriage road was built to the summit of Mount Kilburn and a picnic and observation house built on Table rock. During the season carriages took guests twice each day to the top of the mountain, and also to the noted Abenaki mineral spring.

The decline of the business in the '60's and '70's led to a gradual sale of the property surrounding the house on the island. Manufactories crept in, the branch railroad to the mills was built along the river bank, destroying its picturesqueness, and the managers lost money each year. As a result, it was closed as a hotel in the fall of 1887.

No complete list of managers has been obtained. Among



ISLAND HOUSE, ERECTED IN 1881.



its managers and proprietors was Col. Shurtleff as late as 1854. In March, 1859, it was sold to E. D. Page, S. Chase and I. M. Questen of Nashua, N. H. In June, 1860, C. R. White relinquished the management and E. G. Ball became the manager. Edmund Jones was proprietor in May, 1861, and Stephen Taft of Worcester, Mass., in May, 1862. During the '70's S. C. Fleming was manager a portion of the time and Charles Towns later. It was owned by the Charles Towns estate and managed by Charles W. Towns when it was permanently closed.

President U. S. Grant was a guest of the hotel and spoke from its balcony to a large concourse of people August 7, 1869. The veteran general W. T. Sherman was a guest and spoke also from the balcony July 23, 1869.

On one occasion the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston had a banquet there and of the fragments that remained of the feast six hundred and fifty bottles formed a not inconspicuous portion.

As a part of the tourist business, and in connection with the development of the summer hotel business of the Island House, arrangements were early made for the development of a noted mineral spring situated in Walpole nearly two miles from the hotel and known as the Abenaki Mineral spring. It can still be found east of the farmhouse of Mrs. Joseph Wells, just south of the meadow in which once stood the cabin of John Kilburn, the first settler of Walpole. It is situated about two-thirds of the distance up the hill toward the top of the next terrace, and about fifteen feet southwest of, and beneath, the magnificent elm that alone to-day stands guard over the spot. It is but a few rods from the upper road to Walpole, from which it is approached.

Previous to the coming of the white man, the Indians from far and near had faith in the curative qualities of the water, and often came from long distances to receive its benefits in cases of cutaneous diseases. In 1801 Deacon Samuel Wightman came from Rehoboth, Mass., and pur-



chased three hundred and fifty acres of land in the vicinity of the mouth of Cold river. This purchase included the spring, and from that time it was commonly known as the "Wightman spring." It was not greatly developed until about the time of the erection of the Island House, although for some years it was confidently expected by some persons that Bellows Falls would rival Saratoga as a watering place. Early in the year 1849, Algernon Sidney Baxter, son of Judge Horace Baxter of Bellows Falls, secured possession of two acres of land, including the spring, and in that year he had an analysis of its properties made by Aug. A. Hayes, the state assayer of Massachusetts. The following is a portion of his report made to Mr. Baxter, and used for many years in connection with the advertising :

" 1st.—Forty gallons of this water contain, dissolved, nitrogen, oxygen, carbonic acid gases.

1 gallon afforded 13.34 salts dried at 200° F.

13.34 salts were decomposed into	Crenate of iron . . . . .	7.10
	Crenate of lime . . . . .	4.11
	Chloride of sodium, sulphates	
	of soda, and lime and silica . . . .	2.13
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		13.34

2d.—After a season of drought and the autumnal rains had commenced 1 gallon afforded, of salts 12.16 grs.

* 12.16 grs. were decomposed and separated into	Crenate of iron . . . .	7.81
	Crenate of lime . . . .	2.60
	Chloride of sodium . . .	0.31
	Sulphate of soda . . . .	0.32
	Sulphate of lime . . . .	0.64
	Silica . . . . .	0.41
	Traces of Alumina	
	and magnesia	<hr/>
		12.09

It is well known that the protoxide salts of iron are among those tonic medicines on which the greatest reliance is placed, and chalybeate waters are also known to possess the highest restorative powers. In view of these facts, I do not hesitate in expressing my belief that this will be found a valuable medicinal water.

Respectfully,

A. A. HAYES, State Assayer,

1 Pine St., Boston, 27th. Feb. 1851."

Mr. Baxter expended large sums of money in improvements about the spring. It was substantially walled in, making a large reservoir in the side of the hill, and a pavilion was erected over it. Pipes led from the spring into a large granite fountain for drinking, from which the bottled water was sold in bulk. From this fountain the waters were conducted into the top of a building in which were bath tubs, and also shower baths, which were patronized by thousands.

The grounds were artistically laid out, the spring being so far up on the hillside as to admit of several terraces, or "off-sets" as they were termed. Another building contained a bowling alley, and lunch rooms, and there was a dancing pavilion. The buildings were "of a Gothic style of architecture" and presented an inviting appearance. Public teams were run on pleasant days during the summer season once in two hours between the Island House and the spring, and less frequently to the "Mountain House" on Table rock on Mount Kilburn.

An advertisement issued by Mr. Baxter in 1853, after giving a full description of the springs, their curative qualities and of the surroundings, says :

"It is incumbent upon the manager and proprietor to say, that the Springs are conducted strictly upon the temperance plan, and consequently none but the best in society will visit the Springs, where Bowling, and Swinging, and Bathing, and Sauntering and all rational and agreeable pastimes will be allowed.

A new and recent discovery adds greatly to the numerous and pleasing attractions in the vicinity of the Spring. It is a bewitching Echo, which holds out allurements to all who are fond of talking with themselves. It is to be found opposite the Cold River Railroad Bridge, possessing a very delightful and cool locality, shaded by a beautiful grove of Elm and Butternut trees. The sound of the human voice, from the echo is perfectly charming, and the reverberated sound of a musical instrument is absolutely captivating. All laughter-loving persons are particularly recommended to visit the Echo, and introduce a dialogue which will cause their chests to swell with spasmodic mirth."

On a map of Cheshire county, printed in 1858, is shown "the location of a remarkable echo" catalogued among the attractions of the Island House. The spot where the listener

should stand was about half-way down the hill north of the Thomas N. Keyes' farmhouse, and near the highway. The echo came from the Vermont side of the river. All trace of it was lost about 1860, probably from changes made in the forests or buildings which had caused it.

With the decline of the tourist business of the Island House, the popularity of the Abenaki springs and their surroundings lessened. The buildings gradually fell into decay, the last one disappearing about 1870.

The two acres of land, carved out of the farm owned by Mrs. Joseph Wells, passed into possession of the late Thomas N. Keyes, and from him to the present owner, Henry C. Rawson.

From the year 1836, when the extensive cotton mill project was launched in Bellows Falls, until 1852, a large two-story frame building stood on the present location of the Vermont Farm Machine company's office on the island south of the railroad station. For a number of years it was occupied for a hotel and known as the "Valley House." It was built as a boarding house in connection with the cotton factory and was destroyed by fire in 1852. Previous to 1850, it had been conducted by a man named Gage, who later became a prominent hotel proprietor in Chicago. A card of this hotel still in existence and dated 1851, reads "Valley Hotel, Formerly Gage's Hotel, by Chas. F. Sawyer, Bellows Falls, Vt. : passengers conveyed to and from the depot free."

After the burning of the "Bellows Falls Stage House" on the east side of the Square, March 14, 1860, its site remained vacant until 1873, when Charles Towns erected the modern brick three-story French-roof building which has done such good service since to the traveling public. Mr. Towns and his family owned and managed the hotel under the name "Towns Hotel" from its opening, August, 1873, until its upper stories were destroyed by fire April 12, 1899. The building was then remodeled to the present four-story brick building, the name of which was still Towns' Hotel until February, 1902, when it was opened by the

present proprietor, F. F. Shepard, under the name "Hotel Windham."

The hotel building on the west side of Rockingham street next north of the opera house, now the "Central House," was erected in the year 1885 by its present owner, Henry S. Frost. It was first opened to the public under the name of "Commercial House" with A. P. Pollard as proprietor.

"Hotel Rockingham" located between Rockingham and Canal streets, was erected by its present owner, L. T. Lovell, and first opened as a hotel May 11, 1895, its first managers being A. P. Pollard and L. T. Mosley

Bellows Falls has, in the greater part of its history, been fortunate in the quality of its hotels. In number, the high water mark seems to have been reached in 1823, when a directory of the state credits it with "seven taverns." The low water mark was reached in 1860, when for a few months subsequent to the burning of the old Bellows Falls Stage House the village had no hotel, and the citizens opened their houses in many instances to travelers. L. D. Hurd, who then was proprietor of the depot restaurant, furnished meals and lodgings to strangers. The hotel was burned in March, 1860, and the first hotel to be opened thereafter was in Harris block on Canal street. It was opened the next February by L. P. Bowker and continued for several years as the only public house of the place.

The old buildings known collectively as the "Cold River House," located a mile south of Bellows Falls at the south end of Mount Kilburn, were erected about 1801 by Deacon Samuel Wightman, who came that year from Rehoboth, Mass., and purchased about three hundred and fifty acres of land in that vicinity. He lived a short time in a tavern on the site of the present farm buildings just south, known as the Keyes place. This tavern was destroyed by fire about 1867. Deacon Wightman erected the Cold River House buildings for his son-in-law, Zachariah Carpenter, who was the landlord many years. Deacon Wightman lived with Mr. Carpenter, dying there December 26, 1827, at the age of eighty-

nine. Mr. Carpenter was in turn succeeded by his son-in-law, Warren Daniels. Soon after the building of the Cheshire railroad, the property passed into the hands of that corporation, where it has since remained, and has been occupied for hotel purposes almost continuously for over one hundred years. During stage coach times it was one of the noted hostelries of this part of New England.

In Saxtons River village the old hotel which was demolished in 1903 to make room for the present modern hotel building was commenced as early as 1817 by Capt. Jonathan Barron, who was one of the early settlers and at that time held large amounts of real estate in that vicinity. He erected the ell first and, becoming financially embarrassed, suspended work, and it was at least six years before the main building was finished. This building was a familiar landmark during the last three-fourths of a century, and during the last fifty years of its existence it was decorated by two painted lions on the gable which attracted much attention. This was always the principal hotel of the village, although at various times there were others. The building was completed by Col. Carter Whitcomb, who at first had a store where the parlor was. During various years a hall in this building was occupied by the Masonic fraternity of the town, and it was here, June 23, 1828, that the last meeting of the order was held previous to the suspension of meetings for thirty years, caused by the Anti-Masonic wave that swept across the country. Col. Whitcomb was proprietor at that time. In September, 1856, Abel K. Wilder became the owner and proprietor of this hotel and it remained in the hands of the family until the location was wanted by the builders of the new structure in 1903.

In 1835 there was another hotel in the village, located on Main street some distance west of the Saxtons River hotel, where is now the photograph studio of E. P. Taft. For many years it was known as the "Old Yellow Tavern." An early proprietor was James McAfee. His daughter inherited it and later married the proprietor, George Wilson. After

him came successively Thomas Heaton and John Goodell. The building later became a tenement-house and finally was removed.

Public houses have been kept in the present locations in each of the villages of Cambridgeport and Bartonsville, ever since the villages were in their infancy. During stage coach times there were many places of public entertainment in various parts of the town, the places being known as "Stage Houses," each of which could tell interesting stories of early days and early customs. Some have disappeared wholly and some are now occupied as farmhouses, but their early use for public entertainment can readily be recognized by their size and the general characteristics of their architecture.

Previous to the establishment of the village of Bartonsville, or until about 1840, there were two taverns at the little hamlet of La Grange, where the present town farm is located. The buildings of the town farm were used for the purpose, kept by "Squire" Willard, and known as "Willard's Tavern." The brick house on the opposite side of the road now occupied by J. A. Liddle was also a tavern and managed successively by John R. Gibson, Levi and Elijah Beeman, Peter Willard and Carlton H. Roundy.



## CHAPTER XXVIII.

DISASTROUS FIRES—FRESHETS—BLIZZARD OF 1888—CONTAGIOUS DISEASES—PECULIAR SEASONS

At various times in the earlier history of the village of Bellows Falls, it has suffered a number of serious conflagrations. A list of some of the more notable ones follows :

May 11, 1812, about 9 o'clock in the evening, a fire broke out in one of the paper-mills that had, at that early date, been built upon the canal, resulting in the destruction of two paper-mills, a size house, Bill Blake's dwelling-house, a cotton factory, two saw-mills and two grist-mills. Without any means of fighting fire, the property located in the Square was greatly endangered. In addition to the buildings burned, a large quantity of lumber belonging to William Hall, Jr., was consumed. The Bellows Falls company which owned a portion of the mills, Bill Blake, who owned the paper-mills, William T. Ball, Timothy Hill, and many others were great sufferers. The loss was variously estimated from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

January 8, 1823, William Stone's joiner shop, at that time an important adjunct to the industries of the village, was destroyed, with machinery, tools and stock. Loss about \$3,500.

July 12, 1846, the paper-mill of Green & Fleming that stood just east of where the old stone grist-mill now does was burned, with its dry-house and some other buildings. The grist-mill narrowly escaped destruction. Estimated loss, from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Jabez Hills held a mortgage upon this property and for many years after held possession of the mill site. The mill made writing, book and news paper.

May 20, 1849, two large dwellings were burned, those of Gen. H. H. Baxter and Dr. Artemas Robbins. They stood on the north side of School street where the present George K. Russell and the Vilas and Coolidge dwellings stand. Loss, \$5,000.

September 25, 1849, the first "Island House" was destroyed just as it was ready for occupancy, with a loss of \$10,000. It was a wooden building, smaller than the present structure.

In 1850, a machine shop, standing where John T. Moore & Son's mill now does, was burned, and three other buildings. They were a foundry, a storage building containing a large amount of new machinery that had been intended for the cotton factory projected in 1836, and a saw-mill.

In 1852, the "Valley Hotel" on the island, located near the present site of the Vermont Farm Machine company's office, was destroyed. This was the principal hotel in Bellows Falls during the building of the railroads.

In 1856, a pail manufactory, owned by the late S. S. Coolidge, was destroyed at the mouth of the Saxtons river. In the same year, Wyman Flint's peg-shop was destroyed, standing near where No. 2 boiler room of the International Paper company now does.

November 17, 1857, the American House, or, as it was earlier called, the "Mansion House" which stood where the Chase Furniture block does on the west side of the Square, succumbed to the flames.

In 1858, the first Harris block, standing where A. H. Brown's long block does on the east side of Canal street, was burned.

March 14, 1860, occurred the most disastrous conflagration Bellows Falls has ever experienced. The fire originated in a building which stood on the east side of the Square, near the north end of what is now known as Union block. It was occupied by the late O. F. Woods as a store and dwelling, and in one part was the barber shop of Frederic F. Streeter. There was strong suspicion at the time that Mr. Streeter had set the fire. This was heightened a few years later by the fact of his being hanged at Medina, O., in January, 1864, for the murder of a McCay family.

The fire continued south, burning successively a frame building occupied as a grocery store and restaurant by Henry

Russell, the next occupied on the ground floor by the post office, and the printing office of the *Bellows Falls Argus*. In the second story was the law office of the late Hon. C. B. Eddy. Next on the south was a small dwelling which was burned. Then a two-story brick building was destroyed with tenement up stairs, and a tin-shop in the first story, occupied by A. S. Clark. The fire then communicated to the historic hotel, the Bellows Falls House, formerly known as the "Bellows Falls Stage House," standing where the office of the present Hotel Windham is. From there it took the hotel stables, between it and where Gray's block now stands. Then the two-story mercantile building of Gray & Alexander was burned, on the same location now occupied by Gray's block. This completed everything on that side of the Square.

The flames then leaped across the Square, destroying a large frame building that stood where the Corner Drug store now does, occupied by P. W. Taft as a photograph gallery and dwelling.

South of this, stood the cooper shop and dwelling of John Sawtelle which was burned. Here the progress of the fire was stayed by three hand fire engines from neighboring towns. At this time the whole fire apparatus of the village consisted of one small rotary hand engine, power being applied by a double crank, on a lever, on which five men could work on each handle, ten in all. That night the citizens formed a pail brigade with two hundred and fifty to three hundred in line, many being women, and brought water from the canal, about opposite the grist-mill where the canal was not planked over. Locomotives were sent early in the fire to Charlestown, Keene and Brattleboro for help and returning brought from the three places such apparatus as they had, which was more efficient than that here. The losses by this conflagration were estimated at \$50,000 but were nearly all covered by insurance, and in the re-building, the Square took on a much more substantial appearance.

September 24, 1860, a mercantile building, standing

where Centennial block now does on the west side of the Square, owned by Jabez Hills was destroyed with a loss of about \$4,000.

A little later, a large tenement building, standing where Lovell's stable is at the present time on the east side of Rockingham street, was destroyed.

November 27, 1866, the only school building of the village, standing where the old high school building now is on Cherry street, was burned. Loss \$10,000. Insurance between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

July 28, 1868, a large frame building standing on what was known as the "burnt district" where Union block now is, owned and occupied by O. F. Woods as a hotel and drug and book store, was burned, also the King block as it was called, containing the Masonic rooms and other tenants, also a building standing just south of it occupied by J. C. Goodwin & Co. for a harness shop, was destroyed. The fire started in the latter building. The loss was estimated at \$22,000, for the three buildings.

January 18, 1869, the post office and the boot and shoe store of the late Elbridge Hapgood were burned. This building had been built on the site burned over September 24, 1860, on the west side of the Square.

March 1, 1870, a frame building owned by Jabez Hills and occupied by N. H. Farr as a clothing store, where the Corner Drug store now is, was destroyed. The night this fire occurred, a firemen's ball was in progress at the hotel and a large number of firemen were here from Rutland and other places, all taking hold with a will to save surrounding buildings.

November 1, 1881, the foundry buildings owned by the machinists' firm of Osgood & Barker, located just east of where Derby & Ball's scythe snath shop is at the present time, were destroyed, causing a loss of \$10,000.

May 5, 1882, the brewery buildings of Walker, Dewey Blake & Co. on Cold river, one-half mile from its mouth, were burned, causing a loss estimated at over \$50,000. A

portion of the same property burned again September 7, 1905, entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

March 8, 1883, the large five-story brick building under the hill, standing where the International Paper company's machine shop and coating-mill now does, the most southerly of the water-power manufactories of our village, was burned. It was owned by the Bellows Falls Canal company and occupied by the Vermont Farm Machine company, manufacturing agricultural implements, and on the first floor by Osgood & Barker's machine shop. The total loss to all parties was something over \$100,000.

In May, 1888, the *Times* building on the south side of the Square was seriously injured, the loss to building and contents being from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

September 12, 1891, Derby & Ball's scythe snath buildings located at the north end of the village, were entirely destroyed, with an estimated loss of from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

November 21, 1895, the new paper-mill buildings of the Westminster Paper company were burned, entailing a loss of about \$35,000. They were located just south of the village, at the mouth of Saxtons river.

April 12, 1899, the three-story and French roof Towns' Hotel building on the east side of the Square was gutted by fire, with a loss of about \$20,000. It was rebuilt as a modern four-story hotel, now known as Hotel Windham.

It will be seen that since 1868 no fire occurring here has extended outside the building in which it originated, and no conflagration has occurred. The present facilities for fighting fire, including the public water service, the force pumps of the mills and the well equipped fire departments of both the village and the different mills, give the village unexcelled security from such disasters, and render capital invested here more secure than in most villages of its size.

Serious fires have occurred in the other villages of the town as follows :

In Saxtons River, December 10, 1823, the first woolen-mill of the village, owned by Carter Whitcomb, was destroyed

During the winter of 1836-7 a three-story building east of the bridge at the upper falls, occupied for making sand-paper and for a wheelwright and paint shop, together with the bridge itself, was burned.

Early in the '50s, an iron foundry, blacksmith shop, woolen-mill and a cabinet shop, all situated on the upper falls were destroyed.

June 5, 1877, the two stores of S. W. Warner & Son and F. G. Butterfield on the north side of Main street were burned.

In 1881 a saw-mill located on the upper falls southwest of the bridge, and a large dwelling near by, were burned.

January 22, 1888, the store of Charles S. Frost and a dwelling on the south side of Main street were destroyed.

In Cambridgeport the woolen factory of Perry & Co., was burned June 17, 1860, with a loss of \$30,000 and insurance \$26,000, and again about 1877 while owned by Robert Fitton of Cavendish, Vt.

In Rockingham village the tannery buildings of Samuel L. Billings were burned, February 1, 1858. They were erected early in that century by Manassah Divoll and had been an important feature of the business of the village. They were the only manufacturing plant ever located there.

#### SERIOUS FRESHETS

In the history of the town of Rockingham several freshets have occurred that have been notable, and whatever data is now obtainable is put in form for future reference, and for comparison.

1797

While the canal was in process of construction at Bellows Falls, in 1797, a flood occurred, the effects of which were beneficial in that it changed the land considerably where the mills have since been located "under the hill" east of the canal. Previous to this time there was nothing but rocks, boulders and pot-holes, where now are a number of valuable mills. The canal had been built only about as far as where



the grist-mill now stands and work was being pushed below that point upon the massive timber structures which for over fifty years thereafter served as the six gates and five locks for getting boats up and down by the falls, and the rafts of lumber down by the same. The two gates that made the one lock near where is now boiler room No. 1 of the International Paper company had been built, and at that time there was no head gate for the protection of all below as was the case in after years. All the protection for the property below was in the gates of this upper lock. No mills had then been erected.

A sudden and alarming rise of water occurred that entirely carried away the two gates mentioned, letting the large volume of water through the canal, which was then small compared with its present capacity. A quantity of loose stone that had been blasted out where the present head gates are, had been deposited below the gates and was being utilized to form the east side of the canal. Practically all the land now east of the canal, where stand the Robertson Paper company's mill, the Flint mill, the J. T. Moore & Son mill, Adams' grist-mill, and the mills comprising "Barrett's side" of the International Paper company, consisted of low, rough and jagged rocks similar to those in the bed of the river, and contained a spot known as the "swamp-hole." The force of the water coming through the broken gates moved the stone and earth in immense quantities down through the unfinished canal, carrying before it the unfinished stone dam, and covered the holes and rough places, forming the land now occupied by mills. The new condition of the banks of the canal above caused much earth to wash down through, enlarging the canal and making valuable land, thus, in the end proving a blessing. Dr. William Page, and his son, William Page, Jr., were the engineers in charge of building the canal, which was opened for traffic, and the first mill built, in 1802. Dr. Page was the grandfather of the late Governor John B. Page of Rutland.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1818

During Monday night, May 4, 1818, the water in the Connecticut river rose to a pitch which was said at that time "not to have been exceeded within the memory of the oldest persons in this vicinity." For some hours, the inhabitants of Bellows Falls were fearfully apprehensive that all of the locks, mills, and manufactories so essential to its prosperity would be swept away.

After the disaster of 1797, the Canal company had rebuilt the lock and gates and in addition had erected a much larger and stronger "guard gate" on the canal, just above where the present stone arch bridge is on Bridge street. The danger at this time came largely from indications that the sides of the canal, which were soft at the end of the guard gate, would yield to the pressure, and during the night a large number of men and teams worked to strengthen these, so that they held. The water at this time was probably higher than in 1797, but the added protection of the guard gate saved a much greater misfortune.

During the height of the flood, the water in the main channel of the river was so high immediately under the toll bridge that it "dashed in large quantities over the railing of the bridge," and at this point it was said to have been "about sixty feet above the low water mark." The waters subsided on the fifth inst. with much less damage than there was reason to apprehend. Bill Blake's paper-mill, which stood on the ground now occupied by machines No. 7 and 8, of the International Paper company, was considerably injured, the floors being broken up and many of the doors forced from their hinges and carried away by the current. The building which then contained Mr. Cobb's manufactory of wagons etc., and S. R. B. Wales' carding machinery, was partially undermined. The ceiling of the lower story of the oil mill was broken in and its contents washed away. While a large number of men were at work at the dam at the side of the upper lock, a portion of the dam gave way and several of the men were plunged into the torrent and had narrow escapes.

One of these men saved himself in the top of an apple tree, it being one of the trees of quite a large orchard that stood where No. 4 pulp-mill of the International Paper company now does. The others were rescued by their companions.

There is little information obtainable regarding losses at this time outside of Bellows Falls. "One of the bridges near the mouth of Cold river in Walpole, was destroyed, and the other one was so much injured as to be impassible for a number of weeks." The stage which carried the mail through from Boston to Windsor three times a week, passing through Walpole and coming across into Bellows Falls, returning to the New Hampshire side for the remainder of the journey, due at Windsor on Tuesday, did not reach there until Saturday.

MARCH 25, 1826

A freshet, disastrous along the courses of the Saxtons and Williams rivers and their tributaries, although not serious in the Connecticut, occurred on the above date. All towns in this vicinity suffered severely. A heavy rainstorm in addition to the melting of a large body of snow, caused the breaking up of the ice in the different streams.

The following account of this freshet was printed in the *Bellows Falls Intelligencer* of April 3, 1826. After describing the grand appearance of the falls in the Connecticut it said :

Upon the Connecticut river, we have not heard of any material damage, the destruction being confined to the smaller streams. On Saxtons river we learn that seven bridges have been swept away, five of them were public, one paper-mill, one grist-mill and one dye house. The greatest loss was sustained by Bill Blake. His paper-mill was about 30x60 feet, and besides a large quantity of paper and stock, contained several barrels of provision, rye flower, grain, etc. The mill was undermined in consequence of the bulkhead giving away, when the whole building wheeled to the south, and immediately fell to pieces, and was carried off by the impetuosity of the current. So complete was the destruction that not a vestige of the mill was left to tell where it formerly stood. Above stood the saw-mill belonging to Charles Church, carried on by Mr. Sanford Granger, who resided within a few rods of it. At the time this latter mill was removed Mr. Granger and his family had retired to rest, supposing that the water was falling and the danger past. With this security the inmates of his house had sunk into sleep, and so sudden was the

vent, that they never heard the crash nor discovered their loss until morning. Mr. Granger had in the mill between sixty and seventy dollars worth of joiner's tools when carried away. When it was conjectured the water was subsiding, it had dammed up at Saxtons River village above the bridge leading to Westminster, East parish. This obstruction could but a short time sustain the pressure brought against it; it therefore yielded, and an immense body of water rushing onward swept, as it were, in the twinkling of an eye, every obstacle which opposed its progress.

On Williams river there was one bridge destroyed and the saw and grist-mills belonging to Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker's loss is truly distressing. He had all his property vested in the two before mentioned mills, and was in a fair way to accumulate a competency when his prospects were overshadowed; the blight came upon him and now he is bereft of everything. Certainly if any of the sufferers by the late providential occurrence are worthy of relief, Mr. Parker must belong to that class. We therefore hope that he may receive from his fellow citizens a portion which will enable him to resume his occupation.

#### MARCH 14, 1837

High water and floating ice in the Connecticut and Cold rivers on March 14, 1837, was the cause of thrilling experiences and the loss of three lives, a mile from here in New Hampshire, near the mouth of the latter river. This incident is described on page 324. No great damage was done elsewhere in this vicinity.

#### SPRING OF 1839

A few years ago the late Captain Walter Taylor gave to the writer several interesting reminiscences of early times in this town and among them was the following relating to high water:

"I came to Bellows Falls in November of 1838 from Keene, N. H., and my knowledge of matters here dates from then.

"In the spring of 1839, when the ice broke up in the river, it took away the old Cheshire bridge above Charlestown. One of the bents of it came down the river whole. James Milliken, who lived this side of the bridge, jumped on his horse's bare back and came here as fast as he could to tell Mr. Tucker, who owned the toll bridge here, and others, fearing the toll bridge would be taken by the bent striking it. I was with a large number of other men near the upper end of the canal watching the ice going by when the bridge came in sight.

"There was no bridge then across the canal except where the stone arch bridge now is, and a number of us who wanted to see it go over the falls jumped across the canal on the floating cakes of ice, getting to the bridge in

time to see Mr. Tucker at the other end of the bridge gesticulating wildly as if trying to convince the ruined bridge it better go under his bridge by the west channel, as, if it went under by the east channel, it would take away his structure. As the floating bridge reached the place where the two channels divide it suddenly all went to pieces, flattening out so it passed under without damaging the bridge above, and the most of it went by the east passage anyway. It was a fine sight, one I shall always remember vividly.

"As it floated past the upper end of the village and into the upper end of the rapids, end foremost, the sign was still in its place warning 'Passengers not to pass faster than a walk.'"

"Mr. Tucker's bridge" was at that time the one first built here in 1785, and it was about twenty feet lower than the present one which was erected in 1840.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1841

A sudden thaw and rain in the Connecticut valley in the winter of 1841, caused a freshet, the highest point of which was reached on the above date. No great damage is recorded outside of Bellows Falls, and here the damage was confined to the canal, the heavy guard gates being entirely destroyed and a large breach made in the east bank of the canal just above the grist-mill.

Cold weather had been experienced for several weeks previous, the ice in the river being from nine to twelve inches thick. Monday morning, the 4th instant, the thermometer registered fourteen degrees below zero; Tuesday twenty below; Wednesday seven above, and Thursday morning it was thirty-four degrees above, rising during the afternoon to forty-six degrees, where it remained until Friday morning. Rain had fallen incessantly and in torrents since Thursday morning, and with the rapidly melting snow made an extensive flood. Friday morning, the ice in the Connecticut broke up at an early hour and carried with it uprooted trees, fragments of bridges, mills, and all sorts of debris from the streams higher up. At its highest point, the water at this time was one foot above the point reached in the great freshet of September, 1828, the mark of which was still discernible made with red paint, on the stone work of the abutment of the old bridge on Bridge street. The rise of water in the eddy

below the falls is recorded as being twenty-two and one-half feet.

About 2.30 o'clock Friday afternoon, the whole structure of the guard gates in the canal just above the Bridge street bridge, gave way with an immense rush, and it was expected that the two gates of the lock a short distance below it would also give way, but they stood firm, notwithstanding that the water broke over them to a considerable depth. These held the main force of the water, but about an hour later a small muddy rill commenced issuing from the bottom of the east side of the canal, about sixty feet above the grist-mill. It increased rapidly, and in fifteen minutes the whole contents of the canal was rushing through an opening fifteen feet wide and as many deep. This break continued to widen until it reached the foundation of the grist-mill, which stood, as it does to-day, forming the bank of the canal for a short distance. This held the torrent and the break continued no farther. Before 9 o'clock, the increase of the size of the break had ceased and the channel had become fixed, its width being about 100 feet, and the depth of the side of the canal. The mill-pond of the saw-mill which was located between the grist-mill and the upper lock, furnished at first the force of water which caused the break. After this was emptied, the amount passing over the top of the lock was not large enough to continue the damage, but had this lock given way, a large portion of the river would have been diverted into this new channel.

About 7,000 cubic yards of earth and stone were washed away.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1862.

The highest water ever recorded in the Connecticut at Bellows Falls, was that of Saturday, April 19, 1862. It was said at the time that "All the high water marks were submerged in the early part of Saturday and the river must have risen at least six feet higher than was ever known before." There was no ice in the river, it having gone out earlier, and there was no rain at this time. The snow lay upon the



ground to quite a depth and a sudden thaw with bright sun for a few days caused the trouble. Had there been ice in addition to the great volume of water, the disaster would have been much greater.

The river began rising very rapidly on Friday and by evening had risen so high as to occasion considerable anxiety. Saturday morning the alarm became general and increased during the day with the constant rise of water. As early as Friday evening, the peg shop of W. & J. G. Flint, standing northeast of the present location of the five-story coating-mill of the International Paper company, was cleared out, expecting that the building would be washed away. Saturday morning the water poured with great force over the canal guard gates on Bridge street and lacked but a few inches of running through the Vermont Valley railroad tunnel under the Square. The headquarters of that road was then in Bellows Falls, as well as their machine shop.

Early in the day, Saturday, Superintendent Sloat saw the necessity, for the first time since the tunnel and railroad were constructed in 1850, of building a dam across the upper end of the tunnel, and he began the work with a large force of men. Here, and at the bridge over the guard gates, the contest raged the entire day and until after midnight. The earth had begun to give way on each side of the gates and a number of pairs of oxen with carts were continuously engaged in bringing gravel to replace that washed out. For a number of hours it was generally conceded that the gates would give way. At dark the water at the tunnel dam stood about two feet above the rails, and it continued to rise nearly all night. Old inhabitants estimate that at its highest point it stood six feet above the rails. Late in the afternoon it worked its way around the dam there and began running with a mad rush through the wall of the sides of the tunnel. Cartload after cartload of gravel was hurried into the hole, and at a little after 1 o'clock the next morning the danger was considered to be over. Some weeks later a large portion of the street in the Square, in front of the O. D. Gray block, caved in and it was



WYMAN FLINT.  
1824-1906.



found necessary to use a large amount of gravel to fill the opening. This had been caused by the water's working its way through the embankment at the side of the tunnel wall, and shows probably the narrowest escape from serious disaster that ever came to Bellows Falls.

So great was the fear in relation to the tunnel's being washed out that on Saturday afternoon a number of the stores and offices above the tunnel were cleared out, the contents being taken to places considered more safe. This was particularly noticeable in the occupants of each story of Mammoth block and of the *Times* building, in which were the town clerk's records at that time. Some of the families in Harris block on Canal street removed their goods. A small dwelling occupied by a Mrs. Fifield on the bank of the canal, just south of the Depot street bridge, was abandoned and the goods removed. The house on the island, just north of the Depot street bridge, then occupied by Josiah Bowtell, the veteran conductor, was undermined and partially settled into the canal. The covered wooden bridge from Canal street to the depot was raised from its abutment and Capt. Walter Taylor, having procured a boat and strong cable, fastened it to trees, thus preventing it from floating off. The water was two feet deep on Canal street just above the bridge. Of nine small dwellings on the New Hampshire side of the eddy five were entirely carried away and the other four so washed out as to be useless. The highway and railroad in North Walpole were entirely washed out above the Cheshire bridge near what was then Walker's grocery store.

At that time there was a high water mark on the abutments of the bridge across the canal on Bridge street, made with red paint, in 1828 and at this time the water rose five and one-half feet higher than this mark. The railroads in all this vicinity were discontinued for from one to three weeks and mails were sent over the hill roads to Brattleboro, Windsor and Rutland by team.

The damage in all parts of the town by this flood was great. The meadows of the Connecticut river were flooded

and great damage done to land. Sheep, cattle and horses were lost. The toll house at the bridge in Brattleboro was carried away, as were the farm buildings on the island opposite, as well as the bridge to the mainland on the New Hampshire side and the West river bridge two miles north. It was estimated that the damage in the Connecticut valley between Bellows Falls and Brattleboro, including both those towns, exceeded \$50,000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1869

The second time in the experience of the Vermont Valley railroad when it became necessary to dam the upper end of the tunnel at Bellows Falls was Wednesday, April 23, 1869. The height of the water at the tunnel was greatest at 9 P. M., and was within eighteen inches of the record of 1862. The dam across the tunnel became necessary at noon, and the water had receded from the level of the tunnel so it was removed just before noon of Thursday. Trains were again tied up for a number of days on most of the roads centering here. The damage was not as great as in 1862, but the mills and low farms suffered somewhat. Nearly \$1,000 worth of logs and lumber, owned by Tarbell & Tolman, a short distance north of here were carried away, the scythe snath manufactory of Frost, Derby & Co., under the hill, and a number of small dwellings near the eddy were destroyed. The Saturday before, an express train ran into a landslide back of the Drislane farm, south of the mouth of Saxtons river, and did considerable damage, while Tuesday morning the Montreal express ran into a culvert near the Hartland station, a portion of the train going down thirty feet, and Conductor Alfred Dow of this village had a thumb broken and was otherwise bruised, while other employees and passengers were injured. Work had just been commenced by William A. Russell on his first paper-mill, on the site of the old mill burned in 1846 and some damage was done to that foundation besides a suspension of the work for a week or more, the location being submerged. An excursion train from Keene Thursday brought about

seven hundred people to see the grand sights at the falls here, and Friday over one hundred came from there for the same purpose.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1869.

For the second time during the year 1869, disaster came to this section of New England from serious high water on October 4. At this time, the damage throughout the town of Rockingham, the state of Vermont, and a large part of New England was probably more extended, and the loss greater than during any flood since the settlement of this town. The number of lives lost in Vermont alone reached thirteen, and millions of dollars of damage was caused to property throughout the state. It is a conservative estimate to say that in the town of Rockingham alone \$200,000 damage was caused by this flood.

This freshet was more severe upon the smaller rivers and streams of the town than upon the Connecticut, the latter not reaching the height of previous times, the storm being a sudden and heavy one, affecting the smaller streams, but it had passed before the Connecticut had reached the height or caused the damage of previous floods.

The storm commenced early Sunday morning, continuing through the day and night, but no alarm was felt until about noon Monday. At about 11 o'clock, an unprecedentedly heavy shower prevailed, the rain falling in torrents a number of hours. The Connecticut rose rapidly, but its tributary streams early rose beyond all previously known high-water marks. The highest point reached by the Connecticut was three feet below that of the previous April and five feet below that of 1862. In Bellows Falls, the damage was comparatively light. A boom above the dam containing a lot of logs owned by Tarbell, Tolman & Co., broke away early in the day, and about \$500 worth of logs were lost. Many farmers above and below Bellows Falls suffered severely, losing their crops still in the fields, it being estimated that over a thousand bushels of corn were carried from the meadows of



the Webbs, S. F. Allbee and the old Bellows farm, just north of Bellows Falls. For eighteen hours the river was covered with corn, pumpkins, sides of buildings, windows, lumber, carriages, logs, carts, and other debris.

An extensive and valuable trout pond, owned by J. D. Bridgman in North Walpole, was destroyed with over \$2,000 damage, the loss being caused by the giving away of a mill dam on the side of Fall Mountain. The flood of water overflowed the trout ponds, liberating the fish and spoiling the ponds themselves. A tame bear, kept in a cage building near Mr. Bridgman's trout ponds, was carried down by the flood and into the Connecticut. He struggled bravely for life, some of the time under water, and excited the sympathies of the large crowd who made unsuccessful attempts to save him. Frank A. George got a pole with a hook on the end, which he caught in the chain around the bear's neck, and pulled him to the bank, thus saving him.

Charles Towns, then proprietor of the Island House, had a pair of colts on an island pasture a few miles up the river. The water became so high it was not deemed safe to attempt to go over after them with a flat boat. They were watched till the island was covered with water, and finally till nothing but the noses of the colts could be seen above water, when, it becoming dark, the watchers left them to what was supposed to be their inevitable fate. Next morning, the colts were found happily feeding on the meadow below, having escaped by swimming ashore. "The basin," as it is called, near the mouth of Saxtons river was covered over its entire extent, varying from ten to twenty feet in depth, Henry W. Sabin and Seth Hapgood losing practically their whole year's crops.

Two buildings were washed away at Gage's Mills, one above the main basket factory, and one below, with their entire contents. Several workmen in Mr. Gage's factory were caught in the building, so rapid was the rise of water, until the building was entirely surrounded. They were rescued by a ladder placed to the second story windows, but

before they were safely ashore three were in the current and were saved by life-lines.

The village of Saxtons River, alone, suffered a loss of nearly \$100,000. Farnsworth & Co.'s office and storehouse building containing 34,000 pounds of wool, the boiler house and another building occupied for the storage of machinery were washed away. The boiler was carried nearly a half mile down stream by the force of the current. The whole river ran through a new channel between the factory and the boarding house, the factory itself being undermined. L. C. Hubbard's pullery building was carried off with a large stock of wool and pelts. Farther up the river, in the village, the covered bridge leading to Westminster West was destroyed, the saw and cider-mill just below owned by Ransom Farnsworth, a dwelling-house of Mr. Conklin, and many other smaller buildings.

At Cambridgeport the water was very high, carrying off the bridge in the village, and it threatened the stone factory, doing considerable injury to it. The water rose so rapidly at the dwelling of Charles Smith that he had to carry his wife out of the house on his back, through several feet of water.

The little village of Bartonsville was entirely ruined during this freshet by the change in the course of the river whereby the two valuable paper-mills, then being operated there, were left over a quarter of a mile from the new location of the river. Six families were suddenly deprived of their houses without time to save their goods, a number barely having time to save themselves. Where the present bed of the river is, formerly stood four dwellings and the railroad depot.

Large damage to the highways was done in all parts of the town, and probably one-half of all the bridges in town were carried away. In this respect, as well as the general damage, Rockingham was no exception to all the other towns in this part of New England, it being a blow to business and finances from which it took many years to recover. No lives were lost in Rockingham, although there

were many hairbreadth escapes. There were six different severe storms within two weeks, and ten days later than the date mentioned above the Connecticut itself was much higher than at the time of the greatest damage on the 4th.

#### IN LATER YEARS

Since 1869, although each year more or less high water has been experienced, no serious or extensive damages have occurred beyond the loss of crops from the meadows and minor losses. The water in the Connecticut has been high enough two or three times to necessitate the putting of the dam across the upper end of the tunnel, as a precaution only.

#### THE GREAT BLIZZARD OF MARCH 12, 1888

The most serious snow blockade, and possibly the greatest fall of snow, that ever occurred in this vicinity took place Monday, March 12, 1888. There was not a large body of snow upon the ground at the time it commenced, the spring weather having previously melted it. The storm commenced in the morning, but was not considered serious until during the afternoon when a severe gale set in, amounting at times almost to a tornado, and the fast falling snow was piled in many places to a great height. The snow continued to fall during the night, and by Tuesday morning, in many parts of the town, the drifts ranged from twenty to thirty feet in depth, while upon different streets of Bellows Falls they measured all the way from ten to twenty feet. The closest measurement that could be made showed the actual fall of snow to have been twenty-nine inches. The temperature throughout the day Monday, and Tuesday morning, ranged from ten to fifteen degrees above zero. The force of the wind was such that trees in many places were broken down and damage was reported in many parts of New England from the unroofing of houses. The damage done in New England, aside from the delay of traffic, and inconvenience, amounted to a number of millions of dollars.



THE SQUARE IN BELOWS FALLS, AFTER THE BLIZZARD OF MARCH 12, 1888.



Few people who looked out upon the wild scene of Tuesday morning will ever forget the impression then made. In Bellows Falls upon the west side of the Square the snow was blown clean from the ground. It was piled in a drift extending from the building at the corner of Westminster street and the Square to Towns' Hotel, and along the east side of the Square and up through Rockingham street, over a quarter of a mile, averaging from fifteen to twenty feet in depth. The same depth accumulated along the west side of Westminster street, between it and Church street. The drifts were piled between houses, and against them, well up upon the second story windows at many places all over the village. In a number of instances it was necessary for people to tunnel their way out of their houses. Especially was this the case at the residence of George B. Wheeler on Rockingham street, and in the Square in front of Towns' Hotel. At the latter place guests arriving and departing for two days had to pass through a tunnel fifteen or twenty feet long to reach the front door. The streets of the village were a complicated system of canals for some days thereafter, persons passing through them being unable at many points to see the buildings on either side.

Great hardships were experienced by many citizens, and some narrow escapes from death during Monday afternoon and evening. A number of deaths were occasioned in other towns. In and about Bellows Falls locomotion was suspended early Monday evening, many people being unable to reach their homes and remaining where the storm found them, much to the anxiety of friends.

The different railroads out of Bellows Falls gave up their efforts to run trains early Monday afternoon. The last train to leave here was the noon mail for Rutland at about 1 o'clock. It reached Gassetts late in the afternoon and remained there for two days, the passengers being quartered at farm-houses. The first train to reach Bellows Falls was one from Windsor during the early part of Tuesday night which brought the first mail that came here from any direction after Monday



noon. No other reached here until late Wednesday afternoon. The first one to leave Bellows Falls was a passenger train about 11 A. M. Wednesday. No regular train service was established until Thursday, and not upon all roads even then.

No stage or team passed between Saxtons River and Bellows Falls, or Alstead and Bellows Falls, from Monday until late Wednesday. The first daily papers to reach here were Monday's Boston papers, reaching here Friday afternoon at about the time that the previous Saturday's New York papers arrived.

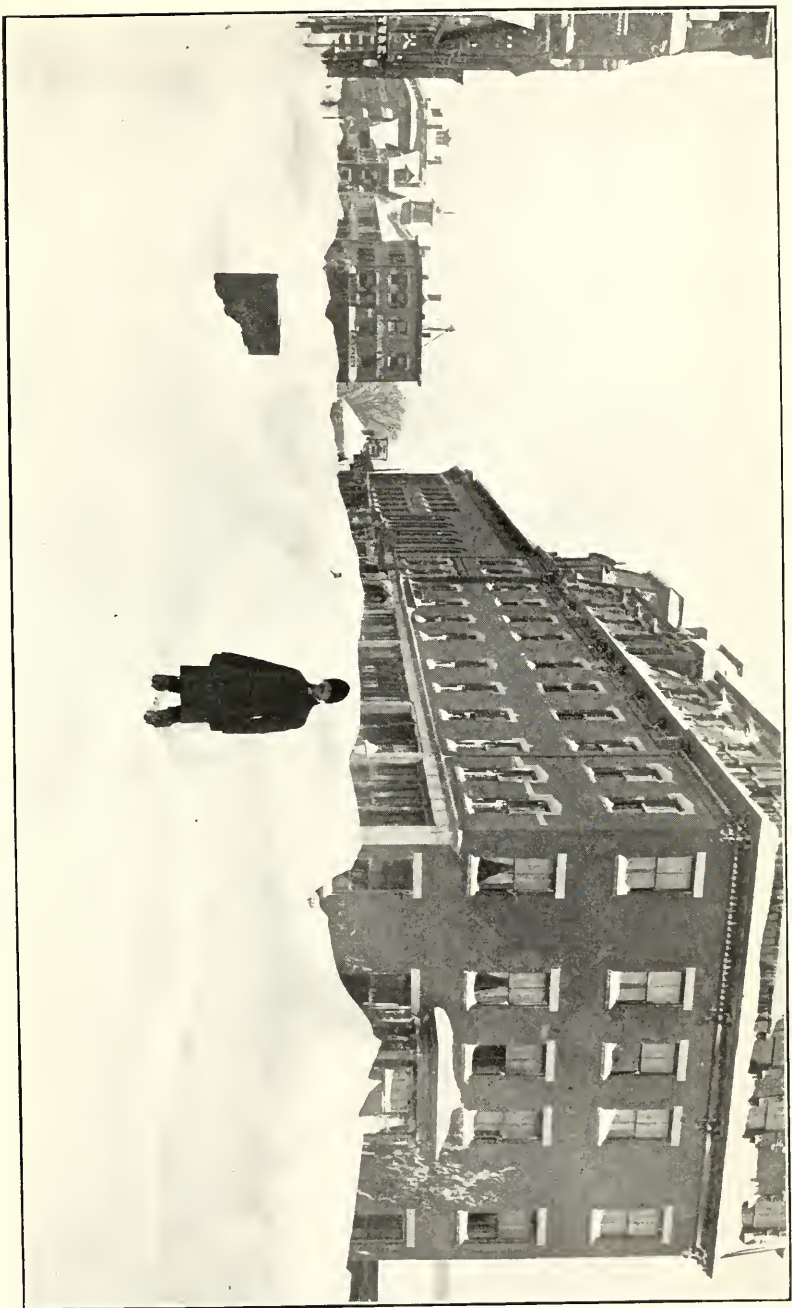
Of course, all business was suspended on Tuesday, little progress being made by different citizens in shoveling their way to their nearest neighbor. Not a team passed through the Square, or for any distance upon any street of the village during Tuesday. No milkman reached Bellows Falls from outside the village until late Wednesday afternoon and many of them not until Friday.

The *Times*, printed Thursday forenoon, said, "No paths, no streets, no sidewalks, no lights, no roads, no guests, no calls, no teams, no hacks, no trains, no moon, no meat, no milk, no paper, no mail, no news, no thing—but snow."

Individual stories of personal experiences would fill a large volume, and the experiences have passed into history as among the interesting and exciting events of a lifetime.

#### SMALL-POX

During the years following the first settlement of this vicinity small-pox was considered a necessarily fatal disease, and many instances occurred of those stricken with the loathsome disease, being left by their friends to suffer and die alone. The bodies of those who died with this disease were not usually interred in regular burying-grounds of the town but hastily disposed of in the most unceremonious manner. There are a number of graves in a small enclosure near the former village of La Grange of a family by the name of Walker who died of the disease and were buried



THE SQUARE IN BELLOW'S FALLS AFTER THE BLIZZARD OF MARCH 12, 1888.



within sight of the regular burying-ground. In 1776 a man named Nathaniel Hatch was a victim of the disease just north of Bellows Falls on the east side of the river. The body was buried beside the turnpike, and found in 1810 by his son. It was removed to the cemetery at Norwich, Vt.

The town records have frequent reference to the early aversion to vaccination, and the efforts of the advocates of this method of treatment to get permission to practice it.

September 2, 1776, the town "Voted on the same article of the Warrant Not to have the Small-pox Set up here by anockalation at present." After the record of this meeting is this :

by Leave of the

Committee and  
Inhabitants

Memerandom Doctor Stevens Requested that he  
might be permitted to bring Into Latons house 4  
or 5 who ware anoculated till they ware Got well --

the Same was Complied with by giving bonds for his Good Conduct In the  
affare"

October 17, 1776, it was,—

"Voted and Resolved that the Smallpox be Not Brought Into this town  
by Inoculation Nor Any Other way if possible Can be prevented."

#### SPOTTED FEVER

During the spring of the years 1812 and 1813 Rockingham, as well as other near-by sections of New England, witnessed the rise and spread of what was then considered a singular disease, called "spotted fever," but afterwards it took the name of "malignant fever." The disease is supposed to be the same as that now known as cerebro-spinal meningitis and was not thought to be contagious. The number of cases in the town of Rockingham cannot be ascertained. During the time the epidemic raged there were seventy deaths in Bennington; Pomfret and Reading each forty-four, and Shrewsbury about thirty. In Vermont the number of deaths during the winter of 1812-13 reached six thousand, or about one death in every forty inhabitants. In the month of March, 1813, seven persons died of the disease in as many days in the town of Walpole. Among the papers of Capt. Charles Church, a prominent resident of this vicinity, was found the

following receipt, which it is understood was one of the most efficacious used at that time. Certainly if the patients survived the medicine, they surely ought to have survived the disease.

"Cure for the spotted fever. To 1 quart of Lime add 1 Gallon of Water. To 1 Quart of tar add two Quarts of Water. Let these stand in separate vessels until they froth, skim the froth, pour them together. To this mixture add 8 oz. Salt Peter, 4 oz. Opium, take a glass when going to bed and repeat the same in 4 or 5 hours."

The following account of this epidemic in the neighboring town of Alstead, N. H., was published in an historical sermon delivered in Alstead in 1826 by Rev. Seth S. Arnold, A. M. :

"In 1812 and 1814, the spotted fever made its appearance in the place, and spread terror and anxiety among the inhabitants. Its ravages were alarming and filled every heart with dismay. The disease was uncommon, and the subjects of it were suddenly attacked, greatly distressed and soon called from time to eternity. At first the physicians were unacquainted with it and generally had but little time to make any application. Some families were almost entirely cut off. Mr. Gary was bereft of his wife and all his children, four or five in number, in a very short time. Sylvester Partridge had four children carried from his house to the grave in one day. About ninety deaths were occasioned by this disease in the two years above mentioned. And the same epidemic extended into the neighboring towns.

In 1813, a malignant fever also prevailed, which swept off sixteen persons, besides those that died with other complaints."

#### A "POVERTY YEAR" IN 1816.

In Rockingham, the same as through all New England, the year 1816 was an extremely cold season. There was frost every month in the year. Snow fell to some depth in the month of June and severe frosts cut down the growing corn and other crops.

The result of this was that this whole vicinity suffered many hardships from failure of the crops, and it was generally known as the "cold year" or "poverty year." Breadstuffs commanded almost prohibitive prices throughout the town, and most of the farmers lost even their seed for the succeeding season.

During this year "Squire" Thomas Bellows, who resided on the old Bellows homestead farm two miles south of Bel-

lows Falls in Walpole, increased a former very favorable reputation in the vicinity by selling his large stock of grain, in small quantities only, to his neighbors who needed it, without charging the advanced prices. His action in refusing offers of large prices made by speculators was perpetuated a few years later in a poem that became popular throughout the valley, telling as it did the story of a good man's action in time of great need.

#### THE OPEN WINTER OF 1826-7

William Hale of Essex Junction, Vt., who was born here in 1805, a grandson of Col. Enoch Hale and who resided in this vicinity a large portion of his life, wrote as follows during the winter of 1875-6, that season having also been a remarkably open one :

"My father moved from Grafton to Rockingham (one mile below Bartonsville) the first of March, 1826. About the 10th we had the biggest freshet ever known in that region, carrying away Parker's new grist-mill at Bartonsville also Blake's paper-mill at Saxtons river. The spring was an average forward one with plenty of rain up to the first of June. after that time we had no rain till about the 10th of September. The summer was very hot, and will long be known as the grasshopper season. In many places the crops were nearly destroyed making it necessary to harvest crops before ripe. The meadows and pastures looked as if a fire had scorched them. About the 10th of September it came on to rain slowly and being warm, grass started up and grew rapidly, and we had as good and fresh feed the 8th of January, 1827, as we had in June, with no frost to kill the grass, everything died of old age. About the 10th of January, 1827, there came about fifteen-inches of snow the ground not being frozen at all. In a few days there came about as much more and the first of February there was about three feet. The 20th of February (which is my birthday) Ira Gowing was plowing with two yoke of oxen on Petty place, so called, in sight of my father's house. The snow was all gone except the drifts and no frost was in the ground. During my residence in Windham county I have seen two other Christmas and New Years as warm and pleasant as the Christmas and New Years of 1826-7 with however a much colder fall and winter."



## CHAPTER XXIX.

### EARLY PAPER-MAKING—PULP MANUFACTURE—OTHER PROMINENT INDUSTRIES

The manufacture of paper is to-day the leading industry of the town, and except for a short period near the middle of the last century it has been so since 1802.

The first paper-mill in New England was located in the town of Milton, Mass., on the banks of the Punkatoag brook, just above its union with the Neponset river, and was built about 1783. It was erected by two brothers named Crane, whose names have been perpetuated in the best standard brands of writing paper for over a hundred years.

The first paper-mill in the vicinity of Bellows Falls was built in the year 1799 by Bill Blake. This mill was located at Alstead, N. H., which village took its early name, "Paper Mill village," from that fact. Alstead is five miles from Bellows Falls. Mr. Blake came to Bellows Falls in 1802, and, procuring a right to water-power from the "Company for Rendering Connecticut River Navigable by Bellows Falls," built the first paper-mill in the state of Vermont directly in the rear of where the stone grist-mill now stands, about where No. 8 machine of the International Paper company is located. It was a small, primitive affair, burned in 1812, and replaced at once by Mr. Blake with a mill one hundred and forty-four feet long and thirty-two feet wide, with a number of ells and storehouses. A portion of the mill was only two stories high, but the larger part was three stories. This mill was destroyed by fire July 12, 1846, from which date the site was unoccupied, and there was no paper-mill in Bellows Falls until 1870. In January of that year, William A. Russell of Lawrence, Mass., started the first modern paper machine under the hill, Albert C. Moore, now of the Moore & Thompson Paper company, being his first machine tender. This original machine is still running and known as

"No. 7" or the "Mayflower." It enjoys the distinction of being the first machine on which paper was ever successfully made from wood pulp, an account of which is given in the history of the early days of the Fall Mountain Paper company. A year later the machine now known as "No. 8" was brought here from Bartonsville and set to running. These machines have been rebuilt a number of times, but the main parts are the same and have been running almost continuously since those dates. They are known as "cylinder" machines.

The first "Foudrinier" machine was put in in the fall of 1872. During the year 1872, the first machine for making heavy cardboard was set up, under a contract with the Dennison Manufacturing company of Boston and New York for making tag stock and "card middles." Since that time, in thirty-four years, there has not been a single month when large shipments have not been made of this stock from Bellows Falls to that company. There are now a large number of mills here and considerable amounts of capital are invested in the manufacture of paper and pulp.

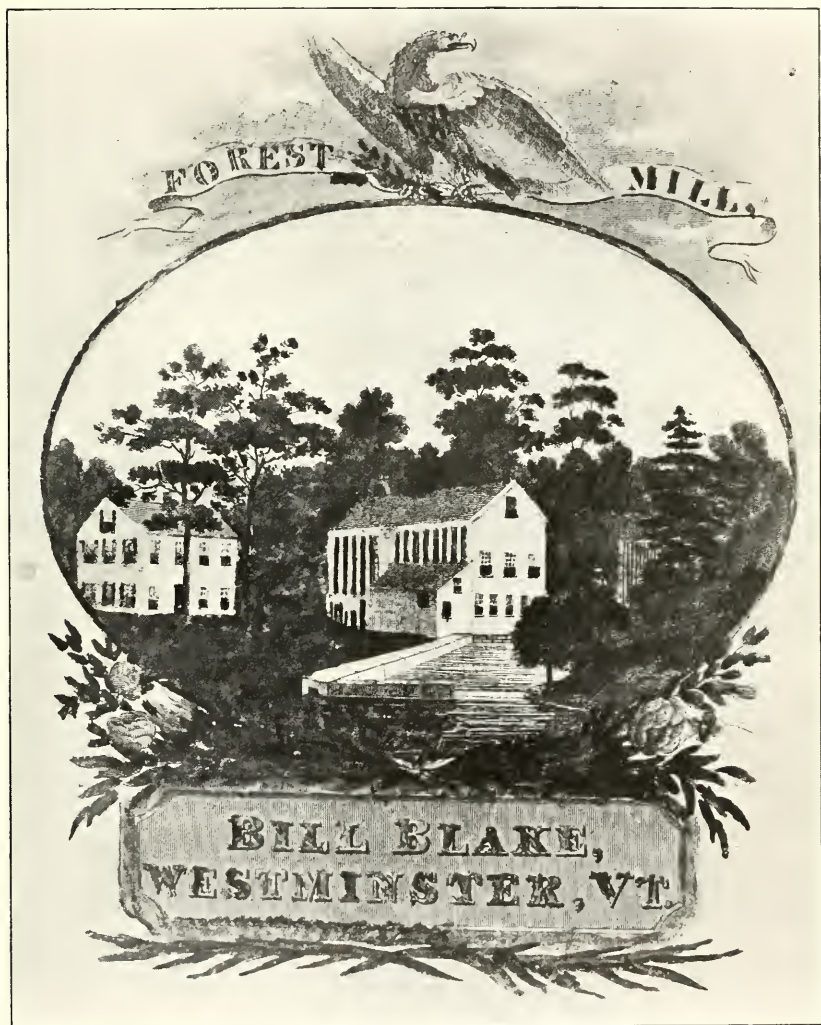
When Bill Blake built his first mill here in 1802, the principles and methods of manufacture were widely different from those of to-day. There are here now a number of machines that run off a sheet of paper continuously from Monday morning until Saturday night at a rate of from four hundred to four hundred and fifty feet per minute, the sheet varying from thirty-one to one hundred and eight inches in width. A machine, said to be the largest in the world, is now running at Rumford Falls, Me., which makes a sheet one hundred and fifty inches wide, running four hundred and fifty feet per minute. The combined product of the mills of Bellows Falls at the present time averages about fifteen hundred tons of finished paper per week, which is shipped to all parts of the world, and about one thousand tons of wood pulp. Fifteen million feet of logs, largely spruce, are here converted into pulp annually.

It is interesting to contrast this with the methods employed

at the time Mr. Blake's first mill was built here. The product of that mill at first was wholly writing and book paper. The stock used in making the paper was clean white rags, sorted at tables by girls, and cut fine on old scythes set into the tables. It was not necessary to bleach them, and the fine stock went directly to the beating engine for macerating, that process being then about the same as now. The "stuff" (as it is called in paper-mills), after being prepared, was run into tanks standing two or three feet high, and the paper from this point was made wholly by hand instead of by the complicated machinery of to-day. In a small frame, made to correspond with the size of the sheet of paper to be produced, was fixed a wire cloth or screen similar in grade to the wires now in use on the large machines. With this sieve in hand, the papermaker stood beside the vat, and dipping it into the the stuff, enough adhered to it to form the sheet when taken out. This sieve was then turned upside down on a felt of the same size, a paper board was laid on the sheet, and another felt was then put on the board, and the operation repeated until two hundred or three hundred sheets had been made.

The pile, then three or four feet high, was placed in a large press with an immense screw similar to that in a cider mill press, and by the aid of long levers in the head of the screw, the water was squeezed out of the pile. The sheets of paper were peeled off the felts and hung up singly, on poles, in a drying room with open sides like a corn crib, until thoroughly dried. They were then taken down and each sheet was scraped with a knife to remove all imperfections, in what was termed a "saul room."

A few years ago, a number of curiously worn stones were found in the vicinity of the eddy below the mill by the late Stephen R. Wales, who at once recognized them as being those used by the girls in sharpening their knives with which to scrape this paper many years ago, and they also used them to sharpen the pieces of scythes with which the rags were cut. Mr. Wales used to work in the mill as a boy. The process of putting on the finish was the same in



BILL BLAKE'S FIRST PAPER MILL at "THE FOREST," ERECTED 1824.  
From a Cut on a Paper wrapper.



principle as to-day, by heavy calender rolls, from which the sheets went to the finishing room to be packed and shipped to market. The amount of product from this method of manufacture was very small, and prices were of necessity extremely high as compared with those of to-day.

In 1820, an inventor came to Bellows Falls who had partially perfected a machine for taking the place of the hand work, and the hand sieve. It was the pioneer of the present cylinder and Foudrinier machines in general use. He arranged with Bill Blake to test his principle and one of his machines was built. While it was in process of building, feeling ran high against the inventor among the old employees of the mill here, because they foresaw the coming change, which would, as they thought, leave them out of work. At one time it was seriously discussed that the proper thing for them to do would be to "ride him out of town on a rail," but the machine was installed and made a revolution in methods of paper manufacture, without lasting detriment to labor.

In 1817, Mr. Blake having established a printing office, and owning the first newspaper here, added to his plant facilities for making news paper, the only difference being in the size of the sheet. The old files of this newspaper show this to be "deckel edge" or the peculiar, rough, saw-like edge always seen on oldest sheets of writing paper, and often seen on the edges of the oldest books published. This was the natural result of making the paper in a hand sieve in the above manner, and leaving the edges uncut.

It is an extremely fashionable edge for paper of to-day, but it has now to be made artificially after it has been cut from the large rolls in which it is finished, except in some instances when the edges of the roll are left "deckel." A number of families in this vicinity have old books for which the paper was made here, the printing and binding also being done here. The first edition of the Bible printed in Vermont, in quarto form, was published here on paper made at Mr. Blake's old-fashioned mill. For some years, Bellows Falls led all other places in the state in the number of books and



papers published. The rags were gathered in this vicinity by pedlars' carts, and every process of manufacture to the finished book was performed here.

The paper-mill was often obliged to shut down for lack of operators, or because of its being impossible to procure raw material. There was no systematic method of collecting rags and much of the product of the different mills was carted about the country and exchanged for rags, and a little money. While the Colonies were under English rule, it was the policy of the mother country to repress Colonial manufactures. The few mills that grew up were forced to their full capacity during the Revolutionary war and threatened with extinction when peace permitted the importation of foreign goods, thus limiting by competition the sale of domestic manufacture. When Mr. Blake's mill was erected, white rags commanded a high price, and finished paper for either book or newspaper use sold for twenty-five cents per pound. During the the Civil war white rags were worth twelve cents and colored, eight cents per pound. To-day, because of the substitution of wood pulp in the manufacture of paper, the leading newspapers can procure their supply of paper on five and ten year contracts for from two to two and a half cents per pound. In early days, it is said that three months time was required from the reception of the rags into the mill before the finished paper from them could be placed upon the market. A year or two ago an experiment was made and successfully carried out in the taking of a tree standing one morning and putting it through the pulp and paper-mills so that the public was reading the news from its product the next morning. It is possible now to do this in from six to twelve hours.

For two years previous to 1824, the average freight rate to and from Boston on rags, paper, salt, and other heavy freight was \$13.50 per ton, it being transported wholly by team, while the cost was about the same from Hartford, Conn., although it was largely transported there by boats. The obstacles to navigation of the river, tolls of canals, etc.,

added heavy charges to the cost. To-day freight is transported from Boston at \$2.80, and Hartford at \$3 as a regular price, while special contracts for large amounts can be made much lower.

#### THE FALL MOUNTAIN PAPER COMPANY

The industry having at this time the largest amount of taxable property in this town, and employing an important number of workmen, is the "Fall Mountain Mills" of the International Paper company. The latter-named corporation is the largest producer of paper and pulp in the world, having mills at thirty-one other places throughout the country, the total output of the combined mills being an average of 1,650 tons of finished paper per day. The business was established in Bellows Falls under the leadership of the late Hon. William A. Russell of Lawrence, Mass., who, in 1869, secured control of the valuable water-power owned by the Bellows Falls Canal company, and proceeded to develop it in a masterly and successful manner. He later was the leading spirit in the conception and organization of the gigantic combination known as the International Paper company, and was its first president.

Mr. Russell, when he first came to Bellows Falls, had two partners, named Alberto Pagenstecher and George B. Maynadier. They remained with him but a short time, and in later years his most efficient partner in all his varied enterprises was A. N. Burbank, the present treasurer of the International Paper company located in New York. Until 1872, Mr. Russell's various enterprises here had different names, and in that year the companies were consolidated into one, and thereafter known as the Fall Mountain Paper company. These companies were the Bellows Falls Paper company, New England Pulp company, William Russell & Son and Willard Russell. From the time of Mr. Russell's coming to Bellows Falls, the growth of his industries here was so rapid that when the Fall Mountain Paper company was merged into the International Paper company in 1898 the capitaliza-

tion of the plant at Bellows Falls was figured at \$4,500,000, and the business and value of the plant has materially increased each year since then.

The first thought of Mr. Russell to come to Bellows Falls was caused by his observations in passing through here upon trains and noting the dilapidated and unused condition of the canal property. He was looking for power with which to develop the new industry of making pulp and paper from wood. This industry was then in its infancy, and was considered by most good judges as a visionary idea. It has been said that Mr. Russell was the first man who successfully made paper from wood, but there are four other parties for whom the same claim is made. It is probable all are about equal in this regard, having been at work at about the same time upon different devices for the purpose. Voelteer, a German patentee, had interested Mr. Russell in the enterprise, and in the dividing of the territory under his United States patents he gave to Mr. Russell all of the territory of New England to develop. Warner Miller, a noted capitalist of New York, also became interested in the project.

Mr. Russell had secured some water-power at Lawrence, Mass., and at Franklin, N. H., and had built small mills in both places during the year 1868, and purchased others. Paper had not been successfully made from wood, but his faith in the possibilities was so great that he continued branching out.

Mr. Russell's first visit to Bellows Falls was April 15, 1869, and on that date he closed a contract, the results of which have been the prosperity and growth of the village which has been so marked ever since. He often in after years told the story of this first visit and the peculiar action of the eccentric local character, Jabez Hills, that made his coming here to locate his industries possible.

Mr. Hills was the most peculiar character in the history of the town. He was miserly and had accumulated much real estate in different parts of the village. Part of this was

the mill site and rights to power of the paper-mill of Green & Fleming, which had been burned in 1846. It included just the territory now covered by machine rooms numbered six, seven, and eight of the International Paper company, with the connecting engine and bleach rooms. Where the old bleach room now stands was the location of the first office of the Fall Mountain Paper company, presided over by the late Lewis P. Moody.

On the date above mentioned, Mr. Russell visited Bellows Falls for the first time, not knowing a person in town. The mills then here were as follows: The grist-mill as it is to-day; just north stood a frame machine shop of Clark & Chapman, where the John T. Moore & Son's paper-mill now is. A little farther north was a brick foundry connected with the shop, this business being the predecessor of the present extensive works of the Bellows Falls Machine company located on the island. The other frame shop stood where the Wyman Flint Sons, & Co. paper-mill now does. It was three stories high, the first occupied by the machine shop of Vermont Valley railroad, the only shop they had on their line, the second story by Albert Derby as a manufactory of doors, sash and blinds, and the third story as a cabinet shop by William Conant. North of this, between the present Robertson Paper company's mill and the International mill, stood a saw-mill with its old up-and-down saw, and a pond for storing logs, with a lumber yard near. These were the only mills here in 1869.

On the day mentioned, Mr. Hills signed the only contract he ever made which went upon the town record. Although he died owning many pieces of real estate, all of which were accumulated by foreclosures instead of purchase, there is no record of his ever selling a business piece of property in the forty years that he was a large factor in the business of the place. The nearest he ever came to it was upon the above date when he leased the power he owned under the hill to William A. Russell. This was the beginning of the interest of Mr. Russell in the village of Bellows Falls.

Mr. Russell alighted from the noon train, finished his business, and went north the same evening. He first walked down around the canal and the old foundation. After a careful survey he inquired the owner of the site of the burned paper-mill and was told that it was Jabez Hills, and that he lived in the Pettes block. He went there without finding him, but was told later that he would find the old man down by the eddy catching flood-wood. He went there, found a man answering the description and asked if he would lease him the mill privilege. Mr. Hills looked him over sharply, asked a few questions and told him he would do so, and that he would meet him at lawyer J. D. Bridgman's office in an hour. He then returned to his vocation of pulling flood-wood from the river. Mr. Russell inquired his way to Mr. Bridgman's office, which was then in Mammoth block over the present location of Fenton's store. Mr. Bridgman, when told of the arrangement, laughed at Mr. Russell, saying Mr. Hills never had been known to make a contract and he never sold property, relating the many idiosyncrasies of the man. They waited, however, and in half an hour Mr. Hills was seen coming up the street, but as he went to the Pettes block Mr. Bridgman reminded Mr. Russell that he had probably seen the last of him. He returned, however, within the time, and in a few minutes the contract, or lease, was signed and delivered. The town clerk's records show that it was filed that day at 2 P. M., showing the quick decision of Mr. Russell, as well as the unheard-of action of Mr. Hills. It resulted in Mr. Russell's building up the local business of the Fall Mountain Paper company, and making of Bellows Falls a village that to-day is exceeded by but few places in the country in the amount of its annual production of paper. Through his influence many other industries and firms have been induced to locate here and to erect extensive mills.

The terms of this contract were exceptionally advantageous to Mr. Russell, the lease being for ten years of the water privilege of the old paper-mill, and all its rights, at a rental of only \$200 per year, payable quarterly, with the

option of purchase at any time within the ten years at a price of only \$3,000. Mr. Hills dying in 1871, Mr. Russell at once bought the property of his estate. The possibilities of the power, not then developed or in condition to use, in this way becoming known to Mr. Russell, he soon after bought of ex-Gov. S. W. Hale and E. F. Lane of Keene a controlling interest in the Bellows Falls Canal company that owned the canal and water privileges. Within a few years he spent large amounts in dredging and enlarging the canal, raising the dam, and giving much more power. This he utilized to great advantage to himself and to the town, which has grown rapidly and steadily ever since that date. Had Mr. Hills not done differently that day from what he did at any other time in his life, and had Mr. Russell sought his location elsewhere for the use of his energy and the building up of his industries, what would have been the probable present status of Bellows Falls as a manufacturing centre?

Within a week from the date of the signing of this contract between Mr. Hills and Mr. Russell, the foundations of the first pulp-mill were commenced, and it was started in October of the same year under the name of the "New England Pulp Co." It was located where the present engine room No. 4 of the International company is to-day, about fifty feet east of the Adams grist-mill. The building was a small one and the devices for pressing the wood against the grindstones were primitive when compared with the powerful machines of to-day for the same purpose.

Mr. Russell died early in January, 1899, and the many stories told by A. N. Burbank of the various defeats and successes they encountered are interesting. Mr. Russell's unvarying optimism and courage, during the experiments which covered a number of years before it could be said without question that it was possible to make paper from wood, would make an important chapter in the history of the development of this great industry.

A story often told by the late A. H. Fisher of Mr. Russell's aggressive persistence illustrates that phase of his



character. Mr. Fisher was employed by him in a mill that had been making but one ton of pulp per day, which he was soon able to increase to two. The next time Mr. Russell came to see the mill he said, "Fisher, can't you make three tons?" Mr. Fisher worked hard and the next time Mr. Russell came he was making three tons, but when he asked him, "Fisher, can't you make five tons?" the reply came quickly, "Perhaps I can make it, but by G—— I can't make twenty."

In 1872, the Fall Mountain Paper company was incorporated by William Russell, William A. Russell, James H. Williams, George W. Russell and A. N. Burbank. The first paper to be made in Bellows Falls for the use of the daily press was made in the month of July, 1873, for the *Boston Herald* and *Baltimore American*, with which great papers the company made standing contracts. With the *Herald* the contract was for the furnishing of ten tons of finished paper of a certain grade each day for ten years, and it was carried out in every detail, a special mill being erected for the purpose.

To a small beginning different mills have been added until now the average daily output by the local Fall Mountain Mills is one hundred tons of finished paper used largely by the great dailies of the world.

#### THE VERMONT FARM MACHINE COMPANY

In July, 1868, the Vermont Farm Machine company, which is now one of the most important manufacturing industries of the town, was started in Bellows Falls under the name "Hartford Sorghum Machine company." It was located in the second story of the old Town's livery building which stood on the north side of Bridge street, west of the canal. The building was taken down in 1905 and replaced by the present larger livery stable. The company occupied a room in the second story of the ell which had been previously used for a billiard room and bar. Its first officers were James B. Williams of Glastonbury, Conn., president, and F. G. Butler of Bellows Falls, secretary.

The company was organized for the purpose of manufacturing the Cook sugar evaporator, first made with wooden sides and later improved by J. B. Williams by adding iron sides. This evaporator was fully covered by patents and soon attained world-wide reputation. As late as 1893 its product was selected at the World's Fair in Chicago as the standard by which the other exhibits of maple sugar and syrup were judged. Only four or five men were employed at first. The sale of the device was remarkably successful and soon the manufacture of horse-rakes was added, and, as a branch of the business, mowing-machines, harrows, and cultivators were sold.

The name was changed to the Vermont Farm Machine company when incorporated, February 15, 1873. The manufacture of the celebrated "Cooley Creamer" was taken up in February, 1877, and proved a phenomenal success. The demand for these and other dairy implements was so great that the company discontinued manufacturing rakes and has since confined itself largely to dairy implements. In 1889 the Davis swing churn was an important branch of manufacture, and at the present time the U. S. cream separator is sent from here to all countries of the world.

The one primitive room over the stable early became inadequate, and the company moved into a small building erected for it near the west end of the Rutland railroad bridge across the canal, on Canal street. This, in turn, was outgrown, and the Bellows Falls Canal company erected for its use the five-story brick building "under the hill," the most southerly of the present mills. This building was first built with four stories only, and the expansion of the business readily occupied the whole building except the basement. In this building the company suffered a serious loss in the destruction of their plant by fire March 8, 1883, but the building was quickly replaced and occupied, with an added story. In 1889 the large buildings at present occupied on the island were erected, and have been enlarged at various times as the business has increased. The manufactory and

office buildings now aggregate three and a quarter acres of floor space, and even these are inadequate for their increasing business.

The present officers are Nathan G. Williams, president, treasurer and general manager, and Walter C. Smith, assistant treasurer and secretary. At the present time about 720 operatives are employed. When the present general manager came to Bellows Falls, in 1877, there were but twelve employees. To his business ability is largely due the present success of the company and its favorable influence upon the development of Bellows Falls.

#### SILK-WORM CULTURE

For some years between 1835 and 1845, Bellows Falls produced a quantity of silk, made from the cocoons of the silk-worm. At that time, as in various other decades, there was a wave of excitement in many places in the United States over the idea that fortunes could be made in this industry here as well as in other countries, but it has almost uniformly proved disastrous in this country.

The largest venture in this vicinity was made about 1838, when a number of citizens of Bellows Falls attempted it and continued the business four or five years. The two leading spirits in the enterprise were Dr. Artemus Robbins, a local physician who had accumulated considerable property, and Rufus Guild, a relative of our townsman, George O. Guild. The propagation of the silk-worm in Bellows Falls was by methods identical with those still in vogue in China and British India, the great silk-producing countries of the world. The company set out very thickly all over the land now known as the "New Terrace," a variety of mulberry trees, the leaves of which are the principal food of the silk-worm. The trees varied in height from two to twenty feet, looking at a distance something like an orchard of apple trees of various sizes. When left to ripen, the fruit looked similar to the blackberry only longer and without the objectionable seeds.

Within a few years, a medium sized mulberry tree of this

variety was still growing and bearing fruit in Alstead, N. H., and there is a splendid specimen of rather large size at present growing on the Saxtons river road in Gageville about one-fourth mile beyond the electric car barn on the left-hand side of the road. The leaves were plucked at particular times and fed to the worms. A large building with the siding boards on hinges, resembling a tobacco barn, stood near the brow of the present New Terrace at a point near the street leading from School street. Here were the tables and shelves upon which the leaves were spread, and on which the worms were placed to feed. In about thirty-one days from the hatching of the insects, during which time they fed upon the mulberry leaves, they formed the cocoon, which took but three days. A day or two later they were carefully picked and the moths killed by boiling or steaming. The cocoons were then unwound and the threads prepared for use. In this locality the winding and spinning was largely done by the small old-fashioned flax wheel then in so common use, and there are still in town a number of articles made wholly from silk produced here.

At one time the enterprise looked so favorable that the company was offered \$20,000. for its mulberry trees, upon the successful culture of which all depended, but the owners were so enthusiastic that they refused, and a year or two later a large proportion of the trees were killed by severe weather, the parties lost the amounts they had invested, and silk culture was never attempted here again. At about that time mulberry trees were set out upon a smaller scale in various parts of the town, there being a grove of them upon the land between Green and Cherry streets. Another grove was located on the Olcott corner lot in Rockingham village near the old Alexander Campbell mansion. It is not known that there was more than one place where the worms were actually reared and silk made in this town; that being on the New Terrace as stated. The town of Mansfield, Conn., at one time produced a number of hundred pounds of raw silk annually.

Dr. Robbins lived many years in a dwelling on the site of the present S. S. Vilas residence near the corner of Green and School streets, which was burned May 20, 1849, while he occupied it. He later owned a small house on the opposite side of the same street on the lot now occupied by the home of Dr. G. H. Gorham. Because of his silk-worm venture Dr. Robbins lost a large portion of his property. He died May 16, 1857, at the age of eighty-one years.

#### AN OIL-MILL AT BELLOWS FALLS

Among the first mills to be erected in Bellows Falls previous to 1824, was one for making pure linseed oil from flax-seed. It stood near where the machine room of the Robertson Paper company now stands.

The flax seed was poured upon a large stone floor, on which two immense stones, like grist-mill stones, set on edge, were made to revolve around an upright shaft, like wagon wheels turning in a circle, thus crushing the seed. It was then shovelled into a large iron barrel about six feet long made to revolve in a fire-place over a wood fire until the crushed seed was thoroughly cooked. It then went into smaller strong iron barrels which had one movable head, and these in turn were put into a large log hollowed out with solid ends. A press set in motion, with cog wheels and screw, forced the movable heads of each barrel inward and the oil flowed out into the log trough, and from that into receptacles to be shipped to the market. The cakes of oil meal remaining were ground up and used for feed. In the old mill an arch for boiling the oil was used.

The raising of flax and hemp for purposes of clothing, as well as oil manufacture, was in the early days of this town an important and extensive industry. The younger generations know but little regarding it and hence a slight description is interesting. The flax seed was sown in the spring and the plants were pulled in the autumn. After the seeds were thrashed, the flax was exposed to the weather until the woody part became tender enough to be separated from the

fibers. After drying, the woody part was removed by a process called "breaking." The flax was pounded with a heavy wooden knife called a "swingle," which separated the fine from the coarse tow. It was then drawn over an iron-toothed comb called a "hetchel," which drew out the imperfect fibres, and it was then ready for the distaff and the little spinning wheel which was a necessary article of furniture in every household.

#### DISTILLERIES

Early in the last century there were many distilleries scattered throughout this section of New England which did a thriving business. They distilled cider, perry (the juice of pears), wheat, corn, barley and oats into various kinds of spirits then in common use.

There was a distillery near what are now Lawrence mills, one in Saxtons River village, one just north of Westminster village known as the "Allbee distillery," and one of the largest located at South Charlestown on the east side of the highway about ten rods north of the brook near what has recently been known as the Hooper place. This distillery was owned by George H. Ingersoll, who was a merchant of the village and the principal owner of the toll bridge across the Connecticut river at that point. This distillery was burned in 1833.

Many of the oldest inhabitants relate that among their earliest remembrances are the incidents occurring while they were on their weekly trips to these distilleries,—sent by the housewives for the purpose of procuring the regular stock of yeast, for which the distilleries of those years were the principal supply.

#### THE CASEIN COMPANY OF AMERICA

During the year 1893, an industry was started in Bellows Falls that became temporarily one of the leading local business enterprises. It began in some experiments made by William A. Hall in the office of the Fall Mountain Paper



company, of which he was superintendent, and resulted in the dividing of milk into its constituent parts and the utilizing of each of these for specific purposes.

The most important constituent being casein, which rapidly entered into the manufacture of many articles of commerce, the name of the company later organized derived its name from it and has since been known as "The Casein Company of America." A large plant was erected in 1896 at the extreme south end of the village near the mouth of Saxtons river, and in a few years about two hundred persons were employed. Mr. Hall covered his processes by patents, a company was organized in New York with a large capitalization, and similar plants which are still eminently prosperous were erected in various parts of the United States. Mr. Hall made a handsome fortune and retired from the business in 1903. In 1904 the local works were abandoned, the manufacture being transferred to other places, and the extensive buildings are at present vacant.

## CHAPTER XXX.

### NEWSPAPERS—PRINTING—BOOK-MAKING

The first printing office in Vermont was established at Westminster in the summer of 1778. In February, 1781, was commenced at Westminster the publication of the first newspaper ever printed in Vermont, called the *Vermont Gazette* or *Green Mountain Post Boy*. The next newspaper established in Windham county was the *Federal Galaxy*, at Brattleboro, in 1803, by William Fessenden, brother of the editor of the first Bellows Falls paper. The third one established was *The Reporter*, also at Brattleboro, in 1803. The fourth newspaper founded in this county was the *Independent Frecholder* and *Republican Journal* at Brattleboro in 1808.

The first newspaper to be published in the town of Rockingham, and the fifth established in Windham county, was the *Vermont Intelligencer* and *Bellows Falls Advertiser* founded January 1, 1817, and published weekly on Monday. Its editor was Thomas Green Fessenden, a lawyer who had practised his profession here two or three years, and who attained a degree of fame as a writer, becoming, in later years, prominent in literary circles upon both continents. This paper was established, owned and published by Bill Blake & company, who occupied a building upon the corner of Westminster and Mill streets, facing the Square, where the flatiron building occupied by the Corner Drug store now stands. They carried on an extensive printing and publishing business; also a book bindery and a wholesale and retail book store. In addition to these, they owned a paper-mill where they manufactured both writing and printing paper, for the manufacture of which they sent teams out into all the surroundings towns to gather rags.

The *Intelligencer* was ably conducted, and was a zealous advocate of the doctrines of the old Federal party. It studiously refrained from any local news items or reference to local affairs. In a number of instances, during the first few years of its publication, the editor felt it incumbent upon him to make a long apology for having in a previous issue briefly referred to some important local news.

The paper was divided into separate departments, there being the "Moral Department," "Agricultural," "Useful Arts, Recipes, &c.," "Politicks," news "By Mail," "Poets' Department," "Anecdotes," and "Aphorisms": the whole constituting a general make-up which would seem peculiar to-day.

In February, 1822, Mr. Fessenden went to Boston and established there the *New England Farmer*. In July of that year his name was dropped from the *Intelligencer* and it was "Published by Cyrus Barton." Mr. Barton studied law in the office of the Hon. William C. Bradley, and afterwards became associated with Isaac Hill as one of the editors of the *New Hampshire Patriot*. August 4, 1823, the inscription was changed to "Published by J. Hubbard Wells." The paper was at one time edited by William Masters, who came here from Concord, N. H., and for a brief period Edmund Burke was editor. The issue of Saturday, December 1, 1832, showed the name to have been changed to the *Vermont Intelligencer*, "Volume 3, No. 41, New Series, Samuel H. Taylor, Editor and Proprietor." In 1835 Mr. Taylor disposed of the property to Benjamin G. Cook. He soon sold the establishment to William F. Mack who permanently discontinued the publication a little later.

The *Vermont Chronicle*, the newspaper organ of the Congregational churches of Vermont, was established at Bel lows Falls by Rev. E. C. Tracy in April, 1826; removed to Windsor in October, 1828; then to Montpelier in January, 1875, and later to St. Johnsbury, where it was discontinued about 1897.

The *Bellows Falls Journal* was established August 8, 1835 by William F. Mack & company, evidently in the plant

formerly used by the *Intelligencer*. Mr. Mack was father of the young man of the same name later connected with the *Bellows Falls Argus*. The Journal was "Published every Saturday morning (Office opposite the Bank)," "Job printing executed on short notice." The building "opposite the bank" was a small one of wood standing about where is now the centre of Union block. This publication did not survive many years. No. 19, dated December 11, 1835, shows J. F. McCollam to have been the editor upon that date. Volume 3, No. 2 August, 19, 1837 shows it at that time to have been published "by William F. Mack, office opposite Hyde's Stage House," thus placing it on the west side of the Square.

The *Bellows Falls Gazette*, a stanch Whig paper, was established in November, 1838 by John W. Moore. Its heading bore these legends,—“The Labor of the Press and the Liberties of the People, must Stand or Fall Together.” “Devoted to Home Industry, Foreign and Domestic News, Agriculture, Literature and the Arts.” A few numbers during 1841 were issued by Moore & Fulton. In 1843 it was purchased by the late Dr. S. M. Blake and Goldsmith F. Bailey, who conducted it for one year, after which Dr. Blake continued its publication alone until February 14, 1846, when John W. Moore repurchased it. Mr. Bailey removed to Fitchburg, Mass., where he studied law and subsequently went to Congress from that district. June 5, 1851, the *Gazette* was sold to O. H. Platt, after which, as the *Vermont Republican*, it was published at Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Ludlow simultaneously. In 1855 and 1856 O. H. Platt and A. N. Swain were editors, it being printed at Brattleboro. Its connection with Bellows Falls was discontinued August 6, 1856, upon the establishment by Mr. Swain of the *Bellows Falls Times*.

The *World of Music*, an eight page quarto, issued bi-monthly, was established by John W. Moore in connection with the *Gazette*, January 1, 1840. It was devoted to the musical interests of this section of New England and attracted much attention, although it was continued but a few years.

The *Republican Standard* was established in the fall of 1849. The plant was a new one in Bellows Falls, the money for the enterprise being furnished by leading Democrats in different sections of the state, to advance the interests of that party in this section. These promoters were Bradley B. Smalley, Burlington; Alexander McLane, Fairlee; Stephen Thomas, West Fairlee; H. E. Stoughton, Chester; William P. Barker, Bellows Falls; Fabius Bancroft, Grafton; and Erasmus Plimpton, Wardsboro. The editor was William F. Mack, Jr., but much of the editorial work was done by William P. Barker of this village. As a boy of fourteen years, George O. Guild, still a business man here, went into this office and learned the printer's trade, following it for some years. Mr. Mack was soon appointed route agent in the mail service, and he was succeeded as editor by Mr. Burke of St. Johnsbury. The office was in a frame building near what is now the north end of Union block, on the east side of the Square. In 1854, the *Republican Standard* was merged into the *Bellows Falls Argus*.

The *Bellows Falls Argus* was established January 1, 1854, it being an out-growth of the *Republican Standard* mentioned above, which had been discontinued several weeks. Hiram Atkins was the editor, then not quite twenty-one years of age, and, during a lifetime devoted to journalism, he made a unique though possibly not enviable success in the profession. The *Argus* was continued here until February, 1863, when Mr. Atkins moved it to Montpelier and adopted the name of the *Argus and Patriot*, under which name it is still published.

The *Bellows Falls Times* was established, and the first number issued, "Monday evening, August 6, 1856" by A. N. Swain, who had had journalistic experience in Windsor and Brattleboro. It has always been a staunch Republican paper. It was edited and published for over thirty-two years by Mr. Swain, who established it upon a solid and lasting foundation. He sold it October 1, 1888, to F. H. Brown & company. It was afterward published successively by



MR. AND MRS. A. N. SWAIN.  
Thirty-two Years Editors of the *Bellows Falls Times*.





E. A. Start, E. G. Allis, and A. W. Emerson & company. It passed into the hands of L. P. Thayer & company, May 1, 1895, and into the hands of the present owners, W. C. Belknap & company, November 1, 1896.

The *Patron's Rural* was started here August 15, 1882. It filled the place of the official organ of the Vermont State Grange and subordinate organizations, being devoted entirely to the interests of husbandry. It was conducted by officers of the above organization located elsewhere, and printed at the *Times* office, for about three years only.

#### JOB PRINTING IN BELLOWS FALLS

The first printing office in Bellows Falls was established and equipped during the year 1816, by Bill Blake & company. It was both a newspaper and job office, and the business now carried on by the *Bellows Falls Times* and the *Times* Press job office has been in direct succession to that established ninety years ago. At different periods the business has been suspended temporarily, but the line of succession is complete.

In connection with the establishment of the first newspaper, heretofore described, Bill Blake & company had a book, job printing, and binding establishment which was extensive for that early day. At their office, between the years 1817 and 1835, were published many books which became well and favorably known throughout the country. An incomplete list is herein given of copies now in existence and treasured by persons and libraries in various parts of the country. It seems that the firm made a specialty for a time of school-books, and to many elderly people of to-day the reading of the title pages of some of those given below recalls their school days, when these were almost constant companions.

The first edition of the Bible printed in Vermont was issued from the press of Bill Blake & Co. in large quarto form, and it is tradition that an edition of the prayer-book of the Church of England was published here, but no copy of it has yet been found. The list of his publications shows a popular

edition of the works of Josephus, and among the school books it is said that the "History of America," by Rev. Charles A. Goodrich, became so popular that it went to the two hundredth edition. We have found it only to the thirty-fifth.

The binding is in some instances of wood, so common a form of binding at the beginning of the last century, while others are substantially bound in leather. The books indicate remarkably good workmanship for that era.

The book store of Bill Blake & Co., extensive advertisements of which are found, was in the first story of a building standing at the south side of the Square at the corner of Westminster street, where is now the Corner Drug store. In the second story of the building was located the printing office and bindery, as well as the editorial office of Thomas Green Fessenden of the *Intelligencer*. This building was built of wood, and in the year 1839 it was occupied as a "carriagemaker's shop" on the first floor, with the paint shop connected therewith on the second floor, an inclined platform leading to it for drawing the carriages from the ground.

Bill Blake & company manufactured all the book, news, and writing paper used in this vicinity at their paper-mill located where No. 8 machine of the International Paper company is now running, just east of the stone grist-mill building, under the hill. The same business was continued in all its branches until during the '30s, the different firm names being Bill Blake & company, Blake, Cutler & company, and James I. Cutler & company. The paper-mill was burned July 12, 1846, and the printing office building, March 14, 1860.

#### A FEW BOOKS PUBLISHED IN BELLOW'S FALLS

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : on a plan adapted to the capacity of Youth, and designed to aid the memory by systematick arrangement and interesting associations, illustrated by engravings.

By Rev. Charles A. Goodrich.

Bellows Falls,

Published by James I. Cutler & Co.

1829.

A HISTORY OF AMERICA, from the first discovery to the fourth of March, 1825.

By Rev. Charles A. Goodrich,

Fifth Edition

Bellows Falls, Vt.

1825

18mo. — — pp296, 20

Ninth Edition,

Bellows Falls

James I. Cutler & Co.

1826

12mo. — — pp296, 20

Twelfth Edition,

Same Imprint.

1827

Thirty-fifth Edition,

Same Imprint

1833

12mo. — — pp296, 20

COLBURN'S FIRST LESSONS INTELLECTUAL ARITHMETIC,  
upon the Inductive Method of Instruction.

By Warren Colburn, A. M.

Stereotyped at the Boston Type

and Stereotype Foundry

Bellows Falls

Published by Roswell S. Guild & Co.

1835

16mo. — — pp178.

The AMERICAN READER: Containing a Selection of Narration,  
Harrangues, Addresses, Orations, Dialogues, Odes, Hymns, Poems, &c.,  
designed for the Use of Schools, Together with a Short Introduction.

By John Hubbard,

First Bellows Falls Edition,

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Printed and Published

By Bill Blake & Co.,

and sold wholesale and retail at the Bellows Falls

Bookstore, and by most of the principal booksellers

in New England.

1817.

12mo. — — pp215

The ENGLISH READER: or Pieces in Prose and Poetry, selected from  
the best writers designed to assist young persons to read with propriety and  
effect: to improve their language and sentiments: and inculcate some of the  
most important principles of piety and virtue, with a few preliminary obser-  
vations on the principles of good reading.

By Lindley Murray,

Author of an English Grammar, &c., &c.

Printed of Bill Blake & Co.

Bellows Falls: 1820

(12mo. pp 290)

Another edition of the above ENGLISH READER, bears the imprint;  
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Printed and Published

By James I. Cutler & Co.,

1827

ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY AND TRIGONOMETRY, with an easy  
and concise system of Land Surveying.

By James Hale

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Published by James I. Cutler & Co., Printers

1829

12mo. — — pp115

THE WONDERFUL AND MOST DEPLORABLE HISTORY OF  
THE LATTER TIMES OF THE JEWS; With the Destruction of the City  
of Jerusalem. Which History begins where the Holy Scriptures end.  
Whereunto is added A Brief of the Ten Captivities, with the Portrait of the  
Roman Rams, and Engines of Battery, etc. As also, of Jerusalem; with the  
fearful and presaging Apparitions, that were seen in the air, before her ruin.

(By Ben Gorion Josephus)

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Printed by Bill Blake & Co.,

1819

12mo. — — pp209

THE VICAR OF WAKEFIELD, A TALE. Motto. (By Oliver Gold-  
smith, M. D.)

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Published by James I. Cutler & Co

1825

18mo. — — pp143

THE UNIVERSAL RESTORATION. Exhibited in four Dialogues  
between a Minister and his Friend. To which is prefixed a Sketch of the  
Author's Life.

(By Elhanan Winchester)

Printed at Bellows Falls, Vt.

By Bill Blake & Co.

1819

12mo. — — pp239

THE LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DIARY AND ALMENACK;  
With an Ephmeris for the years of Creation according to Sacred Writ, 5780,  
and of the Christian Era, 1818.

By Asa Houghton

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Printed and Published by Bill Blake & Co.

1818

The same for 1819, 1822, and 1824.

THE LADIES MONITOR, A POEM.

By Thomas G. Fessenden

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Published by Bill Blake & Co.

1818

12mo. — — pp180

THE HUSBANDMAN AND HOUSEWIFE; a Collection of valuable Receipts and Directions, relating to Agriculture and Domestic Economy.

By Thomas G. Fessenden

Bellows Falls

Printed by Bill Blake & Co.

1820

12mo. — — pp190

WALKER'S CRITICAL PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY AND EXPOSITOR OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. Abridged. To which is added an Abridgement of Walker's Key to the Classical Pronunciation of Greek, Latin, and Scripture Proper Names.

Stereotyped by A. W. Kingsley, Albany.

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Published by James I. Cutler & Co.

and sold by them wholesale and Retail  
at their Book store.

S. H. Taylor, Printer.

1834

sm. qto. pp423

A HANDBOOK FOR FARMERS, MECHANICS, MERCHANTS,  
LUMBER DEALERS AND WORKING MEN.

Bellows Falls, Vt.

Published by Edmund Blake

Printed at the *Gazette* Office

By John W. Moore.

1847

REPORTS OF CASES, &C.

Volumes XXIV-XXVI

New Series, By John F. Deane, Counsellor at Law.

Volumes I-III

Bellows Falls

Published by O. H. Platt

1853-1855

8vo, pp720, 760, 821,

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, Together with an Historical Sketch of Reading, Windsor County, Vermont, and its inhabitants from the first settlement of the town to 1874.

By Gilbert A. Davis

Bellows Falls

Steam Press of A. N. Swain

1874

8vo, pp. 169.

An important publication which attracted much attention throughout the country and abroad, was :—

A COMPLETE ENCYCLOPEDIA of Music, Elementary, Technical, Historical, Biographical, Vocal and Instrumental.

By John W. Moore, Boston

Published by John Stewart & Co.

1854



It was published in 1854, by a man prominent in local business affairs and newspaper work. Being printed in Boston, it does not come under the head of books published here, but being a book of standard authority and written here, it should have a place with the above.

Mr. Moore the author, was at that time a druggist of Bellows Falls, and had been at different periods editor and publisher of the *Bellows Falls Gazette*, and the *World of Music*. The encyclopedia had been written here during the previous seventeen years.

There has always been an excellent job printing office in connection with the newspapers in succession to the *Intelligencer*. The present *Times* Press is now the representative of that line of succession. At times there have been two offices, notably in connection with the *Republican* and *Argus*, from 1849 to 1863 when removed to Montpelier. Other offices have had a temporary existence here. That now conducted by the Truax Printing company, established in 1885, has been the most extensive and important.

No books of large size have been printed or bound here during the last half century, but the most of the time Bellows Falls has had the advantage of two well equipped general job offices ; sometimes, as at present, three.

## CHAPTER XXXI.

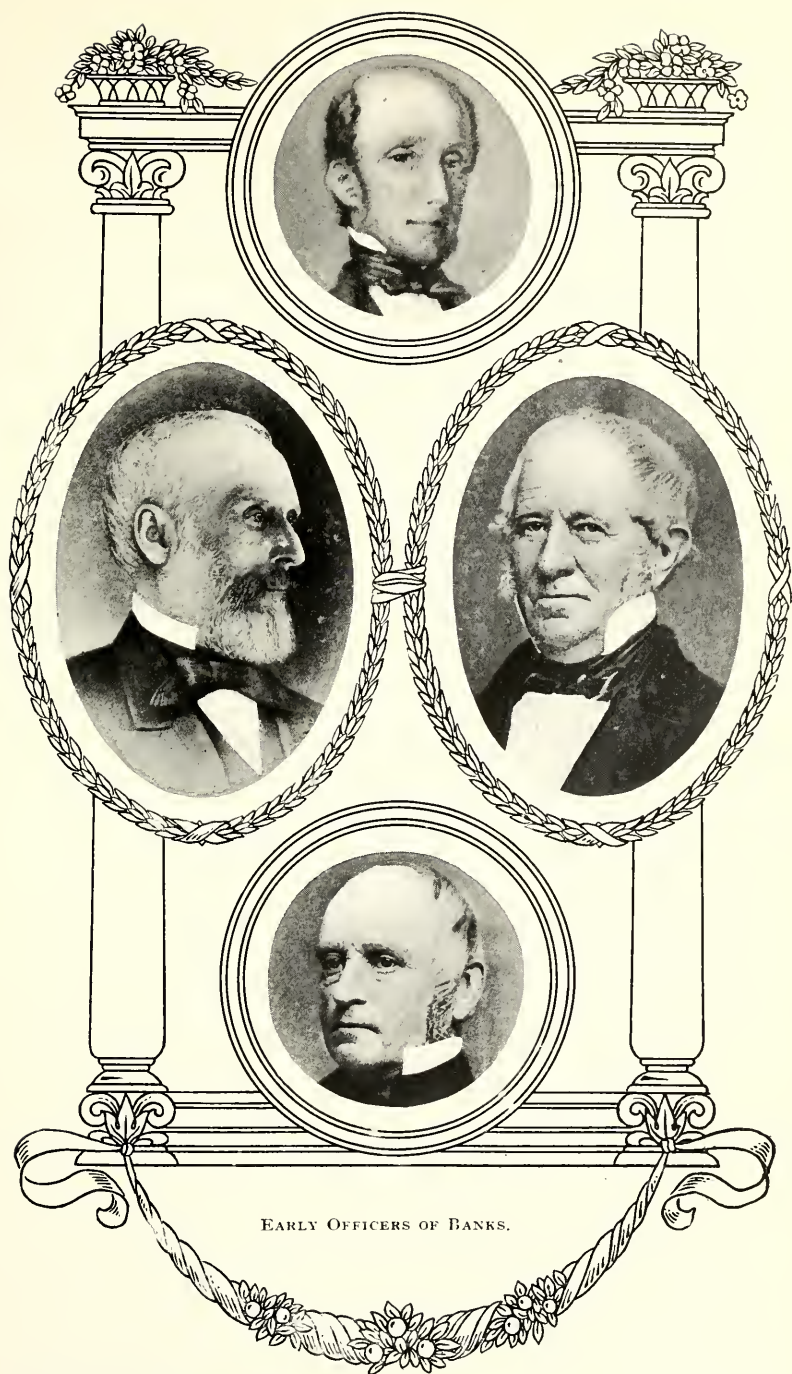
### BANKING—CONNECTICUT RIVER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The first effort to establish a bank of any kind in Vermont was made in 1786. For ten years the movement was unsuccessful, owing to the division of sentiment among the people regarding the wisdom of having any such moneyed institution. It furnished the text for unending contests at the sessions of the legislature each year. On November 10, 1806, an act was passed establishing the Vermont State Bank. This at first consisted of two branches, one at Woodstock, and the other at Middlebury. The next year two additional branches were established, at Burlington and at Westminster. All the stock of this bank, and all the profits arising therefrom, were to be the property of the state, and all concerns of the bank were to be under the control and direction of the legislature forever. The immediate management was committed to thirteen directors, to be chosen annually by the legislature, one of whom was to be president.

The record of this bank was not what had been anticipated by its projectors, and complications of various kinds arose. Opposition and jealousy interfered with its patronage, and business never attained great proportions. The Westminster branch in 1811 was removed to Woodstock by act of the legislature, and the next year those of Burlington and Middlebury were transferred to the same place. In the year 1814, the legislature passed an act ordering the treasurer of the state to burn all the bills of the bank except what were needed to meet the demands upon the treasury for a few succeeding years, and the business of banking by the state of Vermont was soon entirely discontinued. The loss to individuals in consequence of the failure of the institution was trifling, but the loss to the state was large.

Soon after the suspension of the Vermont State Bank a movement began, looking toward the establishment of small banks in different towns under the control of state laws, but by independent corporations. The first of this character was the Bank of Burlington, incorporated November 9, 1818; followed by the Bank of Brattleboro, incorporated November 5, 1821. Others followed during the next few years, and the first one at Bellows Falls was the tenth in the state to organize. No banks have ever been established in Rockingham except in the village of Bellows Falls, and the history of banking in the town has been one of continued success and advancement. No banking disaster or suspension has ever occurred here, and present and past institutions have always been strong and reliable.

The Bank of Bellows Falls was incorporated November 9, 1831 by special act of the legislature, with a capital stock of \$100,000, of which one-half was paid in. The incorporators were Mark Richards and John Smith of Westminster, William Henry of Chester, and Daniel Kellogg, Henry F. Green, S. W. Goodridge, James I. Cutler, and Alexander S. Campbell of the town of Rockingham. The first meeting of the incorporators was held February 2, 1832 at the old Mansion House which stood on the Square south of the present bank building. The following board of directors was elected: Daniel Kellogg, Nathaniel Fullerton, James I. Cutler, Nathan Wheeler, Samuel Porter, John Smith, and Otis Adams. These organized by electing Daniel Kellogg as the first president, and William Henry, cashier. These two officers were authorized at the same meeting to purchase the lot upon the west side of the Square now covered by the south end of the opera house building. Upon this lot, within a few months, was erected the small, plain, one-story, brick building which served as the only banking house of Bellows Falls until 1875. The business was commenced in a small room in the second story of Mammoth block, immediately over what is now the store of the Howard Hardware company, and was continued there for a few months until the new



JAMES HENRY WILLIAMS (1st).  
1813-1881.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY-  
1788-1861.  
COL. ASA WENTWORTH, JR.,  
1797-1882.

HENRY FRANCIS GREEN.  
1789-1867.



building was ready for occupancy. This small building was occupied by the Bank of Bellows Falls during the remainder of the existence of that institution. In 1841, the discounts of the bank amounted to \$130,134.50, only four banks in Vermont at that time doing a larger business.

Daniel Kellogg remained president until January, 1837, when he was succeeded by Nathaniel Fullerton of Chester. William Henry, the first cashier, occupied the position until March 9, 1847, his resignation being occasioned by his election to Congress. He was succeeded by James H. Williams (1st). Mr. Fullerton was president and Mr. Williams cashier until the institution was merged into the National Bank of Bellows Falls, June 12, 1865.

The figures of the standing and business of this state bank when it became a national bank measure the total banking transactions of the town at that time, except that done by the Savings Institution. These figures were: Deposits, \$35,000; loans, \$185,000; profit and loss account, \$25,000.

By the terms of the new national banking act, the National Bank of Bellows Falls was organized from the old Bank of Bellows Falls, described above, on June 12, 1865. Its charter has been extended at the expiration of each twenty years, the last renewal being in June, 1905. Its first directors were Nathaniel Fullerton, James H. Williams (1st), Hugh H. Henry, Asa Wentworth, Jr., George Slate, and John A. Farnsworth. The first president was Nathaniel Fullerton, who was succeeded in November, 1872, by James H. Williams (1st). Mr. Williams retained the office until his death and was succeeded in August, 1881, by his son, James H. Williams (2nd), the present incumbent. The first cashier was James H. Williams (1st). Upon his election to the presidency in November, 1872, he was succeeded by his son, James H. Williams (2nd). Upon the succession of the latter to the presidency, in August, 1881, Preston H. Hadley, formerly a teller in the bank, was elected cashier, which position he held until July, 1906, when, at his death, James H. Williams (3d) succeeded to the office.



The present board of directors of the National Bank of Bellows Falls are James H. Williams (2nd), Hugh Henry, John H. Williams and Charles E. Robertson.

The capital stock is \$100,000, all paid in. The financial statement dated October 2, 1905, shows the following figures: Surplus and profits, \$63,789; circulation, \$95,900; deposits, \$265,169; loans, \$259,077; total assets, \$530,309.

The National Bank occupied the small building erected by the Bellows Falls Bank until 1875, when the present commodious banking and mercantile building was built in conjunction with the Bellows Falls Savings Institution.

In accordance with the statutes providing for the retirement of the circulation of the bills of old state banks, the directors of the National Bank, on January 8, 1867, had a memorable bonfire in which they destroyed \$144,000 of the bills of the former institution.

Four times in the history of the National Bank and its predecessor unsuccessful attempts were made to rob its vaults. In each case, burglars succeeded in getting through the outer door of the vault but were frustrated in their attempts to gain admission to the safe. The dates of these attempts were November 5, 1864, March 14, 1866, April 30, 1867, and November 21, 1870.

In the first attempt, Saturday night, November 5, 1864, the would-be robbers gained entrance to the banking room of the small building through the window fronting upon the Square, by bending upward the hasp which secured the lower sash. With powder they blew off a portion of the vault lock and succeeded in prying open the outer door. The inner door foiled them, probably from lack of time, and they departed, leaving some tools inside which they had stolen from the blacksmith shop of O. B. Arms. The attempt was not discovered until Sunday evening, when Hon. H. E. Stoughton, who resided in the brick dwelling near by, noticed the disarrangement of affairs. The bank was guarded through the night, fearing a renewal of the effort. That the

thieves were not experts was evident from their bungling method of procedure.

The night of Wednesday, March 14, 1866, was selected for the second attempt. Access was gained by prying open the outside door. Powder was then used upon the vault door, but this time it resisted all efforts. It was not opened, the only damage being to the lock, which was injured so that it could not be used thereafter. In their retreat the robbers left a canister of powder, a piece of fuse and a cold chisel. Dr. O. F. Woods, who kept the hotel on the opposite side of the Square, about seven o'clock the next morning noticed the blinds of the bank closed, which led to an investigation and the discovery of the attempted robbery. Two days later, a satchel was found upon the depot grounds containing two mallets, a burglar's jointed iron-bar, powder, fuse, and some clothing. It was ascertained that three men, evidently those connected with the break, went toward Rutland on the morning train. Two left the train at Chester, and the third, giving his name as Thomas McCormick, was arrested at Rutland and proved to be a professional cracksman. He was brought here and had a hearing, March 20, 1866, before Justice Alexander S. Campbell, who held him in the sum of \$750 bail for trial at county court. Bail was furnished by the late Charles Towns, which the man forfeited, the money paying the same being sent from New York by McCormick's friends. He was a young man and in later years was known as a professional rogue.

Tuesday night, April 30, 1867, the third attempt was made. The building was entered through a window upon the south side. No explosive was used, but the outer vault door was opened by means of bars, prying in, and through, the key-hole. This evidently took so long that there was no time for further effort, there being still two more, and still stronger, doors to open. As before, the tools were secured from the Arms blacksmith shop. The same night an attempt was made to blow open the safe in the hardware store of Arms & Willson.

The fourth and last attempt to rob the bank was made Monday night, November 21, 1870, and was evidently the work of experts. Entrance was gained by prying open the street door. The burglars succeeded in removing the casings of the outer door to the vault, getting as far as the second of the three doors that guarded the money. Either they were frightened away, or they lacked for time, as there was no evidence of any work upon the second door. They left in the room the most complete set of burglar's tools ever seen in this vicinity, consisting of two new jack-screws, a heavy sledge-hammer, and a large variety of wedges, bars, and chisels of all sizes and of the best workmanship. The bars were made to be put together in sections like fish-poles, and many of the implements were supplied with duplicate handles. Upon leaving, they swung the door of the vault together and the attempt was not discovered until James H. Williams (2nd) opened the bank for business the next morning.

In only one of the above attempts was there ever secured any evidence to warrant an arrest.

Banks patronized by citizens of Bellows Falls and located in Charlestown and Walpole, N. H., have each had experience in being burglarized.

June 10, 1850, the old Connecticut River bank at the former place was entered during the night by two brothers named Larkin. Access to the vault was gained, and everything of value was taken therefrom, including about \$12,000 of specie, largely in gold. This they loaded into a buggy and started for Massachusetts. In ascending a hill, up which the men were walking, the horse strayed, unobserved in the darkness, into a by-path and was lost to the men. Early in the morning the horse and buggy, and all the bank property, were discovered, and restoration was made to the bank. The ownership of the horse was established and disclosed the identity of the men. One of the brothers escaped, the other was arrested, and later forfeited the \$2,500 bonds under which he was placed.

November 21, 1864, the Walpole Savings Bank, in which

many Rockingham citizens had deposits, was entered and cash and securities to the amount of \$52,000 were secured, causing the failure of that institution. The noted cracksmen, Max Shinnburn, was convicted as one of the robbers, and is still serving time in the Concord, N. H., prison for this offence. The story of his arrest, trial, two daring escapes, subsequent years of bank breaking, and imprisonment elsewhere—later to be returned to Concord to serve his original sentence—furnishes one of the most interesting chapters in the history of crime.

The legislature of Vermont, on November 23, 1847, incorporated the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, naming the following as the incorporators: William Henry, Asa Wentworth, Jr., Rodney Sherwin, Marshall Newton, Daniel Kellogg, Charles I. Walker, Russell Hyde, Benjamin Smith, Jr., James H. Williams (1st), Nathaniel Fullerton, Hugh H. Henry, John Barrett, Peter W. Dean, Ira Goodhue, Oliver Field, Peyton R. Chandler, Asa B. Foster, George Perry, and David Chandler.

The first meeting was held December 13, 1847, "at the inn of Col. Russell Hyde," the old Bellows Falls Stage House located on the east side of the Square. At that meeting was chosen a board of trustees consisting of William Henry, Asa Wentworth, Jr., Hugh H. Henry, Charles I. Walker, David Chandler, Peter W. Dean, Ira Goodhue, Benjamin Smith, Jr., George Perry, Russell Hyde, Timothy H. Hall, James Whipple, Waitstill R. Ranney, Otis Bardwell, and Peyton H. Chandler. These organized by electing Nathaniel Fullerton of Chester, president; Asa Wentworth, Jr., 1st vice president; Hugh H. Henry, 2nd vice president; William F. Hall, secretary; and James H. Williams (1st), treasurer. The first members of the board of investment were, Asa Wentworth, Jr., David Chandler, Timothy H. Hall, and William Conant.

The following officers have been elected in the years indicated:

## PRESIDENT :

Nathaniel Fullerton, Dec., 1847.  
 Asa Wentworth, Jr., Jan., 1852.  
 Merrick Wentworth, Aug., 1860.  
 Solon F. Goodridge, Sept., 1879.  
 George Slate, Aug., 1881  
 Henry C. Lane, Jan., 1883.  
 Lavant M. Read, March, 1901.  
 Albert N. Swain, July, 1902.

## TREASURER :

James H. Williams (1st), Dec., 1847.  
 George Slate, March, 1858.  
 James H. Williams (2nd), Aug., 1860.  
 John H. Williams, Apr., 1875.

The history of this institution has been one of continued progress, until at this time the deposits aggregate over a million and a half dollars.

The Savings Institution has always occupied the rooms with the Bellows Falls Bank and the National Bank, joining with the latter in the erection, in 1875, of the present model building on the west side of the Square.

The present board of trustees with their years of election follow :

John H. Williams, 1879.  
 Albert N. Swain, 1882.  
 Hugh Henry, 1887.  
 George O. Guild, 1889.  
 Sidney Gage, 1889.

Sidney A. Whipple, 1896.  
 Zina H. Allbee, 1899.  
 Fred I. Lane, 1902.  
 George R. Wales, 1903.

A charter was granted by special act of the legislature, November 22, 1900, to the Bellows Falls Trust company, and business was commenced on September 2, 1902, in the present banking rooms in Willson's block on the west side of the Square. The incorporators were Edward L. Walker, Charles H. Robb, and Charles E. Howard of Bellows Falls, Frederick W. Pierce of Chester, Jacob G. Ullery of Brattleboro and Frederick L. Houghton of Putney. They were authorized by the charter as commissioners to receive subscriptions to the capital stock, which was to be \$50,000, with power to increase the same to \$200,000. The amount of \$50,000 was subscribed and paid in before business was begun.

The first meeting of the incorporators and stockholders was held in the office of E. L. Walker in the second story of the opera house building, April 21, 1902, at which the follow-

ing board of directors was chosen: Edward L. Walker, president; Charles E. Howard, vice president and treasurer; Ozias M. George, James C. Day, John W. Flint, Willis C. Belknap, and Albert H. Chandler. These officials remain as when first elected, with the exception of the office of treasurer which has been taken by Mr. Chandler in the place of Mr. Howard.

The charter is a broad one, empowering the company to transact a general banking, savings, and trust business. Each department has increased rapidly from the start. Their statement dated December 1, 1905, shows the following figures: Deposits, \$313,080; assets, \$377,426; surplus and profits, \$14,346.

#### CONNECTICUT RIVER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

From 1859 until 1882 an important fire insurance company of the above name was located in Bellows Falls and did a large business. The company was chartered by the legislature in November, 1858, and issued its first policy April 1, 1859.

The first board of directors consisted of James H. Williams (1st), Asa Wentworth, Jr., A. S. Campbell, John C. Richardson, William Rounds, Joseph D. Hatch, John F. Dean, and Warren B. Richardson. These directors organized the company December 27, 1858, by the election of Asa Wentworth, Jr., president; A. S. Campbell, secretary, and James H. Williams, treasurer. The plan upon which its business was done was known as the premium note and assessment plan.

July 1, 1869, the company had at risk \$3,222,924 under 3,246 policies. The premium notes at that time amounted to \$187,655. The directors that year were Asa Wentworth, Jr., James H. Williams (1st), George Slate, J. D. Bridgman, W. H. Johnson, W. S. Meyers, E. B. Campbell, L. C. Hubbard, and Charles Whitney.

For a number of years at about the latter date, the company sustained large losses, necessitating burdensome assessments, and the business of the company was reduced.



The last report of the company made to the Insurance Department of Vermont, January 7, 1874, gave the officers as Asa Wentworth, president, Dr. F. Whitman, secretary, and George Slate, treasurer.

When the directors voted to cease issuing policies and close up the affairs of the company, they had in force about 1,100 policies and about \$1,500,000, at risk. All policies were cancelled, taking effect March 20, 1882.

The "Home office" of this company was located in the *Times* block, in rooms now occupied by the editorial office of that paper.

## CHAPTER XXXII.

### MILITIA.

As early as 1770, there was a military company in Rockingham which had for its officers Capt. Stephen Sargeant, Lieut. Philip Safford, and Surgeon Dr. Reuben Jones, the town physician. The plucky patriotism which pervaded this pioneer organization is shown by the taunt which Lieutenant Safford is said to have used to the minions of King George, while fighting his way out of the Westminster court house during the massacre of March 13, 1775. History quotes him as saying he "could lick the whole of the King's army if he only had his company of Rockingham militia with him."

The Rockingham company which marched across the state to Ticonderoga and took part in the Battle of Hubbardton in July, 1777, was officered as follows: Capt. Joseph Woods, Lieut. Charles Richards, Lieut. Colburn Preston, and Ensign Ebenezer Fuller. They had twenty-one men at first, as shown by the list given on page 214. This number was later increased to thirty-four, who probably took part in the Battle of Bennington a month later under the same officers.

In October, 1777, a detachment of five men from Rockingham under Lieut. Charles Richards is supposed to have taken part in the Saratoga campaign, and to have been present at Burgoyne's surrender. Their names were Timothy Clark, Charles Richards, Jr., Elisha Walker, Asa White, and Daniel Richards.

In 1778, the list of companies organized by the provincial congress of New York shows that the Rockingham company was officered by Moses Wright, captain; Isaac Reed, first lieutenant; and Ashur Evans, ensign. No list of the names of these men has been found, but they did service in the "First" or "Lower" regiment.

In 1779, Capt. Lemuel Sargeant commanded the Rockingham company.

In 1780, during October, a company of militia in this town shows by its roster, copied on page 224, twenty-nine men. The officers were Capt. Jonathan Holton, Lieut. William Stearns, Ensign Timothy Clark, 1st Sergt. John Roundy, 2nd Sergt. John Whitney, 3rd Sergt. John Titus, 4th Sergt. John Pulsipher, Corp. Daniel Richards, and Drummer Charles Richards.

In October of 1782, the Rockingham company of twenty-three men was under the command of Capt. William Simonds, when they took part in quelling the insurrection in Guilford, Vt. The names of the men are given on page 226.

During January, 1784, the Rockingham militia to the number of twenty-two men, commanded by Capt. John Fuller, marched across the mountains in a blinding snow storm to Guilford and shared with the little army of Ethan Allen in his victory over the Tories of that town. No names of these men have been found.

Without doubt militia organizations were continuous in town from its early settlement until about the middle of the last century, as, by the law of the state, the entire arms-bearing population was required to be organized and drilled in military tactics at least once a year. In 1822, there was a company of "Light Infantry" in the village of Saxtons River, and the commission from the Governor of Warren Lovell as lieutenant was dated June 10, 1822. Lieut. Lovell was but twenty years old at the time, and the next year he was chosen postmaster of Saxtons River.

In November, 1813, the Vermont legislature by a special act constituted a company of artillery for this town, which was probably located in Rockingham village. The act names only David R. Campbell and David Burt as incorporators. It was annexed to the 1st regiment, 2nd brigade, and first division of the militia of the state. The persons constituting the company were required to "furnish themselves, at their own expense with a good field piece, with suitable apparatus,

and otherwise equip themselves, as a company of artillery," but it was provided that the enlistments for the artillery company "do not reduce the standing companies in said Rockingham, or elsewhere, to a less number than 50 privates," indicating there were other companies then located in town.

The following from the *Bellows Falls Intelligencer* of September 30, 1822, shows that at that time military matters were an important factor in the life of this vicinity, there being a company of light infantry and one of artillery composed of Bellows Falls citizens, and two infantry companies in Grafton.

#### " MILITARY REVIEW

The first regiment of Vermont Militia, commanded by Colonel Butterfield, was reviewed and inspected in Saxtons River village on Friday last. The day was unfavorable, and the regiment was dismissed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. General Field made an excellent address to the officers and soldiers of this regiment, in which he particularly distinguished the Light Infantry and Artillery companies of this town, and the two standing companies from Grafton (who appeared in a neat uniform), for their elegance of appearance and general military conduct, and finally passed a high encomium upon the whole regiment, pronouncing it equal, if not superior to any in the division."

September 29, 1826, the 1st regiment, under command of Colonel White, was mustered in Bellows Falls and the Rockingham company was commanded by "Captain Seaver." There were also cavalry and artillery attached to the regiment. The light infantry company from Putney under Captain Knights arrived here during the evening of Thursday with baggage wagons, camp equipage, etc., and encamped upon the hill near Immanuel church. They had nine tents, and about midnight some practical jokers passed a large rope around all the tents and down the hill toward Rockingham street for the purpose of dragging them down the declivity. The rope was, however, discovered by a guard just as a pair of horses as a propelling power was being attached to the Rockingham street end, and the object of the perpetrators was frustrated. Friday, the usual drill, review, and inspection of the regiment took place, and a

sham fight furnished entertainment and instruction for the afternoon.

September 14 and 15, 1835, the officers of the 20th regiment, under the command of Colonel Clay, "trained" in Bellows Falls. Colonel Ryland Fletcher of Cavendish addressed the officers in a speech said to be—

"Distinguished for perspicuity, a good selection and arrangement of words, and sound sense. \* \* He urged the necessity of the system, not only for our own safety against foreign aggression, but apprehended danger from the vast influx of foreigners, and that spirit of monocracy which is filling the country with violence and bloodshed."

In September, 1841, the light infantry companies of Keene and Westmoreland visited Bellows Falls and paraded our streets. They were handsomely entertained by the local military men.

Early in the '50s Bellows Falls had a "crack" company composed of prominent citizens and known as the "Green Mountain Guards." They were organized under the laws of the state and were among the first troops to have uniforms and equipments. The militia of the state previous to this system had been known as the "Flood Wood Militia" because each member of the different companies was compelled to furnish his own clothing, arms, and equipment. Many of the members of the companies, being poor in this world's goods, could not afford a uniform and often could not procure a gun of any kind. The arms-bearing citizens of the state, however, had been required to turn out for military duty at least one day in the year, and the great variety of dress worn, as well as the imitations of guns used, made them a somewhat motley and non-military appearing body of soldiers. Often there were men in the ranks who trained with only sticks, pitch-forks, hoes or any other handy implement in the place of guns, and from this originated the title "Flood Wood."

With the advent of a new law under which the state bore a portion of the expense of equipment, the "Green Mountain Guards" were organized, and became a popular local institution. In their name many social functions were

observed, the memory of which yet remains with some of the older citizens.

In 1858, the officers of this organization were W. W. Cochran, captain; E. P. Cook, 1st lieutenant; Solon Perry, 2d lieutenant. The uniform was of dark blue with scarlet facings, and is said to have been very attractive in appearance.

At the first general muster of what was then known as the "Uniformed Militia of Vermont," held at Brandon, Wednesday and Thursday, November 1st and 2d, 1858, the Green Mountain Guards mustered "40 muskets," the largest number of any of the nine companies present. They were accompanied by the Bellows Falls band of seventeen pieces, in a showy uniform of light blue, with high bear-skin caps. The band did themselves so great credit that they were from that time selected as the regimental band. The company took a prominent part in the muster and was highly complimented by the governor and military officers present. It had the unique distinction of having for use six large tents which had been taken from the British in the war of 1812, and which still bore the royal initials, "G. R." These attracted general attention, particularly from a few English soldiers who were present at the time. On the way to and from this muster the company and band were guests at Rutland of Gen. H. Henry Baxter, a former well known and public-spirited local citizen. Upon reaching Bellows Falls on their return, a reception was tendered them by the citizens at which Lewis A. Grant, then a young lawyer here, later assistant secretary of war, made a speech of welcome, after which they marched to the old Bellows Falls Stage House, which was two years later destroyed by fire, where they all sat down to a banquet.

In April, 1859, Captain Cochran (the ticket agent at the local union station) was elected major of the 2d regiment, and later colonel of the same. Charles B. Stoughton, a local attorney, was elected sergeant-major of the same regiment. The promotion of Captain Cochran resulted in the election of the following officers of the Green Mountain Guards, April



23, 1859. Walter Taylor, captain; Solon Perry, 1st lieutenant; Carlton E. Webb, 2d lieutenant; Samuel Ham, 3d lieutenant; E. Whitcomb, clerk and orderly sergeant; B. P. Page, 2d sergeant, and Thomas Wells, 3d sergeant. The "directors" were J. W. Church, O. F. Woods, and Charles Hapgood. Auditor, A. M. Cushing; treasurer, J. W. Church. A committee to draft new by-laws consisted of Jabez D. Bridgman, Orasmus F. Woods, and Albert N. Swain.

At the muster of the 2d regiment, held at Bradford, Thursday and Friday, September 8 and 9, 1859, the Guard, with their regimental band again took a prominent place in the ranks, at that time mustering "70 guns," a much larger number than any other company present. On Thursday evening Captain Taylor, in his masterly manner, formed his company into a torchlight procession and, accompanied by the band, marched down through Main street and serenaded Adjutant General Kellogg, who on the next day reviewed the troops with the governor. The press of that date credited the Bellows Falls band with being the finest on the field, and it was a prominent attraction of the muster.

The *Boston Post* in its account of the muster had this to say:

"The Green Mountain Guards encamped in true military style upon the muster ground, having with them all the et ceteras of camp furniture. This company has in its possession one of the tents taken from the British in 1812, having on it the royal mark. It is a valuable trophy, and is made to do service for a body of brave men who would be loth to surrender it back to its original owners. The Guards made the most showy appearance of any company on the ground, and acquitted themselves nobly in their drill. The Bellows Falls band, which accompanied the Guards, discoursed most excellent music and did themselves great credit for the manner in which they performed their duties as the Regiment band."

In June, 1860, Captain Taylor and Lieutenant Perry of the Green Mountain Guards resigned and the following list of officers was chosen, who were probably in office at the time the company was disbanded: T. A. Barker, captain; C. E. Webb, 1st lieutenant; Samuel Ham, 2d lieutenant; B. P. Page, 3d lieutenant; A. M. Cushing, 1st sergeant; T. C. Wells, 2d sergeant; E. Whitcomb, 3d sergeant; C. Cald-

well, 4th sergeant; George W. Taylor, clerk; J. W. Church, Charles C. Hapgood, and A. M. Cushing, directors.

Co. E. of the 12th Regt., 3d Brigade, Vermont Militia was organized December 31, 1864, in the law office of J. D. Bridgman. Its last appearance was on the occasion of its annual parade and drill, Tuesday, June 5, 1866. On that day its ranks were only about half full, and after parading the streets much amusement and some indignation was caused by details of the company visiting different stores and other places of business, under orders of the officers, and arresting delinquent members. They were put under guard and later fined for neglect of duty. The pay roll of that day shows that only twenty-three out of the forty-five enrolled members of the company did duty. On this, the date of its last appearance, the officers of the company were as follows:

William J. Conant, captain.  
Charles B. Eddy, 1st lieutenant.  
P. Mason Frost, 2d lieutenant.  
Henry W. H. Hutchins, 1st sergeant.  
George N. Gould, 2d sergeant.  
Charles E. Arnold, 3d sergeant.  
Ephraim W. Barker, 4th sergeant.  
Austin N. Chandler, 1st corporal.  
C. Colburn Caldwell, 2d corporal.  
Henry E. Bowtell, 3d corporal.  
Albert O. Wyman, 4th corporal.  
Milo B. Fields, musician.

The roster of privates included many who have in later years been prominent business men of the town. They were: Edward Arms, John W. Adams, Samuel E. Baird, Frank S. Brown, F. M. Barber, George E. Cobb, Herbert E. Chandler, Sumner Chapman, Ezra P. Cook, William H. Evans, George P. Ellison, Benjamin F. Ellison, Richard C. Green, Henry D. Green, Joseph H. Griswold, Quartus E. Gowing, Edward Henry, James S. Hunt, George C. Heselton, Joseph H. Loveland, Charles A. Loveland, George M. Lawrence, Edward W. Locke, Henry A. Marcy, Andrew McCarthy, Michael O'Sullivan, James H. Phelps, Edward P. Kidder, Hollis Streeter, Oren E. Smalley, Royal E. Stearns, Henry A. Tenney, George A. Weston.

During the week previous to the last parade of this company, large bodies of Fenians had passed through Bellows Falls, the excitement in relation to the Fenian raids into Canada being then at its height. About 1,000 of them had

passed through here Friday and Saturday, and on Monday afternoon two companies of U. S. soldiers from New London had followed them to St. Albans and Ogdensburg. These were forerunners of many thousands that passed here in both directions during the following year.

The company was disbanded without formal action, and the arms and equipment were not returned to the state until August, 1869. The armory occupied by the company was in the second story of a three-story frame building that stood about where the middle of Union block now is. The third story was occupied by the Masonic fraternity, and the first story for a store. It was known as King's block and was destroyed by fire, July 28, 1868.

When the company was first organized, Nathaniel Gilmore was captain, Charles B. Eddy, 1st lieutenant, and William J. Conant, 2d lieutenant. On the promotion of Captain Gilmore to a regimental office, the vacancy was filled by the election of Lieut. Conant as captain.

The uniforms of this company were the standard blue of the United States, and their arms were the old Springfield rifles. All equipments were furnished by the state.

At the time of its disbandment immediately following the Civil war, Vermont had authorized the raising and equipment of twelve regiments. Burdened as the state was with its heavy war debt, the expense of so large a body of militia was seriously felt, and in many towns dissatisfaction was apparent among the members of the different companies, caused by the state's requirement that the members bear a large proportion of the expense. There were already premonitions that the legislature would soon materially decrease the number of regiments. Companies in other towns did not average to turn out better at that time than did the Bellows Falls company. The legislature soon cut the number of regiments from twelve to only one, as it has remained since, and, for just forty years thereafter, no company was located in Rockingham.

In January, 1906, the young men of Bellows Falls

became interested in military matters and, as there was just then a vacancy in the one regiment of state militia through the disbanding of Company E at Barre, application was made for the establishment of a company here, which was granted.

A company was mustered February 8 to rank from April 12, 1906, known as Company E of the First Regiment Infantry, Vermont National Guard. The first officers, and those still occupying the positions, are Captain, George H. Thompson; 1st Lieutenant, Dallas F. Pollard; 2d Lieutenant, John P. Lawrence; 1st Sergeant, John C. Dennison. The number of men mustered when organized was thirty-eight, which number was soon increased to the full company number of sixty officers and men.

The first service rendered by the new company was in the trip of the regiment to Mount Gretna, Pa., August 3 to 13, 1906, where they were in the United States service and employed in field manœuvres in connection with detachments of the regular army.

## CHAPTER XXXIII.

### THE WAR OF 1812

The record of the part which Rockingham took in the War of 1812 is very meagre. Without doubt a number of her citizens held important places in that period of unpleasantness, but definite knowledge in regard to the details is lacking.

In the various cemeteries of the town are buried a number of veterans who are credited with having taken part in the war at that time, but many of them came to this town at later dates. The records of the town refer but once to the matter during the years covered by the conflict, and the following is a copy of the record, pp. 305 and 306 of Volume IV.

"Agreeable to a request of four of the free holders of the Town of Rockingham to us made these are to warn all the inhabitants of said Rockingham who are qualified to vote in town meetings to meet at the North Meeting House in said Rockingham on the 28th Day of September instant at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of viz

First to choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 to see if the town will raise money for to make up the deficiency of the Drafted Militias wages belonging to said town higher than the sum set by law.

3 to see if the town will raise money to equip those who are not able to equip themselves belonging to the militia of this town and to defray the expenses of the Drafted Militia while on their march to Burlington in Vermont

4th to transact any business that the town may think proper when met. Rockingham, September 15, 1812."

Jonathan Barron	}	Selectmen.
Sam W. Pulsipher		
Elias Olcott		

"Sept. 28th, 1812, then met the inhabitants of Rockingham agreeable to the above or foregoing warrant and firstly made choice of Elijah Knight, Esq. as moderator for said meeting.

2dly It was motioned & seconded to see if the town will raise money to make up the deficiency of the soldiers' wages who are gone to Burlington from said Rockingham and said motion passed in the negative.

3dly voted to raise One cent on the dollar or on the list of 1812 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Militia who are gone to Burlington.

4th Voted to dissolve the present meeting.

Elijah Knight, Moderator  
Jonathan Burt, Town Clerk "

Throughout the state there was a wide divergence of opinion among the citizens of the various localities regarding the wisdom or necessity of the war. As a whole, the state was very evenly divided between the two political parties of that day, the Republican, known as "The War Party," and the Federalist, known as "The Peace Party."

At the outbreak of the war the Republicans were in the ascendancy and Jonas Galusha, then governor of Vermont, took the necessary action for raising Vermont's quota (3,000) of the 100,000 militia asked for by President Madison. The legislature in October, 1812, following the declaration of war, authorized the raising of troops for service and levied additional taxes on lands for support and arming of the militia. It also passed an act prohibiting any person from crossing the Canadian line, or transporting any merchandise or goods across the boundary without permission of the governor, under penalty of \$1,000 fine and seven years' imprisonment.

These measures were considered by many of the people as oppressive, and great bitterness of feeling sprang up between the two parties. Governor Galusha ordered the militia to do duty at Plattsburg, N. Y., thereby displeasing the peace party, the members of which claimed that the troops should not be taken outside of the state.

The action of the town, as recorded above, probably refers directly to the militia which was sent across to Plattsburg from Burlington, and from such action it is evident that a majority disapproved of the policy of the state government.

Many Vermonters who had at first favored the war now left the Republican ranks and went over to the Federal party.

By the time the elections were held, in the fall of 1813, party spirit was wrought to so high a pitch that the harmony which heretofore existed between families of the opposite parties, was generally destroyed. The division between the parties was so even that there was no election of governor that year by the people, and the legislature elected the Federal candidate, Martin Chittenden, by a small majority. The



Federalists, now being the dominant power, repealed the oppressive laws of the previous administration, and one of the governor's first acts was to recall the brigade of Vermont militia which had been stationed at Plattsburg, the soldiers returning to their homes before their term of enlistment had expired.

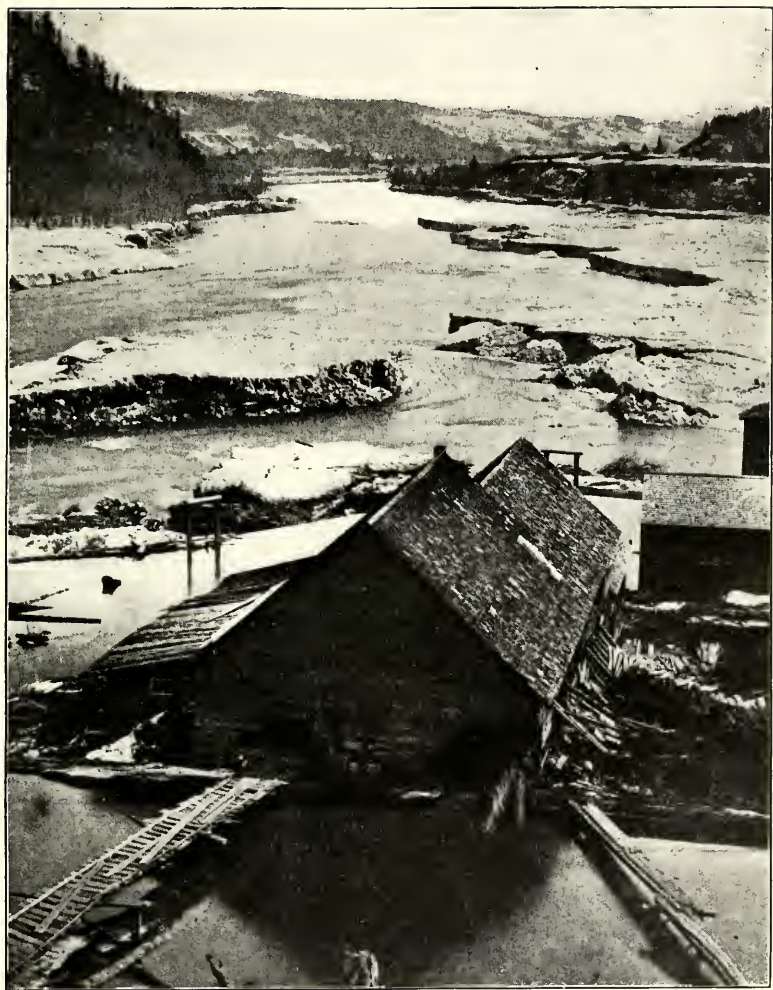
Rockingham undoubtedly had her part in these discussions and her full number of citizens in the militia, but a careful examination of the records of the Vermont adjutant general's office fails to disclose the names of those from this town who took part. Simeon and Ebenezer Clark, sons of Timothy Clark, an early citizen, both went into the army from Rockingham and both died while in the service.

During those years Bill Blake was a leading citizen of Bellows Falls, owning the paper-mills and taking an active part in public matters. He was a man of strong personality, aggressive, independent, and out-spoken upon all questions of public policy. As showing the unpleasant features of the act of the legislature prohibiting any person from crossing the line to or from Canada, and the complications which arose under it because of the guards stationed by the government at different points in Vermont, the sworn statement of Mr. Blake is of interest, telling his experiences in a forceful manner. His statement was published in a paper known as the *Washingtonian*, printed at Windsor, at that time.

"I Bill Blake of lawful age testify, that on the 13th day of January I was travelling from Lyndon Corner to the line between the United States and Canada: when I came to Derby, I was stopped by a soldier, who presented his bayonet and ordered me to stop, which I did. He searched my sleigh box but took nothing from it. I rode on about half a mile, and was again stopped by the bayonet.

The soldier seemed very furious, and could hardly be prevailed on to keep his bayonet out of my horse's breast. He likewise searched my sleigh but found nothing and I proceeded to the guard house, where I was again stopped and examined and searched more minutely, and nothing found except a few small accounts and some articles of wearing apparel. I was ordered not to cross the line and replied that I was already far enough to the northward, unless I received better treatment.

I went to Levi Bigelow's store on the line, to settle some small accounts, and returned in about two hours, I was again stopped and examined at the



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With Ice Piled High in the Eddy."



guard house, as before, and was stopped, in all, six times in about one mile and a half. I now supposed I was out of the reach of bayonet law; but the next day in the morning, I was passing by Jennings's tavern, in Sheffield, on the height of land about twenty-five miles south of Canada line, in a desolate place far from any other inhabitants. I saw a man cutting wood at the door and as I was passing by, a man stepped up to me and ordered me to stop. I told him I should not. He sprang at my bridle but I drove away from him. After going about twenty rods I heard the report of a musket which I thought aimed at me.

I drove on and perceived no one in pursuit of me until I had proceeded about a mile, when a man with a bayonet and club came up with me. He seized my bridle and said, 'why did you not stop when we fired at you?' I replied, 'did you fire at me?' 'yes, and meant to stop you.' 'Why did you not shoot straight? I expected I was in a country where I was not obliged to stop at everyone's call.' By this time another man rode up with a gun and bayonet and speaking to the other said, 'You have done d—n well.' I begged to go about my business, as I was in a hurry. Says the man on horse-back, 'D—n him, make him go back.' One of them demanded my pocket-book and said that I had counterfeited bank bills. I told him if he was a soldier it was nothing to him if I had a sleigh load of them. However I took out my pocket-book and showed him a bill on Cook bank. He gave it to the man on the horse who was putting it into his pocket. He snatched my pocket-book from me and put my money into it and then put it into his own pocket. I demanded it. He said he would give me my pocket-book if I would go back and let him ride with me, and accordingly gave it to me. I then saw two men more coming with speed, with guns and bayonet, I rode back where I found a number (12 or 14) men. They searched everything I had, even to dirty linen and my watch-case and boots and demanded my pocket-book. I gave it to an elderly man who chanced to come up and charged him to be sure that they did not steal it. They then searched me from head to feet and seemed then not to be satisfied, even after this was done. I asked by what authority they did this. They said they were posted there by their adjutant, I asked why they were not on sentry as I should think it was their duty. The answer was, that they had a right to search anyone, that was going either way. I told them, if they had been on duty I should have known what it meant, but if a man turn out of a public or private house and order another to stop I think it at the traveller's option whether to stop or not. They said they should stop everyone they saw fit.

Bill Blake."

Personally appeared Bill Blake, and made oath to the foregoing assertion before me.

Calvin Webb, Justice of Peace.

In the year 1814, a young man named Ira White, employed in the paper mills at Bellows Falls learning the trade under Bill Blake, was employed to drive a party of American naval officers from Bellows Falls to Vergennes. Without doubt these officers were Commodore MacDon-

ough and his subordinates, who, early in that year, had constructed at Vergennes the little fleet with which he, on September 11th, defeated the English fleet at Plattsburg. Mac-Donough's home was in Middletown, Conn., and the trip was probably made up the river to this point and then by team the remaining one hundred miles. Mr. White later went to Wells River, Vt., where he spent the remainder of his life in the manufacture of paper, and often told the story of his ride across the mountains.

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

### DANIEL WEBSTER AT BELLOW'S FALLS—MOUNT KILBURN CHRISTENED

A memorable event in the annals of Rockingham was the visit of Daniel Webster to Bellows Falls during the presidential campaign of 1840. This was the campaign in which General Harrison was the Whig nominee in opposition to the Democratic presidential incumbent, Martin Van Buren, and it is generally conceded that none in the history of the country ever aroused more enthusiasm and excitement than did this. The disastrous results of the terrible panic of 1837, under the administration of Van Buren, as a result of what seemed a fatally defective financial policy, injected into the canvass far more than ordinary interest and caused hard work upon the part of the Whig party. The enthusiasm shown by the latter party was not to be seen among the supporters of Van Buren. "Log cabins and hard cider," which were supposed to be typical of General Harrison's frontier life, became popular with the Whigs and were their slogans throughout the campaign.

Up to that time no campaign had been so strongly contested, and it is questionable if, considering the proportion of population, any has since exceeded it. The result was that Democratic electors were chosen by only two northern and five southern states, the popular vote showing over four to one throughout the country in favor of Harrison. In all this land a peculiarity of the campaign was rural gatherings, immense conventions being held in small towns far away from business centres. An example of this was the Stratton convention.

Rockingham took her full share in the arrangements for, and the carrying out of, this monster gathering, which numbered 30,000 people, in a large open plot of land on the very



height of the mountain between Windham and Bennington counties, where only one farmhouse was in sight for miles. Over fifty citizens of this town signed the call for the Stratton convention. Although in the busiest time of the year, over one hundred voters had gathered June 6th at the "Hotel of Harvey Wood" in Rockingham, elected seventeen delegates and formed "The Tippecanoe Club of Rockingham." Samuel L. Billings, the tanner, was president, R. Walker recording secretary, Simon S. Davis, corresponding secretary, and George Perry, Henry Walker, John W. Moore, W. H. Allbee, and Ithamar Bolles executive committee.

It was "voted that the Whigs en masse attend the District Log Cabin Convention to be holden on Stratton mountain, a little east of the height of land, near the turnpike road leading from Arlington to Wardsboro, on Tuesday, the 7th day of July next at 12 o'clock noon."

Also, "Voted that the first meeting of The Tippecanoe Club be holden at Cambridgeport next Saturday, June 13, at 4 o'clock P. M."

Gates Perry, Jr., J. W. Moore, and Samuel L. Billings were chosen a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws. The records are signed by R. Walker, chairman, with H. H. Baxter and A. Sargeant, secretaries.

The club held its final meeting Saturday afternoon, July 4, at the Bellows Falls Stage House, to complete arrangements for the town's part in the demonstration.

Monday morning, July 6, Rockingham citizens from all parts of the town gathered by appointment at Cambridgeport at 10 o'clock in every variety of conveyances, many on foot. They proceeded in a body to Townshend where they were joined by delegations from Brattleboro, Putney, Westminster, Chester, Springfield, Grafton and many other towns, making a monster cavalcade in which Rockingham's delegation was one of the largest, if not the largest. With the Brattleboro delegation was the honored guest and speaker of the occasion, Daniel Webster of the United States senate, in an open barouche drawn by four coal-black horses.

The convention was called to open at noon of the next day, Tuesday. The Rockingham delegation, like the others, had provided themselves with tents and three days' rations. It is estimated that at least 250 went from this town, some however, not going until Tuesday morning. The main delegation from here was one of the very first on the grounds, headed by the Walpole band. This was followed by a large wagon, sufficiently capacious to seat thirty persons, drawn by six powerful grey horses. Upon the front of this, was an elegant United States flag, eighteen and one-half by ten feet, which had been presented by the patriotic ladies of Bellows Falls. Extending from the rear of the carriage was a large banner, on one side of which were a log cabin, and appropriate scenery with the motto, "A True Emblem of Our Forefathers." On the reverse side it bore the legend, "Vermont Ever True to Whig Principles." Numerous other banners accompanied the Rockingham delegation. One from the village of Cambridgeport attracted as much attention as any, as it read "We Were Once Blind, But Now We See," and was carried by a number of gentlemen of that village who had formerly been supporters of Van Buren. The painting of the banners was done principally by Johnson of Bellows Falls.

After the Rockingham tents had been put up, one of them had as an emblem on the top, a huge pewter plate with the motto "Harrison Men Don't Use Gold Plate," referring to the proverbial extravagance of President Van Buren during his residence at the White House.

Throughout the convention, which continued until Wednesday noon, the late Capt. Walter Taylor was the chief marshal of the Rockingham forces, and also assisted many other delegations in a similar capacity. William Henry of Bellows Falls, later a member of congress, was a committee upon the resolutions of the convention, and was nominated as its candidate for presidential elector, to which position he was later elected. Cyrus Locke, a prominent citizen of Saxtons River, was one of the vice presidents of the convention and

John W. Moore, editor of the *Bellows Falls Gazette*, was one of its secretaries.

Up to the time of the assembling of the convention, no arrangement had been made, nor had it been deemed possible, for Daniel Webster to visit Bellows Falls. On account of the prominent part which Rockingham took in the convention, and at the urgent invitation of its large delegation, Mr. Webster, Tuesday morning, decided he would return this way and speak to a Bellows Falls audience Wednesday afternoon. Although the notice was very short and there were no telephones or telegraph in those days, a crowd estimated at over 3,000 people had gathered, filling the whole of the public Square and as far down Bridge street and up Westminster street, as the eye could reach.

It was the middle of the afternoon before the barouche that brought Mr. Webster, coming by the way of Grafton, Cambridgeport and Saxtons River, reached the Mansion House, where he was entertained while here. Its proprietor at that time was Captain Theodore Griswold. Mr. Webster soon appeared upon the upper balcony of the hotel and, being introduced, spoke in his eloquent and expressive manner for about an hour and a half. A number of those present at the time speak of the breathless silence of the great audience, except when they gave forth their mighty cheers, thus manifesting the deep interest they felt in the principles expressed, and their just respect for the speaker. Gates Perry, Jr. of Saxtons River and Deputy Sheriff Timothy H. Hall of Westminster kept order, and tradition says you could have heard a pin drop in any part of the Square. Aged men of to-day, boys in '40, still fire up with excitement at the remembrance of the intense interest and enthusiasm shown by the audience, and the impressive, because unusual, sight of the solid sea of upturned faces.

During Mr. Webster's stay in Bellows Falls it is known that he went into two other houses besides his hotel. These were the house on the Old Terrace, now occupied by James H. Williams, then by Solon Grout, a prominent politician of

those days, and the small dwelling near the south end of Atkinson street, on the west side, now owned by W. H. Bodine. Charles Hapgood lived there in 1840, and Mr. Webster, having an errand there, stepped into the front hall. Mrs. Hapgood often in after years pointed out with great pride a certain rug in her house as the one upon which "Daniel Webster once stood." He went from here to Keene, N. H.

#### THE CHRISTENING OF MOUNT KILBURN

The mass of rock which rises abruptly from the east bank of the Connecticut at Bellows Falls was early known as "Falls Mountain," later, "Fall Mountain," and it was not until Tuesday, September 23, 1856, that it received its present name, "Mount Kilburn."

The class of '57 of Amherst college, to the number of twenty-nine, came here on the noon train of that day, and early in the afternoon were joined by fifteen members of the class of '57 of Middlebury college, and five or six seniors from Dartmouth. All were guests of the Amherst class, who had inaugurated the movement and were the principals in the exercises, aided by Dr. Stearn, president of Amherst, and the elder Dr. Hitchcock, also of Amherst, one of the most noted geologists of that time. An invitation had been extended to the senior class of Dartmouth to be present also as guests of Amherst, but President Lord had declined to accept.

After dinner at the Island House, the Bellows Falls band headed a procession consisting of the students and a number of local invited guests which marched across the river and to the top of the mountain, Professor Hitchcock calling the attention of those present to certain interesting geological formations during the ascent. After reaching the summit and admiring the beautiful view of the valley from that point, a selection was rendered by the band, and Dr. Stearn in a few words stated the object of the gathering and introduced J. H. Boalt, a member of the Amherst class, as the orator chosen to perform the christening rights. Mr. Boalt began speaking from a granite platform, when he was accosted by

a student purporting to be a New Hampshire man, who objected to the naming of the mountain by those from Massachusetts, giving his reasons therefor. He was followed by another student representing the Vermont people, who gave reasons why such an act as the christening of the mountain should not be done without due regard to Vermonters. Another in the garb of the Irishman, and imitating well his brogue, expressed great indignation that they should think of "taking way his mountin." He had squatted on it and the "praste" had told him that this was a free country and that whoever squatted on any part of it could claim it as his own. Being told that the "praste" had given his consent, Patrick waives his claim and tells them "to take the mountin and along wid ye." D. H. Rogan of the Amherst class, represented Texas' objections to the ceremony, closing his speech with a tribute to the red man. I. C. Clapp, also of the class, here came forward clothed from head to foot in Indian costume, representing himself to be the only survivor of a numerous tribe that once roved over these hills and valleys. In a simple and interesting manner he recounted the traditions of his tribe, pointed out their various haunts as seen from the mountain, and in tones of sadness pictured the wrongs that they had suffered at the hands of the paleface. Appealing to the sympathies of his auditors, he asked if it was not his right to affix a name to this mountain, once the free hunting ground of his tribe. All cried out, "Yes, yes, yes, it is the red man's right." He only asked that they "Give no Indian name to this mountain, for it will only serve to keep in remembrance the wronged red man; soon I shall go where my tribe have already gone, to the land of the Great Spirit: then may we be forgotten."

Mr. Boalt was then allowed to resume the christening oration from which the following are a few extracts:

"We have assembled here to-day for the novel purpose of christening an infant mountain. We have gathered together here, like the priests of ancient Rome, in order that we may invest, with the "*toga virilis*," this beautiful eminence, which to-day must cease to be considered a hill. \* \* \* Does not its silent majesty continually rebuke the petty aims and objects, the idle hopes

and mean jealousies which form the business of our daily life? It is easy enough for us, many together, to prate of the superiority of mind over matter. But let one of us come alone into these mighty solitudes and then, if he can and dare, boast of his supremacy. \* \* \* But were this mountain to commission me, as her advocate in this cause, I should ask you if any human apparel could surpass the varied splendor of her autumnal dress? Her toilet is made with the whole sky for her mirror, and the reflection is from the eyes of angels. The little stars send each a pearl to decorate her waving hair and the inquisitive rays of the morning sun seek out these tiny pearls and shining through them, shed a softer and a purer light from their holy contact. She employs no cosmetics but these two of nature's, the dew of heaven and the light of God. \* \* \*

"It seems appropriate, then, that a mountain like this should perpetuate the name of one whose unblazoned deeds would put to shame the easily acquired glory of many whose names stand first upon the scroll of fame. Long time ago, not far from the base of this mountain the first settler in these parts, assisted by only three others, maintained an obstinate and successful resistance against one hundred times their number of Canadian Indians, thereby preventing in all human probability, the massacre of hundreds of their fellow-countrymen, in a similar state of undefence. It is time that this valiant act, whose equal we make bold to say does not exist within the recollection of man, not even excepting the case of Leonidas and the Persians—it is time that this noble deed of self-relying courage, which has too long slept unnoticed and unsung, should receive from us a fitting testimonial. Let us, then, honor this neglected hero with a monument which the proudest might envy. Yes, the very trees bow their acquiescence in this new title to their ancient home, which by the authority and in the name of the class of 1857 I do hereby denominate Mount Kilburn. And although the torrents of rain, which have recently fallen are not usually considered as of good omen, I can see in them but another manifestation of the ever kind hand of nature, who is unwilling that her mountain should receive its new name without a clean face."

At the conclusion of Mr. Boalt's oration the class united in singing a song, "The Titan's Workshop," composed expressly for this occasion by A. L. Frisbee, a member of the class. Messrs. Boalt and Frisbee occupied the respective positions of orator and poet at the graduation exercises of their class in the following spring.

President Stearn then introduced E. G. Cobb of the class, who also delivered an interesting oration. He said in part:

"It seems peculiarly appropriate that we turn occasionally from the principles of abstruse science and investigations of theories, to the external world where nature is our teacher. And now that we have rallied from the blue hills of Massachusetts it gives us joy to extend the hand in friendly greeting to those who have come from the Green Mountains and valleys of



Vermont, from the villages and country round about, to meet us here on the confines of the 'Old Granite state, where the hills are so lofty, magnificent and great.' And as, but a short distance below, in this beautiful valley, three rivers meet and mingle their joyous waters, so let us from three honored states, unite our sympathies and congratulations on this festive occasion. \* \* \* He is indeed to be pitied who can behold such scenery as this and not carry away a vision of beauty in his soul that will make him a stronger and a nobler man. It is, moreover, a fact well established in the world's history, that the inhabitants of mountainous regions are usually noted for firm principle, energy and nobility of character, as well as for strong love of freedom. Wherever dwells a race of mountaineers, there dwells a race of free men who will maintain the right. They cannot breathe free mountain air and gaze on the glorious hills and then yield tamely to oppression. If a foreign foe should again invade our shores, where should we look for defence sooner than to the northern and New England states? Vermont would again pour forth her hardy 'Green Mountain boys' and these granite hills would ring with shouts of freedom, as of old. And now that contentions have arisen among us as a people, and a great principle of right and wrong, liberty or bondage, is to be tested at the ballot box, shall we look to the cities, where multitudes ever stand ready to sacrifice principles for gain, for vindication of right, or shall we rather look to those who dwell in the mountain fastnesses of the land? Let the shout of freedom that has sounded from Maine in her late election and which has been so nobly answered by Vermont, give answer. \* \* \* I do believe that the contemplation of such a prospect as lies spread out before us to-day exerts a silent but powerful and enobling influence over the hearts of men; and that among our hardy mountaineers there is yet hope for our land. He who breathes this fresh air, hears the roar of the great cataract below us and gazes upon these immovable heights, will catch their spirit and himself be free, firm and energetic. \* \* \* But a few rods from Cold River on the road to Walpole is the place where Kilburn's hut once stood, from which as a fort he, with three other men aided by his wife and daughters, gained over a host of savage foes a victory, second in valor to none recorded in history. He now lies buried in Walpole, of which town he was the first settler in 1749. History has paused to say of him: 'He possessed an honest heart, lived uprightly and died in peace.' He fought for his home, rude though it was; he loved the very hills that girt it around, and it is but right that such names should live upon the mountain tops. I rejoice to-day in being one of those who after the lapse of nearly a century since his death, have assembled here to do him honor. History is imperfect and there sleeps in our churchyards full many a noble hero whose deeds are lost in silence and forgot. Surely it is an act worthy patriot scholars to draw forth the names of such from obscurity and place them before the world."

When Mr. Cobb had concluded his address, the band rendered another selection and A. L. Frisbee was introduced as poet of the day. His production was recited in a pleasing

and appropriate manner and was well received by the audience. The exercises on the mountain were completed by the concluding blessing and invocation for the future pronounced by Dr. Hitchcock in a very impressive manner, the students and guests standing with bared heads.

At four-thirty, the Amherst students and their guests sat down to a bountiful repast at the Island House, which was then in its prime and managed by C. R. White. As soon as those present had thoroughly discussed the menu, H. W. Jones as toast-master, called on President Stearn of Amherst to respond to the following toast, "Our Alma Mater, The noble ship will enjoy prosperity while she has in her stern (Stearn) a guide to virtue and noble action." Dr. Stearn, in reply, after a word of appreciation at the way the exercises had been carried out on Mt. Kilburn during the afternoon, excused himself from any extended speech, saying that he was no geologist himself, but that there was one present who was (alluding to Prof. Hitchcock), and he presumed by this time he could, and undoubtedly would, soon give the solid contents of Mt. Kilburn.

The next toast was "The American Geologist,—His greatness is only exceeded by his goodness of heart." Prof. Hitchcock arose to respond amid most enthusiastic cheering. Among other things, he remarked upon the beauty of this village and the view from the top of the mountain. He dared to say it was finer than that from Mt. Holyoke. There was a fine view there, but no cataract. He had no doubt the valley below the mountain was once filled across to the mountains on the other side. Mt. Kilburn was about 830 feet in height and 1,200 above the surface of the ocean. It was absolutely certain that the valley below had been worn away by the water and ice. The drift agency was powerful. He spoke of the beautiful terraces in all this vicinity and of the intense historic interest of the mountain in connection with John Kilburn and Colonel Bellows. He thought the mountain had been appropriately named. After giving two or three interesting incidents of Kilburn's life and heroism, he

made the statement that he "hardly thought that the history of the world furnished a parallel to the courage and heroism of Kilburn in defending his fort. The Indians were driven away at that time and never dared to return." Prof. Hitchcock highly complimented the people of Vermont for their interest in scientific labors and spoke of the exhaustive geological survey for which its legislature had just made provision, and which was completed within the next three years under his own personal supervision. He closed by alluding to the feelings of sympathy between Amherst and Middlebury colleges. They had had the same experiences and the same class of students, who stood at the head of all the colleges of this land, and at the head of the religious world.

The next toast, "Our Guests from Middlebury," was responded to in a happy manner by H. H. Thomas of the senior class of Middlebury. Among other things he said:

"If I am not mistaken, there is in your vicinity a mountain which bears the euphonious and poetical name that my college mates have conferred upon me. I refer to "Mt. Tom." I infer, sir, from its name, that it anciently belonged to our family and I intend to head a small party of classmates, retake it, and honor it with a more elegant name. We shall always rejoice to see you in old Vermont, and we pledge you a hearty reception, whether you come to christen our mountains or to see our sisters."

"Bellows Falls,—Beautiful in situation, charming in scenery, but most favored in the nobleness of its citizens," called up Rev. Dr. Clap, at that time rector of Immanuel church. He said he was too old to attempt a speech on an occasion like this, nor had he ever been accustomed to such things.

He would, however, in behalf of the people of Bellows Falls, return thanks for the kindly terms in which they had been pleased to speak of this place, and took pleasure in introducing Rev. Samuel E. Day, pastor of the Congregational church, who responded at length, referring to many of the lessons taught by the day's exercises, and the high and noble thoughts engendered. He closed as follows:

"I will not attempt to speak geologically of the interior of the mountain for I am not skilled in science, but should Mt. Kilburn be overturned by any

convulsion of nature, I am sure of one specimen, that would be found underneath it, not fossil, not mineral, and not vegetable, but of the genus homo, and that is 'the American geologist' ready to see whatever might transpire, and to gather up some new contribution to science. But, seriously, to you young men, I would say, not as your teacher but as your elder brother, as you have to-day been climbing some of the physical eminences of this valley, may this day's work be prophetic of your future efforts in life to ascend (and as successfully) the high moral and intellectual elevations among men, and (I speak it reverently) as did the Deity upon Mount Sinai, where He gave the ten commands to men, there from those high places give laws to those around you:—social, civil and intellectual laws, assured that by how much higher the summit you attain, with so much the more authority will your influence be clothed, and by so much more respect will your opinions be received by your fellows."

Among the later speakers were A. N. Swain of the *Bellows Falls Times* and Hiram Atkins, editor of the *Bellows Falls Argus*, then published here, both of whom responded to the toast "The Press." P. B. Goodsell, who was principal of the Bellows Falls high school, also spoke briefly. W. H. Wells, Dartmouth, '54, responded to "The Dartmouth Veto, this is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes," referring to the refusal of President Lord to allow the senior class of that institution to participate in the exercises. Other speakers were George Partridge of Winchester, Va., Amherst, '54; Messrs. Boalt, Cobb, Frisbee, J. P. Lane, Mathew Walker, George B. D. Pepper, D. H. Rogan and others of the Amherst '57 class; Henry Miner and H. B. Furniss of Middlebury, '57; Manager C. R. White of the Island House, and others. J. P. Lane of Amherst was the chairman of the committee of arrangements for the affair and was highly complimented upon his success.

A number of members of the two classes are still living and speak with interest of their recollections of the event. Among these Rev. A. W. Wild, now living near Cambridgeport, Vt., has been a well-known Congregational clergyman for many years. In a recent letter upon the subject he refers to other members of his class (Middlebury) who were present, as follows:

"Henry F. Severens in 1886 was appointed U. S. Judge for the Western District of Michigan, then to succeed Judge Taft in the Superior Court when

the latter was sent to the Philippines. L. D. Eldredge was a well-known lawyer and business man of Middlebury, a partner of Gov. Stewart and member of legislature and senate, and for many years treasurer of Middlebury college. T. H. Davis was a typical southerner from Richmond, Va., served in the Confederate army, was captured by U. S. troops and is said to have died in Texas. J. N. Diamant was a Congregational pastor and Home Missionary in New York and at the West. He died in 1888. A. S. Barton was a Congregational minister in various places in Vermont, among them Saxtons River and Townsend, dying in 1882."

Other members of the Middlebury class present on that occasion were :

H. H. Thomas, Henry Miner, Henry S. Foot, H. B. Furniss, E. G. Hunt, H. M. Porter, Lamien Redfield, Charles H. North, and C. W. Lawton. Of the Amherst boys, the following list were here, J. H. Boalt, J. P. Lane, — Blodgett, E. G. Cobb, A. L. Frisbee, J. E. Elliott, S. M. Hathaway, Richard Folsom, W. S. Carr, Mathew Walker, J. Kimball, J. W. Faust, George S. Biscoe, B. H. Abbot, David Beals, Jr., Dennis Wortman, Jr., J. D. W. Weaver, H. M. Bridgeman, George D. B. Pepper, George A. Beckwith, A. L. Clark, Henry W. Jones, Arthur Folsom, James H. Palmer, F. Shaw, D. H. Rogan, I. C. Clapp and F. Burt. Only five students from Dartmouth were present, Henry M. Wells, Charles A. Carlton, D. T. Corbin, C. C. Conant and L. J. Shaw.

## CHAPTER XXXV.

### PUBLIC BENEFACTIONS.

Among the notable gifts received by this town is the David R. Campbell Legacy Fund, amounting to \$20,000, received in 1886 from the estate of David Richard Campbell, a native of Rockingham. Mr. Campbell had accumulated a fortune in the meat and provision trade in Boston and the West, and, having no immediate relatives, in 1876, he divided \$28,000 between the towns of Windsor, Grafton, Westminster, Athens, Chester and Springfield. Athens received \$3,000, the others \$5,000 each, the income of which was to be applied to the relief of the poor under similar terms as that later devised to Rockingham.

By his will, dated October 26, 1881, and probated in Windsor county, May 19, 1885, he bequeathed to this and other towns as follows :

"I give the inhabitants and their successors of my native town of Rockingham in Windham county and state of Vermont, \$20,000, wishing the lawful authorities and their successors of said town of Rockingham to invest the amount of this bequest and keep it safely invested in productive real estate or interest paying securities, and use the annual income of the investment in aid and support of the Indigent Poor and Paupers of said town of Rockingham; I give the inhabitants and their successors of four towns in Windsor county, Vermont, as follows, to the inhabitants and their successors of Baltimore, \$4,000; to the inhabitants and their successors of Weathersfield, \$5,000; to the inhabitants and their successors of West Windsor, \$6,000; to the inhabitants and their successors of Hartland, \$5,000.

I desire that the lawful authorities and successors of each of these said towns in Windsor county shall invest and keep safely invested in productive real estate, or interest paying securities, the amount of their here bequest, and use the annual income of the investment in aid and support of the Indigent Poor and Paupers of said towns."

The terms of the earlier gifts were similar to those of the will above quoted, except that any investment was to be made upon mortgage on "real estate in New England."

A special town meeting was held June 28, 1886, for the purpose of accepting the bequest at which it was :



“RESOLVED—That the town of Rockingham accepts the legacy fund of \$20,000 given by the late David R. Campbell in the spirit and for the purpose for which the same has been given and will forever keep said fund judiciously invested, separate and distinct from the other financial affairs of said town, and that said fund and securities for the same shall forever be named and known as “The David R. Campbell Legacy Fund.”

RESOLVED—That said town hereby adopts as a method for the investment, custody of said fund and the income thereof, and the distribution of the income of said fund the following: For the custody, care and investment of said fund and the income thereof, said town will elect an agent and custodian of said fund and all securities and evidence of investments of the same, and the income therefrom, and whose further authority and duty shall be to make, with the approval in writing of the Committee or Board of Trust, from time to time, investments of said fund or any portion thereof as may be necessary, and to have all securities for said investments, and all papers and accounts connected therewith, distinctly marked or labelled with the words ‘The David R. Campbell Legacy Fund,’ and whose further duty shall be to collect the income arising from said fund, and pay the same out only upon the orders of the Committee or Board of Trust hereinafter provided for.

RESOLVED—That said town hereby requires of its said Agent and Custodian a bond with good surety or securities running to said town in the sum of \$20,000, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such Agent, Custodian and disbursing officer of said fund.

RESOLVED—That said town does hereby create a Committee or Board of Trust consisting of three in number whose duty it shall be to approve or disapprove in writing of such investments as the Agent and Custodian may propose in writing to make out of said fund or a portion thereof; and whose further duty shall be from time to time to distribute the income of said fund or such portions thereof as they may judge necessary among the Indigent Poor and Paupers of said town and to draw their orders on said Agent and Custodian for the same whose duty it shall be to pay the same.”

The custodian early invested the \$20,000 in Rockingham town bonds payable April 1, 1912, with interest semi-annually at four per cent. Thus the trustees are enabled to distribute \$400 April 1st and October 1st of each year. It is not given to those who are otherwise supported by the town, but to assist the worthy poor in their efforts to avoid becoming town charges.

The first agent and custodian was Oscar D. Olcott and the present official is Charles E. Capron. One of the board of three trustees is elected annually for three years. The first board consisted of Charles B. Eddy, Henry C. Wiley and Martin R. Lawrence. The present board consists of Lyman S. Hayes, Fay S. Fuller and Charles E. Weeden.

An account of the payments made to each person has each year been printed in the town report.

In 1895, Luther G. Howard notified the village of Bellows Falls that he had decided to make a substantial gift as a perpetual memorial of his late wife, Sarah Burr Howard. The details of this gift are shown in the following communication which was received from him and laid before a special meeting of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation, April 18, 1895.

To the Bellows Falls Village Corporation :—

I, Luther G. Howard, now of North Reading in the state of Massachusetts, formerly of said Bellows Falls, propose to donate to said village the sum of \$10,000—\$5,000 thereof to be paid January 1, 1900, to be evidenced by my promissory note for that sum made payable to said corporation on the first day of January, 1900, without interest, and \$5,000 thereof to be paid at my decease, and to be evidenced by my promissory note for that sum payable to said corporation at my decease without interest :—ON CONDITION that said corporation at a meeting legally warned and holden for the purpose, will vote to accept the same,—and when said sums are paid, to keep and hold the same as a fund to be forever known as the “Sarah Burr Howard Memorial Fund,” and the annual income thereof to the amount of at least 4 per cent per annum to be expended under the direction of a committee consisting in part of men and in part of women, to be elected or appointed for that purpose, in aid of the poor who are residents of said village, and who are not supported in whole or in part by the state or by any town or county.

L. G. Howard.

At the special meeting referred to above, the gift was accepted. The moderator of the annual village meeting in 1901 made the appointment of the following as the first committee of seven to distribute the income, these two acts constituting the only public acknowledgment: Charles E. Howard, Mrs. George L. Burnside, Mrs. Henry E. Stilwell, Mrs. Daniel Beaton, Mrs. George H. Gorham, Eugene E. Keefe and Elijah W. Brown. The present board is the same with the exception of the substitution of Dr. J. T. Ruden in place of Eugene E. Keefe, resigned.

In April, 1901, the heirs of Dr. Daniel Campbell and John Robertson, earlier leading residents of the town, presented to Rockingham an expensive town clock of the Seth Thomas make, and a bell connected therewith. These were placed

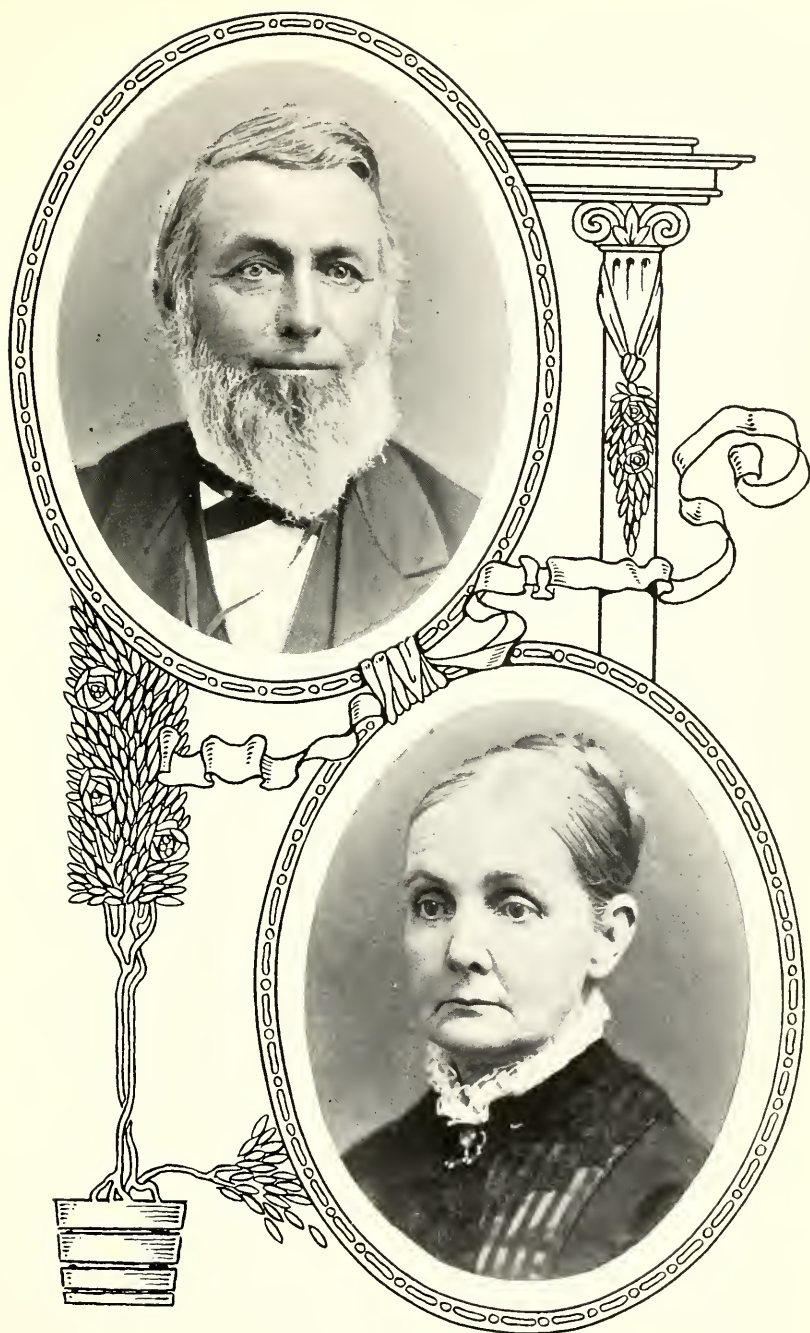
in the tower of the opera house block in Bellows Falls, and bear the following inscription :

“ Presented to the Town of Rockingham  
in memory of  
DANIEL CAMPBELL  
and  
JOHN ROBERTSON  
by their heirs  
April, 1901.”

These two men were life-long friends and both were descendants of noted Scottish clans. Their family histories are shown in the biographical department of this book.

This beautiful memorial of two highly esteemed citizens is a constant reminder to many present residents of a kindly natured, broad-minded, genial and tender-hearted practitioner, whose professional visits were personal benedictions to hundreds of the last and present generation, and of a public-spirited, benevolent and successful manufacturer and man-of-affairs.

Early in 1905, the widely known philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, notified representatives of the town of his willingness to send here \$15,000 for use in erecting a substantial town library building. The terms of this gift were that the town should furnish a suitable site for the building, and annually appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the library. Contradictory action has been taken by the town at three different town meetings, and the terms of the gift have not yet been complied with.



DR. DANIEL CAMPBELL,  
1820-1898.

MRS. JULIA A. (HALL) CAMPBELL,  
1824-1901.



## CHAPTER XXXVI.

### LIBRARIES

During a large part of the history of Rockingham, there have been one or more library associations of varying size and importance, previous to the establishment of the Rockingham Free Public Library in 1887.

As early as October 28, 1799, the legislature incorporated "The Rockingham Library Society," the citizens named in the act being Rev. Samuel Whiting, the first town minister; Dr. Levi Sabin, a well known practitioner; Jonathan Burt, then town clerk; Eliphalet Felt; Samuel Emery, who was then owner of the mills on Williams river now known as Lawrence Mills; James Walker, Jonathan Barron, and Jehiel Webb, Jr. Mr. Webb was authorized to call the first meeting and it was probably held at the hotel of which he was proprietor in the village of Rockingham. The library was located in the centre of the town, although at least two of the incorporators were residents of Saxtons River village. This society was in existence as late as 1816, as an assessment of one dollar per share was laid March 9th of that year.

In January, 1856, was formed the Bellows Falls Library association, of which James H. Williams was president and James H. Wentworth, treasurer. This library was organized through the efforts of P. B. Goodsell, the first principal of the high school, and the books were kept in the first high school building, erected in 1854. After Mr. Goodsell left town in 1857, the books were kept in the drug store of Dr. Samuel Nichols in the Wightman building on the east side of Rockingham street.

When Bellows Falls began to feel the impetus of its new manufacturing industries after 1870, the need of an extensive public library was often discussed. During the year 1887, while the opera house building was in process of erection,



the citizens of the town united in a strong effort to raise funds and occupy a portion of the building for library purposes. At that time there were two library associations in existence in the village, with a small number of books in the possession of each. With these exceptions the town had no public library facilities.

In April, 1882, a Library Association Dramatic club was formed for the purpose of raising money for the enterprise, and sixty dollars was raised and deposited in the savings bank, the first money for the purpose. Many young people prominent at that time in affairs of the town took part in the play and in the effort to raise funds. Possibly one of the most enthusiastic and hard working persons was Edward D. Murphy, an enterprising but deformed man who sold popcorn on the Connecticut river railroad line. After the play had been given and a full account of the same published in the *Bellows Falls Times*, he went to the office and expressed the hope that at some future day some public-spirited person might make a present of a library building to the town. He procured a copy of the *Times* of that week containing the account, and the printed program of the play, "The Two Orphans," showing the names of the actors; placed the same in a wrapper neatly labeled, and put the package in the safe of a public office of the village, that the account might be preserved and deposited when the corner-stone of any library building should be laid. The opportunity for depositing the package did not occur during the lifetime of Mr. Murphy.

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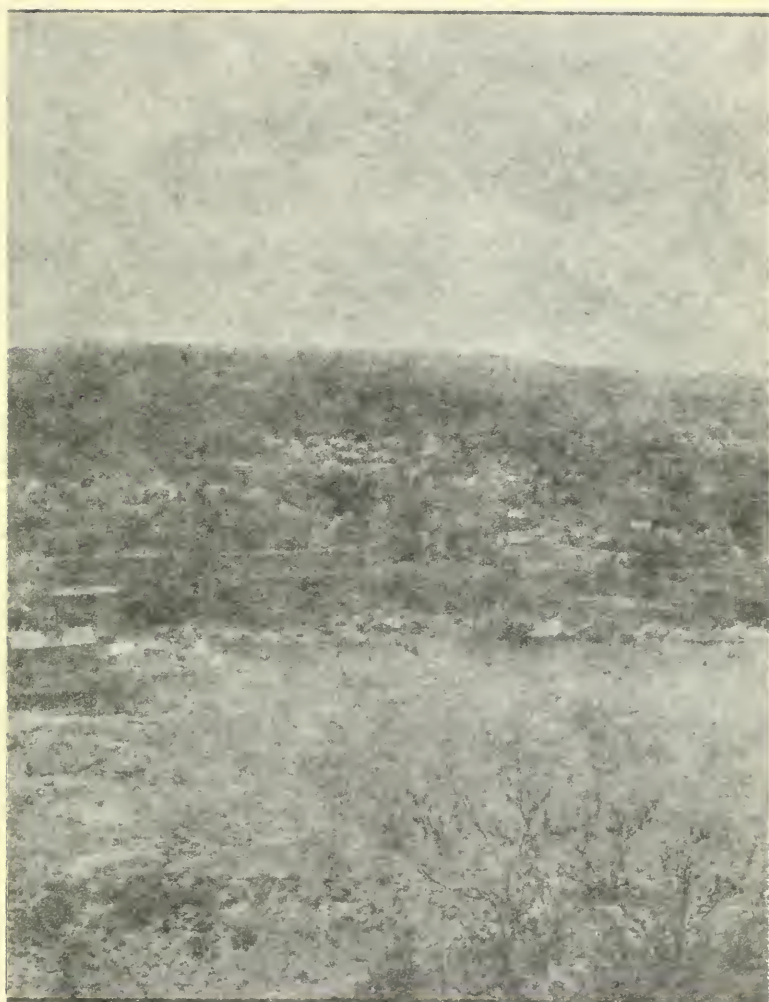


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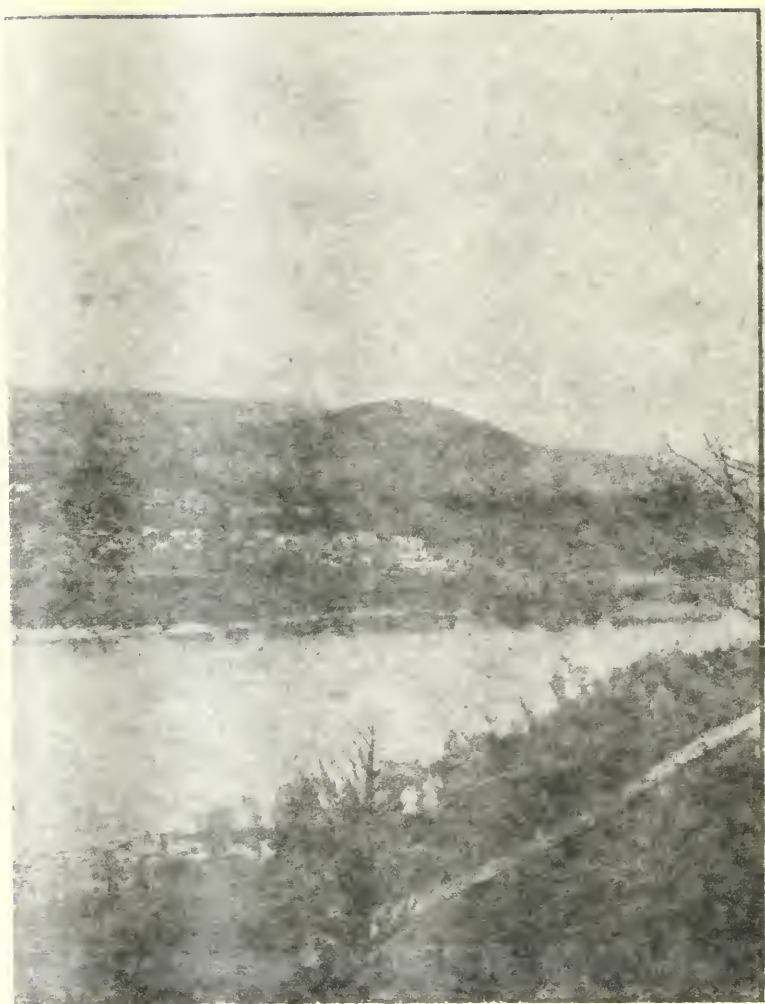
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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF BELLOWS FALLS, 1905





At the first public meeting of any kind held in the opera house, September 6, 1887, these two organizations were merged into one, adopting the name of Bellows Falls Library association. A. N. Swain was chosen chairman and Dr. E. R. Campbell, secretary. There were seven hundred and twenty-five people present and over seven hundred dollars was raised by subscription before adjournment of this meeting, six citizens giving one hundred dollars each.

At this time arrangements were made for a three days' festival or "kirmess." This was held in the town building, beginning September 28, and resulted in the addition of a little over \$1,025 to the fund. This festival was in the nature of a fair and sale of all varieties of articles contributed by citizens, and three evening entertainments, a large number of the leading women of the town giving many days of hard work to contribute to its success. A daily paper in the interest of the fair was published during those days.

By the middle of October the library fund had reached \$3,350. November 28, the association voted over to the town all funds in its hands, upon condition that the town would accept it and maintain a library for ten years. A special town meeting was held December 27, and the following was on that date adopted:

"1st. RESOLVED, That the town of Rockingham establish and maintain within said town a Free Public Library for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

2nd. WHEREAS, the Rockingham Library Association, by vote of said association, has proposed to donate the moneys and subscription in its possession, given in aid of a Library to be established in this town, upon condition that said sum be expended in the purchase of books for the use of such Library and upon the further condition that the town will furnish the Library Room in the town hall for the use of said Library, and heat and light the same for a period of ten years, and shall also furnish said room with the necessary book-cases, tables, chairs and furniture for the use of said Library.

Resolved, That said donation be and is hereby accepted upon the above named conditions, and that the town will furnish and light and heat said room, and supply the necessary furniture as named in said conditions."

The board of trustees chosen at the same meeting were as follows: For three years—A. N. Swain, L. M. Read, Prof. H. M. Willard: for two years—L. G. Howard, H. D.



Ryder, H. B. Davis; for one year—Dr. E. H. Pettengill, J. C. Clair, Rev. J. N. Emery.

Early in the following February, the late Hon. William A. Russell gave \$1,000 to add to this fund, besides other valuable assistance. Luther G. Howard had donated \$500 in cash, and sixteen other citizens had donated \$100 each. With smaller amounts given, and the proceeds of the kirmess and other entertainments, the amount of the fund when it was turned over to the town was a little more than \$5,000.

At the first meeting of the trustees, held December 30, 1887, A. N. Swain was elected president and has since continued in that office.

The room on the first floor of the opera house building was fitted up for library purposes, the books purchased and circulation commenced in July, 1888. Miss Helen N. Hubbard of this town, now Mrs. S. G. Day of Cleveland, O., was the first librarian.

In August, 1888, Mrs. Margaret Hubbard of this village presented the library with a creditable memorial calendar clock for use in the room, in memory of her son Edward D. Murphy, who had taken so prominent a part in the interest of the library at its inception.

The number of volumes at the present time in the library is about nine thousand.

Early in the year 1905, a communication from Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropist, notified President Swain of the board of trustees that he was ready to present the town with a library building costing \$15,000, if the town would provide a site for the same and annually appropriate \$1,500 for its maintenance. At a special town meeting held May 15, 1906, the offer was accepted by the town, and \$3,000 was appropriated toward paying for a lot designated on the south side of Henry street. A building committee was chosen, consisting of Myron H. Ray, Edward L. Walker and Charles W. Osgood, to have full charge of all the details of the erection and furnishing of the building.

A later special town meeting rescinded the above action, and the offer of Mr. Carnegie is at this time unaccepted.

## CHAPTER XXXVII.

### FREE MASONRY

Ancient Craft Masonry in the town of Rockingham dates from October, 1816, when, upon the petition of Rev. Joseph Elliott of Saxtons River, Thomas Gould, Henry Lake, Jr., and Col. Ethan B. Webb, Jonathan Nye, the Grand Master of Vermont, granted a charter for an organization here under the name of "King Solomon's Lodge No. 44." This original charter now adorns the walls of the lodge room of the present masonic bodies of the town.

The first meeting of the order in Rockingham was held Monday, February 16, 1817, under authority of a dispensation granted by Jonathan Nye above mentioned. It was held in the second story of Col. Ethan B. Webb's new hotel which had been erected that year on the site of the present Hotel Windham, on the east side of the Square in Bellows Falls. The officers present at that meeting were Rev. Joseph Elliott, W. M.; Thomas Gould, S. W.; Dr. John H. Wells, J. W.; Joseph Bellows, treasurer, *pro tem*; Amos Hitchcock, secretary, *pro tem*; Jonathan Barron, S. D., *pro tem*; Jeremiah W. Cone, J. D., *pro tem*; Solomon Snow and Jonathan Morrison, stewards, *pro tem*. The following other citizens and members of the order were present and took part in this meeting for organization; Eliphalet Felt, Hiram Davis, Barnabas Wright, Henry Lake, Jr., Levi Hoit, Horace Baxter, Lewis Marsh and Isaac Cobb. Applications for membership were received from the following who were already members of the order elsewhere; Horace Baxter, John Leach, Levi Hoit, Solomon Snow, Capt. Charles Church, Isaac Cobb, and Lewis Marsh. Applications were received from the following citizens to be made Masons; Daniel Kellogg, Benjamin Smith, Jr., Samuel Adams, Jesse Burdett and Elijah Goodale. Rev. Mr. Elliott and Dr. Wells were

chosen a committee to procure jewels and other necessary articles for the lodge. Dr. Wells and Amos Hitchcock, as a committee to procure a lodge room, "Reported their stipulations with Ethan B. Webb to be \$12 per year for the use of his Hall, fire-wood and candles sufficient for the Lodge."

At the next regular meeting, held March 3, 1817, the election of officers resulted in choosing those named above in the record of the preceding meeting.

During the year 1817, the meetings were all held in Col. Webb's hall, which was known as "Masons' Hall," Bellows Falls, except that of September. The meetings were called at 2 P. M. and all business was transacted while the lodge was at labor upon the first degree. Candidates were voted for before they were advanced to each degree. All visitors to the lodge were required to pay a fee of twelve and one-half cents each time they attended after the first.

The meeting of September 22, 1817, was held "At Br Levi Hoit's Hall in Rockingham," the hotel hall of Rockingham village. The lodge was opened on the first degree with twenty members present, and they "Marched to the North Meeting House where the above named officers were publically Installed by R. W. Lemuel Whitney Dep. Grand Master (in due form)", and a sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Smilie.

During the year 1818, the lodge occupied Levi Hoit's Hall in Rockingham. In January, 1819, Daniel Kellogg, a leading attorney of this county, at that time practicing in Saxtons River, was chosen master, and the lodge voted to hold its meetings in the hall of George Wilson of Saxtons River. During the year 1820, Mr. Kellogg remained as master, and the lodge held its meetings in the same hall, probably the one in the old "Yellow Tavern" that stood on Main street, where Taft's photograph studio is at the present time.

In 1821, Thomas Gould was master, Horace Baxter secretary, and the meetings were held in Joel Barry's hall in Saxtons River. In 1822, Col. E. B. Webb was the presiding

officer, the meetings still being held in Barry's hall, until May 6, when the location was again changed to the hall of George Wilson. In 1823, Jonathan Barron, a leading business man of Saxtons River, was master, and also in 1824. David R. Campbell, later to become Rockingham's philanthropist, was initiated into the mysteries of the order August 11 of the latter year.

December 5, 1824, it is evident that the "Masonic Light" became dim, as it was "Voted that the Secretary be directed to purchase two common Brass Candle stick, Snuffers & Tray, for the use of this Lodge."

In 1825 Jeremiah W. Cone was master, and in 1826 Henry Lake, Jr., succeeded to the office. In 1827 David Chandler, who was the tanner of Saxtons River village and later a senator from Windham county, was chosen master. In January of 1828, Mr. Chandler was re-elected, the other officers that year being Henry Lake, Jr., S. W.; John Farnsworth, J. W.; Timothy Clark, treasurer; Horace Baxter, secretary; John Cone, S. D.; Gideon Palmer, J. D.; William Palmer and I. S. Osgood, stewards, and Ward Clark, tyler. The standing committee consisted of Hiram Davis, Henry Lake, Jr., and the master.

Those present at the last meeting held in June, 1828, were Henry Lake, Jr., Colonel Ethan B. Webb, J. W. Cone, Ebenezer McIlvain, Calvin Fairbrother, I. S. Osgood, Ward Clark, and Horace Baxter.

In June, 1828, the lodge was removed to Carter Whitcomb's hall in Saxtons River, and the last meeting of the order was held on the twenty-third of that month. While nothing in the record shows the intention to suspend, or any trace of the Masonic excitement of that year and a few following, known as the "Anti-Masonic Craze," this is probably the correct date of the last meeting of Masons held in this town for nearly thirty years.

During 1826 and 1827, great excitement was caused throughout the country by an unfounded story that a man named William Morgan had been abducted and maltreated

in the state of New York because of having divulged the secrets of Masonry. These stories were so wild and exaggerated that it has never been definitely ascertained what the facts were, but a wave of opposition to Masonry and all secret societies swept the land. This became so pronounced as to give rise to another political party founded in opposition to the principles of Masonry. The excitement was greater throughout Vermont than in any other state, because of certain favoring political situations.

Among the leading champions in Vermont of the new party were Martin Flint of Randolph, Edward D. Barber of Middlebury, and Ebenezer Eaton of Danby. All the three persons named were editors. Mr. Eaton was the publisher and editor of the *North Star* of Danville, which became the most bitter in its denunciation of Masonry. The editor had been a prominent Free Mason, but came out boldly in his paper renouncing his obligations to the fraternity and endorsing Morgan's reputed exposure of its secret proceedings. The new party had a rapid growth in Vermont, finally numbering a plurality of the voters, and obtained, by the co-operation of the Whigs, the control of the state. Many of the subordinate lodges gave up their organizations and sold their furniture and paraphernalia. The Grand Lodge of Vermont discontinued its sessions for several years previous to 1846 and was kept alive only by the meeting biennially of the grand master, grand secretary, and grand treasurer, they adjourning each time for two years. The regular sessions were again established in 1846.

Anti-Masonry had a similar, although smaller, growth in New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania gave the party its first candidate for the presidency, Amos Ellmaker, but Vermont was the first and only state to give its entire electoral vote to that candidate.

Dr. Spaulding of Haverhill, N. H., in his "Reminiscences," speaks of it thus :

"The old federal party in Vermont, in consequence of their opposition to the war of 1812, had become so unpopular as to lose all political influence in

the state, and therefore resolved to regain it by taking advantage of this excitement in New York, and were much encouraged by their success there. They induced the editor of the *Danville North Star* to renounce Masonry, and publish an anti-Masonic paper. The institution was not only attacked, but every Mason, whatever his character might have been heretofore, was denounced as a liar and murderer, and unless he would renounce and denounce Masonry, was unworthy of being a fit member of society. Some went so far as to proscribe Masons in their business, and a few said they longed to see them put to the guillotine. Ministers were dismissed from their parishes, and some of the most worthy members of our churches were excommunicated."

Vermont was the only state in the Union in which the anti-Masons came into power. In 1830, William A. Palmer of Danville was the candidate of the party for governor, and this party was large enough to prevent an election by the people. Governor Crafts was elected by the legislature. In 1831, Palmer and the anti-Masons had the largest vote, but not a majority. He was elected by the legislature, after nine ballots, by a majority of one. The same thing happened the next year, and Palmer was re-elected by the legislature, after forty-nine ballots, by a majority of two. In 1833, Palmer was re-elected by the people. In 1834, the anti-Masonic party had begun to go to pieces. A large portion of it joined with the Whig party, but Palmer was again elected by the legislature. In 1835, although Palmer still led the popular vote, the Whig party, led by Horatio Seymour, was strong enough to prevent an election by the people, and to defeat Palmer in the legislature, but not strong enough to elect anyone else. After sixty-three ballots, there was no choice for governor. The effort was then given up, and Silas H. Jennison, who had been elected lieutenant governor on the ticket for Palmer, had to take the governor's chair. This ended one of the strangest chapters in the history of Vermont's politics.

The members of the Masonic fraternity in some localities in the state continued their meetings, although in a very secret manner. There is no record that any were held in Rockingham during the time of the popularity of the anti-Masonic movement. It was not until 1845 that the Grand



Lodge of Vermont was re-convened, but within a few years a number of local lodges were re-established in the state.

December 22, 1857, a meeting of the Master Masons residing in this town was held in Bellows Falls, for the purpose of forming a lodge here. Those present were Asa Wentworth, Jr., Jared D. Perkins, William Stone, Calvin E. Newcomb, Ethan B. Webb, H. H. Stone, John Adams, and Edward D. Quincy. Colonel Webb and William Stone were the only members of the old organization. It was voted to make application to the Grand Lodge for a letter of dispensation, and the following officers were nominated to be named as the first officers of the new lodge: E. B. Webb, W. M.; A. Wentworth, Jr., S. W.; J. D. Perkins, J. W.; E. G. Quincy was secretary of the meeting. Arrangements were made with the Odd Fellows of the village to occupy their hall jointly with them.

The application for a dispensation until the new charter could be secured was granted by Grand Master Philip C. Tucker and dated January 13, 1858. The organization was named King Solomon's Lodge, No. 45, the original number, forty-four, having been granted to another lodge. The first meeting under the new authority was held in Odd Fellows' hall, Bellows Falls, January 15, 1858, and the new organization was completed. The members present were E. B. Webb, W. M.; A. Wentworth, Jr., S. W.; J. D. Perkins, J. W.; Ambrose Arnold, treasurer; E. G. Quincy, secretary; Calvin E. Newcomb, S. D.; William Stone, J. D.; John Adams, tyler. H. H. Stone and J. Cone were the other members present.

The first citizens to be made Masons by the reorganized lodge were Charles K. Fleming, S. C. Fleming, B. M. Livermore, Lewis A. Grant, and Aaron Arms.

The first hall occupied by this lodge was in connection with the Odd Fellows in the third story of the east half of the present Mammoth block on the south side of the Square, then known as Harris block. The rooms occupied all the third story and access was gained to them by two flights of stairs

on the outside of the east end of the building where the present office of the Howard Hardware company is. A few years later they removed to the third story of a frame building on the east side of the Square, on land now covered by the north end of Union block. It was known as King's block, being owned by a man of that name living in Alstead. This building was destroyed by fire July 28, 1868, and the lodge lost heavily. Temporary quarters were secured again with the Odd Fellows in Harris block, where they remained until Union block was erected in 1870, since which time they have retained the present quarters.

Colonel Webb, who had been active in the original lodge, chartered in 1816, was now an aged man and remained master only until March, 1858, when he resigned. The following have since been masters of this lodge, the year given being that of election: Calvin E. Newcomb, 1858; Samuel C. Fleming, 1861; William H. Johnson, 1867; Bradley A. Putney, 1870; Jared D. Perkins, 1872; Henry W. Hutchins, 1874; Charles B. Eddy, 1875; Lyman S. Hayes, 1877; Henry W. Hutchins, 1879; Hiram King, Jr., 1881; Eugene S. Leonard, 1883; Daniel Beaton, 1885; Frank Adams, 1887; C. P. Blanchard, 1889; Hiram King, Jr., 1890; George Eugene Cady, 1893; Eugene S. Leonard, 1895; Frazier M. Howard, 1896; George B. Wheeler, 1898; Wilbur A. Truax, 1901.

During the years when Masonry was dormant in Rockingham, the old members of the order frequently expressed the wish to know what had become of the old records and charter of the former organization. This desire was intensified after the re-establishment of the lodge, but until 1869 only one person, an aged woman, knew of their whereabouts. In the spring of that year, Mrs. Benjamin Smith of Saxtons River informed members of the order that a small trunk had been in her custody since the death of her husband over thirty years before. It had come to the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Col. Carter Whitcomb, in whose hall the last meeting of the order had been held, and had

been guarded secretly by them, as the feeling against Masonry was so intense during the first few years that it was feared the possession of anything pertaining to the order would work injury to the person in whose house it might be found. Mrs. Smith had carefully guarded the secret after his death, knowing the deep regard of her husband for the lodge, in which he was the second person to be initiated. She was now becoming aged, and, knowing that the order was being revived here, and wishing to relieve herself of the care of the precious trunk, she informed a member of the lodge of its existence and whereabouts, and in the summer of 1869 it was turned over to a committee appointed for that purpose. Upon opening it, the letter of dispensation, complete records, and other documents of the original lodge, except the charter, were found intact.

The faithfulness of Mrs. Smith to her husband's order was fully appreciated by the members of King Solomon's Lodge, and on Wednesday evening, July 7, 1869, a large delegation of the order assembled at her residence in Saxtons River. Past Master Samuel C. Fleming, in behalf of the lodge, presented to her a beautiful silver tea set on which was engraved, "Presented to Mrs. Benjamin Smith, by King Solomon's Lodge F. & A. M. as a testimonial of her fidelity in preserving the ancient records of the lodge." The presentation was accompanied by appropriate remarks from various members of the order present, Mrs. Smith being represented in the speaking by her son-in-law, J. L. Butterfield, Esq., a prominent resident of Grafton.

#### LODGE OF THE TEMPLE, NO. 94

A dispensation for an additional lodge known as Lodge of the Temple, No. 94, was dated January 25, 1871, and issued by Grand Master George M. Hall. The charter was granted June 15, 1871. The names of thirty applicants appear in the petition. The first meeting was held February 4, 1871 and the first officers were George H. Babbitt, W. M.; M. M. Whitney, S. W.; A. Worthington, J. W.; J. H.

Phelps, treasurer; George O. Guild, secretary; S. C. Fleming, S. D.; G. R. Farnsworth, J. D.; Albert Derby, S. S.; W. J. Conant, J. S., and E. P. Kidder, tyler.

The first to be made an Entered Apprentice in the new organization was E. F. Adams. The lodge always occupied the same rooms with the other organizations during all the years of its existence.

The different masters, with the year of their election, were: G. H. Babbitt, 1871; M. M. Whitney, 1873; H. A. Titus, 1875; J. B. Farley, 1879; G. F. Mosely, 1881; A. R. Slader, 1886; J. W. Hurlburt, 1889; F. H. Babbitt, 1890; C. H. Williams, 1893; A. J. Holley, 1895; C. W. Black, 1896; L. L. Northrup, 1897; W. H. Taylor, 1898; Charles H. Robb, 1900; F. C. Lewis, 1902.

In June, 1903, King Solomon's Lodge and Lodge of the Temple were consolidated, continuing as one organization under the name of King Solomon's Temple Lodge, No. 45. The last reports of the two independent lodges showed a membership of one hundred and forty-three in King Solomon's Lodge and of one hundred and two in Lodge of the Temple.

#### KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 45

The two blue lodges of Bellows Falls, united under one organization named King Solomon's Temple Lodge, No. 45, held their first meeting as such September 10, 1903, the charter from the grand lodge being dated June 11, 1903. The following were the first officers: W. A. Truax, W. M.; F. C. Lewis, S. W.; D. H. Switzer, J. W.; Frank Adams, treasurer; George I. Whitney, secretary; G. L. Provost, S. D.; A. L. Knight, J. D.; F. W. Knight, S. S.; G. S. Buxton, J. S.; B. F. Walters, tyler. Edward B. Searle succeeded W. A. Truax as master in 1904, and the present worshipful master is Dayton H. Switzer. The membership of the lodge at this time is about two hundred and sixty-five.

#### ABENAQUI CHAPTER, NO. 19, ROYAL ARCH MASONS

A preliminary meeting of Royal Arch Masons to organize a body here was held in Masonic hall, March 6, 1867.

The following were present: S. C. Fleming, Solon Perry, F. G. Butterfield, A. Worthington, D. J. Bemis, L. C. Ayers, G. R. Farnsworth, John Adams, E. S. Sabin, Jr., and C. E. Newcomb.

A dispensation was granted for the formation of Abenaki Chapter, No. 19, May 3, 1867, by Grand High Priest Edward S. Dana. The officers were S. C. Fleming, H. P.; C. E. Newcomb, king; E. S. Sabin, Jr., scribe; John Adams, treasurer; F. G. Butterfield, C. of H.; Solon Perry, R. A. C.; A. Worthington, P. S.; G. R. Farnsworth, L. C. Ayers, and D. J. Bemis, G. M. of V.

The subsequent high priests, with the year of their election, have been as follows: F. G. Butterfield, 1870; S. T. Searle, 1873; G. H. Babbitt, 1874; B. A. Putney, 1875; H. W. Hutchins, 1877; H. A. Titus, 1879; J. B. Farley, 1881; O. A. Day, 1882; A. R. Slader, 1884; W. H. Taylor, 1886; G. A. Weston, 1888; C. H. Williams, 1889; C. W. Black, 1892; B. F. Walters, 1895; H. R. Thompson, 1898; G. H. Gorham, 1900; R. D. Locklin, 1902; G. I. Whitney, 1903.

#### BELLOWS FALLS COUNCIL, NO. 17

A council of Royal and Select Masters was organized at Bellows Falls, June 11, 1878, by Most Illustrious Albert C. Hubbell, grand master of the grand council of Vermont. The charter members were S. T. Searle, T. I. M.; M. M. Whitney, R. I. M.; C. E. Holbrook, I. M. of W.; H. A. Titus, treasurer; W. H. Griswold, recorder; J. B. Farley, P. C.; H. W. Hutchins, Capt. of G.; L. S. Hayes, marshal; George K. Russell, F. L. Amadon, Cyrus Royce, Jr., H. E. Rand, and George B. Wheeler.

The first to take their degrees in the newly constituted council were Daniel Beaton, W. G. Barker, O. A. Day, and James Labaree. George H. Gorham is the present presiding officer, and the council numbers seventy-three members.

#### HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY, NO. 12, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Previous to 1899, members of the Royal Arch Chapter who wished to take the Temple degrees were necessitated to

go to Beauseant at Brattleboro. A number of local Sir Knights were members of the Keene commandery, and until the year named there was no local commandery.

A meeting of Sir Knights of this town, Springfield, Chester, and other places was held in Masonic hall, then, as now, located in the third story of Union block, Wednesday, April 20, 1898, when a petition for the institution of a commandery in Bellows Falls was signed. These were suggested as the three first officers: Sir Knights Charles Harvey Williams, eminent commander; Carroll Works Black, generalissimo, and George Henry Gorham, captain general.

This petition was presented to the grand commandery June 14, 1898, and a charter was granted. At a meeting of the petitioners held in Masonic hall, July 29, 1898, the remaining officers were nominated and committees chosen for furthering plans for the institution of the commandery.

January 27, 1899, the officers of the Grand Commandery of Vermont made a pilgrimage to Bellows Falls and instituted Holy Cross Commandery, No. 12. They installed the officers in the prescribed form, R. E. Grand Commander Jesse E. Thompson of Rutland presiding. The following Sir Knights were the first officers of the new organization: Eminent Commander, Charles Harvey Williams; Generalissimo, Carroll Works Black; Captain General, George Henry Gorham; Senior Warden, George Farnham Leland; Prelate, Frederick Henry Babbitt; Treasurer, George Ackley Weston; Recorder, James Henry Busby; Standard Bearer, Baxter Metcalf Walker; Warder, George Brown Wheeler; Captain of 1st Guard, Charles Henry Moore; Captain of 2d Guard, Eugene William Knight; Captain of 3rd Guard, Ell Leon Keyes; Sentinel, William Henry Taylor. Speechmaking, followed by a collation in Banquet hall, closed the exercises.

The first meeting for business was held February 21, 1899, with twenty members present. The first annual report made to the Grand Commandery May, 1900, showed a membership of fifty-seven.



In May, 1901, Sir Knight George Henry Gorham was elected commander; in May, 1903, Sir Knight George Farnham Leland succeeded to the office, and in May, 1905, Sir Knight George Brown Wheeler, the present incumbent, was elected.

The present membership is 116, and the commandery has occupied the same Masonic rooms since its institution.

ALPHA CHAPTER, NO. 53, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

May 27, 1902, members of the Masonic fraternity and their ladies met at Masonic hall in Bellows Falls for the purpose of instituting Alpha Chapter No. 53, Order of the Eastern Star. A number of members of the grand chapter of the state were present, including Grand Patron J. S. Weeks, who organized the chapter and installed its first officers.

The charter members were Mrs. S. Grace Ray, M. H. Ray, Hiram King, Mrs. Lizzie A. King, Dr. J. S. Hill, Mrs. Lilla C. Hill, Mrs. Lucia E. Sawyer, Dr. Charles F. Meacham, Mrs. Emma C. Meacham, M. M. Whitney, Mrs. Margaret D. Whitney, Mrs. Nettie M. Dunham, Miss Blanche G. Bowtell, Mrs. Nettie L. Bowtell, Charles S. Howard, Mrs. Etta M. Howard, Mrs. Sarah T. Andrews, George I. Whitney, Mrs. Minnie E. Whitney, Harry C. Elliott, Mrs. Ethel N. Elliott, George H. Gorham, Mrs. Abbie C. Gorham, Alfred L. Field, Mrs. Jennie S. Field, Perley L. Kimball, Mrs. Annie L. Kimball, Wilbur A. Truax, Gerald M. Welch, Charles H. Gibson, Mrs. Addie B. Gibson and Mrs. Ruth C. Walker.

The three first officers for 1902 were: Mrs. Grace S. Ray, worthy matron; Hiram King, worthy patron; and Mrs. Etta M. Howard, associate matron. For 1903 they were Mrs. Etta M. Howard, George H. Gorham, Mrs. S. T. Andrews; for 1904, Mrs. Etta M. Howard, George H. Gorham, Mrs. Abbie C. Gorham; for 1905, Mrs. Abbie C. Gorham, George H. Gorham, and Mrs. Lucia E. Sawyer.

The membership at this time numbers sixty-seven.

## CHAPTER XXXVIII.

### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The establishment of Odd Fellowship in this town dates back to the action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, February 11, 1852, when Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, was chartered. The records of this first organization have been lost, and few details in relation to it are obtainable. It remained in active being until a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, May 24, 1859, when the charter and records were surrendered.

The organization of this lodge was effected in the carpenter's shop of John G. Wightman, in the first story of the building on the west side of Rockingham street now owned by L. T. Lovell, occupied for a meat market. The meetings were held in this shop for some months, when the fraternity leased "Wightman's hall" in the second story of the building on the opposite side of the street now known as Farr's block. From here, the Odd Fellows moved to a hall in the third story of the block on the south side of the Square then known as "Harris block," now forming the central portion of Mammoth block. The rooms were reached by two flights of stairs on the outside of the east end. The building was erected in 1832, by William Hall and Samuel W. Goodridge, who constituted the mercantile firm of Hall & Goodridge, and occupied it as a general country store. It was a three-story brick building, with a pitch roof and gable toward the Square. These rooms the lodge occupied for the last five or six years of its existence.

Its first representative to the grand lodge was Ira C. Allen, in August, 1852. The next was Jared D. Perkins, a local jeweller. In 1854, Capt. Walter Taylor's name appears on the grand lodge records, as from Bellows Falls Lodge, and, in 1855, that of Albert Derby. The latter is the only man now living who served the original lodge as noble

grand. Among others active in the old lodge were Norman H. Farr, Jeremiah Leach, and Henry C. Wiley.

In 1858-9 throughout the state the great question of the rights of the colored man began to be agitated among the members in the different lodges. This question, which, with others, soon after resulted in the Civil war, caused the practical disruption of the order throughout Vermont, the gravity of the situation being heightened by the unfortunate circumstance of the summary expulsion of a brother from Battenkill Lodge, No. 15, at Manchester, because he had a trace of negro blood in his veins. The results of these questions were so far-reaching that the grand lodge and subordinate lodges throughout Vermont were discontinued for a time, the revival taking place from 1868 to 1883, after the war had forever settled many of the questions involved.

The charter of the old Bellows Falls lodge was surrendered May 24, 1859, and for twenty years thereafter there was no active organization of the order here. Upon petition of Jared D. Perkins, Jeremiah Leach, Norman H. Farr, Albert Derby, and Henry C. Wiley, Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, was revived and the officers were reinstalled on the evening of the eighth day of August, 1878. The grand lodge returned to Bellows Falls the original parchment charter of the first lodge, and it was delivered and accepted with appropriate exercises. At the time of reorganization, the above petitioners formed the membership, to which were added at the first meeting Charles F. Retting, Charles F. Eddy, Leander Amadon, William Miller, and Randolph Dodge. C. F. Eddy was the first noble grand, C. F. Retting, vice-grand; N. H. Farr, secretary, and Jeremiah Leach, treasurer. From this start with ten members, the growth has been rapid until at the present time the lodge numbers about two hundred and fifty, including many of the leading citizens of the town. The first candidate to take his degree was Charles L. Wheeler, at present living on Atkinson street. Since 1884, the lodge has been located in its present quarters in the third story of Centennial block on the west side of the Square.

The following is a list of noble grands of the new lodge from its organization :

C. F. Eddy, 1878.	J. D. Perkins, 1885.	George I. Wilson, 1897.
C. F. Retting, 1879.	C. H. Lockwood, 1886.	E. R. Ball, 1898.
J. B. Farley, 1879.	H. H. Bailey, 1887.	E. E. Gould, 1899.
Charles L. Wheeler, 1880.	S. D. McLeod, 1888, 1891.	E. W. Parsons, 1900.
C. C. Lee, 1880.	W. A. Howard, 1889.	F. M. Howard, 1901.
J. W. Keyes, 1881.	W. E. Conway, 1890.	C. E. Dowlin, 1902.
L. Royce, 1881.	J. H. Blakley, 1892.	E. W. Trask, 1903.
F. H. Brown, 1882, 1884.	Scott Clark, 1893.	E. W. Brown, 1904.
A. H. Sabin, 1882.	D. M. Damon, 1894.	J. H. Bluemer, 1905.
E. L. Wheeler, 1883, 1884.	J. S. Hill, 1895.	D. L. Snow, 1906.
F. M. Barber, 1883.	L. J. Royce, 1896.	

In 1888, there having been for some years a large number of members of the order residing in Saxtons River, Bellows Falls Lodge assisted in the institution of a new lodge in that village, known as Saxtons River Lodge, No. 33. The membership at the present time is about sixty, making a total of over three hundred members of the order resident in the town. The other Odd Fellows' organizations in Bellows Falls are Golden Rule Encampment, No. 15, Canton Skitchawaug, No. 11, and Amity Lodge, No. 7, D. of R.

GOLDEN RULE ENCAMPMENT, NO. 15, I. O. O. F.

This encampment was instituted January 20, 1883, with the following as charter members :

J. D. Perkins, J. F. Rand, C. H. Lockwood, F. H. Brown, Jeremiah Leach, and A. H. Sabin.

The first officers were as follows :

C. P., A. H. Sabin ; H. P., J. F. Rand ; S. W., J. D. Perkins ; J. W., F. H. Brown ; Scribe, C. H. Lockwood ; Treasurer, Jeremiah Leach.

The present officers are as follows :

C. P., Hugh W. Miller ; H. P., C. F. Meacham ; S. W., W. F. Barnard ; Scribe, E. R. Ball ; Treasurer, Gerry F. Walker ; J. W., Ira D. Fowler ; F. S., C. W. Bush ; Guide, F. A. Metcalf.

The present membership is about seventy-five.

CANTON SKITCHAWAUG, NO. 11, I. O. O. F.

The canton was instituted May 27, 1891, the following being the charter members :

D. M. Damon, George E. Punt, E. D. Houghton, W. H. Pierce, George I. Wilson, C. P. Holmes, W. E. Conway, Scott Clark, W. S. Pierce, J. B. McLeod, R. J. Stoodley, C. S. Willson, W. A. Howard, S. D. McLeod, C. L. Wheeler, A. F. Winnewisser, E. L. Howard, F. B. Lyon, F. C. Welch, F. J. Tidd, J. H. Blakley, F. H. Brown, J. Y. Raistrick and H. C. McDuffee.

The first officers were : Capt., C. L. Wheeler, Lieut., George I. Wilson, and Ensign, W. E. Conway.

The present officers are : Capt., L. Y. Clifford, Lieut., E. A. Hills, Ensign, C. W. Bush, Clerk, R. J. Stoodley, and Accountant, D. M. Damon.

The present membership is about fifty.

AMITY REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 7, I. O. O. F.

This lodge was instituted August 17, 1882, by Grand Master Charles Woodhouse, with the following as charter members :

F. H. Brown, William A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jared D. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Pratt, Allen H. Sabin, and E. H. Woodman.

The first noble grand was Mrs. Sarah A. Perkins (Mrs. Jared D.) who still resides in Bellows Falls and is the only charter member who now holds membership in the lodge. Twenty-three different women have held the office of noble grand. The present membership is one hundred and thirty-four.

## CHAPTER XXXIX.

### THE PERIOD OF CIVIL WAR

The years covered by the Civil war were exciting and full of incidents of the deepest interest to every citizen of this town. Throughout them all, its residents and voters were, by a large majority, thoroughly loyal to the Federal government. There were, however, a few prominent citizens having much influence, who honestly believed our government was wrong in waging war against secession, and were loud in their denunciations of its course. Prominent among these was Hiram Atkins, editor of the *Bellows Falls Argus*, and a number of others who were interested in the newspaper and assisted in its conduct. This paper had an influence antagonistic to the government, and its open and extreme expressions had the influence of creating a strong impression elsewhere that Bellows Falls and Rockingham were hot-beds of secession. The number of local sympathizers with secession was comparatively small, but from their bold utterances people were led to judge that the movement was much more general than was the fact.

A notable case, illustrating the strong feeling entertained by a few, is that of Eleazur Allbee, whose story is told in his family history later in this volume. He was one of the leading men of the town, had held many offices of trust, and citizens looked to him for advice and counsel. He was a broad-minded, honest man and carried out his convictions by selling his property here at auction, leaving his native country and writing an unique epitaph, telling of his sentiment, and this epitaph now interests visitors to the pretty cemetery at Stanstead, Que.

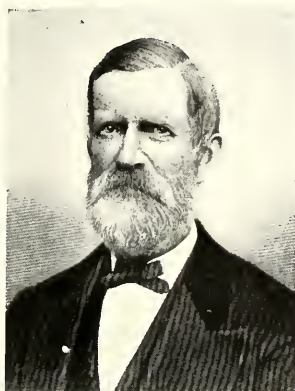
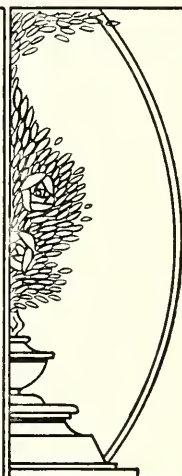
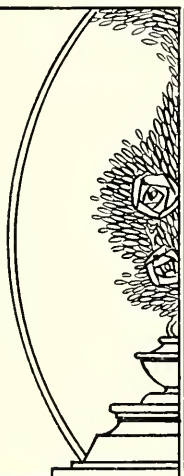
A few other similar instances occurred here, but in every vote of the town in support of the cause of freedom the majority was large upon the right side.



The various actions of the town, as shown by the interesting records of the town clerk's office, were uniformly those of liberality toward its citizens who enlisted, or those from other towns who enrolled themselves to the credit of this town's quota. Early in the war a vote was passed binding the town always to care for the families of its soldiers. A bounty was given by the town, increasing in amount as the war progressed, and as it became harder to find the men. At one time the town voted a tax of four hundred cents on the dollar of its grand list to pay bounties to soldiers. The records of the adjutant general of Vermont show that in February, 1866, the selectmen certified that Rockingham had expended \$81,480.72 in support of the war.

Following is a list of the taxable incomes of the fifty-four citizens of Rockingham whose income in the year 1863 was large enough so that they were taxed under what was known as the "Special Income Tax." The joint resolution of Congress imposing this special war tax required that it should embrace income from all sources including salary or pay of government officials, incomes from bank and insurance stock in excess of \$600, and all other national and state taxes and insurance. Only eight of the fifty-four are now living.

Adams, Lucius W.	\$200	Edes, Peter	\$1877
Albee, Lewis	375	Farnsworth, John A.	2248
Albee, Lewis L.	205	Fleming, Samuel C.	1118
Aldrich, Niles	75	Flint, Wyman	5000
Alexander, John F.	1200	Goddard, George	60
Alexander, Mary P.	300	Green, Henry F.	350
Arms, Aaron	787	Hoit, Theophilus	2248
Arms, Otis B.	1000	Hubbard, L. C.	300
Atcherson, Alex	200	Hurd, L. D.	1500
Babbitt, George H.	100	Johnson, W. H.	2717
Barber, L. C.	496	Lake, Clark S.	164
Bowtell, Josiah	311	Olcott, Lewis	758
Bowtell, George	40	Nichols, Samuel	300
Bridgman, J. D.	200	Phelps, James H.	1000
Campbell, Daniel	550	Perry, Sidney	395
Clark, John	475	Perry, Hannah B.	405
Earle, Ira L.	114	Perry, Solon	1800
Eddy, C. B.	87	Rollins, James M.	196



BENJAMIN SCOFIELD,

1824-1891.

THEOPHILUS HOYT,

b. 1813.

GEORGE PERRY,

1807-1858.

JOHN A. FARNSWORTH,

1815-1895.

JOHN F. ALEXANDER,

b. 1838.

WOOLEN MANUFACTURERS AT SEXTONS RIVER.



Sabin, E. S., Jr.	\$200	Taylor, Walter	\$600
Saker, John F.	50	Watts, Frederick	70
Scofield, Benjamin	1300	White, Luke	100
Simons, L. E.	300	White, William	135
Smith, Ransom E.	400	Wiley, H. C.	400
Sloat, Madison	555	Wiley, H. J.	28
Stoddard, Jacob	119	Williams, James H.	4267
Stone, H. H.	200	Willson, F. M.	787
Stoughton, H. E.	1800	Willson, Joseph	1374

For many years previous to the Civil war the citizens of Bellows Falls had owned a cannon of some size which had done duty upon Fourth of July celebrations, and in celebrating important events. During the war it was often used to express the joy of the people over any important Union victory. It was last used in celebrating the Gettysburg victory, and the next day its whereabouts became a mystery. It was not found until August 24, 1868, when workmen in dredging the canal brought it to the surface from the bottom. It was always generally understood that some of the local sympathizers with the southern cause threw it into the canal during the night following the victory.

During the last years of the war much fear was entertained locally that raids similar to the St. Albans raid might extend as far south as Bellows Falls, and for some months an organized body of local men, numbering seventy, guarded the streets by night in squads of seven men each. They had a headquarters room in the north store of Farr's block between Rockingham and Canal streets, using it for an arsenal also, and for a time there were one thousand Belgian muskets stored there. The only arrest made was that of a lunatic who one night escaped from his keeper on one of the night trains. He jumped into the canal and disappeared, but some hours later was discovered by the patrol clinging to some bushes under a stump that was in the canal about opposite what was then known as the old "organ factory." A few men are still living who took part in this patrol and they tell interesting anecdotes of the laughable errors made in apprehending belated business men, and many frights occasioned by rumors of the coming of the enemy.

During the progress of the war Rockingham was credited with two hundred and forty-three men who enlisted or furnished substitutes, as shown by the Vermont adjutant general's records. Of these the following compilation is valuable as local record :

Whole number furnished . . . . .	243
Killed in action . . . . .	5
Died of wounds . . . . .	7
Died of disease . . . . .	9
Died in confederate prisons . . . . .	3
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Total deaths . . . . .	24
Wounded in battle . . . . .	28
Taken prisoners . . . . .	12
Drafted men who went . . . . .	3
Substitutes furnished . . . . .	25

Rockingham was represented in the different military organizations of this state by the following number of men :

1st Vermont Regiment . . . . .	1
2d " " . . . . .	2
3d " " . . . . .	22
4th " " . . . . .	36
5th " " . . . . .	5
6th " " . . . . .	4
7th " " . . . . .	2
8th " " . . . . .	10
9th " " . . . . .	7
11th " " . . . . .	39
12th " " . . . . .	59
16th " " . . . . .	1
17th " " . . . . .	8
1st U. S. S. S. . . . .	11
2d " " . . . . .	2
U. S. Navy . . . . .	6
1st Vermont Cavalry . . . . .	17
Various other organizations . . . . .	11
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Total . . . . .	243

Following is a list of the above men, together with their war record :

Abbott, John P., private, Co. A, 2nd Vt., drafted July 13, '63, mustered in July 13, '63, wounded and taken prisoner May 10, '64, escaped Feb. 18, '65, mustered out May 24, '65.

Aiken, William, private, Co. 1, 12th Vt., enlisted Oct. 4, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.

- Atcherson, Charles A., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61; discharged July 20, '64.
- Audette, Eusebe, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 9, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Baine, James, private, Co. E, 1st Vt. cavalry, enlisted Aug. 26, '64, mustered in Aug. 26, '64, transferred to Co. A, June 21, '65, mustered out Aug. 9, '65.
- Baker, Silas, private, Co. B, 8th Vt., enlisted Dec. 21, '63, mustered in Dec. 23, '63; wounded Oct. 19, '64, transferred to veteran R. C. Feb. 17, '65, discharged Aug. 2, '65.
- Baldwin, Eri G., wagoner, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, discharged May 28, '63 for disability.
- Ball, Rolla B., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61, discharged Nov. 25, '61, for disability.
- Bancroft, Fernando, private, Co. F, 1st Vt. cavalry, enlisted Oct. 7, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, promoted corporal Jan. 18, '64, mustered out Nov. 18, '64.
- Barnard, John P. W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Barraby, Michael, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, discharged May 17, '63 for disability.
- Barrett, M. M., private Co. K, 4th Vt., enlisted Feb. 12, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, re-enlisted Mar. 28, '64, transferred to Co. D, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Barry, John C., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Battles, William T., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, died Jan. 6, '62, of disease.
- Bean, Albro G., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 6, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, promoted corporal Nov. 27, '63, promoted quartermaster-sergeant Dec. 4, '64, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Bell, Abraham, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Benwin, Peter, private, Co. C, 1st Regiment Hancock's Reserve Corps, enlisted Jan. 7, '65, mustered in Jan. 7, '65, mustered out Jan. 8, '66.
- Bigelow, Samuel, private, Co. H, 2nd U. S. S. S., enlisted Dec. 21, '63, mustered in Dec. 23, '63, died June 14, '64 of wounds received May 6, '64.
- Blake, George S., drum major, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 28, '62, mustered in Sept. 1st, '62, discharged Jan. 9, '63 for disability.
- Blake, Henry S., private, Co. H, 1st Vt., enlisted May 2, '61, mustered in May 9, '61, mustered out Aug. 15, '61, expiration term of service. (Was the first man to enlist in Rockingham and was the only man in the 1st Regiment from this town. He was a son of Schuyler Blake of B. F.)



- Blake, Henry S., 1st sergeant, Co. A, 7th Vt., enlisted Jan. 14, '62, mustered in Feb. 12, '62, re-enlisted Feb. 16, '64, brevet 1st lieutenant, mustered out Mar. 14, '66.
- Blake, William H., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, discharged Mar. 9, '63, for disability.
- Blanchard, Amos, private, Co. D, 6th Vt., enlisted July 13, '63, mustered in July 13, '63, drafted, transferred to Co. I, Oct. 16, '64, mustered out July 26, '65.
- Blennerhasset, Walter, private, Co. C, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '64, mustered in Sept. 6, '64; substitute for Jonathan Whitcomb, deserted Oct., '64.
- Blood, Austin L., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Blood, Oscar, private, unassigned, enlisted Dec. 29, '64, mustered in Dec. 29, '64, discharged Jan. 26, '65.
- Bostwick, John G., private, Co. H, 10th Vt., enlisted Aug. 4, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 22, '65.
- Bowen, John, musician, Co. B, 8th Vt., enlisted Jan. 26, '64, mustered in Jan. 28, '64, mustered out July 7, '65.
- Bradley, Charles L., private, unassigned, enlisted Dec. 29, '64, mustered in Dec. 29, '64, discharged Jan. 15, '65.
- Bradley, John H., Co. C, 17th Vt., enlisted Aug. 2, '64, mustered in Aug. 2, '64; substitute for Geo. O. Guild, deserted, never joined company.
- Braisier, Richard, private, Co. F, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 8, '63, mustered in Dec. 11, '63, deserted Dec. 18, '63.
- Bridgman, Jabez D., adjutant, 16th Vt., enlisted Sept. 29, '62, mustered in Oct. 12, '62, resigned Jan. 12, '63.
- Briggs, Elmore, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Brown, Charles W., private, Co. H, 8th Vt., enlisted Jan. 16, '62, mustered in Feb. 18, '62, re-enlisted Mar. 5, '64, taken prisoner Sept. 4, '62, paroled Nov. 13, '62, mustered out June 28, '65.
- Brown, John, musician, Co. D, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 15, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged June 24, '62, for disability.
- Bugbee, Charles H., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Aug. 6, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62; mustered out June 19, '65.
- Burnett, John H., private, Co. G, 1st Vt. cavalry, enlisted Dec. 4, '63, mustered in Dec. 8, '63, died Sept. 2, '64, of wounds received Mar. 9, '64.
- Butterfield, F. G., 2nd lieutenant, Co. A, 6th Vt., enlisted Oct. 4, '61, mustered in Oct. 15, '61, promoted 1st lieutenant Co. C, Aug. 21, '62, promoted captain Co. 1, April 21, '64, mustered out Oct. 28, '64.
- Buxton, Charles, major, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 12, '62, mustered in Sept. 3, '62, went out captain Co. G, killed in action Sept. 19, '64.
- Campbell, Henry, band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 9, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 9, '62.

- Carpenter, Helon M., corporal, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 19, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, mustered out Sept. 30, '64.
- Chandler, Frank H., band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 9, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 9, '62.
- Chase, Ichabod E., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Dec. 9, '63, mustered in Dec. 9, '63, transferred to Co. E, 2nd U. S. S. S., Dec. 23, '64, transferred to Co. G, 4th Vt. Feb. 25, '65, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Chase, Jonathan E., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted December 9, '63, mustered in Dec. 9, '63, wounded May 12, '64, transferred to V. R. C. Dec. 4, '64, discharged Aug. 31, '66.
- Child, Myron, band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 9, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 9, '62.
- Church, Winslow, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 11, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, promoted corporal Jan. 28, '64, wounded May 17, '64, died Jan. 4, '65, of wounds.
- Clark, Hugh, seaman, U. S. Navy, dates not given.
- Cochran, Walter W., major, 3rd Vt., enlisted July 12, '61, mustered in July 12, '61, resigned Aug. 10, '61.
- Cooper, Henry A., band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 3, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 8, '62.
- Corser, Guy T., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Corser, Henry C., private, Co. G., 7th Vt., enlisted Jan. 20, '62, mustered in Feb. 12, '62, died Oct. 19, '62, of disease.
- Cunningham, A., Jr., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Daggett, David O., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, transferred to V. R. C. Mar. 15, '64, mustered out Sept. 13, '64.
- Daggett, Samuel L., 1st lieutenant, Co. B, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 9, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, promoted corporal, sergeant, and 2nd lieutenant Co. G., brevet 1st lieutenant, transferred to Co. D June 24, '65, mustered out as 2nd lieutenant of Co. D Aug. 25, '65.
- Danforth, Alonzo H., sergeant-major, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Oct. 21, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, promoted 2nd lieutenant Co. G, April 10, '62, wounded May 24, '62, resigned Aug. 10, '62.
- Danforth, Jacob, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 21, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, wagoner Feb. 12, '64, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Dane, Wallace L., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 21, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Jan. 5, '63, for disability.
- Daniels, Joseph W., corporal, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 12, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, reduced Nov. 22, '62, wounded Oct. 19, '64, mustered out June 24, '65.

- Davidson, John M., private Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61, promoted corporal Nov. 29, '61, wounded May 5, '64, mustered out July 27, '64.
- Davis, Lewis O., private Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Davis, Oliver W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Delaney, Dennis, private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 15, '63, transferred to Co. A, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Dickinson, David, private, Co. C, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '64, mustered in Sept. 6, '64, substitute for Niles Aldrich, deserted Oct., '64, returned Jan. 13, '65, deserted June 11, '65.
- Diggins, Patrick, captain Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 4, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, 1st sergeant, 2nd lieutenant, 1st lieutenant, and captain Co. G, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Dolan, Henry, private, Co. C, 3rd Vt., enlisted Aug. 23, '64, mustered in Aug. 26, '64, substitute for Edward R. Guild, promoted corporal Oct. 17, '64, mustered out May 23, '65.
- Donovan, Patrick, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 29, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Downer, Harry W., private Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Dec. 1, '63, mustered in Dec. 23, '63, transferred to Co. A, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Drew, Frank, unassigned, enlisted July 1, '64, mustered in July 1, '64, substitute for M. R. Lawrence, supposed to have died while a prisoner of war.
- Drury, Joseph F., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., drafted July 13, '63, mustered in July 13, '63, taken prisoner June 23, '64, paroled Dec. 13, '64, died Feb. 11, '65, of disease.
- Ducate, Joseph, private, Co. B, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 11, '63, mustered in Dec. 12, '63, dishonorable discharge April 7, '65.
- Dugan, Jerry, marine, shipcoon and tacony, mustered in Feb., '65, discharged Feb. 7, '68.
- Dutton, Horatio W., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 15, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, transferred to V. R. C. Jan. 28, '63, mustered out Aug. 12, '65.
- Dutton, Samuel C., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 6, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, died Sept. 3, '63, of disease.
- Dyer, Peter, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Eastnan, Hubbard J., private, Co. F, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Aug. 21, '62, mustered in Sept. 26, '62, died Sept. 19, '64, of wounds received Mar. 2, '64.
- Edwards, William, private, Co. B, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 11, '63 mustered in Dec. 12, '63, discharged April 15, '64, for disability.

- Ellis, Warren, private, Co. E, 17th Vt., enlisted Mar. 25, '64, mustered in April 12, '64, mustered out July 14, '65.
- Erving, Norman M., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, died Dec. 21, '62, of disease.
- Fairbanks, Andrew C., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 11, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Faulkner, John, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 21, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, deserted Sept. 7, '62.
- Faxon, John, sergeant-general, major, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 14, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, promoted second lieutenant Co. B, Dec. 18, '61, promoted adjutant Jan. 19, '62, resigned July 16, '62.
- Fessette, Frank, private, Co. B, 8th Vt., enlisted Mar. 7, '65, mustered in Mar. 7, '65, mustered out July 15, '65.
- Fessett, Lewis, unassigned, enlisted Mar. 7, '65, mustered in Mar. 7, '65, died Mar. 22, '65, at New Haven, Conn.
- Fiske, Andrew W., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 6, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, wounded June 6, '64, mustered out June 24, '64.
- Fleming, Charles K., major, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 12, '62, mustered in Sept. 3, '62, 1st lieutenant Co. G, promoted captain Co. M, Oct 7, '63, taken prisoner June 23, '64, paroled Feb. 28, '65, honorably discharged May 15, '65.
- Fletcher, Lewis E., private, Co. A, 1st Vt. cavalry, enlisted Aug. 26, '64, mustered in Aug. 26, '64, mustered out June 21, '65; enlisted for one year.
- Flynn, Thomas, private, Co. E, 9th Vt., enlisted Dec. 20, '63, mustered in Dec. 22, '63, discharged Feb. 12, '65, for disability.
- Gale, Lyman C., 1st sergeant, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 20, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, promoted 1st lieutenant Co. K., 10th Vt., Aug. 12, '62, discharged July 30, '64.
- Gerard, Lewis, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Gerrow, Joseph, private, Co. A, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 11, '63, mustered in Dec. 12, '63, discharged April 13, '64, for disability.
- Gilmore, Rinaldo G., private, Co. F, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Oct. 2, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 28, '63, transferred to Co. D, June 21, '65, mustered out Aug. 9, '65.
- Gilson, George F., corporal, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Gordan, Samuel, private, Co. C, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '64, mustered in Sept. 6, '64; substitute for Charles Frost, mustered out July 11, '65.
- Gorman, George, private, Co. B, 9th Vt., enlisted Dec. 16, '63, mustered in Dec. 16, '63, transferred to Co. C, June 13, '65, mustered out Dec. 1, '65.
- Gould, George N., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.

- Granger, Edward L., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 15, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62, transferred to Co. A, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out June 19, '65.
- Grant, Lewis A. major, 5th, Vt., enlisted Aug. 15, '61, mustered in Aug. 15, '61, promoted lieutenant-colonel Sept. 25, '61, promoted colonel Sept. 16, '62, promoted brigadier-general April 27, '64, promoted brevet major general Oct. 19, '64, wounded Dec. 14, '62, mustered out Aug. 24, '65. Made a Mason in K. S. Lodge at B. F. Feb. 26, 1858.
- Graves, John W., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 21, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 15, '63, transferred to Co. A, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Guild, Edw. R., 1st sergeant, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Hackett, John, private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Mar. 24, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, wounded May 5, '64, transferred to Co. A, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out March 27, '65.
- Hagan, Thomas, Co. D, 17th Vt., enlisted Aug. 2, '64, mustered in Aug. 2, '64; substitute for H. H. Stone, deserted, never joined company.
- Hall, Eben F., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61, deserted Jan. 21, '63.
- Harding, Lorenzo H., private, Co. B, 3rd Vt., enlisted February 19, '62, mustered in April 12, '62; discharged December 17, '62, for disability.
- Hartwel, Haskel F., private, Co. K, 4th Vt., enlisted Mar. 1, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, wounded and taken prisoner June 30, '62, paroled July 25, '62, died Aug. 10, '62, of disease.
- Harwood, Albert W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Healey, John, Co. B, 17th Vt., enlisted July 15, '64; mustered in July 15, '64; substitute for Thomas J. Howard, deserted, never joined company.
- Henry, Warren M., private, Co. E, 6th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62, killed in action May 4, '63.
- Higgins, Daniel, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 8, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, discharged Aug. 11, '65, for wounds received June 1, '64.
- Higgins, John, substitute, U. S. Navy, mustered in Aug., '64, no further record given.
- Hilt, Charles, private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted January 24, '65, mustered in Jan. 24, '65, deserted to the enemy Feb. 26, '65.
- Hinkley, Samuel A., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Hinkley, Samuel O., private, Co. F, 1st Vt. cavalry, enlisted Sept. 23, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, mustered out Nov. 18, '64.
- Holmes, Henry D., private, Co. B, 1st Vt. cavalry, enlisted Sept. 6, '64, mustered in September 6, '64, wounded and taken prisoner Nov. 12, '64, paroled Feb. 5, '65, transferred to Co. F June 21, '65, mustered out June 9, '65.

- Holtham, John A., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Dec. 9, '63, mustered in Dec. 9, '63, transferred to Co. E, 2nd U. S. S. S. December 23, '64, transferred to Co. G, 4th Vt., Feb. 25, '65, mustered out May 13, '65.
- Houghtaling, James, private, Co. B. 9th Vt., enlisted Dec. 16, '63, mustered in Dec. 16, '63, transferred to Co. C, June 13, '65, mustered out Dec. 1, '65.
- Houghton, Seth S., corporal, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Howard, Charles, Co. D, 17th Vt. enlisted July 28, '64, mustered in July 28, '64; substitute for Wyman Flint, deserted, never joined company.
- Hudson, Albert J. private, Co. D, 6th Vt., enlisted July 24, '63, mustered in July 24, '63; substitute for William Conant, discharged Jan. 12, '65, for disability.
- Hunt, Charles G., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Hunt, Lewis H., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 22, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, promoted corporal, wounded May 4, '63, mustered out Sept. 30, '63.
- Hutchins, Henry W. private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 28, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, wounded and taken prisoner June 29, '62, paroled July 25, '62, discharged June 15, '63, for disability.
- Hutchins, Lewis N., private, Co. K, 8th Vt., enlisted Jan. 3, '65, mustered in Jan. 3, '65, mustered out June 28, '65.
- Hyde, Charles B., corporal, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Ingraham, James A., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted July 2, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62, taken prisoner June 23, '64, died at Andersonville, Georgia, Nov., '64.
- Imphy, Stephen, private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Dec. 18, '63, mustered in Dec. 18, '63, deserted June 19, '64.
- Jackson, Francis, private, 54th Mass., colored, enlisted Dec. 16, '63, mustered in Jan. 22, '64, mustered out Aug. 20, '65.
- Jennings, John, Co. D, 17th Vt., enlisted July 29, '64, mustered in July 29, '64; substitute for Sidney F. Perry, deserted, never joined company.
- Johnson, Wheeler, private, 54 Mass., colored, enlisted Dec. 16, '63, mustered in Dec. 16, '63, discharged Aug. 20, '65.
- Jones, Charles, private, Co. E, 9th Vt., enlisted Dec. 10, '63, mustered in Dec. 11, '63, transferred to Co. B, June 13, '65, mustered out Dec. 1, '65.
- Kean, James, private, Co. C, 11th Vt., enlisted July 27, '64, mustered in July 27, '64; substitute for Levi Allen, transferred to Co. B. 9th Vt., Jan. 20, '65, discharged Aug. 14, '65, for disability.
- Keyes, John W., private, Co. M, 11th Vt., enlisted July 1, '63, mustered in Oct. 7, '63, promoted corporal Mar. 1, '65, transferred to Co. D, June 24, '65, mustered out Aug. 25, '65.



- Keyes, John W., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Feb. 14, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, discharged Aug. 28, '62, for disability.
- Keyes, Sumner F., private, Co. D, 4th Vt., enlisted Mar. 29, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, taken prisoner June 23, '64, paroled Nov. 24, '64, mustered out April 19, '65.
- Kilburn, Cyrus G., private, Co. G, 4th Vt., enlisted July 13, '63, mustered in July 13, '63, deserted July 26, '64, returned Aug. 12, '64, transferred to Co. F, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Kimball, Levi W., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, discharged Oct. 4, '61, for disability.
- Knight, Willard E., private, Co., 1, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, discharged June 19, '63, for disability.
- Lahaize, Oliver, private, Co. E, 8th Vt., enlisted Dec. 22, '63, mustered in Dec. 23, '63, deserted Aug. 3, '64.
- Laraby, William, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Oct. 18, '63, mustered in Oct. 30, '63, transferred to Co. A, June 24, '65, dishonorably discharged June 28, '65.
- Lawlor, Timothy, private, Co. C, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '64, mustered in Sept. 6, '64; substitute for George N. Stone, wounded Oct. 19, '64, mustered out July 11, '65.
- Leary, Daniel, private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 8, '63, mustered in Sept. 8, '63; substitute for Albert Derby, mustered out July 11, '65.
- Leary, John, unassigned, Aug. 25, '64, mustered in Aug. 25, '64, substitute for George H. Stone, deserter from the 13th Conn.
- Lee, Charles, private, Co. E, 5th Vt., enlisted Dec. 5, '63, mustered in Dec. 8, '63, deserted Feb. 11, '64.
- Leech, George C., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 6, '62, mustered in Sept. 11, '62, discharged Feb. 2, '63, for disability.
- L'Herveux, Flavieu, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 8, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, promoted artificer Dec. 27, '63, discharged Mar. 25, '64.
- Locke, Lewis W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, died Mar. 16, '63, of disease.
- Locke, Rush S., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Lockwood, Amvrose, private Co. B, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 26, '64, mustered in Dec. 26, '64, mustered out Aug. 25, '65.
- Lynch, William R., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Lynch, William R., Jr., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Mahar, Joseph, private, Co. G., 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 9, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out May 30, '65.

- Mansfield, James, private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 15, '63, wounded Aug. 21, '64, discharged July 1, '65, for disability.
- Marsh, Franklin, blacksmith, Co. E, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Oct. 22, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, discharged May 22, '62, for disability.
- Marsh, George D., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 6, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 15, '63, transferred to Co. A. Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Mayo, James H., corporal, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- McCarty, Andrew, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- McCarty, Eugene, private, Co. F, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Oct. 9, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 29, '63, taken prisoner June 1, '64, and died at Salsbury, N. C., Dec. 29, '64.
- McDonald, Frank, Co. D., 17th Vt., enlisted Aug. 2, '64, mustered in Aug. 2, '64, substitute for Calvin E. Newcomb, deserted, never joined company.
- McGutre, John H., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- McQuade, John M., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Merrill, S. F., bandmaster, 4th Vt., Sept. 3, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61; discharged Aug. 9, '62.
- Moore, John B., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Morton, Thomas, Co. D, 17th Vt., enlisted Aug. 2, '64, mustered in Aug. 2, '64, substitute for Solon Perry, deserted, never joined company.
- Murphy, Patrick, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 15, '63, mustered in Dec. 15, '63, transferred to Co. A, June 24, '65, mustered out Aug. 25, '65.
- Murray, Michael F., private, Co. C, 4th Vt., enlisted Mar. 26, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, killed in action Sept. 14, '62.
- Nesty, James, unassigned, enlisted Aug. 25, '64, mustered in Aug. 25, '64, substitute for William A. Wilber, deserter from 14th Conn.
- Nourse, Lucius W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 25, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- O'Brien, John, private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 8, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Ochs, Augustus, marine, ship "Trifoil," "Powhatan," mustered in Feb., 1865, discharged July 28, '68.
- O'Reiley, Miles, marine, ship Kearsarge "Takoma," Wamponag, mustered in Feb. 1865, discharged Jan. 27, '68.
- Osgood, Charles E., second lieutenant, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61; sergeant, Co. A, promoted first sergeant, promoted second lieutenant July 21, '63, wounded May 5, '64, mustered out July 27, '64.

- Osgood, John S., band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 3, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 9, '62.
- Penniman, Henry H., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Percy, Bradford H., private, Co. C, 11th Vt., enlisted Dec. 9, '63, mustered in Dec. 9, '63, wounded April 2, '65, transferred to Co. B, June 24, '65, mustered out Aug. 25, '65.
- Perry, Horatio H., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Pettaint, Louis, private, Co. B, 8th Vt., enlisted Dec. 7, '61, mustered in Feb. 18, '62, mustered out June 28, '65.
- Phelon, James, private, Co. C, 4th Vt., enlisted Mar. 25, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, deserted Sept. 1, '62.
- Phillips, Lucian B., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Pierce, Stephen B., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 21, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, promoted corporal Aug. 1, '64, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Porter, John, private, Co. A, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Aug. 26, '64, mustered in Aug. 26, '64; substitute for Benjamin Schofield, transferred to Co. B, June 21, '65, mustered out Aug. 9, '65.
- Pratt, George, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Prentiss, Fred L., band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 3, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 9, '62.
- Prouty, Oric, musician, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 29, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Pulsipher, Franklin E., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Ramsey, Francis J., private, Co. H, 2nd U. S. S. S., enlisted Dec. 31, '61, mustered in Dec. 31, '61, died Jan. 30, '62, of disease.
- Robbins, George L., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Aug 13, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62, transferred to veteran reserve corps Nov. 20, '63, discharged Oct. 23, '64.
- Robinson, James, private, Co. E, 8th Vt., enlisted Dec. 22, '63, mustered in Dec. 23, '63, transferred to V. R. C. July, '64, died Nov. 13, '65.
- Ross, James, private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 3, '64, mustered in Sept. 3, '64, substitute for George Allen, deserted Oct., '64, promoted corporal June 20, '65, mustered out July 11, '65.
- Roundy, Carleton H., captain, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 26, '62, mustered in Oct. 2, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Roundy, Ralph W., private, Co. K, 9th Vt., enlisted July 4, '62, mustered in July 9, '62, mustered out June 13, '65.
- Russell, Albert W., 1st lieutenant, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 26, '62, mustered in Oct. 2, '62, resigned Jan. 21, '63.

- Ryan, Martin, private, Co. M, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Jan. 1, '64, mustered in Jan. 2, '64, died July 27, '64, of disease.
- Sabin, Albert R., captain, Co. C, 9th Vt., enlisted June 24, '62, mustered in June 24, '62, resigned Dec. 24, '62.
- Sanders, Benjamin, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Sayles, James A., private, Co. E, 5th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '61, mustered in Sept. 16, '61, promoted 2nd lieutenant, July 24, '62, promoted 1st lieutenant, Oct. 6, '62, transferred to Co. C, April 1, '63, promoted captain in the 8th N. Y. Cavalry May 1, '64.
- Sears, John, private, Co. B, 8th Vt., enlisted March 7, '65, mustered in Mar. 7, '65, mustered out June 28, '65.
- Short, Hugh, private Co. G, 1st, Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Dec. 21, '63, mustered in Dec. 25, '63, transferred to Co. E, June 21, '65, mustered out Aug. 9, '65.
- Sillman, Perry H., 45th U. S. C. T., enlisted July 15, '64, mustered in July 15, '64, substitute for C. B. Eddy.
- Simonds, John V., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 5, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Simonds, Joseph W., private, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 29, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Simonds, Lynde W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Smith, Arnold M., private, Co. H, 8th Vt., enlisted Jan. 6, '62, mustered in Feb. 18, '62, taken prisoner June 26, '63, paroled July 19, '63, deserted from camp parole.
- Smith, Byron M., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Dec. 4, '62, for disability.
- Smith, Elisha B., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Smith, George L., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61, wounded June 29, '62, and Dec. 13, '62, mustered out July 11, '64.
- Smith, William, private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, re-enlisted Dec. 15, '63, wounded Aug. 21, '64, transferred to Co. A. Feb. 25, '65, mustered out July 13, '65.
- Smith, Winchester, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Solei, Joseph, substitute, Co. K, 2nd Vt., enlisted July 29, '63, mustered in July 29, '63, substitute for Charles E. Chase, Jr., deserted Sept. 22, '63, returned Dec. 10, '63, wounded May 12, '64, deserted Oct. 15, '64.
- Spears, Joseph, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Stearns, John W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.

- Stone, Frank, private, Co. B, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Sept. 6, '64, mustered in Sept. 6, '64, taken prisoner March 4, '65, paroled April 2, '65, mustered out June 30, '65.
- Stone, George H., band, 4th Vt., enlisted Sept. 3, '61, mustered in Sept. 21, '61, discharged Aug. 9, '62.
- Stodder, Henry C., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Stoughton, C. B., adjutant, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 1, '61, mustered in Aug. 1, '61, promoted major Feb. 25, '62, promoted lieutenant-colonel July 17, '62, promoted colonel Nov. 5, '62, wounded July 10, '63, promoted brigadier-general March 13, '65, for gallant service, resigned Feb. 2, '65.
- Stoughton, E. H., colonel, 4th Vt., enlisted Aug. 1, '61, mustered in Aug. 1, '61; promoted brigadier-general Nov. 5, '62, appointment expired March 4, '63.
- Streeter, Henry C., 1st lieutenant, Co. F, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Oct. 2, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, wounded Aug. 25, '64, mustered out Aug. 9, '65.
- Sullivan, Dennis, private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Sept. 25, '61, mustered in Oct. 29, '61, wounded May 5, '64, mustered out Dec. 2, '64.
- Sumner, Daniel, Co. F, 5th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '64, mustered in Aug. 18, '64, substitute for Albert Worthington, mustered out June 29, '65.
- Tarbell, Erastus B., 2nd lieutenant, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 26, '62, mustered in Oct. 2, '62, resigned Jan. 21, '63.
- Thomas, Stillman A., corporal, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Tole, George P., private, Co. F, 4th Vt., enlisted Mar. 5, '62, mustered in April 12, '62, transferred to Co. A, Feb. 25, '65, mustered out Mar. 27, '65.
- Turner, Ezra, 2nd lieutenant, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted Aug. 5, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, sergeant, 1st sergeant, wounded Sept. 19, '64, resigned Nov. 18, '64.
- Tyrell, Jesse D., private, unassigned, enlisted Dec. 9, '63, died Feb. 7, '64.
- Wakefield, A. C., first lieutenant, Co. C, 3rd Vt., enlisted June 1, '61, mustered in July 16, '61, private, Co. A, re-enlisted Dec. 21, '63, promoted commissary-sergeant Feb. 1, '63, promoted second lieutenant Co. I, Feb. 25, '63, mustered out July 11, '65.
- Wales, George R., musician, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 12, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, mustered out June 24, '65.
- Walker, Guy B., private, Co. D, 9th Vt., enlisted Dec. 10, '63, mustered in Dec. 11, '63, wounded Feb. 2, '64, mustered out Dec. 1, '65.
- Walsh, William, Co. E, 5th Vt., enlisted June 20, '64, mustered in June 20, '64, substitute for Henry A. Wheeler, missing in action Sept. 19, '64.
- Ware, Stephen, U. S. Navy, mustered in Sept. '64, substitute for Lewis Albee.
- Warner, Frank, private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.

- Watson, Charles, private, Co. A, 1st Vt. Cavalry, enlisted Aug. 16, '64, mustered in Aug. 16, '64, mustered out June 21, '65.
- Weston, John N., 2nd lieutenant, Co. F, 11th Vt., enlisted July 21, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, corporal and sergeant Co. G, mustered out as sergeant Co. G. June 24, '65.
- Wetherbee, Carrol N., corporal, Co. G, 11th Vt., enlisted July 21, '62, mustered in Sept. 1, '62, reduced Sept. 21, '63, promoted corporal June 28, '64, died Sept. 20, '64, from wounds received Sept. 19, '64.
- Wetherbee, Enoch W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Sept. 10, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Wheeler, Henry A., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- White, Joseph H., private, Co. D, 8th Vt., enlisted Mar. 7, '65, mustered in Mar. 7, '65, mustered out June 28, '65.
- Wier, O. P., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 25, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Wightman, John A., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, discharged Mar. 13, '62 for disability.
- Wilder, Allen J., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Oct. 4, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, discharged Feb. 15, '63 for disability.
- Wilder, Levi W., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Wilder, Leman A., sergeant Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Williston, Chris L., private, Co. I, 12th Vt., enlisted Aug. 18, '62, mustered in Oct. 4, '62, mustered out July 14, '63.
- Wilson, William W., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, died May 13, '64, of wounds received May 5, '64.
- Wooley, Charles L., private, Co. F, 1st Vt., Cavalry, enlisted Sept. 14, '61, mustered in Nov. 19, '61, mustered out Nov. 18, '64.
- Wooley, George A., private, Co. F, 1st U. S. S. S., enlisted Sept. 11, '61, mustered in Sept. 13, '61, discharged Jan. 11, '64, for wounds received July 2, '63.
- Wyman, Joseph S., private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Aug. 11, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62, discharged July 11, '65.
- Wyman, Hollis, private, Co. A, 3rd Vt., enlisted Aug. 8, '62, mustered in Sept. 30, '62; discharged Oct. 30, '64, for wounds received May 12, '64.

Following is a list of men, together with their war record, who, although not credited to this town, served in the army and in after years were citizens of the town :

Baker, Oscar M., b. Wallingford, Vt.; enlisted Oct. 23, '63; Co. K, 2nd regt. Vet. Cavalry, N. Y. Vol.; 25 months' service; junk dealer and lawyer at B. F.



- Ball, Ceylon J., b. Athens, Vt., enlisted Sept. 5, '61; Co. F, 4th Vt.; 34 months' service; emp. Derby & Ball scythe snath shop, and also village lamp-lighter, now res. Acworth, N. H.
- Barker, Fred L., b. Windsor, Vt.; enlisted July 22, '62; Co. I, 14th N. H.; 36 months' service; kept boarding house in Bellows Falls in later years.
- Beckwith, Albert D., b. Gilsum, N. H.; enlisted June 20, '61; sergeant Co. I, 2d Vt.; mustered out after 51 months' service as 1st lieutenant same Co.; house carpenter at Bellows Falls.
- Benson, Dexter, b. Canada; enlisted Sept. 3, '64; Co. E, 7th Vt. regt.; 9 months' service; blacksmith at Rockingham.
- Bissell, A. H., b. Wilmington Vt.; enlisted Aug., '63; Co. A, 52d Mass. regt.; 10 months' service; grocer and farmer at B. F.
- Bissell, Lucius W., b. Wardsboro, Vt.; enlisted Nov. 29, '62; 1st lieut. Co. D, 3rd U. S. colored troops; resigned after 19 months' service; travelling salesman; res. S. R. and B. F.
- Bolles, James A., b. Springfield Vt.; enlisted Sept., '61; Co. F, 1st U. S. Sharpshooters; 3 months' service; discharged for disability; carriage painter at B. F.
- Brace, E. H., b. Canada; enlisted Aug. 24, '64; Co. D, 39th N. Y. regt.; 10 months' service; carpenter at B. F.
- Brown, Charles W., b. Dummerston, Vt.; enlisted Dec. 18, 1861; Co. H, 8th Vt. regt.; 43 months' service; locomotive engineer; res. B. F.
- Bugbee, D. A., b. Colerain, Mass., enlisted May 14, '61; Co. C, 2d Vt. regt.; mustered out after 19 months' service, at close of war; later a carpenter in S. R. and B. F.
- Burnham, O. E., b. Putney Vt.; enlisted Sept. 3, '62; Co. C, 49th Mass. regt.; 10 months' service; paper-maker at B. F.
- Butterfield, Fred D., b. Rockingham, May 14 1838; enlisted Dec. 19, 1861; 2d lieut. Co. B, 8th Vt.; promoted to 1st lieut. June 15, 1863, and capt. Mar. 7, 1863; discharged Aug. 6, 1864.
- Buxton, Albert, b. Londonderry Vt.; enlisted as 2d lieut. Co. H. S. S.; promoted to capt. Nov. 24. 1862; killed in the Wilderness May 6, 1864.
- Cannon, Barney, Jr., b. Montreal, Que., enlisted Sept. 30, 1861; Co. C, 6th Vt. regt., mustered out as sergt.-major, after 47 months' service; painter and postmaster at B. F.
- Cassidy, William P., b. Rochester, Vt.; enlisted Feb. 20, '64; Co. B, 7th Vt. regt.; 13 months' service; livery stable at B. F.
- Chapin, Charles C., b. Newbury, Vt.; enlisted Aug. 21, '61; Co. F, 4th Vt.; mustered out as sergt.-major of 4th Vt. after 47 months' service; merchant at B. F.
- Corlew, Henry M., b. Rockingham, Vt.; enlisted Aug. 11, '62; Co. G, 11th Vt. regt.; mustered out as corporal, after 26 months for loss of leg; harness-maker at S. R.

- Dodge, Randolph, b. Haverhill, N. H.; enlisted Feb. 18, '62; Co. H, 8th Vt. regt.; 28 months' service; teamster at B. F.
- Dwinell, Benjamin F., b. Andover, Vt.; enlisted Oct. 13, '61; Co. E, 6th Vt. regt.; 50 months' service; mill operative at S. R.
- Eastman, Lewis H., b. Grafton, Vt.; enlisted Aug. 11, '62; Co. G, 11th Vt. regt.; 11 months' service; book-dealer at Cambridgeport.
- Hall, Frank J., b. Westmoreland, N. H.; enlisted Aug. 14, '62; Co. H, 14th N. H., regt.; 36 months' service; millwright and grocer at B. F.
- Halladay, Richard F., b. Rockingham; enlisted Feb. 9, '65; Co. G, 7th Vt. regt.; 12 months' service; carpenter at Rockingham.
- Hazelton, George C., b. Andover Vt., enlisted Aug. 10, '62; Co. C, 16th Vt. regt.; 12 months' service; farmer at Rockingham.
- Herney, James M., b. Ireland; enlisted Aug. 8, '62; Co. E, 11th Vt. regt.; 31 months' service; laborer at B. F.
- Hobson, Fred H., b. England; enlisted Nov. 28, '63; Co. H, 7th Vt. regt.; 28 months' service; machinist at B. F.
- Holbrook, Charles E., lieutenant in 14th N. H.; boot and shoe dealer at B. F.
- Holden, Harrison, b. Westminster, Vt.; enlisted Oct. 8, '61; 2nd U. S. Sharpshooters; 43 months' service; mustered out as sergt.; Co. G, 11th Vt. regt.; carpenter at S. R.
- Homans, A. L., b. Plymouth, N. H.; enlisted Sept. 10, '62; Co. B, 4th Mass. regt.; 12 months' service; supt. of mill repairs at B. F.
- Howard, Rosalvo A., b. Andover, Vt.; enlisted Sept. 17, '61; Co. F, 1st Vt. Cav.; 45 months' service; mustered out as 1st lieutenant; Co. H, Vt. Cav.; carpenter and farmer at B. F.
- Howes, Samuel E., b. Brookfield, Vt.; enlisted Apr. 21, '61; Co. I, 1st Vt. battery; mustered out as 1st sergt, 1st Vt. battery; 37 months' service; harnessmaker at B. F.
- Hughes, Thomas H., b. England; enlisted Aug. 28, '62; Co. D, 49th Mass.; mustered out as corporal same company; tinsmith at S. R.
- Keyes, John W., b. Cambridge, Vt., enlisted July 1, '63; Co. H, 11th Vt., regt.; 32 months' service; dentist at B. F.
- King, Cornelius L., b. New York; enlisted May 14, '61; capt. of Co. A, 12th U. S. infantry; brevetted lieutenant-col.; res. B. F.; retired.
- Lane, Clement G., b. Drewsville N. H.; enlisted Sept. 22, '62; corp. Co. B, 14th N. H.; mustered out as same; 34 months' service; hotel clerk at B. F.
- Lee, Alonzo N., b. Richmond Vt.; enlisted Sept. 10, '62; Co. F, 13th Vt. regt.; 9 months' service; re-enlisted; paper-maker at B. F.
- Lewis, Henry C. H., b. Manchester, N. H.; enlisted Dec. 9, '63; Co. H, 11th Vt. regt.; 35 months' service; brick-mason at B. F.
- Mandigo, William L., b. Hudson, N. Y.; enlisted Dec. 4, '63, Co. C, 11th Vt. regt.; 20 months' service; carpenter and later boiler foreman at B. F.
- Miller, William A., b. Chester, Vt.; enlisted May 8, '61; Co. A, 3rd Vt. regt.; 37 months' service; tin-man at B. F.

- Moran, Edward, b. Ireland; enlisted Dec., '63; 3d Vt. battery; 30 months' service; R. R. employee at B. F.
- O'Connell, Michael, b. Montreal; enlisted Aug. 14, '61; 12th U. S. Infantry; 36 months' service; paper-maker at B. F.
- Parsons, William E., b. Willington, Conn.; enlisted Aug. — '62; Co. D, 37th Mass. regt.; 35 months' service; mechanic at B. F.
- Perry, Amasa R., b. Londonderry, Vt.; enlisted July 30, '62; Co. G, 11th Vt. regt.; 35 months' service; carpenter at B. F.
- Perry, Franklin, b. Portugal; enlisted Sept. —, '64; coal heaver, U. S. S. Massasoit; 10 months' service; laborer at S. R.
- Pettingill, Edward H., b. Grafton, Vt.; enlisted Aug. 2, '62; Co. D, 16th Vt. regt.; 9 months' service; physician many years at S. R.
- Pierce, William H., b. Leominster, Mass.; enlisted Aug. —, '62; Co. A, 14th N. H.; 35 months' service; carpenter and merchant at B. F.
- Pimer, Thomas K., b. New London, Conn.; enlisted Aug. 12, '62; Co. F, 21st Conn. regt.; 41 months' service; tinsmith at B. F.
- Pratt, Albert H., b. Ludlow, Vt.; enlisted June 20, '61; Co. I, 2nd Vt. regt.; discharged for wounds: still carries a bullet in his head; carpenter at Bellows Falls.
- Prouty, Elbert A., b. Westport, N. Y.; enlisted Sept. —, '63; Co. A., 169th N. Y. regt.; 24 months' service; locomotive engineer at B. F.
- Read, Lavant M. b. Wardsboro, Vt.; enlisted July 13, '63; Co. II, 2d Vt. regt.; 25 months' service; attorney and judge of probate at B. F.
- Russell, George K., b. Cabot, Vt.; enlisted Oct. 9, '62; Co. E, 15th, N. H. regt.; mustered out as sergt. Co. E, after 9 months' service; paper-mill owner at B. F.
- Sawyer, Charles H., b. Braintree, Mass.; enlisted July 21, '62; Co. C, 40th Mass. regt.; 13 months' service.
- Sherman, George W., b. Lawrence, Mass.; enlisted Sept. 14, '61; Co. H, 1st Mass. Cavalry; 47 months' service; carpenter at B. F.
- Shipman, James P., b. Westminster, Vt., enlisted June, '62, Co. I, 12th Vt.; 9 months' service; millwright at B. F.
- Simonds, Joseph V., b. Warner, N. H.; enlisted Dec. 21, '61; Co. H, 6th N. H. regt.; 41 months' service; stone mason at S. R.
- Spring, John O., b. Springfield, Vt.; enlisted Aug. 9, '64; Co. D, 9th Vt. regt.; 10 months' service; contracting brick-mason at B. F.
- Straight, J. Henry, b. East Hartford, Conn.; enlisted Apr. 17, '65; Co. C, 65th Ill.; 3 months' service; house-painter at B. F.
- Strong, Lycurgus, b. Northfield, Vt.; enlisted Aug. 21, '61; Co. C, 4th Vt.; 36 months' service; millwright at B. F.
- Taylor, William H., b. Cornwall, Conn.; enlisted April 23, '61; Co. D, 3rd Conn. regt.; mustered out as capt. Co. I, 8th Conn.; 51 months' service; carpenter at B. F.

- Thwing, John A., b. Putney, Vt.; enlisted Sept. 11, '61; Co. F, 1st Vt. Cav.; mustered out as commissary-sergt.; 1st Vt. Cav.; 47 months' service; millwright and later farmer at B. F.
- Timothy, Alonzo L., b. Westmoreland N. H.; enlisted July, '61; Co. H, 43d N. Y., vol.; 47 months' service; bricklayer at B. F.
- Timothy, Fred A., b. Westmoreland N. H.; enlisted Aug. 14, '62; Co. A, 14th, N. H.; 35 months' service; bricklayer at B. F.
- Tower, George R., b. Westminster, Vt.; enlisted April 25, '61, Co. A, 2d N. H. regt.; transferred to 2d Sharpshooters; 48½ months' service; bricklayer at S. R.
- Vancot, Henry H., b. Jericho, Vt.; enlisted Feb. 1, '65; Co. G, 2d Vt. regt.; 5½ months' service; laborer at B. F.
- Whitman, Dr. Frank, b. Boston, Mass.; enlisted March 4, '64, asst. surgeon, 58th Mass. regt.; appointed to brigade surgeon, with rank of major; 20 months' service; physician and surgeon at B. F.
- Woodward, W. N., b. Petersham, Mass., enlisted '63, Co. E, 3d Mass. heavy artillery; 24 months' service; carpenter at S. R.

## CHAPTER XL.

### ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS OF THE TOWN

The following lists of attorneys and physicians in this town upon the dates given are compiled from a file of the Vermont Register which begins in 1808, the lists being made at periods of five years. No physicians are named earlier than 1835. It has been impossible to ascertain the dates of either the commencement or the close of their practice.

Elijah Knight, who was admitted to the Windham county bar in 1796, was Rockingham's first attorney, and was for many years probate judge for the district of Westminster.

The first physician of whom we find record was Rev. Andrew Gardner, who, in addition to his services as minister, is recorded by Hall's Eastern Vermont as being also a "chyrurgeon." (See sketch upon page 20 of this volume.) Dr. Reuben Jones was the second physician. Drs. Alexander Campbell and Samuel Cutler came to town in the years 1786 and 1789 respectively, became influential citizens of this locality, and were the leading physicians during the remainder of their long lives. (Sketches of Drs. Jones, Campbell, and Cutler appear among the family histories in this volume.)

### ATTORNEYS OF ROCKINGHAM

#### AT PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS

1808—Elijah Knight, Robert Gilmore.

1813—Elijah Knight, Horatio Knight, Robert Gilmore.

1815—Elijah Knight, Alexander S. Campbell, Thomas G. Fessenden, Daniel Kellogg.

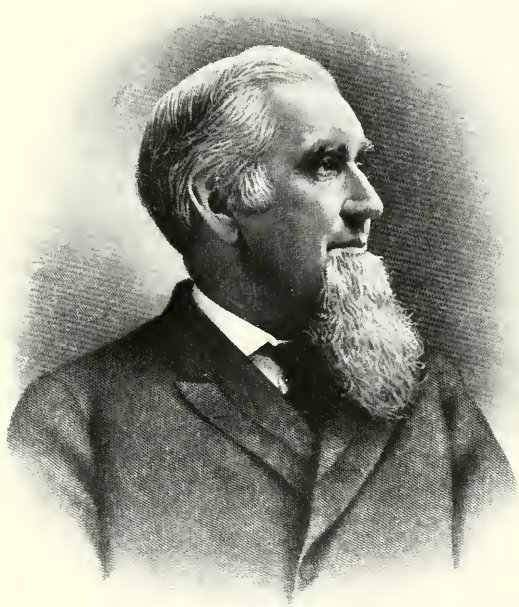
1820—Alexander S. Campbell, Thomas G. Fessenden, Daniel Kellogg, Horace Baxter, Dana Miller.

1825—Alexander S. Campbell, Daniel Kellogg, Horace Baxter, Dana Miller.

1830—Daniel Kellogg, Alexander S. Campbell, Horace Baxter, Jonathan D. Bradley.

1835—Daniel Kellogg, Alexander S. Campbell, Horace Baxter.

1840—Daniel Kellogg, Alexander S. Campbell, Horace Baxter, Jesse Howard.



HENRY D. HOLTON, M. D.  
b. at Saxtons River, 1838.





1845—Daniel Kellogg, Alexander S. Campbell, Horace Baxter, N. T. Sheafe.

1850—Charles I. Walker, John N. Baxter, George B. Kellogg.

1855—Daniel Kellogg, George B. Kellogg, Alexander S. Campbell, John N. Baxter, Henry E. Stoughton, Jabez D. Bridgman.

1860—Henry E. Stoughton, Alexander S. Campbell, Jabez D. Bridgman, Charles Eddy, J. W. Carpenter, Lewis A. Grant.

1865—Jabez D. Bridgman, Charles B. Eddy, Henry E. Stoughton, Alexander S. Campbell, Charles E. Arnold.

1870—Charles B. Eddy, Henry E. Stoughton, Jabez D. Bridgman, Winslow S. Myers, Charles E. Arnold.

1875—Charles B. Eddy, Jabez D. Bridgman, Lavant M. Read, Francis A. Bolles.

1880—Charles B. Eddy, Jabez D. Bridgman, Lavant M. Read, Francis A. Bolles, Charles F. Eddy, Zina H. Albee.

1885—Charles B. Eddy, Jabez D. Bridgman, Lavant M. Read, Francis A. Bolles, Charles F. Eddy, George A. Brown, George A. Weston, Zina H. Albee.

1890—Charles B. Eddy, Lavant M. Read, Francis A. Bolles, Charles F. Eddy, George A. Brown, George A. Weston, Zina H. Albee.

1895—Lavant M. Read, Francis A. Bolles, Herbert D. Ryder, George A. Weston, Zina H. Albee, Charles H. Robb.

1900—Lavant M. Read, Francis A. Bolles, Herbert D. Ryder, George A. Weston, Zina H. Albee, Charles H. Robb, Almon I. Bolles.

1905—Charles H. Williams, Herbert D. Ryder, Bolles & Bolles, Frederick B. Pingree, Zina H. Albee, George A. Weston.

## PHYSICIANS IN ROCKINGHAM

### AT PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS

1835—Noah Pratt, Artemas Robbins, ——— Howard, R. A. Severance, John H. Wells.

1840—Artemas Robbins, Noah Pratt, John H. Wells, R. A. Severance, C. Perry, ——— Doton.

1845—Artemas Robbins, John H. Wells, Noah Pratt, R. A. Severance, E. Thatcher, J. A. Martin.

1850—C. K. Cossett, R. A. Severance, John H. Wells, Samuel Nichols, Artemas Robbins, J. A. Martin, D. F. Wiley.

1855—Samuel Nichols, Josiah Martin, Daniel Campbell, ——— Huntoon.

1860—Samuel Nichols, Dr. Bailey, P. B. Parker.

1865—Samuel Nichols, M. Bailey, Daniel Campbell, L. E. Simons.

1870—Samuel Nichols, Frank Whitman, L. C. Barker, Daniel Campbell, Edward H. Pettengill.

1875—Samuel Nichols, Frank Whitman, Vincent Gosselin, Daniel Campbell, Edward H. Pettengill.

1880—Samuel Nichols, Frank Whitman, Vincen Gosselin, Elmore S. Albee, Edward R. Campbell, Daniel Campbell, Edward H. Pettengill.

1885—O. W. Phelps, Frank Whitman, Vincent Gosselin, Elmore S. Albee, Edward R. Campbell, William L. White, Daniel Campbell, Edward H. Pettingill, Mrs. Clara D. Reed, George H. Talbot.

1890—O. W. Phelps, Frank Whitman, Vincent Gosselin, Elmore S. Albee, Edward R. Campbell, William L. White, Daniel Campbell, Edward H. Pettengill, Edward Kirkland.

1895—Frank Whitman, Vincent Gosselin, Elmore S. Albee, Edward R. Campbell, John T. Rudden, William L. White, J. Sutcliffe Hill, George H. Gorham, Edward Kirkland, H. Ingham.

1900—Edward R. Campbell, A. Lawrence Miner, F. H. O'Connor, Frank Whitman, J. Sutcliffe Hill, Elmore S. Albee, John T. Rudden, M. M. Dolan, Edward H. Pettengill, F. L. Osgood, George H. Gorham, Edward Kirkland.

1905—Edward R. Campbell, A. Lawrence Miner, William F. Hazelton, Frank Whitman, J. Sutcliffe Hill, Elmore S. Albee, John T. Rudden, James F. O'Brien, George H. Gorham, F. L. Osgood, John H. Blodgett, Edward Kirkland.

## CHAPTER XLI.

### TOWN OFFICERS

1761. Moderator, Andrew Gardner. Selectmen, Andrew Gardner, Samuel Burr, Moses Wright. Town clerk, Moses Wright. Constable, William Simonds.
1762. Moderator, Joel Matthews. Selectmen, Joel Matthews, Oliver Lovell, William Simonds. Town clerk, Joel Matthews. Treasurer, Moses Wright. Constable, Amasa Wright.
1763. Moderator, Joel Matthews. Selectmen, Joel Matthews, Oliver Lowell, William Simonds. Town clerk, Joel Matthews. Treasurer, Abner Whipple. Constable, Timothy Lovell.
1764. Moderator, Joel Matthews. Selectmen, Oliver Lovell, Abner Whipple, William Simonds. Town clerk, Abner Whipple. Constable, Timothy Olcott.
1765. Moderator, Joel Matthews. Selectmen, Michael Lovell, Timothy Olcott, Moses Wright. Town clerk, Moses Wright. Treasurer, Charles Richards. Constable, Michael Lovell.
- No records between 1765 and 1769.
1769. Moderator, David Pulsipher. Selectmen, Moses Wright, David Pulsipher, Samuel Taylor. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Samuel Taylor.
1770. Moderator, Oliver Lovell. Selectmen, Timothy Lovell, Charles Richards, William Simonds. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Jeremiah Allen. Constable, William Simonds.
1771. Moderator, Samuel Taylor. Selectmen, Moses Wright, Aaron Bigelow, Elias Olcott. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, William Simonds. Constable, Elias Olcott.
1772. Moderator, Moses Wright. Selectmen, David Pulsipher, Moses Wright, Colburn Preston, Joseph Wood. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Joseph Wood. Constable, Ebenezer Fuller.
1773. Moderator, Peter Evans. Selectmen, Joseph Wood, William Simonds, Samuel Taylor. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Peter Evans. Constable, Colburn Preston.
1774. Moderator, Reuben Jones. Selectmen, Joseph Wood, Peter Evans, Jr., Sylvanus Titus. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Peter Evans, Jr. Constable, Colburn Preston.
1775. No record of any election.
1776. Moderator, Oliver Lovell. Selectmen, Jehiel Webb, Peter Evans, Jr., Jonathan Burt. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb. Constable, Jehiel Webb.
1777. Moderator, Moses Wright. Selectmen, Moses Wright, Jehiel Webb, Samuel Taylor, Colburn Preston, Peter Evans. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Matthew Lane. Constable, Isaac Stowell.

1778. Moderator, Joshua Webb. Selectmen, Joshua Webb, Charles Richards, Samuel Taylor. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Peter Evans. Constable, Elijah Knight. Representatives, Joshua Webb, Reuben Jones.
1779. Moderator, Joshua Webb. Selectmen, Joshua Webb, Lemuel Sargent, Colburn Preston. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Charles Richards. Constable, Timothy Clark. Representatives, Joshua Webb, Reuben Jones.
1780. Moderator, Joshua Webb. Selectmen, Joshua Webb, — White, John Roundy, Jonathan Burt, Oliver Lovell. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Charles Richards. Constable, Philip Safford. Representatives, Joshua Webb, Reuben Jones.
- ✓ 1781. Moderator, Samuel Gustin. Selectmen, Jonathan Holton, Samuel Taylor, Joseph Wood, John Roundy, Elijah Knight. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonathan Burt. Representatives, Joshua Webb, Colburn Preston.
1782. Moderator, Colburn Preston. Selectmen, Samuel Taylor, William Simonds, Colburn Preston. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb. Constable, John Fuller. Representatives, Joshua Webb, Elias Olcott.
1783. Moderator, John Roundy. Selectmen, Samuel Taylor, Jonathan Burt, Jehiel Webb. Town clerk, William Simonds. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb. Constable, Charles Webb. Representatives, Joshua Webb, John Roundy.
1784. Moderator, William Simonds. Selectmen, Jonathan Burt, Peter Evans, Jr., Jehiel Webb. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Moses Marsh. Representatives, Oliver Lovell, John Roundy.
1785. Moderator, John Roundy. Selectmen, Jehiel Webb, Peter Evans, Jr., Jonathan Burt. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonathan Fuller. Representatives, Jehiel Webb, John Roundy.
1786. Moderator, Jonathan Burt. Selectmen, Jehiel Webb, Jonathan Burt, Peter Evans. Town clerk, Elijah Knight. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonathan Fuller. Representatives, Jehiel Webb, John Roundy.
1787. Moderator, John Roundy. Selectmen, Jonathan Holton, Moses Marsh, John Roundy, Jr. Town clerk, Elijah Knight. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonathan Fuller. Representatives, Jehiel Webb, John Roundy.
1788. Moderator, Elias Olcott. Selectmen, Jonathan Holton, Moses Marsh, John Roundy, Jr. Town clerk, Jonathan Holton. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonas Hazeltine. Representative, Jonathan Holton.
1789. Moderator, Jehiel Webb. Selectmen, Elijah Lovell, Jonathan Burt, Peter Evans, Jr. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable Jonathan Fuller. Representative, Samuel Cutler.

1790. Moderator, John Roundy. Selectmen, Elijah Lovell, Peter Evans, Jonathan Burt. Town Clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonathan Fuller. Representative, Jehiel Webb.
1791. Moderator, Samuel Taylor. Selectmen, Elijah Lovell, Barnabas Wood, Samuel Cutler. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Benjamin Williams. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1792. Moderator, Jonathan Fuller. Selectmen, Elijah Wood, Barney Wood, Samuel Cutler, Samuel Ober, Samuel Taylor. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Benjamin Williams. Representative, David Sanderson.
1793. Moderator, Samuel Cutler. Selectmen, Elijah Lovell, Barney Wood, Samuel Cutler. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Benjamin Williams. Representative, David Sanderson.
1794. Moderator, Samuel Cutler. Selectmen, Samuel Cutler, David Sanderson, James McAfee. Town clerk, Jehiel Webb. Treasurer, Elias Olcott. Constable, Jonathan Barron. Representative, David Sanderson.
1795. Moderator, Elijah Lovell. Selectmen, Elijah Lovell, David Sanderson, James McAfee. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb. Constable, Jonathan Barry. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1796. Moderator, Jonathan Fuller. Selectmen, Samuel Cutler, Samuel Emery, Hugh Orr. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb. Constable, William Stearns. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1797. Moderator, Elijah Knight. Selectmen, Samuel Cutler, Samuel Emery, Hugh Orr. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb. Constable, Hugh Orr. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1798. Moderator, David Sanderson. Selectmen, Samuel Cutler, Samuel Emery, Hugh Orr. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jonathan Burt. Constable, Benjamin Williams. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1799. Moderator, John Fuller. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, Jonathan Barron, Eliphalet Felt. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jonathan Burt. Constable, David Oakes. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1800. Moderator, John Fuller. Selectmen, Elijah Lovell, Jehiel Webb, William Page. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jonathan Burt. Constable, David Oakes. Representative, Samuel Cutler.
1801. Moderator, Oliver Lovell. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, James McAfee, David Campbell. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jonathan Burt. Constable, David Oakes. Representative, David Sanderson.
1802. Moderator, Daniel Farrand. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, James McAfee, David Campbell. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jonathan Burt. Constable, Gilbert Evans. Representative, Daniel Farrand.



1803. Moderator, Levi Sabin. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, David Campbell, Samuel Emery. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, William Hall. Constable, David Oakes. Representative, Levi Sabin.
1804. Moderator, Daniel Farrand. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, Samuel Emery, Roswell Bellows. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, William Hall. Constable, Daniel Bixby. Representative, Alexander Campbell.
1805. Moderator, William Page. Selectmen, Elijah Knight, Quartus Morgan, David Wood. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Elijah Read. Representative, Elijah Knight.
1806. Moderator, Levi Sabin. Selectmen, Elijah Knight, David Wood, Alexander Campbell. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Elijah Read. Representative, Alexander Campbell.
1807. Moderator, Samuel Emery. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, Calvin Webb, Ebenezer Locke. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Elijah Read. Representative, Alexander Campbell.
1808. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Levi Sabin, Calvin Webb, Joseph Weed. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Alexander Campbell.
1809. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, William Hall, Joseph Weed, Elijah Knight. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Elijah Knight.
1810. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, William Hall, Elijah Knight, Joseph Weed. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, David Campbell.
1811. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Jonathan Barron, Samuel W. Pulsipher, Elias Olcott. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, David Campbell.
1812. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Jonathan Barron, Samuel W. Pulsipher, Elias Olcott. Town clerk, Jonathan Burt. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Henry Lake.
1813. Moderator, Jonathan Barron. Selectmen, Jonathan Barron, Samuel W. Pulsipher, Elias Olcott. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Joseph Weed.
1814. Moderator, Jonathan Barron. Selectmen, Jonathan Barron, Samuel W. Pulsipher, Elias Olcott. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, Jehiel Webb, Jr. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Henry Lake.

1815. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, Peter Evans, Levi Hoit, Benjamin Smith, Jr. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, Samuel Billings. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Benjamin Smith, Jr.
1816. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, Peter Evans, Levi Hoit, Roswell Burt. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, Samuel Billings. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Benjamin Smith, Jr.
1817. Moderator, Elijah Knight. Selectmen, Levi Hoit, Peter Willard, Roswell Burt. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, Samuel Billings. Constable, Ebenezer Locke. Representative, Peter Willard.
1818. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, William Hall, Jr., Ebenezer Locke, Daniel Kellogg. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, James B. Chase. Constable, Silas Dickinson. Representative, Alexander S. Campbell.
1819. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, Ebenezer Locke, Henry Lake, Jr., Solomon Hapgood. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, Jarvis B Chase. Constable, Eleazer Allbee. Representative, Alexander S. Campbell.
1820. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, Ebenezer Locke, Henry Lake, Jr., Solomon Hapgood. Town clerk, Joseph Weed. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Eleazer Allbee. Representative, Henry Lake, Jr.
1821. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, Ebenezer Locke, Dana Miller, Elijah Jones. Town clerk, Russell Burke. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Stephen R. B. Wales. Representative, Henry Lake, Jr.
1822. Moderator, William Hall, Jr. Selectmen, Ebenezer Locke, Elijah Jones, Solomon Hapgood. Town clerk, Lewis W. Hubbard. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Stephen R. B. Wales. Representative, Eleazer Allbee.
1823. Moderator, Jonathan Barron. Selectmen, Manasseh Divoll, Ezekiel Weston, 2d, Allen Nourse. Town clerk, Lewis W. Hubbard. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, Eleazer Allbee.
1824. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Manasseh Divoll, Ezekiel Weston, 2d, Allen Nourse. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, Benjamin Smith, Jr.
1825. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Manasseh Divoll, Ezekiel Weston, 2d, Richard Cobb, Jr. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, Benjamin Smith, Jr.
1826. Moderator, Daniel Kellogg. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Solomon Wright, Jr., Cyrus Locke. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall, Jr. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, William Hall.

1827. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Solomon Wright, Jr., Cyrus Locke. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, William Hall.
1828. Moderator, Daniel Kellogg. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Cyrus Locke, David Nourse. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, Alexander S. Campbell.
1829. Moderator, William Hall. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Cyrus Locke, Horace Baxter. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, Manasseh Divoll.
1830. Moderator, Daniel Kellogg. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Cyrus Locke, Ezekiel Weston. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, William Hall. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, Manasseh Divoll.
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1832. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Cyrus Locke, Ezekiel Weston. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Edward Darby. Representative, N. B. Roundy.
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1834. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Jr., Cyrus Locke, Ezekiel Weston. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Manasseh Divoll. Representative, William Henry.
1835. Moderator, Daniel Kellogg. Selectmen, Cyrus Locke, David Chandler, Ezekiel Weston. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Manasseh Divoll. Representative, William Henry.
1836. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, Richard Cobb, Cyrus Locke, Ezekiel Weston. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Alpheus Willard. Representative, Manasseh Divoll.
1837. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Cyrus Locke, Ezekiel Weston, David Chandler. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Elias Olcott, Jr. Representative, John Seaver.
1838. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Elias Pulsipher, John Wiley, 2d, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Asa Wentworth, Jr.

1839. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, Elias Pulsipher, John Wiley, 2d, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Asa Wentworth, Jr.
1840. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, Elias Pulsipher, John Wiley, 2d, Russell Hyde. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Samuel L. Billings.
1841. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Elias Pulsipher, Russell Hyde, Elias Olcott, Jr. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Samuel L. Billings.
1842. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, Elisha Livermore, John Wiley, 2d, Eleazer Allbee. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, J. S. Fullerton.
1843. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Elisha Livermore, John Wiley, 2d, Eleazer Allbee. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, no choice.
1844. Moderator, Samuel L. Billings. Selectmen, John Wiley, 2d, Eleazer Allbee, James B. Morgan. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Henry Walker.
1845. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, John Wiley, 2d, James B. Morgan, Alden Haseltine. Town clerk, James A. Willard. Treasurer, John H. Campbell. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Daniel Kellogg.
1846. Moderator, Gates Perry, Jr. Selectmen, John Wiley, 2d, James B. Morgan, Gates Perry, Jr. Town clerk, James A. Willard. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Royal Earle.
1847. Moderator, Gates Perry, Jr. Selectmen, John Wiley, 2d, Gates Perry, Jr., Walter Wright. Town clerk, James A. Willard. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Benjamin Smith, Jr.
1848. Moderator, Charles I. Walker, Esq. Selectmen, John Wiley, 2d, Gates Perry, Jr., Walter Wright. Town clerk, James A. Willard. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Asa Wentworth, Jr.
1849. Moderator, Gates Perry, Jr. Selectmen, Gates Perry, Jr., James B. Morgan, Alden Haseltine. Town clerk, Samuel L. Billings. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Asa Wentworth, Jr.
1850. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Gates Perry, Jr., James B. Morgan, Alden Haseltine. Town clerk, Samuel L. Billings. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Russell Hyde.

1851. Moderator, Horace Baxter. Selectmen, Gates Perry, Jr., James B. Morgan, Alden Haseltine. Town clerk, Samuel L. Billings. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Russell Hyde.
1852. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, James B. Morgan, Joseph Leach, Peter Willard. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Henry E. Stoughton.
1853. Moderator, William Henry. Selectmen, James B. Morgan, Joseph Leach, Peter Willard. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Pulsipher. Representative, Quartus M. Dorand.
1854. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Charles Stowell, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Samuel C. Jackson. Representative, Quartus M. Dorand.
1855. Moderator, Daniel Kellogg. Selectmen, Charles Stowell, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Samuel C. Jackson. Representative, Asa Wentworth, Jr.
1856. Moderator Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth, John A. Farnsworth. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Samuel C. Jackson. Representative, Asa Wentworth Jr.
1857. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth, John A. Farnsworth. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Elias Olcott. Representative, Jabez D. Bridgman.
1858. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth, John Wiley, 2d. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, James L. Locke. Representative, Jabez D. Bridgman.
1859. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth, Elliott R. Osgood. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Ira A. Pulsipher. Representative, Franklin Severens.
1860. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Merrick Wentworth, Elliott R. Osgood. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth Jr. Constable, Ira A. Pulsipher. Representative Franklin Severens.
1861. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Elliott R. Osgood, Edmund Blake. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Josiah B. Divoll. Representative, John A. Farnsworth.
1862. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Elliott R. Osgood, S. S. Coolidge. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, C. W. Fairbrother. Representative, John A. Farnsworth





JABEZ D. BRIDGMAN,  
Rep. 1857-1858.  
Senator 1880-1881.



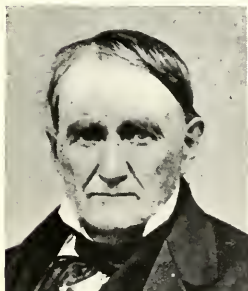
CHARLES B. EDDY,  
Senator 1870-1871.



ELLIOT R. OSGOOD,  
Rep. 1870-1871.



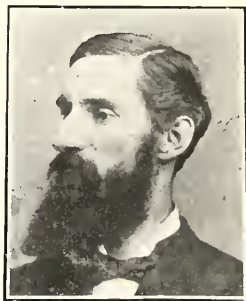
CARLTON E. WEBB,  
Rep. 1874-1875.



BENJAMIN SMITH, JR.  
Rep. 1815-1816, 1824-1825.



WILLIAM H. JOHNSON.  
Rep. 1866-1867.



HENRY CHAMBERLAIN JOHNSON.  
Rep. 1878-1879.

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1863. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Elliott R. Osgood, S. S. Coolidge. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, C. W. Fairbrother. Representative, James H. Williams.
1864. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Quartus M. Dorand, Elliott R. Osgood, C. E. Webb. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, C. W. Fairbrother. Representative, Daniel Campbell.
1865. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, C. E. Webb, H. I. Wiley E. S. Sabin, Jr. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, C. W. Fairbrother. Representative, Daniel Campbell.
1866. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, C. E. Webb, H. I. Wiley, J. A. Willard. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Nathan S. Proctor. Representative, William H. Johnson.
1867. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Wyman Flint, James A. Willard, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Alexander S. Campbell. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, William H. Johnson.
1868. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Wyman Flint, James A. Willard, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Winslow S. Myers. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Josiah B. Divoll.
1869. Moderator, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Selectmen, Wyman Flint, M. R. Lawrence, James A. Willard. Town clerk, Winslow S. Myers. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Josiah B. Divoll.
1870. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, S. S. Coolidge, John A. Farnsworth, Quartus M. Dorand. Town clerk, Winslow S. Myers. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Elliott R. Osgood.
1871. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, S. S. Coolidge, John A. Farnsworth, Quartus M. Dorand. Town clerk, Winslow S. Myers. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Elliott R. Osgood.
1872. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, S. S. Coolidge, Henry C. Wiley, H. I. Wiley. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Albert N. Swain.
1873. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Henry C. Wiley, H. I. Wiley, Frank A. George. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Albert N. Swain.
1874. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Henry C. Wiley, Frank A. George, J. B. Divoll. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Carlton E. Webb.

1875. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Frank A. George, J. B. Divoll, Charles Smith. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles L. Hubbard. Representative, Carlton E. Webb.
1876. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Frank A. George, Charles Smith, J. B. Divoll. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Butterfield. Representative, Albert N. Swain.
1877. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Frank A. George, Charles Smith, J. B. Divoll. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, Charles W. Butterfield. Representative, Albert N. Swain.
1878. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Frank A. George, Charles Smith, J. B. Divoll. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Asa Wentworth, Jr. Constable, L. T. Lovell, 2d. Representative, Henry C. Johnson.
1879. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Frank A. George, Charles Smith, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, James H. Williams, Jr. Constable, L. T. Lovell, 2d. Representative, Henry C. Johnson.
1880. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, L. G. Howard, Charles Smith, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, James H. Williams, Jr. Constable, Frank A. George. Representative, Charles Smith.
1881. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, L. G. Howard, Charles Smith, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, James H. Williams, Jr. Constable, Frank A. George. Representative, Charles Smith.
1882. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, L. G. Howard, Charles Smith, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Frank A. George. Representative, Francis A. Bolles.
1883. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, L. G. Howard, Charles Smith, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Frank A. George. Representative, Francis A. Bolles.
1884. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, George K. Russell, Charles Smith, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Frank A. George. Representative, John Robertson.
1885. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, L. G. Howard, M. P. Barry, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Frank A. George. Representative, John Robertson.
1886. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Wyman Flint, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, Henry C. Wiley, Henry A. Titus. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Fred L. Lovell. Representative, John F. Alexander.

1887. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Ozias M. George, Martin R. Lawrence, Henry C. Wiley. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Daniel W. Buemond. Representative, John F. Alexander.
1888. Moderator, Albert N. Swain. Selectmen, Charles W. Butterfield, Martin R. Lawrence, Henry C. Wiley. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Daniel W. Buemond. Representative, Franklin P. Ball.
1889. Moderator, Charles W. Butterfield. Selectmen, Charles W. Butterfield, John T. Moore, Henry A. Titus. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, Daniel W. Buemond. Representative, Franklin P. Ball.
1890. Moderator, Herbert D. Ryder. Selectmen, Charles W. Butterfield, Martin R. Lawrence, Henry A. Titus, Henry C. Wiley, L. T. Lovell, 2d. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, James H. Williams, 2d.
1891. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles W. Butterfield, Martin R. Lawrence, Henry A. Titus. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, James H. Williams, 2d.
1892. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Martin R. Lawrence, Sidney A. Whipple, Charles H. Williams. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Oscar D. Olcott. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Lavant M. Read.
1893. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Sidney A. Whipple, M. R. Lawrence, Ozias M. George, Eugene A. Norwood. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Lavant M. Read.
1894. Moderator, Herbert D. Ryder. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Sidney A. Whipple, Martin R. Lawrence, Ozias M. George, Eugene A. Norwood. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Lavant M. Read.
1895. Moderator, Herbert D. Ryder. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, Sidney A. Whipple. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Lavant M. Read.
1896. Moderator, Herbert D. Ryder. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Preston H. Hadley.
1897. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Preston H. Hadley.

1898. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Ozias M. George.
1899. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, George M. Cory, Martin R. Lawrence. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Ozias M. George.
1900. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Charles E. Howard.
1901. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Charles H. Williams, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, Charles E. Howard.
1902. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Myron H. Ray, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, John W. Buemond. Representative, George B. Wheeler.
1903. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Myron H. Ray, Martin R. Lawrence, George M. Cory. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, Daniel J. McDonald. Representative, George B. Wheeler.
1904. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Myron H. Ray, George M. Cory, Chester B. Hadwen. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, Daniel J. McDonald. Representative, E. R. Campbell.
1905. Moderator, Frederick H. Babbitt. Selectmen, Myron H. Ray, Chester B. Hadwen, Henry A. Thompson. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, Daniel J. McDonald. Representative, E. R. Campbell.
1906. Moderator, George A. Weston. Selectmen, Myron H. Ray, Chester B. Hadwen, Henry A. Thompson. Town clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Preston H. Hadley. Constable, Daniel J. McDonald. Representative, Myron H. Ray.

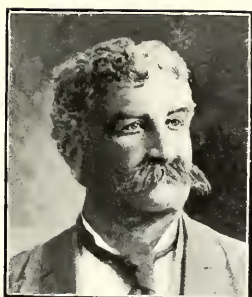
MEN WHO REPRESENTED ROCKINGHAM IN THE DIFFERENT  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

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| 1791. Elijah Lovell.   | 1836. Eleazer Allbee.  |
| 1793. David Sanderson. | 1843. Daniel Kellogg.  |
| 1814. Henry Lake.      | 1850. Jeremiah Barton. |
| 1822. Eleazer Allbee.  | 1870. Albert N. Swain. |
| 1828. Manasseh Divoll. |                        |

In 1870 conventions for making changes in the state constitution were done away with. But two changes have been



CHARLES SMITH,  
Rep. 1880-1881.



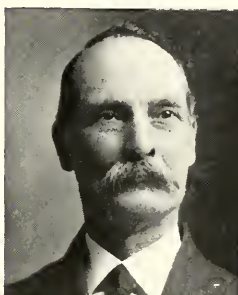
FRANCIS A. BOLLES,  
Rep. 1882-1883.



LAVANT M. READ,  
Rep. 1892-1895.



PRESTON H. HADLEY,  
Rep. 1896-1897.



DR. OZIAS M. GEORGE,  
Rep. 1898-1899.



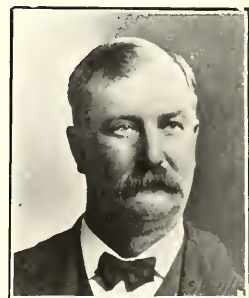
CHARLES E. HOWARD,  
Rep. 1900-1901.



GEORGE B. WHEELER,  
Rep. 1902-1903.



DR. E. R. CAMPBELL,  
Rep. 1904-1905.



MYRON H. RAY,  
Rep. 1906-1907.

SOME LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOWN.





made since then, in the 27th and 28th articles. These alterations were proposed by the Senate and concurred in by the House in 1880, and again by both Houses in 1882. They were adopted by a vote of the freemen of the state in 1883. The member of the House from Rockingham in 1880 was Charles Smith, and in 1882, Francis A. Bolles. Thus their names should be added to the above list as those of this town who have had a part in constitutional changes of the state. The senators in both these years were from other parts of the county.

The following citizens of Rockingham have been senators from Windham county in the Vermont legislature during recent years :

1851.	Asa Wentworth, Jr.	1880-1.	Jabez D. Bridgman.
1853-4.	Russell Hyde.	1886-7.	Albert N. Swain.
1857.	George Perry.	1892-3.	Franklin P. Ball.
1862-3.	Henry E. Stoughton.	1902-3.	Martin R. Lawrence.
1870-1.	Charles B. Eddy.		

## CHAPTER XLII.

### POPULATION AS SHOWN BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

The first census of the town of Rockingham was taken January 16, 1771, under command of Governor Dunmore of the Province of New York. The work was done by the sheriff of Cumberland county and showed the town to contain at that time a total of two hundred and twenty-five souls, of whom fifty were heads of families. There were forty-eight white males under sixteen years of age; sixty-two white males between sixteen and sixty; four white males over sixty: fifty-two white females under sixteen; fifty-seven white females over sixteen; one black male, and one black female.

The second census was taken as shown by the United States Bureau of the Census in 1790, and the following is the list of the 206 heads of families then here, aggregating a total population of 1,235:

#### CENSUS OF 1790

Names of heads of families.										Free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	All free white females including heads of families.	All other free persons.
Adams Eli	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Adams, Joseph	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	6	
Adams Luther	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		2	
Albee, Eben <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	3	
Albee, Eben <sup>r</sup> Jun <sup>r</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		1	

Names of heads of families.				
	Free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	All free white females including heads of families.	All other free persons.
Albee, John . . . . .	1	1	1	
Albee, Joseph . . . . .	1		1	
Archur, Benj. . . . .	2	2	3	
Archur, John . . . . .	2		1	
Ayere, Elisha . . . . .	2	1	8	
Barney, Jona . . . . .	3	2	1	
Barret, Joel . . . . .	1		2	
Bayley, John . . . . .	1	2	2	
Benton, Jacob . . . . .	1	1	1	
Bixby, Danl . . . . .	1	3	1	
Blanchard, Wm . . . . .	1		1	
Blanchard, Wm Junr . . . . .	1		2	
Bowtwell, Josiah . . . . .	1		2	
Brown, Jona . . . . .	1	4	2	
Burke, Eastman . . . . .	1		1	
Burt Jona . . . . .	1	4	1	
Caldwell, Adam . . . . .	1		5	
Campbell, Alexr . . . . .	1	3	2	
Campbell, David . . . . .	3	1	3	
Chamberlain, Edmond . . . . .	3	2	3	
Chamberlain, Eli . . . . .	1		1	
Clark, Charles . . . . .	1	1	1	
Clark, Hirh . . . . .	1		4	
Clark Timo . . . . .	4	3	5	
Clark, Wm . . . . .	2		1	
Clapp, Joshua . . . . .	1			
Clawson, Ichabod . . . . .	1	1	1	
Clawson, Roswell . . . . .	2		2	
Clawson, Wildbore . . . . .	1	4	3	
Clifford Jacob . . . . .	1	2	3	
Coburn, Amasa . . . . .	1	3	3	
Cooper, John . . . . .	2	1	1	
Cooper, Zeb. . . . .	1	3	1	
Cutler and Caldwell . . . . .	2	2	3	
Darling, Timo . . . . .	1	1	4	
Davis, Cyrus . . . . .	1	2	3	
Davis, Henry . . . . .	1	4	2	
Davis, John . . . . .	1			
Davis, Levi . . . . .	3	2	4	
Davis, Nathl . . . . .	1	1	5	
Derby, Edward . . . . .	2		3	

Names of heads of families.										Free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families,	Free white males under 16 years.	All free white females including heads of families,	All other free persons.
Eames, Thos	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	3	
Eastman, Saml	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Edson, Danl	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		6	
Edson, Isaiah	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		2	
Ellis, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	5	
Emery, Saml	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	5	
Evans, Asher	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	3	
Evans, Eli	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	4	4	
Evans, Peter Junr	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	3	
Felt, Eliphalet	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	4	
Fish, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	5	2	
Fletcher, Luke	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		4	
Fling, Patrick	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		2	
Forbes, Saml	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	3	
Fuller, Jona	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	4	
Fuller, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	3	
Gilmore, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	3	
Gilson, Joseph	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	2	
Goodale, Elijah	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	2	
Graves, Phinehas	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		3	
Green, Widow	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		2	5	
Gustin, Thos	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		4	
Hale, Joshua	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	2	
Hall, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		1	
Hall, James	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	4	
Hazeltine, Jonas	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Hazeltine, Richd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Hazeltine, Wm	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	2	
Himes, Stephen	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	
Hitchcock, Widow	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.			3	
Holton, Joha	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	4	1	
How, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Ingals, Ebenr	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	4	
Jennins, Salmon	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		1	
Jewet, Abel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	2	
Johnson, A. Robert	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Johnson, Benja	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		2	
Johnson, Joshua	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Johnson, Isaac	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	4	
Jones, Widow	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		3	2	
Kendal, Wm	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	2	

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	Free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	All free white females including heads of families.	All other free persons.
Kendall, Ebenr	1		2	
Kendall, Ebenr Junr	1	2	7	
Kidder, Thos	1	3	4	
King, Danl	2	4	2	
Knights, Elisha	1	2	4	
Knight, Elijah	1	1	1	
Knight, Russel	4		2	
Lane, Obidiah	1	2	1	
Larcomb, Job	1	4	6	
Larkin, Levi	2		1	
Lawson, Ichabod	1	1	2	
Lock, Abraham	1	5	2	
Lock, Ebenr	1	2	2	
Lovell, Ebenr	1		1	
Lovell, Elijah	3	4	4	
Lovell, Enos	2	3	4	
Lovell, John	2	5	4	
Lovell, Oliver	1	2	7	
Lovell, Tim <sup>o</sup>	2		1	
Marsh, Moses	6	2	7	
Mathews, Asher	2	6	6	
Mathews, John	3	4	7	
McCalvin, Ebenr	1	3	3	
McCawly, Saml	1	4	2	
McLawland Thos	1			
Mellen, John	1			
Metcalf, Saml	1	2	3	
Miller, Saml	3	1	3	
Minot, Wm	4	3	4	
Muzzy, Joseph	2		3	
Newton, Silas	2		1	
Nurse, Francis	4			
Ober, Saml	1	3	4	
Olcott, Elias	3	2	5	
Parker, Abiel	1	1	3	
Parker, John	1	2	3	
Pease, Widow	2		4	
Petty, John	2	2	3	
Petty, Solomon	1	1	4	2
Pike, David	1	1	1	
Porter, Chandler	1	2	2	



Names of heads of families.										Free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	All free white females including heads of families.	All other free persons.
Powers, Timo . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		6	
Proctor, James . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		3	
Proctor, Nathan . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	4	
Pulsiford, David and John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	5	9	
Pulsiford, Ebenr . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	4	
Reed, Elijah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Reed, Fredrick . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	3	
Reed, Isaac . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	4	
Richardson, Jotham . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		1	
Richardson, Jona Junr . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		3	
Ripley, Charles . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Ripley, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Ripley, Vesp <sup>n</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	4	
Rixford, Saml . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	
Robinson, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	3	
Rose, Edwd . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6		4	
Roundy, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		1	
Roundy, John Junr . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		2	
Roundy, Uriah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	4	
Sabin, Elisha . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Sabin, Levi . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	
Sanderson, Ebenr . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Sanderson, David . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	1	4	
Sanderson, Israel . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	2	
Savage, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	1	
Savage, Ozias . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	
Searls, Abijah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	2	
Shipman, Abraham . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	6	
Simonds, Wm . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3		3	
Smith, Nye . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	2	
Stafford, Philip . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	5	
Stanley, David . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		1	
Stearns, Isaac . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	4	
Stearns, Jabez . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Stearns, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		2	
Stearns, Jona . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	
Stearns, Wm . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		4	
Stearns, Wm Junr . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	3	
Stitt, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	2	
Stocker, Elijah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Stoddard, Josiah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		2	

Names of heads of families.										Free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	All free white females including heads of families.	All other free persons.
Stowel, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	4	
Spears, Sam <sup>l</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	2	
Sturdavant, Zeph <sup>h</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	
Taylor, Sam <sup>l</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	4	
Thayer, Wm . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	
Thurstin, Nathan . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Tozzer, Eben <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		3	
Wait, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	6	
Walker, James . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	4	
Weaver, Dan <sup>l</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	5	
Webb, Calvin . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	4	
Webb, Charles . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	5	2	
Webb, Jehiel . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	5	
Webb, Joshua . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3		3	
Wheelock, Jona . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Whitcomb, Widow . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		2	3	
White, Abiel . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	5	
White, Abijah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		6	
White, Josiah . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		1	
White, Paul . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	1	
White, Phinehas . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		3	
Whiting, John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	
Whiting, Sam <sup>l</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	3	
Whitney, Asa . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1			
Williams, Benja . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		5	
Wilson, Nathan . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	3	1	
Wing, Thos . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	4	
Wing, Thos Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	1	
Wing, Turner . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		1	
Wolfe, C. John . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	3	
Wood, Barnabas . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	4	
Wood, David . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	1	
Wood, William . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	
Woodbury, Jesse . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	6	
Wright, Moses . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	
Wright, Nath <sup>l</sup> . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	
Wright, Solomon . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	5	
										327	319	587	2

The census of 1800 showed the population of the town to be 1,684, and it was divided as follows: Under ten years of age, males, 316, females, 248; ten to sixteen, males, 155, females, 130; sixteen to twenty-six, males, 165, females, 157; twenty-six to forty-five, males, 142, females, 160; over forty-five, males, 111, females, ninety-eight; all other free persons, except Indians not taxed, two.

The next census, that of 1810, showed a total population in town of 1,954, divided as follows: Under ten years of age, males, 336, females, 306; ten to sixteen, males, 168, females, 149; sixteen to twenty-six, males, 206, females, 204; twenty-six to forty-five, males, 164, females, 173; over forty-five, males, 127, females, 110; blacks, eleven.

The records of the Bureau of the Census do not show that the village of Bellows Falls was taken separately from the rest of the town until 1870. The footings of the different enumerations are shown below:

Year.	Total in town.	Bellows Falls.	Outside of Bellows Falls.
1771	225		
1790	1,235		
1800	1,684		
1810	1,954		
1820	2,155		
1830	2,272		
1840	2,330		
1850	2,837		
1860	2,904		
1870	2,854	1,264	1,590
1880	3,802	2,229	1,573
1890	4,579	3,092	1,487
1900	5,809	4,337	1,472

The later enumerators have been:

1860	C. W. Fairbrother.
1870	O. M. Lawton.
1880	Elmore S. Allbee.
1890	Edward H. Pettengill.
	Elmore S. Allbee, } Bellows Falls.
	George F. Ball, }
1900	Almon I. Bolles, Bellows Falls.
	Richard J. Wolfe, outside of Bellows Falls.

The annual check lists and grand lists of the town since 1900 indicate a material increase of population since the last enumeration. In 1900 the number of polls in town was 1,496, and in 1906 there were 1,726, an increase of 230. As the average number of persons to a family is about four, this would indicate an increase of 920 in town since 1900. The increase is probably all in the village of Bellows Falls, as in the recent decades, indicating a present citizenship of 5,257 in the limits of the corporation at this time.

Bellows Falls being situated at the extreme southeast corner of the town, the dividing line between this town and Westminster runs through the south part of the village. The Connecticut river on the east separates the village from North Walpole, N. H., a growing village of possibly 1,500 inhabitants. As both the north part of Westminster and the village of North Walpole are dependent upon Bellows Falls for trade and business of all kinds and are fully covered by the free delivery of the postal service, in order rightly to compare the present population of Bellows Falls with that of other villages differently situated, it would be fair to include these suburbs, thus making the estimated census of Bellows Falls and suburbs, 1906:

Within limits of Corporation . . . . .	5,257
North Westminster . . . . .	500
North Walpole . . . . .	1,500
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Total . . . . .	7,257

## CHAPTER XLIII.

### CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS IN ROCKINGHAM

1704, March 5.—First Christian sermon ever preached in Vermont, at the mouth of Williams river in Rockingham, by Rev. John Williams, an Indian captive from Deerfield. From this the river has its name.

1735, January 15.—First charter granted to Rockingham under authority of King George II., by the Province of Massachusetts Bay to Palmer Goulding and fifty-nine others. Name of township under this charter was "Goldenstown."

1752, December 28.—Second charter of Rockingham, under which present titles hold, granted under authority of King George II., by the Province of New Hampshire to Samuel Johnson and fifty-eight others.

1753, March 28.—First meeting of the "grantees" or "Proprietors" of the township held.

1753, "In the spring."—First three settlers, Moses Wright, Jonathan Bigelow and Simeon Knight came into town. They returned to Northfield, Mass., "within a few months, driven back by the Indians."

1760, July 17.—The proprietors voted to assist Michael Lovell in building the first saw-mill.

1761, "Last Wednesday of March."—First town meeting held. Rev. Andrew Gardner moderator and Moses Wright town clerk.

1770, March 28.—Town voted its first salary to the town minister: "Seventeen bushels of Indian corn be Delivered to the Rev'd Anderew Gardner by the Oversears out of the Rent that Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis owes to the Town."

1771.—First census taken showing "225 souls" in town.

1773, August 25.—Voted to build a small meeting-house. Its size was to be thirty-five by twenty-five feet,—"till the town be able to Build a Larger."

1773, October 27.—First church in town organized, and Mr. Samuel Whiting ordained as its first pastor.

1774, December 12.—Town meeting held for the first time in the new meeting-house. They had been held in taverns and private houses until this date.

1775, March 12.—"About 40 good, true men" of Rockingham marched in a body to Chester to endeavor to dissuade Judge Chandler from holding court in Westminster the following Tuesday.

1775, March 13.—From sixty-five to one hundred Rockingham citizens marched to Westminster and took part in the "Westminster massacre."

1783.—First settlement made in the village of Saxtons River.

1785.—First toll bridge across the Connecticut river built by Col. Enoch Hale. It was the only bridge across the river at any point until 1796.

1787, April 10.—Voted to build the present meeting-house after the pattern of the Charlestown meeting-house. It was the only public building owned by the town for just one hundred years.

1791.—Second census of town taken, showing 1,235 inhabitants.

1792, March 28.—First division of the town into school districts.

1792.—Work upon the building of the Bellows Falls canal commenced. Canal corporation was chartered the year before.

1792.—First settlement made in the village of Cambridgeport by a man named Adams.

1798.—The second church in the town (Immanuel), organized. It held its meetings in Rockingham village until 1816.

1801, January 1.—First post office in town established at Rockingham village, with \*Roswald Bellows as postmaster.

1801, April 1.—First post office established at Bellows Falls, with Dr. William Page postmaster.

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\* Spelled "Roswald" by P. O. Department.



1802.—Bellows Falls canal finished and first boats passed through.

1802.—First paper-mill established in Bellows Falls by Bill Blake. He had built the first one in the vicinity in Alstead in 1799.

1807, November 26.—First meeting of citizens to organize for building a union church in Saxtons River village. The building was finished and dedicated August 23, 1810.

1809, February 4.—Rev. Samuel Whiting first town minister, resigned after thirty-six years of service.

1812, May 11.—First great conflagration in Bellows Falls, among the mills, with a loss exceeding \$40,000.

1812, June 18.—Baptist church at Saxtons River organized.

1816, March 20.—Immanuel church voted to move from Rockingham and build a church building at Bellows Falls.

1817, January 1.—First newspaper established in Bellows Falls, *Vermont Intelligencer and Bellows Falls Advertiser*. Owned by Bill Blake & Co., edited by Thomas Green Fessenden.

1817, February 16.—First Masonic meeting held in the town.

1818, December 2.—First post office established in Saxtons River, with Daniel Kellogg postmaster.

1819.—First church bell in town presented by Gen. Amasa Allen to Immanuel church and the village of Bellows Falls, the same in use now, cast by Paul Revere & Son. Public banquet of citizens in his honor held January 29, 1819.

1824.—There were but fifty-eight buildings of all kinds in the villages of Bellows Falls and North Walpole, including barns and out-houses.

1826, December 13.—The "Barnet," reached Bellows Falls, being the first steamboat to ascend so far above tide-water. Great celebration of the event.

1831, November 9.—Bank of Bellows Falls, the first bank of town incorporated.

1834, January 30.—First charter of Bellows Falls adopted by the village corporation by a vote of seventy-four to thirty-two.

1835, February 2.—Post office established at La Grange with Samuel Jackson postmaster.

1835, February 22.—The Congregational church of Saxtons River organized.

1835.—"Early in this year" Bellows Falls became a regular station for preaching services for Methodist church; church building erected in 1836.

1836, January 4.—The Union Meeting-house society of Cambridgeport held its first meeting, and the church building was erected during the same year.

1840, July.—Tucker toll bridge over the Connecticut river (the present structure) used for the first time, and the one built in 1785 cut down the same month.

1840, July 8.—Daniel Webster spoke to three thousand people in the Square at Bellows Falls.

1842, February 9.—Post office established at Bartonsville, with Alfred Sargeant postmaster.

1835 to 1845.—A craze of silk worm culture in different parts of the town.

1847, November 23.—First savings bank established. "The Bellows Falls Savings Institution."

1848.—First public water supply brought from Gage's Mills by "Second Bellows Falls Aqueduct Co."

1848.—First Catholic Mass said in Bellows Falls by Father Daly, a missionary of the Franciscan order. He was here frequently until 1863. First church building (corner School and Cherry streets) purchased May 1, 1854. Land for a new church bought in 1872 and the present church dedicated November 4, 1885.

1849, January 1.—First railroad train came to Bellows Falls from Boston and went to Charlestown with an excursion party. No railroad bridge crossed the Connecticut and the station was on the New Hampshire side of the river.

1849, December.—Rutland and Burlington railroad completed from Bellows Falls to Burlington.

1850, July 23.—First Congregational church of Bellows Falls organized. First meeting in the new church building held September 22, 1851.

1850.—First water supply from Minard's pond completed by "The Bellows Falls Water Co." Chartered 1848.

1851.—Island House erected.

1851.—Vermont Valley railroad completed from Brattleboro.

1852, February 11.—First lodge of Odd Fellows chartered.

1855, August.—The second church bell in town hung in the tower of the Congregational church in Bellows Falls.

1856, August 6.—The *Bellows Falls Times* issued its first number. It was edited and published over thirty-two years by its founder, Hon. A. N. Swain.

1866, September 28.—Mount Kilburn formally christened with appropriate exercises by a large party from Amherst college, banquet at the Island House, etc.

1858, January 15.—First Masonic meeting held in town after a discontinuance of thirty years because of the Anti-Masonic movement.

1858, August 17.—First news of completion of Atlantic cable received in Bellows Falls and appropriate exercises in commemoration held by the Vermont Teachers' association in session here.

1860, March 14.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Bellows Falls occurred among the business houses on the Square. Eleven different buildings destroyed.

1867, December 25.—First service held in the new (the present) Immanuel church building.

1868.—Vermont Farm Machine company began business as the "Hartford Sorghum Machine Co." in the second story of the Towns livery stable on Bridge street.

1868.—The Spiritualist church organized at Bartonsville and the church building erected.

1868, April 16.—The Congregational society of Cambridgeport organized.

1869, March 20.—Last town meeting held in old meeting-house at Rockingham village, and voted to hold future meetings at Bellows Falls.

1869, April 15.—The first contract was entered into between Hon. William A. Russell and Jabez Hills regarding power from the Bellows Falls canal which resulted in the systematic utilization of the water for pulp and paper manufacture. Foundations of the first pulp-mill commenced within a week thereafter.

1869, June 22.—Vice President Schuyler Colfax spoke from the balcony of the Island House.

1869, August 27.—President Ulysses S. Grant spoke from the balcony of the Island House.

1869, October 4.—Occurred the most disastrous freshet in the history of the town. All parts of the town suffered, but the village of Bartonville was ruined. Estimated loss in town exceeded \$200,000.

1869.—First Bellows Falls village building erected on Rockingham street.

1872.—Bellows Falls Village Corporation purchased the Minard's pond water supply from the Bellows Falls Water Co. for \$22,000.

1872.—Fall Mountain Paper company incorporated. First paper for the great dailies made here in July of 1873 for the *New York Herald* and *Baltimore American*.

1872.—High School established in Bellows Falls.

1873.—Towns Hotel erected.

1878, August 8.—Bellows Falls lodge of Odd Fellows, which had been dormant twenty years, reinstated.

1879, February.—First Universalist church of Bellows Falls organized. Church building dedicated August 4, 1881.

1881, March.—The first magnetic telephone placed in Bellows Falls.

1884, December 18.—Congregational church organized at Bartonsville.

1885.—First sewers put in at Bellows Falls.

1886, June 28.—The town accepted a gift of \$20,000 for the poor from David R. Campbell.

1887.—Town building in Bellows Falls, opera house block, erected. Opera house used for the first time on the evening of September 12, 1887.

1888, September 11.—Rockingham Free Library opened and the first books given out.

1895, April 18.—Bellows Falls village accepted a gift of \$10,000 for the poor from Luther G. Howard, in memory of his wife, Sarah Burr Howard.

1899, October 5.—Work begun on Bellows Falls and Saxtons River Street railroad; open for traffic its entire length, July, 1900.

1904, November 1.—The Tucker toll bridge at Bellows Falls made free by the towns of Walpole and Rockingham. Toll had been gathered continuously for one hundred and nineteen years.

1905, March 20.—New steel arch bridge across the Connecticut river at Bellows Falls opened to the public.

## CHAPTER XLIV.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### EARLY FISHING IN THE CONNECTICUT

Hoyt, in his History of Indian Wars, says, "No river in New England afforded a greater number of fish than the Connecticut," and all references to the subject by early writers are to the same effect. The Connecticut, the longest river in the territory mentioned, with a fall of nearly 1,600 feet from its source to the sea, and containing the purest water of all the rivers, afforded especial attractions for the finny tribe, of which they availed themselves to the fullest extent. Fish of various kinds were found in large numbers throughout the entire length of this beautiful stream, but it was at Bellows Falls that certain varieties were found in the greatest abundance.

The traditions of the red men when first the pale-face settlers came here were to the effect that the reputation of the "Great Falls" had been known to them generations earlier, and that at certain seasons of the year pilgrimages were made from distant points by parties of red men, to secure generous supplies of this necessary article of food. The first settlers also depended largely upon the river to supply their food during a portion of the year, one of the earliest historians stating that fishing was one of their principal industries in this town of Rockingham.

The fish most abundant here in early times were the salmon and the shad. The former could pass the rapid waters of the falls, while it is said the shad were never seen above them. Annually, in the months of April and May, these two species set out from their ocean winter home for the head waters of the Connecticut and its tributaries. They came as far as these falls in great numbers, and, as even the salmon could not ascend higher except with the water at a



medium height, they gathered in great numbers below the falls, extending some distance below the eddy so plentifully that it was said "The water was black with them, and it seemed almost as though one could walk across on their backs."

The first settlers held what were termed "fishing rights" in various advantageous places on the river as far north as here, and suits at law have in some instances been successful within a few years at different points in Massachusetts, based upon the old fishing rights held by families since the very earliest residence of the white man. A number of old residents remember the remains of the old "Chevre de Frese," as it was termed, erected in the eddy below the falls by those who claimed the first fishing rights here, to assist in the drawing of the large shad nets. The structure was located about two-thirds of the distance from the mouth of Saxtons river to the lower end of the falls, a little east of the centre of the river, and almost directly opposite the north end of the Casein company's factory. It was built of logs, about thirty feet square, and at ordinary water arose about four feet above the surface. It was filled with heavy stones and in general appearance looked like the log cribs above the dam, except that it had a large post set strongly in the centre and rising about six or eight feet into the air. This was used for a windlass upon which to wind the ropes of the large shad nets. The stones of this structure have been seen within a few years when the water was extremely low, but it is said that the logs were drawn away one year upon the ice after the disappearance of the shad in this vicinity had rendered the contrivance of no further value.

The shad nets were often nearly half a mile long and from eight to twenty feet deep. To each end of the net was attached a long rope, as long as the net itself or longer. The net would be taken up the river, upon one side, the length of the rope, then, striking out into the stream the fishermen would row across, paying out the net, and return to the Chevre de Frese with the other end of the rope and wind

up the two ropes as rapidly as possible by means of the windlass, drawing the net over a large space of the stream. Shad in great numbers were caught in this way. Drawing nets in this manner was continued to a later date further south than at this point, and one record shows over two thousand shad taken at a single drawing of the net.

On the top of the large rock in the river at the lower end of the falls, known as "The Nine Holes," is a drill hole put there by an owner of fishing rights, from which to draw his nets, and an early deed refers to "the rock with a drill hole used by the shad fisherman." Solomon Hapgood, one of the early residents, used to tell the names of those who formerly owned the different rights about the eddy. Few, if any, now living have ever seen the drawing of the nets, so important a matter a century and more ago.

A very old man, known as "Dr. Kilburn," over fifty years ago used to tell present citizens of the manner in which the Indians used to take the salmon in his childhood, previous to the building of the dam here. Their operations were confined largely to a reach of two miles or so above the falls and to the time of year when the salmon were passing up the river. Above the falls, as far as the Millikin place, a distance of about two miles, there were rapids which were difficult of navigation. Two Indians would carry their light bark canoe to the head of these rapids and launch it. One with his light paddle would sit in the stern and guide it through the devious channel in the current, while the other stood in the prow and drove his spear firmly into the backs of the great salmon which, having worked hard in coming up through the falls, were naturally somewhat spent and thus not as wary as they would have been below the falls. Fish weighing from twenty to thirty pounds were speared in this way. Day after day, the Indians would proceed in this way down into the falls, as far as the small eddy in front of the present stone house in North Walpole which was formerly used as a school-house. Here they would draw out the

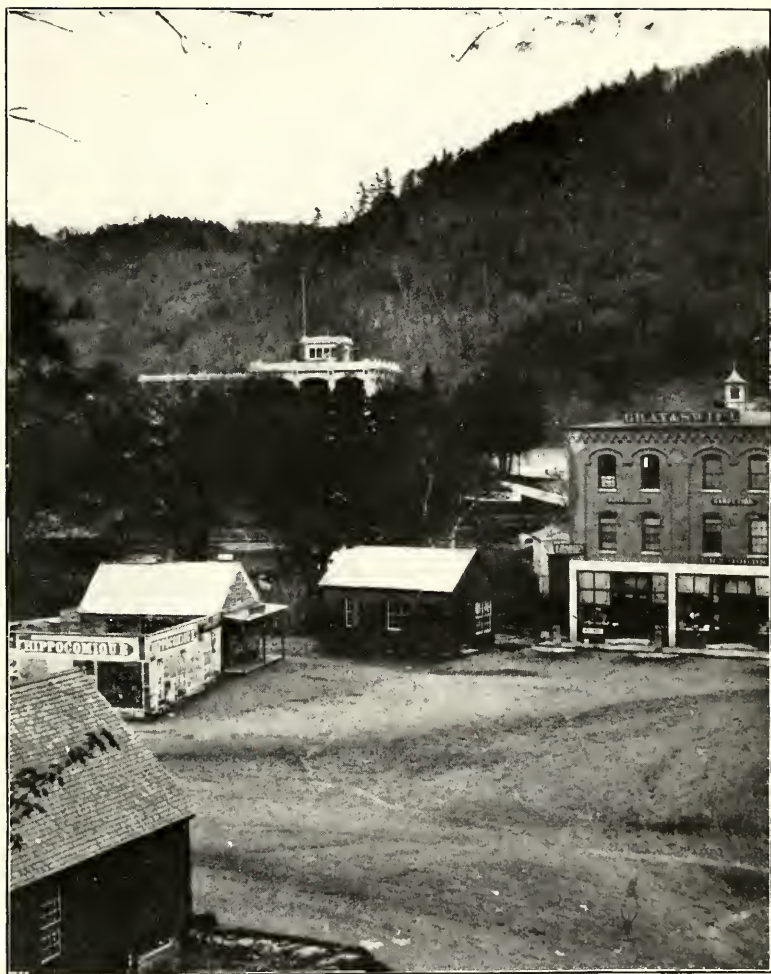
canoes and carry them up the river again to the head of the swift water and repeat the trip.

The building, about 1800, of the dams, across the river prevented the shad and salmon from coming as far north. An early picture of the toll bridge here shows a man sitting in a chair suspended by a rope from the bridge, let down near to the water, and spearing salmon as they passed. The shad were taken in smaller quantities by scoop nets, or in baskets fastened to poles, but the quantities would seem large when compared with present-day success in fishing.

As long as the salmon and shad were taken here in marketable quantities, the Connecticut river brands of both species commanded a fancy price, owing to their good size and delicate flavor, accounted for in early times by the reputed purity of the water.

Brook trout weighing from four to six pounds were often taken in the Connecticut, and also in Williams and Saxtons rivers. As late as 1850 a trout weighing four and one-fourth pounds was taken at the foot of the locks by George Kimball, a cousin of George W. Kimball. This was put into the basin of one of the three fountains then on the grounds of the Island House and kept there for some time.

There were no pike in the Connecticut until about 1840, when they are supposed to have come from "Plymouth ponds," on Black river. Some years earlier these lakes had been stocked with them and protected by the state. A flood broke down the barriers and washed many of them down the river, and from that into the Connecticut, both north and south from the mouth of the Black river. Some good pickerel and black bass are now found but pike are the largest and most valuable fish now in the Connecticut. Some of the records for weight are as follows: In September, 1841, a pike weighing eighteen three-fourths pounds was caught at the foot of the locks by Henry Hills. The fish was so large that Mr. Hills was unable to land it and it was shot. This was seved up at Davis & Russell's tavern, the old Bellows Falls Stage house, and twenty citizens partook of the dinner.



A SECTION OF "THE SQUARE" IN BELLOWS FALLS, ABOUT 1868.



About 1844 Hon. William Henry, one of the most noted local fisherman of his day caught one in the eddy weighing seventeen pounds. One of the same species weighing ten and one-half pounds was caught by an Irish lad in May, 1860; another of the same weight May 27, 1862; a seven-pounder in October 1862, by L. A. Nourse; one which weighed fourteen and a half pounds by Col. C. L. King, at the mouth of Williams river, May 6, 1873; a ten-pounder in May 1857, by Peter Brower, master mechanic of the V. V. R. R. One which weighed twelve pounds and five ounces was landed by "Master" Fred L. Amadon May 16, 1868. About 1870, William Kiniry caught a huge one weighing eighteen and three-fourths pounds. In one day C. E. Capron landed a fourteen-pounder, and Charles Barker a seventeen-pounder; while only two years ago Elmer Porter and George Wright, living near the scythe snath shop secured two which together, with the stick on which they were carried tipped the scales at thirty-eight pounds.

Eels are found in large numbers and of some size in the canal when the water is shut out, but they are not as plenty as formerly. The late Edward Blake, agent of the canal company, caught them weighing from nine to twelve pounds, and one night while in charge of the canal he secured two hundred and sixty in one lot.

Minard's pond, one and a half miles from Bellows Falls, and two hundred and eighty five feet higher than the Square, was in former years a noted fishing resort. In 1817 it was stocked with pickerel and for many years the fishing was good, the pickerel being plenty and attaining a size exceeding five pounds, while perch and pout were abundant. In later years they have nearly all disappeared. This is the only still water area within the borders of Rockingham.

#### FOOT-PRINT OF A PRE-HISTORIC BIRD

Until about the beginning of the nineteenth century, a natural curiosity in a rock at Bellows Falls excited interest in scientific circles of the country. Near the head of the canal,



upon the point of rock extending into the Connecticut river, between the canal and the foundation of the present Sullivan railroad bridge, there was the clearly defined foot-print of a huge bird of some unknown species. It was described as an exact reproduction of an exaggerated hen's track and measured five feet in length. It had an appearance likened to that of a bird of that size stepping into a plastic substance, as of the rock when in its formative stage, and ever thereafter remaining as left by the imprint of the foot. It was in a particularly hard specimen of gneiss rock which at that point was in layers of about one foot in thickness.

For many years this curiosity attracted the interest of visitors, travelers, and scientists. It was described in different publications, and strangers coming here frequently requested to be guided to its location as one of the attractions of the place.

About the year 1800, the faculty of Dartmouth college arranged to secure the curiosity for their museum. A time was set for the removal to Hanover, of the section of stone in which it was embedded. Some unappreciative and jealous persons, learning of the plan to remove it, a day or two before the proposed visit blew the interesting specimen into fragments with powder, rather than to have it taken from this vicinity.

#### RAFFLING, AND SHOOTING FOR PRIZES

In early days, as the Thanksgiving season approached, all the good marksmen were wont to attend the "turkey shoots," turkeys and other game being set up at a fairly long distance and shot at by the contestants until blood was drawn, the bird then being the property of the lucky marksman, who had previously paid so much per shot. In a similar way all kinds of property were disposed of, the shooting being at a mark. The proprietors of the hotels were usually those in charge of the shooting, as it would largely benefit their bar, the crowd attending such "shoots" usually being a thirsty one. The local papers abound in frequent advertisements

regarding these. Among the landlords of the vicinity most frequently advertising such sports were John Robertson of "Robertson's Tavern," which stood where Hotel Windham does now, Peter Evans and John Pierce at Charlestown, John R. Gibson and Amos Hitchcock at Rockingham.

The following advertisement in the "*Intelligencer*" of January 14, 1822, is a sample of many others which varied according to circumstances and the property to be disposed of. These, in those days, took the place of the present practice of "selling by ticket."

#### TO SPORTSMEN

The Subscriber, on the 24th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M. will set up a target to be shot at, distance thirty rods, tickets one dollar each, not exceeding fifty-four. The prize will be an OX weighing eleven cwt, well fatted. The marksman who comes nearest the centre of the target to draw the prize. Likewise a large Fat Cow will be set up if the tickets can be sold.

Tickets to be had at the bar of said Robertson's Hotel.

John Robertson.

#### RAID AGAINST CROWS

In 1804, the people of the town had suffered great damage from crows in their corn fields, and at a town meeting they authorized the selectmen to pay the sum of twelve and one-half cents for every crow killed in the town from April to July. In consequence of this vote, there was a general war declared against all crows, and every man who had a gun was constantly on the watch; crow killing became a money making business; not only were the old crows shot and captured in great quantities, but the tallest trees in the forest were climbed and the young crows taken from their nests. The number of crows presented to the selectmen was so great that they became suspicious that in some cases the same carcasses might come for bounty more than once, and they consequently required that the heads of the birds be left

in their possession, as evidence that so many had actually been destroyed. After this the hunters used to bring strings of heads for the authorities to count and make way with as they saw fit. In this way the business soon regulated itself, except in some instances where cunning boys contrived to get possession of stray strings which some selectman had carelessly left exposed. The heads however were generally burned or otherwise cared for.

#### COMMISSARY BROOK

A large brook, which flows into the Connecticut in this town near the Springfield line, has always been known as "Commissary Brook." In late years the question is often asked from what the name originated.

The name was applied to this brook because of the ownership by "Commissary General" Lewis R. Morris, who, about 1785 or 1790, owned a large tract of several thousand acres of land in that vicinity. He was, during a long life, an eminent resident of the town of Springfield, coming there previous to 1785. His father was chief justice Richard Morris, who was, before the Revolution, a Judge of the Admiralty, and, as chief justice, held court at Westminster when Vermont was under the New York rule.

General Morris was born November 2, 1760, and died October 29, 1825, at his homestead under the shadow of Skitchewaug Mountain in Springfield. He held many public offices, representing Springfield in early legislatures, and was speaker of the House from 1795 to 1797. He represented Vermont in Congress from 1777 to 1803; United States Marshal from 1791 to 1797; County Clerk of Windsor County 1790 to 1796, and chief Judge of that court in 1796.

In January, 1791, he was appointed one of the commissioners, with Nathaniel Chipman and another, to confer with Congress with respect to the admission of Vermont to the Union. From 1781 to 1783, he was secretary of foreign affairs under Chancellor Livingstone. In 1811 he was appointed Major General of the first division of Vermont Militia, holding office until 1817.

General Morris was with Dr. William Page, an incorporator of the Bellows Falls canal, and with him a prime mover in its inception, when it was chartered in 1791. He early disposed of his interest, and the building of the canal was completed under the direction of Dr. William Page in 1802.

#### STEALING THE CANNON FOR CELEBRATIONS

The late Captain Walter Taylor, who, a half century ago took a prominent part in all celebrations, and was prominent in public affairs of the town, often told the following among the incidents of that era :

"Although Young America of to-day plays many pranks in his celebration of the Fourth of July, he was more than matched by the Older America of earlier times. It used to be sharp practice between different localities to secure the few cannon that were owned by the different villages, and if one could not be borrowed, the men as well as boys tried to steal it. A good one was owned at the village of Rockingham, which was then the largest village in the town.

One year we were refused the use of it, and some of us learned that the citizens there had hid it under a certain pile of lumber back of Manassah Divoll's. I went up with a number of others with teams after dark to get possession of it the evening of the third, but the cannon was not there. We hunted the whole village over without discovering it. At last I told the boys to hide and I would go and see Samuel L. Billings, who was then town clerk, and who I thought would be apt to know where it was. He got up and came to the door in response to my rap, wanting to know what was up. I told him very gravely I thought the Saxtons River boys had taken their cannon. He says 'Hold on a minute and I will get the lantern and see.'

We went down to his tannery and he found a shovel and scraped off the dirt from two old planks in the floor, and, raising them, he was gratified to find the field-piece nestling where it had been hid. He remarked he was glad it was there, and I echoed his sentiment. He went home, and so did I, but not until I had reported to the boys and we had loaded the piece into our team and brought it here, where it did service for the next twenty-four hours.

The same year the Westminster boys stole the cannon from Walpole, but, as soon as its voice was heard and the Walpole people knew where it was, they rallied in so large numbers as to be able to take it away by force. The rally force was under command of old Captain Sparhawk, a prominent resident of Walpole. Such incidents occurred each year and there was considerable rivalry to see which locality would use the most cunning or force, and secure the use of the guns, which were limited in number in all this locality."

## CHAPTER XLV.

### THE BUSINESS MEN OF OCTOBER, 1906

The history of the past years of the town would be incomplete without a record made for future generations of the active business men of to-day, and so, very briefly, this chapter makes note of them.

#### TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, George A. Weston. Clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Selectmen, Myron H. Ray, Chester B. Hadwen, Henry A. Thompson. Treasurer, Charles E. Capron. Overseer of the Poor, Peter Dorand. First constable, Daniel J. McDonald. Second constable, E. L. Foster. Listers, Henry C. Johnson, Ozias M. George, Thomas E. O'Brien, Foster B. Locke, Patrick E. O'Brien. Auditors, Zina H. Allbee, Herbert D. Ryder, Eugene S. Leonard. Trustee of public money, James H. Williams (3d). Fence viewers, Edward R. Campbell, Frederick L. Osgood, Eugene S. Leonard. Town grand jurors, Herbert D. Ryder, Charles H. Williams. Inspector of leather, John F. Roche. Pound keeper, Fred Saker. Surveyors of wood and lumber, Myron H. Ray, Joseph H. Grignon, Jr., John B. McLeod, Fay S. Fuller. Road commissioners, Walter W. Barry, Jay H. Lawrence. Town agent, Myron H. Ray. School directors, John H. Blodgett, 1907, Herbert D. Ryder, 1908, James F. O'Brien, 1909. Superintendent of schools, Bert E. Merriam. Cemetery commissioners for Oak Hill Cemetery, James C. Day, Albert N. Swain, Nathan G. Williams, Lyman S. Hayes, Elmore S. Allbee. Trustees of Rockingham Free Public Library, Albert N. Swain, Charles W. Osgood, George F. Chapin, Herbert D. Ryder, J. Sutcliffe Hill, David L. Sanford, Charles E. Howard, John T. Rudden, John H. Blodgett. Trustees of Campbell Legacy Fund, Lyman S. Hayes, Fay S. Fuller, Charles E. Weeden. Custodian of Campbell Legacy Fund, Charles E. Capron.

#### BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE OFFICERS

Moderator, Zina H. Allbee. Clerk, Francis A. Bolles. Treasurer, Charles E. Capron. Bailiffs, Charles H. Gibson, John J. O'Connor, James C. Day. Fire wardens, John H. Gately, William H. Savage, William Carter. Water commissioners, Herbert W. Keene, Charles S. Moore, Patrick Lawlor. Street commissioner, Charles E. McEvoy. Tax collector, Daniel J. McDonald. Auditors, Zina H. Allbee, James E. Byrne, Herbert D. Ryder.

*Board of Trade*, J. C. Day, president. H. D. Ryder, vice president. C. E. Howard, treasurer. T. E. O'Brien, secretary.







NORTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE AND ROCKINGHAM STREET.  
LOOKING NORTH THROUGH WESTMINSTER STREET INTO THE SQUARE.  
WEST SIDE OF SQUARE FROM BRIDGE STREET.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

RAILROAD STATION.

GLIMPSES IN THE BUSINESS SECTION OF BELLOWS FALLS, JULY 2, 1907.  
Photos by R. C. Bristol.



LOOKING DOWN BRIDGE STREET FROM THE SQUARE.  
EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE, UNION BLOCK AND HOTEL WINDHAM.

SOUTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE, LOOKING DOWN WESTMINSTER AND MILL STREETS.  
LOOKING NORTH THROUGH THE SQUARE.

GLIMPSES IN THE BUSINESS SECTION OF BELLOWS FALLS, JULY 2, 1907.

Photos by R. C. Bristol.



SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE OFFICERS

Moderator, Frederick L. Osgood. Clerk, George P. Alexander. Treasurer, C. K. Hughes. Trustees, W. B. Glynn, F. B. Locke, W. W. Barry, L. G. Thompson, I. A. Farr.

BUSINESS OF BELLOWS FALLS

*Attorneys.*—Z. H. Allbee, O. M. Baker, A. I. Bolles, F. A. Bolles, T. E. O'Brien, F. B. Pingree, G. H. Thompson, H. D. Ryder, G. A. Weston, C. H. Williams.

*Bakers.*—Bellows Falls Bakery (C. W. Stuart, propr.), F. Zeno & Son.

*Banks.*—National Bank of Bellows Falls, James H. Williams (2d), president; James H. Williams (3d), cashier; Bellows Falls Savings Institution, A. N. Swain, president, Arthur P. Williams, treasurer; Bellows Falls Trust Co., E. L. Walker, president, A. H. Chandler, treasurer.

*Barbers.*—J. E. Byrne, P. C. Exner, S. D. Harriman, Mrs. H. M. Ingraham, P. C. Russell.

*Blacksmiths.*—M. F. Glynn, John B. Lloyd, George Matthews.

*Box Manufacturers.*—Bogart & Hopper Manufacturing Co., (C. A. Peck, agent), Charles R. Holden.

*Builders.*—A. M. Buckman, J. D. Coté, George Underwood, J. H. Witherbee.

*Cabinet Maker.*—S. W. Stuart.

*Carriage Manufacturers.*—G. N. French & Son, O. H. Whitman.

*Cheese Manufacturers.*—Boston Dairy Co.

*Churches.*—Baptist, C. W. Jackson; Congregational, A. P. Pratt; Episcopal, D. L. Sanford; Methodist, L. O. Sherburne; Roman Catholic, Edward Reynolds; Universalist, F. L. Leavitt.

*Cigar Manufacturers.*—Exner & Holmes.

*Dairy Implement Manufacturers.*—Vermont Farm Machine Co. (See p. 422.)

*Doors, Sash and Blinds.*—R. H. Ramsey, S. W. Stuart.

*Engineer.*—(civil) Byron A. Robinson.

*Express.*—The American Express Co., T. J. Garvey, superintendent, W. O. Kemp, agent.

*Foundry and Machine Shop.*—Bellows Falls Machine company.

*Garage.*—Charles S. Gates.

*Gunsmith.*—F. H. Mark.

*High School—Bellows Falls.*—A. E. Tuttle, principal; Jessie A. Judd, first assistant.

*Hotels.*—Hotel Windham, F. F. Shepard; The Rockingham, L. T. Lovell; Central House, J. W. Buemond.

*Insurance.*—(general) J. E. Brosnahan, Eugene S. Leonard, E. L. Walker; (life) M. J. Barrett, C. F. Burnham, H. C. Elliott, L. S. Hayes, C. L. Mesick.

*Laundries.*—George B. Wheeler, Sam Wo.

*Livery Stables.*—L. T. Lovell & Son, D. P. Neyland & Co., H. W. Trowbridge.



*Machinists.*—Bellows Falls Machine Co.

*Marble Dealers.*—Hiram King, D. M. Thayer.

*Masons.*—(contracting) J. T. Dodge, John O. Spring.

*Merchants.*—*Auction Rooms.*—F. B. Phelps; *Books, Stationery and Periodicals.*—F. C. Winnewisser; *Boots and Shoes.*—Goodnow Bros. & Pearson, Hatch & Bellows, P. J. Keane & Co., J. T. Keefe, H. C. & L. L. Richardson; *Bicycle and Bicycle Repairs.*—Charles S. Gates, F. H. Mark, C. T. Sherwin; *Carriages and Horse Furnishings.*—W. C. Hadley & Co.; *Clothing.*—J. H. Blakley, J. J. Fenton & Co., Goodnow Bros. & Pearson, O. D. Gray & Co., F. G. Pierce; *Coal.*—Field & Lawrence, Howard Hardware Co.; *Coal and Wood.*—Jerry Keefe, P. B. Leen; *Drugs, Books and Stationery.*—The Bellows Falls Drug Store (Mrs. S. T. Andrews), The Corner Drug Store (O. A. Gast), A. H. Fuller, H. H. Davis; *Dry Goods.*—J. C. Day & Co., M. L. Holmes & Co., Dallas F. Pollard, George R. Wales; *Fish.*—Henry L. Blake; *Flour and Grain.*—Frank Adams, J. H. Byrnes, F. M. Willson; *Fruit.*—John Baldassarro, Frank Massucco; *Furniture, Crockery and Paper Hangings.*—Chase Furniture Co., Dean & Dean, George E. Welch & Son; *Groceries.*—"Boston Cash Grocery Co." (P. J. Keane & Co.), Clark & Durkee, "F. B. F. Grocery Co.," F. J. Hall & Son, "Handy Store" (Putnam & Damon), "Keene Cash Grocery" (David Savage), F. L. Simonds, Underhill Bros.; *Hardware and Coal.*—Field & Lawrence, Howard Hardware Co.; *Harnesses.*—W. C. Hadley & Co., H. E. Stilwell; *Ice.*—Evans Ice Co., C. A. Williams; *Jewelry.*—Barnard Bros., W. J. Eaton & Co.; *Junk.*—O. M. Baker Junk Co., C. R. Demerse, M. Zundel; *Lumber.*—W. B. Carpenter, Ray and Shepardson, S. W. Stuart; *Meat and Fish.*—S. J. Cray, Lovell & Shedd, A. M. Richards; *Millinery.*—G. F. Davis, Mrs. L. Gates-Hadley, Miss Winifred Lovell, Mrs. C. H. Shepardson, Mrs. F. D. Stilwell, Mrs. Pauline Howard-White; *Musical Instruments and Sewing Machines.*—Mason Bros.; *Stoves, Tinware and Plumbing.*—George B. Allbee, Bodine & Davis, City Plumbing and Heating Co. (E. G. Osgood); *Variety Stores.*—"New York Racket" (W. E. Conway), "The Surprise" (A. F. Winnewisser).

*Olive and Oil Packers.*—Los Angeles Olive Growers' Association, New England Branch, C. W. Butterfield, manager.

*Painters.*—A. L. Fuller, Charles S. Gates, H. T. Leonard, S. H. Newcomb, E. P. Smith, F. E. Spicer.

*Paper Manufacturers.*—Blake & Higgins, Wyman Flint Sons & Co., International Paper Co., Moore & Thompson Paper Co., John T. Moore & Son, Robertson Paper Co.

*Photographers.*—P. N. Goddard, D. E. Webster.

*Physicians.*—Elmore S. Allbee, Edward R. Campbell, George H. Gorham, William F. Hazelton, J. Sutcliffe Hill, Edward Kirkland, A. Lawrence Miner, James F. O'Brien, John T. Rudden, Frank Whitman; *Dentists.*—C. T. Clark, R. S. Elmer, O. M. George, E. W. Knight, C. F. Meacham; *Veterinaries.*—W. F. Pike, F. C. Wilkinson.

*Plumbers.*—George B. Allbee, Bodine & Davis, City Plumbing and Heating Co. (E. G. Osgood.)

*Plaster Manufacturers.*—Bellows Falls Pulp Plaster Co.

*Printers.*—Bellows Falls Times Co., P. H. Gobie, "Model Press" (Spitzenberger & Gould), Truax & Co.

*Pulp Manufacturers.*—International Paper Co.

*Railroads.*—Boston & Maine, William F. Perley, freight agent, Clayton H. Waite, cashier; Rutland, A. H. Switzer, agent, D. H. Switzer, union ticket agent; B. F. & S. R. Street Railway Co., D. A. Blakeslee, president, S. C. Morehouse, treasurer, William J. Sanford, superintendent and general manager.

*Real Estate.*—J. A. Eaton.

*Restaurants.*—F. W. Burnett, Exner & Holmes, Frank Massucco, L. T. Mosley, Herbert Pitcher, Mrs. Dora Waite.

*Screen Plate Manufacturers.*—Bellows Falls Screen Plate Co.

*Scythe Snath Manufacturers.*—Derby & Ball.

*Slater.*—(contracting) Ned Pierce.

*Tailors.*—Charles E. Capron, C. L. Fletcher, J. J. Fenton & Co.

*Telegraph.*—Western Union, and Green Mountain companies, A. J. Damien, manager.

*Telephone.*—N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., C. H. Burr, manager.

*Undertakers.*—Chase Furniture Co., George E. Welch & Son.

#### BUSINESS OF SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE

*Academy.*—Vermont Academy, John L. Alger, principal.

*Barbers.*—R. A. Hussey, C. W. Osgood.

*Blacksmiths.*—Clough & Davis, W. W. Cory.

*Carpenters.*—W. H. Dean, Charles Dionne, C. L. Gale, Hugh Hatfield, G. R. Tower, C. H. Twitchell.

*Carriage Manufacturer.*—W. W. Cory.

*Churches.*—Baptist, Clarence H. Brown; Congregational, George F. Chapin.

*Grain Dealers.*—(owning grist-mill) Whipple, Thompson & Co.

*Harness Makers.*—Fuller & Wright.

*Harness Maker and Cobbler.*—M. M. Martin.

*Hotel.*—"Hotel Kimball," F. F. Shepard, proprietor.

*Livery Stables.*—D. J. Bemis, B. J. Simonds.

*Lumber Dealers.*—(owning saw-mills) Mrs. E. I. Kilburn, Whipple, Thompson & Co.

*Merchants.*—Coal.—J. F. Alexander; *Dry Goods and Groceries.*—C. F. Simonds; *General Store and Drugs.*—Charles S. Moore; *Groceries, Tinware, Heating and Plumbing.*—Fuller & Wright; *Meats and Fish.*—I. A. Farr.

*Painters.*—George A. Bailey, H. E. Tarbell.

*Paint Manufacturer.*—(cold water) Starks Edson.

*Photographers.*—P. W. Taft & Son.

*Physicians.*—J. H. Blodgett, F. L. Osgood; *Dentist.*—Mrs. Hattie Moon.

*Specialties Manufacturers.*—The Madame Waitee Manufacturing Co.

*Telegraph.*—Green Mountain Telegraph Co., J. F. Alexander, Jr., manager.

*Telephone.*—N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., L. F. White, manager.

*Warner Home.*—(for boys) H. A. Arthur, superintendent.



*Whectwright*.—A. G. W. Brown.

*Woolen Mills*.—Saxtons River Worsted Co.

*Wool Pullers and Dealers*.—M. P. Barry, Patrick Harty.

#### BUSINESS OF ROCKINGHAM VILLAGE

*Carriage Maker and Dealer*.—F. M. Wheeler.

*Blacksmiths*.—Dexter Benson, John Nolette, William S. Severance, F. M. Wheeler.

*General Merchant*.—Mrs. Josiah B. Divoll.

#### BUSINESS OF BARTONSVILLE VILLAGE

*General Merchandise*.—A. J. McGinley.

*Lumber Dealer*.—Noyes L. Jackson.

*Saw-Mill and Wood-Working*.—Charles W. Parker.

*Shingle-Mill*.—O. D. Fiske.

#### BUSINESS OF CAMBRIDGEPORT VILLAGE

*Barber*.—Guy R. Thayer.

*Church*.—Union, W. H. Miles, pastor.

*Blacksmith*.—L. W. Harris.

*General Merchant*.—Solon P. Cushing.

*Hotel*.—Cambridgeport House, Mrs. Addie C. Wood, proprietor.

*Saw and Grist-Mill*.—Willie Wilder.





GENEALOGIES  
OF  
ROCKINGHAM FAMILIES  
INCLUDING MANY  
OF THE EARLY SETTLERS

## ABBREVIATIONS

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ae.	aged.	grad.	graduated.
b.	born.	m.	married.
bapt.	baptized.	R.	Rockingham.
B. F.	Bellows Falls.	rem.	removed.
ch.	child or children.	res.	residence.
chh.	church.	s.	son.
d.	died.	S. R.	Saxtons River village.
dau.	daughter.	unm.	unmarried.
est.	established.	wid.	widow.

## CHURCHES

- 1st Town chh.—Church established at Rockingham, 1773.
- 1st Univ. chh. of R.—Universalist church, est. at Rockingham about 1786.
- Immanuel chh.—Immanuel (Episcopal) church of B. F., est. at R. 1798.
- 1st Bap. chh. of S. R.—First Baptist church, est. at Saxtons River, 1812.
- Cong. chh. of S. R.—Congregational church, est. at Saxtons River, 1835.
- Meth. chh. of B. F.—Methodist Episcopal church, est. at B. F. 1836.
- Univ. chh. of S. R.—Universalist church, est. at S. R., before 1841.
- 1st Cong. chh. of B. F.—First Congregational church, est. at B. F., 1850.
- St. Chas. chh.—St. Charles (Catholic) church, est. at Bellows Falls, 1854.
- 1st Bap. chh. of B. F.—First Baptist church, est. at Bellows Falls, 1854.
- Cong. chh. of Cpt.—Congregational church, est. at Cambridgeport, 1868.
- 1st Univ. chh. of B. F.—First Universalist church, est. at B. F., 1879.
- Cong. chh. of Bvle.—Congregational church, est. at Bartonsville, 1884.

# Genealogies of Rockingham Families

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In the following records of Rockingham families, which the author has aimed to make as full as possible, especially in regard to the early settlers, it has been the intention to begin the record with the first of the name who came to Rockingham. In cases where it has been possible to trace the lineage back to the emigrant ancestor, the male line is given in brackets immediately following the name, and the system of numbers gives the superior numeral "1" to the emigrant, and the later generations are numbered from him. Where the emigrant is unknown, the first who came to the town is given the number "1."

It has been the intention to follow as closely as possible the plan of numbering used by the New England Historic Genealogical society in its publications.

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## ADAMS

HORACE<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Amos F., gr. s. of Eli*), b. Springfield, Vt., Sept. 16, 1817; m. Olive Sartwell, Jan. 1, 1850, b. Langdon, N. H., Aug. 9, 1826. They came to B. F. in 1875, and he became proprietor of the grist-mill on the canal, and so continued until his death, Oct. 19, 1883.

### Children :

- i. IDA M.,<sup>2</sup> b. Langdon, N. H., Dec. 28, 1850; d. Langdon, Apr. 23, 1863.
- ii. ABBIE, b. Alstead, N. H., Aug. 4, 1854; m. Daniel D. Howard Oct. 6, 1881; a merchant in B. F. and now a manufacturer; res. Kennett Sq., Pa. Child: 1. *Edith Lucille*,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F. May 28, 1885.
- iii. FRANK, b. Alstead, Feb. 1, 1857; m. Stella H. Allis, June 4, 1889, at Cold Springs, N. Y. He succeeded to the mill and business of his father in B. F. which he still continues. Children b. in B. F. : 1. *Walter Frank*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 1, 1890. 2. *Eugene Gerald*, b. July 20, 1895. 3. *Doris Christine*, b. June 14, 1899.

## ADAMS

SAMUEL O.<sup>5</sup> (*John*,<sup>4</sup> *Lieut. John*,<sup>3</sup> *George*,<sup>2</sup> *George*,<sup>1</sup> of Watertown, Mass., 1645), b. Acton, Mass., July 24, 1757; rem. in 1789 to Cavendish, Vt., later to the meadows in the northeast part of the town of R. where he d. Sept. 10, 1835; m. Nov. 25, 1783, Ruth White of Westford, Mass., b. Sept. 3, 1758, d. Springfield, Vt., Mar. 28, 1814. Children unknown except *Mark White*.

MARK WHITE<sup>6</sup> (*Samuel O.*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Lieut. John*,<sup>3</sup> *George*,<sup>2</sup> *George*,<sup>1</sup>), b. Cavendish, Vt., May 22, 1790; an extensive farmer; owned a large farm on the Upper Meadows, dealing in sheep and cattle; m. Jan. 26, 1816, Philena, dau. of Ebenezer Allbee of R., b. Mar. 29, 1795, d. at R., Sept. 19, 1866; he d. Feb. 12, 1858.



Children all b. R.:

- i. LUCIUS WARREN,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 15, 1817; became a prominent resident of Bartonsville where he conducted a general store with his brother, Hiram E., and was for some years R. R. station agt.; postmaster at Bartonsville, 1850 to 1864; m. June 4, 1838, Calista Ann, dau. of Eleazer Allbee of R., b. Sept. 9, 1815. d. Feb. 14, 1899; he d. Bartonsville, May 26, 1889. Child: 1. *Henry Alberd*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., May 16, 1840; m. at Chester Vt., June 16, 1861, Eliza Ann, dau. of John M. Weston, b. Springfield, Vt., July 20, 1842; res. Chester, Vt. Children all b. in R.: i. Carrie Weston,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1861; m. Fred J. Jeffs of Langdon, N. H., Oct. 12, 1892; res. Chester, Vt. Child: Clyde Adams,<sup>10</sup> b. B. F., May 10, 1894. ii. Lucius Edgar, b. Nov. 19, 1863; d. in R., Mar. 17, 1865. iii. Eva Belle, b. Jan. 22, 1865; d. in R. May 12, 1881. iv. Nellie May, b. Sept. 16, 1869; m. June 20, 1894, Edward J. Plantier now bookkeeper in Nat. Bk. of B. F.; she is librarian R. Free Public Library; no children. v. Frances Minnie, b. April 9, 1873; m. George W. Kimball, Jr. (*See Kimball.*)
- ii. HIRAM HUNT, b. July 4, 1819; d. July 4, 1824.
- iii. LUTHIERA ANN, b. May 4, 1825; m. Daniel Kellogg Barry of R. (*See Barry.*)
- iv. HIRAM EBENEZER, b. July 4, 1828; learned carpenter's trade; in 1855 in company with his brother, Lucius W., conducted general store in Bartonsville, later rem. to B. F.; in 1867 to Rutland, Vt., and in 1879 to Burlington, Vt., engaging in both places in jewelry trade; m. Apr. 10, 1850, Melinda Dorcas, dau. of Ophir Edson of Chester, Vt.; he d. Burlington, Dec. 10, 1904. Children: 1. *Frank Edson*,<sup>8</sup> b. Chester, Vt., Dec. 29, 1852; was employed by American Waltham Watch Co. 22 yrs., later in same business in Trenton, N. J., is now an optical specialist in Worcester, Mass.; a prominent musician; m. Feb. 4, 1875, Albertine Maria Longley of Worcester. Children: i. Emma Elizabeth,<sup>9</sup> b. Waltham Mass., Mar. 10, 1880; a teacher in the public schools of Worcester; unm. ii. Mildred, b. Waltham, Aug. 22, 1882; d. Waltham, July 29, 1884. 2. *Mark White*, b. Chester Dec. 23, 1854; several yrs. clerk in the Robbins store, Chester Depot, Vt., later owned a store in Charlotte, Mich., after which he rem. to Burlington, Vt., and engaged in the jewelry business with his father and has since conducted it alone; m. 1st at S. R., Apr. 8, 1887, Bell A. Church of Chester; m. 2d Sept. 10, 1890, Hattie M. Beach of and at Burlington, Vt. Child: Harold Beach,<sup>9</sup> b. Burlington, July 29, 1894. 3. *Edgar Hiram*, b. Rutland, July 21, 1867; grad. University of Vt. as chemist in 1891; now engaged in the manufacture of sand lime brick at Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. Burlington, Nov. 5, 1895, Grace Madeline Johnson of Burlington. Child: Cecil Hart,<sup>9</sup> b. Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1897.
- v. MARY PHILENA, b. Sept. 13, 1832; d. Aug. 6, 1833.

#### ALDRICH

SIMEON,<sup>1</sup> came to S. R. village previous to 1806, and owned and resided in the dwelling across the street from the present graded school building formerly the "Old South Church in Rockingham." In 1807, he presented the town with the land for the church and cemetery near by, and was the first village sexton. Soon after 1824, he rem. with his family, excepting his son Jonas, to the west, and his descendants are scattered through Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. He m. Sept. 12, 1796, Lucinda Clark, of Westminster, who d. Aug. 5, 1824, ae. 48 yrs. They had ten children.

JONAS<sup>2</sup> (*Simeon*<sup>1</sup>), b. S. R.; m. Feb. 25, 1821, Louisa Lovejoy of Rindge, N. H. They lived a few years on the George M. Cory farm one-half mile west of S. R.; then spent the remainder of their lives on the "Wilbur farm," 2 miles south on the road to Westminster West Parish. A portion of the farm lies in Westminster, which town he represented once in the legislature.

Children :

- i. HENRY L.,<sup>3</sup> d. Chester, Vt., Oct. 1901, ae. 80 yrs. Children: 1. *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> d. 1840, ae. 15; 2. *Everlina*, d. 1842, ae. 10; 3. *Louisa*, d. 1859, ae. 19; 4. *Oscar*.
- ii. MARY, d. young.
- iii. EVELENE, d. young.
- iv. LOUISE, d. young.
- v. LUCINDA, m. George W. Hadley of Chester, Vt., Mar., 1851; she d. Mar. 1887, ae. 59. Five children.
- vi. SARAH A., m. Haskell I. Wiley, Apr. 3, 1851. (*See Wiley*.)
- vii. MARTHA J., m. George O. Guild; res. B. F. (*See Guild*.)
- viii. HARRIET A., m. Sidney F. Perry of S. R.; d. B. F., May 29, 1905; no ch.
- ix. LYMAN m. Maria, dau. of Otis Smith; she d. Oct., 1902.
- x. JONAS, a farmer; m. 1st, May 5, 1866, Rebecca Louise, dau. of John Proctor, b. Oct. 27, 1842, d. Aug. 19, 1881; he m. 2d Mary Morrison Gould of Bartonville; res. one mile west of R. village; no ch.

#### ELDER ARTAMUS ALDRICH

A stone standing in the cemetery in Rockingham village has the following inscription:—"ELDER ARTAMUS ALDRICH who was found Dead under his Grist-Mill wheel, Feb. 19th, 1796, in the 50th year of his age."

#### ALEXANDER

JOHN FREDERICK<sup>8</sup> (*Willard II.*,<sup>7</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>6</sup> *Asa*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> who came from Scotland, previous to 1644, to Weathersfield, Conn., later to Northfield, Mass.), b. Chesterfield, N. H., Feb. 21, 1838; came to B. F. in 1856 from Brattleboro, Vt.; a merchant in B. F., firm of Gray & Alexander; rem. to S. R. in 1860 and has res. there since; town representative in 1886-7; his principal business has been woolen manufacture.

He m. Oct. 31, 1860, Mary S., dau. of George Perry of S. R., b. Sept. 26, 1839.

Children all b. in S. R.:

- i. JOHN FREDERICK,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1863; m. Dec. 28, 1887, Mrs. Jennie (Martin) Prindle, who d. Oct. 4, 1902; no ch.; he res. S. R.
- ii. CHARLOTTE MAY, b. July 25, 1867; m. Oct. 4, 1892, Harry Gray Anderson, M. D.; res. Waterbury, Conn. Children: 1. *Harry Gray*,<sup>10</sup> b. Apr. 5, 1895. 2. *Hannah Perry*, born Oct., 1899.
- iii. HANNAH EUNICE, b. Dec. 21, 1868; res. in S. R.; unm.
- iv. GEORGE PERRY, b. Apr. 14, 1871; a real estate dealer, res. S. R.; m. Sept. 11, 1901, Florence E. Forgette. Children: 1. *Perry Chandler*,<sup>10</sup> born June 3, 1903. 2. *Donald George*, b. Oct. 27, 1904.

## ALGER

NATHAN WILLIS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Enos*), b. Eaton, P. Q., Jan. 20, 1834; res. S. R. 1883 to 1885, Bap. State Missionary; pastor of Bap. chh. of B. F. 1885 to 1890; rem. to Albuquerque, N. M. in 1892 where he now res.: m. Nov. 9, 1860, Mary K. French, b. Eaton, P. Q., July 1, 1840.

Children:

- i. MINNIE J.,<sup>2</sup> b. Eaton, Jan. 14, 1863; m. May, 1883, E. A. Field; res. Albuquerque. Children: 1. *Morey D.*,<sup>3</sup> b. S. R., Sept. 6, 1884. 2. *Carroll E.*, b. B. F., May 3, 1890. 3. *Frances W.*, b. Albuquerque, Aug. 14, 1904.
- ii. JOHN L., b. Nov. 20, 1864; grad. Vt. Academy, 1885; Brown, 1890; Prin. Vt. Academy since 1904; m. 1896, Edith Goodyear; res. S. R.; no children.
- iii. SUSIE E., b. Stratford, N. H., June 8, 1867; m. George Stubbs; res. Albuquerque.
- iv. EDMUND J., b. Lunenburg, Vt., 1871; took dental course in San Francisco, grad. May, 1903, practised one year in Santa Cruz, Cal., since then in Albuquerque.
- v. DIAN B., b. Lunenburg, 1873; d. Nov. 24, 1877.
- vi. MABEL E., b. Passumpsic, Vt., 1876; m. May, 1900, Rev. Bruce Kinney; res. Salt Lake City, Utah. Children: 1. *Dorothy J.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1901. 2. *Marion A.*, b. Dec. 23, 1902. 3. *Carolyn*, b. Apr., 1904.

## ALLBEE

EBENEZER,<sup>1</sup> b. Townsend, Mass., June 9, 1743, was the progenitor of the Allbees of this town. His father, John "Albee," and wife Abigail had six children b. in Townsend between 1733 and 1743. Ebenezer was the youngest, b. June 9, 1743. He m. Dec. 8, 1763, in Townsend, Rachel Avery of that town, b. 1745, d. Nov. 4, 1815. At least four of their children were b. in Townsend. They rem. to R. about 1770 or 1771, coming into possession of what has of late years been known as the "Walter Wiley place," on the "Upper Meadows." He felled the great trees of the almost unbroken forest of which the farm was at that time a part. Ebenezer, his wife Rachel, and six eldest surviving children, were all bapt. and received into the 1st chh. of R., Sept. 15, 1776. He later became a deacon in the church. The records of Townsend, Mass., spell the name, "Albee," and "Albe" but Ebenezer changed the spelling after coming to R.

Children:

- i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1765; d. Jan. 27, 1765.
- ii. RACHEL, b. June 25, 1766; m. Aug. 12, 1784, Barnabas Graves of Walpole, N. H. She is also said to have married a man by the name of Holton.
1. iii. EBENEZER, b. Apr. 17, 1768; m. Anna Johnson of Lancaster, Mass.
2. iv. JOHN, b. Feb. 18, 1770; d. in R., July 29, 1828; m. Sophia Smith.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. 1771; m. 1st in R., May 30, 1791, Abigail Thompson; d. Nov., 1861; m. 2d Mrs. Martha (Thompson) Shout, dau. of Amos Thompson, b. in N. H., 1788; d. Concord, N. Y., July 18, 1844. He d. Springville, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1858. He had fifteen or sixteen children.

Data taken from the statement of Benj. Albee, 2d, in the history of the original town of Concord, N. Y., printed in 1883:

"My father, Benjamin Albee, 1st, was b. on the Connecticut river in Vermont in 1771; my mother's maiden name was Abigail

Thompson. I had four brothers and three sisters; we were all b. in Danby, Vt., from which place my father and mother and their eight children came to Collins (N. Y.) in March 1811. \* \* \* My father d. Dec. 30, 1858, in Concord (N. Y.), to which place he rem. from Collins. My mother d. in Nov., 1861. Of my brothers and sisters, Jehiel d. in Collins; Adolpheus in Indiana; Howard in Mich.; and Enoch in Wis. My sisters are living: Mrs. Rachael Palmerton in Collins; Mrs. Clarissa Wright in Avon, N. Y., and Mrs. Diantha Hunt in Collins. I was b. in Vermont in 1798, m. Rhoda Wheeler, and have reared a family of eight children." The town records of Collins show that Benj. Albee, 2d, farmer, died in that town March 22, 1889.

- vi. MARY, born in R., Feb. 7, 1774; m. Lynds Simonds of R. (*See Simonds.*)
- vii. SUBMIT (*called Mehitabel in a family record*), b. in R., Dec. 19, 1775; m. — Crane.
- viii. SARAH, b. in R., Feb. 16, 1781; m. Apr. 24, 1798, Timothy Ross.
- 3. ix. ELIJAH, b. in R., Aug. 14, 1782; m. Sarah Adams.
- 4. x. ELEAZER, b. in R., June 19, 1785; d. Stanstead, Que., Aug. 28, 1864.
- 1. EBENEZER<sup>2</sup> (*Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. Townsend, Mass., Apr. 17, 1768; was about four years old when brought to R. to live and spent his life in this town; m. May 25, 1790, Anna Johnson of Lancaster, Mass., b. Jan. 20, 1771, d. in R., Sept. 16, 1849; he d. in R., Dec. 13, 1846.

Children :

- i. EBENEZER,<sup>3</sup> b. in R., June 20, 1791; farmer; m. in R., Jan. 27, 1814, Bethia Bisbee, b. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 27, 1793, d. Bradford, Vt., Nov. 29, 1859; he d. Neponset, Ill., Aug. 21, 1867. Children : 1. *Ann Adaline*,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Feb. 2, 1818. 2. *Martha*, b. Thetford, Vt., Mar. 22, 1820. 3. *Mary Helen*, b. Thetford, Aug. 8, 1821. 4. *Emily*, b. Fairlee, Vt., Aug. 21, 1824. 5. *Margaret*, b. Fairlee, Apr. 13, 1826. 6. *Harvey Allen*, b. Thetford, Apr. 15, 1828. 7. *Rosanna*, b. Orford, N. H., June 18, 1832.
- 5. ii. TIMOTHY JOHNSON, b. in R., Dec. 10, 1792; d. Fairlee, Aug. 9, 1874.
- iii. PHILENA, b. in R., Mar. 29, 1795; m. Mark White Adams of R. (*See Adams.*)
- 6. iv. HORACE, b. in R., May 21, 1797; m. Hannah Herrick of Springfield, Vt.
- v. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. in R., Dec. 24, 1799; shoemaker; moved to Iowa in 1855; m. Theda Currier who d. Fulton, Ia., Dec. 27, 1872; he d. Pleasant Prairie, Ia., Nov. 27, 1872. Children : 1. *Eliza Malvina*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1828; m. in Springfield, Vt., Jan. 29, 1844, Gustavus, s. of Eleazer and Hepzibah (Bancroft) Albee, b. in R., April 27, 1822; she d. Montpelier, Ia., Oct. 3, 1893. 2. *Arozina*. 3. *Maria*. 4. *Anna Jemima*. 5. *Ezra Ebenezer*.
- 7. vi. ELIJAH WARREN, b. in R., Feb. 29, 1812; m. Ruth Maria Adams.
- 2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> (*Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. Townsend, Mass., Feb. 18, 1770; farmer; lived many years in a dwelling near the site of the first mill in R., about 1 m. from the mouth of Williams river and owned a mill on Hinds brook; in 1809, rem. to his farm on the Upper Meadows where he res. until his death, July 29, 1828; was deacon of 1st Town chh. of R.; m. Sophia Smith of Deerfield, Mass., b. about 1772, d. in R., Nov. 26, 1857.

Children all b. in R. :

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 14, 1790; farmer; in 1824 had built and owned half of a grist-mill in S. R. village which he advertised for sale; m. in R., Aug. 13, 1809, Betsey Reed, b. in R., Jan. 21, 1794, d. Derby,

- Vt., Oct. 28, 1874; he d. Derby, Aug. 12, 1862. Children all born in R.: 1. *Eliza*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 28, 1810; d. in R., July 16, 1811. 2. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 12, 1812, d. Holland, Vt., Jan. 20, 1855; m. William Dearborn. 3. *John Gardner*, b. Oct. 9, 1814; farmer; m. in Derby, Sarah, dau. of Moses and Nancy (Strong) Blake, b. Thornton, N. H., June 9, 1811, d. Brighton, Vt., May 15, 1892; he d. Granby, Vt., Feb. 10, 1895. Two children. 4. *David*, b. May 13, 1817 or 1818; farmer, shoemaker; m. in Derby, Zeruah, dau. of Clark and Hannah (Clifford) Nason, b. Holland, Mar. 7, 1823, d. Derby, Jan. 12, 1896; he d. Barnston, Que., Oct. 26, 1874, other authorities say Nov. 24, 1872 and Oct. 26, 1871. Six children. 5. *Martha W.*, b. in R., June 29, 1819; m. Azro Crosby, d. Holland, 1902; she d. Holland, Sept. 11, 1870. 6. *Eliza*, b. Feb. 24, 1822; m. Joshua Dearborn; she d. Holland, Feb. 2, 1843. 7. *Sarah Dyer*, b. Dec. 25, 1824; m. Joshua Dearborn, d. Charleston, Vt., about 1886; she d. Charleston, Mar. 9, 1892. 8. *Helen Mahala*, b. Aug. 17, 1827; m. 1st Colby George; she d. Holland, Oct. 15, 1891; he m. 2d Mrs. — Reed; res. Charleston. 9. *Andrew Jackson*, b. Apr. 25, 1832; manufacturer of sash, doors, etc.; m. in Derby, Dec. 3, 1856, Mary, dau. of David and Betsey (Perkins) Gilman, b. Chelsea, Apr. 3, 1832; res. Derby. Three children. 10. *James Carroll*, b. Aug. 15, 1834; d. Derby, Oct. 19, 1857; unm.
- ii. SOPHIA b. Apr. 28, 1792; m. in R., Jan. 16, 1822, George, s. of Loami Cutler, b. Chesterfield, N. H., Aug. 22, 1790; both d. Springfield, Vt.
- 8 iii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 29, 1793; m. Belinda Prentiss; d. Mar. 8, 1889. P. 580
- iv. SIMEON, b. in R., Jan. 27, 1796; farmer; m. in Springfield, Sept. 8, 1816, Polly Read of R., d. Morgan, Vt., Dec., 1882; he d. West Derby about 1871. Children: 1. *Simcon*,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Jan. 30, 1817; m. Arabella Gaskill, d. about 1897; he d. St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., about 1896. Three children. 2. *Cyrus Smith*, b. in R., Dec. 16, 1818; farmer; m. 1st in Morgan, Dec. 12, 1844, Cynthia, dau. of Ruell and Nancy (Anderson) Cobb, b. Morgan, Sept. 2, 1823, d. May 4, 1874; m. 2d in Holland, Jan. 9, 1878, Mrs. Mary Woodward, dau. of — Berry and widow of William Woodward, b. Jan. 24, 1838, d. Morgan, June 21, 1895; he d. Morgan, Aug. 10, 1901. Thirteen children. 3. *Alexander Campbell*, b. in R., Jan. 6, 1821. 4. *Mary Mine*, b. in R., Sept. 16, 1823; m. Luther Page, d. Holland, 1902; she res. Holland. 5. *John Reed*, d. before 1845; unm. 6. *Lucia*, b. about 1826; m. Dec. 15, 1853, William P. Bartlett; res. Morgan.
- v. IRENE, b. in R., June 29, 1798; m. in R., Thomas Haseltine.
- vi. SARAH, b. in R., Oct. 29, 1800; m. in R., Oct. 23, 1827, David, s. of Elisha and Mary (Grout) Bisbee, b. Springfield, Nov. 28, 1801, d. West Derby, Oct. 7, 1857; she d. Independence, Ia., Sept. 12, 1874.
- vii. HENRY, b. in R., Aug. 31, 1802; d. young.
- viii. OBADIAH, b. in R., Mar. 1, 1804; farmer; m. 1st in R., Oct. 31, 1825 or 1826, Relief Wood, dau. of Thomas and Rhoda (Wood) Green, b. Springfield, Apr. 18, 1800, d. Weathersfield, Vt., Jan. 21, 1864; m. 2d in Chester, Vt., Oct. 22, 1868, Laura Clough, d. before 1905; he d. Chester, Aug. 30, 1883. Children: 1. *Augusta Lucretia*,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., July 19, 1828; m. in Andover, Vt., Jan. 1, 1870, Selden Nichols, d. Perkinsville, Vt., Dec. 7, 1896; she d. Chester, Oct. 28, 1896. 2. *Lucia Maria*, b. Springfield, Dec. 7, 1829; m. there, May 4, 1855, Willard Bailey, d. there before 1905; she d. there, July 14, 1887. 3. *Emily Jane*, b. Springfield, Apr. 11, 1833; m. in Springfield, Jan. 1, 1852, Chandler Downs; she d. Weathersfield, June 25, 1874. 4. *Mary Ann*, b. Springfield, Mar. 31, 1840; d. Apr. 27, 1841. 5. *Hiram Squire*, b. in R., Oct.

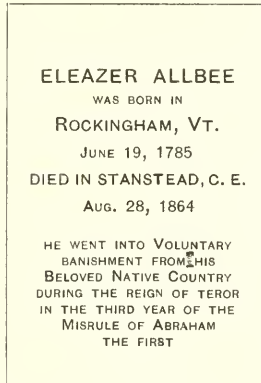


- 31, 1842; farmer; m. in Weathersfield, Dec. 21, 1861, Josephine Joanna Bigelow, dau. of William Perry and Joanna (Dickinson) Nichols, b. Weathersfield, Oct. 19, 1843, and legally adopted, when 6 yrs. old, by William Bigelow; he d. Simonsville, Vt., Mar. 30, 1896. Five children.
- ix. HANNAH, b. in R., Feb. 17, 1806; d. in R.; unm.
- x. HENRY, b. in R., Feb. 1, 1808; farmer; m. in R., Aug. 30, 1833, Betsey, dau. of Simeon and Esther Mead, b. Surry, N. H., Sept. 17, 1814, d. Townshend, Vt., Dec. 25, 1900; he d. Cambridgeport, Oct. 10, 1887. Children all born in R.: 1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 10, 1835; d. Saratoga, N. Y., May 3, 1853; unm. 2. *Fanny*, b. Nov. 26, 1837; m. in R., Sept. 11, 1853, Samuel A. Hinkley of R.; he res. Soldiers' Home, Bennington, Vt., she res. Springfield, Vt. 3. *Susan*, b. Dec. 20, 1839; m. in Springfield, Dec. 20, 1858, George L. Woodward; res. in R. 4. *John Henry*, b. Dec. 30, 1841; farmer; enlisted as private in Co. K., 16th Vt., Sept. 15, 1862, and served till Aug. 10, 1863; m. 1st in R., Oct. 29, 1861, Melissa, dau. of Joseph and Lucy (Martin) Tuttle, b. in R., Nov. 11, 1841, d. there June 11, 1863; m. 2d in Charlestown, N. H., Sept. 29, 1863, Maria Tuttle, b. in R., Sept. 21, 1844, d. Cambridgeport, Oct. 10, 1890; m. 3rd in Windham, Vt., Jan. 2, 1892, Mrs. Julia Ellison Patnode, dau. of William and Adeline B. (Hatch) Ellison, b. Springfield, Vt., Feb. 25, 1856; res. Cambridgeport. Children: i. Nellie Maria,<sup>5</sup> b. Springfield, Aug. 22, 1862; d. Oct. 11, 1863. ii. Edgar Henry, b. Springfield, July 11, 1864; mail and expressman; m. in Townshend, Vt., June 15, 1887, Winnie M., dau. of John and Miranda (Snell) Moar of R.; res. Townshend; no children. iii. Angie A., b. Chester, Oct. 6, 1865; m. in Cambridgeport, Feb. 28, 1894, Silas, s. of Orphthail Ross and Maria Annie (Powers) Edwards, b. Athens, Vt.; res. Grafton, Vt. iv. Lura P., b. in R., Jan. 23, 1872; m. in Cambridgeport, Aug. 28, 1889, Frank Abraham, s. of Abraham and — (Boutell) Stevens, b. Athens; res. Townshend, Vt. 5. *Esther Lucy*, b. in R., Feb. 14, 1844; m. in R., Dec. 31, 1859, Alfred Bolster or Bolder; she d. Springfield, June 17, 1863; he m. 2d and d. Chelsea, Mass. 6. *Mary Melissa*, b. in R., June, 1846; m. in Charlestown, N. H., Sept. 9, 1864, Levi Lawrence, died about Dec., 1888; she m. 2d about Dec., 1890, George Genzier; res. Lawrence Mills in R. 7. *William Edward*, b. in R., June 19, 1849; engineer; m. Sept. 15, 1872, Mattie Mossman of Gardner, Mass.; res. Fitchburg, Mass. One son. 8. *Olive Sophia* b. in R., Nov. 24, 1851; m. in R., Mar. 8, 1870, Roscius B. Butterfield; res. Landgrove, Vt. 9. *Sarah Maria*, b. in R., Nov. 24, 1851; d. there Mar. 15, 1852. 10. *George*, b. in R., July 22, 1854; farmer; m. in S. R., Oct. 4, 1881, Angie Belle, dau. of John and Mary Marinda (Snell) Moar, b. in S. R., Aug. 3, 1862; res. Townshend, Vt. Two children. 11. *Julia*, b. in R., July 22, 1854; d. there Sept. 10, 1873; unm. 12. *Silas Charles* b. in R., Nov. 13, 1856; carpenter and joiner; m. in B. F., Nov. 30, 1878, Nellie E., dau. of Hubbard and Minerva (Sherwin) Amsden, b. Grafton, 1857; m. 2d in Burlington, Vt., Sept. 14, 1891, Lucy, dau. of John and Mary (Snow) Lamere, b. Ludlow, Vt., Nov. 20, 1866; res. Keene, N. H. Two children.
- xi. WILLIAM II., b. in R., Jan. 31, 1810; was prominent in town affairs of Springfield, Vt.; was many years trial justice, and held other positions of trust; m. in R., Feb. 5, 1829, Lucretia, dau. of Joshua and Hannah (Estabrook) Johnson, d. Springfield, Mar. 1895; he d. Springfield, Dec. 29, 1878. Children, all b. in R.: 1. *Giracia*,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 14, 1830; m. Emerson E. Brown. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. June 19, 1834; m. in Springfield, Sept. 6, 1870, Enos Holmes, s. of Jonathan



- and Hannah (Adams) Adams, b. Jaffrey, N. H., Dec. 31, 1829; res. Lowell, Mass. 3. *William*, b. Feb. 22, 1836. 4. *Ellen*, b. Aug. 31, 1838. 5. *Isadore*, b. May 11, 1841; m. Eugene S. Taylor. 6. *June O.*, b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. in Springfield, Aug. 12, 1872, Curtis M. Ball; res. Springfield. 7. *Sophia L.*, b. Mar. 12, 1845; m. in Springfield, June 14, 1870, Edmund D. Wright; res. Springfield.
- xii. *LUCY*, b. in R., May 15, 1812; m. in R., Jan. 20, 1831, Seymour, s. of Samuel and Ruth (Bellows) Lockwood, b. Springfield, Mar. 21, 1805, d. Springfield, Oct. 28, 1889; she d. Springfield, Dec. 16, 1898.
- xiii. *LEWIS*, b. in R., Jan. 24, 1816; farmer; m. in Springfield, Apr. 5, 1842, Sarah Kidder, dau. of William and Sarah (Joslin) Thayer, b. Springfield, Dec. 15, 1822; d. in R., Feb. 9, 1894; he d. there Dec. 3, 1899. Three children, all born in Springfield.
3. *ELIJAH*<sup>2</sup> (*Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Aug. 14, 1782; farmer; m. in R., Jan. 2, 1801, Sarah, dau. of Samuel Adams, b. Reading, Vt., May 10, 1780 or 1781, d. Charleston, Vt., 1864; he d. Stanstead, Que., Mar. 30, 1857.
- Children:
- i. *FANNY*,<sup>3</sup> b. in R., Feb. 3, 1804; m. Orson Augustus Grow, d. Brownington, Vt., before 1905; she d. Brownington, Nov. 1898.
  - ii. *LOREN*, b. Stanstead, Dec. 25, 1805; m. 1st in Derby, Vt., in 1826, Eunice, dau. of David and — (Boardman) Dustin, b. Derby Center, Vt., d. Charleston, Vt., July 9, 1870; m. 2d in Charleston —; he d. Island Pond, Vt., Feb. 2, 1887; she res. Island Pond. Five children.
  - iii. *SUBMIT*, b. Holland, Vt., Mar. 31, 1807; m. Nathan Davis, d. before 1905; she d. in Michigan.
  - iv. *WARREN*, b. Sept. 2, 1808; d. Mar. 18, 1815.
  - v. *CAROLINE*, b. Mar. 11, 1810; d. Mar. 11, 1815.
  - vi. *ELIJAH*, b. Holland, Dec. 11, 1811; m. 1st, in Derby, Vt., Sally Tibbetts, d. Stanstead, Que.; m. 2d in Stanstead, Mary Mack, d. in Derby; m. 3d Mary Gustin; he d. Stanstead, Feb., 1894.
  - vii. *SALLY*, b. May 12, 1813; d. Mar. 16, 1815.
  - viii. *RACHEL*, b. Holland, Jan. 28, 1816; m. Matthew Price Davis; d. Bath, N. H., Apr. 28, 1849.
  - ix. *LEWIS*, b. Derby, Vt., Oct. 3, 1817; farmer; m. 1st in East Berkshire, Vt., Mar. 9, 1840, Julia Emeline, dau. of Bushnell and Amanda (Hart) Kent, b. Milton, Vt., June, 1818, d. Holland, Aug., 1870, m. 2d —; m. 3d in Barton, Vt., Dec. 19, 1874, Mrs. Jeanette F. (White) Christie; m. 4th in Barton Landing, May 20, 1876, Mrs. Martha Colman Rundlett, b. Lyman, N. H., May 20, 1822; res. Barton Landing. Four children.
  - x. *ORRIN*, b. Derby, June 21, 1819; farmer; m. in Charleston, Vt., Lucy Brackett, d. Charles City, Ia.; he d. Charles City.
  - xi. *MARIA*, b. Derby, Oct. 13, 1820.
  - xii. *JANE*, b. Derby, Aug. 20, 1822; m. in Holland, Nov. 8, 1843, Zenas Cobb, son of Ebenezer and Martha (West) Cole, b. West Charleston, Vt., Mar. 22, 1819, d. Colfax, Wis., Mar. 7, 1902; res. Retreat, Wis.
  - xiii. *GEORGE*, b. Derby, Feb. 2, 1824; farmer; m. Hannah A. Briggs, and Mary Ann Robinson; he d. Nashua, N. H., about 1904. Seven children.
  - xiv. *JEHIEL*, b. Derby, Jan. 31, 1826; d. Derby, Vt., unm.
4. *ELEAZER*<sup>2</sup> (*Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., June 19, 1785; taught school several years; was prominent in public affairs of R.; member of constitutional conventions of 1822 and 1836 and legislature from R., 1822 and 1823; owned the farm just north of Williams river one-half mile from its mouth, now

occupied by Lewis F. Fairbanks, until Aug., 1861, when he sold all his property in town and rem. to Canada where he d. 3 yrs. later. This rem. was occasioned by his conviction that the U. S. was committing a great sin in prosecuting the Civil war. Previous to his death, he wrote the following inscription to be placed upon the stone at the head of his grave as a permanent declaration of his sentiments. It stands in the cemetery of Stanstead, Que. :



He m. July 23, 1804, Hepzibah, dau. of Capt. James and Lucy (Whitney) Bancroft, b. Nelson, N. H., Oct. 1, 1785, d. in R. Mar. 22, 1833; he d. Stanstead, Que., Aug. 28, 1864.

Children all b. in R. :

- i. HARRIET,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 28, 1804; m. 1st in R., Dec. 16, 1824, Samuel Rawson, d. Mar., 1831; m. 2d in Nelson, Sept. 2, 1838, James Kimball, d. Dublin, N. H., Mar. 25, 1858; she d. Nelson, N. H., July 27 or 28, 1868.
- ii. LUCINDA, b. Feb. 22, 1807; m. in Derby, Vt., Aug. 12, 1850, Matthew P. Davis, b. Falmouth, Mass., May 23, 1807, d. Brattleboro, Vt., Apr. 22, 1887; she d. Marlboro, N. H., Mar., 1897.
- iii. JULIA, b. June 16, 1809; m. in R., June 19, 1828, Joel, s. of Timothy and Abigail (Taylor) Bancroft, b. Nelson, N. H., March 28, 1803, d. Harrisville, N. H., Nov. 17, 1889 or 1891; she d. Harrisville, Mar. 9, 1894.
- iv. MARCIA, b. Apr. 17, 1811; m. Charles E. Davis, of R. (*See Davis.*)
- v. FIDELIA, b. June 10, 1813; d. in R., June 12, 1832; nm.
- vi. CALISTA ANN, b. Sept. 9, 1815; m. Lucius W. Adams. (*See Adams.*)
- vii. ALFRED AUGUSTUS, b. Mar. 2, 1818; horse dealer; m. in Londonderry, Vt., March 2, 1849, Emily Cheney. Both d. before 1905. Child: *Ellery*.
- viii. ELLERY EBENEZER, b. Mar. 21, 1820; d. in R., Aug. 14, 1822.
- ix. GUSTAVUS, b. Apr. 27, 1822; farmer; moved to Muscatine County, Ia., 1855; m. in Springfield, Vt., Jan. 29, 1844, Eliza Malvina, dau. of George Washington and Theda (Currier) Albee, b. Feb. 2, 1828, d. Montpelier, Ia., Oct. 3, 1893; he d. Montpelier, Ia., Sept. 10, 1905. Children: 1. *Calista*,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Sept. 8, 1846; m. in Pleasant Prairie, Ia., Mar. 8, 1862, Even Benshoof, d. Milford, Ia.,

Oct. 11, 1902; she res. Montpelier. 2. *Elbert Argene*, b. in R., June 9, 1849; farmer; superintendent of schools in Muscatine county, Ia.: m. in Montpelier, Ia., Jan. 1, 1873, *Celia Elizabeth*, dau. of James Erwin and Margaret (Jordan) McElroy, b. Shouston, Pa., Nov. 21, 1844; res. Montpelier. Five children. 3. *Eleazer*, b. in R., Nov. 20, 1852; d. Pleasant Prairie, Ia., July 26, 1863. 4. *George Washington*, b. in R., Nov. 30, 1853; stock farmer; real estate and insurance agent; m. 1st in Blue Grass, Ia., Nov. 30, 1876, *Josephine*, dau. of John Perry and Jane (Pace) Cooper, b. Blue Grass, Jan. 12, 1861, d. Wayne, Neb., Sept. 4, 1904; m. 2d in Sioux City, Ia., Mar. 1, 1906, *Edith Eliza Almira Allbee*, b. Sutherland, Ia., June 13, 1871; res. Council Bluffs, Ia., and has full data regarding his grandfather's descendants. Address, 608 West Broadway. Three children. 5. *Leslie*, b. Montpelier, Ia., Feb. 2, 1859; farmer; m. in Kellogg, Ia., Mar. 22, 1883, *Mary Delilah*, dau. of James Dickey and Caroline Delilah (Hogeland) Fowler, b. Sullivan, Ind., Apr. 7, 1864; res. Muscatine, Ia. Seven children. 6. *Arozina Malvina*, b. Montpelier, Ia., July 15, 1860; d. Pleasant Prairie, Ia., Sept. 8, 1863. 7. *Eliza Malvina*, b. Montpelier, Ia., June 30, 1864; m. in Pleasant Prairie, Oct. 25, 1882, *Joseph William*, s. of James D., and Caroline Delilah (Hogeland) Fowler, b. Oct. 31, 1859; res. Grinnell, Ia. 8. *Theda*, b. Montpelier, Ia., Dec. 6, 1866; m. in Pleasant Prairie, Dec. 16, 1891, *Ellery Jacob*, s. of Jacob and Rebecca (Irwin) Eis; res. Fairport, Ia.

5. TIMOTHY JOHNSON<sup>3</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>2</sup> *Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Dec. 10, 1792; farmer; m. 1st in Thetford, Vt., *Fanny Ware*, b. Thetford, d. there; m. 2d in West Fairlee, Vt., June 24, 1828, *Clarissa Colton*, dau. of Solomon and Olive Morey, b. Fairlee, Jan. 10, 1803, d. Fairlee, May 2, 1883; he d. Fairlee, Aug. 9, 1874.

Child by first wife:

- i. LEWIS LYMAN,<sup>4</sup> b. Thetford, Sept. 1, 1822; farmer; when 11 yrs. old came to R., lived with his gr. father, *Ebenezer*, on Upper Meadows. When 21 yrs. old learned stone cutter's trade; assisted in construction of railroad bridges in Connecticut valley when R. built; in 1857 bought farm near Rockingham depot; in 1883 engaged in plumbing trade in B. F., now conducted by his son; he m. in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1859, *Georgianna*, dau. of John and Sarah (Holstein) Brandt, b. Delaware County, Pa., Apr. 14, 1827, d. in R., Oct. 8, 1871; m. 2d in R., Oct. 9, 1872, Mrs. *Jane E. (Moore) Sherwin*, b. Rochester, N. Y., June 14, 1827; he d. B. F., Jan. 21, 1896; she res. B. F. Child: *George Brandt*,<sup>5</sup> b. in R., Jan. 25, 1860; plumber and dealer in electric materials; m. in Springfield, Vt., Mar. 15, 1882, *Martha L.*, dau. of William and Jane (Ford) Sparrow, b. Hyde Park, Vt., Sept. 3, 1857; res. B. F. Children: i. *Russell Lewis*,<sup>6</sup> b. in R., Oct. 12, 1883. ii. *Georgianna Jane*, b. B. F., Jan. 25, 1888. iii. *Robert Brandt*, b. B. F., May 23, 1891.

Children by second wife:

- ii. TIMOTHY MOREY, b. in R., Feb. 24, 1841; farmer; m. 1st in Brattleboro, Vt., Apr. 17, 1866, *Emily Elizabeth*, dau. of Luther and Elizabeth Arethusa (Park) Osgood, b. Brookline, Vt., Jan. 28, 1847, d. Brookline, Jan. 20, 1868; m. 2d in Brattleboro, Nov. 22, 1869, *Eliza Ann*, dau. of Henry and Eliza (Nichols) Morse, b. Dummerston, Vt., Aug. 18, 1847; res. Brookline. Children all b. Brookline: 1. *Della Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> b. June 5, 1867. 2. *Alice Eliza*, b. Oct. 30, 1870. 3. *Guy Henry*, b. Mar. 25, 1872. 4. *Hugh Lloyd*, b. Sept. 1, 1876. 5. *Minnie Belle*, b. Aug. 15,

1879. 6. *Timothy Mark*, b. May 4, 1881. 7. *Perlie Page*, b. Apr. 25, 1888.
- iii. WARREN EBENEZER, b. Hartford, Vt., Sept. 26, 1843; farmer; m. in Brattleboro, Apr. 17, 1866, Dora Vionna, dau. of Russell and Almira (Barnes) Mason, b. Townshend, Vt., Feb. 1, 1847; res. Fairlee, Vt. Children: 1. *Clara Elmira*,<sup>5</sup> b. Brookline, May 6, 1867. 2. *Cora Vionna*, b. Brookline, Mar. 31, 1869. 3. *Ada Dora*, b. Brookline, Jan. 14, 1871. 4. *Alma Sarah*, b. Jamaica, Vt., Sept. 8, 1873. 5. *Marion Colton*, b. Fairlee, Dec. 18, 1876.
- iv. CLARISSA, m. L. T. Lovell (1st); no children.
6. HORACE<sup>3</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>2</sup> *Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., May 21, 1797; clergyman and farmer; m. 1st in Springfield, Vt., May 22, 1819, Hannah, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Spaulding) Herrick, b. Springfield, July 24, 1800, d. Londonderry, Vt., Aug. 28, 1863; m. 2d in Springfield, Jan. 11, 1866, Hannah White, dau. of Samuel and Mercy (White) Adams, b. in R., Nov. 18, 1815.

Children :

- i. HORACE H.,<sup>4</sup> b. Fairlee, Vt., June 26, 1821; res. Middlebury, Vt.
- ii. ALMIRA, b. Fairlee, July 23, 1823.
- iii. EBENEZER (*4th*), b. May 23, 1825; farmer; m. 1st in Londonderry, Vt., Nov. 25, 1846, Angeline Z., dau. of John and Zeruah (Howard) Whitcomb, b. Londonderry, Nov. 18, 1829, d. in R., Nov. 15, 1880; m. 2d in R., Apr. 19, 1883, Clarissa J. Perry, d. Westminster, Sept. 28, 1899; he res. B. F. Children: 1. *Elmore S.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Londonderry, Vt., May 6, 1848; physician; grad. Albany Medical college, 1870; m. in Springfield, Vt., May 5, 1881, Cara Annette, dau. of Albert Merriam and Mary Clark (Wait) Albee, b. Londonderry, Feb. 7, 1852; res. B. F. Child: Angeline Gertrude,<sup>6</sup> b. B. F., June 25, 1882; grad. B. F. H. S., 1898; res. B. F. 2. *Zina Harrington*, b. Grafton, Vt., Apr. 17, 1854; lawyer; judge of probate, dist. of Westminster; m. in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 23, 1889, Annie Tinkham, dau. of James and Mary A. (Tinkham) Goodwin, b. Claremont, N. H., Dec. 31, 1858; res. B. F. Child: Sumner Goodwin,<sup>6</sup> b. B. F., Oct. 4, 1890.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. Fairlee, Jan. 9, 1827; farmer; m. in Springfield, Vt., Nov. 25, 1851 Mary Caroline, dau. of Lewis and Mary (Aiken) Howard, b. Londonderry, Vt., Apr. 14, 1831, d. Creston, Ill., Jan. 22, 1892; res. Rochelle, Ill. Five children.
- v. ADALINE, b. Fairlee, July 11, 1829; m. Mar. 11, 1845, Rawson T. Johnson of Springfield.
- vi. ELIZABETH F., b. Springfield Dec. 21, 1831; m. in Springfield, Vt., Feb. 4, 1855, Robert Duncan Newton, res. St. Louis, Mo.
- vii. SILAS, b. Springfield, Nov. 17, 1833; m. in Londonderry, Vt., Feb. 26, 1855, Nancy Winship; member of 11th Vt. Regt. and he d. in Andersonville, Ga., rebel prison, Sept. 9, 1864. Two children.
- viii. MARY, b. Springfield, Dec. 2, 1835; m. in Londonderry, Vt., Feb. 26, 1855, Alvah Whitman: d. Sept. 30, 1866.
- ix. HANNAH, b. Springfield, May 14, 1840; m. in Londonderry, Vt., Oct. 6, 1855, Henry Ellis Benson: d. Brookfield, Mo., Aug. 17, 1868.
- x. ELLEN, b. Londonderry, Mar. 28, 1844; m. William T. Wheeler; res. Townshend, Vt.
7. ELIJAH WARREN<sup>3</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>2</sup> *Ebenezer*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R. Feb. 29, 1812, farmer; painter; m. in R., Feb. 13, 1834, Ruth Maria, dau. of Samuel and Mercy (White) Adams, b. Springfield, Vt., Dec. 20, 1812; d. B. F., May 6, 1900; he d. in R., Mar. 21, 1885.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. ANN M.,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1835; m. Julius A. Eaton of B. F. (*See Eaton*.)
- ii. FRANCES H., b. Sept. 6 or 16, 1837; m. in Granville, Vt., May 28, 1867, William P. Cassidy, d. B. F., June 26 or 29, 1899; she res. B. F.
- iii. VIETTS WARREN, b. June 13, 1839; machinist; a soldier of the Civil war, m. 1st in Granville, Oct. 4, 1870, Lucinda Moore; m. 2d Belle Flint; res. Waterloo, Ia. Children: 1. *Julian R.*<sup>5</sup> 2. *Lillian.* 3. *Vernon W.* 4. *Vera.* 5. *Hila.* 6. *Frances.*
- iv. JETTS A., b. Oct. 27, 1840; plumber; m. in Rochester, Vt., Jan. 1, 1867, Prudence Almira, dau. of Eleazer and Almira (Briggs) Hubbard, b. Plymouth, Vt., Jan. 17, 1846; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Lola May.*<sup>5</sup> b. Rochester, Feb. 27, 1871. 2. *Leon J.* b. Rochester, Oct. 31, 1878.
- v. IDA E., b. July 1, 1848; m. June 4, 1866, John E. Goodro of Granville, Vt.; she m. 2d in R., July 21, 1892, Frank C. Bidwell; res. Springfield.

8. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ebenzer*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Dec. 29, 1793; farmer; spent the larger part of his life on his father's farm on the Upper Meadows, except for a time employed in tending the canal locks at B. F.; m. in B. F., June 28, 1817, Belinda Prentiss, b. Grafton, Aug. 22, 1797, d. in R., Feb. 9, 1876; he d. in R., Mar. 8, 1889.

Children:

- i. SAMUEL FRERERICK,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., Feb. 13, 1818; always res. just north of B. F.; m. in Springfield, Dec. 28, 1841, Julia Ann, dau. of Nathan Weston of R., b. Dec. 1, 1821; he d. in R., Apr. 13, 1893. Children: 1. *Merrick F.*<sup>5</sup> b. B. F., July 9, 1843; d. about 1848. 2. *Frank W.*, b. B. F., Aug. 7, 1849; m. in Boston, Mass., Feb. 23, 1881, Nettie Sargent of Sedgwick, Me., d. Waltham, Mass., Nov. 7, 1891; he res. B. F.; no ch. 3. *George Hendec.* b. B. F., Nov. 4, 1851; m. in B. F., Nov. 28, 1878, Henrietta H. Gould; res. B. F.; no ch. 4. *James B.*, b. B. F., Mar. 2, 1856; farmer; m. in B. F., July 4, 1881, Isabelle Ellison; res. on home farm; no children.
- ii. ESTHER B., b. May 15, 1820; m. Morris Corlew. (*See Corlew*.)
- iii. CHARLOTTE A., b. Apr. 15, 1852; m. Chester Hazelton of R. (*See Hazelton*.)
- iv. CHARLES P., b. Nov. 17, 1824; m. in R., Apr. 19, 1859, Hattie L. Griswold, d. 1906; he d. in R., Mar. 4, 1894; lived many years on farm two m. north of B. F., now occupied by his son. Child: *Charles S.*<sup>5</sup> b. in R., Mar. 21, 1860; farmer; m. 1st in R., Oct. 7, 1885, Mary W. McDonough; m. 2d Sept. 21, 1898, Clara B. Mandigo; res. B. F.; no children.
- v. JAMES, b. about 1826; d. in infancy.
- vi. JANE WEBB, b. Aug. 16, 1828; m. Carlton E. Webb of B. F.; no children. (*See Webb*.)
- vii. LAURA H., b. May 24, 1832; m. John A. Liddle of Bartonsville. (*See Liddle*.)
- viii. RUTH F., b. Sept. 17, 1835; m. in R., Jan. 18, 1859, Andrew J. McQuaide; she d. May 7, 1906; he res. Chester.
- ix. SIMON MILTON, b. in R., June 24, 1839; farmer; m. in Chester, Feb. 17, 1862, Harriet A., dau. of Lucius H. and Nancy Jane (Finley) Estabrook, b. in R.; res. in R. until 1891, then removed to Westminster, Vt., where they now reside. Children all b. in R.: 1. *Simon Milton.*<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 6, 1862; d. ae. 2 yrs. 2. *Belinda Harriet*, b. July 2, 1864; m. Charles C. Roundy. (*See Roundy*.) 3. *Annie Ruth.* b. Jan. 18, 1866; m. in R., Aug. 18, 1885, Herbert Bates; res. Charlestown, N. H. Child: Eva Linda,<sup>6</sup> b. July 3, 1886. 4. *Albert Swain.* b. Oct. 6, 1872; railway trackman; m. in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 26, 1898, Bessie Florence, dau. of Irwin



and Elizabeth (Wile) Wile, b. Waterville, N. S., Mar. 10, 1875. He was named by his gr. father for Hon. A.N. Swain, who was for 32 yrs. editor and publisher of the *B. F. Times*, to which paper the gr. father was the first subscriber when established in 1856. Res. Marlboro. Mass.; no children.

#### AMADON

LEANDER,<sup>1</sup> b. Troy, N. H., Aug. 15, 1814; came to B. F. from Fitzwilliam, N. H., in 1843, established a jewelry business which he continued until his death, at which time he had been longest in continuous trade of any merchant in B. F.; a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities; m. 1847, Sarah H. Randall, b. Chesterfield, N. H., Mar. 18, 1822, d. B. F., Mar. 18, 1885; he d. suddenly in Boston, while on a business visit, Dec. 12, 1878.

##### Children:

- i. CLARA SARAH,<sup>2</sup> b. 1850; m. Warren F. Ballou, a tailor of B. F., now of Hanover, N. H. Child: 1. *Anna Pauline*<sup>3</sup>; m. Frederick G. Harris; res. Roselle, N. J. Child: Donald.<sup>4</sup>
- ii. FRED LEANDER, b. 1852; m. Bertha Wilder Whittle of Westminster, Vt.; a jeweller in Ticonderoga, N. Y.; no children.
- iii. ALICE EDITH, b. Sept. 25, 1854; m. 1st in 1876, William G. Barker, b. Exeter, N. H., d. B. F., June 7, 1881. Children all b. in B. F. 1. *Edith Amadon*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1877, d. 1881. 2. *Lucy J.*; res. B. F.; unm. 3. *William Burnside*, b. Apr. 23, 1881, emp. by Am. Exp. Co. at B. F. She m. 2d Willis H. Griswold of B. F. (*See Griswold*.)
- iv. HENRY M., b. 1856; m. Aug. 31, 1883, Elvira Emma, dau. of Christopher Lovell of R., b. July 27, 1861; a jeweller of B. F. now res. in Stamford, Conn. Children: 1. *Edith May*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1884. 2. *Clara Pauline*, b. Sept. 7, 1885. 3. *Leander H.*, b. May 14, 1889; d. Jan. 27, 1890.

#### ARMS

RALPH<sup>5</sup> (*Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> b. 1654, a soldier who took part in the noted fight with the Indians, May 19, 1676, at Turners Falls, Mass.), b. 1791 in Deerfield, Mass., where he spent his entire life. In 1840, four of his sons rem. to B. F. where they resided for the rest of their lives and were prominent factors in the business and development of the town, being energetic, clear headed and progressive citizens.

RALPH,<sup>5</sup> m. 1816, Caroline, dau. of Thomas Bardwell of Deerfield, d. Aug. 16, 1855; he d. Aug. 3, 1857.

##### Children, all b. Deerfield:

- i. OTIS BARDWELL,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 15, 1816; came to B. F., 1840; blacksmith, hardware merchant, paper manufacturer and large real estate owner; he m. Aug. 16, 1842, Sarah N. Watkins of Walpole, N. H., d. Aug. 7, 1884; he d. Sept. 8, 1886. Children: 1. *Edward*,<sup>7</sup> b. May 14, 1843; merchant, manufacturer and capitalist; m. Mary Josephine, dau. of Sheriff Ralph J. Holt of Keene, N. H., May 14, 1872; she was b. July 12, 1848; res. B. F. He d. Jan. 1, 1900, having spent his entire life in B. F. Child: Caroline Holt,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1878; grad. Smith college in 1901; res. B. F. 2. *Lizzie Sarah*, b. July 25, 1852; m. Henry F. King of B. F. May 29, 1875; d. June 12, 1902. He d. Apr. 1, 1896. Children: i. Gertrude Arms,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 23, 1876; m. James F. McLennan, an



- official of the Vt. Farm Machine Co., Sept. 23, 1903; res. B. F.
- ii. HENRY OTIS, b. Aug. 26, 1878; hardware merchant in Claremont, N. H.
- ii. JOHN, b. May 24, 1819; came to B. F., in 1840; blacksmith and merchant; m. Mary Blanchard Cragin, May 6, 1845; d. Apr. 30, 1875. She d. Sept. 4, 1866, æt. 42 yrs. Children: 1. *Gertrude*,<sup>7</sup> b. May 5, 1849; m. Stephen T. Searle, Nov. 9, 1876; d. May 9, 1879; no children. 2. *John Henry*, b. July 19, 1857; d. Sept. 18, 1858.
- iii. CAROLINE SOPHIA, b. Oct. 10, 1820; m. Samuel Guild. (*See Guild*.)
- iv. DANIEL, b. Feb. 2, 1823; prominent stage driver, later conductor on Rutland railroad, and at the time of his death, Aug. 1, 1875, station agent at B. F.; m. Susan Gowdy, Feb. 24, 1857. Child: 1. *Henry Fullerton*,<sup>7</sup> b. June 17, 1860; m. Cecelia E. Zaeder, of Worcester, Mass., Jan. 1, 1887; d. Worcester July 23, 1898; no children.
- v. ABIGAIL FOSTER, b. Sept. 17, 1825; m. Apr. 2, 1847, Francis M. Ball of Montague, Mass., d. 1883; she d. Montague, Oct. 16, 1903. Children: 1. *Alice M.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 25, 1849; d. Sept. 6, 1851. 2. *Walter J.*, b. Sept. 8, 1851; d. Jan. 20, 1891. 3. *Carrie A.*, b. Oct. 30, 1855; d. July 25, 1858. 4. *Annie*, b. Mar. 16, 1858; d. Apr. 15, 1858. 5. *Edward A.*, b. Dec. 12, 1859; hardware merchant in Claremont, N. H.; m. 1st Fanny L. Sartwell of Alstead, N. H., who d. May 19, 1887; m. 2d Fanny H. Thompson of Claremont, Dec. 27, 1888. Children: i. *Alice S.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 9, 1889. ii. *Howard T.*, b. Mar. 28, 1891. 6. *Willard W.*, b. Sept. 4, 1861; d. Aug. 20, 1877. 7. *Katherine B.*, b. Aug. 4, 1863; m. Waldo E. Goodell, Oct. 25, 1883; res. Montague, Mass. Child: Frank E.,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 1, 1884.
- vi. AARON, b. Aug. 22, 1829; a hardware merchant in B. F.; m. Dec. 25, 1855, Mary J. Towns of Keene, N. H., b. Apr. 20, 1830; he d. Aug. 6, 1877; she res. B. F. Children: 1. *Lilla J.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1856. 2. *Louis A.*, b. Jan. 14, 1865; d. Aug. 1, 1866.
- vii. EDWARD, b. Oct. 1, 1832; d. Mar. 16, 1843.
- viii. MARY ANN JACKSON, b. Sept. 16, 1836; m. Frederick M. Willson, of B. F. (*See Willson*.)

#### ATKINSON

JOHN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of William*), b. Kirby Moorside, Yorkshire, Eng., 1742; came to Boston in 1771, engaged in mercantile business until about 1776, when he returned to England and lived at London and at Kirby Moorside until the latter part of 1777. He then rem. to New York and was a prominent and prosperous merchant in that city until June 4, 1819, when he rem. to B. F. and res. in what was then known as the "Mansion house," now owned by the estate of Mrs. Frances Williams on the north corner of Henry and Westminster streets.

Mr. Atkinson's business life was very active. He was characterized by an abiding faith in the future of his adopted country. During his successful career as a merchant in New York city he invested largely in lands in the present states of West Virginia and Ohio, in western New York and more particularly in Vermont. In the latter state, in addition to large purchases in various counties, he invested, about 1791, in the lands and properties of what is now the B. F. Canal company. With his own resources and the assistance of his brothers, Hodgson and Francis Atkinson, in England, and the Storers in Boston, he financed and constructed the canal at B. F., which remained continuously the property of the family seventy-four years.



GEORGE H. BABBITT.  
1828-1898.



Previous to his removal to this town, and while still actively engaged in business in New York, he made frequent trips to B. F., making it practically his summer home. His was a strong character in every way. While he was one of the most prosperous and public spirited of New York city's business men, his chief weakness seems to have been, perhaps, a too great faith in the immediate future of his adopted country. This was shown not only by the purchase of vast tracts of land in the various states and territories, but by the advances which he made in connection with Rhode Island claims for the payment of Revolutionary soldiers, which were never repaid, and finally by his purchase and development of the water power at B. F. This optimism, when a period of financial depression came about, brought business troubles and necessitated the help of his English relatives through whom many of his large holdings were liquidated and the canal property at B. F. retained.

Mr. Atkinson was one of the early benefactors of Immanuel chh. and presented the land for it and the cemetery in 1816.

He m. Dec. 2, 1773, Elizabeth, dau. of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Green) Storer, b. Boston, Mass., Feb. 23, 1756, d. B. F., Sept. 29, 1829; he d. B. F., Aug. 11, 1823.

Children :

- i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. Boston, July 12, 1775; d. B. F., June 27, 1838; unm.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. London, Eng., Jan. 12, 1777; d. Kirby Moorside, Eng., June 19, 1777.
- iii. ELIZABETH STORER, b. N. Y., Apr. 16, 1778; d. N. Y., July 13, 1779.
- iv. WILLIAM DAWSON, b. N. Y., Dec. 23, 1779; d. N. Y., Dec. 24, 1779.
- v. CHARLES, b. London, Eng., July 29, 1783; d. N. Y., May 14, 1799.
- vi. ELIZABETH STORER, b. London, July 29, 1783; d. B. F., Mar. 12, 1861; unm.
- vii. GEORGE HODGSON, b. London, Apr. 16, 1785; d. N. Y., Nov. 23, 1817; unm.
- viii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Boston, Sept. 17, 1786; d. Boston, Nov. 1, 1787.
- ix. MARY ANNE, b. N. Y., Nov. 2, 1787; m. Col. Joseph May; she d. Boston, Jan. 27, 1839.
- x. CAROLINE FRANCES, b. N. Y., May 11, 1789; m. Henry F. Green. (*See Green.*)
- xi. WILLIAM, b. N. Y., July 24, 1790; d. Rochester, N. Y., July 17, 1843; unm.
- xii. HENRY FRANCIS, b. N. Y., Aug. 19, 1791; d. N. Y., May 23, 1793.
- xiii. EMMA SETON, b. N. Y., Nov. 19, 1793; d. N. Y., Sept. 1, 1794.
- xiv. EMMA SETON, b. N. Y., Sept. 7, 1795; m. Col. Alexander Fleming. (*See Fleming.*)

BABBITT

GEORGE HEWES<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Joseph H.*), b. Westmoreland, N. H., July 25, 1828; came to B. F., about 1862; filled many public offices; prominent in Masonry, being a past-master, Knight Templar and 32d degree; engaged in mercantile and insurance business, and was many years superintendent of the U. S. and C., and American Express Co.; m. May 4, 1856, Frances Allen Johnson, b. Walpole, N. H., Dec. 8, 1835, d. B. F., Sept. 5, 1901; he d. B. F., Nov. 6, 1898.

## Children :

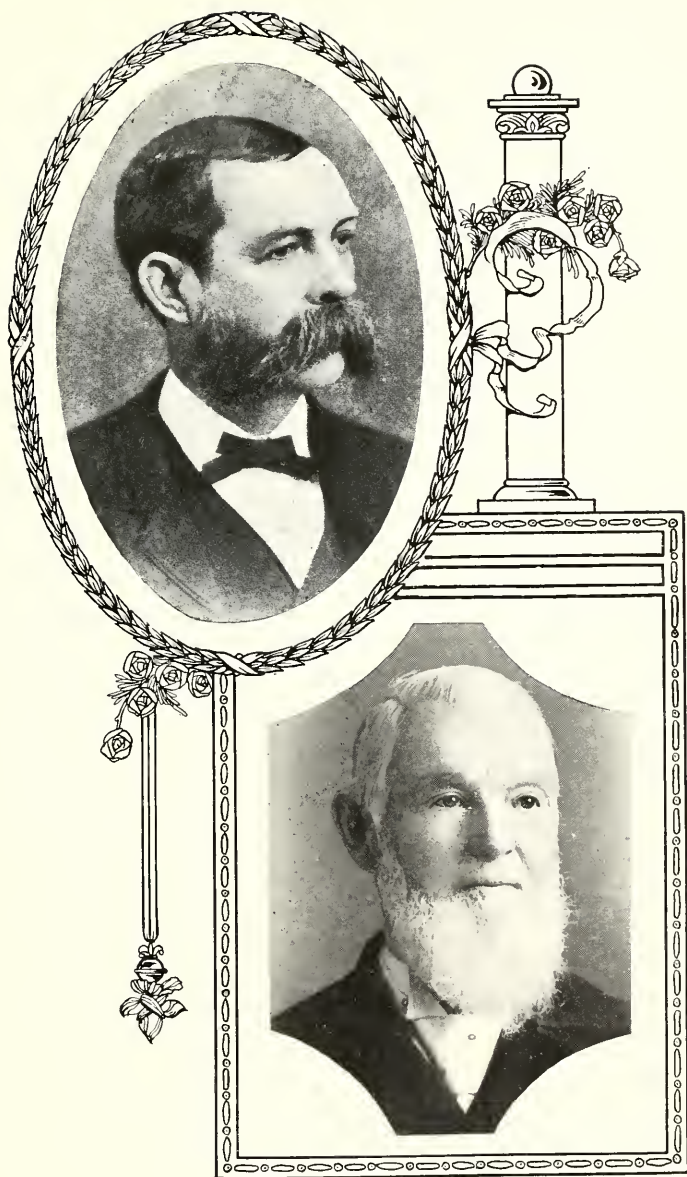
- i. CLARA FRANCES,<sup>2</sup> b. Windsor, Vt., Nov. 23, 1857; m. 1st Edmund H. Willson of B. F., Oct. 7, 1880; m. 2d Frank Benning Jenness, Dec. 19, 1899; res. Fitchburg, Mass. Children: 1. *Elizabeth Frances*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 23, 1881. 2. *Marion Allen*, b. Oct. 26, 1883; m. Apr. 30, 1906, Charles Leo Abrey; res. Cranford, N. J. 3. *Ruth Content*, b. Nov. 8, 1885.
- ii. FREDERICK HERBERT, b. Keene, N. H., November 23, 1859; paper manufacturer; m. Katharine E. Britton of Hartland, Vt., Sept. 19, 1883; res. B. F. Child: 1. *Madeline*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 8, 1885.
- iii. GEORGE HEWES, b. Windsor, Vt., September 13, 1861; paper manufacturer; m. May 18, 1887, Jennie M. Robertson, b. Putney, Vt., Feb. 13, 1866; res. Bangor, Me. Children all born in B. F.: 1. *Frances Robertson*,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 23, 1888. 2. *Donald George*, b. Nov. 5, 1891. 3. *Virginia*, b. Oct. 7, 1903.
- iv. JOHN EDWARD, b. B. F., Jan. 21, 1872; proprietor of machine shop; res. B. F.; unm.

## BAILEY

SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> (*Rev. Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *James*,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from England to Rowley, Mass. about 1640), b. Westmoreland, N. H., Mar. 25, 1786; rem. from Westmoreland to S. R. in Apr. 1817, where he spent the remainder of his life; m. Crissana Britton at Westmoreland. b. Raynham, Mass., Oct. 23, 1790. d. at S. R., May 22, 1843; he d. at S. R., Sept. 16, 1880.

## Children :

- i. CRISSANA,<sup>7</sup> b. Westmoreland, Mar. 29, 1811; m. Dec. 1, 1842, John G. Whiting. (*See Whiting.*)
- ii. SAMUEL S., b. Westmoreland, Mar. 25, 1813; m. Mary Conant of Grafton, Vt., b. Grafton, Nov. 17, 1818. d. Grafton, May 30, 1888; he d. Feb. 28, 1896. Children: 1. *Marcia A.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Grafton, Oct. 22, 1836; m. Oct. 16, 1860, George Myron Taylor, who served in the Civil war, was a prisoner at Andersonville, and has been many yrs. messenger of the Finance Committee of the U. S. Senate; they res. Washington, D. C.; no children. 2. *Ossian*, b. Grafton, in 1839; m. Nancy Carpenter of Brattleboro, Vt.; res. Brattleboro. Three children.
- iii. EMORY, b. Westmoreland, Feb. 15, 1815; m. Jan. 23, 1843, Caroline Palmer, d. S. R., Apr. 25, 1903; he d. Mar. 21, 1901. Children: 1. *Sidney*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1844; m. Mar. 29, 1880, Ida E. Martin; res. Swampscott, Mass.; no children. 2. *Harriet R.*, b. Aug. 11, 1846; m. Feb. 3, 1891, Charles Ranney, farmer; res. at S. R.; no children.
- iv. AMANDA, b. Westmoreland, Mar. 8, 1817; m. Oct. 4, 1838, Horace Frost; rem. to Rochester, Wis., where he d. Jan. 11, 1900; she d. May 27, 1903.
- v. AMELIA, b. Apr. 11, 1819; m. Cyrus Locke of S. R. (*See Locke.*)
- vi. LOUISE, b. May 31, 1821; m. William Lorenzo Wiley of R. (*See Wiley.*)
- vii. LUCY ANN, b. Sept. 16, 1825; d. June 15, 1856.
- viii. CAROLINE E., b. June 30, 1828; m. Henry C. Wiley of S. R. (*See Wiley.*)
- ix. ROYAL FRANKLIN, b. Nov. 23, 1831; m. Oct. 12, 1857, Helen Emerson of Walpole, N. H.; she d. in Galva, Ill., Mar. 3, 1890. Children: 1. *Bennie*,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 10, 1859; d. Oct. 31, 1867. 2. *Louise*, b. Aug. 13, 1867; she has a chair of oratory in Hastings College, Neb.; m. Frank Babcock; one son, b. Dec. 3, 1899; all res. Hastings, Neb.



ALBERT DERBY.  
b. July 4, 1830.

FRANKLIN P. BALL.  
1828-1896.





## BALL

FRANKLIN PHINEAS<sup>8</sup> (*Abraham*,<sup>7</sup> *Abraham*,<sup>6</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Jeremiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> *who emigrated from Eng. to Concord, Mass., 1640*), b. Athens, Vt., May 2, 1828; engaged in scythe snath manufacture at Springfield, Vt., 1853-1882; in 1882 came to B. F. and with Albert Derby continued the business until death; represented Springfield in the legislature of 1866-7; represented R. in the legislature of 1888-9; senator from Windham county 1892-3; a man of excellent judgment and exemplary Christian character, prominently identified with the Methodist chh.; m. 1st May 23, 1852, Margaret L. Wilson, b. Mar. 21, 1828, d. Jan. 2, 1855; m. 2d July 21, 1857, Elizabeth Meacham, b. Sept. 7, 1834; res. B. F.; he d. Strathroy, Ont., Aug. 9, 1896, while on a business trip.

## Children :

- i. TWIN DAUGHTERS,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb., 1858; d. in infancy.
- ii. MARGARET ELIZABETH, b. July 3, 1861, m. Herbert D. Ryder of B. F. (*See Ryder*.)
- iii. GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. Aug. 10, 1863; a member of the snath manufacturing firm of Derby & Ball; res. B. F.; d. B. F. Nov. 13, 1906; unm.
- iv. EVERETT MEACHAM, b. Dec. 15, 1864; grad. Wesleyan University; d. Mar. 20, 1888; unm.
- v. WINIFRED EVELINE, b. Oct. 3, 1867; m. Dec. 27, 1894, Rev. Joseph W. Naramore, a member of the N. Y. Methodist Conference, b. Mar. 15, 1868. Children: 1. *Elizabeth Everett*,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 28, 1895. 2. *Margaret Curtis*, b. Dec. 6, 1899.

## BANCROFT

FABIUS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Benjamin*), b. Rindge, N. H., Aug. 8, 1792; located Grafton, Vt., early in 19th century; established country store; postmaster there 25 years; came to B. F. about 1855 and res. here until his death: was a Jacksonian Democrat until Lincoln's time, and deeply interested in all public affairs; m. Nov. 5, 1817, Nancy Thompson, b. New Braintree, Mass., May 2, 1796, d. B. F., Apr. 1, 1874; he d. B. F., Dec. 16, 1866.

## Children all b. Grafton, Vt. :

- i. EDWARD WHIPPLE,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1818; prominent merchant Charleston, S. C. and New York city; came to B. F. about 1873; m. Aug. 10, 1843, Ellen F. Wright; d. B. F. Oct. 10, 1888; no children.
- ii. WILLIAM GOODELL, b. Oct. 25, 1820; a prominent and successful merchant in Charleston, S. C., and Buffalo, N. Y.; m. Aug. 13, 1849, Ruth Washburn; d. Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1881; no children.
- iii. JAMES K., b. Dec. 21, 1823; a successful merchant in Buffalo, N. Y., has a summer home at S. R.; m. Oct. 11, 1859, Fanny, dau. of Benj. Smith, Jr., of S. R.; res. Buffalo, N. Y. and S. R. Children: 1. *Carrie E.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1860; m. Albert B. Neill, June 27, 1891. Children: i. Elizabeth Bancroft,<sup>4</sup> b. June 27, 1892. ii. Humphrey, b. Jan. 21, 1895. 2. *James F.*, b. Sep. 2, 1869; d. June 25, 1905.
- iv. MARTHA K., b. May 24, 1826; d. Sept. 8, 1839.
- v. CAROLINE T., b. Aug. 24, 1828; d. Aug. 10, 1852; res. Grafton; unm.
- vi. JOSEPH S., b. Feb. 11, 1831; d. Apr. 16, 1831.
- vii. JOHN H., b. Feb. 11, 1831; d. Dec. 6, 1832.
- viii. SARAH W., b. Apr. 28, 1833; m. Feb. 11, 1868, Edwin Kraetzer; d. Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 27, 1887; he res. Cambridge; no children.

## BARBER

LYSANDER C.<sup>4</sup> (*Calvin*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Capt. George*,<sup>1</sup> *who was a Puritan, and one of the first settlers of Dedham and Medfield, Mass., 1635*). came from Townshend, Vt., to R. and lived on the farm now known as the "Barber Park" farm near S. R.: m. Sept., 1839, Sarah Adaline, dau. of John D. Barry of R., she was b. 1814, and d. 1899; he d. S. R. Dec. 16, 1868.

## Children:

- i. CALVIN LYSANDER,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1843, was a noted musician, vocal instructor and dealer in musical instruments; member of the Cong. chh. of S. R.; one of the chief promoters of the B. F. & S. R. Street Railway Co., and gave land to the corporation for a park and outing place for the citizens of the two villages, now known as "Barber Park;" m. Hattie E. dau. of James Brown of B. F., Feb. 4, 1886; he d. June 17, 1900; she res. B. F.; no children.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 12, 1845; d. B. F., Dec. 31, 1892; unm.

## BARRON

JONATHAN.<sup>1</sup> was one of the earliest settlers in S. R. village; an extensive land owner; before 1817 commenced the erection of the old S. R. tavern that was taken down in 1903; he built the ell and, becoming embarrassed, the front was not added for some years; was high sheriff of the county 1813, 1814, 1820, and 1821; was always prominent as a marshal of parades; in 1824, he rem. to the valley of the Genessee river in western N. Y. and d. there a few years later; his wife's name was Susannah Dustin. Children: i. POLLY AIKEN,<sup>2</sup> b. July 29, 1791. ii. ANNIS, b. May 15, 1793. iii. MOSES, b. Sept. 26, 1795. iv. HARRIET, b. June 3, 1798. v. ABEL, b. Nov. 6, 1801. vi. SALLY, b. Mar. 30, 1804.

## BARRY

i. JONATHAN<sup>1</sup> (*at first spelled "Berry"*), was one of the early settlers of the town, of English descent, who with his wife, Joanna came here from Lynn, Mass., about 1784 and took up a large tract of land in the southwest corner of the town in the vicinity of S. R. village. Late in life he divided this land among his four sons. To John D., the eldest, was given the first choice, and he selected the portion lying on the hillside near Cambridgeport (*since known as the "William Barry farm"*), because it was on the public highway between Grafton and Rockingham Center. Later the river road was constructed, and the road over the hill thrown up, leaving the farm at the end of the road. Asa had the land just south of this on the river, known as the "John Albee place;" Joel had the farm directly beyond towards S. R., the "Mark Fairbrother place;" and Samuel, the section east of these over the hill, the "George Fairbanks farm." There were two sisters, Joanna and Elizabeth.

An interesting early record in the town clerk's office is the transfer by Abraham Boyington to Jonathan Berry, John Berry, Asa Berry and Joel Berry, for a consideration of \$40, of "one whole pew, being the middle pew on the west side of the body pews, so called, that stand on the west side of the

broad alley in Rockingham Meeting-house." Jonathan Berry and Samuel Ober were the first deacons of the 1st town chh.

The bodies of Jonathan and Joanna Berry, and of Joanna and John Barry were interred in the cemetery adjacent to this old church, and the other members of the original family were buried at S. R., with the exception of Elizabeth. On the tombstone of Mrs. Joanna Berry is this quaint epitaph:

"Adieu vain world with all your stuff;  
For we've enjoyed you long enough;  
And now my Jesus bids me come,  
I thus obey him and go home."

The reason for the change of spelling of the name is not known, but on the gravestones of all the sons of Jonathan, the name is Barry. The real estate transactions of the town show the change of the "e" to the "a" to have been made in 1813.

JONATHAN<sup>1</sup> BERRY (*later Barry*), b. 1737; d. May 6, 1822; m. Joanna —, b. 1739; d. 1806.

Children:

- i. JOANNA,<sup>2</sup> b. 1763; d. Oct. 7, 1847; m. Oct. 30, 1787, John Stowell of R. Children: 1. *Joanna*<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1790; d. Nov. 28, 1798. 2. *John*, b. Mar. 3, 1793; d. Sept. 6, 1809. 3. *David*, b. Aug. 9, 1795; d. Aug. 24, 1795. 4. *Betsy*, b. May 27, 1797; d. June 26, 1852.
  - ii. ELIZABETH, m. Samuel McCurdy.
  - iii. JOHN D., b. 1767; d. Oct. 1823.
  - iv. ASA, b. Jan. 15, 1773; m. Sarah Stewart.
  - v. JOEL, b. Jan. 11, 1775; m. Hannah Ober.
  - vi. SAMUEL, b. 1778; d. Oct. 19, 1859.
1. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> (*Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), m. Dec. 30, 1788, Samuel McCurdy of Surry, N. H.

Children all b. Surry, N. H.:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 4, 1789.
- ii. JOANNA, b. Oct. 18, 1791; m. Walker Hinman of Mt. Morris, N.Y. Children: 1. *Portus*,<sup>4</sup> m. 2. *Catharine*, d. unm. 3. *Helen*, d. unm. 4. *Martha*, d. unm. 5. *Charles*, m. 6. *Harriet*, d. unm.
- iii. SALLY, b. Apr. 22, 1794; m. first — Smith of Canada; m. second — Boardman of Canada. Children by 1st husband: 1. *Charles*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Sophia*. 3. *Louisa*. 4. *Lucy*. Child by 2d husband: 5. *Moses*.
- iv. BETHANY, b. July 1, 1796; d. Mt. Morris, Feb. 10, 1886; m. Feb. 26, 1818, Jonathan Bailey, b. Athens, Vt., a soldier on the Niagara frontier in the War of 1812; wounded in the battle of Lundy's Lane; was one of the pioneers at Burns, N. Y., and later at Portage. Children: 1. *Mary Ann*.<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1819; m. George H. Summers of Mt. Morris; d. Mt. Morris, Feb. 10, 1899. Children: i. Henry Hawley.<sup>5</sup> deceased. ii. Charles Walker, deceased. 2. *Martha Jane*, b. Sept. 4, 1821; m. Joseph Wilson of Canada; d. Mt. Morris, May 24, 1892; no children. 3. *Sabin*, b. Oct. 10, 1823; m. Clarrissa Perry, of Livingston Co., N. Y., d. Wrightstown, Kan., Jan. 25, 1872. Children: i. Albert.<sup>5</sup> ii. Olive. iii. Lucian. 4. *Samuel Lewis*, b. Oct. 19, 1827; m. in St. Paul, Minn; d. Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1900. Children: i. Nellie.<sup>5</sup> ii. Lewis. 5. *James H.*, b. Feb. 19, 1829; m. Oct. 8, 1854, Mary H. Hanford of Saratoga Co., N. Y.; res. Hunt, N. Y. Children: i. Lizzie Eugenia,<sup>5</sup> b. Hunt, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1855. ii. Egbert Lansing, b. Hunt, Apr. 10, 1858; m. Nov. 23, 1881, May A. Reynolds of Granger, N. Y.; no children. iii. Anna Lila, b.

Hunt, Mar. 17, 1861; m. Dec. 25, 1889, Michael Loughlen. Child: Forest Landsdowne.<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 16, 1892. 6. *Ellen Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 1, 1832; m. Andrew J. Hill of Castile, N. Y.; d. Friendship, Wis., May 27, 1876. Children: i. Ella.<sup>5</sup> ii. Lilly. iii. Charles L. iv. Jennie. v. Minnie. 7. *Sarah Lucinda*, b. Dec. 15, 1835; m. John Jones of Fairfield, Minn.; d. Fairfield, Minn., Mar. 15, 1890. Children: i. Herman.<sup>5</sup> ii. Walter. iii. Lucian. 8. *Laura McCurdy*, b. Apr. 13, 1839; m. Darius Tupper of Olean, N. Y.; d. San Jose, Cal., Jan. 12, 1889. Children: i. Edward.<sup>5</sup> ii. Emma. iii. Walter.

2. JOHN D.<sup>2</sup> (*Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1767; m. 1st Nancy—: m. 2d Mar. 10, 1810, Thankful L. Cone of Westminster, Vt., b. 1782. d. April 6, 1860; he d. Oct. 1823.

Children by first wife:

- i. NANCY.<sup>3</sup> b. 1801; d. May 6, 1869; a tailoress and lived in Grafton, Vt., many years.
- ii. JOHN, d. young.
- iii. GARDNER, d. young.
- iv. ELYRA, b. Aug. 10, 1807; d. Dec. 22, 1872; m. Sept. 14, 1842, Monroe J. Amsden of Grafton, later a merchant of S. R. Children: 1. *Charles Barry*,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 1, 1845; m. Lizze Ann Lee of Chester, Vt., Sept. 21, 1876; res. Springfield, Mass. Child: Ward Lee,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 2, 1886; d. July 4, 1905. 2. *Ward Monroe*, b. Sept. 30, 1848; m. Mary Ella Cushman of Lebanon, N. H., Sept. 14, 1872; res. Worcester, Mass.

Children by second wife:

- v. LAURA FRANCES, b. 1811; d. Jan. 1, 1832; unm.
6. vi. WILLIAM STOWELL, b. Nov. 23, 1812; m. Almira Dickinson.
- vii. JONATHAN, d. young.
- viii. SARAH ADALINE, b. 1814; d. 1899; m. Lysander C. Barber. (*See Barber.*)
7. ix. GRATIA MARIA, b. Oct. 12, 1817; m. John H. Foster.
- x. JOANNA, b. Apr. 20, 1820; d. Nov. 4, 1897; m. Timothy Bliss; lived in Worcester, Mass. Child: 1. *Edward*,<sup>4</sup> b. July, 1854; d. Nov. 27, 1873.
8. xi. DANIEL KELLOGG, b. Jan. 22, 1822; m. Luthera Ann Adams.
3. ASA<sup>2</sup> (*Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 15, 1773; m. Sarah Stewart, b. Sept. 4, 1776, d. Mar. 28, 1851; he d. Feb. 20, 1860.

Children:

9. i. JOHN STEWART,<sup>3</sup> b. Amherst, N. H., Jan. 29, 1802; m. Mary Kidder.
10. ii. CHARLES HUBBARD, b. July 23, 1804; m. Maria D. Filkins.
11. iii. ALDIS, b. Apr. 8, 1806; m. Eluthera A. Lovell.
4. JOEL<sup>2</sup> (*Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 11, 1775; m. Hannah Ober, Mar. 17, 1802, b. Apr. 17, 1779, d. June 3, 1854; he d. Apr. 1, 1823.

Children:

12. i. KENDALL PATTEN,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1802; m. Clarissa Perry.
- ii. MARY A., b. Feb. 23, 1810; m. Asahel Wilder, Dec. 12, 1833; d. Jan. 25, 1889; no children.
- iii. LUCIUS MORTIMER, b. May 11, 1823; m. Eliza M. Nichols of Athens, Vt., July 1, 1844; d. May 15, 1894. Child: 1. *Myron S.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 3, 1846; d. Jan. 23, 1864.
5. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (*Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1778; d. Oct. 19, 1859; m. 1st May 24, 1801, Hannah Griffin of Keene, N. H., b. 1770, d. Dec. 3, 1823; m. 2d Mrs. Olive Mason Clark, b. Oct. 15, 1795; d. Jan. 26, 1876.

Children by first wife :

13. i. JAMES,<sup>3</sup> b. July 18, 1802; m. Laura Hadley of R.
14. ii. JOSEPH BARTLETT, b. Sept. 2, 1806; m. Harriet Hapgood.
15. iii. SAMUEL LEWIS, b. Feb. 8, 1808; m. Mary Hadley.  
Children by second wife :
16. iv. ARNOLD MASON, b. Nov. 30, 1825; m. Sarah J. Fairbanks.  
v. ROYAL, b. June 14, 1830; unm.; leads a retired life in his little home in R.
17. vi. HOLLAND, b. July 30, 1834; m. Hattie Fairbanks.
6. WILLIAM STOWELL<sup>3</sup> (*John D.*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 23, 1812; m. Almira Dickinson of S. R., Jan. 31, 1839, b. Apr. 25, 1814, d. June 25, 1891; he d. Dec. 14, 1886.

Children :

- i. JAMES WILLARD,<sup>4</sup> b. November 17, 1839; m. 1st Sarah H. Thompson, Apr. 12, 1860; m. 2d Lydia A. Googin of Saco, Me., Nov. 18, 1875; res. Colorado. Children by first wife : 1. *Fred James*,<sup>5</sup> b. May 31, 1861; d. Culpepper, Va., Apr. 14, 1880. 2. *Helen S.*, b. May 13, 1863; m. Rufus J. Anderson of Idaho, Oct. 2, 1904. Child by second wife : 3. *Lucy Virginia*, b. Culpepper, Va., Sept. 17, 1878.
- ii. JOHN CAMPBELL, b. May 23, 1845; m. Margaret E. Stewart of Fort Miller, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1882; employed over 25 years by the Southern Express Co., as assistant superintendent with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.
- iii. WALTER WILLIAM, b. Feb. 3, 1848; m. Mary A. Franklin of Townshend, Vt., Oct. 18, 1871, a farmer prominent in town affairs; res. near S. R. Children : 1. *Albert Walter*,<sup>5</sup> b. Jamaica, Vt., June 24, 1874; m. Mary Little, Dec. 24, 1895; res. S. R. Children : i. Guy Franklin,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 21, 1897. ii. Raymond Albert, b. June 8, 1902. iii. Ruth Edna, b. Oct. 22, 1903. 2. *Herbert Franklin*, b. Jamaica, July 12, 1876; res. Newport, N. H. 3. *Ruth Helen*, b. Chester, Vt., Mar. 19, 1885; m. Walter J. Roider, June 7, 1905; res. Bainbridge, N. Y.
- iv. MARY ALMIRA, b. Dec. 30, 1851; for 16 years assistant principal of B. F. H. S., and is held in loving remembrance by hundreds of pupils who passed under her tutelage; m. Apr. 17, 1895, Rev. A. H. Webb of the Vt. Methodist Conference, b. Biddeford, Eng.; res. Brattleboro, Vt.; no children.
- v. DANIEL KELLOGG, b. Mar. 13, 1854; m. Alice E. Messinger of Springfield, Vt., May 12, 1881; res. Newport, N. H.
7. GRATIA MARIA<sup>3</sup> (*John D.*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 12, 1817; m. John H. Foster of Westminster, Vt., 1836. Entire life spent in the vicinity of S. R.; d. Apr. 29, 1900.

Children :

- i. HARRIET MARIA,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 1, 1837; res. S. R.
- ii. HENRY, b. Dec. 20, 1838; d. Feb. 2, 1864.
- iii. EDWIN K., b. Feb. 23, 1840; m. Louise Eaton of Me., Aug. 1, 1865; res. Boston, Mass. Child : 1. *Edith Maria*,<sup>5</sup> b. June 30, 1866; res. S. R.; unm.
- iv. DANIEL KELLOGG, b. June 6, 1841; was many years a successful merchant in Boston; m. Ella Bowker of Bath, Me., Oct. 24, 1872; d. June 15, 1899.
8. DANIEL KELLOGG<sup>3</sup> (*John D.*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 22, 1822; m. Luther Ann dau. of M. W. Adams of R., June 13, 1843, d. B. F. Oct. 18, 1890. They lived several years on the Williams River meadows, later rem. to



B. F., where he was an active business man and helpful member of the 1st Cong. chh. of B. F.: d. B. F., Nov. 20, 1892.

Child:

- i. HELEN LUTHERA,<sup>4</sup> b. May 16, 1845; m. M. D. Jackson, Oct 1, 1868. Child: 1. *Alice Helen*,<sup>5</sup> b. July 2, 1869: a well known singer and the music teacher of R. and other public schools: res. B.F.: unm.
9. JOHN STEWART<sup>3</sup> (*Asa*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>). b. Amherst, N. H., Jan. 29, 1802; m. Mary Kidder of Grafton, Vt.: rem. to Michigan while a young man and exerted great influence in shaping the life of that young state. His memory is preserved there in the name of Barry County. The following inscription copied from his monument in Constantine, Mich., gives very briefly his history:

JOHN S. BARRY  
Born in Amherst, N. H., Jan. 29, 1802.  
Died  
Jan. 14, 1870.

A pioneer in 1831.  
A member of the territorial legislative body.  
A member of the first Constitutional Convention.  
A member of the House of Representatives.  
A member of the Senate.  
Three times elected Governor of the State.

10. CHARLES HUBBARD<sup>3</sup> (*Asa*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>). b. July 23, 1804; m. Feb. 24, 1831, Maria D. Filkins of Pittstown, N. Y., b. Feb. 24, 1805, d. Oct. 14, 1891. Settled in Raymertown, N. Y.: he d. Sept. 8, 1888.

Children:

- i. SARAH STEWART,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 1, 1831; m. Nelson McChesney, Feb. 25, 1854; d. July 29, 1890. Children: 1. *Julia Ann*,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1855; m. Mar. 11, 1879. Clarence W. Dater of Lansingburg, N. Y. Child: Henry McChesney,<sup>6</sup> b. May 5, 1886. 2. *Calvin Stewart*, b. Dec. 15, 1857; m. Caroline Lindsley of New Haven, Conn., Oct. 25, 1898; attorney in Troy, N. Y. Child: Lindsley,<sup>6</sup> b. Troy, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1900.
- ii. HELEN LOUISE, b. Aug. 24, 1833; m. Dec. 17, 1879, Giles B. Markham of Constantine, Mich.
- iii. LEONIDAS ASA, b. July 17, 1835; m. Martha J. Cole, Jan. 3, 1861; d. Mar. 21, 1901. Children: 1. *Charles Hubbard*,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 2, 1861, d. March 27, 1866. 2. *Froman Wemple*, b. May 23, 1866; m. Dec. 23, 1896, Lillian M. Watson; d. Sept. 27, 1900. Child: Charles Hubbard,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 5, 1899. 3. *Helen Maria*, b. Sept. 10, 1870; m. Oct. 18, 1897, William Gibbs: no children.
- iv. CHARLES HENRY, b. Apr. 13, 1838; res. Raymertown, N. Y.: unm.
- v. HARRIET CORNELIA, b. Oct. 1, 1840; m. Calvin Dater, June 20, 1881; res. Raymertown, N. Y.: no children.
- vi. JOHN STEWART, b. May 5, 1843; res. Raymertown: unm.
- vii. JUSTINA M., b. Jan. 6, 1846; m. Eli Perry, Oct. 8, 1874; res. Raymertown. Children: 1. *Son*, b. 1876; d. young. 2. *Maria Louise*, b. May 21, 1880. 3. *Lloyd E.*, b. June 5, 1885.
11. ALDIS<sup>3</sup> (*Asa*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>). b. Apr. 8, 1806; m. Eluthera A. Lovell of R., b. July 6, 1810, d. Nov. 17, 1871; he d. Jan. 20, 1860.

Children:

- i. HERBERT L.,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Feb. 14, 1833; m. in 1856, Mrs. Sarah Sumner Gunn of Keene, N. H.: he d. Constantine, Mich., May 12, 1902. Children: 1. *Aldis Herbert*,<sup>5</sup> b. Galva, Ill., Feb. 2, 1857; m. Nov. 29, 1882, Harriet E. Barnard at Constantine. Children: i. Leona May,<sup>6</sup> b. Mottville, Mich., Apr. 14, 1885. ii. Anna Jane,

- b. Mottville, Oct. 19, 1889. 2. *Alice Jane*, b. Coeytown, Iowa, Dec. 17, 1861; m. Dec. 7, 1880, Charles Houser at Constantine. Child: Bessie Agnes,<sup>6</sup> b. Constantine, June 21, 1883; m. Dec. 27, 1902, Leon R. Snyder of Constantine. One child, Leon R.,<sup>7</sup> b. Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 17, 1904.
- ii. MARY, b. Oct. 29, 1841; d. Jan. 26, 1843.
- iii. LEONIDAS, b. Dec. 29, 1844; m. Oct. 1, 1872, Jennie A. Britton of R., b. Oct. 13, 1843; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Lena Luthera*,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 21, 1877. 2. *Leon Hiram*, b. Nov. 8, 1881.
- iv. LUCIA, b. Mar. 10, 1846; m. Weller Bishop; d. Jan. 5, 1890.
- v. MORGAN C., b. Aug. 20, 1847; m. Feb. 2, 1867, Emma M. Sayles of Constantine; d. Oct. 14, 1903. Children: 1. *Lucia Maud*,<sup>5</sup> b. Oelwein, Iowa, Aug. 23, 1869; m. Sept. 24, 1893, Frank S. Withers; no children. 2. *John Stewart*, b. Oelwein, Aug. 27, 1871, d. Aug. 30, 1871. 3. *Helen Grace*, b. Constantine, Aug. 2, 1874, d. Apr. 16, 1875. 4. *Nellie Vivian*, b. Constantine, Dec. 24, 1875, d. Jan. 11, 1876. 5. *Ruth Louise*, b. Constantine, Sept. 16, 1880; m. Dec. 31, 1899, Charles Clemens; res. Constantine. Child: Helen Barry,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1901.
12. KENDALL PATTEN<sup>3</sup> (*Joel*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 29, 1802; a farmer at S. R.; m. Dec. 3, 1829, Clarissa Perry, of S. R., b. March 1, 1805, d. Oct. 24, 1899; he d. Apr. 3, 1887.

## Children:

- i. LUCIUS PATTEN,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1830; d. Feb. 11, 1901; unm.
- ii. CLEOPATRA SMITH, b. Apr. 24, 1832; m. L. W. Pierce, Sept. 15, 1859, d. Jan. 1, 1899; she d. Nov. 12, 1864. Child: 1. *Charles Lucius*,<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 1, 1864; m. Amy E. Hill, Dec. 24, 1890. Children: i. Lillian M.,<sup>6</sup> b. May 24, 1893. ii. Roy L., b. Mar. 25, 1895.
- iii. MILTON PERRY, b. Feb. 3, 1836; m. Sarah A. Johnson, Sept. 24, 1862; served in the pay department of the army during the Civil war; wool dealer; res. S. R. Child: 1. *Henry Milton*,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1870; m. Sallie L. Edwards, Oct. 20, 1897; a journalist in Providence, R. I.
- iv. HENRY FLETCHER, b. Dec. 30, 1840; d. Oct. 29, 1850.
13. JAMES<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 18, 1802; m. June 19, 1827, Laura Hadley, of R., b. Sept. 16, 1804, d. Lyons, Mich., Jan. 7, 1886; he d. Ovid, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1833.

## Children:

- i. HARRIET ANGELINE,<sup>4</sup> b. R., June 18, 1828; m. Thomas Gamble of Lyons, Mich., Dec. 18, 1851; res. with her son James, a farmer in Pontiac, Mich. Children all b. West Bloomfield, Mich. 1. *Susan S.*,<sup>5</sup> b. June 22, 1853; d. Sept. 9, 1855. 2. *James Barry*, b. May 2, 1855; m. Frances E. Ellenwood, Jan. 12, 1881; no children. 3. *Frank Wilton*, b. Sept. 23, 1858; a merchant in Pontiac, Mich.; m. May Allen, Oct. 27, 1897. Child: Miriam,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1898.
- ii. MARTHA JANE, b. R., Apr. 21, 1831; d. Feb. 10, 1904; m. Andrew Van Dyke Quick of Birmingham, Mich., Oct. 21, 1869.
14. JOSEPH BARTLETT<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 2, 1806; m. Harriet Hapgood, in Acton, Mass., Oct. 7, 1830, b. Acton, Mass., Feb. 23, 1806, d. Ovid, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1884; he d. Ovid, Jan. 7, 1861.

## Children:

- i. CALISTA ANN,<sup>4</sup> b. Shirley, Mass., July 10, 1832; m. Aug. 29, 1849, Rev. Bowles C. Townsend at Ovid, N. Y., who d. Dec. 18, 1861. She has been a teacher at Jersey City Heights, N. J., more than

- forty years and is teaching there now at the age of seventy-four. Children: 1. *Harriet Barry*,<sup>5</sup> b. Port Richmond, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1851; d. Jersey City Heights, N. J. May 22, 1899; unm. 2. *Ann Haseltine*, b. Peach Orchard, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1856; m. Buel B. Brown at Salem, Dak.; Aug. 5, 1886; a teacher for many years, now retired; res. Little Falls, N. Y.
- ii. JAMES, b. Lowell, Mass., Nov. 12, 1833; m. Mary E. Sly at Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1858; a farmer, res. Ovid, N. Y. Children all b. Ovid, N. Y. 1. *Hattie Wisner*,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 28, 1859; res. Farmer, N. Y.; unm. 2. *William Bartlett*, b. Aug. 25, 1861; m. Sarah Isley, Oct. 12, 1883; res. Jersey City, N. J. Children: i. William Bartlett,<sup>6</sup> b. July 26, 1884; assistant cashier with John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co. ii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 12, 1885; d. Nov. 27, 1885. iii. Maude, b. Dec. 31, 1886; d. Jan. 29, 1888. iv. Rupert, b. Aug. 17, 1888; clerk with Penn. R. R. Co. v. Mabel, b. May 24, 1890; d. Mar. 23, 1891. vi. Chester Townsend, b. May 25, 1893. vii. Charles DeKay, b. May 25, 1893. 3. *James Amherst*, b. Apr. 3, 1863; m. Grace Donnelly, Oct. 12, 1888; res. Jersey City Heights, N. J. 4. *Charles DeKay*, b. Mar. 5, 1869; d. Apr. 4, 1873. 5. *Emma*, b. June 9, 1874; m. Nelson M. Boyce, Nov. 17, 1897; res. Ovid. 6. *Anna*, b. June 9, 1874; m. John K. Kelchner, Sept. 7, 1904; res. Ovid.
- iii. JOSEPH BARTLETT, b. Ovid, Sept. 2, 1835; m. Mattie Keys at Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 2, 1857; d. May 30, 1889; no children.
- iv. HANNAH HAPGOOD, b. Ovid, Oct. 11, 1837; m. Edwin C. Parker at Ovid, Sept. 7, 1864; rem. to West Acton, Mass. Children: 1. *Charles Barry*,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1866; d. Jan. 19, 1875. 2. *Joseph Clesson*, b. Mar. 10, 1868; m. Lucy Wise Dennis, Apr. 25, 1904; inspector of work in U. S. Amory at Springfield, Mass. 3. *Edwin Mason*, b. Nov. 26, 1870; an architect and superintendent of construction at Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn. 4. *Anna Calista*, b. Sept. 15, 1872; d. Jan. 30, 1875. 5. *Allen Brooks*, b. Oct. 22, 1874; m. Nora Elizabeth Spayd at Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 2, 1903; an attorney; res. with his parents at West Acton, Mass. Child: Allen Brooks,<sup>6</sup> b. May 2, 1905. 6. *Mary Catherine*, b. July 17, 1876; m. Oct. 14, 1903, William Henry Latham, superintendent of machine construction at Stanley Works, New Britain; retired kindergarten teacher. 7. *Bertha Jane*, b. July 25, 1878; d. Sept. 24, 1878. 8. *Walter Barry*, b. Jan. 6, 1881; d. Mar. 10, 1882.
15. SAMUEL LEWIS<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 8, 1808; m. Mary Hadley of Landgrove, Vt., at Ovid, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1834; d. Ovid, Apr. 11, 1881.
- Children:
- i. DELIA ORETTE,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1838; d. Feb. 21, 1877.
  - ii. HELEN ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 9, 1841; res. at the old homestead, on a farm at Ovid; unm.
  - iii. EDWIN STOWELL, b. Oct. 6, 1843; m. Deborah Smalley, Oct. 26, 1864; a retired farmer; res. near Farmer, N. Y.
  - iv. JAMES ORLANDO, b. July 14, 1846; d. Apr. 29, 1863.
  - v. EMILY FRANCES, b. Jan. 8, 1849; res. at the old homestead, at Ovid; unm.
16. ARNOLD MASON<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 30, 1825; m. Nov. 30, 1846, Sarah J. Fairbanks; d. Aurora, W. Va., Aug. 13, 1895.
- Children:
- i. OLIVE H,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1847; m. Jan. 8, 1868, Henry Clay Marsh; res. Cumberland, Md. Children: 1. *Florence Geneva*,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct.



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Founder of Bartonsville.



- 16, 1868, d. Mar. 4, 1869. 2. *Roby Clifton*, b. Oct. 10, 1870; m. in 1890, Mary E. Goetz; d. June 19, 1895. Children: i. Joseph,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1892, d. June 11, 1895. ii. Mary Olive, b. Mar. 5, 1895. 3. *Cora Etta*, b. Sept. 20, 1872; m. Nov. 16, 1894, Walter R. Chambers; res. Cumberland Child: Nadine Hattie,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 22, 1895. 4. *Thekla Owen*, b. March 22, 1875; m. Oct. 12, 1902, Lizzie Wise; res. Cumberland. 5. *Henrietta Bosley*, b. Oct. 15, 1877, d. Sept. 2, 1899.
- ii. ELLA JANE, b. July 2, 1853; m. Apr. 10, 1876, William B. Stemple; res. Aurora. Children: 1. *Arthur Milton*,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1877. 2. *Blanche Ethel*, b. May 24, 1879. 3. *Unice Myrtle*, b. June 16, 1883. 4. *Cleveland*, b. Oct. 12, 1885. 5. *Sidney O.*, b. Mar. 30, 1890, d. Oct., 1905. 6. *Helen Irene*, b. Jan. 6, 1892.
- iii. ELWIN MASON, b. May 8, 1867, d. July 20, 1871.
17. HOLLAND<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathau*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 30, 1834; m. Hattie Fairbanks, Sept. 18, 1854. He had both hands blown off by the premature discharge of a cannon, July 4, 1854; d. Aug. 9, 1867.
- Children:
- i. CLARA ELLEN,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 16, 1856, d. July 25, 1862.
- ii. ARTHUR NORTON, b. Mar. 14, 1864, d. July 27, 1867.
- iii. OLIN M., b. Sept. 20, 1865; d. Oct. 10, 1886.

## BARTON

JEREMIAH<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Jeremiah*, b. 1763, d. 1847, and *Susan Dennis*, b. 1777, d. 1813), b. Andover, Vt., Feb. 16, 1797; early employed as purser on a line of lake steamers; about 1832 rem. to a farm which he owned near Bartonsville, living there about 35 years; built the old tavern building still standing in the village of Bartonsville, of which village he was the founder; owned the water-power then existing on the Williams river at Bartonsville on which was a saw and grist-mill; in 1865 sold the farm and moved into the village, becoming proprietor of the tavern. He m. Dec. 30, 1823, Sarah Wetherbee, b. Mar. 29, 1800, d. Mar. 16, 1863. He d. at Bartonsville, Dec. 18, 1879.

## Children:

- i. HARRIET,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1824; m. Ammi Willard Wright. (*See Wright*.)
- ii. LUCY ANN, b. Nov. 6, 1825; m. Mar. 6, 1845, Osman B. Emery of Bartonsville, b. Apr. 21, 1817, d. Oct. 11, 1867; she d. Sept. 24, 1885. Children: 1. *Jeremiah Barton*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 13, 1847; served 3 yrs. in the army in the Civil war; d. Mar. 17, 1866; unm. 2. *Esther Louise*, b. June 23, 1849; m. 1st Jan. 2, 1868, Joel Marble; m. 2d July 12, 1888, Albert R. Corey; res. Bartonsville. Children by first wife all b. in R.: i. Ernest,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 10, 1868; m. 1st Maud Smith of Athens, Vt.; m. 2d Lizzie (Clark) Wheelock of Putney, Vt. Child by first wife, Edith,<sup>5</sup> b. May 31, 1891; res. Bartonsville. ii. Lillie, b. Dec. 5, 1869; m. Sidney L. Amsden; res. Chester, Vt.; no children. iii. Minnie, b. Mar. 15, 1874; m. John J. Dorand of R. (*See Dorand*.) 3. *Lucy Ann*, b. Jan. 4, 1852, d. Mar. 20, 1864. 4. *Sarah Barton*, b. July 1, 1868, d. Aug. 28, 1868.
- iii. MARY, b. Feb. 1, 1828; d. May 5, 1833.
- iv. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 27, 1830; d. Feb. 29, 1832.
- v. SARAH, b. Jan. 30, 1833; m. Michael Lovell. (*See Lovell*.)
- vi. GEORGE D., b. in R., Jan. 10, 1836; grad. Vt. Academy at S. R. and from G. M. Liberal Institute of Woodstock, Vt.; rem. to Neb.



and engaged in farming, lumbering and mercantile business. He m. 1st Lucy Augusta Morris; m. 2d Jan. 12, 1881, Mina C. Estey, b. Ludlow, Vt., Jan. 12, 1860; he d. Filley, Neb., Oct. 28, 1885; she res. at Filley. Children by second wife: 1. *Fanny Sylvia*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1882; m. Feb. 6, 1901, William B. Linscott of Filley, Neb.; res. Filley. Child: Mark Ruskin,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 20, 1902. 2. *Nelly Sarah*, b. Dec. 20, 1884; m. Feb. 14, 1906, Benjamin J. Clark; res. Filley, Neb.

## BAXTER

HORACE,<sup>1</sup> was an early resident of whom meagre information is obtainable. As a young man he studied law with Lawyer Webb in Rockingham village and was admitted to the bar in Windham county, June 7, 1814; became an attorney of much repute; was judge of probate for this district many years: res. at S. R. in what is now known as the "Sid Perry house" on the south side of Main street, and later res. in B. F., first in a dwelling where the Island House now stands, then on the north side of School street; was postmaster at R. 1812 to 1818; in 1846 he had as a law partner in B. F., his son, John N. Baxter.

He m. July 6, 1813, Elvira, dau. of Jehiel and Mary Webb, of R., who d. Sept. 23, 1861, ae. 70 years; he d. May 8, 1857, ae. 67; both interred in Immanuel cemetery, B. F.

Children (there may have been others):

- i. MARTHA,<sup>2</sup> d. Mar. 21, 1835, ae. 20 years.
- ii. H. HENRY, b. S. R. Jan. 18, 1818; was in mercantile business in B. F., when the railroads were built through here; took a contract for grading "the island" at B. F., and also 3 miles of the R. & B. railroad in this town, beginning a career as railroad contractor and manager in which he amassed a large fortune; he located in Rutland, Vt., in 1854 and res. there and in N. Y. the remainder of his life; was adjutant general of Vermont during the Civil war and became prominent in military circles: presented the Baxter Library to the city of Rutland; noted as a "handsome man" as was his father, also. He m. 1st Eliza, dau. of S. R. B. Wales, of B. F., who d. B. F. Sept. 8, 1849; no children. He m. 2d Dec. 18, 1851, Mary E. Roberts of Manchester, Vt.; he d. N. Y. city Feb. 17, 1884. Children: 1. *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 18, 1856; d. March 20, 1860. 2. *Hugh Henry*, b. Oct. 2, 1861; res. N. Y. city.
- iii. ALGERNON SIDNEY, b. in R. Nov. 14, 1819; was prominent locally in developing the Abenaki mineral spring in the '50s; later rem. to N. Y. city, where he d. Apr. 28, 1897. He m. Maria W. —, who d. Apr. 4, 1854, ae. 34 yrs. Among their children were: 1. *Charles Henry*,<sup>3</sup> who d. in N. Y., Dec. 13, 1847, ae. 5 years and 8 months; 2. *William Wallace*, b. Apr. 1, 1845; d. June 18, 1890; 3. *Frank*, who d. Apr. 15, 1854, ae. 8 mo.
- iv. JOHN N., was admitted to the Windham county bar Apr. 7, 1846 and practised in B. F. some years in company with his father; later rem. to Rutland, Vt.; he m. Sarah C. —; a son, *Johnnie*,<sup>3</sup> d. May 12, 1852, ae. 4 yrs. and 8 mo.
- v. MARY WEBB, d. Apr. 8, 1840, ae. 16 yrs.

## BELKNAP

WILLIS C.<sup>1</sup> (s. of J. Q. A., gr. s. of Joseph), b. Berlin, Vt., Apr. 7, 1866; grad. Dartmouth, '92, Ann Arbor (Law Dept.), '93; then employed by the *Chattanooga* (Tenn.) *Daily Times*, until '95, when he came to B. F. Has

been editor and publisher of the *Bellows Falls Times* since that year. He m. Katie M., dau. of W. B. Carpenter of B. F., Apr. 6, 1898, b. West Topsham, Vt., May 20, 1876.

Children all b. B. F.:

- i. PAUL CARPENTER,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 8, 1899.
- ii. CAROLINE MAY, b. Apr. 7, 1902.
- iii. MARGARET ARDELLE, b. Feb. 1, 1904.
- iv. HILDA FRANCES, b. Apr. 3, 1906.

### BELLOWS

AMASA<sup>5</sup> (*Ezra<sup>4</sup> of Springfield, Vt., Ithamar<sup>3</sup> of Westboro, Mass., John<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Lunenburg, Mass., Jan. 10, 1777; rem. with his parents to Springfield about 1788; came to R. about 1812; lived many years on a farm in R., near the Springfield line, where he d. Jan. 8, 1857; bur. in Athens, Vt.; he m. Nov. 12, 1812, Betsey Bailey of R.

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. July 4, 1813; m. Reba Nichols of Athens, Vt.; d. in Putney, Vt., 1888.
- ii. MARY, b. Mar. 9, 1815; m. Orin Nichols of Athens, Vt.; d. Iowa City, Oct. 17, 1857.
- iii. LOUISA, b. Dec. 24, 1817; m. W. R. Lynch; d. 1857.
- iv. CURTIS H., b. Feb. 10, 1819; m. Abigail Jane Simonds; res. Wilton, N. H.
- v. TRYPHENA, b. Aug. 30, 1821; d. Putney, Vt., Feb. 27, 1849: unm.
- vi. WILLIAM MERRILL, b. Oct. 11, 1825; was thirty-two years horse-car driver between Boston and Brookline; m. Carrie A. Bailey; he d. Brookline, Mar. 1, 1894; seven children.
- vii. CHARLES FRANKLIN, b. Dec. 14, 1827; forty years in the iron trade in Boston; m. Mary Frances Snow; he d. Brookline, Mass., Jan. 7, 1896. Children: 1. *Frances*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Charles Franklin*.

### BELLOWS

COL. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> (*Benjamin<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup> of Concord and Marlboro, Mass., emigrated from England in the "Hesperwell," 1635*), b. Lancaster, Mass., May 26, 1712; "the founder of Walpole, N. H.;" a grantee of Rockingham, and the most influential citizen of this vicinity in his day. (See Chapters III. and IV. of this volume, also "The Bellows Genealogy," 1898, by Thomas Bellows Peck.) A few of the descendants of Col. Benjamin have been prominent in Rockingham. Among these:

ROSWELL<sup>5</sup> (*John<sup>4</sup> Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Benjamin<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Walpole, Jan. 23, 1779; early a merchant in Walpole and, about 1801, rem. to S. R. where he was a farmer and the owner of the water-power in that village, which he sold in 1814 to Jeduthan Russell. He was the first postmaster of the town, Jan. 1, 1801 to Jan. 1, 1802, the office being located at Rockingham village; selectman, 1804; he m. Aug. 5, 1801, Martha, dau. of John Lovell of R.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. HARRY C.,<sup>6</sup> who rem. to Florida, later to Varcues, Tex. and d. in Tex. about 1878.
- ii. MARTHA, b. about 1811; m. Anthony Gould, a prominent bookseller and publisher of Albany, N. Y., d. Albany, May, 1858; she

- d. Albany, Nov., 1872. Child: *John*,<sup>7</sup> b. Albany about 1842; d. 1882 or 1883.
- iii. FREDERICK HUBBARD, b. Jan. 27, 1810; a shoemaker, and later, farmer; m. Oct. 10, 1842, Harriet M. Colby, d. Walpole, Oct. 5, 1896; he d. Plymouth, Vt., Jan. 28, 1854. Children: 1. *Eugene Frederick*,<sup>7</sup> d. in Libby Prison, Aug. 15, 1864. 2. *Charles Edwin*. 3. *Otoline Frances*. 4. *Alwilda L.* 5. *Herbert D'Lone* of Walpole, N. H.
- iv. FRANCES MARY, b. Oct. 19, 1816; m. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1840, John Aikin Millard, a prominent lawyer of Troy, N. Y. Children: 1. *Mary Lovell*,<sup>7</sup> 2. *John Aikin*. 3. *Anthony Gould*. 4. *Edward Walgrove*. 5. *Herbert Bellows*. 6. *Frances Augusta*.

MAJOR JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> (*Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup> of Concord), b. Lunenburg, Mass., Nov. 3, 1770; came to Walpole with his father's family when 16 years old. He later engaged there in hotel business, and kept a general store, holding many town offices. In 1812, or 1813, he rem. to R. and took charge of the large meadow farm 2 miles north of B. F. owned by his brother, Abel Bellows; res. there until his death, Mar. 22, 1821. In 1820 he was prostrated by an electric shock while closing a window of his residence on the meadows, and never recovered. By the same storm his 7 barns were burned, together with outbuildings, and the large value of the season's crops was an entire loss. He was an accomplished military officer, prominent in the New Hampshire militia previous to coming to R.

He m. 1st Jan. 7, 1794, Deborah Wright of Lunenburg, d. Sept. 9, 1802; m. 2d Mary Adams, b. Lunenburg, July 17, 1774, d. Concord, N. H., May 26, 1859.

Children of 1st wife all b. in Walpole:

- i. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 3, 1794; d. Feb. 21, 1803.
- ii. DAVID, b. June 23, 1796; d. Dec. 24, 1797.
- iii. GORDON, b. June 30, 1798; d. July 7, 1798.
- iv. GEORGE, b. Apr. 24, 1799; grad. Dartmouth Medical school, 1826; d. in Hartford, Vt., Jan. 15, 1830.
- v. ELIZA, b. Sept. 13, 1801; m. Calvin Ainsworth, Jr., a lawyer in Littleton, N. H., Concord, N. H., and Madison, Wis., where he d. July 7, 1873; she d. Littleton, Feb. 3, 1837.  
Children of 2d wife all b. in Walpole except the last who was b. in R.
- vi. HENRY ADAMS, b. Oct. 25, 1803; d. in Concord, N. H., Mar. 11, 1873; a lawyer in Littleton and Concord; asso. justice of Supreme Court of N. H. (1859—1869); chief justice (1869—1873).
- vii. MARY STEARNS, b. Oct. 26, 1808; d. Sept. 15, 1809.
- viii. FRANCES ANN, b. Apr. 18, 1819; d. in Littleton, Dec. 22, 1836.
- ix. WILLIAM JOSEPH, b. July 3, 1817; d. in Littleton, Aug. 29, 1906; a lawyer and successful merchant in L., and a man of literary taste and ability.

#### BENTON

JACOB,<sup>1</sup> from 1787 until his death, Jan. 13, 1807, was a citizen of R., and lived upon a small farm on the river road near B. F. He did a small business, trading with different points in Connecticut by boat, sending down staves and shingles and other merchandise, and receiving salt and other staple articles of that day. He came with his family from Harwinton, Conn., to Alstead, N. H., about 1782.

He was b. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 2, 1728/1729, s. of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hinsdell) Benton, and was a descendant of Andrew Benton, b. in Eng-



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land in 1620, d. in Hartford, Conn., in 1683. He m. Hannah — (probably Slade).

Children :

- i. PHINEAS,<sup>2</sup> b. Harwinton, Conn., probably 1757 or 1758; probably d. in childhood.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Harwinton, Conn., about 1759; m. Silas Gridley; d. Harwinton, Aug. 23, 1820.
- iii. MABEL, b. probably 1761; m. 1st Jonathan Watts of Alstead, N. H.; m. 2d John Worcester of Alstead; d. St. Johnsbury, Vt., about 1831.
- iv. JACOB, b. Harwinton in 1766; res. Rockingham, Walpole, and St. Johnsbury; d. St. Johnsbury Sept. 7, 1828; unm.
- v. REYNOLD, b. 1768; m. Huldah Clark; d. Hartford, Conn., Mar. 20, 1811.
- vi. CHAUNCEY, b. Aug. 1, 1770; lived in Cornwall, Vt., and Hartford, Conn.; m. Betsey Bidwell; d. Hartford, Aug. 17, 1833.
- vii. MARY, b. Sept. 18, 1772; m. Samuel Kingsbury of Alstead, N. H.; d. Amherst, Mass., June 19, 1841.
- viii. SAMUEL SLADE, b. Harwinton, Conn., April 22, 1777; m. in Charlestown, N. H., Esther Prouty. They lived in Waterford, St. Johnsbury and Newbury, Vt., and Lancaster, N. H.; a farmer; d. Newbury, Dec. 15, 1857. He was the grandfather of two prominent citizens of Boston at the present time, Col. Everett C. Benton and Col. Josiah H. Benton, Jr., and of John E. Benton, a lawyer in Keene, N. H. (See "Samuel Slade Benton, his ancestors and descendants. By Josiah Henry Benton, Jr., Boston, 1901.")

## BILLINGS

SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Roger*,<sup>2</sup> *Roger*,<sup>1</sup> *who emigrated from England, and was living in Dorchester, Mass., in 1635*), b. Lunenburg, Mass., Feb. 14, 1781; came to R. village about 1806 from Lunenburg; a tanner, built the tannery in the village and established an extensive business, located on the brook just west of the Lovell tavern. He erected the Billings homestead on the hill nearby, now owned and occupied by Emerson Smith. His death occurred there after a brief illness Dec. 14, 1817. His characteristics are well told in the following obituary in the *B. F. Intelligencer* of Dec. 29, 1817:

"On Sunday, Dec. 14th inst., after a short illness, much lamented, Mr. Samuel Billings, aged 36, exemplary as a Christian, useful as a citizen, and in integrity fully exemplifying that 'An honest man is the noblest work of God.'" "

He m. Oct., 1804, Susannah Divoll, b. Lancaster, Mass., Jan. 25, 1781. d. at R. Nov. 1, 1849. She was a sister of Manasseh Divoll who later engaged in the tannery business with Mr. Billings. Early left a widow with eight children to rear and educate, the struggles of this brave woman, whose portrait adorns another page, were particularly severe. She was an exemplary Christian and devout member of the 1st chh. in R., in which each of her children were bap., and all of the family regularly attended. The remains of both Samuel Billings and his wife Susannah are interred in the old town cemetery in Rockingham village.

Children :

- i. SUSAN,<sup>7</sup> b. Groton, Mass., May 2, 1805; m. John Davis of R. (*See Davis*.)



- ii. JOSIAH, b. R., Nov. 9, 1806; a tanner; spent his active business life in McLean, Thompkins Co., N. Y.; m. Dec. 18, 1828, Deraxa La Mott, b. B. F., Jan. 13, 1806, d. July 3, 1886; he d. Cortland, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1879; no children.
  - i. iii. SAMUEL LEWIS, b. R., July 28, 1808; m. Valeria Adaline Prouty.
  - iv. SARAH, b. R., July 21, 1810; m. Apr. 22, 1834, Enoch D. Brown of Lunenburg, Mass., b. Dec. 14, 1809, d. Oct. 13, 1860; she d. Hamiltion, Ill., June 24, 1865; res. Riverside, Montabello Township, Ill. Children: 1. *Enoch Francis*,<sup>8</sup> b. Riverside, Ill., Sept. 19, 1836; d. Riverside, Oct. 3, 1865. 2. *Abby Eveline*, b. Riverside, Aug. 28, 1842; d. Riverside, Nov. 4, 1845.
  - v. MANASSEH, b. R., July 31, 1812; a carpenter in Galesburg, Ill.; m. Sept. 17, 1845, Clarissa Arnold of Brimfield, Ill., b. Windham, Vt., Oct. 25, 1824, d. July 21, 1887; he d. Apr. 3, 1891; no children.
  - vi. ANN MARIA, b. R., Apr. 29, 1814; m. John M. Weston, of R. (*See Weston*.)
  - vii. SOPHIA, b. R., Apr. 7, 1816; m. Dec. 31, 1834, George Preston Burt, of R., b. Dec. 18, 1808; a carpenter of Galva, Ill.; she d. Galva, Aug. 25, 1860; he d. Galva, Apr. 19, 1896; no children.
  - viii. MARY, b. R., July 30, 1818; m. Daniel Leverett Wiley. (*See Wiley*.)
1. SAMUEL LEWIS<sup>7</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Roger*,<sup>2</sup> *Roger*<sup>1</sup>), b. R., July 28, 1808; educated in district schools and attained marked culture through home study; a great student of history and early became a leader in town affairs; was representative to legislature in 1840-1; town clerk, 1845, 1849-1851; president of the famous Tippecanoe Club in 1840 on the occasion of Daniel Webster's visit to Stratton and B. F.; a man of strict integrity, honored and trusted by his townsmen; considered authority on all political questions of the day; at his home were frequent gatherings of prominent officials of the state and legislature; followed the trade of his father, succeeding him in the tanning business in R. village. - He m. May 10, 1830, Valeria Adeline, dau. of Luke and Susannah (Davis) Prouty of R., b. Salem, N. Y., May 11, 1809, d. R., Feb. 24, 1882; he d. R., Sept. 2, 1863.
- Children all b. in R.:
- i. HENRY FRANKLIN,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1831; res. Galva, Ill., Covington, Ky., now in Chicago, Ill.; m. Feb. 22, 1857, at Springfield, Vt., Harriet Frances Simonds. Children: 1. *Henry Frederick*,<sup>9</sup> b. Galva, Nov. 12, 1857; res. Chicago; unm. 2. *Lewis Oloff*, b. Galva, Feb. 16, 1859; res. Chicago; unm.
  - ii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 9, 1833; m. at B. F., Dec. 1, 1859, Laura Lovell Jackson, b. Feb. 23, 1835, d. Bartonsville, Feb. 1, 1888; res. in Chicago, Ill., where he was prominent in business until his death, which occurred there Jan. 5, 1875. Children all b. Chicago: 1. *Louis Jackson*,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1861; d. Bartonsville, June 2, 1878. 2. *Eugene*, b. Nov., 1862; d. Chicago, Feb., 1863. 3. *Harriet Elizabeth*, b. May 2, 1864; m. Joseph R. Richardson of Chester, Vt., Mar. 8, 1888. They res. Chester Depot; no children.
  - iii. HARRIET VALERIA, b. Dec. 28, 1834; m. Samuel Crawford Jackson of Bartonsville. (*See Jackson*.)
  - iv. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Nov. 7, 1837; went to Galesburg, Ill., 1859; became a merchant; m. at Galva, Ill., Nov. 14, 1859, Charlotte Alexine Davis, b. R., Nov. 10, 1840, d. Mar. 15, 1906; he d. R., Dec. 29, 1860. She m. 2d Mar. 6, 1866, John B. Minard of S. R.; res. S. R. Child: 1. *George Otis*,<sup>9</sup> b. Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 25, 1860; d. R., June 28, 1864.

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JOHN CLARK<sup>5</sup> (*Abner*,<sup>4</sup> *Abisha*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>1</sup> *who was one of the founders of New London, Conn., 1660*), b. Scotland, Conn., 1765; owned a farm and res. on Parker Hill in R. from 1812 to 1820; served in the Revolution, enlisting in Springfield, Vt., under Ira Allen as recruiting officer. He signed the papers in a hotel which stood on the east side of the river near Gould's mills; in 1820 he rem. with his family to Londonderry, Vt., where he d. and was interred in the old cemetery near the first church at the center of that town; m. 1st in 1786 or 1787, Caroline Charity Brockway, b. Marlow, N. H., 1770, d. Marlow, 1809; m. 2d Oct. 28, 1810, Silence Harlow of Springfield, Vt., d. Dec. 27, 1864; he d. Mar. 11, 1826.

## Children:

- i. ELISHA,<sup>6</sup> b. Marlow, Feb. 19, 1788; d. Aug. 10, 1849.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. Marlow, Apr. 4, 1790; d. Ovid, Mich., Dec. 25, 1861.
- iii. JOHN, b. Marlow, about 1791.
- iv. CAROLINE, E., b. in R. about 1811; m. Asahel Dodge of Stoddard, N. H., who d. Nov. 23, 1864.
- v. LYMAN H., b. in R., about 1812 or 1813; m. Mary Brown of Phila., Pa.; he d. Mar. 9, 1850.
- vi. FANNY, b. in R., 1814; d. Springfield, Vt., May 2, 1896; unm.
- vii. ABNER CLARK, b. in R., Dec. 16, 1815 or Jan. 16, 1816; d. Springfield, Vt., Apr. 9, 1897.
- viii. SOPHIA (Sophie), b. in R., Sept. 24, 1817 or Jan. 6, 1818; d. Springfield, May 27, 1883; unm.
- ix. SARAH CLARK, b. in R., Dec. 17, 1819; now living in Springfield, Vt., and is one of the few "Real Daughters" of the American Revolution now living in New England; unm.

## BLAKE

BILL<sup>6</sup> (*Seth*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> *who emigrated from Little Baddow, Essex County, England to Dorchester, Mass., in 1630*), b. Dorchester, Mass., April 2, 1774; came to Alstead, N. H., in 1799 and built the first paper-mill in this vicinity; came to B. F. in 1802 and erected the first paper-mill in Vt., which was burned and rebuilt in 1812, as described in Chapter XXIX.; sold the mill in 1824 to Green & Fleming and rem. to "The Forest," one mile west, where he erected a paper-mill, saw-mill, general store, and a number of dwellings; owned large tracts of land and dealt in lumber; these mills were destroyed by flood in 1826 and rebuilt; in 1836 sold the business to his three sons, William, Leonard and Schuyler, and rem. to S. R. village where he spent the remainder of his life; had been interested in erecting six paper-mills; bought the iron foundry in S. R. and operated it until 1849, then retired from active business.

In addition to his paper-mill business he established the first printing office in B. F., and in 1817 established and published the first newspaper here, *The Vermont Intelligencer and Bellows Falls Advertiser*, employing Thomas Green Fessenden as the first editor; the first edition of a Bible to be printed in Vt., was issued from his press in large quarto form and many other books were published as shown in Chapter XXX. He established the first book bindery and book store in B. F., and had in addition a dry goods and grocery store. In 1830 he purchased the wheelwright business in B. F., formerly carried on by Solomon Snow.

The title of "Captain" by which Mr. Blake was always known, and which is given upon his tombstone in Immanuel cemetery, was probably derived from his having been a captain in the old militia company here in his early days. During the residence of Capt. Blake in B. F., he can rightfully be termed the leading citizen of the place, and was connected with most of its prominent enterprises.

The Blake record is an interesting family history as it is traced distinctly for six hundred years to a member of "King Arthur's Round Table," or one-tenth of the time to Adam, according to Jewish chronology.

Bill Blake m. Jan. 15, 1799, Polly, 3d dau. of Joseph Wait, M. D., of Millbury, Mass.; d. Nov. 19, 1856; he d. at S. R., Dec. 4, 1856.

Children, 1st b. in Alstead, N. H., and the rest in B. F.:

- i. LUCINDA,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 21, 1799; m. Solomon Snow; d. Sept. 15, 1870.
1. ii. WILLIAM BILL, b. May 9, 1803; m. Betsey Robertson.
- iii. BELANA B., b. June 15, 1805; m. Simeon White; d. June 7, 1862.
2. iv. LEONARD WAIT, b. Aug. 27, 1807; m. Rhoda Russell of S. R.
3. v. SCHUYLER, b. Apr. 29, 1809; m. Mary A. Rhoades.
- vi. MARY ANN, b. Mar. 18, 1811; m. Stephen Mellish; d. June 30, 1836.
- vii. JOSHUA, b. Aug. 14, 1815; d. Aug. 27, 1815.
- viii. ALBERT, b. Oct. 12, 1816; d. Oct. 28, 1816.
- ix. LOUISA, b. Dec. 21, 1817; m. Lucius E. Locke of S. R. (*See Locke.*)
- x. HARRIET, b. Jan. 28, 1821; d. Sept. 12, 1839; unm.

1. WILLIAM BILL<sup>7</sup> (*Bill*,<sup>6</sup> *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. in B. F., May 9, 1803; many years a paper manufacturer at "The Forest" and had a store there; was a justice of the peace, served on school committee 20 years; was captain in the local militia; left "The Forest" in 1861 and with his son-in-law, A. R. Johonnot, opened a drug store in Walpole, N. H.; later res. in Greenfield, Mass., where he d. and was buried. He m. Nov. 29, 1830, Betsey, only dau. of John Robertson of B. F.; d. in Greenfield, Feb. 26, 1884; he d. Aug. 30, 1887.

Children:

- i. MARY ELIZABETH,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 29, 1836; m. Apr. 25, 1859, Artemas Robbings Johonnot, a descendant of the Huguenots; he d. Holyoke, Mass., Jan. 7, 1874; buried in Greenfield, Mass.; she res. Holyoke. Children: 1. *Ellen Louisa*,<sup>9</sup> b. Waukesha, Wis., Sept. 22, 1860; m. July 10, 1892, George Taylor, M. D.; res. Holyoke, Mass.; no children. 2. *Charles William*, b. Walpole, N. H., Apr. 21, 1863; m. Apr. 20, 1892, Fannie Billings of Newton Upper Falls, Mass.; res. there. Child: *Caroline Wilmington*,<sup>10</sup> b. May 5, 1897.
3. *Margaret Lockwood*, b. Walpole, Apr. 17, 1865; res. Holyoke, unm. 4. *Mary Blake*, b. Lyndon, Vt., Feb. 21, 1868; d. Aug. 31, 1868.
- ii. ELLEN REBEKAH, b. Jan. 24, 1838; m. Albert Allen, Mar. 26, 1860; d. Greenfield, July 22, 1878; she d. Dec. 4, 1902. Children: 1. *William Blake*,<sup>9</sup> b. at "The Forest," Mar. 28, 1861; m. Abbie Varnie; res. Greenfield. Children: i. *Burt*,<sup>10</sup> ii. *Charles Henry*.
- iii. *Ethel*. 2. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Greenfield, Aug. 20, 1864; m. Frank R. Seaver; res. in Springfield, Mass.; one son. 3. *George Albert*, b. Greenfield, Sept. 4, 1866; d. Oct. 19, 1867.
2. LEONARD WAIT<sup>7</sup> (*Bill*,<sup>6</sup> *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. B. F., Aug. 27, 1807; always followed the business of his father, that of paper making, and at the time of his death was in company with his



SCHUYLER BLAKE.

1809-1867.

BETSY ROBERTSON, WIFE OF WILLIAM B. BLAKE, AND TWO DAUGHTERS

MARY ELIZABETH JOHANNOT, ELLEN REBERAH ALLEN.

POLLY WAIT BLAKE.

WILLIAM H. BLAKE.

Son of Schuyler Blake.

HENRY S. BLAKE.

Son of Schuyler Blake.

WILLIAM BILL BLAKE.

1803-1887.





brothers, Schuyler and William, operating "The Forest" mills: m. Mar. 27, 1836, Rhoda, dau. of Jeduthan Russell of S. R., b. Sept. 14, 1810, d. S. R., July 10, 1902; he d. at "The Forest," July 20, 1848.

Child:

- i. LEONARD WAIT,<sup>8</sup> b. at "The Forest," Nov. 23, 1841; m. May 14, 1865, Mary E. Stevens of Goffstown, N. H.; res. S. R. Children: 1. *Bessie E.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 1, 1873; m. Nov. 27, 1890, John H. Eastman of Cambridgeport, Vt.; d. Aug. 6, 1902. Child: Clarence H.,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 2, 1891. 2. *Charles Leonard*, b. Dec. 21, 1875; m. Feb. 14, 1896, Bernice White of R.; res. Springfield, Vt.; no children.
3. SCHUYLER<sup>7</sup> (*Bill*,<sup>6</sup> *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. in B. F., Apr. 29, 1809; rem. to Dalton, Mass., in 1860 where he was employed by the Crane Co., paper makers; prepared the first pulp which was used in making bank note paper; in 1864 rem. to Holyoke, Mass. He m. Mary A. Rhoades of Grafton, Vt., d. Holyoke, May 3, 1897; he d. Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 25, 1867; both are interred in Immanuel church-yard in B. F.

Children:

- i. MARTHA A.,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 13, 1838; m. in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 24, 1864, Willis A. Brown of Peru, Mass., res. Providence, R. I. Child: 1. *George E.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Hinsdale, Mass., Jan. 28, 1869; m. Gertrude J. Gladding of Bristol, R. I.; res. Providence, R. I. No children.
- ii. HENRY S., b. 1839, was the first man to enlist in the town of R. in the Civil war and was the only member of the 1st Vt. Regt. from R.; was later warden of the almshouse at Holyoke, Mass.; d. May 7, 1903; interred in B. F.; unm.
- iii. WILLIAM H., b. 1843, was learning the printing business with Hiram Atkins at B. F. when the Civil war broke out; served 2 yrs. in "Berdan's Sharpshooters;" later a druggist in Springfield, Mass.; m. in Holyoke, Mass., in 1868, Elizabeth E. Casey. Children: 1. *Grace M.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Holyoke, 1873; m. 1893, William E. Parsons of Springfield, Mass.; res. Springfield. Children: i. Gladys,<sup>10</sup> b. 1896. ii. William E., b. 1900. 2. *G. Lulu*, b. Holyoke, 1878; m. 1902 Henry Thayer of Springfield; res. Springfield. Child, Welcome,<sup>10</sup> b. 1903.
- iv. EDWARD M., d. in infancy.
- v. GEORGE, d. in infancy.
- vi. LULIE M., b. Oct. 7, 1856; m. Sept. 1, 1881, Frank L. Buck; res. Holyoke. Children: 1. *Earl H.*,<sup>9</sup> b. 1891. 2. *Mattie Lolo*, b. 1894.

## BLAKE

EDMUND<sup>7</sup> (*James*,<sup>6</sup> *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. B. F., Jan. 27, 1807; engaged first in paper making (when made by hand), then in lumber business; also had charge of the canal and locks from 1844 to 1871; a mechanical genius; in 1847 prepared and published "A Hand-Book for Farmers, Mechanics, Merchants, Lumber Dealers and Working Men," used extensively in New England.

He m. 1st Nov. 27, 1834, Mary C. Wood of Alstead, N. H., d. in Alstead, Sept. 29, 1842; m. 2d Sept. 3, 1844, Caroline T. Wood of Alstead, d. B. F., Mar. 10, 1895; he d. B. F., Aug. 8, 1882.

Children:



- i. JAMES HATCH,<sup>8</sup> b. B. F., May 7, 1836; res. Rutland. Children: 1. *May Bird*,<sup>9</sup> b. B. F., June 12, 1862; m. Donald Cameron in California, d. there Feb., 1902. 2. *Edmund James*, b. Rutland, Nov. 22, 1893.
- ii. EMMA ELIZABETH, b. B. F., June 21, 1848; res. B. F.; unm.

## BLAKE

SETH MARSHALL<sup>7</sup> (*Joseph*,<sup>6</sup> *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenzer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Brookfield, Vt., Aug. 17, 1817; learned printer's trade in Montpelier, Vt., and in 1839 came to B. F. as compositor in the office of the *Bellows Falls Gazette*; in June 1843, in company with Goldsmith F. Bailey, purchased the paper and later owned it alone; published many books from his office; sold the printing business in 1846; learned the dental profession, and established an office in B. F. in 1847, which he continued for 30 years. His office was in the 2d story of the Barry block on the east side of Westminster street.

Dr. Blake was active and instrumental in creating sentiment for the building of railroads between 1847 and 1851, and secured important subscriptions to the stock for them. He was always prominent in all business affairs of his time.

Early in life he developed a great interest in astronomy and articles from his pen upon this subject attracted the attention of the scientific world. He had one of the most powerful and best telescopes then in Vt., well mounted in a tower erected upon his dwelling on Atkinson street. In 1885 he was credited by several observatories and colleges with the discovery of a planet called the "Star of Bethlehem," appearing only once in 300 yrs., before it had been announced by others.

Dr. Blake had the name of being the best marksman with a rifle in this part of New England, and was frequently spoken of as a "crack shot."

He m. Aug., 18, 1842, Martha Jane Glover of Concord, N. H., b. Dec. 24, 1820, d. B. F., June 7, 1892; he d. B. F., June 25, 1904.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. GEORGE SPURZHEIM,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 16, 1843; was a R. R. engineer during most of his life; a veteran of the Civil war; m. Apr. 10, 1866, Lizzie Harvey of Keene, N. H.; he d. Windsor, Vt., May 14, 1906. Child: 1. *George Ernest*,<sup>9</sup> b. B. F., Aug. 17, 1867; is employed by the B. & M. R. R., at B. F.; unm.
- ii. HELEN LOUISE, b. Apr. 11, 1845; m. Dec. 25, 1862, E. E. Dewey, then of B. F., now res. Brookline, Mass.; she d. Aug. 12, 1890. Children: 1. *Lela*,<sup>9</sup> m. O. Atashian. 2. *Virginia*, m. M. Atashian. 3. *Helen*, deceased.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 11, 1847; d. Oct. 6, 1848.
- iv. CHARLES MARSHALL, b. July 21, 1849; one of the founders of the Brewing Co., located in Walpole on Cold river; is now owner of a paper-mill at the mouth of Saxton's river, firm of Blake & Higgins; m. Sept. 2, 1880, Eva L., dau. of Warren Walker of B. F.; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Emily Isabelle Walker*,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1883. 2. *Margaret Louise*, b. June 14, 1890.
- v. FRANKLIN, b. B. F., July 6, 1851; d. Dec. 12, 1851.
- vi. FREDERICK JOSEPH, b. Dec. 3, 1853; photographer of B. F.; now of Rutland, Vt.; m. 1st Jan. 2, 1884, Gratia M. Jones of Claremont, N. H., d. Mar., 1884, m. 2d June 11, 1888, Rosaline E. Banfil of

- Nashua, N. H.; d. Mar. 1900. Child: 1. *Francis Banfil*,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 4, 1892.
- vii. WALTER GLOVER, b. Oct. 21, 1855; clerk in paper-mill office; m. Oct. 5, 1881, Ida Green of Burlington, Vt.; res. B. F.; no children.
- viii. JOHN FREMONT, b. Feb. 23, 1858; m. Oct. 21, 1885, Florence Lally of Augusta, Me. Children: 1. *Philip Evans*,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 4, 1886. 2. *Marguerite*, b. Mar. 30, 1889. 3. *Gordon*, b. 1890. 4. *Harry*, b. 1894. 5. *Frank*, b. 1896.
- ix. HENRY LINCOLN, b. Feb. 26, 1860; florist and fish dealer; m. Mar. 31, 1885, Nettie B. Carr of Claremont, N. H.; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Marion Gertrude*,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1887. 2. *Gladys H.*, b. June 26, 1889.
- x. JENNIE S., b. Nov. 14, 1864; m. Sept. 15, 1886, Carroll W. Black, clerk in paper-mill office; res. B. F. Child: 1. *Evaline*,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept., 1888; d. ae. 2 yrs.

## BLODGETT

DR. JOHN HENRY (*s. of Henry, gr. s. of Ira, gr. gr. s. of Ruel*), b. Grafton, Vt., Dec. 31, 1867; grad. Vt. Academy, 1891; University of Vt. Ph. B., 1895, and M. D., 1897; Boston City Hospital, 1899; school director and health officer of the town of R., m. Oct. 9, 1901, Mary L. Abercrombie of Boston, Mass., b. St. Helens, Lancashire, Eng.; res. S. R.; no children.

## BOLLES

LEMUEL,<sup>1</sup> was one of the early settlers in R., coming here from Westminster as early as 1799. He lived on a farm in "Atcherson Hollow" about one mile north of Cambridgeport during the remainder of his life. He m. Nancy Chamberlain; he d. Aug. 26, 1827, ae. 51; was buried at S. R.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. NANCY,<sup>2</sup> m. Peleg Winslow; res. Townshend, Vt.; d. there ae. nearly 100 yrs.
- ii. HANNAH, m. Prosper Merrill of Cambridgeport; later res. in Reading and Woodstock, Vt. He was a prominent woolen manufacturer.
- iii. LEMUEL, m. a dau. of Esek Weaver; a trader; res. Cambridgeport.
- iv. ITHAMAR, b. 1813; a trader and farmer; res. Cambridgeport; m. 1st Martha S., dau. of Hiram Wood of Cambridgeport, d. Nov. 29, 1859; m. 2d Rebecca E. Farr of Athens, Vt., d. Mar. 7, 1887; he d. Aug. 11, 1882. Children all b. in R.: 1. *Francis Almon*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 31, 1843; grad. Tuft's college 1870; admitted to Windham county bar 1873, and has practised in R. since; town clerk since 1872; m. Aug. 25, 1870, Augusta R. Carleton of Woodstock, Vt. Children all b. B. F.: i. Almon Ithamar,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 15, 1871; an attorney of B. F., and No. Walpole, N. H.; m. June 17, 1897, Mary Chapin Nims, b. No. Walpole, Oct. 23, 1871; res. No. Walpole. Children all b. No. Walpole: 1. Margaret Chapin,<sup>5</sup> b. July 22, 1899. 2. Gertrude Nims, b. June 13, 1901. 3. Albert Thomas, b. June 25, 1903. ii. Edmond Carleton, b. Oct. 27, 1873; an employee of Nat. Bank of B. F.; m. Sept. 9, 1897, Myrtie Barrus of Keene, N. H., d. Aug. 20, 1905; he res. B. F. Child: Carleton Francis,<sup>6</sup> b. White River Jct. Vt., June 24, 1898. iii. Francis Richardson, b. Sept. 14, 1886; grad. B. F. H. S. 1905; a student of Harvard college. 2. *Frederick C.*, b. Mar. 9, 1862; res. in R. until about 1886; later res. in Boston, Mass.
- v. NELSON, res. Townshend, and Newfane, Vt.; m. Emeline Putnam; he d. Newfane.

- vi. AUGUSTA, m. Col. Samuel B. Wells of Athens, Vt.; she d. Brattleboro, Vt.
- vii. MARY, d. young.

## BOWTELL

GEORGE LOUIS<sup>1</sup> (*son of Josiah*), b. Charlestown, N. H., May 29, 1826; rem. early to B. F., and was a locomotive engineer between B. F. and Fitchburg, on the Cheshire R. R., 34 yrs.; m. Nov. 20, 1843, Mary A. Wise, b. Troy, N. H., May 21, 1827; he d. B. F., Aug. 17, 1899; she res. B. F.

## Children:

- i. MARY J.,<sup>2</sup> b. Fitchburg, Mass., July 4, 1848; m. George B. Wheeler. (*See Wheeler.*)
- ii. IDA L., b. Feb. 16, 1853; d. Apr. 8, 1855.
- iii. GEORGE AUGUSTUS, b. Keene, N. H., Oct. 2, 1854; a passenger conductor between B. F. and Boston: m. at Rutland, Vt., July 23, 1878, Nettie L. Sanderson: res. B. F. Child: 1. *Blanche Gertrude*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 18, 1880; m. Arthur H. Fuller, druggist: res. B. F.; no children.
- iv. WILL E., b. B. F., June 26, 1864; employee of laundry; res. B. F.; unm.

## BOWTELL

JOSIAH<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Josiah*), b. Charlestown, N. H., Mar. 17, 1816; was stage driver in early days between B. F., Charlestown and Keene: one of the first passenger conductors on the Rutland R. R., and later agent at B. F., was employed by the road over 40 years; a warden of Immanuel chh.; m. Apr. 30, 1839, Phoebe P. Downer, b. Newbury, Vt., d. at B. F., Nov. 5, 1892; he d. at B. F., May 8, 1889.

## Children:

- i. ALICE,<sup>2</sup> b. July 15, 1842; m. Sept. 26, 1872, Isaac Whitby: res. San Francisco, Cal.; she died Dec. 28, 1889. Children: 1. *M. Alice*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1875; m. Sept. 27, 1896, Arthur Lewis: res. San Francisco, Cal. Child: Marjorie.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Perley B.*, b. June 24, 1877; res. San Francisco; unm. 3. *Hattie E.*, b. July 27, 1879; m. May 15, 1900, Charles H. Tewksbury: res. Utica, N. Y. Child: Elizabeth,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1902. 4. *Henry J.*, b. July 11, 1883; res. San Francisco.
- ii. HENRY E., b. Jan. 10, 1845; railroad agent; m. Apr. 10, 1872, Mary A. Waite; res. B. F.: no children.
- iii. HATTIE E., b. July 2, 1848; m. June 18, 1872, Charles Averill; res. Fitchburg, Mass. Child: 1. *Volney G.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 20, 1873; m. Nov. 11, 1893, Elizabeth Blake; res. Fitchburg. Children: i. Henry Josiah.<sup>4</sup> ii. James Oscar. iii. Charles Volney. iv. Francis. v. Alice.
- iv. WILLIE E., b. May 8, 1852; drowned in canal at B. F., Apr. 12, 1856.
- v. FREDDIE J., b. July 15, 1859; d. July 10, 1863.

## BRIDGMAN

JABEZ DELANO (*s. of Dr. Benjamin H. Bridgman of Grafton, Vt.*), b. there June 10, 1828; received academic education; studied law in the offices of Charles I. Walker and George B. Kellogg, in S. R., and B. F.; admitted to bar in 1851, and practised law continuously in B. F., until his death, which occurred Apr. 7, 1887. He was stricken with paralysis in his office two days before.

He was a prominent citizen of the town, representing it in the legislature in 1857-8; a member of the Senate in 1880-1, and served on the committee upon revision of the statutes; a justice of the peace many years, and state's attorney of Windham county a number of terms.

He enlisted in the 16th Vt. Regt. in '62; was appointed adjutant; resigned in '63, and resumed his practice here.

He m. Oct. 18, 1854, Sarah E., dau. of William Conant of B. F., b. Walpole, N. H., Oct. 19, 1828, d. Dec. 9, 1902, at B. F.; no children.

#### BROWN

GEORGE A.<sup>7</sup> (*James S.*,<sup>6</sup> *Capt. Thomas*,<sup>5</sup> *Lieut. Bowman*,<sup>4</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> *who came to Massachusetts from Scotland in 1629*), b. Plymouth, Vt., Nov. 24, 1854; grad. Dartmouth college and Harvard Law school; principal of B. F. H. S., 1878 to 1881; admitted to Windham county bar in 1881; practised in B. F. until 1890, when he rem. to Everett, Mass. Res. there now and has law offices in that city and Boston. He transacted extensive real estate business while in B. F., and "Brown St." was named for him; was chairman of board of village bailiffs; chairman of school board and superintendent of schools; Grand Worthy Patriarch of Sons of Temperance of Vermont; delegate to the National Anti-Saloon Republican Convention in Chicago; is an official and attorney of the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank; m. July 18, 1877 Flora E., dau. of Edson X. Pierce of Springfield, Vt.

##### Children:

- i. NELSON PIERCE,<sup>8</sup> b. May 13, 1878; m. Margaret, dau. of Prest. Tucker of Dartmouth, June 11, 1903; grad. Dartmouth college and Harvard Law school; is associated with his father in the practice of law in Everett and Boston; res. Everett, Mass. Child: 1. *Charlotte Rogers*,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1905.
- ii. RUTH, b. Dec. 1, 1882; m. Frederick E. Godfrey, Oct. 3, 1905; res. Everett, Mass.
- iii. JAMES BARRETT, b. Mar. 3, 1885; a student at Dartmouth college.

#### BROCKWAY

JONATHAN,<sup>1</sup> b. Lyme, Conn., Feb. 25, 1766; m. Mary Proctor, of East Washington, N. H., Feb. 24, 1789; d. May, 1847. She d. at East Washington, Mar. 7, 1872, ae. 101 yrs. 11 mo., 23 days. They had fourteen or fifteen children. Of these, four brothers and one sister came to Rockingham from East Washington, N. H.

##### Children:

- i. JONATHAN,<sup>2</sup> came during the '20s and settled on the farm since known as the "John Roundy place" near Lawrence Mills.
- ii. ZEBAH, a few years later than Jonathan came and bought the mills previously known as "Emery's Mills" and a farm near by. He d. Sept. 8, 1866; m. Priscilla Ingalls at East Washington. She d. Nov. 11, 1891, ae. 71 years. They had one son; *Mason Carr*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1828; a blacksmith at the mills; m. Laura E. Smith, of R., b. Nov. 4, 1844, d. June 22, 1887. He d. Apr. 19, 1882. Children: 1. Charles H.,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1859; res. White Springs, N. Y. 2. Lucy J., b. Aug. 13, 1861; m. Sidney Howard. 3. George F., b. Dec. 7, 1864; m. and res. Baldwinville, Mass. 4. Sarah E., b. Nov. 10, 1866. 5. David A., b. July 16, 1869; m. — Pen-

- niman. 6. John M., b. Feb. 18, 1870. 7. Fred E., b. Dec. 19, 1875; m. and res. Cornish, N. H. 8. Nancy H., b. Mar. 1, 1876. 9. Norman R., b. Sept. 25, 1882; res. B. F.
- iii. RAYMOND, came from East Washington, purchased an interest in the mills with his brother Zebah, and later purchased the entire plant which he sold to Mr. Nourse. Lived later at North Springfield, Vt.; d. at East Washington. He m. Hitty Ingalls. One child: d. young.
- iv. JESSE P., came to B. F. in 1830, worked in Canal Co.'s saw-mill until 1850, except 1837 to 1841, when res. So. Charlestown, N. H.; in company with Dr. Samuel Nichols in drug store until 1852; then worked for railroads and as a house carpenter. He was b. East Washington, N. H., May 3, 1813; m. Jan. 6, 1836, Mary Pratt, b. Reading, Vt., Feb. 22, 1811, d. Newbury, N. H., Nov. 12, 1900; he d. B. F., Apr. 13, 1887. Children: 1. *Julia Ann*,<sup>3</sup> b. June 27, 1837; d. Mar. 15, 1840. 2. *Louisa M.*, b. So. Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 20, 1838; m. David A. Jennison, Feb. 13, 1862; res. Enfield, Mass. Child: Norman E.,<sup>4</sup> d. young. 3. *Norman S.*, b. So. Charlestown, N. H., Mar. 13, 1841. Brought to B. F. when six months of age and has res. here since. Was house carpenter, then an armorer at Springfield, Mass. After Civil war, established a gun shop here on Atkinson street. Has been a well-known surveyor and has real estate investments at Lake Sunapee, N. H.; unm. 4. *Alanson P.*, b. B. F., Oct. 15, 1846; d. Jan., 1897. 5. *Carrie A.*, b. Mar. 21, 1852; m. Lester W. Porter: res. Fitchburg, Mass. Child: Mary A.,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 13, 1892.
- v. SUSANNA P., twin sister of Jesse P., b. May 3, 1813; m. William Durant, Apr. 7, 1845; res. Saugus, Mass. Children: 1. *Ellen*,<sup>3</sup> m. — Johnson. 2. *Clark*, drowned in canal about 1852, ae. 10. 3. *Charles*, d. Windham, Vt., about 1875, ae. about 24 yrs.; unm. 4. *Julia*, m. Henry Fisher of Cambridgeport, Vt.: res. Clay Centre, Kan., and has two or three children. 5. *Lucy*, m. Amasa W. Lamson of Peru, Vt.; res. Saugus, Mass. Child: Minnie.<sup>4</sup>

## BURT

BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> (*Asahel*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *David*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), b. Northfield, Mass., May 10, 1740: came to the vicinity of B. F. about 1760 and became owner of a square mile of land, located in the southeast corner of R. and the northeast corner of Westminster. This land extended on the Connecticut river a half mile north and south of the town line between R. and Westminster, and one mile west, and is now covered by the villages of B. F. and North Westminster. His home was near the mouth of Saxtons river on its northerly side. In later years he erected a large dwelling on the site of his first dwelling. The second was known in more recent years as the "Five Nations," and was burned Sept. 2, 1882. Near this dwelling he built the first saw and grist-mill on Saxtons river. He was prominent in all local affairs of the vicinity; served in the French and Indian war as a member of the expedition to Ticonderoga and Crown Point in 1759, and in the army that marched to Montreal in 1760; commissioned under King George III. of England by Gov. Tryon of N. Y. as "Capt. of a Company of Foot in the township of Westminster" in 1774, and retained his connection with the government of that province late enough to be termed a "Tory;" was present in his official capacity at the Westminster massacre, Mar. 13, 1775, and was the next day arrested by the Liberty men and imprisoned three or four days: was treasurer of Cumberland county in 1775



when the jail at Westminster was built; came over to the Liberty party about 1780 and afterwards took an active part with them. In 1781 a protest signed by fifty citizens of R., is recorded as presented to Gov. Chittenden and the State Council against the appointment of Benj. Burt as judge of the county, but he received the appointment and served in that capacity eighteen years. He was quartermaster of the Regt. of Vt. troops sent to Guilford to subdue the Tories in 1784, serving under Gen. Ethan Allen. His home was just over the line in Westminster and he represented that town in the legislatures of 1781-'86-'96-'97-'98 and was a member of the governor's council in 1799 and 1800, taking a prominent part in all public affairs during those years. When his large dwelling, above referred to, was erected, a hall was finished in the second story in which he held justice court a number of years. In later life he came to the home of his son-in-law, Solomon Hapgood, in B. F., located at the present corner of Westminster and Hapgood streets. Here he passed his last years and d. June 10, 1835 at the ripe age of 95 yrs.

He m. Mary, dau. of Deacon Samuel Root of Westminster, Vt., b. 1741, d. in B. F., Dec. 18, 1831.

Children :

- i. i. LEONARD,<sup>6</sup> m. 1st Sarah Fay; m. 2d — Whitney.
  - ii. AZUBAH, b. 1771; m. Solomon Hapgood. (*See Hapgood.*)
- i. LEONARD,<sup>6</sup> was at one time raftsmen on the Connecticut river, and extremely tall; was over 90 yrs. old at death; he m. 1st Sarah Fay, of Hardwick, Mass.; m. 2d — Whitney.

Children by 1st wife :

- i. CHARLES,<sup>7</sup> b. in B. F., 1791; prominent resident of Rutland, merchant, postmaster, and in 1815 was one of the owners of the *Rutland Herald*, and of an extensive job printing office; m. in 1811, Johanna Jones, b. Weathersfield, Vt., 1790, d. 1860; he d. Rutland, 1860. Children : 1. *Charles Fay*,<sup>8</sup> b. Claremont, N. H., 1812, d. Rutland, 1868. 2. *Helen*, b. Rutland, Dec. 4, 1815; d. Rutland, Mar. 9, 1899. 3. *Henry* (twin brother of Helen), d. in New Orleans, 1837. 4. *Mary*, b. 1817; m. Miner Hilliard, of Rutland. 5. *George*, b. 1819; was mayor of St. Augustine, Fla., after the Civil war: invested in lands now covered by the city of Palatka, Fla., and became wealthy. When the streets of Palatka were laid out, many were named for B. F. members of the Burt and Hapgood families; d. 1887. 6. *Jane*, b. July 11, 1822; m. Charles C. Hapgood. (*See Hapgood.*) 7. *Margaret L.*, b. 1827; d. 1906. 8. *William*, b. 1829. 9. *Benjamin Hercules*, b. Dec. 29, 1830; for nearly 50 yrs. a merchant of Rutland; m. Anna Maria, dau. of Charles Hapgood, of B. F., b. Charlestown, N. H., Nov. 13, 1835; res. Rutland. Children : 1. *Mary Gray*,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1858; m. Oct. 23, 1884, Edmund Royce Morse, of Rutland, treasurer Vermont Marble Co. Son: George Edward.<sup>10</sup> ii. *Louis*, b. Nov. 6, 1861; res. Rutland; d. Jan. 6, 1899; unm. iii. *Anna Langley*, b. Jan. 25, 1863, d. Jan. 12, 1866. iv. *John Henry Hopkins*, b. June 6, 1868; was Southern agent for Goodyear Rubber Co.; d. Aug. 12, 1898; unm. v. *Benjamin Hapgood*, b. June 27, 1875; was eight yrs. book-keeper in Merchants' National Bank, Rutland, now res. in N. Y. city, prominent in musical circles and a successful song writer.
- ii. REUBEN, res. in B. F., and had a son, Linden, who still res. here.
- iii. LUCINDA, m. William Stone of B. F. (*See Stone.*)



- iv. BENJAMIN,<sup>2</sup> m. Jan. 16, 1820, Mary Wales: he d. Aug. 2, 1834. (Of their children, Benjamin Wales was the only one who had a family.) Child: *Benjamin Wales*,<sup>8</sup> b. Poultney, Vt., Jan. 8, 1821: m. Jan. 2, 1844, Mary H. Green; he d. Castleton, Vt., Mar. 10, 1886; of their children only two are living, both of whom served four years in the Civil war; they are: Children: i. Dunham Green,<sup>9</sup> m. Nov. 28, 1867, Caroline Long, of Rutland, Vt; res. in Bennington, Vt. Children: 1. Mary Carolyn,<sup>10</sup> b. in Rutland, Jan. 19, 1869. 2. Harry Powell, b. in Colon, U. S. C., Feb. 10, 1879; m. July 12, 1904, Grace E. Longnecker, of Phila. 3. Frederic Dunham, b. Colon, U. S. C., Dec. 7, 1881; m. July 22, 1905, Mary A. Starbuck, of Glens Falls, N. Y. ii. Charles Thurman, m. Oct. 29, 1884, Olivia A. Dixon, of Bennington, Vt.; no children.
- v. HORACE.
- vi. HIRAM.
- vii. HARVEY.
- viii. MARY ANN.

## BURT

JONATHAN<sup>1</sup> (*ancestry unknown*), was an early resident of R.: selectman in 1776, 1780, '83, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90, '95; town clerk 1795 to 1812 inc.; constable 1781; moderator 1786; town treasurer 1798 to 1802 inc.; one of a committee of seven "to settle with Rev. Samuel Whiting" in 1782; belonged to the 1st Univer. chh. of R. in 1793. His marriage is the first recorded on the town church records by the town minister, Rev. Samuel Whiting. His home was three-fourths of a mile east of R. village, and the house was located 50 rods west of the present Dexter Benson place; the exact site is now marked by a large clump of lilac bushes. This was the location of important town offices many years.

He m. Jan. 27, 1774, Bethiah Preston of R.; he d. in R. Sept. 15, 1821, ae. 77, and is buried in the old R. cemetery.

## Children:

- i. EDWARD,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1778; m. Hannah —. Children: 1. *Roswell Schuyler*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 28, 1802; d. Sept. 14, 1804. 2. *Edward Lewis*, b. Apr. 24, 1807; d. Mar. 14, 1808.
- ii. ROSWELL, b. Sept. 7, 1780; d. Mar. 11, 1837; m. June 2, 1806, Polly Marsh of R. Child: 1. *Roswell Schuyler*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 1, 1806.
- iii. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 15, 1785; d. May 12, 1843, at the home of his son George in R.; m. May 24, 1808, Fanny Davis of R. (probably dau. of Nathaniel Davis, b. Jan. 17, 1785); she d. at Howell, Mich. Children: 1. *George Preston*,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1808; m. 1st Dec. 31, 1834, Sophia, dau. of Samuel Billings of R., b. April 7, 1816; d. Galva, Ill., Aug. 25, 1860; he d. Galva, Apr. 19, 1896; no children. 2. *Cyrus Harwood*, b. Oct. 31, 1810; m. Elizabeth Fish whose father's name was later changed to Fremont; he d. at Springfield, Vt., July 26, 1873; buried at R. 3. *Mary Frances*; m. Rial Lake of R. (*See Lake*.) 4. *Elijah Franklin*, b. Oct. 22, 1815; d. Howell, Mich., Aug. 9, 1866.
- iv. DAVID, b. Sept. 20, 1787; d. Mar. 22, 1862; m. Mar. 8, 1810, Mary Orr of R. Children: 1. *Charles Preston*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 13, 1810. 2. *Edward Orr*, b. Oct. 18, 1812.

## BUTTERFIELD

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> (*s. of William, b. about 1695*), b. Dunstable, N. H., Aug., 1757; came to Vt. about 1815, living first in Springfield, later in R., where

he d. June 25, 1834; enlisted Dunstable, May, 1775 as private in Capt. William Walker's Company, Col. Reed's Regt. N. H. troops; was stationed at Cambridge and Winter Hill; engaged in Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, where he lost one of his little fingers. His father fought as one of the minute men at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, although eighty years old, and on the evening of that day gave his rifle to his son, William, saying, "the father is too old, the son must go."

The son, William (1757), in July, 1776, again enlisted for five months in Capt. Barnes' Company of Col. Reed's Regt., marched to Charlestown "No. 4," thence to Skeensboro and Ticonderoga. On this march he is said to have passed directly across the farm afterwards owned by his eldest son and still in the possession of the family, just above "Cheshire bridge" in Springfield. His remains rest in the old cemetery at R.

He m. for his 3d wife Esther Hale, and for his 4th wife, Oct. 3, 1818, Chloe Randall.

Children by third wife:

- i. JONAS,<sup>2</sup> b. Dunstable, N. H., Oct. 8, 1808; owned and lived many years in R. on the road from B. F. to R. Center, afterwards on what is known now as the "Butterfield Place" just above Cheshire bridge in Springfield, Vt., where he d. Sept. 22, 1875; was Captain in State militia; m. Jan. 30, 1833, Maria Eaton of Springfield, b. Feb. 21, 1810, d. May 7, 1897. Children: 1. *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> b. July 17, 1833; m. Mar. 22, 1864, Ella D. Morse, d. Jan. 2, 1903; res. with his father on Butterfield Place in Springfield, Vt., where he d. June 6, 1892. Child: Stella,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 10, 1881; m. A. W. Shepard; res. Springfield. 2. *William*, b. Dec. 29, 1836; m. Jan. 17, 1860, Harriet Bond of Charlestown, N. H., b. Sept. 30, 1837, d. July, 1900; res. after marriage in Charlestown, where he now lives. Child: Ida,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1869; m. J. Stretton Walker; res. Charlestown. 3. *Ellen*, b. Oct. 2, 1843; owns and res. on the old homestead in Springfield; unm.
- ii. LEONARD, was an ensign in State militia; left no descendants who survive; lived in Springfield.
- iii. DAVID, b. Dunstable, June 28, 1811; was an ensign in State militia; m. Elmira Randall of Springfield, b. Oct. 18, 1807, d. Oct. 18, 1875; conducted a meat market at S. R., eighteen years; later res. B. F.; he d. B. F., Feb. 28, 1890. Children: 1. *Esther*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1835; m. George W. Kimball of B. F. (*See Kimball*.) 2. *Frederick D.*, b. May 14, 1838; became 2d Lieut. of Co. B., 8th Vt. Vol. Dec. 19, 1861; 1st Lieut. of same June 15, 1863; Capt. of same Mar. 7, 1863, mustered out Aug. 6, 1864; served as Colonel and aide de camp on staff of Gov. Wm. P. Dillingham; is a manufacturer; m. 1st Ellen Morrill of Derby Line, Vt., d. July 25, 1874; m. 2d Ellen G. Cutter of Grafton, Vt., and B. F.; res. Derby Line. Children by 1st wife: i. Charlotte M.,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 11, 1870; res. Derby Line; unm. ii. Ellen M., b. Aug. 21, 1871; res. Derby Line; unm. 3. *Franklin G.*, b. May 11, 1842; Lieut. Co. A., 6th Vt. Regt. in Civil war; promoted Capt. of Co. I, 6th Vt., and Lieut. Col. (not mustered) in '64; in 1891 awarded a Medal of Honor by Congress for conspicuous gallantry in action, receiving title of Lieut. Col.; Judge Advocate General on staff of Gov. Redfield Proctor, 1880; merchant of S. R.; in Gov. service at Washington, D. C., 1880 to 1892; later manufacturer at Derby Line, Vt., where he now res.; m. June 1, 1866, Maria S. Frost of S. R., b. Sept. 10, 1839. Children: i. Benjamin F.,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1867; res. Derby Line; unm. ii. Esther E., b. Aug. 4, 1871; res. Derby

Line; unm. 4. *Charles W.*, b. Mar. 3, 1845; has held many town offices, selectman, etc.; is manager of an olive packing industry; m. Dec. 27, 1876, *Helen*, daughter of John Billing of B. F., b. Dec. 20, 1850; res. B. F. Children: i. *Elizabeth B.*,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., Nov. 24, 1877; res. B. F.: unm. ii. *Gertrude M.*, b. B. F., May 10, 1887; res. B. F.: unm.

iv. *ESTHER*, b. June 31, 1804; d. B. F., March 9, 1885; unm.

#### BUNTON

*ALBERT*<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Nathan of Londonderry, Vt., gr. s. of Jonathan of Woonsocket, R. I.*), b. Londonderry, Dec. 26, 1835; m. Aug. 24, 1863, *Hattie A. Rice* of B. F.; res. in B. F. when the Civil war broke out: enlisted as 2d Lient. Co. H., 2d Regt. Sharp Shooters; promoted Capt. Nov. 24, 1862; wounded by shell at the Battle of the Wilderness at 9 A. M., May 6, 1864 and died the evening of the same day. Interested in the founding of the 1st Baptist chh. of B. F., and an earnest Christian. It was his invariable custom in the army, before engaging in any dangerous expedition, to call his men together and offer prayer before them. To this fact is attributed in some degree the courage and heroism of this company, for which it became noted. His marriage occurred a few months previous to his death, while home on a furlough. Both he and his bride were interred in the cemetery at Londonderry, Vt.; no children.

*CHARLES*<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Nathan of Londonderry, Vt., gr. s. of Jonathan of Woonsocket, R. I.*), b. Londonderry, Mar. 1, 1834; was a saddler and harness maker at B. F., at the opening of the Civil war. At President Lincoln's call for "300,000 more" he recruited Co. G., 11th Vt. Regt. (1st Vt. Heavy Artillery), and went to the front as its captain. At the Battle of Winchester he was instantly killed by a shot through the head, Sept. 19, 1864. He was acting major when killed, and his commission for that office was received after his death. His remains were interred with Masonic honors, in Immanuel church yard at B. F. He m. *Sophia W. Frost* of B. F.

Child:

- i. *LIZZIE SOPHIA*,<sup>2</sup> d. Nov. 19, 1864, ae. 2 yrs. 2 mo., and was interred the same day with her father.

#### CAMPBELL

*HON. ALEXANDER*,<sup>3</sup> M. D. (*Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), was one of the most conspicuous of the early residents: came to R. as early as 1786, after a brief residence in Sullivan county, N. H., bringing with him his bride, *Rhoda*, dau. of *Oliver Corey Esq.* and his wife, *Mary King* of Littleton, Mass., Grafton, Vt., and Charlestown, N. H. He settled on a farm in R., called "The Plain," about two miles northwest of the village. Here his eldest children were born. In 1804, he built the family mansion in R. village, still standing opposite the village hotel, on the corner of the road leading to S. R. It is one of the finest examples of the architecture of 100 years ago, and is still well preserved. Here he spent the remainder of his life except between 1825 and 1830, when he practised his profession in Charlestown, N. H.

At his home hospitality was dispensed with lavish hand. Dr. Campbell



HON. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, M. D.  
1762-1837



MRS. RHODA (COREY) CAMPBELL.  
1767-1825.



RT. REV. CARLTON CHASE.  
Rector Immanuel Church, 1819-1844.  
Bishop of New Hampshire, 1844-1870.



COL. ETHAN BRADFORD WEBB.  
1784-1872.  
Charter Member of the first Masonic Lodge in 1816.  
First Master of the revived Lodge in 1858.





was an eminent physician in his day. Dr. Caverly in his "History of Medicine and Surgery" refers to him: "the son of a distinguished physician of Massachusetts, of the same name, he enjoyed a wide reputation over the southeastern part of Vermont, was the preceptor of many future doctors, and held important offices of trust in his county." He became an extensive land owner and acquired a handsome fortune. He was chief owner of the Green Mountain Turnpike, and was associated with prominent men of the state in various successful enterprises. In 1806, he was one of the thirteen original directors and incorporators of the Vermont State Bank, chartered that year by the Vermont legislature. He was State Examiner of Banks for Vermont in 1832. Politically, Dr. Campbell and his family were Whigs, and he exerted a strong influence in the councils of his party. He represented R. in the legislatures of 1804, 1806, 1807, 1808. He was associate judge of Windham county court in 1807 and 1809; master-in-chancery for Windham county in 1811, and surgeon of the Vermont militia in 1809.

He was intimately associated with Dr. Samuel Cutler in founding Immanuel church; served as vestryman and warden of the parish and was often delegate to the diocesan conventions. He was a brother of Dr. Edward R. Campbell, "Dr. Ned" of Westminster, the grandfather of the late Dr. Daniel Campbell of S. R.

His father was Dr. Alexander Campbell of Oxford, Mass., a member of the Mass. Provincial Congress in 1774, and his grandfather, Rev. John Campbell of Oxford, was b. in Scotland and was allied with the nobility, emigrating to this country soon after 1715.

HON. ALEXANDER,<sup>3</sup> M. D., was b. Oxford, Mass., Dec. 20, 1762; d. Nov. 17, 1837; m. Rhoda Corey, 1786, b. Littleton, Mass., 1767. She d. June 13, 1825. Both are buried in the family lot in the cemetery at S. R.

Children:

- i. EDWARD RAYMOND,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1787; d. Windsor, Vt., May 4, 1857.
- ii. ALEXANDER STEARNS, b. 1790; m. Sophie de La Tremouille.
- iii. JOHN HUBBARD, b. 1793; d. Feb. 16, 1869; m. Mary McIlvane.
- iv. RHODA COREY, b. 1795; m. Dr. Jarvis Brown Chase, and was the mother of Dr. Henry Seymour Chase of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. T. Lawrence Swift and Mrs. G. Washington Swift of Falmouth, Mass., all deceased; of Mrs. John Perkins now living in New Bedford, Mass., and of the late Jarvis Alexander Chase of Putney, Vt.
- v. HARRIET, b. Aug., 1797; d. Windsor, Vt., May 9, 1861; m. Dr. Zera Mann of Grafton, Vt., Nov., 1821; he d. Baltimore, Md., in 1832; no children.
- vi. HARRY, b. in 1800; d. Sept. 16, 1833; m. Mary Sturtevant. They were parents of the late John Henry Corey Campbell,<sup>5</sup> a writer and journalist of Roxbury, Mass.
- vii. LUCIA MARIA, b. Dec. 31, 1811; m. Daniel Bowen Wheaton, Esq., Jan. 26, 1834; she d. Evanston, Ill., Mar. 18, 1900. Children: 1. *Alexander Campbell*,<sup>5</sup> deceased, a well-known architect of Chicago. 2. *Daniel B.* of Evanston. 3. *Harriet M.* of Evanston.

1. HON. EDWARD RAYMOND<sup>4</sup> (*Dr. Alexander*,<sup>3</sup> *Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R. Aug. 27, 1787; received a liberal education and a thorough business training. When only 23, he was reputed as one of the most successful and wealthiest merchants in Windham county, and conducted a flourishing



business both in R. and Grafton. He also served as cashier of the Westminster Branch of the Vermont State Bank: was clerk of the supreme and county courts, and county treasurer for the years 1816 and 1817. He resigned in the latter year because of his removal to Windsor, where he became a leading citizen, and occupied many offices of public trust and honor: was instrumental in founding the first bank of Windsor, being its cashier and vice-president; was one of the founders of St. Paul's church of Windsor: many years its senior warden, and a prominent official of the diocese of Vermont; was a director of the Connecticut River Steamboat Co., and much interested in the navigation schemes of his day: a dignified and courtly gentleman of the old school: a man of broad cultivation, and his residence in Windsor was one of the finest homes in eastern Vermont. His widest reputation was gained from his literary ability, being a writer of much note in his day. The Bibliography of Vermont shows a volume of 334 pages published in New York and London in 1857, under the title, "The Heroine of Scutari. and other Poems."

He m. 1st Jan. 1, 1812, Anna Maria, dau. of Dr. Samuel Cutler of R., d. Jan. 22, 1831; m. 2d Sibyl Huntington, dau. of Rev. Sylvester Sage, of Westminster, Vt.; he d. May 4, 1857.

Children:

- i. ABIGAIL CUTLER,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1812; d. Nov. 27, 1827.
- ii. FRANCES JARVIS, b. Nov. 14, 1814; d. Mar. 10, 1816.
- iii. JANE ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 11, 1816; d. Oct. 27, 1846; m. Homer W. Stuart, Esq., a well known lawyer of Lockport, N. Y. Children:
  1. Helen Campbell,<sup>6</sup> b. July 4, 1839; the authoress and lecturer now known as "Mrs. Helen Campbell." 2. Anna Maria, d. young.
  3. Mary Campbell, d. young.
- iv. EDWARD AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 9, 1818; d. Dec. 14, 1846.
- v. HELEN MARIA, b. Oct. 4, 1820; m. B. B. Stevens, Esq., of Lockport, N. Y.; d. June 25, 1845.
- vi. ADELAIDE GAMAGE, b. Sept. 4, 1822; d. Sept. 8, 1856; m. 1st Charles Forbes Merrifield, an editor and journalist of Windsor, Vt.: m. 2d Dudley Tappan Chase, Esq., M. A., an attorney at Windsor and later of Claremont, N. H. Mr. Chase was the son of Col. Lebbeus Chase, gr. s. of Gen. Jonathan Chase and gr. gr. s. of Judge Samuel Chase, the founder of the celebrated Chase family, of Cornish, N. H. Child by first husband: 1. Charles Campbell,<sup>6</sup> a Boston banker. Children by second husband: 2. Edward Campbell, b. July 2, 1853; d. Aug. 12, 1854. 3. Dudley Frances, b. Feb. 27, 1856; d. Jan. 10, 1857.
- vii. MARY JARVIS, b. Oct. 4, 1824; m. Dec. 6, 1843, Rev. Josiah Swett, M. A., D. D., a prominent clergyman of the P. E. Church; she d. Apr. 6, 1845. Child: 1. Mary Campbell,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 21, 1844; m. John Ashley Fitch, an attorney of Highgate and St. Albans, Vt.; he d. in 1891; she res. Boston, Mass.
- viii. KATHERINE TUCKER, b. Apr. 29, 1827; m. Dec. 1, 1844, Abner Forbes, Esq., s. of Gen. Abner and Sally (Spooners) Forbes, of Windsor, Vt.; d. Aug. 7, 1888. Mr. Forbes was a prominent citizen of Windsor, and later of St. Albans, Vt., where he was cashier of the Vermont Central R. R. Children: 1. William Henry,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 20, 1846; d. Chicago, Aug. 6, 1901; m. Julia, adopted dau. of Hon. Hiram Harlow of Windsor, Vt. 2. Anna Maria, b. Nov. 22, 1847; d. St. Albans, Vt., Mar. 21, 1903; m. Feb. 6, 1866, Hon. Herbert Brainerd, State Senator and an influential citizen of St. Albans. Children: i. Louisa,<sup>7</sup> ii. Harry Forbes, d. in infancy. iii. Lilian Miranda; m. Nov. 13, 1895, Robert Alexander Gunn of N. Y.

city. Child: R. Alexander.<sup>8</sup> iv. Lawrence of N. Y. city. 3. *Charles Spooner*, b. Aug. 6, 1851; is prominent in Vermont affairs, well known in journalistic circles, politics, and in the councils of the Epis. chh.; res. St. Albans.

2. ALEXANDER STEARNS<sup>4</sup> (*Dr. Alexander*,<sup>3</sup> *Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1790; d. Oct. 17, 1867, æ. 77; buried in Montreal, P. Q. He was educated at Dartmouth college and received his degree in the class of 1811; admitted to the bar and continued in active practice to the time of his death; during his entire life he served his townspeople in some public capacity. He was town clerk of R. from 1824 to 1845, and from 1852 to 1868; representative in the state legislature for the years 1818, 1819, 1828 and 1831; a justice of the peace 25 years; state's attorney for Windham county in 1825, 1826, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1832, 1836, 1839 and 1840; judge of probate 1834 and 1835. Judge Campbell married in Montreal, Canada, July 19, 1826, Mlle. Marie Sophie de La Tremouille, daughter of M. Milliette de La Tremouille, and a great-great-granddaughter of Count de La Tremouille, first royal French governor of Canada. Mrs. Campbell, a lady of fine mind and many superior qualities, was a rigid Romanist, and several years her husband's junior. After his death she returned to Montreal, where she died; no children.

3. JOHN HUBBARD<sup>4</sup> (*Dr. Alexander*,<sup>3</sup> *Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1793; was a lifelong resident of S. R., where he was counted as one of the most substantial men and became prominently identified with town affairs. He was a man of excellent judgment in financial affairs, prosperous in his own business and for twenty years or more a local magistrate.

He married 1st Mary, dau. of James McIlvane, in 1816; m. 2d Lucretia S. Gould; m. 3d Mrs. Fidelia Gould, widow of Henry Gould. He d. Feb. 16, 1869.

Children by 1st wife:

- i. MARY,<sup>5</sup> m. Judge Luther Adams of Chester, Vt.
- ii. HARRIET FINLEY, m. Whipple Cone, Esq., lived in Independence, Iowa; d. Oct. 25, 1906. Children: 1. *Harry*.<sup>5</sup> 2. *Mary*. 3. *Aifred*.

DR. EDWARD RAYMOND<sup>3</sup> (*Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), was a physician of extended practice in Westminster, Vt., and vicinity, during the first half of the last century. He was familiarly known as "Dr. Ned," and was a brother of Hon. Alexander Campbell, M. D., one of the early settlers of R.

EDWARD RAYMOND<sup>4</sup> (*Dr. Edward Raymond*,<sup>3</sup> *Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westminster, Vt., Feb. 23, 1790; a farmer and life-long resident of the town of Westminster; m. Clarissa Chamberlain, b. Feb. 5, 1888; d. Nov., 1867; he d. in Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 30, 1850, of cholera, while travel ing south. They had a large family of children.

DR. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> (*Edward Raymond*,<sup>4</sup> *Dr. Edward Raymond*,<sup>3</sup> *Dr. Alexander*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>), was b. March 8, 1820, on the farm in Westminster now known as the "Rowe Morse farm," about 5 miles southwest of B. F. The old house, standing on the hillside between the present dwelling and the school-house, was burned while occupied by the family, and the present dwelling was erected by the father of Daniel.

"Dr. Dan" was educated in common schools and at Burr and Burton seminary, Manchester, Vt.; Vermont Medical college, Woodstock, and at Berkshire Medical college, Pittsfield, Mass., where he grad. in 1842. He practised his profession at Westminster West about 10 years, and then removed to S. R. village, and resided there until his death. At one time he was offered the chair of Theory and Practice of medicine in Dartmouth college, but declined, as his tastes led him to prefer the practice of his profession to a professor's chair. Always deeply interested in educational matters in his town and village, he was particularly influential and did effective work in uniting the two school districts in S. R., and in securing the old church and seminary building for use for public schools.

In politics, Dr. Campbell was a liberal Democrat and took an active interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his town, state and nation. He represented R. in the legislature of 1864-5, and was the Democratic candidate for speaker. He was several times his party's candidate for county senator. In 1880, he was the Democratic nominee for congress, being defeated by Hon. James M. Tyler, of Brattleboro.

Dr. Campbell accumulated a handsome estate, having important investments in Texas. During the last ten years of his life he confined himself mostly to his extensive office and consultation practice. His advice was sought by other practitioners throughout all this part of New England.

In April, 1901, the heirs of Dr. Campbell joined with the heirs of John Robertson in presenting the town of R. with the town clock and bell now in use in the tower of the town building.

He m. Jan. 21, 1846, Julia A., dau. of Capt. Edward Hall, one of the early settlers of Westminster, Vt., she was b. Nov. 27, 1824, d. at S. R., Sept. 16, 1901; he d. at S. R., Feb. 3, 1898.

Children :

- i. CHARLES HAMILTON,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1846; d. Aug. 28, 1848.
- ii. FLORA ELIZABETH, b. May 1, 1848; m. H. S. Frost. (*See Frost.*)
- iii. EDWARD RAYMOND, b. Sept. 27, 1853, at Westminster West, Vt.; at present a prominent physician of this town, had a scientific course at Dartmouth and grad. from University of Vt., Med. Dept., 1875; represented R. in the legislature 1904-5; m. May 10, 1876, Inez E. Morse, b. Alstead, N. H., Aug. 29, 1852; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Daniel Raymond*,<sup>7</sup> b. June 14, 1878; member of the firm of Howard Hardware company; res. B. F.; unm. 2. *Henry Wales*, b. Aug. 2, 1879; d. May 28, 1892.
- iv. WILLIAM HALL, b. June 7, 1856; postmaster of S. R., 1885-9; m. 1st Oct. 20, 1880, Helen Watkins of Westminster, Vt., b. May 27, 1860, d. Feb. 22, 1898; m. 2d Apr. 17, 1900, Mrs. Nellie (Perry) Scofield, of S. R., b. April 17, 1856. He d. in S. R., Mar. 24, 1904; she res. S. R. Child by first wife: *Alexander C.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 12, 1882; res. S. R.
- v. HARRIET C., b. Jan. 11, 1859; m. Nov. 17, 1881, Preston H. Hadley, b. Chester, Vt., Nov. 7, 1859. He was many years an employee of the Nat. Bank of B. F., and its cashier from Aug., 1881, until his death, July 16, 1906, at which time he had been town treasurer since 1893; representative in the legislature of 1896-7; she res. B. F. Children: 1. *Walter C.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1884; grad. B. F. H. S., 1903. 2. *Preston H.*, b. Nov. 3, 1886; grad. B. F. H. S., 1904. 3. *Ruth M.*, b. June 25, 1889. 4. *Marion L.*, b. Aug. 11, 1890. 5. *Raymond C.*, b. Sept. 18, 1891.

- vi. CLARA ORPHA, b. Oct. 5, 1861; m. Geo. R. Wales. (*See Wales.*)
- vii. MARY E., b. May 9, 1867 at S. R.; m. Jan. 6, 1892, Charles M. Potter, b. Ellenburgh Corners, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1862; res. Lowell, Mass. Children all b. Lowell, Mass.: 1. *Robert Campbell*,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1893. 2. *Madeline Julia*, b. Feb. 24, 1894. 3. *Daniel William*, b. Mar. 8, 1896.

## CAMPBELL

JAMES<sup>1</sup> was a resident of R. as early as Oct., 1774; June 22, 1779, he purchased the farm near the Springfield line now owned by Erving A. Lillie, receiving his deed from Thomas Chandler, Jr., commissioner to sell confiscated lands in Vt., "said land being forfeited to this state by James Rogers by his treasonable conduct." Nothing is known of the ancestry of Mr. Campbell or whether he was related to the other large Campbell family of this town, of whom Dr. Alexander was the first to settle here.

His wife's name was Margaret —, d. Mar. 26, 1779; he d. Aug. 18, 1796, ae. 69.

The records of the old town church show the baptisms of three children, Elizabeth and Sarah, Oct. 2, 1774, and Margaret, Sept. 15, 1776. He also had a son, David.

DAVID<sup>2</sup> (*James*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 26, 1762; succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm in the north part of the town and lived there until his death. He took an active part in town matters, the records showing that he was a man of influence and frequently held public offices.

He m. 1st Aug. 14, 1783, Ammilla Johnson, b. Aug. 14, 1763, d. Mar. 31, 1812; m. 2d June 13, 1814, Susan Dorand; he d. Apr. 12, 1830.

## Children:

- i. JAMES,<sup>3</sup> b. June 3, 1784.
- ii. ANNA, b. May 30, 1787.
- iii. MARGARET, b. Oct. 6, 1789.
- iv. DAVID RICHARD, b. Apr. 25, 1794; a noted philanthropist.
- v. ROBERT AVERY, b. Jan. 1, 1796.
- vi. AMOS FAREWELL, b. Sept. 14, 1797.
- vii. HIRAM, b. Oct. 19, 1804.
- viii. AMMILLA, b. Oct. 14, 1814.

1. DAVID RICHARD<sup>3</sup> (*David*,<sup>2</sup> *James*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 25, 1794, on the homestead farm of his father and gr. father in R. described above; received a common school education with the advantage of a few terms at Chester academy; taught school several years, the last term being in B. F., in the old brick school-house then located on Westminster St.; was then employed some years as clerk in the country store of Hall & Goodridge in Mammoth block, on the south side of the Square in B. F., thus beginning about 1823 a mercantile career in which he amassed a comfortable fortune in the later years of his life; in 1832 went to Boston and became a member of the firm of Charles Valentine & Co. on So. Market St., extensive dealers in salted provisions, the firm having extensive slaughtering works at Alton, Ill.; withdrew from the firm in 1854, and never engaged further in business.

Mr. Campbell never married, and upon his retirement from business, having no immediate relatives, he rem. to Windsor, Vt., into the family of

his nephew, Col. Hiram Harlow, who was for 17 yrs. supt. of the Vt. state prison. Here he remained for the last 31 yrs. of his life enjoying a quiet, peaceful and happy old age. He d. of pneumonia, Feb. 19, 1885, at the advanced age of 92, at the residence of Col. Harlow of Windsor, and his remains were interred in Col. Harlow's family lot in that village.

In 1876 he divided \$28,000 among six towns in this vicinity, and by his will left \$40,000 more to be divided among other towns. the different amounts being held as a perpetual trust fund. the income to be distributed annually among the worthy poor. Of this amount his native town of R. received \$20,000, as shown on p. 475.

His will dated Oct. 26, 1881, gives additional information regarding his relatives. In addition to the public bequests are the following, in some instances a little uncertain owing to illegible writing :

“ Brother James, \$100 annually. To his four children \$1,000 each, Mrs. Daralba (?) Orvis, Leonard C. Campbell, Ellen H. Stiles, Clara McPherson.

To Mrs. Creel (?), said brother's grand-daughter, \$250.

To Mrs. Wilkins Ransom, daughter of deceased sister, Anna Parker, \$1,000.

To Mrs. Maria L. Fuller, my sister's niece, \$1,000.

To Mary and Frances, daughters of my deceased nephew Lucius Parker, \$250 each.

To my brother, Robert A. Campbell, \$1,000.

To his sons, Henry D., Robert A., Jr., and George G. S. Campbell, \$1,000, each.

To my sister, Amelia Holden, \$1,000.

To my nephews, Hiram Harlow, John B. (?) Harlow, and George Harlow, \$1,000 each.

To William T. Button (or Butler or Britton?) and his sister Harriet S. Seymour, \$500 each.

One thousand each to six daughters of deceased brother, Hiram A. Campbell, all married and changed their name and I give given name only: Saymantha E., Gracy S., Harriet E., Mary Ell, Elisa Jane and Ella S.

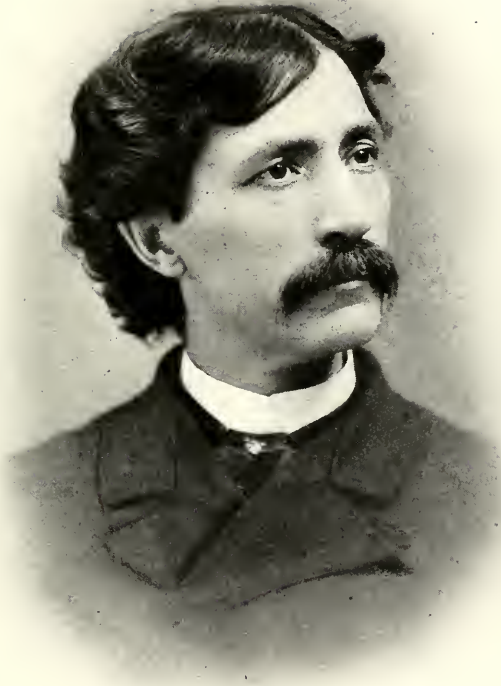
To the widow and daughter of the late Henry A. Campbell, son of Hiram A. Campbell, \$500 each.

To widow and two children of the late Lewis Cass Campbell, \$1,000 to be divided among the three.

To Charles G. Campbell, son of Hiram A., \$1,000.”

Mr. Campbell was never a member of any church, although a constant attendant upon church services, at Windsor during his last years attending the Congregational church with Col. Harlow. He was familiarly known there as “ Deacon ” Campbell. He was a tall, well formed old man, slightly stooping, face clean shaven, and with “ banged hair,” that was only slightly gray.

Recollections of those who knew him, letters written by him in the hands of the writer, and all other sources of information indicate this benefactor of R. to have been a peculiarly kind-hearted man, with a beautiful nature, always noted for his strict integrity and honesty. Just before his death, a Boston paper gave an account of his returning to a tailoress who had made a coat for him fifty years before, the amount of the bill and fifty years of interest added thereto. The bill had amounted to only “ three-and-nine-pence,” and when he went to pay it she was not in. As they both soon left town he failed to settle, but he always bore it in mind and paid it to her the first time he saw her, after a lapse of fifty years.



BARNEY CANNON, JR.  
1847-1906.





## CANNON

BARNEY<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Barney and Anna [Bonner] Cannon*), b. Montreal, Que., Jan. 25, 1847; enlisted at 14 years of age from Mount Holly, Vt., served during the Civil war and was mustered out as sergeant-major; came to B. F. in 1866; conducted business of carriage, sign and ornamental painter; res. B. F. during remainder of life except between the years of 1868 and 1876 when he res. in Brattleboro, Vt.; appointed postmaster of B. F. 1890 and was reappointed twice, his death occurring just previous to the expiration of his third term; was prominent in G. A. R. of Vermont, serving in many offices, including those of commander of E. H. Stoughton post, and as adjutant general and commander of the Department of Vermont. His mother was a native of Scotland.

He m. Sept. 18, 1870, Rosanna, dau. of John Corbally of B. F.; d. B. F. Sept. 13, 1906; she res. B. F.

Child:

- i. ALICE BONNER,<sup>2</sup> b. B. F. July 19, 1873; m. Oct. 14, 1890, Charles Theophilus Grout, b. Newport, Vt., Jan. 11, 1874; res. B. F. Children: 1. *William Wallace*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 3, 1897; 2. *Rosanna Augusta*, b. Apr. 16, 1900.

## CARTER

REV. NATHAN F.<sup>7</sup> (*Nathan*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Ezra*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Rev. Thomas*,<sup>1</sup> *who was b. Eng., 1610, came to America in the ship "Planter" and settled in Dedham, Mass.*), b. Henniker, N. H., Jan. 6, 1830; grad. Dartmouth college, '53, Bangor Theological seminary, '65; was pastor of the 1st. Cong. chh. of B. F. 1874 to 1879. Besides his pastorate here were those at Pembroke, N. H., North Yarmouth, Me., Orfordville, N. H., and Quechee, Vt.; has been librarian of the N. H. Historical Society at Concord since 1895.

He m. 1st Mar. 12, 1860, Harriet Frances, dau. of Major Nathaniel and Harriet (Gilman) Weeks of Exeter, N. H., b. July 15, 1833, d. Concord, N. H., Oct. 8, 1890; m. 2d. Oct. 12, 1892, Harriet Louisa (Jewell) Gale of Exeter, N. H.; no children.

## CHANDLER

ALBERT H.<sup>9</sup> (*Austin N.*,<sup>8</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>7</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>6</sup> *Joel*,<sup>5</sup> *Nehemiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> *settled in Roxbury, Mass., from Eng. in 1637*), b. June 27, 1867; came to B. F. in 1887; employed in the P. O., and the National Bank of B. F. After the organization of the B. F. Trust Co., in 1902, was elected a director and its treasurer, which position he still holds; vestryman of Immanuel chh. and prominent in Masonic fraternity. He m. Adah Edwards of Richmond, Vt., Oct. 11, 1905, b. Jan. 3, 1880.

## CHAPIN

REV. GEORGE F.<sup>7</sup> (*David B.*,<sup>6</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>5</sup> *Moses*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*,<sup>1</sup> *who came with his family to Springfield, Mass., in 1642*), b. Newport, N. H., May 26, 1836; grad. Kimball Union academy, 1856; Amherst college, 1860; Union Theol. seminary, 1863; pastor of Presbyterian

chh. at Lawrence, Kan., 1865 to 1868; pastor at Irving, Kan., 1869 to 1872; pastor of Cong. chh. at Alstead and Langdon, N. H., 1873 to 1883; from Aug. 1, 1883 to 1893 was pastor of Cong. churches at S. R. and Cambridgeport; from 1893 continues pastor at S. R.

He m. 1st Oct. 2, 1862, Mary F., dau. of Calvin Wilcox of Newport. N. H., d. Sept. 16, 1868; m. 2d Feb. 26, 1873, Isabelle S., dau. of Charles Perry of Beverly, Mass.

Children:

- i. JESSIE ZERVIAH,<sup>8</sup> b. Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 11, 1866; d. Newport, N. H., Dec. 24, 1868.
- ii. MARY ELLA, b. Alstead, N. H., Apr. 12, 1874; grad. Vt. Academy, 1891; Wellesley college, 1895; m. Sept. 10, 1896, at S. R., Rev. Charles Ambrose Bowen; she d. Zanesville, O., Jan. 27, 1906. Children: 1. *Joseph Chapin*,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1900. 2. *Margaret Isabelle*, b. Jan. 16, 1903. 3. *Grace Louise*, b. Jan. 19, 1906.
- iii. GRACE MAUDE, b. Feb. 5, 1877; grad. Vt. Academy, 1893; Wellesley college, 1898; since then a teacher in various places; now head of the Betsey Moody Cottage at Northfield seminary, East Northfield, Mass.; unm.
- iv. ALICE LOUISE, b. May 27, 1882; grad. Vt. Academy 1899; special music course at Wellesley college, 1901-2; now teacher of music; res. at S. R.; unm.

CHAPIN

LEVI<sup>6</sup> (*Josiah*,<sup>5</sup> *Seth*,<sup>4</sup> *Seth*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Deacon Samuel*,<sup>1</sup> came to Roxbury, Mass., about 1635, one of the founders of Springfield, Mass., in 1642), b. Mendon, Mass., May 5, 1766; rem. to Westmoreland, N. H., about 1784, later to Westminster, Vt., where he invested in large tracts of land with Capt. Charles Church; in 1810, with his son Nathaniel, bought 700 acres of land opposite the village of B. F., a part of which is now covered by No. Walpole, N. H., village, — then covered with fine timber of large original growth pine. A mill was built on Governor's brook and for many years they conducted extensive lumbering operations, sending their product down the river on flat boats and rafts. He invented and improved a water-wheel, went to Virginia to dispose of his rights, and d. there of yellow fever, Sept. 18, 1833.

He m. in Orange, Mass., Anna (Russell) Church, b. Bristol, R. I., Jan. 5, 1772; she d. No. Walpole, Nov. 8, 1846.

Children:

- i. NATHANIEL,<sup>7</sup> b. Orange, Mass., Nov. 21, 1792; res. No. Walpole, N. H., 1810-1835; served in the War of 1812 and was clerk of the Walpole company that went to Portsmouth, N. H., in 1814; first clerk of school district No. 2, in No. Walpole, organized in 1817; rem. to Pine Meadow, Conn., in 1835, and in company with his brother, Herman, manufactured mechanic's tools; later established a factory of his own at Westfield, Mass. He m. Jan. 19, 1815, Fanny Bowen Brown, b. Charlestown, N. H., May 10, 1791, d. Westfield, Mar. 19, 1852; he d. Westfield, Sept. 21, 1876. Had ten children: two sons and five daughters lived to maturity. A daughter, Helen, b. No. Walpole, was the mother of Miss Anna Chapin Ray, the authoress of West Haven, Conn.
- ii. LEVI, b. Westmoreland, July 2, 1796; the father's farm was divided between Levi and his brother, Jonathan. Levi's farm comprised the land on which the most of No. Walpole village is built, while Jonathan's was the land lying north of Governor's brook and also

- that between River street and the Connecticut river, later owned by the B. F. Canal Co. He m. Oct. 9, 1827, Cynthia Smith, b. Langdon, N. H., July 31, 1805, d. Oct. 30, 1851; he d. Mar. 20, 1877. Both d. at No. Walpole. Children all b. No. Walpole: 1. *Philip*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1828; d. No. Walpole, Feb. 22, 1841. 2. *Thomas Fessenden*, b. Dec. 12, 1829; d. Jacksonville, Fla., Mar. 7, 1855; unm. 3. *Cynthia Maria*, b. July 26, 1832; m. Apr. 7, 1870, Albert Frederick Nims, b. Sullivan, N. H., Apr. 14, 1838, came to No. Walpole in 1867 and engaged extensively in agriculture, lumbering and real estate; d. Burlington, Vt., Mar. 7, 1902; she d. No. Walpole, Sept. 23, 1905. Child: Mary Chapin,<sup>9</sup> b. No. Walpole, Oct. 23, 1871; m. June 17, 1897, Almon Ithamar Bolles. (*See Bolles.*)
- iii. HERMON, b. Westmoreland, Oct. 9, 1799; engaged in manufacture of tools in Pine Meadow, Conn., in company with his brother, Nathaniel, in 1835; m. May 28, 1828, Catherine Merrill of New Hartford, Conn., b. June 23, 1805; he d. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 31, 1866. Had nine children, three sons lived to maturity.
  - iv. JONATHAN, b. Westmoreland, Mar. 6, 1802; was always a farmer, his farm being the meadows now covered by the north part of the village of No. Walpole; he d. July 29, 1874; unm.
  - v. PHILIP, b. Westmoreland, Sept. 5, 1805; was a successful business man of Baltimore, Md., until the Civil war when he ret. with his family to No. Walpole; was then employed in the B. F. Machine shop, later in his brother Hermon's shops at Pine Meadow, Conn.; he m. Mar. 12, 1838, at Baltimore, Md., Sarah J. Wright, b. Baltimore, Aug. 15, 1820, d. New Hartford, Conn., Apr. 26, 1885; he d. Aug. 16, 1887; both d. New Hartford, Conn. Eight children. All lived to maturity.
  - vi. RHODA ANNA, b. Westminster, Vt., May 12, 1808; m. June 13, 1838, at No. Walpole, N. H., Rufus Harvey, b. Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 13, 1797. Three children.

## CHASE

RT. REV. CARLTON<sup>5</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *David*,<sup>2</sup> *Aquila*,<sup>1</sup> *who landed in New England, 1639*), b. Hopkinton, N. H., Feb. 20, 1794; grad. Dartmouth college, 1817, and received the degree of S. T. D. from U. V. M., 1839; was rector of Immanuel chh. of B. F., from Sept. 26, 1819 until Mar. 23, 1844; rem. to Claremont, N. H., becoming rector of Trinity chh.; was consecrated bishop of the Episcopal diocese of N. H., Oct. 20, 1844, which office he held until his death. During the years 1849-52, Bishop Chase was appointed to the oversight of the diocese of N. Y.

He m. Sept. 13, 1820, Harriet, dau. of Dr. Samuel Cutler of B. F., b. Nov. 15, 1796, d. Claremont, N. H., Aug. 27, 1864; he d. Claremont, Jan. 18, 1870.

## Children:

- i. ELEANOR,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 9, 1821; m. May 6, 1846, Dr. George Mason Morse of Clinton, Mass.; she d. Nov. 16, 1861. Children: Several children died before reaching adult age. 1. *Harriet*,<sup>7</sup> d. about 20 yrs. of age. 2. *George F.*, m. Mary Harmar of Philadelphia; res. So. Lancaster, Mass. Children: i. George. ii. Harmar. iii. Josephine.
- ii. FREDERICK CARLTON, b. May 28, 1823; d. Apr. 6, 1900.
- iii. FRANCIS, b. Jan. 7, 1828; d. Feb. 15, 1829.
- iv. ALICE, b. July 25, 1829; d. Mar. 19, 1838.
- v. FRANCIS, b. Sept. 8, 1831; was many years rector of St. James chh.

- Scarsdale, N. Y.; m. June 29, 1869, Mary C., dau. Rev. Dr. Olmstead; he d. Oct., 1904. Child: 1. *Mary Livingstone*,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 10, 1871.
- vi. SARAH JENNETT, b. Oct. 17, 1833; d. Aug. 31, 1848.
- vii. ARTHUR, b. Oct. 21, 1835; m. Garafelia Davis, Apr. 9, 1863; d. Nov. 20, 1888. Lived at Claremont, N. H. Children: 1. *Charles Francis*,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1864; m. Elizabeth H. Parker, June 20, 1894. Children: i. Eugene Parker,<sup>8</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1895. ii. Helen Carlton, b. May 20, 1897. 2. *Alice Carlton*, b. Nov. 12, 1865. 3. *Arthur*, b. Aug. 24, 1867; m. Alice, dau. of Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler, D. D., Moravian bishop. Res. Ware, Mass., rector of Trinity (Episcopal) chh. Children: i. Eleanor Carlton,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 20, 1901. ii. Edward Rondthaler, b. Jan. 16, 1903. 4. *Eleanor Morse*, b. Nov. 11, 1869; d. Apr. 11, 1870. 5. *Carlton*, b. Feb. 25, 1871; d. Sept. 7, 1882. 6. *Eliza Davis*, b. Nov. 13, 1872; d. Jan. 26, 1904. 7. *Clara Fellows*, b. Feb. 21, 1875; d. Mar. 7, 1879.
- viii. HARRIET, b. Sept. 3, 1842; m. Oct. 23, 1866, Thomas Jefferson Lasier; she d. Feb. 11, 1877; he res. Washington, D. C. Children: 1. *Eleanor*,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 22, 1867; m. June 16, 1897, James W. Kennerley of Pueblo, Col. Children: i. Thomas L.,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1900; d. Sept. 1, 1900. ii. Eleanor, b. Aug. 7, 1902. 2. *Harriet Catherine*, b. Jan. 13, 1869. 3. *Marguerite*, b. Dec. 17, 1871; m. Sept. 10, 1901, J. Herbert Fenn of Pueblo, Col. Child: Herbert Jefferson,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1904. 4. *Francis Liebschutz*, b. Aug. 21, 1873; d. Mar. 17, 1882. 5. *Florence Frederick*, b. July 24, 1875; m. June 20, 1905, B. Rush Kennerley of Pueblo, Col.

## CHASE

CLARK<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Kimball of Walpole, N. H., gr. s. of Jonathan H. of Grafton, Mass.*), came to B. F. from Westminster, Vt., in 1859, and was clerk in the "Union store." In 1869, he established a store in Westminster, remaining until 1871, when he ret. to B. F.; res. here since. In 1871, he established an extensive furniture trade from which he retired in 1899; is an extensive owner of real estate in B. F.

He was b. Walpole, N. H., Dec. 12, 1837; m. Apr. 14, 1862, Ellen M. Fisher of Townshend, Vt., b. Dec. 7, 1841.

Children:

- i. LILLA ADALINE,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1866; m. Apr. 27, 1887, George Everett Page, b. Berwick, Me., May 31, 1856; a commercial traveller; res. B. F. Children all b. in B. F.: 1. *Lillian Geraldine*,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 6, 1888; d. Sept. 10, 1888. 2. *Gerald Chase*, b. Jan. 23, 1891. 3. *George Everett*, b. Jan. 5, 1898.
- ii. LENA MAY, b. Jan. 27, 1868; d. Mar. 25, 1895.

## CHURCH

CAPT. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> (*Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*,<sup>1</sup> b. in Eng. 1608, and came to New England in 1630, with Gov. Winthrop), b. Mar. 3, 1757; served 3½ yrs. in the colonial army during the Revolution; came from Westmoreland, N. H., where he had kept a tavern to Westminster locating just south of B. F. in 1808, where he engaged in farming. He purchased 700 acres of land, heavily timbered with pine, and engaged in lumbering; erected 3 saw-mills on the Saxtons river and built the first dam at "The Forest," cut mast timbers for ships, and had charcoal kilns; lived first

in the dwelling now owned by A. H. Bissell, but soon erected the large house on what has recently been known as the "M. W. Davis farm." The house he then built was nearly twice as large as the present building, a large addition then extending north. While farming and lumbering went on outside the home, there was no idleness among the inmates within. The loom and spinning wheel were set up, the flax grown in the field, was carded, spun and woven, as well as cotton and wool, and made into cloth for the use of the large family.

Capt. Church was prominent in all affairs in B. F. and Westminster; usually acted as marshal on public occasions; a regular attendant at Immanuel chh., although never a communicant. It is a well authenticated tradition that he and his family were such regular attendants at the chh. on Sunday that on one occasion when they did not go, the old horse, recognizing the day, went to the chh. at the appointed hour and stood under the tree as usual until the services were concluded, when he walked home as demurely as if the family were with him. The Capt. was always a most generous and kind-hearted man contributing of his substance to assist the poor, particularly at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Persons still living tell interestingly of the preparations in his household for weeks before these feasts, of the immense roasts of beef hung before the huge kitchen fireplace, the long row of ovens and bakers arranged around it in addition to the great brick oven which all dwellings of those days had, all filled to their utmost,—and then what jolly times at the feasts!

Capt. Church's family usually numbered from 35 to 40, including his 20 children, and employees. His practice regarding intoxicating liquors would seem strange to-day. He always purchased different kinds by the barrel and kept them in his capacious cellar, the prominent variety being New England rum. He made the rule that all members of his family might partake twice a day, before breakfast and before supper. His children came under this rule as soon as they were large enough to "line up" with the older ones. Twice each day the captain mixed his great bowl of toddy with a stick, the bowl being a wooden one which is still shown by his descendants. He ranged the whole family around the room and passed the bowl from one to the other. The rule was that each was to have a certain number of swallows, and if at any time any one attempted to take more than their allowance he said sharply "cut," which meant "enough," and if not stopped quick enough to suit him a sharp rap with his toddy stick, which he held in his right hand, was effective. Notwithstanding this free use of the ardent, there was never a member of the family who became intemperate. In his employment of men to drive his rafts of lumber down the Connecticut river to city markets he made the rule that each raft take a 10-gal. cask of rum, which must do for the trip.

Capt. Church earned his title as captain from his command of militia companies. Among his family of 20 children he had 12 sons and sons-in-law who were members of his company. He divided his large tract of land into various farms for different children, the most of whom married and settled in this immediate vicinity and their descendants are scattered throughout the United States.

He m. 1st Betsey Wheeler of Westmoreland, N. H., b. Feb. 19, 1765, d.



Mar. 3, 1799; m. 2d Rebecca Knights of Westmoreland, 1799, d. Dec. 21, 1863; he d. Nov. 3, 1836.

Children :

- i. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> d. in infancy.
- ii. POLLY, b. Westmoreland, Mar. 20, 1784; m. John Farnsworth.
- iii. CHARLES, b. Mar. 26, 1786; m. Rebecca Tower of Westminster, Vt., d. Mar. 1819; he d. Dec. 27, 1819; res. Westminster, Vt. Child: 1. *Rebecca*,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar., 1819; d. Apr., 1819.
- iv. FORTUNATUS, b. June 3, 1788; d. Sept. 7, 1863; res. Westminster; unm.
2. v. HANNAIL, b. Nov. 9, 1790; m. Aaron Phillips.
- vi. BETSEY, b. Dec. 9, 1793; m. Royce Jones of Claremont, N. H.; she d. Sept. 28, 1873; no children.
- vii. DEBORAH, b. Apr. 6, 1796, d. in N. Y., July 19, 1876; unm.
3. viii. HARMON, b. Westmoreland, Feb. 15, 1799; m. Betsey Farnsworth.
- ix. INFANT, b. May 28, 1800; d. May 28, 1800.
- x. EMMA, b. June 3, 1801; m. Lyman Hapgood of B.F. (See *Hapgood*.)
- xi. CONSTANT, b. Oct. 16, 1802; d. April 10, 1827; unm.
- xii. LYDIA, b. Oct. 27, 1804; d. June 23, 1810.
- xiii. PETER ATKINSON, b. May 28, 1806; travelled extensively in Africa collecting wild animals for a menagerie. In 1836 visited Westminster and on his way to Mexico in that year. he d. at Mobile, Ala.
4. xiv. WILLIAM KING, b. June 16, 1808; m. 1st Priscilla Farnsworth; m. 2d Calistia Cobb.
5. xv. TIMOTHY WILDER, b. Aug. 2, 1810; m. Lucy M. Harris.
6. xvi. JOHN WHEELER, b. June 6, 1812; m. Marcia Marial Harris.
- xvii. GEORGE BREWSTER, b. May 6, 1814; d. Sept. 27, 1833.
7. xviii. CHARLOTTE ATKINSON, b. Nov. 16, 1816; m. Alonzo G. Chapin.
- xix. JOSEPH, b. Westminster, Aug. 17, 1819; d. Sept. 27, 1819.
8. xx. JAMES CUTLER (twin brother of Joseph), b. Aug. 17, 1819; m. Stella Maria Harris.

1. POLLY<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westmoreland. N. H., Mar. 20, 1784; m. 1800, John Farnsworth of Westmoreland. He was one of the first six families to settle in the township of Coventry, Vt., there enduring many hardships incident to frontier life; bears and other wild beasts were common, and at one time provisions becoming scarce in midwinter he took a bag of grain on his shoulder and walked 10 miles on snow shoes to the nearest mill, had it ground and returned the same way to his log home; she d. Dec., 1804.

Children :

- i. RALPH,<sup>8</sup> b. Coventry, Vt., Aug. 1, 1801; m. Harriet Livingston of Walpole, N. H.; he d. Sept. 24, 1853; she d. Walpole, Nov. 7, 1864. Children all b. in Walpole: 1. *John*,<sup>9</sup> b. 1832; m. Apr. 9, 1859, Eleanor Brady of B. F.; he was a soldier of the Civil war and d. Mar. 25, 1880. Children all b. in Walpole: i. Mary Ida,<sup>10</sup> b. Mar. 14, 1860; m. May 8, 1875, Arthur Rider of Alstead, N. H. Child: May,<sup>11</sup> b. May 8, 1878; d. Sept., 1881. ii. Nellie Jane, b. Dec. 6, 1861; m. Mar. 15, 1886, Arthur Wilson, of Langdon, N. H.; res. Brooklyn, N. Y. iii. Charles Edward, b. May 23, 1866; m. Minnie Graves Burt; res. Walpole. iv. James Brady, b. Sept., 1869. v. John Henry, b. Apr. 13, 1873; m. Aug. 21, 1901, Annie Wild of Keene, N. H. vi. Lizzie Dorance, b. July 20, 1875; d. July 6, 1878. vii. George Walter, b. Jan. 3, 1880. 2. *Mary*, b. Walpole, 1834; m. Mar., 1863, Charles Green; res. N. Y. Children: i. Willie,<sup>10</sup> ii. Henry. iii. Mary. iv. Nellie.

- ii. POLLY (or Mary), b. Coventry, Dec. 19, 1803; m. 1826/1827, Samuel Wales of B. F., b. Westminster, Vt., Apr. 22, 1802, a paper manufacturer in Virginia and Georgia, went to Iowa later and engaged in grain trade, d. Monticello, Ia., Apr. 24, 1888; she d. Claremont, N. H., Mar. 10, 1855. Children: 1. *William Edmund*,<sup>9</sup> b. Waddington, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1828; a paper manufacturer, served in the Civil war; m. June 4, 1854, Annie Gordon; res. Hampden Corners, Me. Children: i. William G.,<sup>10</sup> b. Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 13, 1855, a ranch-man in southern California. ii. A dau. d. young. iii. Charles. iv. Fred. 2. *Samuel*, b. Waddington, N. Y., 1831; m. Louisa —; he d. Monticello, Ia., Dec. 11, 1865. Child: Clellan.<sup>10</sup> 3. *Charles Edwin*, b. B. F., July 21, 1834; is a hotel proprietor and prominent resident of Dubuque, Ia.; m. 1st 1859, Calistia Houghton of Dubuque, b. Avon Springs, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1836, d. 1893; m. 2d July 15, 1904, Virginia Lewis at Dubuque. Child: Clara,<sup>10</sup> b. Monticello; m. Frank Stout of Dubuque, an extensive lumber dealer; res. Chicago, Ill. Children: i. Harry.<sup>11</sup> ii. Katherine. iii. Calistia. iv. Eleanor. 4. *Mary Adelaide*, b. Claremont, N. H., Feb., 1844; m. David Gardner, Monticello, Ia., has five or six children.
2. HANNAH<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.<sup>2</sup> Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 9, 1790; m. Aaron Phillips of Westmoreland, N. H.; he d. Feb. 20, 1865; res. Busti, N. Y.
- Children:
- i. CHARLES,<sup>8</sup> b. Westmoreland; res. Jamestown, N. Y. Children: 1. *Nettie*,<sup>9</sup> m. — Williams; res. Jamestown. 2. *Edgar*. 3. *Dau.*, d. young. 4. *Son*, d. young. 5. *Ida*, m. and res. Syracuse, N. Y.
  - ii. JACKSON, b. Westmoreland, m. Aurilla —; res. Kiantone, N. Y. Children: 1. *Melissa*,<sup>9</sup> m. and res. Jamestown. Children: i. Elizabeth.<sup>10</sup> ii. Grace. 2. *Eliza*, m. and res. Kiantone and has several children.
  - iii. JAMES, was a Presbyterian minister, and had a son, *James*.<sup>9</sup>
  - iv. BRADFORD, b. Busti, N. Y., m. and had several children.
3. HARMON<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.<sup>2</sup> Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westmoreland, N. H., Feb. 15, 1799; in 1824/1825 purchased of his father 120 acres of the southern part of the original tract of 700 acres just south of B. F., and for more than 40 yrs. lived in the house now occupied by A. H. Bissell; he was a man whose love of home was strong and in it his chief interest centered: he shunned office and though chosen captain of the state militia he early resigned his commission; an upright and conscientious Christian from early manhood; a member of Immanuel chh. for 40 yrs. He m. Nov. 16, 1826, Betsey, dau. of John and Betsey (Kendall) Farnsworth, b. Coventry, Vt., June 20, 1806, d. Sept. 16, 1890; he d. Feb. 8, 1877.
- Children all b. in Westminster:
- i. MARTHA,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1827; res. Westminster; unm.
  - ii. CHARLES, b. Nov. 27, 1828; m. Nov. 26, 1856, Minerva Abby Whitney, b. Bridgewater, Vt., Mar. 29, 1834; res. Westminster later rem. to West Northfield, Mass. Children: 1. *Charles Harmon*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1858; d. May 12, 1897. 2. *Edward Winslow*, b. June 20, 1869; res. Hartford, Conn.
  - iii. MARY, b. Feb. 6, 1831; res. Westminster; unm.
  - iv. FRANCES, b. Apr. 3, 1834; m. Mar. 11, 1857, Charles E. Watkins of Walpole, N. H., b. Dec. 19, 1829. Children all b. Walpole: 1. *Minerva Rebecca*,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1857; m. Jan. 29, 1889, Frank

- Dunshee of Walpole, b. Dec. 27, 1857; res. Westmoreland, N. H.
2. *Harmon Charles*, b. Feb. 9, 1859; m. 1st Mar. 30, 1886, Eva Hall of Westmoreland, b. Jan. 1, 1860; d. Jan. 2, 1890; m. 2d June, 1900, Louisa O. Watkins of Walpole; res. Walpole. Child: Cecil Hall,<sup>10</sup> b. Oct. 20, 1888.
3. *Winnie Frances*, b. Aug. 27, 1862; m. Feb. 3, 1886, Frederick A. Graves of Walpole, b. Billerica, Mass., Feb. 2, 1859; res. Keene, N. H., no ch.
4. *Betsy Church*, b. Nov. 23, 1864; m. Curtis Chickering of Chesterfield, N. H.
5. *Norman Edmund*, b. July 29, 1867; m. Ida M. Graves, b. Westmoreland, July 22, 1868; res. Keene, N. H. Children: i. Bertha May,<sup>10</sup> b. Westmoreland, May 29, 1893. ii. Claude Norman, b. Walpole, Dec. 20, 1897.
- iii. Vera M., b. Walpole, Sept. 13, 1899.
- iv. Earl Andrew, b. Keene, Dec. 30, 1904.
6. *Elmer Alfred*, b. July 28, 1869; m. Apr. 29, 1896, Helen Keddie, b. Galashiels, Scot., Aug. 7, 1876; res. Keene, N. H. Children: i. Hazel Frances,<sup>10</sup> b. Walpole, Mar. 27, 1900. ii. Infant, b. Mar. 17, 1906; d. Mar. 18, 1906.
7. *Infant*, b. Sept. 6, 1871; d. Sept. 6, 1871.
8. *Louisa Emma*, b. Aug. 12, 1872; m. Mar. 9, 1894, George H. Davis, b. Chesterfield, N. H., Feb. 3, 1869; res. Chesterfield. Children: i. Cless George,<sup>10</sup> b. Chesterfield, July 9, 1895. ii. Eva Frances, b. Chesterfield, Dec. 8, 1897.
9. *Della Lizzie*, b. Oct. 3, 1874; d. Walpole, May 28, 1880.
10. *Hattie May*, b. Sept. 21, 1876; m. Oct. 9, 1893, Charles B. Davis, b. Chesterfield, June 7, 1875; res. Chesterfield. Children: i. Richard E.,<sup>10</sup> b. Walpole, Mar., 1895. ii. Elmer H., b. Walpole, Sept. 22, 1897.
- iii. Raymond C., b. Chesterfield, Mar. 31, 1900.
11. *Gertrude Anna*, b. Feb. 12, 1879; m. Mar. 16, 1897, Frank W. Blare, b. Warren, Mass., June 2, 1870; res. Brockton, Mass. Child: Clyde R.,<sup>10</sup> b. Westminster, Mar. 19, 1898.
- v. REBECCA, b. Feb. 2, 1836; d. in Westminster Jan. 5, 1904; unm.
- vi. PRISCILLA, b. Nov. 5, 1837; d. Jan. 17, 1840.
- vii. EMMA H., b. Oct. 14, 1839; d. Dec. 8, 1847.
- viii. WINSLOW, b. Feb. 12, 1844; served during the Civil war in Co. G., 1st Vt. Artillery; d. Jarvis Hospital, Md., Jan. 5, 1865.

4. WILLIAM KING<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 16, 1808; a farmer; always res. on a farm just south of B. F., now known as the "Dennis Drislane place;" was captain in state militia and filled many offices in his town and in Immanuel chh. He m. 1st Dec. 26, 1830, Priscilla, dau. of John and Betsey (Kendall) Farnsworth of Westminster, b. Aug. 17, 1813, d. Nov. 23, 1836; m. 2d Dec. 24, 1839, Calistia Cobb of Westminster, b. Feb. 24, 1814, d. Apr. 27, 1884; he d. Oct. 30, 1847.

Children:

- i. GEORGE BREWSTER,<sup>8</sup> b. Westminster, July 10, 1832; m. 1855/1856 Mary Ann Gordon of Westmoreland, d. May 22, 1871; he d. Chicago, Ill., Apr. 1, 1864. Children: 1. *George*,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov., 1858; m. and res. Big Rock, Ia. 2. *Dau.*, d. in infancy.
- ii. EMMA, b. July 7, 1834; m. Nov. 24, 1852, Orlando Stone of Westminster, deceased; she d. Nov. 19, 1890. Children all b. Westminster: 1. *George Orlando*,<sup>9</sup> b. June 29, 1853; d. June 8, 1862. 2. *Addie Priscilla*, b. Feb. 6, 1858; m. Eugene S. Leonard (*Sec Leonard*), 3. *Etta S.*, b. May 8, 1863; d. Oct. 2, 1864.
- iii. ELEANOR CHASE, b. July 5, 1841; d. Jan. 5, 1848.

5. TIMOTHY WILDER<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westminster, Aug. 2, 1810; after res. in Stock-

bridge, Vt., a few years ret. here and purchased land at No. Westminster, erected the dwelling still occupied by his descendants. He m. Nov., 1836, Lucy M. Harris, b. Townshend, Vt., July 5, 1817, and they celebrated their golden wedding in 1886; d. Apr. 22, 1887; she d. No. Westminster, Jan. 9, 1906

Children:

- i. FORTUNATUS,<sup>8</sup> b. Westminster, Dec. 24, 1838; m. Alice Spaulding of No. Westminster; d. B. F., Nov. 26, 1901. Children: 1. *Herbert H.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Westminster, 1866; m. Dec. 3, 1890, Mabel A. Watkins of Westminster; res. Hudson, Mich. Children: i. Alice E.,<sup>10</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1892. ii. Harold E. iii. Everett W. iv. Florence M. 2. *Mabel*, b. 1877; d. Westminster, Feb. 15, 1880.
- ii. MARCIA MARIAL, b. Westminster, Oct. 9, 1840; m. Nov. 28, 1866, Warren Moore of Lawrence, Mass., a paper manufacturer, he d. Wells River, Vt., May 18, 1899; she res. Newark, N. J. Children: 1. *Albert W.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Bartonsville, Vt., Dec. 25, 1867; m. June 18, 1891, Winnie M. Woods of Bradford, Vt. Child: Warren Harold,<sup>10</sup> b. July 29, 1894.
- iii. LUCY ANN, b. Stockbridge, Vt., Dec. 1, 1842, m. 1st Mar. 18, 1861, Dwight B. Edson, d. Aug. 19, 1887, res. Westminster; m. 2d Nov. 27, 1890, William Ingalls, a blacksmith and volunteer in the Civil war; res. No. Westminster; he d. Sept., 1906. Children: 1. *Fred G.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Westminster, Mar. 23, 1862; m. Jan. 23, 1883, Flora E. Chase; res. East Dedham, Mass. Children: i. Vergie Helena,<sup>10</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1887. ii. Alberta T., b. Dec. 27, 1893. 2. *Waldo M.*, b. Aug. 9, 1870; route agent American express; m. Mabel De Forest, dau. of Charles E. Capron of B. F., res. St. Albans, Vt. Child: Waldo C.,<sup>11</sup> b. Jan. 29, 1899.
- iv. LYMAN HAPGOOD, b. Westminster, Mar. 31, 1848; m. Mar. 1, 1885, Luthera Chase.
- v. HOLLAND WHEELER, b. Westminster, Oct. 16, 1857, a paper manufacturer; m. Nora Gage of Westminster; he d. Nov. 6, 1891; res. Little Falls, N. Y.; no children.
- vi. WILLIAM KING, b. Westminster, Dec. 15, 1852; res. on the old homestead at No. Westminster; unm.
- vii. HENRY WILDER, b. 1856; d. Mar. 5, 1858.
- viii. HENRIETTA, b. Westminster, Mar. 10, 1859; m. Oct. 25, 1884, Jed. W. Hurlbert of B. F.; a paper manufacturer; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Daniel Church*,<sup>9</sup> b. July 16, 1886. 2. *Helena*, b. Sept. 8, 1902.

6. JOHN WHEELER<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>). b. June 6, 1812; res. on the old homestead farm of his father until 1858 when he rem. to B. F. He m. Feb. 17, 1839, Marcia Marial Harris of Townshend, Vt., d. Mar. 5, 1893; he d. Aug. 31, 1875.

Children, 6 b. Westminster, 5 b. B. F.:

- i. ELLEN MARIA,<sup>8</sup> b. Apr. 22, 1841; m. Apr. 14, 1883, Harry L. Smith; paper maker of B. F.; no children.
- ii. EMILY ANNA, b. Jan. 11, 1843; res. B. F.; unm.
- iii. LOIS ANN, b. Feb. 3, 1845; m. Nov. 26, 1873, Ansel A. Moulton; d. B. F., Dec. 24, 1874. Child: *Albanus Church*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1874.
- iv. REBECCA KNIGHT, b. Mar. 25, 1848; res. B. F.; unm.
- v. JENNIE B., b. Sept. 13, 1850; res. B. F.; unm.
- vi. FANNIE C., b. July 4, 1852 d.; Sept. 13, 1856.
- vii. JAMES WENTWORTH, b. Oct. 20, 1856; d. Jan. 25, 1868.
- viii. JOHN W., b. Nov. 16, 1859; m. May 14, 1879, Sara Wilson of B. F. Child: *John W.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 20, 1881; m. Oct. 25, 1906, Rosaline McDowell of Sandy Hook, N. Y.
- ix. FRANK B., b. Jan. 3, 1861; d. Mar. 1, 1863.

- x. MARCIA M., b. Feb. 6, 1865; m. Jan. 2, 1889, Arthur F. Arnold, a farmer of Westminster. Child: 1. *Marion*,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 28, 1894.
- xi. SOLON P., b. July 29, 1867.

7. CHARLOTTE ATKINSON<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westminster, Nov. 16, 1816; m. June 8, 1840, Alonzo G. Chapin of Topsham, Vt.; d. Westminster, Dec. 2, 1859; she d. Tottensville, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1881.

Children:

- i. HENRY HOPKINS,<sup>8</sup> b. Newbury, Vt., Mar. 26, 1841; m. Jan. 4, 1881, Amy Sharrott; d. Tottensville, July 15, 1905; res. Tottensville; no children.
- ii. CHARLES CHURCH, b. Newbury, Jan. 4, 1843; served in the Civil war being promoted to Lieut.; in 1865 went to N. Y. in express business; in 1874 ret. to B. F.; and in 1889 went to Alabama and engaged in coal and ice business. He m. Aug. 25, 1865, Elizabeth Watson Thwing of Lansingburg, N. Y.; res. Birmingham, Ala. Children: 1. *Agnes Hellen*,<sup>9</sup> b. N. Y. city, June 2, 1866; d. June 2, 1886. 2. *Agnes Amelia*, b. N. Y., Apr. 27, 1867; m. Sept. 14, 1886, Charles H. Frye of B. F.; res. Birmingham, Ala. Child: *Agnes Elizabeth*,<sup>10</sup> b. B. F., Oct. 6, 1887; m. May 9, 1906, Leslie Coston of Birmingham. 3. *Alvi Alanson*, b. N. Y. Nov. 13, 1868; m. Aug. 12, 1894, Lena Lalend of Florence, Ala. Children all b. Birmingham: i. *June Lavonie*,<sup>10</sup> b. June 12, 1895; d. Oct. 19, 1902. ii. *Hellen*, b. Nov. 9, 1897; d. Mar. 14, 1899. iii. *Charles Church*, b. Feb. 9, 1901. iv. *Cornelius Leighton*, b. Mar. 12, 1903. v. *Henry Hopkins*, b. Sept. 6, 1906. 4. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. N. Y., Dec. 18, 1870; m. Apr. 14, 1890, James G. White of Florence, Ala.; she d. Florence, July 29, 1905. Children: i. *Frank Rennechan*,<sup>10</sup> b. Florence, Nov. 17, 1891. ii. *James Chapin*, b. Florence, Sept. 12, 1893. 5. *Charles Church*, b. N. Y., Sept. 15, 1872; d. N. Y. Oct. 27, 1874. 6. *Frank Leighton*, b. N. Y. Nov. 17, 1874; d. Florence, Sept. 16, 1892. 7. *Henry Edson*, b. B. F., Sept. 15, 1876; m. 1st Mar. 24, 1895, Berta Ward of Florence; m. 2d Oct. 23, 1905, Mrs. Willie Hayes of Birmingham, res. Birmingham. Children: i. *Vera Helen*,<sup>10</sup> b. Florence, Feb. 28, 1896. ii. *Etheline Dewey*, b. May 5, 1898; d. July 23, 1901. iii. *Henry Edson*, b. Aug. 2, 1900; d. May 4, 1901. 8. *Wyman Flint*, b. B. F., Oct. 5, 1878; d. Dec. 5, 1880. 9. *William Roy*, b. Jan. 16, 1881. 10. *Leland Thwing*, b. B. F. May 6, 1882; m. Oct. 19, 1905, Annie Penelope Pelham of Alexandria, Ala. Child: *Elizabeth Helen*,<sup>10</sup> b. June 18, 1906; res. Birmingham.
- iii. JOHN WHEELER, b. Boston, Mass., 1847; d. Westminster, July 15, 1859.
- iv. ELIZABETH WILD, b. 1849; d. Boston, Mar. 31, 1857.
- v. DEBORAH, b. Westminster, Dec. 24, 1851; m. Floratio N. Squire of Tottensville, N. Y. Children: 1. *Charlotte Atkinson*,<sup>9</sup> b. Tottensville, Oct. 21, 1878; m. Dec. 22, 1897, Willard G. Young, b. Chemung, Ill., res. Oklahoma. Child: *Vera Lena*,<sup>10</sup> b. July 11, 1900. 2. *Vera Ladd*, b. Feb. 21, 1883; d. Feb. 14, 1889.

8. JAMES CUTLER<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Charles*,<sup>5</sup> *Constant*,<sup>4</sup> *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> *Col. Benj.*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), (*twin brother of Joseph*), b. Aug. 17, 1819; is now in the 88th yr. of his age, the only surviving member of Capt. Charles Church's large family; m. Mar. 21, 1842, Stella Maria Harris of Townshend, Vt.. d. Townshend, Oct. 23, 1889; he res. Townshend.



## Children :

- i. WILLIAM MARTYS, b. Stockbridge, Vt., June 1, 1843, d. Townshend, Sept. 6, 1848.
- ii. WILLIAM KNIGHTS, b. in R., Apr. 28, 1850; m. Dec. 25, 1873. Fanny Howard, b. at S. R. July 21, 1852; res. The Palms, Cal. Children: 1. *Harriet Maria*,<sup>9</sup> b. Townshend, Dec. 9, 1874; m. Oct., 1898, Walter R. Kirk; res. Keene, N. H. Children: 1. Howard,<sup>10</sup> b. Keene, Jan. 6, 1900. ii. Rawson, b. Keene, Aug. 5, 1902. 2. *James Cutler*, b. in R., Mar. 9, 1878.
- iii. STELLA MARIA, b. Townshend, Aug. 17, 1856, m. May 1, 1877, George E. Ware of Newfane, Vt. Children all b. Newfane: 1. *George Church*,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 11, 1880. 2. *Dwight Atwood*, b. Jan. 22, 1888. 3. *Roger Harris*, b. Apr. 10, 1895.
- iv. ELIZABETH LORINDA, b. Townshend, Mar. 17, 1858; m. Jan. 22, 1879, J. H. Ware of Townshend. Children all b. Townshend: 1. *Herbert Haley*,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1880; d. Sept. 23, 1890. 2. *Mary Maria*, b. June 22, 1883; res. B. F. 3. *Alice Ferne*, b. July 30, 1890. 4. *Laura Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 10, 1893. 5. *Ella Louisa*, b. Mar. 14, 1895.

## CLARK

TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mansfield, Conn., Dec. 26, 1745; in 1768 rem. to Grafton, Vt., and to R. about 1770; early town records indicate that he took a prominent part in public affairs during the remainder of his life, holding various offices; directly after the battle of Lexington, he, with a number of other citizens of this town, hurried to the scene of conflict and joined Capt. John Marcy's company of New Hampshire men, Col. Reed's regiment, as a drummer, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill: was among those from R. that "marcht to Ticonderogue" in 1777 and the Revolutionary Rolls of Vt., show service under two later enlistments.

His home was on a farm about half a mile south of R. village on the road to S. R. village. His death occurred in Hancock, Vt., while on his return from a visit to his son, Simeon, who was serving in the 11th U. S. Infantry near Burlington. He was buried in Rochester, Vt. For a full history of this family see "Richard Clarke of Rowley, Mass., and his descendants in the line of Timothy Clark of Rockingham, Vt., 1638-1904. By Thomas Bellows Peck. Boston: 1905."

He m. Nov. 29, 1764, Amy Woodworth of Lebanon, Conn., d. in R., about Jan. 4, 1818; he d. Hancock, Vt., in Feb., 1813.

## Children :

- i. MARGRETT,<sup>6</sup> b. in Conn., Mar. 9, 1766; m. May 5, 1785. John Abbe Ripley, b. 1762, d. Montgomery, Vt., Mar. 8, 1848; they res. in Franklin county, Vt. Children: 1. *Lydia*,<sup>7</sup> d. unm. 2. *John*, m. Hannah Brown. Children: Charles,<sup>8</sup> Lucretia, Julia, William. 3. *Desire*, d. July 11, 1871; m. Henry Chamberlain. Children: Willard,<sup>8</sup> Annie, John, Butler, Hubbard, Diantha, Sibyl, Anson, Maria. 4. *Joshua Webb*, b. Nov. 3, 1794; farmer in Highgate, Vt.; m. Rhoda Johnson; he d. Randolph, Vt., Mar. 20, 1871. Child: Paschal P.,<sup>8</sup> b. 1832; soldier in the Civil war; editor and proprietor of the *Orange County Eagle*, published in Randolph, Vt.; m. Miss B. Scully; had seven children. 5. *Amy*, b. Aug. 3, 1797; m. James Johnson; res. Franklin, Vt.; she d. Mar. 24, 1850. Children: Dawson,<sup>8</sup> Rachel, Desire, Henry,



- Elihu, Joshua, Almira, Rhoda. 6. *Eunice*, b. May 12, 1800; m. Nathaniel Johnson, farmer of Highgate, Vt.; she d. Dec. 1, 1827. Children: Solomon,<sup>8</sup> Charles, Franklin. 7. *Benjamin*, b. in 1802; a blacksmith in Berkshire, Vt.; d. Montgomery, Vt., June 30, 1861. Children: Olive,<sup>8</sup> Amy, Elmira, Elizabeth and John.
- i. ii. TIMOTHY, b. Apr. 9, 1767; m. Sarah Burk.
  - iii. JONATHAN ROGERS, b. Apr. 12, 1769; m. Sept. 14, 1795. Betsy Green of R.; rem. to Rochester, Vt., in 1800; killed in 1812 by a falling tree. Children: *Randilla*,<sup>7</sup> m. William Goodno; *Amy*, m. James Morris; *Jason*; *Solon*; *Jedediah*; *Abigail*, m. Daniel Goodnow; *Marcia*; *Ovid E.*; *Simon*. Col. Albert Clarke<sup>b</sup> (*s. of Jedediah, gr. s. of Jonathan Rogers*), b. Granville, Vt., Oct. 13, 1840; for the past 16 years has been secretary and manager of the Home Market club of Boston, the largest protective tariff organization in the U. S.; an eminent authority on economic and kindred subjects and widely known throughout the country; m. Jan. 21, 1864, Josephine Briggs. Children: Josie Caroline,<sup>9</sup> d. in 1879, æ. 10 yrs.; Mary Elizabeth, b. St. Albans, Vt., Apr. 21, 1872, m. Samuel Williams, Jr., and res. in Philadelphia; one son, Langdon,<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 3, 1903.
  - iv. EUNICE, b. in R., Sept. 13, 1772; m. Abel Fletcher, a farmer, and rem. to Rochester, Vt., where she d. in 1846. Children: *Emily*,<sup>7</sup> m. Samuel Brooks; *Samuel*, *Anna*, *Amy*.
  - v. DANIEL RANDALL, b. in R., Apr. 9, 1775; rem. in 1806 to Rochester, Vt., where he d. Nov. 19, 1848; m. Lucy Claflin of Hancock, Vt., d. May 22, 1860. Children: *Daniel Randall*,<sup>7</sup> *Solomon Bradford*, *Lucy*, *Clarissa A.*, *Ambrose E.*, *Retire Trask*, *Achsa E.*, *Cordell A.*
  - vi. AMA, b. in R., Feb. 10, 1779; m. in R., Feb. 18, 1800, David Eaton of Westminster, Vt.; rem. in 1810 to Hancock, Vt., later to Rochester and Granville, Vt., where he d. Feb. 16, 1837. Children: *Betsey*,<sup>7</sup> m. Harvey Shipman; *Harriet*, m. Thomas B. Martin; *Ovid*, *David*, *Achsa*, m. Bela R. Perry; *Timothy Clark*, *Abigail*, m. Marshall Martin; *Lucius*. *Freedom*.
  - vii. JEDEDIAH, b. in R., Aug. 8, 1781; rem. to Roxbury, Vt., about 1818 where he res. until his death, May 30, 1834; m. Elizabeth Stearns of Grafton, Vt. Children (1st seven b. in R. and the rest in Roxbury): *Harriet*,<sup>7</sup> *Theophilus Flagg*, *Eliza*, *Leonard Elliott*, *Ebenezer Bradford*, *Jedediah Stearns*, *Mahala B.*, *Permelia*, m. William B. Freeman; *Simcon Tyler*, *Sarah*, m. Samuel Batchelder.
  - viii. ANNA, b. in R., Aug. 17, 1784; m. Apr. 23, 1809, Solomon Pulsipher of R. who enlisted in the army in the War of 1812 and d. in the service; m. 2d Nathaniel Cushman of Rochester, Vt. Her only child d. young. She d. in Rochester, July 13, 1846.
  - ix. SIMEON, b. Apr. 1, 1787; enlisted as Simon Clark, in the 11th U. S. Infantry, June 10, 1812; was a drummer; d. while in the service at Burlington, Vt., Jan. (or June) 3, 1813; unm.
  - x. EBENEZER, b. June 29, 1790; enlisted May 3, 1831, as a fifer in the 31st Regt. U. S. Infantry, War of 1812; d. in service the same year; unm.
  - xi. SOLOMON BRADFORD, b. in R., July 21, 1793; m. Mar. 24, 1819, Clarissa, dau. of Daniel Houghton of R., b. Winchester, N. H., June 20, 1796; served in U. S. army in the War of 1812; about 1820 rem. to Essex county, N. Y., where he spent the remainder of his life and d. near Wadhams Mills, N. Y. Children: *Sophronia*,<sup>7</sup> *Louise*, m. — Davis; *Amy*, m. — Bullis; *Sarah*, m. — Cross; *Mary*, *Caroline*, *Cleopatra*, m. Edward Soper; *Bradford*, *Charles*.

1. TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> (*Timothy*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>). b. in Conn., Apr. 9, 1767: was brought to R. at the age of 4 and res. here the rest of his life; a prominent citizen living on a farm cleared by him about 1 mile north of S. R. village on the road to R., the place having been occupied till her death in 1906 by his dau., Miss Julia A. Clarke, and his gr. s., Joseph Clarke. The first house on this farm stood a few rods north of the present one which was erected in 1812. He was always a farmer and was prominent in the Univ. chh. of S. R. during its existence. He m. Dec. 28, 1794, Sarah, dau. of Major Silas Burk of Westminster, Vt., b. July 8, 1778, d. May 2, 1851; he d. Sept. 19, 1848, and was interred in the cemetery in S. R. village.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. TIMOTHY,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1796; rem. to Boston, Mass.; m. Mahala —, and d. without children.
- ii. SILAS, b. July 15, 1798; grad. of Vt. Academy of Medicine, Castleton, Vt., 1824; began practice in Windham, Vt., later rem. to Townshend, Vt., where he d. Nov. 20, 1831; m. Abigail Everett of Boston, b. May 31, 1804, d. Warner, N. H., Sept. 9, 1853. Children: 1. *Silas Anderson*,<sup>8</sup> b. Windham, Vt., June 17, 1826; is now clerk of the District Court in Passaic, N. J.; m. in Manchester, N. H., Nov. 9, 1858, Lorinda Alverson. Children: i. Martha H.,<sup>9</sup> b. Methuen, Mass., Sept. 1, 1859; d. Nov. 13, 1859. ii. Henry Wilder, b. Ipswich, Mass., Mar. 20, 1862; res. Bloomfield, N. J.; m. Bertha Lee Thompson. Children: 1. Henry Clifford,<sup>10</sup> 2. Homer Thompson. 3. Howard Arthur. 4. Warren Alverson. iii. Harriet Alverson, b. Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 29, 1863; m. at Passaic, N. J., Sept. 26, 1895, Rev. Warren Roberts Neff, pastor of the DeGroot M. E. church at Newark, N. J., since Apr., 1904. Child: Warren Herbert.<sup>10</sup> iv. Warren Everett, b. June 20, 1870; m. at Passaic, Oct. 21, 1895, Etta L. Watson. Child: Everett Watson.<sup>10</sup> 2. *David Everett*, b. Windham, Vt., Oct. 19, 1827; rem. to Concord, N. H., 1846, where he still resides, engaged in dry goods trade until he retired in 1890; m. Nov. 15, 1853, Henrietta Sarah Clark of Townshend, Vt. Children all b. in Concord: i. Charles Everett,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 13, 1857; d. Aug. 3, 1861. ii. George Haven, b. June 16, 1859; grad. Tufts College Medical School, 1902; now in practice in Allston, Mass.; unm. iii. Henrietta Burke, b. Feb. 11, 1861; m. William W. Bemis of Boston. iv. Emily Ann, b. June 20, 1863; res. Concord, N. H. v. Helen Currier, b. Aug. 22, 1868. 3. *Martha Abigail*, b. Mar. 29, 1830; m. in 1851, Erastus George of Fisherville, N. H., who d. about 1862; she d. Oct. 13, 1878. Children: i. Ellen Mather,<sup>9</sup> b. Warner, N. H., 1852; m. Sept. 1, 1870, James Albert Shattuck of Concord, N. H.; res. Newburyport, Mass. ii. Erastus Baldwin, b. Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 14, 1856; res. Westminster, Vt., Concord, N. H., Chicago, Ill., and in 1883 rem. to Boston; engaged in mercantile business; m. Nov. 25, 1885, Emma Elizabeth Tessler of Boston.
- iii. SARAH, b. Nov. 11, 1800; m. Rev. Erastus Willard who fitted for college with Rev. Joseph Elliott of S. R.: grad. at Waterville in 1829; studied Newton Theological seminary; ordained pastor of the Baptist chh. in Grafton, Vt., Oct. 30, 1833; in 1835 was sent as a missionary to France and with others established a school for the education of native preachers in Douai, of which he had sole charge after 1839; remained in France the most of the time until 1856, when, after serving a short time as missionary to the Ottawas in Kansas, he became pastor of the 1st Baptist chh. in Salem, N. Y.; he d. Newport, R. I., Dec. 29, 1871; she d. Douai, France.

- Oct. 4, 1844, of consumption. Children: 1. *Harriet*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 22, 1834; taught in Mrs. Buell's school in Providence, R. I.: m. Rev. C. Edwin Barrows, D. D., for 19 yrs. pastor of the First Baptist chh. in Newport, R. I., b. Dec. 11, 1831, d. Dec. 26, 1883; she d. Mar. 13, 1883; no ch. 2. *Charles*, d. in Douai, France, Mar. 27, 1840, ae. 3 yrs. 3. *Sarah*, b. Douai, France, Jan. 19, 1839; was a teacher of languages in Wellesley college: d. in Newport, R. I., Oct. 5, 1877.
- iv. CHARLES, b. Dec. 27, 1802; studied medicine at the Vt. Academy of Medicine at Castleton, Vt., and with his brother, Dr. Silas Clarke, in Townshend, Vt., succeeded to his practice in 1831; many years clerk of the Baptist chh. and trustee of Leland & Gray seminary, at Townshend. He m. July 4, 1832, Hannah F. Ober of Townshend, b. Apr. 6, 1810, d. Aug. 8, 1885; he d. Townshend, Jan. 13, 1883. Children: 1. *Henrietta Sarah*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1833; m. David E. Clarke of Concord, N. H. 2. *Silas Burke*, b. Feb. 4, 1836; drug-gist in Townshend until 1894; unm. 3. *Emily Ann*, b. July 17, 1838; d. ae. 18 mos. 4. *Charles Wayland*, b. Oct. 6, 1840; res. Concord, N. H. 5. *John Henry*, b. Dec. 22, 1843; physician of Townshend, afterwards rem. to Michigan; d. Apr. 5, 1891; unm. 6. *Hannah Agnes*, b. Jan. 22, 1846; m. Aug. 4, 1869, W. W. Bemis of Boston. Children: i. Blanche Agnes,<sup>9</sup> ii. Alice Clarke. iii. Annie Louise. iv. Florence Tracy. Mrs. Bemis d. and Mr. Bemis m. 2d Henrietta Burke Clarke; res. in Swampscott, Mass. 7. *George Leland*, b. Oct. 24, 1848; m. Martha Frances Stark; res. Jamaica, Vt. Children: i. Edith Mae,<sup>9</sup> ii. George Joshua. 8. *Frank Albert*, b. Mar. 11, 1851; res. Townshend; unm.
- v. MARY, b. Apr. 21, 1805; m. Osborne Marsh and d. ae. 33. Child: 1. *Mary C.*,<sup>8</sup> res. Concord, N. H.
- vi. LUCINDA, b. Aug. 26, 1807; d. in R., Aug. 30, 1885; unm.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 23, 1810; farmer in Westminster, Vt.; m. Mar. 31, 1846, Mary Eliza Willard of Westminster; he d. Nov. 16, 1888; she res. Westminster until her death in the fall of 1906.
- viii. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 20, 1813; a blacksmith in Westminster West until 1857; rem. to Iowa, following his trade and farming; m. 1834, Rhoda H. Ranney of Westminster; d. Aug., 1880; he res. Algona, Iowa. Child: 1. *Mary*,<sup>8</sup> m. O. F. Hale, a civil engineer of Algona.
- ix. JULIA ANN, b. May 2, 1815; res. on the old homestead near S. R. village, until her death, June 24, 1906; unm.
- x. ALBERT, b. June 13, 1817; a farmer: lived upon the family homestead near S. R. village, caring for his parents in their declining years, and for his unmarried sisters; m. Mar. 2, 1854, Ann Woodbury (Crafts) Willard, b. Boston, Aug. 16, 1828, d. in S. R., May 26, 1871; he d. June 22, 1897. Children all b. in R.: 1. *Joseph*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1854; res. on the old homestead caring for his aunt, Julia A., until her death. 2. *Harriet Woodbury*, b. Aug. 8, 1860; attained eminence as a singer; a soprano many years in the choir of the First Unitarian chh., Brookline, Mass.: a member of the famous Cecilia club of Boston: her sunny disposition and personal attractiveness won for her a wide circle of friends; she d. in S. R., Dec. 30, 1902; unm. 3. *Charles Timothy*, b. Jan. 7, 1862; studied dentistry in several offices and at Tufts Dental college of Boston; in 1888 began practice of his profession; now located in B. F. He m. in Providence, R. I., Aug. 16, 1886, Mina Amerette Steadman, b. Wolfville, N. S., Feb. 6, 1860. Children: i. Marion Hertha,<sup>9</sup> b. in S. R., Feb. 22, 1890. ii. Marie Woodbury, b. Alstead, N. H., Jan. 21, 1895.

## CLOSSON

TIMOTHY,<sup>1</sup> was a resident of R. previous to 1789; an early emigrant from Eng. to Jamestown, Va.; little is known regarding his ancestry or life until he came to R.; was a weaver by trade; was a farmer here, owning a farm on Parker Hill; a member of the Bap. chh.; he had two sons, Ichabod and Wilbur, possibly more; m. Eunice Poppleton; he died Aug. 9, 1807.

ICHABOD<sup>2</sup> (*Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1764; was a member of Capt. William Simond's Rockingham company in Col. Bradley's regiment during the Revolution, and was afterward a citizen of this town until his death; the town records frequently refer to him in transfers of real estate and he was a man highly respected; his home was on Parker Hill on the line between Springfield and R., the door of one side of his dwelling opened into Springfield, the other into R., but he always retained his citizenship in this town. The cellar-hole of the house where he lived, and which is understood to have been his father's home also, is still discernable and his grave is in the little burying-ground nearby.

He m. Mar. 14, 1787, Sally, dau. of Lieut. Philip Safford of R., the hero of the Westminster massacre. She m. the second time, Capt. Michael Gilson of Westminster, Vt., and d. July 4, 1857; he d. May 9, 1807.

## Children:

- i. GEORGE,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1788; d. 1810.
- ii. REBECCA, b. May 15, 1791; m. Major Joel Page of Westminster, Vt.; she d. Apr. 3, 1873.
- iii. ORIN, b. Oct. 9, 1792.
- iv. BETSEY, b. July 29, 1794; m. Dec. 22, 1814, Asahel Burr of Springfield, Vt.; she d. 1833.
- v. ALVIN SAFFORD, b. Dec. 25, 1796; m. Bethania Pierce, d. Mar. 18, 1827; he d. 1836.
- vi. HENRY, b. Feb. 1, 1799; became a prominent citizen of Springfield, Vt.; studied law with Judge Asa Keyes of Putney, Vt.; admitted to Windham county bar 1824. After practising in Michigan, New York and Whitingham, Vt., he rem. to Springfield, Vt., in 1835, where he practised his profession the remainder of his life; held various town and county offices; a member of the legislature 1839 and 1840 and a member of the constitutional convention in 1870. He m. June 1, 1830, Emily Whitney of Marlboro, Vt., b. Oct. 6, 1806, d. Nov. 16, 1886; he d. Apr. 24, 1880. Children: 1. *Henry W.*,<sup>4</sup> b. June 6, 1832; grad. of West Point, was prominent during the Civil war and later a colonel in the regular army; was retired in 1896 as a brigadier general; res. Washington, D. C. 2. *Emily Safford*, b. Sept. 26, 1833; m. Dr. A. M. Fellows of Parsons, Kan. 3. *Gershom L.*, b. Apr. 20, 1838; a prominent business man of Springfield, Vt.; now res. Seattle, Wash.; m. Lina W. Loveland. 4. *Sarah Jane*, b. Nov. 26, 1844; m. May 31, 1865, Henry M. Arms of Springfield. 5. *Frank H.*, b. Feb. 19, 1848; d. Aug. 26, 1848.
- vii. CYNTHIA, b. Apr. 1, 1802; m. Jan. 16, 1821, Samuel L. Damon of Springfield, Vt.; she d. July, 1877.
- viii. ANNA, b. May 19, 1804; m. Harry Floyd of Westminster, Vt.; d. Mar. 19, 1877.
- ix. SALLY, b. May 21, 1806; d. Apr. 12, 1808.
- x. ICHABOD, b. May 9, 1807.

WILBUR<sup>2</sup> (*Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jamestown, Va., to which place his father was one of the early emigrants; after coming to manhood, employed in a hotel in the city of New York by a man named Cane; later lived in Fredericksburg, Westchester county, N. Y., and from there he came to R. previous to 1789; a soldier of the Revolution under Capt. Woodhouse; he d. in R., in May, 1830 and his unmarked grave in the old Rockingham cemetery is near that of his dau. Elizabeth D., and her husband, John Smith. He m. Elizabeth Daley.

Children :

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 18, 1776; m. Abiah —. Child: 1. *Abigail Daley*.<sup>4</sup>
- ii. ANNA, b. Oct. 16, 1778.
- iii. ELNATHAN, b. Jan. 24, 1781.
- iv. ELIZABETH DALEY, b. Apr. 10, 1785; m. John Smith, a soldier of the War of 1812. (*See Smith*.)
- v. CHARLES CANE, b. Sept. 4, 1787.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 11, 1789.
- vii. ROSWELL, b. Apr. 13, 1794.

CONANT

WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> (*Josiah*,<sup>5</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Roger*,<sup>3</sup> *Lot*,<sup>2</sup> *Roger*<sup>1</sup>), b. Hollis, N. H., June 1, 1801; began business as a cabinet maker in Walpole, N. H.; came to B. F. in 1835, and engaged in furniture and cabinet making; erected the brick block on Bridge street known as "Conant block" in 1836; for many years power was transmitted into the rear of this block by a rope from a shop located "under the hill." He m. 1st Nov., 1827, Sarah H. Hale, b. Hollis, N. H., d. Mar. 8, 1830; m. 2d April 23, 1840, Laurinda Huntington, b. Walpole, N. H., d. Jan. 12, 1888; he d. B. F., July 8, 1866. Roger<sup>1</sup> emigrated from England to Plymouth, Mass. in 1623. Josiah<sup>5</sup> was sergeant in the Revolutionary war.

Children :

- i. SARAH E.,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1828; m. J. D. Bridgman. (*See Bridgman*.)
- ii. WILLIAM J., b. B. F., Feb. 28, 1843; was engaged some years in furniture trade in B. F.; m. Harriet D. Hackett, Mar. 29, 1866, b. Clinton, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1848; res. B. F. Children all b. in B. F.: 1. *William A.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 16, 1870; was in U. S. postal service; m. Helen Y. Walker, Cleveland, O., Feb. 2, 1897; d. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 1, 1905; buried Cleveland, O.; she res. Jacksonville, Fla. Child: i. William Walker,<sup>9</sup> b. Cleveland, O., Jan. 19, 1900. 2. *Henrietta S.*, b. Jan. 27, 1872; m. June 6, 1893, Henry Oldfield Durant of Holyoke, Mass., an employee of the Dean Steam Pump Works. Children: i. William Conant,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1895, Holyoke, Mass. ii. Henrietta O., b. May 9, 1899, Holyoke, Mass.

COOLIDGE

SAMUEL SAWIN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of James, gr. s. of James*), b. Gardner, Mass., Aug. 24, 1812; came to B. F. in Oct., 1853, from Winchendon, Mass.; held various town offices including that of selectman, 1861, 1863, 1870, 1872; m. Aug. 24, 1842, Lucy Townsend, b. Ashburnham, Mass., July 20, 1818, d. B. F., Dec. 18, 1891; he d. B. F., Mar. 9, 1889.

Children :

- i. ARTHUR,<sup>2</sup> b. Ashburnham, Mass., June 5, 1844; m. Eliza J. Shumway, May 31, 1869; res. B. F.; was a pulp maker and held various village offices; he d. Oct. 29, 1906. Child: 1. *Arthur Waldo*,<sup>3</sup>



- b. Mar. 17, 1879; m. Mather Annie Ball at Waterville, P. Q., Oct. 4, 1899; a letter carrier; res. B. F. Children: i. Ruth Eliza,<sup>4</sup> b. July 29, 1900. ii. Frances, b. Nov. 26, 1904.
- ii. CLEMENT, b. Winchendon, Mass., May 12, 1849; d. B. F., July 9, 1861.
- iii. SAMUEL JOSEPH, b. B. F., Apr. 2, 1855; a machinist; m. Flora S. Prentice of Charlestown, N. H., Nov. 28, 1882; res. B. F.; no children.

## CORBALLY

JOHN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of John and Mary [Gorman] Corbally*), b. in Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 29, 1798; came to B. F. with his bride in September, 1828; res. here until his death; was a paper maker and accumulated considerable property, owning at the time of his death all the land on Cherry street extending from the Dennis Flavin homestead to the place now owned by David Savage, purchased in 1832. He m. June 10, 1828, Julia, dau. of James and Mary Powderly Drew, b. Jan. 2, 1800, d. B. F., Dec. 12, 1865; he d. B. F., Feb. 11, 1876.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. May 4, 1829; d. B. F., May 10, 1831.
- ii. MARY ANN, b. May 11, 1832; m. 1st William Conway, Nov. 7, 1847. Child: 1. *William Edward*,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F., Sept. 25, 1856; a merchant; m. Catharine A. Carmody of Springfield, Vt.; res. B. F.; no ch. She m. 2d Feb. 4, 1871, John D. Tiffany of Biddeford, Me. Child: 2. *John Joseph*, b. Keene, N. H., Nov. 1, 1875.
- iii. KATHERINE LORENA, b. Apr. 7, 1834; m. May 23, 1861, Jesse Snyder of Chester, Pa. Children (those living res. Columbus, Ga.): 1. *Jessie Ann*,<sup>3</sup> b. Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27, 1862; d. Aug. 28, 1862. 2. *Jessie May*, b. B. F., Feb. 11, 1865; unm.; 3. *Harry Drew*, b. Columbus, Ga., Feb. 11, 1868. 4. *Katherine Miller*, b. Columbus, Ga., Sept. 12, 1872. 5. *Rosa Belle*, b. Columbus, Ga., July 24, 1875.
- iv. MARGARET, b. May 28, 1835; d. Aug. 13, 1848.
- v. JOHN ALLEN, b. Dec. 4, 1837; moved to Atlanta, Ga., in 1858; became a prominent architect and builder, having built the Georgia State Capitol and many other prominent buildings throughout the south; m. 1st Marie Barber, Columbus, Ga., in Nov., 1866, d. Feb. 7, 1868; m. 2d Louis Y. Ryckley, Feb. 7, 1873; res. Atlanta, Ga.; no children.
- vi. ROSANNA, b. B. F., Sept. 29, 1844; m. Barney Cannon, Jr. (*See Cannon.*)

## CORLEW

MORRIS<sup>5</sup> (*Solomon*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Edward*,<sup>1</sup> *who emigrated from England in 1730*), b. Springfield, Vt., Jan. 11, 1817; rem. in 1855 to Westminster, Vt., just south of B. F.; a farmer; m. Mar. 14, 1843, Esther B., dau. of Samuel Allbee, b. B. F., May 15, 1820, d. Westminster, Vt., Oct. 14, 1878; he d. Westminster, Mar. 4, 1899.

Children:

- i. IRA,<sup>6</sup> b. Charlestown, N. H., in 1844, d. in infancy.
- ii. HENRY M., b. in R. Mar. 25, 1845; served in Co. G., 11th Vt. Regt. in the Civil war; at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 2, 1864, he lost a leg by the same cannon ball that took a leg from his comrade, Daniel Higgins of B. F., and both returned to R. and lived many years in town; a harness-maker at S. R.; m. Dec. 18, 1870, Sarah



- Greenwood; he d. Westminster, Nov. 17, 1902. Children b. at S. R.: 1. *Alma E.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1873; m. Wilbur J. Rugg; no children  
2. *Ira W.*, b. Nov. 20, 1874; d. June 19, 1876.
- iii. MARY E., b. in R., Aug. 15, 1846; res. Westminster; unm.
- iv. ELLEN B., b. in R., Sept. 20, 1849; res. Westminster; unm.
- v. EMMA L., b. in R., Aug. 26, 1852; m. Dec. 28, 1881, Dr. Charles F. Meacham, a dentist of B. F.; res. B. F. Child: 1. *Esther E.*,<sup>7</sup> b. in B. F., Feb. 2, 1885.
- vi. MARK R., b. Westminster, Aug. 13, 1855; m. Mar. 29, 1883, Inez F. Smith; employed in Walter Baker's chocolate factory, Boston Mass.; d. Boston, June 26, 1898. Children: 1. *Deborah L.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Orange, Mass., Jan. 9, 1884; an opera singer; unm.; res. Boston.  
2. *Morris M.*, b. in B. F., Feb. 3, 1887; a book-keeper; res. Boston.

## CRAGIN

SAMUEL S.<sup>4</sup> (*Francis*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> b. Scotland, 1634, emigrated to Woburn, Mass.), b. Temple, N. H., Jan. 24, 1794; came to B. F. from Alstead, N. H., in 1860; engaged in mercantile pursuits; was deacon of the Cong. chh., and highly esteemed; m. 1st June 2, 1817, Mary Campbell, b. New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 5, 1795, d. Alstead, Mar. 14, 1847; m. 2d Dec. 26, 1848, Mrs. Sarah (Hooper) Cooper. b. Alstead, d. B. F., July 8, 1875; he d. B. F., Dec. 6, 1883.

Children b. Alstead, N. H.:

- i. MARY ANN,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 24, 1818; m. Samuel S. Vilas. (*See Vilas.*)  
ii. HARRIET C., b. Mar. 18, 1821; d. Alstead, Oct. 2, 1845; unm.

## CUSHING

DEA. DAVID F.<sup>7</sup> (*Warren*,<sup>6</sup> *Solomon*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>3</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Matthew*<sup>1</sup> of Norfolk, Eng., who with his wife, Nazareth Pitcher, and five children landed in Boston, Aug. 10, 1638, in the good ship "*Diligent*," and settled in Hingham, Mass.), b. Newfane, Vt., Oct. 24, 1814; at the age of sixteen learned the tailor's trade in West Medway, Mass.; located in Cambridgeport, Vt., in 1843, and for 56 years, was the merchant of the village, in the building now occupied by his son; postmaster of Cambridgeport, 1845-1853 and 1857-1861, deacon of the Cong. chh. of Cambridgeport from 1868 until his death in 1899.

Deacon Cushing was a landmark of the olden time and a connecting link with the distant past. Two years before his death he gave the following interesting account of his experiences in early days at Cambridgeport:

"I had to go to Boston to get my stock. The list comprised almost everything from a barrel of flour to a needle. Transportation was not in those days the easy matter it is to-day. It meant a seven-day ride in the old-fashioned stage coach to get to the city and back. And the cost was quite an item in the account. We paid \$10 for the inconvenience we suffered, and our freight cost \$1 a hundred, and it took the teams fourteen days to get from here to Boston and back. With all this we did not grumble. It was the best we could do and we made the most of it. From 1843 I went over the road regularly in the stage until 1857. From then until 1877 when I gave up buying from the principals and began to buy from drummers, I used the railroads. I have been in this old building since I began business here 54 years ago, and it has a history extending far back from there. The old white building with its green painted piazza posts and shutters is one of the landmarks

of Windham county, and is near the line of three towns, Rockingham, Grafton and Athens, and draws custom from all around.

"There has been quite a change in prices since I have been in business. During the war prices stood at a figure that would stagger a man in these days. Flour sold at \$20 a barrel, pork at \$50 a barrel. Brown sugar of the common cooking kind was worth 28 cents a pound, and the granulated which is so common today cost the customer 32 cents for every pound bought.

"I have always believed that a man will take better care of his own business than anyone else, and for that reason I have been behind the counter nearly every day since I started the business. In the winter of 1896-7 I was obliged to remain away for a month or more, and this is the only long period that I have not been here to meet customers myself."

He m. Polly Adams of Medway, Mass., b. Dec. 21, 1821, d. at Cambridgeport, Oct. 8, 1897; he d. Cambridgeport, Jan. 30, 1899.

Children all b. in Cambridgeport except the first :

- i. WINFIELD F.,<sup>8</sup> b. West Medway, Mass., Oct. 7, 1843; d. July 22, 1853.
- ii. ALVERTON A., b. June 9, 1845; a teamster; res. Cambridgeport; unm.
- iii. MARY L., res. Cambridgeport; unm.
- iv. CHARLES C., b. Apr. 2, 1852; d. Aug. 14, 1854.
- v. DAVID F., b. May 23, 1854; a salesman; res. Boston, Mass.; unm.
- vi. JAMES H., b. Jan. 3, 1856; d. May 3, 1868.
- vii. THEODORE P., b. Feb. 5, 1858; d. Mar. 5, 1858.
- viii. SOLON P., b. Mar. 29, 1860; conducts the mercantile business, previously run by his father; m. Jan. 15, 1884. Eva M., dau. of Ransom and Cynthia Thrasher of Cambridgeport, b. May 17, 1864; res. Cambridgeport. Child: 1. *Raymond Earl*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1893.
- ix. SARAH F., b. Apr. 21, 1863; d. Aug. 15, 1892; unm.

## CUTLER

SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> A. M., M. D., F. R. H. S. (*Deacon John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *James*<sup>1</sup>), b. Lexington, Mass., Mar. 7, 1744; one of the most distinguished of the early residents of this town. *James*<sup>1</sup> was b. in Eng., 1606, emigrated to Watertown, Mass., as early as 1634. *John*<sup>2</sup> and *Deacon John*<sup>3</sup> were lifelong residents of Lexington, many of their descendants becoming eminent.

Samuel<sup>4</sup> received his early education from private teachers; grad. Harvard college, 1765, in the class with Joseph Willard, LL. D., pres. of Harvard, and Judge Edward Winslow of New Brunswick; received degree of A. M. in 1769.

About 1770, he had spent a number of years pursuing medical studies in Germany and Scotland, receiving his degree of M. D. from the University of Edinburgh. He was soon made a Fellow (and member of the faculty) of the Royal Hospital of Surgeons, Edinburgh. (F. R. H. S.). Residing abroad at the opening of the American Revolution, he imbibed English ideas and remained a staunch Loyalist throughout the struggle for independence. Returning to America in 1776, he remained within the British lines at Newton, L. I.

At the close of the war he settled in Edenton, N. C., residing in the family of Hon. James Iredell, justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, a warm personal friend. A son of Dr. Cutler, who became in after years a prominent citizen and business man of B. F., was named for Judge James Iredell. About 1786, Dr. Cutler settled in Hartford, Conn., and during that year he m. *Jennette*, dau. of Capt. James Caldwell, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Hartford, connected with the best New England families.

Mrs. Cutler and her sister, the wife of Gen. David Robinson of Bennington, Vt., were belles in Hartford society during Revolutionary days, and enjoyed the friendship of the Marquis de Lafayette and the acquaintance of Gen. Washington.

In the latter part of 1788, or early in 1789, Dr. Cutler with his family removed from Hartford to B. F. and erected his house on the site which since 1851 has been occupied by the Island House. The commanding position which he immediately took in the community, is shown by the fact that in 1789, the very year that he came to town he was chosen representative to the Vermont legislature. He served with distinction in that capacity during the years 1789, 1791, and from 1795 to 1800. The records of these sessions show that he took a position as a leader among Vermont's law makers. His home in B. F. was always the meeting place of the social and intellectual leaders in the community, and his ability as a physician was acknowledged throughout this portion of New England.

Previous to the organization of Immanuel church, he was prominently identified with the affairs of the old town church at R., serving upon various committees, and a number of his children were baptized by the town minister, Rev. Samuel Whiting. Dr. Cutler was a devout Episcopalian and largely instrumental in organizing and sustaining Immanuel church, serving as its first senior warden. He drew and signed the articles of association in 1798, and in 1809, after the first articles were lost by fire, he re-wrote them. In 1810, Dr. Cutler represented Vermont in the general convention of the church in Boston that elected Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., as bishop.

In 1817, when the first church edifice was to be erected in B. F., Dr. Cutler took a leading part which has always been acknowledged by the parish.

In the rear of the audience room of the present Immanuel church building is a beautiful marble tablet, with brass trimmings, bearing the following inscription, which tells of him very briefly but in an enduring way:

In Memory of  
Doctor Samuel Cutler  
Born, Lexington, Mass.  
Mar. 7, 1744  
Died Bellows Falls, Vt.  
Oct. 30, 1821  
Founder of  
Immanuel Parish, 1798,  
and its chief benefactor  
and Senior Warden.

In personal appearance, Dr. Cutler was dignified and commanding, and in dress he was extremely fastidious. He d. B. F., Oct. 30, 1821 and was buried in the old cemetery at R., near his son, and an infant granddaughter, Frances Jarvis Campbell. He m. July 15, 1786, Jennette Caldwell of Hartford, Conn., who d. Jan. 22, 1851, æ. 86 yrs., in Claremont, N. H., at the home of her son-in-law, the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., and her remains were interred there in the Bishop Chase lot.

Children:

- i. JOHN LENOX,<sup>5</sup> b. Hartford, Conn., Apr. 23, 1788; d. Jan. 12, 1806.
- ii. ANNA MARIA, b. Hartford, Apr. 23, 1788; received her education from one of Boston's famous old-time schools and became

- a woman of queenly beauty and highly cultivated mind; m. Hon. Edward Raymond Campbell of R., Jan. 1, 1812. (*See Campbell.*)
- iii. JAMES IREDELL, b. B. F., May 20, 1792; became a prominent manufacturer and merchant of B. F., associated first with Bill Blake, the firm being "Bill Blake & Co.," later "Blake, Cutler & Co.," and still later "James I. Cutler & Co." These firms owned the first paper mill, the first printing office and bindery, the first newspaper and the first book store of the place. Many early books were published by the firms. (*See chapter on printing and bibliography of B. F.*) About 1841, Mr. Cutler sold his interest to Col. Alexander Fleming, the firm then becoming "Green & Fleming." Under these different styles the business was the most important of any carried on in B. F. until the burning of the mills in 1846. Mr. Cutler rem. to Burlington about 1841. While there he res. in the old Gov. Van Ness mansion and was vestryman and prominent in the affairs of St. Paul's (Episcopal) parish. He later rem. to Chicago where he d. in the late '70's. He m. Catherine von Geyer, dau. of Nathaniel Tucker of B. F.; she d. in Chicago, in 1892. Children: 1. *Catherine A.*,<sup>6</sup> d. ae. 4 yrs. 2. *Anna M.*, m. George, son of Hon. Geo. Bailey of Burlington, Vt., and a grad. of U. V. M. Children: i. Catherine Amory,<sup>7</sup> m. Thomas Boyd, recently deceased. Child: 1. Catherine M.<sup>8</sup> ii. Anna C.,<sup>7</sup> m. — Carson; deceased. iii. Frank B. unm. iv. Isabella, m. 1st John Wild; m. 2d — Crane of Chicago. Children by 1st husband: 1. George.<sup>8</sup> 2. Arthur. 3. Marguerite. 3. *John Atkinson*, m. Ellen High of Chicago. Children: i. Anna H.,<sup>7</sup> m. Peter Dudley of Chicago. ii. Catherine G., m. — Joussline of Paris, France. iii. Jessie, m. — de la Baer of Paris, France. 4. *Charlotte Marryat*, m. John Boyd of Chicago. Children: i. John Cutler,<sup>7</sup> m. — of St. Louis. Child: 1. Clara Marryat.<sup>8</sup> ii. Marryat,<sup>7</sup> unm; and three sons d. in infancy. 5. *William H.*, d. in Manila, 1869; unm.
- iv. HARRIET, b. B. F., Nov. 15, 1796; m. Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., the first bishop of New Hampshire, who was at that time rector of Immanuel chh. of B. F. (*See Chase.*)
- v. ABIGAIL BIGELOW, b. B. F., Jan. 7, 1799; d. Mar. 15, 1810.

## DAMON

DEXTER BATES<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Loren, gr. s. of Samuel, who settled on Parker Hill in 1793*), b. Springfield, Vt., Jan. 17, 1825; came to R. in 1861, and in 1864 purchased the farm which was first occupied by Maj. Oliver Lovell in the extreme northern part of the town.

He m. Apr. 14, 1852, Jane, dau. of Hiram Weston of R.; b. in R. Jan. 24, 1831.

Children:

- i. WINSLOW DEXTER,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1853; a meat dealer; m. Nov. 24, 1880, Grace E. Chatterton of Charlestown, N. H.; res. at B. F.; no children.
- ii. BURTON WESTON, b. Feb. 7, 1868; res. on the home farm in R.; unm.

## DASCOMB

REV. ALFRED B.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of George, gr. s. of George, gr. gr. s. of James*), b. Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., June 7, 1837; grad. Dartmouth college, 1858; became pastor of Cong. chh. at Waitsfield, Vt.; was in the service of the Christian Commission during the Civil war; pastor of chh. at Woodstock, Vt., Winchester, Mass., and of the 1st Cong. chh. of B. F., from 1879 to 1890;

m. Aug. 30, 1860, Stella R. Nutting, b. Westminster, Vt., Apr. 5, 1838, d. there Jan. 7, 1885; m. 2d Mar. 4, 1886, Celia N. French of Boston. He d. Westminster, July 13, 1894.

Children:

- i. GEORGE ALFRED,<sup>2</sup> b. Waitsfield, Vt., Oct. 5, 1861; m. Nov. 24, 1882, Jean Perry of Burlington, Vt.; a lumber dealer; res. San Antonio, Tex. Children: 1. *Mabel Vaughan*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 16, 1884. 2. *Jean*, b. July 23, 1887. 3. *George Alfred*, b. Feb. 11, 1899.
- ii. CHARLES EDMUND, b. May 19, 1865; grad. Dartmouth college; d. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 25, 1892.
- iii. HARRY NUTTING, b. Oct. 28, 1870; grad. Dartmouth college; m. Serosa I. Wilson of Boston, Sept. 15, 1896; is pastor of Cong. chh. at Port Huron, Mich. Children: 1. *Wilson Bradbury*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 4, 1897. 2. *Lucile Nutting*, b. Jan. 5, 1899. 3. *Evangeline*, b. Apr., 1902.
- iv. MARY STELLA, b. Oct. 28, 1870; a teacher; res. B. F.: unm.
- v. ARTHUR STEELE, b. Dec. 29, 1872; Dartmouth college, and theological department of Chicago university; several years pastor of Cong. chhs. in the West; now in lumber business, Eagle Pass, Tex.; m. Nellie Zahniser of Mercer, Pa., June 11, 1900. Child: 1. *Edmund Brooks*,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1902.
- vi. ALICE STEELE, b. Dec. 29, 1872; a teacher; res. Everett, Mass.: unm.

DAVIS

HENRY,<sup>1</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1757; a Revolutionary soldier; took part in the battle of Bunker Hill: one of the earliest settlers of R., coming from Groton, Mass.: one of the founders of the 1st Univer. chh. of R. about 1790: his farm was near Lawrence Mills, adjoining the farm where Warren Severance now lives, the foundation of the old house still being visible; m. Mary Tuttle, b. Aug. 24, 1755, d. Apr. 12, 1849; he d. Feb. 9, 1842. Both d. and were buried in Grafton, Vt.

Children:

- i. SARAH,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1782.
- ii. HENRY, b. Jan. 22, 1784; a farmer on "Burt Hill" in R.: m. Sally Stoddard of Cambridgeport, d. Dec. 14, 1871; he d. Sept. 20, 1863. Children: 1. *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> 2. *Wallace*, d. Oct., 1889.
- iii. POLLY, b. Jan. 22, 1784; d. Dec. 22, 1784.
- iv. POLLY, b. June 24, 1785; d. Mar. 23, 1787.
- v. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 16, 1786; m. Nancy Fish of Bartonsville, b. Jan. 22, 1788, d. Mar. 31, 1844; he d. Sept. 18, 1866; res. in R. Children: 1. *Delila*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1814; m. Horace Henry; deceased. 2. *John Henry*, b. Mar. 3, 1816; d. in the West. 3. *Willard Hall*, b. Oct. 16, 1818; deceased. 4. *Delucy*, b. Dec. 3, 1820; m. Sept. 10, 1843, Antonio Marten; res. Boston, Mass.; deceased. Children: i. John C.,<sup>4</sup> deceased. ii. Antonia G., m. George Quinsler of Brookline, Mass.; now res. there; has two children, a dau. and son. iii. Hubbard Davis, b. 1854; m. Kate Tarbell of Boston; res. Boston. Children: 1. *Ivonetta*,<sup>5</sup> b. July 20, 1877; m. H. Mason White. Child: Trentwell,<sup>6</sup> now ae. about 5 yrs. 2. *Vivian Ione*,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1891; d. young. iv. *Ivonetta J.*,<sup>4</sup> d. unm. v. Baby, deceased. 5. *Delana*, b. June 8, 1823; m. — Shapleigh, deceased; res. Ashland, Mass.: one dau., Carrie.<sup>4</sup> 6. *Joseph Hubbard*, b. Dec. 5, 1825; m. — Barnes; res. Ashland, Mass. Two sons: Leon,<sup>4</sup> and Bertie.
- vi. DAVID, b. R., Oct. 20, 1788; m. Betsey Burt Stearns; d. S. R., Sept. 20, 1871.



- vii. JEDEDIAH, b. Apr. 27, 1790; m. Dec. 7, 1815, Mary dau. of Lynds Simonds; lived at Lawrence Mills and later on the "Upper Meadows." Children: 1. *Mary Almarenc*,<sup>3</sup> m. John Hastings Olcott. (*See Olcott*.) 2. *Dr. Marshall A.*, b. in R., Apr. 21, 1824; m. Rebecca, dau. of Elijah Pulsipher, b. in R., Dec. 2, 1827, d. May 9, 1896; resided some years in North Walpole, N. H.; he now res. Keene, N. H. Children: i. Ella Frances,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr., 1849; m. Emerson E. Parker; res. Alstead, N. H.; no children. ii. Charles Allen, b. Jan. 7, 1850; m. Abby S. Ellis; res. Keene, N. H. Children: 1. Mabel A.,<sup>5</sup> 2. Abby G. 3. Frank A. 4. Bertha F. 5. Ethel. iii. Emma Rebecca,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 7, 1856; m. William A. Miller; res. Orange, Mass. Child: 1. Maud Agnes,<sup>5</sup> m. and res. in Orange. Children: i. Ermie M.,<sup>6</sup> ii. Paul Eugene. iii. Ralph. iv. Frank Marshall,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1858; m. Roszilyan M. Swartz, deceased; res. in Iowa. Two children d. in infancy. v. Alice May, b. Oct. 15, 1862; m. Edward T. Stevens; res. Walpole, N. H. Child: 1. Paul Edward,<sup>5</sup> d. ae. 3 yrs. vi. Ned Albert, b. Sept. 12, 1867; d. in infancy. vii. Fred Eugene (twin brother of Ned Albert), b. Sept. 12, 1867; d. in infancy.
- viii. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 2, 1792; m. Oct. 27, 1819, Mary Johnson of R.; res. in R.
- ix. DOLLY TUTTLE, b. Mar. 2, 1792; m. in R., Oct. 29, 1818, Hon. Hiland Hall, governor of Vt., 1858-9 and author of an early history of Vt., b. July 20, 1795; she d. Dec., 1855; res. Bennington, Vt. Children: 1. *Charles*,<sup>3</sup> res. Springfield, Mass. 2. *Henry Davis*, b. May 5, 1823, d. about 1904; res. No. Bennington, Vt. 3. *John V.*, res. Bennington. 4. *Nathaniel B.*, res. Michigan. 5. *Laura V.*, m. Trenor W. Park, a noted railroad capitalist; res. Bennington; deceased.
- x. BETSEY, b. Mar. 12, 1794; m. Asher Putnam of Grafton and is buried in Grafton.
- xi. MARY ANN, b. Oct. 25, 1796; m. in R. April 8, 1821, Levi Sabin Gowing of Grafton, Vt., d. Nov. 4, 1845; she d. S. R., Feb. 4, 1883; res. Grafton. Children: 1. *Eliza Davis*,<sup>3</sup> b. Springfield, Vt., Sept. 3, 1822; m. James Blake; d. Unity, N. H., June 18, 1844. 2. *Mary T.*, b. Grafton, Jan. 18, 1824; m. Nov. 4, 1873, Dea. Monroe J. Amsden; she d. B. F., Jan. 23, 1901; res. Grafton and S. R. 3. *George Gilbert*, b. Grafton, Oct. 26, 1828; d. Mar. 15, 1831. 4. *Lucy Ellen*, b. Grafton, Sept. 17, 1833; m. Nov. 23, 1852, George N. French, a carriage-maker; res. Grafton and B. F.; she d. B. F., Feb. 24, 1895; he is in business in B. F. Child: 1. George D.,<sup>4</sup> b. Grafton, Oct. 16, 1853; is now a carriage-maker in company with his father; m. Dec. 1, 1880, Minerva A. Walker; res. B. F. Child: 1. Marion,<sup>5</sup> b. B. F., Jan. 23, 1896; res. B. F.

1. DAVID<sup>2</sup> (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>), b. R., Oct. 20, 1788; was a farmer near S. R. village on the farm now occupied by Ellsworth H. Richardson; his first farm was in the western part of R., now abandoned; was member of Cong. chh. of S. R.; m. Betsey Burt, dau. of John Stearns of R., b. Feb. 14, 1790, d. Nov. 25, 1871; he d. S. R., Sept. 20, 1871; always res. in R.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. LOUISA MARIA,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 12, 1812; m. Sept. 22, 1835, George Walker, d. May 2, 1877; she d. Apr. 30, 1877; res. Grafton, Vt. Children: 1. *George W.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 26, 1836; served 34 months in Co. G, 11th Regt. Vt. Vol. during the Civil war; d. Feb. 17, 1896; unm.; res. Grafton, Vt. 2. *Stearns D.*, b. June 20, 1843; d. Apr. 3, 1849; res. Grafton. 3. *Charles S.*, b. Oct. 19, 1848; deacon of Cong. chh. of Bartonsville and later of Cong. chh. in Cambridge-



- port: m. Sept. 23, 1875. Mary A. Ayers of Grafton: res. Cambridgeport since 1888. Child: 1. George E.,<sup>5</sup> b. Grafton, Feb. 10, 1877; m. Sept. 12, 1900. Flora T. Bemis: res. Cambridgeport. Child: Clarence E.,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1903.
- ii. LUCRETIA EASTMAN, b. July 2, 1815; m. Dec. 13, 1836. Charles P. Burt, d. Nov. 9, 1870; she d. May 2, 1874; res. Brimfield, Ill. Children all b. in R.: 1. *Ellen A.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1837; m. Nov. 21, 1861, J. Milton Dungan; d. Feb. 22, 1903; res. Brimfield. Child: i. Charles L.,<sup>5</sup> m. Carrie Tucker; res. Brimfield: has two sons and three dau. 2. *Edward E.*, b. Oct. 16, 1839; served in Co. G. 77th Regt. Ill. Vol.: m. Apr. 14, 1864, Annie E. Barber: res. Peoria, Ill. Children: i. Annie P.,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1865; res. Peoria. ii. Charles P., b. June 17, 1870; m. Carrie Higgins: res. Elmwood, Ill.: has one dau. and two sons. iii. Lottie L., b. Jan. 24, 1872; m. George Higgins: res. Arkansas: has one son and 2 dau. iv. Frank F., b. Sept. 29, 1877; m. Maud Runyon, Feb. 18, 1903; res. Trivoli, Ill.: has one dau. 3. *Eliza M.*, b. Jan. 20, 1841; m. June 27, 1867, Charles L. Bowers, d. June 8, 1901; res. Elmwood. 4. *Harriet F.*, b. Sept. 3, 1842; m. Jan. 2, 1866, Lorenzo D. Ford; she d. Mar. 15, 1900; res. Brimfield. Children: (four) i. Frank,<sup>5</sup> res. Peoria; ii. Ella, m. Henry Vanseckle: res. Brimfield: has one son and two dau.
- iii. LUCIA TUTTLE, b. Feb. 21, 1819; m. Dec. 9, 1866, John H. Greer; he d. May 31, 1888; she d. Jan. 13, 1896; res. S. R.; no children.
- iv. HENRY STEARNS, b. Apr. 21, 1823; m. Jan. 3, 1854, Eliza Tarbell, d. May 14, 1906; he d. July 14, 1896; res. R. and Grafton. Children: 1. *Roscoe J.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Grafton, 1856; d. Sept. 19, 1879; res. Grafton. 2. *Aldo*, b. S. R., Dec. 25, 1864; m. Hattie Williams; he d. Millers Falls, Mass., June 9, 1897; res. Millers Falls. Child: Merle E.,<sup>5</sup> b. Millers Falls, about 1892; res. Millers Falls.

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HENRY HIRAM (*s. of Webster C.*), b. Acworth, N. H., May 3, 1847; m. at B. F., June 11, 1874, Sarah A. Burroughs, b. Cambridgeport, Mass., June 25, 1848, d. Oct. 25, 1900. He came to B. F., Oct. 11, 1870, from Lockport, N. Y., where he was engaged in drug business, and has since continued the same business here; no children.

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NATHANIEL,<sup>1</sup> b. 1715; one of the very first settlers in town; witnessed a deed on record July 5, 1766; was member of Coroner's jury Mar. 15, 1775, to try the King's Court officials for the Westminster massacre; was prominent in early town and church affairs; tradition says his ancestors were among emigrants from Wales in 1635; his farm, located on the hill north of the Rockingham station, next above that of Charles E. Weeden's present home, was covered by thick forest when he came to it. The old dwelling was across the road west of the brick one destroyed by fire a few years ago. Here he lived taking a prominent part in public affairs of his time, and here he reared his large family of children. He was one of the original members of the 1st Town chh. when organized, 1773, and always prominent in its affairs. His 1st wife lived but a short time, he m 2d Mary —, b. 1717, d. July 30, 1795; he d. Oct. 26, 1802.

Children (number unknown, record of the following only has been obtained):

- i. JOHN<sup>2</sup> was a Revolutionary pensioner; wandered away demented in his old age and froze to death; was buried in the old cemetery at R.; his wife lived 20 years later and drew a pension. A record shows that "John Davis and Mrs. Sarah Atcherson of R. were m. Dec. 1, 1803," possibly a second m. of this John. Children: 1. *Eric*. 2. *Warren*. 3. *Laura*. 4. *George*. 5. *Hiram John*.
- ii. JOSHUA, a physician. Child: 1. *Maria*.<sup>3</sup> m. Dr. Blakesley of Williamsville, Vt., was living there in 1847; no children.
- iii. HANNAH, d. unm.
- iv. NATHANIEL, b. 1754; m. Lydia Harwood.

1. NATHANIEL<sup>2</sup> (*Nathaniel*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1754; when he came to manhood he came into possession of the farm now known as the "Weeden farm" just north of the R. railroad station and it remained in the family until 1855, his son, John Harwood Davis, owning and occupying it, and the father living with him until death; Nathaniel, in 1796, joined the Universalist society, was of a determined, stern character and a successful farmer; he m. Aug. 14, 1780, Lydia, dau. of John and Mary (Pulsipher) Harwood of R., b. 1761, d. Mar. 10, 1836 (or 1838); he d. June 10, 1835; she had some fame as a local poet and was of a quick wit. They had fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, twelve of whom came to maturity, reared on the home place. Later years find their descendants scattered throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

Children:

- i. SUSANNA LANE,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 4, 1781; m. Mar. 13, 1808, Luke Prouty, d. Mar. 26, 1842, ae. 62 yrs.; she d. Oct. 22, 1863; both are buried in S. R. cemetery. Children: 1. *Valeria Adeline*.<sup>4</sup> b. Salem, N. Y., May 11, 1809; m. Samuel L. Billings of R. (*See Billings*.) 2. *Nathaniel Davis*, b. Salem, Dec. 16, 1809; lived near Keokuk, Ia.; had a family. 3. *Lydia Aurilla*, b. Salem, Jan. 10, 1811; m. in Me.; no children. 4. *Luke*, b. in R., May 23, 1816; went West and all trace lost. 5. *John*, b. in R., Sept. 20, 1818; settled near Boston, Mass., and had children. 6. *Susan Lenora*, b. in R., May 20, 1821.
- ii. FANNY, b. Jan. 17, 1785; m. May 24, 1808, Jonathan Burt, Jr., of R. (*See Burt*.)
- iii. MARY, b. Dec. 14, 1787; m. in R., Sept. 9, 1811, John Morse of Salem, N. Y. Children: 1. *Hiram*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Elijah*. 3. *Sarah*. 4. *Charles*. 5. *Adeline*. 6. *Clark*. 7. *Jane*.
- iv. HIRAM, b. in R., May 28, 1788; m. Melinda Stevens.
- v. LYDIA, b. Oct. 5, 1790; m. Frink Lovell of R. (*See Lovell*.)
- vi. ELIJAH, b. June 4, 1792; m. Sept. 17, 1818, Nancy Tyler, b. Mar. 20, 1799, d. Dec. 7, 1880; he d. June 16, 1876. Children: 1. *Henry Tyler*.<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 16, 1823; m. Dec. 28, 1847, Eliza D. Ross; d. Feb. 29, 1884; he d. —. Children: i. *Ellen E.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1848. ii. *George H.*, b. June 24, 1851. iii. *Cora*, b. Lawrence, Kan. iv. *Walter*, b. Lawrence, Kan. 2. *Martha Knight*, b. July 27, 1824; m. Apr. 9, 1845, E. H. Flint; m. 2d W. B. Glover, Dec. 12, 1878. Children: i. *Henry H.*,<sup>5</sup> b. May 2, 1846. ii. *Nannie*, d. young. iii. *Lizzie F.*, b. May 22, 1855. iv. *Hattie A.*, b. Dec. 4, 1859. 3. *Frances C.*, b. Feb. 28, 1826; m. Apr. 22, 1846, R. W. Silsby; d. Dec. 21, 1898. Children: i. *Julia Arlettia*,<sup>5</sup> b. May 14, 1849. ii. *Charles F.*, b. Dec. 12, 1861. 4. *Julia Ann*, b. Apr. 8, 1827; m. Sept. 20, 1855, Osmon G. Emerson, d. July 13, 1859; m. 2d Dec.

- 20, 1861, William Cheene (or Chum): she d. Sept. 17, 1903. Child: i. N. Emma,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1857.
- vii. CHARLOTTE, b. Feb. 6, 1794; m. Manasseh Divoll of R. (*See Divoll.*)
- viii. BETSEY, b. Aug. 30, 1795; m. R., Sept. 21, 1818, John Boynton, b. July 2, 1798; res. McLean, Tompkins Co., N. Y.; she d. June 23, 1833; he d. Apr. 27, 1869. Children: 1. *Mary A.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 12, 1819; m. Daniel Marsh, b. June 11, 1814. d. Sept. 29, 1897; she d. Jan. 9, 1846; res. McLean: two children: deceased. 2. *Eliza M.*, b. Mar. 22, 1821; m. John P. Hart of McLean, b. Jan. 25, 1816, d. July 23, 1870; she d. May 28, 1888. Of six children, three are living, Mrs. D. W. Crowley,<sup>5</sup> Mrs. Jerome Fitts, and a brother, all living in McLean. 3. *John Henry*, b. 1823; d. Nov. 29, 1895; m. Elizabeth Noyes; one son, Daniel.<sup>5</sup> 4. *Charles O.*, b. R., July 19, 1826; early rem. to Tompkins Co., N. Y.; in 1847 merchant in Chicago; in 1849 rem. to Sycamore, Ill., in banking and timber land trade; m. Nov. 26, 1861, Lucetta P. Stark of Pa. Four children: one d. in infancy. i. Charles Douglas,<sup>5</sup> a lumber man of Arkansas. ii. Mary; m. Frederick B. Townsend, a banker and ex-mayor of Sycamore. iii. Elmer; m. and res. Sycamore. 5. *Laura B.*; m. H. W. Carr; she d. Aug. 23, 1901; he is a prominent railroad official; res. Jersey City, N. J.; has a dau., Ella M.<sup>5</sup> 6. *Lydia*; m. Henry Jarvis; she d. Dec. 8, 1899; had one child, Charles;<sup>5</sup> family extinct.
2. ix. JOHN HARWOOD, b. Aug. 30, 1797; m. Susan Billings.
- x. JAMES, b. in R., Apr. 26, 1801; was known as "Major;" m. Aug. 14, 1826, Amanda Grimes, b. Jan. 16, 1804, d. Apr. 17, 1863; he d. R., Sept. 19, 1858. Children all b. R.: 1. *Harriet A.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 8, 1827; m. Himan Weston of R. (*See Weston.*) 2. *Emeline S.*, b. Apr. 9, 1829; m. Oct. 13, 1847, George W. Saupaw of N. Y., he d.; she res. Calhoun, Tenn. Children: i. Henry;<sup>5</sup> no children. ii. Lilla; m. — Templeton; res. Colorado Springs; six children. iii. George; res. Calhoun, Tenn. and has children. iv. Nellie; m. — Martin; res. Calhoun; three children. v. Thomas; res. Calhoun; four children. vi. Hattie; m. — Bates; res. Calhoun; she d., left one daughter; he m. 2d. vii. (Deceased.) viii. Kate, m. — Barnell; he d.; res. Calhoun; she m. 2d; has four sons. ix. Lizzie. 3. *Betsy B.*, b. June 6, 1831; m. Nov. 29, 1847, Zenas Parker; she d.; he res. Stewart, Tenn. Children (five): i. Julia.<sup>5</sup> ii. Mary Jane. iii. Hattie. 4. *Mary J.*, b. June 1, 1833; m. Nov. 17, 1858. — Rice; he d.; she res. Ill. Children: i. Frank,<sup>5</sup> res. Ill. ii. (Boy.) iii. Charlie. iv. (Girl.) 5. *Fanny F.*, b. Aug. 14, 1835; m. 1st Sept. 18, 1855, Nathaniel Abbott; m. 2nd Ira Smith; she d. Children: i. Clarence;<sup>5</sup> res. Worcester, Mass. ii. Arthur J.; m. Nettie Hill; res. Manchester, N. H. Children: 1. Ruth.<sup>6</sup> 2. Viola. 3. Arthur. 6. *Oliver W.*, b. Feb. 14, 1838; m. 1st Apr. 22, 1860, Etta Jay; she d.; he m. 2d; res. Oklahoma. Child: i. Clarence.<sup>5</sup> 7. *Melinda C.*, b. Jan. 29, 1840; m. Mar. 1, 1863, William T. Britton; res. Windsor, Vt.; no children. 8. *Helen A.*, b. Nov. 1, 1843. m. July 1, 1872, George Beach; he d.; she res. Milford, Conn. Children: i. Samuel.<sup>5</sup> ii. Charlie.
- xi. VALERIA A., b. Feb. 22, 1804; m. Xenophon Earle. (*See Earle.*)
- xii. CHARLES ELLIOTT, b. Mar. 30, 1807; while still a young man he became owner of the farm near the height of land between R. and S. R., now tenantless and owned by N. L. Divoll, and there he lived and labored over 40 years; he m. Oct. 1, 1828, Marcia, daughter of Eleazur Allbee of R., b. Apr. 17, 1811; d. in Westminster, Vt., Oct. 22, 1880; he d. May 20, 1890. Among their children. — *Martha*, m. Oscar D. Olcott of R. (*See Olcott.*)

*Delia*; m. Rodney Ober of S. R. (See Ober.) *Charlotte*; m. John Minard of Westminster, Vt. and S. R. (See Minard.) *Marion*, m. — Newman, and res. at S. R.

1. HIRAM<sup>3</sup> (*Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Nathaniel*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., May 28, 1788; m. Aug. 25, 1814, Melinda Stevens of Greenwich, N. Y., b. Dec. 1, 1793, d. Geneseo, Ill., Apr. 29, 1880; he d. Plymouth, Vt., June 9, 1848.

Children:

- i. MELINDA ANN,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Oct. 16, 1816; m. Lucius Weston of R. (See Weston.)
- ii. SIMON STEVENS, b. in R., Dec. 19, 1817; res. in Cincinnati, O., from 1853 to 1894; member city council; founder of Relief Union, working for Union soldiers during the Rebellion; member of school board; promoter of the Art Institute, and elected mayor of Cincinnati in 1871; rem. in 1894 to Newton Highlands, Mass., where he d. May 11, 1896. He m. Feb. 12, 1850, Elizabeth Sayer of Westown, N. Y., b. Westown, Feb. 12, 1831, d. Cincinnati, Jan. 13, 1879. Children: 1. *Alla*,<sup>5</sup> b. Goshen, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1851; m. 1st Jan. 22, 1874, J. G. Knight of Cincinnati, d. 1877; m. 2d June, 1901, F. L. Depew of Newton, Mass.; she d. Feb. 5, 1903. Child: William L.,<sup>6</sup> b. June 25, 1876; d. July 2, 1877. 2. *Hattie*, b. Goshen, Feb. 19, 1853; d. July 26, 1853. 3. *Harry Sayer*, b. Cincinnati, June 28, 1858; d. Feb. 17, 1866. 4. *Mary Blanche*, b. Cincinnati, May 12, 1860; m. Feb. 25, 1880, George A. Spicer, member of the International Shirt & Collar Co.; res. Chicago, Ill.; no ch. 5. *Liblin Corine*, b. Cincinnati, Aug. 10, 1862; d. Feb. 12, 1866. 6. *Ralph Fulton*, b. Cincinnati, Jan. 31, 1865; d. Feb. 17, 1866. 7. *Clarence Sayer*, b. Cincinnati, May 10, 1867; d. Aug. 17, 1867. 8. *Simon Stevens*, b. Cincinnati, June 26, 1868; is connected in business with George A. Spicer; m. Feb. 16, 1898, D. Etta May McCarthy; res. Evanston, Ill. 9. *Eta Adelia*, b. Cincinnati, May 2, 1870; m. Nov. 26, 1890, C. P. Kelley, a silk merchant in Boston, Mass.; res. Newton Highlands, Mass. Children all b. Newton Highlands: 1. Aubry Davis,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1891. 2. Blanche Spicer, b. Nov. 14, 1894. 3. Davis P., b. Apr. 21, 1896. 10. *Walter Knight*, b. Cincinnati, July 14, 1872; d. June 23, 1873. 11. *Edith*, b. Cincinnati, July 22, 1875; m. Apr. 18, 1900, E. P. Fisher; res. Chicago. Children: 1. Alla Davis,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 4, 1902. ii. Earl.
- iii. HELEN FRANCES, b. in R., May 6, 1820; m. Feb. 5, 1846, Daniel Babcock, b. Oct. 20, 1820, d. Aug. 24, 1886; she d. Mar. 9, 1899; res. Franconia, N. H. Children: 1. *Ella Frances*,<sup>5</sup> b. June 8, 1850; d. Oct. 20, 1881. 2. *Anna Eliza*, b. Oct. 20, 1852; m. Nov. 20, 1878, Henry Harvey Clark, b. Feb. 5, 1846. Children: i. Guy Harvey,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 13, 1881. ii. Viva Anne, b. May 30, 1886.
- iv. HIRAN HARWOOD, b. in R., Oct. 5, 1822; res. Geneseo, Ill.; d. June 19, 1899. Children: 1. *Linda*,<sup>5</sup> 2. *Ralph*, res. Geneseo, Ill.
- v. JAMES GEORGE, b. in R., Jan. 31, 1825; m. Mar. 3, 1859, Carrie L. Simonton of Cambridge, Ill.; res. many yrs. at Andover, Ill.; farmer and stock breeder; retired 1891; rem. to Cambridge, Ill., where he d. Jan. 15, 1903, ae. 77 yrs. Children all b. Andover, Ill.: 1. *Frank H.*,<sup>5</sup> b. June 10, 1860; a farmer; m. July 28, 1886, Lena A. Lowry of Abingdon, Ill.; res. Decota, Cal. 2. *Fred S.*, b. Apr. 14, 1864; cattle dealer; m. Dec. 25, 1894, Lena M. Van Aulstein; res. Columbus, Neb. 3. *William L.*, b. Sept. 8, 1868; engaged in general mining and overseer of irrigation; m. Sept., 1900, Le Nora Funk; res. Columbus, Neb. 4. *Mary L.*, b. Jan. 6, 1870; res. with her mother in Cambridge, Ill. 5. *Anna L. S.*, b.

- Dec. 25, 1875; m. Mar. 13, 1895, Arthur J. Crawford, meat dealer in Cambridge, Ill.
- vi. THEODORE STEVENS. b. in R., May 15, 1827; d. Sept. 5, 1828.
- vii. ELIZA ABIGAIL, b. in R., Feb. 4, 1830; m. Oct. 6, 1850, Edson A. Wood of Plymouth, Vt., b. Plymouth, Sept. 24, 1829; res. many years in Geneseo, Ill., later rem. to Minneapolis, Minn., where they both d. She d. Feb. 13, 1903; he d. Sept. 12, 1899. Children: 1. *Flora M.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Plymouth, July 17, 1856; m. Dec. 23, 1886, Theodore J. Richardson, an artist of Minneapolis, b. Readfield, Me., Apr. 4, 1855. 2. *Harry E.*, b. Geneseo, June 9, 1862; a banker in Minneapolis.
- viii. HENRY LAKE, b. in R., Mar. 19, 1832; d. Cincinnati, Sept. 24, 1869.
- ix. IRA WOODARD, b. in R., Apr. 13, 1834; rem. to the West at an early age.
- x. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. in R., Aug. 27, 1836; a banker in Cincinnati many years; rem. to Memphis, Tenn.; president of a bank and active in city enterprises; m. 1st May 29, 1860, Adelia Gilbert of Cincinnati, b. Nov. 13, 1837, d. Mar. 28, 1870; m. 2d Sallie Ranney; he d. Memphis, Nov. 28, 1890. Children: 1. *Joseph Gilbert*,<sup>5</sup> b. June 15, 1861; d. Jan. 22, 1863. 2. *Caroline Bridgeland*, b. Nov. 27, 1863; m. Oct. 16, 1888, Stonewall Jackson Shepherd, b. July 14, 1860. Children: i. Adelia Davis,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 8, 1889. ii. Elizabeth Poston, b. Jan. 22, 1892. iii. Amelia Beard, b. Dec. 13, 1897. 3. *Charles Norris*, b. Nov. 11, 1865; employed in office of George A. Spicer; res. Chicago.
2. JOHN HARWOOD<sup>3</sup> (*Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Nathaniel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 30, 1797; lived on the homestead farm of his father in R. until 1855; m. Apr. 15, 1824, Susan Billings of R., b. Groton, Mass., May 2, 1805, d. Galesburg, Ill., July 30, 1879; he d. Gallipolis, O., June 19, 1861.
- Children:
- i. HARRIET A.,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Apr. 12, 1825; d. in R., June 7, 1826.
- ii. LOUISE MARIA, b. in R., July 13, 1826; m. Dec. 18, 1849, Albert Sherwin of Chester, Vt.; res. Madison, Wis., Elgin, Ill., and later Leadville, Col., where he was a leading banker and mine owner; after retiring he traveled extensively in foreign countries; d. suddenly in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 21, 1904, while visiting the Exposition; she d. Three Oaks, Mich., Aug. 27, 1866; he m. 2d Oct. 19, 1868, Frances M. Lang, at Gallipolis, O., b. Nov. 25, 1832. Children: 1. *William Whitman*,<sup>5</sup> b. Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 2, 1855; grad. Ann Arbor university; a prominent business man of Elgin, Ill., is connected with large enterprises in Elgin, Chicago and Colorado; m. Apr. 28, 1880, Caroline M. Town, b. Elgin, May 27, 1855; no children. 2. *Caroline Aiken*, b. Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 2, 1855; d. Madison, Wis., Nov. 23, 1861. 3. *Albert Edwin*, b. Madison, Dec. 22, 1860; res. Leadville, Col., a lumber merchant and engaged in mining; m. at Cairo, Ill., June 28, 1882, Ella May Turner, b. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 25, 1861; d. Leadville, Col., Feb. 15, 1906. Children: i. Maria Louise,<sup>6</sup> b. Bushnell, Ill., Apr. 21, 1883; d. Elgin, Ill., Sept. 27, 1883. ii. Ruth Elizabeth, b. Elgin, Dec. 28, 1886. iii. William Albert, b. Elgin, Aug. 1, 1889. iv. Elliott Davis, b. Leadville, Oct. 14, 1896. 4. *Susan Davis*, b. Madison, Nov. 17, 1863; d. Leadville, Aug. 27, 1898. 5. *Frank LeClercq*, b. Three Oaks, Mich., Nov. 2, 1865; d. May 12, 1866. Child by 2d wife: 6. *Frederick Lang*, b. Elgin, May 12, 1870; a prominent lawyer; res. Colorado Springs, Col.



- iii. SUSAN AUGUSTA, b. in R., Nov. 18, 1827; m. June 1, 1847, Amos G. Sears of Dover, Vt.; they followed teaching as a life work, Prof. Sears being principal of Gallia academy, Gallipolis, O., 11 years, and Elgin academy, Elgin, Ill., 11 years, making a marked success in each. They retired in 1881, since which time they have res. in Chicago. Child: 1. *Nathaniel Clinton*,<sup>5</sup> b. Gallipolis, O., Aug. 23, 1854; grad. Amherst college; studied International law at Berlin and Heidelberg universities, Germany; admitted to bar in Chicago, 1878; elected judge of the superior court of Cook Co., 1890; appointed to Appellate court, 1897; after 10 years service on the bench resigned to do active work at the bar, where he holds rank among the ablest lawyers of the state; received degree LL. D. from Northwestern university and occupied chair of practice, lecturing in the Law Department seven years; res. Chicago; he m. 1st June 2, 1881, Mattie Lee Barclay at Elgin, Ill., b. Elgin, Dec. 10, 1860; d. Chicago, Nov. 28, 1881; m. 2d May 26, 1887, Laura Raymond Davidson, b. Elgin, July 10, 1853; no children.
- iv. NATHANIEL JOHN, b. in R., Oct. 14, 1830; engaged in mercantile business in Brattleboro, Vt.; in 1850 went to California and was a pioneer miner, later at Pike's Peak and Virginia City, Mont.; has had many thrilling experiences; present res. is Bozeman, Mont.; m. Feb. 1, 1866 Jennie Urquhart Lovell at Virginia City, Mont., b. Front Royal, Va., Aug. 27, 1846; res. Virginia City. Children all b. Virginia City: 1. *Fannie Louise*,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 5, 1867; m. Sept. 29, 1892, William J. Ennis, a ranchman; res. Ennis, Mont. Children: i. Kathryn Leola,<sup>6</sup> b. at Ennis, Jan. 1, 1894. ii. Louise, b. at Ennis, July 11, 1895. iii. William. 2. *Nathaniel John*, b. Dec. 11, 1871. 3. *Janet Lovell*, b. Virginia City, Sept. 23, 1873; a teacher; m. 4. *Mary Catherine* b. Sept. 7, 1874. 5. *Edwin Cooley*, b. Dec. 24, 1875; in mercantile business in Bozeman. 6. *Flora LeClercq* b. Aug. 23, 1880; d. Bozeman, Feb. 13, 1906. 7. *Wiley Sears*, b. Apr. 6, 1886; graduated business college at Bozeman.
- v. SARAH FRANCES, b. in R., Sept. 26, 1832; m. Daniel Leverett Wiley. (*See Wiley*.)
- vi. ELLEN SOPHIA, b. in R., June 20, 1834; m. Aug. 31, 1857, Edwin A. Cooley of Amherst, Mass., b. Feb. 2, 1831, a graduate of Amherst college in 1857. They both left Mass. for Charleston, S. C., after the Civil war to take charge of schools organized by the Freedman's Bureau; later took charge of Gallia academy, O., for a short time until they settled in Galesburg, Ill., on a farm; she d. Galesburg, June 7, 1898; he d. Aug. 31, 1902. Children: 1. *George L.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Galesburg, Mar. 1, 1876; d. Galesburg, July 18, 1879. 2. *Maria Louise*, b. Galesburg, Mar. 7, 1895; was in the freshman class at Knox college at the time of her death, and as a memorial to her memory Mr. and Mrs. Cooley presented a scholarship of \$3,000 to Knox college known as the "Louise Cooley scholarship."
- vii. FLORA ANN, b. in R., Mar. 27, 1838; m. June 1, 1857, Francis Lewis LeClercq, a woolen manufacturer of Gallipolis, b. there July 24, 1832, and d. Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 17, 1891; she d. Springfield, O., Feb. 11, 1906. Children all b. at Gallipolis: 1. *Nellie R.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 15, 1858; m. May 16, 1882, Edward Harford, b. Trowbridge, Eng., Nov. 16, 1850, a banker and Masonic leader, has charge of the Masonic Home for Widows and Orphans in Springfield, O.; res. Springfield. Children all b. Springfield: i. *Flora C.*,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 17, 1884; d. Dec. 28, 1888. ii. *Frederick L.*, b. Aug. 6, 1887; is student of State university of Ohio. iii. *Katherine S.*, b. Aug. 14, 1894. 2. *Susan Sears*, b. Sept. 3, 1863; res. in Springfield; employed in the First National Bank. 3. *Rose*,



b. July 2, 1867; m. Aug. 1, 1894, Charles Coles, a commercial traveller; res. Chicago. Children: i. Marjorie R.,<sup>6</sup> b. Springfield, Mar. 16, 1896. ii. Elizabeth. 4. *Francis Augustin*, b. Jan. 1, 1874; for several years had charge of the works of the American Radiator Co.. in Buffalo, N. Y.; m. June 25, 1903, Lucille Prettie at Jamestown, N. Y.; res. Springfield, O.

## DAY

JAMES CLARENCE<sup>7</sup> (*James Sweetland*,<sup>6</sup> *Loammi*,<sup>5</sup> *Loammi*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>1</sup> *who sailed from London 1635, in the good ship "Paule" and settled in Gloucester in 1650*), b. in So. Attleboro, Mass., March 26, 1848; came to B. F. from Keene, N. H. in 1877; in dry goods trade here since; has been village bailiff many years; chairman of board of commissioners for Oak Hill Cemetery from its inception; president of the board of trade and has held many other offices; is prominent in the Masonic fraternity; a past-master of Lodge of the Temple; charter member of Holy Cross Commandery, K. T.; member of B. F. Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and member of the Cong. chh. of B. F.

He m. 1st Oct. 15, 1873, Charlotte E. Pray of Keene, b. White River Junction, Vt., Aug. 8, 1853, d. B. F., Oct. 29, 1891; m. 2d Jan. 23, 1895, Lorena E. Jewett of S. R., b. Chenoa, Ill., Aug. 24, 1867; res. B. F.

## Children:

- i. ANNIE MARGARET,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 8, 1878; d. Dec. 6, 1881.
- ii. CHARLOTTE MARY, b. Jan. 17, 1880; m. Dr. M. M. Dolan, April, 1900; res. So. Glens Falls, N. Y. Children: 1. *Clarence Robert*,<sup>9</sup> b. April 14, 1904. 2. *Margaret Day*, b. July 23, 1906.
- iii. ROBERT HOLMES, b. Nov. 14, 1882; d. Jan. 18, 1888.
- iv. MARGARET HUMPHREYS, b. Jan. 21, 1884; d. Jan. 8, 1888.
- v. MARION FRANCES, b. Aug. 3, 1886; d. Feb. 8, 1887.
- vi. ELIZABETH HOLMES, b. April 15, 1891.
- vii. DOROTHY MADELINE, b. June 8, 1896.

## DERBY

ALBERT<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Ephraim, b. Leominster, Mass., Nov. 16, 1798, and gr. s. of Nathan*), b. Walpole, N. H., July 4, 1830; came to B. F. in 1844; continuously identified with business of the place since that year; first worked as house builder for Wm. Stone, then identified with various branches of manufacture; since 1863 has been engaged in the manufacture of scythe snaths, since 1882 in connection with the late Franklin P. Ball and his successors, under the firm name of Derby & Ball; m. Jan. 1, 1856, Martha Philena Russell, b. Walpole, N. H., June 18, 1831; she d. Sept. 24, 1891; he res. B. F. Child:

- i. MINNIE FRANCES,<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 13, 1863; m. George M. Rossman of Keene, N. H., Oct. 24, 1889; no children.

## DIVOLL

MANASSEH<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Manassah of Lunenburg, Mass., b. Nov. 17, 1753, gr. s. of John, gr. gr. s. of William, b. May 8, 1672, gr. gr. gr. s. of Ensign John, b. Lancaster, Mass., 1672, and killed by the Indians*), b. Lunenburg, Mass., Oct. 16, 1787; came to R. village about the year 1806; a tanner



JOHN L. DIVOLL,  
b. 1830.



MANASSEH DIVOLL,  
1787-1864.



JOSIAH B. DIVOLL,  
1832-1904.



and currier, his tannery was located in the ravine by the brook north of the highway, just west of Lovell's Hotel, and in later years he also owned a tannery located on the middle falls in S. R. The business in R. village was that established by Samuel Billings, and Mr. Divoll was associated many years with his son, Samuel L. Billings, in business. Mr. Divoll's sister, Susanna, was the wife of Samuel Billings.

Mr. Divoll was widely known and influential in his day and held various town offices. He represented R. in the legislatures of 1829, 1830 and 1836. He m. June 23, 1817, Charlotte, dau. of Nathaniel Davis of R., b. in R. Feb. 6, 1794, d. in R. Jan. 20, 1882; he d. Jan. 25, 1864.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. CHARLOTTE M.,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1816; m. 1838, Elias Olcott. (*See Olcott.*)
- ii. SARAH, b. July 26, 1820; was many years a prominent teacher in town, a portion of the time in B. F.; d. Apr., 1886; unm.
- iii. IRA M., b. Apr. 10, 1822; a farmer of R., res. in the village; m. Dec. 25, 1863, Emma Smalley; d. July 4, 1871; she m. 2d Eli Pulsipher of Springfield, Vt.
- iv. SUSAN F., b. Feb. 2, 1824; a teacher in B. F.; m. Apr. 5, 1853, Judge William Rounds of Chester, Vt.; d. Chester, Apr. 30, 1893.
- v. GEORGE W., b. July 3, 1826; killed by the Indians in a massacre at Shakopee, Minn., Aug. 18, 1862; unm.
- vi. ELIZA A., b. Sept. 20, 1828; m. Lewis S. Eddy of R. (*See Eddy.*)
- vii. JOHN L., b. Dec. 2, 1830; has always been a prosperous farmer, and owns at the present time a number of valuable farms in various parts of R.; m. Feb. 5, 1862, Flora A., dau. of John Hastings Olcott of R., b. Mar. 15, 1843, d. Nov. 26, 1904; he res. in R. Children all b. in R.: 1. *John I.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 1, 1862; res. R.; d. Nov. 9, 1906; unm. 2. *Natt L.*, b. Sept. 1, 1864; res. R.; unm. 3. *Mary O.*, b. Aug. 15, 1866; res. R.; unm.
- viii. JOSIAH B., b. Nov. 26, 1832; a merchant at Bartonville 2 years; in 1857, rem. to R. village and conducted the store there 47 years; the only one in the village after 1863; was appointed postmaster by Abraham Lincoln in 1861 and held the office continuously until his death 43 years later; owned a number of farms in the vicinity of the village; represented the town in the legislatures of 1868 and 1869 and held other public offices of trust. He m. May 15, 1861, Harriet D., dau. of Nathan Proctor of R.; he d. Apr. 19, 1904; she res. R. Children all b. in R.: 1. *George W.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1862; is a merchant in R.; m. Feb. 26, 1900, Martha French of Chester, Vt.; no children. 2. *Oscar J.*, b. Sept. 6, 1863; a merchant in R.; unm. 3. *Clarence A.*, b. Aug. 10, 1870; d. July 26, 1882.

#### DODGE

EDWARD ADOLPHUS CRARY<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Capt. Billy Dodge*), b. N. Y. city, Mar. 25, 1807; came to B. F. in 1835, became manager of a fulling mill "under the hill," having learned the trade of fuller at Haverhill, N. H.; lived in a house still standing on the east side of Rockingham street until about 1854; then rem. to a farm in Athens, Vt.; m. Marion Jenkins, b. Bradford, Vt., Jan. 10, 1811, d. Athens, Vt., Feb. 29, 1888; he d. Rutland, Vt., Feb. 14, 1896

Children:

- i. EDWARD P. I.,<sup>2</sup> b. Haverhill, Feb. 14, 1834; killed at his father's fulling mill in B. F., Oct. 19, 1840.

- ii. THEODORE S., b. Haverhill, Mar. 27, 1835; killed on Vt. Valley R. R.
- iii. MARION, b. at B. F., Nov. 27, 1837; m. George A. Griswold of Rutland, Vt. (deceased); she res. at S. R.; no children.
- iv. RANDOLPH, b. at B. F., Aug. 23, 1838; in recent years teamster at B. F.; m. Orissa Chase of Cambridgeport (deceased); he res. Dorchester, Mass. Children: 1. *William R.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Grafton, Vt., Nov. 23, 1860; an electrical engineer; m. Nellie Smith of Rutland, Vt. (deceased); he res. Rutland. 2. *Elena*, b. Grafton, Apr. 23, 1865; m. Sept. 27, 1882, John Church, commercial agent N. Y. C. R. R.; res. Boston Mass. Child: Beatrice,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., Aug. 31, 1884.
- v. EDWARD BILLY, b. B. F., Aug. 10, 1840; m. Mrs. Zina Kelley; she res. Rutland, Vt.; he d. Nov. 23, 1903; no children.
- vi. OLIVER, b. B. F., Apr. 10, 1842; m. Frances Warner of Acworth, N. H. (deceased); he d. Dec. 23, 1902. Child: Edward.<sup>3</sup>
- vii. WILLIAM EDWARD, b. B. F., June 25, 1844; d. Aug. 9, 1848.
- viii. LOUELLA MEHITABLE, b. B. F., Oct. 4, 1846; m. William Farr of Athens, Vt. Children: 1. *Marion*,<sup>3</sup> m. Dr. Frank Cowles of Beverly, Mass. 2. *Bertha*; m. Edward Phillips; res. in N. Y. state.
- ix. ANNAN ISABEL, b. B. F., July 6, 1854; m. Edwin Raymond Lake. (*See Lake.*)

## DORAND

PETER,<sup>1</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1780, was the first of his name to come to R., about the year 1800 and settled upon a farm about a mile below Bartonsville, the old house being located across the road nearly opposite the present James Worrall residence. He was a farmer and mason by trade. He m. Dec. 22, 1803, Diadama Wright, b. June 13, 1780, a granddaughter of Moses Wright, one of the first three settlers, and a dau. of Solomon Wright who was said to have been the first male child born in the new township of R. Peter d. June 13, 1855; Diadama d. Aug. 26, 1856.

The family name of Dorand has been a common one in the town of R., and many of that name have held official positions during nearly all the years of the century that has passed.

## Children:

- i. QUARTUS M.,<sup>2</sup> b. May 2, 1804; a mason and carpenter; m. Mar. 22, 1827, Elvira Emery; d. Mar. 22, 1888; no children.
- ii. SCHUYLER, b. Nov. 11, 1805; d. Apr. 29, 1812.
- iii. HARRIET, b. Sept. 1, 1808; m. Nathan Proctor. (*See Proctor.*)
- iv. LAURA, b. Aug. 27, 1816; m. John Burt. Children: 1. *Martha*,<sup>3</sup> m. Frank M. Wheeler, a carriage maker and blacksmith of R.; no children. 2. *William* is m. and res. in Unity, N. H.; no children.
- v. SUSAN, b. June 22, 1818; m. Jedediah Gould; went west.
- vi. JAMES, b. Nov. 29, 1820; a mason and carpenter; m. Martha Stearns; he d. Sept. 27, 1888; she d. earlier. Child: 1. *Fred J.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 6, 1856; res. Chester, Vt.; m. Ella Smith; he d. Apr. 17, 1893; she m. 2d William S. Pollard; res. Chester; no children.
- vii. JOHN, b. Aug. 9, 1825; m. 1st Betsey Helen, dau. of Jehial Simonds of R.; m. 2d Mary Parker of R.; he d. May 11, 1866. Children: 1. *Peter*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 11, 1851; m. Clara Rogers, of R., Sept. 10, 1873; a farmer; resides near Bartonsville; is overseer of the poor. Children: i. John J.,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 29, 1874; m. July 4, 1895, Minnie Marble, b. in R., Mar. 15, 1874; res. Chester, Vt. ii. Urban F.,

b. Aug. 3, 1876; m. May Carlisle, Aug. 17, 1898; res. Chester, Vt. Children: 1. Pearl,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 9, 1902. 2. Harold C., b. Sept. 21, 1905. iii. Amy L., b. Nov. 19, 1889. 2. *Ellen M.*, b. Feb. 13, 1860; m. Thomas Straley; res. Albany, N. Y.; no children.

## DUTTON

THOMAS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Thomas and Hannah [Burge] Dutton*), came to R. as early as 1766 from Fitchburg, Mass. He was b. in Billerica, Mass., Aug. 28, 1713; m. May 10, 1737, Mary Hill; rem. from Westford to Lunenburg, Mass., soon after 1741. His wife, Mary, the mother of several children, d. about 1754. He m. 2d Sept. 9, 1756, Sarah, dau. of Joseph Fitch, b. May 8, 1731.

Children by 2d wife:

- i. JOSEPH FITCH,<sup>2</sup> b. June 3, 1757.
- ii. SUSANNAH, b. Mar. 7, 1759.
- iii. JOHN, b. July 9, 1761.

## EARLE

XENOPHON,<sup>1</sup> b. Chester, Vt., Jan. 25, 1798; came to R. from Chester about 1812; m. Oct. 2, 1822, Valeria Ann, daughter of Nathaniel Davis of R., b. Feb. 22, 1804, d. July 11, 1861; he d. at S. R., Feb. 15, 1875; res. at S. R.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. SIDNEY R.,<sup>2</sup> b. May 14, 1823; a wheelwright; res. at S. R.; m. Julia Williston; he d. Nov. 2, 1903. Children: 1. *Seymour W.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 15, 1851; m. Caroline Louise Cooke; res. Derby, Conn. Children: i. Ethel Dora,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1883. ii. Mabel Julia, b. Jan. 6, 1886; d. July 29, 1886. iii. Alice Williston, b. Aug. 23, 1888; d. July 7, 1890. 2. *Frank R.*, b. Apr. 19, 1855; d. Dec. 30, 1896; m. 1st Castella Cooper; she m. 2d William Coons of Linlithgo, N.Y. Child: Mabel H.,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar., 1894. 3. *Sidney L.*, b. Aug. 2, 1870; res. New Haven, Conn.; unm. 4. *Charles E.*, b. Aug. 2, 1870; m. Lena May Dickinson; res. Hampden, Conn.; no children.
- ii. MARY E., b. Dec. 16, 1824; m. H. A. Tuthill; res. in Virginia; d. S. R., Aug. 16, 1858. Children: 1. *Ella A.*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 5, 1851; m. William W. Hunt; res. Dalton, N. Y. Child: Grace,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 26, 1876; m. La Vergne A. Walker. Child: Ralph H.,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 29, 1896. 2. *Fred A.*, b. Jan. 1, 1855; a locomotive engineer; m. Flora Benton of Dalton, N. Y.; res. Brattleboro, Vt. Children: i. Elizabeth B.,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1885. ii. Flora, b. Mar. 29, 1889. 3. *Seymour A.*, d. May 5, 1850, ae. 4 yrs. and 4 mos.
- iii. HARRIET M., b. Feb. 15, 1827; m. Theron Estabrook; she d. Apr. 11, 1895; res. Chicago, later at B. F. where he d.; no children.
- iv. IRA LEWIS, b. Nov. 21, 1828; a railroad fireman and engineer for 40 yrs.; fired the first locomotive run over the Cheshire R. R. to B. F.; master mechanic of Vt. Valley R. R.; later ice dealer; built first houses on the street named for him; m. at S. R., May 11, 1853, Aner Maria Graves, d. B. F., Feb. 10, 1898; he d. at B. F., Apr. 14, 1904. Children: 1. *Edward Lee*,<sup>3</sup> b. June 3, 1858; a locomotive engineer Rutland R. R.; m. Oct. 11, 1877, Eva L. Snow of Charlestown, N. H.; res. Rutland, Vt. Children: i. Edith M.,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., Sept. 12, 1878. ii. Ira L., b. B. F., May 31, 1885. iii. Edward L., b. Rutland, Vt., June 19, 1895. 2. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 15, 1863; m. Mar. 28, 1901, Mortimer S. Benton of Brattleboro, Vt.; res. B. F. Child: Maria A.,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., Aug. 12, 1902.



- v. GEORGE B., b. Aug. 7, 1831; m. Hannah Fowler; he d. Feb. 14, 1889. Child: 1. *Stella*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 1, 1860; m. Rev. H. L. Bradden; no children.
- vi. HENRY C., b. Feb. 5, 1832; employed by Cheshire R. R. 30 yrs., most of the time as locomotive engineer; he d. Sept. 25, 1904; res. B. F.; m. Nov., 1855, Mary L. Britton of West Swansea, N. H.; no children.
- vii. FANNIE M., b. Oct. 11, 1833; m. Henry P. Wheeler; res. Davenport, Iowa; no children.
- viii. VALERIA A., b. Aug. 13, 1835; m. Holland W. Osgood of S. R. (*See Osgood*.)
- ix. CHARLES A., b. Jan. 17, 1838; d. Feb. 12, 1858; unm.
- x. MARTHA J., b. Mar. 25, 1840; m. Charles E. Osgood; res. S. R.; she d. Feb. 21, 1886. Child: 1. *Anna E.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 16, 1869; d. Sept. 15, 1870.

## EATON

JULIUS A.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Amasa, gr. s. of James, gr. gr. s. of Asa, who d. Westminster, Vt., Dec. 17, 1816*). b. Rochester, Vt., Dec. 3, 1833; ancestors were a race of blacksmiths; he came to B. F., 1880; engaged successively in bakery, tin trade, jewelry and real estate; m. Aug. 27, 1854, Ann M., dau. of Elijah W. Allbee, b. R., Oct. 16, 1835; res. B. F.

Children all b. Rochester, Vt.:

- i. EUGENIE F.,<sup>2</sup> b. Mar. 31, 1862; m. Nov. 7, 1882, Fay H. Martin; res. Boston, Mass.
- ii. WINIFRED A., b. May 23, 1865; res. B. F.
- iii. WILLIAM J., b. May 23, 1865; a jeweller; m. Isabell E. Jennings, Sept. 23, 1891; res. B. F. Child: 1. *Ruth E.*,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F., Oct. 4, 1892.

## EDDY

CHARLES BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> (*Charles*,<sup>6</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> *Joel*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Obadiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., July 27, 1829; educated in the common schools and Chester academy; admitted to Windham County bar, Apr., 1858, and became a leading attorney of this part of Vermont; identified with all public matters in the town of R. until his death; senator from Windham Co., 1870-1; an earnest Christian gentleman, prominently connected with the Methodist chh. of B. F. Benjamin<sup>5</sup> was a resident in R. from 1805 until his death in 1813; lived on the "Rollins farm" a mile north of Rockingham village. Samuel<sup>1</sup> was son of the Rev. William Eddy, A. M., vicar of the chh. of St. Dunstan in Cranbrook, County of Kent, Eng., and emigrated to America, landing at Plymouth, Mass., Oct. 29, 1630. He became one of the original purchasers of Middleboro, Mass., and a large land owner in other places.

Charles Benjamin,<sup>7</sup> m. Sept. 3, 1849, Sarah M. Spaulding, b. Cavendish, Vt., Mar. 30, 1829, d. B. F., Apr. 5, 1904; he d. B. F., June 5, 1893.

Children:

- i. CHARLES FRANK,<sup>8</sup> b. in New Jersey, June 22, 1850; grad. Kimball Union academy, Dartmouth college, and Albany law school; admitted to Windham County bar 1872, and practised in B. F.; now an attorney in Boston; m. 1st June 13, 1872, Helen Sarah Townsend; m. 2d Sept. 26, 1892, Ada M. Royleigh; res. Malden, Mass. Children: 1. *Charles Seneca*,<sup>9</sup> b. Poultney, Vt., Apr. 6

- 1873; m. 1st Grace Hamlin of Chicago; m. 2d Carrie Webster of Detroit; buyer for Marshall, Field & Co. of Chicago; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.; no children. 2. *Fred Benjamin*, b. B. F., June 2, 1877; m. Bessie Gilmore of Chicago; he d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1905; no children. 3. *Sarah Gertrude*, b. B. F., Sept. 21, 1879; m. Dr. Eben P. S. Miller; res. Keithsburg, Ill. Child: Perry Gilbert,<sup>10</sup> b. Feb. 25, 1905.
- ii. FRED SPAULDING, b. Chester, Vt., Nov. 11, 1852; m. Jan., 1884, Jessie Gansel of Sonestown, Pa.; res. Williamsport, Pa. Children: 1. *Alice*.<sup>9</sup> 2. *Roy*, d. ae. 15 years. 3. *Ethel*. 4. *Florence*.
- iii. WILLIAM CHESTER, b. Chester, Apr. 11, 1856; d. B. F., Apr. 19, 1860.
- iv. ALICE MARIA, b. B. F. Apr. 2, 1859; m. Dec. 24, 1885, Dr. John Eugene Monroe; res. Orange, Mass. Children: 1. *Elmer Eddy*,<sup>9</sup> b. Worcester, Mass., Apr. 11, 1887; grad. Orange high school; now student at Dartmouth college. 2. *Harold Eugene*, b. Worcester, Apr. 4, 1889; d. Apr. 13, 1905. 3. *Kenneth Eugene*, b. Farmington, Pa., Mar. 16, 1894.
- v. ELMER ELLSWORTH, b. B. F., Mar. 7, 1862; grad. B. F. H. S., 1879 and Boston Dental college; m. Jan., 1895, Nellie M. Baker of Gardner, Mass.; a salesman for Goodnow Bros. & Pearson; res. Gardner.
- vi. CLARA MAY, b. B. F., Apr. 16, 1865; m. June 16, 1886, Clarence E. Dowlin, an employee of the Vt. Farm Mch. Co.; res. B. F. Children all b. B. F.: 1. *Ethel Clara*,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1887. 2. *Jessie May*, b. July 20, 1890. 3. *Nellie Sarah*, b. July 11, 1871; d. B. F., Aug. 30, 1871.

## EDDY

JUSTIN<sup>6</sup> (*Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> *Joel*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Obadiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), came from Middlebury, Vt. to R. and for a time owned the mills now known as "Lawrence Mills." He m. Feb. 1, 1810, Dolly, daughter of Ensign James Walker of R., b. Aug. 30, 1790; he d. Mar. 31, 1852, ae. 64 yrs.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. i. LEWIS S.,<sup>7</sup> b. July 15, 1820; d. Feb. 19, 1896.
  - ii. HENRY, m. Marrietta Hickok; settled in Westport, N. Y.
  - iii. ELIZA; m. — Putnam and lived in Westboro, Mass.
  - iv. JAMES W., res. Westport, N. Y.
1. LEWIS SCHUYLER<sup>7</sup> (*Justin*,<sup>6</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> *Joel*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Obadiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 15, 1820; in middle life for about 25 yrs. owned the Divoll store in R. village and was both merchant and farmer; occupied many places of trust, among them overseer of the poor for sixteen consecutive years; postmaster at R. village, 1851-1854; later dealt in cattle for the Boston markets; was peculiarly kind hearted and of strict integrity. He m. 1st Eliza, daughter of Manasseh Divoll; m. 2d Louise Clark; m. 3rd Luella A. Howard; no children except by 3rd. wife:
- Children:
- i. LEWIS SCHUYLER,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 5, 1873; res. B. F., employed by B. & M. railroad.
  - ii. JAMES W., b. Aug. 4, 1874; m. Apr. 4, 1896, Florence Colburn of Grafton, Vt.; res. Grafton. Children: 1. *Raymond J.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1899. 2. *Doris E.*, b. Oct. 8, 1900. 3. *Howard C.*, b. Oct. 12 1902.

- iii. HARLAND H., b. Sept. 8, 1875, a farmer of Grafton, Vt.; m. Nov. 15, 1899, Lillian Woodman of Prince Edward Island. Children:
  - 1. *Bernice L.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 15, 1901. 2. *Clarence G.*, b. July 28, 1904.
- iv. ANNA B., b. Sept. 8, 1887; res. with her mother in Grafton.

## ELLIOTT

REV. JOSEPH,<sup>1</sup> first pastor of the 1st Baptist church of S. R., came here from the churches at Hinsdale and Chesterfield, N. H., in 1811; took prominent part in the church and social life of the town; master of the first Masonic lodge of the town in 1817, but renounced masonry during anti-Masonic times; was a strikingly large, fine looking man; lived in house now owned by H. A. Stearns near the "Warner Home;" resigned pastorate of church in 1822 and rem. later to Elyria, O., where he d. He m. Susan —, and the town records show their children all b. in R.:

- i. JULIUS WORDEN,<sup>2</sup> b. May 12, 1812.
- ii. ROMANZO ISRAEL, b. Mar. 1, 1814.
- iii. JANE ORITHIEA, b. June 5, 1816.
- iv. DEMETRIUS JOHN, b. Apr. 17, 1819.
- v. VIRGIL FORBEZ, b. Feb. 12, 1821.

## EMERY

SAMUEL,<sup>1</sup> was an early resident, owning the mills near Bartonville that were for many years known as "Emery's Mills;" first meeting for organization of that school district held at his house near the mills Nov. 4, 1801, and the school was held in his house until the school building was built in 1803; selectman, 1796-7, 1803-4; m. Mary —, d. Feb. 22, 1808, ae. 53; he d. Feb. 21, 1829, ae. 75; town records show—

## Children:

- i. THANKFUL,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 27, 1790.
- ii. BETSY, b. Apr. 19, 1793.
- iii. JOHN, b. Apr. 9, 1795.
- iv. ELEAZUR, b. May 27, 1797.

SAMUEL, JR.,<sup>2</sup> (*probably s. of above, although not shown by town records*), m. Anna Darling of R. Sept 24, 1800, and town records show—

## Children:

- i. ANNA,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 31, 1801.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 21, 1802.
- iii. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. Aug. 9, 1804.
- iv. MARY ADALINE, b. June 18, 1807.

CAPT. JOSIAH, owned the mills after Samuel, who was possibly his father. He m. Apr. 29, 1806, Esther Rymington of R., d. Oct. 13, 1844, ae. 57; he d. Sept. 29, 1843, ae. 56 and both are buried in R. cemetery; town records show—

## Children:

- i. ELVIRA, b. June 23, 1807.
- ii. MARY, b. Feb. 25, 1809.

## ESTABROOK

ABRAHAM<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Abraham*), b. Dec. 26, 1779; a farmer; elected tythingman in R. Mar. 7, 1807; a veteran of the war of 1812; d. Jan. 6, 1869, buried in the old cemetery at R., grave unmarked except by a boulder.

JOHN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Abraham*), early in life res. in Chester, Vt.; rem. to R.; lived on a farm one and one-fourth miles north of Lawrence Mills; d. there Aug. 25, 1865, ae. 80 yrs.

Children:

- i. HUBBARD,<sup>2</sup> went to N. Y. as a young man and res. there until he d. Children: 1. *Peter L.*,<sup>3</sup> *Theron*, and possibly others.
- ii. LUCIUS H., b. Oct. 10, 1813; came to the home farm near Lawrence Mills and lived; m. 1st Apr. 21, 1842, Nancy Jane, daughter of Capt. Robert Finley of R., b. Jan. 2, 1819, d. Mar. 11, 1845; m. 2d March 31, 1847, Caroline, daughter of Joseph Willard of Bartonsville, d. Oct. 9, 1905; he d. Oct. 24, 1884. Children: 1. *Harriet*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1843; m. S. M. Allbee of R. (*See Allbee.*) 2. *Sarah Jane*, d. young. 3. *Mary Jane*, b. Feb. 16, 1852; d. May 3, 1866. 4. *Eddy Lucius*, b. Jan. 12, 1864; d. ae. five yrs.

### EVANS

DEACON PETER<sup>3</sup> (*son of Peter<sup>2</sup> of Deerfield and Northfield, Mass., b. in Roxbury, Mass., June 21, 1674, gr. s. of John<sup>1</sup> of Roxbury who rem. about 1685 to Deerfield, Mass.*), was born in Deerfield, Mass., Feb. 11, 1713/14; rem. with his parents about 1716 to Northfield, where his father d. July 8, 1752. He m. Ruth ——. They were dismissed from the chh. in Northfield to the chh. in Hinsdale, N. H., Aug. 14, 1763; res. for a time in Hinsdale, where his mother, Mercy Allen, d. May, 1772, ae. 83. He was one of the original members of 1st chh. of R., Oct. 27, 1773, and was chosen deacon June 12, 1774 and served in various official capacities for the church and town. He died Apr. 27, 1793 and was buried in the old R. cemetery. His wife d. Dec. 19, 1789. In chh. records her name is given "Mercy," showing that she was probably a second wife.

Children b. in Northfield, Mass.:

- i. RUTH,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1739.
  - ii. PETER, b. Dec. 7, 1741.
  - iii. ASHER, b. Aug. 7, 1744.
  - iv. JESSE, b. July 7, 1746; probably the Jesse Evans who was drowned in R., Apr. 5, 1777.
  - v. NAOMI, b. July 7, 1748.
  - vi. VASITI, b. Sept. 3, 1750; m. in R., Jan. 5, 1784, Samuel Trott of Walpole, N. H.
  - vii. ELI, bap. June 10, 1754.
- i. PETER<sup>4</sup> (*Peter,<sup>3</sup> Peter,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Northfield, Mass., Dec. 7, 1741; perhaps rem. with his parents to Hinsdale, N. H., in 1763; was one of the original members, with his wife, of 1st chh. of R. Oct. 27, 1773. His name appears frequently in town and chh. records. In 1799 was a member of the Episcopal chh. and is called deacon in record of his death. According to Saunderson's "Hist. of Charlestown, N. H.," he m. May, 1769, Mary Gilbert, although his wife's name is given as "Mercy" in chh. rec. He d. Dec. 9, 1810, and is buried in Old R. cemetery.

Children, by "Saunderson" and R. chh. rec.:

- i. GILBERT,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1770; died at B. F.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 25, 1771; m. in R., Dec. 16, 1789, John Savage; rem. to Cazenovia, N. Y.

- iii. PETER, b. Oct. 23, 1773, bap. R., Oct. 31, 1773; res. Charlestown, N. H., where he d. July 29, 1856; m. Emma Walker, res. in R. late as 1797. (*For descendants see Saunderson's Hist. of Chas.*)
- iv. MERCY, bap. R., Dec. 17, 1775; d. Aug. 17, 1777.
- v. MERCY, bap. R., Sept. 20, 1778.

2. ASHER<sup>4</sup> (*Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *Peter*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Northfield, Mass., Aug. 7, 1741, one of the original members of the 1st chh. of R. when formed, Oct. 2, 1773, with Mary, his wife; appointed by the Cumberland Co., Committee of Safety as 1st Lieut. of the R. Co. of militia in 1776, and in 1778 ensign of the same Co. His first wife's name was Mary, who d. July 17, 1780 and the 2d to whom he was m. Nov. 9, 1780 was Lecta (probably Electa) Sartwell of Charlestown, N. H.; he served the chh. upon various committees and is frequently mentioned both in chh. and town records. In History of Northfield, Asher Evans of R. is said to have been son of John<sup>3</sup> who was brother of Peter,<sup>3</sup> which may be correct.

Children, all after the first by 2d wife:

- i. ROSWELL,<sup>5</sup> bap. May 19, 1776; d. Aug. 31, 1777.
- ii. ELECTA, bap. May 26, 1782.
- iii. ROSWELL, bap. July 25, 1784.
- iv. ARAD, bap. Aug. 13, 1786.
- v. ALPHIEE, bap. June 28, 1789.
- vi. ROXALENA, bap. July 17, 1791.
- vii. VASHTI, bap. Sept. 1, 1793.
- viii. JOHN, bap. July 3, 1796.

There was evidently an Asher of a later generation as in the Parker Hill cemetery a stone records the death of Asher Evans "June 15, 1813, ae. 45 yrs." and "Martha Evans, wife of Asher Evans, d. Aug. 9, 1814, ae. 45 years."

3. ELI<sup>4</sup> (*Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *Peter*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), bap. Northfield, Mass., June 10, 1754, was also among the early citizens of the name, although the records do not speak of him as frequently; he m. Dec. 10, 1778, Hannah Larkum of R. They were received into the 1st chh. of R., July 25, 1779. He d. Nov. 20, 1840, ae. 86. The town records show the following births of—

Children:

- 4. i. JESSE,<sup>5</sup> b. May 8, 1779.
- ii. HANNAH, b. June 15, 1780.
- 5. iii. ELI, b. Sept. 23, 1782.
- iv. RANDALL, b. Apr. 24, 1784; m. Dec. 17, 1807, Betsy Walker of R.
- v. HENRY, b. Aug. 2, 1786.
- vi. RUTH PETTY, b. Feb. 9, 1788.
- vii. SOPHIA, b. Jan. 31, 1790.

4. JESSE<sup>5</sup> (*Eli*,<sup>4</sup> *Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *Peter*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 8, 1779; m. 2d Mrs. Dorothy (Bixby) Ausment.

Children by 1st wife:

- i. JESSE,<sup>6</sup> m. 1st Maria Mason; m. 2d Nancy Mason; m. 3rd Mrs. Eliza French. Children by 1st wife: 1. *Gratia*,<sup>7</sup> m. Edward Holmes; d. on the R. meadows. 2. *Edwin*, b. in R., Nov. 8, 1834; m. Elnora M. Wood of Langdon, N. H., b. Langdon, Sept. 19, 1837. d. Chester, Vt., Mar. 26, 1890; res. Springfield, Mass. Child: Elnora A.,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Apr. 10, 1858; m. Oct. 27, 1879, Mary R. Barney, b. Millport, N. Y., July 5, 1857. Children: 1. Helen,<sup>9</sup> b. Springfield, Mass., Nov. 14, 1886. 2. Ruth Louisa, b. Springfield, Oct. 4, 1888. 3. *George F.*, b. in R., May 21, 1840; a farmer on R. meadows, later ice dealer at B. F.; m. Nov. 18,

- 1861, Mary Jane Wood, b. Langdon, N. H., Dec. 27, 1840; he d. B. F., Oct. 16, 1904; she res. B. F. Children: i. Stella M.,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1862; m. Dec. 28, 1885, George H. Dickinson; res. B. F. Children: 1. Elizabeth,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1886. 2. George H., b. Mar. 25, 1892. ii. George Henry,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 24, 1870; ice dealer; m. Jan. 15, 1891, Johannah Rellihan; res. B. F. Child: George Franklin,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1901. 4. Charles Herbert, res. Cambridge, Mass. Child: Gertrude,<sup>8</sup> res. Cambridge.
- ii. WILLIAM G., d. Nov. 1, 1884, ae. 81; unm.
- iii. ELI LAWRENCE, b. Springfield, Vt., Sept. 22, 1806; m. May 16, 1833, Betsey King of Langdon, N. H., b. June 19, 1809, d. Woodsville, N. H., May 19, 1887; he d. Woodsville, Mar. 4, 1880. Children: 1. *Solon S.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Haverhill, N. H., Mar. 15, 1837; m. Oct. 19, 1858, Mary W. Gale of Bath, N. H., she d. Dec. 4, 1895. Children: i. John S.,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 4, 1862; m. Oct. 9, 1894, Sarah J. Toohey. ii. Mary E., b. Aug. 7, 1864. iii. Madge C., b. July 11, 1875. 2. *Eliza A.*, b. Haverhill, Apr. 12, 1839; m. Jason Spaulding; she d. Aug. 11, 1862; no children.
- iv. SUSAN, m. John D. Gates.
- v. JOSEPH H., b. June 13, 1810; m. 1st Oct. 17, 1831, Sarah A., dau. of Willard Hodgman; m. 2d Oct. 2, 1843, Randilla Hodgman. Children: 1. *Alonzo*,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 12, 1840; d. June, 1862. 2. *Sarah Ann*, b. June 8, 1842; d. Mar. 1, 1843. 3. *Melissa R.*, b. June 8, 1845; m. Jan. 1, 1865, Osman A. Spring; she d. Mar. 29, 1902. Children: i. Lillian May,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1866; d. June 17, 1889. ii. Leslie A., b. Dec. 27, 1869; d. May, 1873. iii. Myrtie A., b. Sept. 6, 1874; d. Aug. 18, 1899. 4. *Nancy Ann*, b. Nov. 17, 1848; d. Oct. 20, 1869. 5. *Roseltha E.*, b. Dec. 12, 1853; m. Feb. 14, 1877, Willard S. Robinson. Children: i. Percy E.,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 30, 1882; m. July 20, 1903, Mertie O. Woodward of Springfield. ii. Arthur W., b. Nov. 11, 1885. iii. Gertrude M., b. Aug. 6, 1889. 6. *Joseph W.*, b. Dec. 5, 1855; d. Mar. 15, 1856. 7. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 26, 1859; m. Hattie Young of Missouri Valley, Ia. Children: i. Frank A.,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1893. ii. Fred, b. 1895.
- Children by second wife:
- vi. ELLEN OMINDA, b. Sept. 26, 1827; m. Oct. 7, 1846, John Harvey Sargent, b. Mar. 27, 1824, d. Sept. 28, 1897; she d. Aug. 26, 1872. Children all b. Chester, Vt.: 1. *Mary Ellen*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 12, 1847; m. May 26, 1874, Henry G. Harlow of Westminster West, Vt.; res. Keene, N. H. Children: i. Grace Ellen,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1876; d. Keene, June 28, 1906. ii. May Emma, b. May 21, 1880. 2. *Charles Harvey*, b. Oct. 9, 1852; d. Aug. 4, 1868. 3. *William Evans*, b. Sept. 3, 1854; d. Oct. 21, 1875. 4. *George Clarence*, b. Aug. 2, 1864; d. Walpole, N. H., Feb. 14, 1884.
6. vii. SARAH J., m. May, 1846, Freeman F. Weston.
5. ELI<sup>5</sup> (*Eli*,<sup>4</sup> *Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *Peter*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 23, 1782; m. May 18, 1807, Sarah Edson, b. Dec. 24, 1788, d. Dec. 14, 1869; he d. July 26, 1858.
- Children:
- i. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. June 7, 1808; m. Apr. 3, 1839, Sophia Britton; he d. Sept. 20, 1882.
- ii. OLIVE, b. Aug. 31, 1809; m. Allen Huntley.
- iii. LAURA, b. Mar. 1, 1811; m. Dec. 23, 1831, David Stowell; she d. Mar. 17, 1869.
- iv. SOPHIA, b. Jan. 24, 1813; m. Oliver King; she d. Jan. 7, 1904.
- v. HARRIET, b. Apr. 23, 1815; m. Leonard Goodnough.
- vi. WARREN FELT, b. Dec. 23, 1817; m. June 21, 1840, Charlotte Tinker.
- vii. EMILY AUGUSTA, b. Mar. 2, 1825; m. Jan. 27, 1858, Royal E. Fisher; she d. Jan. 22, 1905. Children: 1. *Warren Evans*,<sup>7</sup> b.



Cambridgeport, Vt., Dec. 15, 1858; m. Aug. 5, 1893, Elizabeth Augusta Orcutt. Children: i. Royal Orcutt,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1899. ii. Ralph Warren, b. Apr. 14, 1901; d. Aug. 25, 1901. 2. *Carrie May*, b. Cambridgeport, Feb. 14, 1860; m. Jan. 6, 1886, Fred Lewis Howe. Children: i. Augusta Stella,<sup>8</sup> b. June 1, 1891. ii. Earl Warren, b. Feb. 17, 1903. 3. *Rollin Everett*, b. Grafton, Vt., Feb. 18, 1863; d. Sept. 3, 1865. 4. *Royal Earl*, b. Grafton, Sept. 14, 1864; d. Sept. 10, 1865.

6. SARAH J.<sup>6</sup> (*Jesse*,<sup>5</sup> *Eli*,<sup>4</sup> *Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *Peter*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), m. May, 1846, Freeman F. Weston; she d. Aug. 29, 1875.

Children:

- i. EUGENE S.,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 14, 1847; m. June 6, 1871, Eva S. Hall. Children: 1. *Lena M.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 11, 1872; m. Apr. 13, 1892, B. S. Gates. 2. *Alfred F.*, b. Aug. 8, 1875; m. Apr. 13, 1898, Nettie L. Hinman; he d. Sept. 29, 1904. Children: i. Mildred B.,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 7, 1899. ii. Eva M., b. Nov. 25, 1900. 3. *Bertha E.*, b. May 7, 1881. 4. *Grace F.*, b. Feb. 2, 1888.
- ii. WILLIAM EVANS, b. 1852; d. 1852.
- iii. FLORA E., b. May 26, 1857; m. May 1, 1877, J. O. Sawyer. Children: 1. *Charles E.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 26, 1882. 2. *Ruth M.*, b. Sept. 10, 1885. 3. *Nellie*, b. 1887; d. 1887.
- iv. EDGAR W., b. June 1, 1861; m. Carnette Johnson. Children: 1. *Sadie*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1890. 2. *Florence*. 3. *Emily F.*, b. May 15, 1898. 4. *Julia*. 5. *William E.*, b. Jan. 18, 1904.
- v. FRANK E., b. 1863; d. 1864.
- vi. ADELINE M., b. May 21, 1867; m. Aug. 14, 1901, J. E. Hancock. Child: 1. *John W.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 23, 1903.

#### FAIRBANK

EDWIN CORNELIUS<sup>9</sup> (*Chilson C.*,<sup>8</sup> *Cornelius*,<sup>7</sup> *Levi*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *George*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>1</sup> [*Fairebanke*] emigrated from England to Dedham, Mass., 1633), b. Grafton, Vt., Aug. 17, 1849; came to B. F., from Webster, Mass., in 1888; engaged in plumbing trade in the firm of Fairbank & Labaree four yrs, since then in the grocery trade; m. Nov. 4, 1874, Lily Asenath Walker, b. Woodstock, Vt., May 27, 1854; no children. Chilson C.,<sup>8</sup> b. Grafton, Vt., Nov. 21, 1822, who resides with Edwin C.,<sup>9</sup> was for more than 30 yrs. deacon of the Grafton, Vt. Bap. chh., and since 1891, has been deacon of the 1st Bap. chh. of B. F.

#### FARNSWORTH

JOHN A.<sup>1</sup> b. Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26, 1815; at the age of 11 yrs., apprenticed to learn the woolen trade at West Claremont, N. H.; in 1838 came to S. R. as overseer in the finishing room of the woolen factory; except from 1844 to 1847 he res. in S. R. during the remainder of his life, and became a prominent and influential business man of the town; in 1847 became a member of the woolen manufacturing firm of George Perry & Co., later Farnsworth & Hoit; in 1866 Farnsworth & Alexander; in 1868 Farnsworth & Co., from which he retired with a competence a few years previous to his death; held many responsible public offices: representative, 1861-62; selectman and justice of the peace many years; overseer of the poor; school committee and county commissioner; prominent in banking affairs, being a director of the Bank of B. F., and National Bank of B. F., 33 yrs., and

of the B. F. Savings Institution; deeply interested in establishing Vermont Academy at S. R. and subscribed \$10,000 toward its first endowment fund. One of the principal buildings of the academy was named for him.

He took great pleasure during his later yrs. in the remembrance that in early youth he, with other school children dressed in white, scattered flowers in the pathway of Gen. Lafayette on the occasion of his last visit to this country, and also that he heard Daniel Webster deliver his famous oration at the dedication of Bunker Hill monument.

He m. in 1839, Mary Jane Osgood of Brookline, Vt., d. Feb. 17, 1895; he d. at S. R., Oct. 29, 1895. They gave homes to two orphan nieces who shared their love and care until their marriage and removal from the home.

Child:

- i. SABAH R.,<sup>2</sup> d. at the age of six yrs.

#### FARRAND

DANIEL<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Rev. Daniel of Canaan, Conn.*), b. about 1760; grad. Yale college; lawyer Newbury, Vt., 1787/1800; member Constitutional Convention at Bennington, 1791; town representative 1792/8 and speaker of House, 1798; rem. to B. F., 1800, lawyer here until 1804; represented R., 1802; state's attorney and ran for congress against James Elliott in 1803; was first school committee and organized first school of B. F., assisted by Quartus Morgan, in 1800; rem. to Burlington, Vt., 1804; assistant Judge of Supreme Court 1813; was a Federalist during War of 1812, opposing it with remarkable force; was member of the corporation of the University of Vermont after 1798.

He m. in Haverhill, N. H., May 1, 1794, Mary, dau. of Col. Asa Porter, d. Mar. 24, 1812; he d. Burlington, Vt., Oct. 13, 1825. They had nine dau., all handsome and accomplished women.

Children:

- i. ELIZA CROCKER,<sup>2</sup> b. Newbury, Vt., Sept. 11, 1795; m. Dr. A. L. Porter and rem. to Detroit, Mich., where she d. in Mar., 1875.
- ii. MARY PORTER, b. Newbury, Dec. 11, 1796; m. N. P. Rogers, a lawyer, teacher and editor; she d. 1890. They had eight children.
- iii. LUCIA ANN, b. Newbury, July 29, 1798; m. George A. Kent, Esq., of Concord, N. H.; she d. in Feb. 1838.
- iv. FRANCES JACOBS, b. Newbury, Sept. 6, 1800; m. 1st Rev. Mr. Murdock; m. 2d John Richardson, lawyer of Durham, N. H.; she d. 1880.
- v. CAROLINE THOMPSON, b. B. F., Apr. 8, 1802; teacher; d. 1871: unm.
- vi. CHARLOTTE PARMALEE, b. Feb. 3, 1804; m. Dr. Stephen C. Henry of Detroit, Mich.; she d. Jan. 25, 1884. One son, *D. Farrand*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 27, 1833, a prominent civil engineer of the Detroit water works.
- vii. ARABELLA MARIE, b. Burlington, Aug. 23, 1806; m. George Willson, a prominent instructor and author of school books; she was a lady of rare talent, authoress of "Lives of the Three Mrs. Judsons," and many other well known books; she d. Canandaigua, N. Y., Mar. 13, 1884.
- viii. MARTHA OLCOTT, b. Burlington, Sept. 6, 1808; d. 1878.
- ix. ELLEN, b. Burlington, Feb. 7, 1812; m. Nathaniel E. Russell, founder of Green River Cutlery Works, Greenfield Mass.

## FELT.

ELIPIIALET.<sup>1</sup> b. Dedham, Mass., Sept. 24, 1754; served in Capt. Robert Taft's company at Lexington, 1775, in Capt. Samuel Fales' artillery and "guarded the Gaol in Taunton, Dec. 8, 1776;" rem. to Rockingham and erected previous to 1780 a log house a mile south of the center, across the road from the present residence of Dexter Benson. The chimney was built outside with a fire-place 8 or 9 ft. long in the living room, with large doors at both sides of the room through which the back logs were drawn with horses. He later built the present residence of Mr. Benson where he res. until he d. in 1833.

He m. Nov. 4, 1779, Lona Wetherell of Norton, Mass., b. 1762, d. in R. Aug. 31, 1845; he d. in R., Nov. 18, 1833.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. CHARLES,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1780; d. Aug. 24, 1797.
- ii. JOHN, b. Oct. 22, 1782; d. Apr. 19, 1805.
- iii. JAMES, b. Jan. 12, 1785; a merchant in R. village, firm of "Cutler & Felt;" d. Mar. 17, 1812.
- iv. EUNICE, b. Oct. 20, 1787; m. Levi Hoit of R. (*See Hoit.*)
- v. PHILENIA, b. May 3, 1790; m. Amos Hitchcock of R. (*See Hitchcock.*)
- vi. WARREN, b. Feb. 16, 1793; m. Feb. 16, 1823, Elmira E., daughter of Luther Webb of R., b. Jan. 15, 1795, d. May 21, 1876; the most of their married life was spent on the old Felt homestead above described, where he d. Apr. 20, 1857. Children: 1. *Wells Warren*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 11, 1823; in 1848 began a hotel career in the old B. F. Stage House, and later attained a reputation almost world-wide; became manager of the Tontine House, New Haven, Conn., 1850; then Planter's Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., later Lindell House, St. Louis, which was burned in 1867; in Feb., 1868, took the Tremont of Chicago until destroyed in the great fire; later Gardner House of Chicago; returned to the rebuilt Lindell in St. Louis in Sept., 1874, of which he was proprietor at the time of his death, which occurred Aug. 24, 1875, while on a trip to Williamstown, Mass. He m. Aug. 4, 1865, Ella Winchester. Children: i. William Sherman,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 14, 1867. ii. Pauline Winchester, b. June 19, 1868. iii. Emily May, b. May 1, 1870. iv. Winchester Whipple, b. Aug. 15, 1874. 2. *Charles Franklin*, b. Sept. 8, 1825; d. Oct. 18, 1857; unm. 3. *William Whiting*, b. Mar. 16, 1829; res. B. F. three or four years; later rem. to West Rutland where he still res.; m. 1st, Nov. 4, 1850, Orrissa Kidder, d. Jan. 8, 1884; m. 2d Sept. 10, 1890, Mary C. Wooster, d. June 15, 1903. Children: i. William Warren,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1851; d. Mar. 21, 1858. ii. Orrissa Chloe, b. June 15, 1853; d. May 10, 1890. iii. Charles Horace, b. Oct. 24, 1854; d. July 20, 1861. iv. Martha Almira, b. Jan. 20, 1857; d. Mar. 17, 1880. v. William Henry, b. Apr. 24, 1859; d. July 31, 1861. vi. Fred Kidder, b. July 24, 1864; d. Apr. 19, 1893. vii. Wells Schuyler, b. Jan. 23, 1867; d. Dec. 31, 1879. viii. John Milton, b. Oct. 8, 1871; m. Minnie Gallinger of Watertown, N. Y.; no children. 4. *Luther Webb*, b. May 24, 1833; m. Oct. 16, 1855, Aurelia Theresa Wright of Keene, N. H.; he was taken ill at the Centennial exposition at Phil. in 1876, where he was exhibiting a spinning machine that he invented, and d. Aug. 23. Child: i. Jennie Florence,<sup>4</sup> b. May 28, 1859; m. Nov. 29, 1883, Milan Henry Johnson of Keene; res. Keene; no children. 5. *Martha Ann*, b. May 1, 1840; m. May 15, 1861, Nathan Schuyler Proctor of R.; res. R. (*See Proctor.*)



COL. ALEXANDER FLEMING,  
1790-1867.



SAMUEL CAREY FLEMING,  
1826-1897.



- vii. OBADIAH, b. June 26, 1795; m. Mary Wood; d. Jan. 27, 1856.
- viii. ELUTHERIA, b. Feb. 21, 1799; d. Apr. 5, 1819.
- ix. WELLS, b. Oct. 17, 1801; d. Mar. 28, 1822.

## FIELD

ALFRED L.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Lorenzo, farmer at Putney, Vt.; gr. s. of Rev. Timothy, pastor at Westminster West, Vt., 1807-1835; [a brother of David Dudley, Cyrus W., and Judge Stephen Field], gr. gr. s. of Capt. Timothy, an officer of the Revolution army*), b. Putney, Vt., Aug. 3, 1867; hardware merchant, firm of Field & Lawrence; member of board of bailiffs of B. F.; m. Jennie M. Stanley, in Springfield, Vt., Oct. 8, 1895.

Child:

- i. RICHARD DUDLEY,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1900.

## FINLEY

ROBERT,<sup>1</sup> was a man of unusually large size; lived in the large house at Lawrence Mills; was a captain in the old company of R. militia; his business was carding and fulling at the mills; rem. to Acworth, N. H. and d. there; m. 1st Margaret Wallace; m. 2d Sally Remington of Bartonville.

Children by 1st wife:

- i. HANNAH,<sup>2</sup> m. Joseph Copeland; res. and d. in Unity, N. H.
- ii. NANCY JANE, b. Jan. 2, 1819; m. Lucius H. Estabrook of R. (*See Estabrook*). Others d. young.

Children by 2d wife:

- iii. HARRIET; m. Samuel Archer of Acworth, N. H.; d. there ae. 26.  
Child: 1. *Jane Harriet*,<sup>3</sup> d. Bethel, Vt. ae. about 20; buried Chester, Vt.
- iv. JOHN, res. No. Charlestown, N. H.; unm. Others d. Young.

## FLEMING

COL. ALEXANDER<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Sampson Fleming, a major in His Majesty's Service, who m. Alice Haliburton in Three Rivers, Canada*), b. N. Y. city, Sept. 27, 1790; grad. Columbia college, N. Y.; served with the American army as 1st lieut. during the War of 1812; rem. to B. F., about 1817 and became connected with the Atkinson interests as agent for the B. F. Canal Co., and also with Capt. Henry F. Green was engaged in the paper-mill business until the destruction of their mill by fire in 1846. Col. Fleming continued to manage the canal interests with Capt. Green until the time of his death. He was clerk of the Canal Co., 47 yrs., and prominent in business and social affairs of B. F. during all that time.

He m. May 28, 1817, Emma Seton, dau. of John Atkinson of N. Y. city and B. F., b. in N. Y., Sept. 7, 1795, d. Scarsdale, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1876; he d. in B. F., Oct. 12, 1867, and both are buried in Immanuel cemetery.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. GEORGE ATKINSON,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 21, 1819; d. B. F., Dec. 4, 1831.
- ii. JOHN, b. Nov. 7, 1821; d. B. F., Feb. 18, 1824.
- iii. AUGUSTUS ATKINSON, b. Sept. 11, 1823; grad. U. V. M., and Yale Law school; admitted to Windham county bar, Apr., 1846; became a civil engineer of distinction, connected with numer-



- ous western and southern railways. He m. Mrs. Alice Smith of Toledo, O., and d. at Hot Springs, Ark., Apr. 28, 1894; no children.
- iv. SAMUEL CARY, b. May 9, 1826; grad. Kimball Union academy, Meriden, N. H.; learned paper-maker's trade in the mill of Green & Fleming in B. F., and after the destruction of that mill in 1846, engaged in paper-mill business at Painesville, Mass., and later at Essex, Vt.: in 1852, became passenger conductor on the Vt. Valley R. R. and was continuously in service until 1869, then engaged in business in N. Y. city: in 1872, became manager of the Island House at B. F., and continued in hotel business at various points, including the White Mountains, Florida and California, until 1896. He then returned to his residence at B. F., where the family had continuously res., and d. here July 22, 1897. He m. Jan. 1, 1850, in B. F., Helen, dau. of Henry and Chloe (Gilchrist) Rice, b. in R., Apr. 14, 1828, d. B. F., Nov. 27, 1904. Children: 1. *Henry Green*,<sup>3</sup> grad. Williston seminary, East Hampton, Mass., 1870; civil engineer since then, connected with the construction and management of many of the most important western railroad lines: now president of the Union Railway Co. of Memphis, Tenn. He m. at Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 6, 1886, Kate, dau. of Franklin M. and Esther (Hastings) Compton; res. Memphis, Tenn.; no ch. 2. *Alice*, m. Charles Barker of B. F., Oct. 25, 1880; he d. July 2, 1889; she res. B. F. Child: Richard F.,<sup>4</sup> res. Adams, N. Y. 3. *Helen Rice*, m. June 24, 1879; George Leonard Burnside, a commercial traveler; res. B. F.; no ch. 4. *Edward Cary*, m. Virginia Lu Cash, Jan. 12, 1887; res. Spokane, Wash. Child: Helen.<sup>4</sup>
- v. WILLIAM ATKINSON, b. Oct. 26, 1829; d. B. F., Mar. 29, 1832.
- vi. CHARLES KING, b. Oct. 5, 1831; rem. to N. Y. city, later to Buffalo, N. Y., engaging in mercantile business in both places. At the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Vt., and enlisted as major of the 11th Vt., serving until the close of the war, when he engaged in the coal business in N. Y. city: m. Apr. 4, 1865, Mary H. Carmer, b. N. Y. city, Jan. 30, 1843; res. Scarsdale, N. Y. Children: 1. *Charles Carmer*,<sup>3</sup> 2. *Eliza Atkinson*, 3. *Grace Seton*, 4. *Mary Montgomery*, m. William Walker Orr, May 29, 1901. 5. *Walter Storer*. They all res. Scarsdale, N. Y.
- vii. ANNE JOHNSTON, b. July 18, 1833; m. Jan. 3, 1855, Louis C. Popham, b. N. Y. city, Apr. 11, 1833, d. Scarsdale, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1899; she res. Scarsdale, N. Y. Children: 1. *Emma Atkinson*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1855; m. Cornelius B. Fish, Mar. 19, 1879; res. Scarsdale, N. Y. Children: i. Lewis Popham,<sup>4</sup> m. Mary Whitney. Children: 1. Henry Whitney,<sup>5</sup> 2. John Beekman. ii. Stephen Bayard<sup>4</sup>. iii. Henry Van Cortland. iv. Anne Fleming. v. Alice Sedgwick. vi. Rutgers. vii. Margaret Beekman. viii. Dorothy Seton. 2. *Alice Haliburton*, b. Aug. 14, 1861; m. John Sedgwick, Apr. 12, 1887; res. Buffalo, N. Y. Children: i. Katharine,<sup>4</sup> ii. Mary. iii. John Popham. 3. *Anne Fleming*, b. Feb. 26, 1863; res. Scarsdale, N. Y.; unm. 4. *Alexander Fleming*, b. July 14, 1866; m. Victoria Whitney, Apr. 19, 1892; res. Buffalo, N. Y. Children: i. Victoria Whitney,<sup>4</sup> ii. Esther Livingston. iii. Lewis Charles. 5. *Louise Clement*, b. Mar. 4, 1875; m. Frederick H. Gunning, Jan. 11, 1899; res. Scarsdale, N. Y. Child: Louise Popham.<sup>4</sup>
- viii. EMMA ATKINSON, b. Nov. 11, 1836; d. Scarsdale, July 9, 1905; unm.

## FRASER

COL. ALEXANDER,<sup>1</sup> b. Lerwick, Scot.; a lieutenant-col. in the "Sappers & Miners Brigade of the Engineers Corps" of the English army; sold his commission for \$40,000 (according to tradition) and lost the most of it before coming to B. F. in Sept., 1831; purchased the grist-mill "under the hill" and was the village miller; a small, erect, soldierly figure; always wore a unique red and black plaid coat, when dressed for social functions in which he was always prominent; lived in the S. F. Goodridge house on Westminster street; m. 1830, Caroline Amy, b. London, Eng. Apr. 12, 1803, d. in B. F. Feb. 10, 1877; he d. B. F. Sept. 20, 1858; both buried in Immanuel cemetery.

Children b. in B. F.:

- i. MARY,<sup>2</sup> (infant.) d. Aug. 5, 1834.
- ii. HELEN; m. E. G. Quincy of Boston; she res. Scarsdale, N. Y.
- iii. ALEXINE; m. John W. Blanchard, a photographer of B. F.

## FROST

BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> (*Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> *Jesse*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *Edmund*<sup>1</sup> *who emigrated from Ipswich, Eng., 1635, in the good ship "Defence"*); b. Dummerston, Vt., June 18, 1804; was a successful boot and shoe manufacturer at S. R., employing several journeymen; a Jacksonian Democrat of marked personality and greatly respected; postmaster at S. R., 1843-47; m. June 1, 1835, Phebe Ann, dau. of Benjamin Smith, Jr., of R.; she was b. Sept. 16, 1811; d. Sept. 2, 1875; he d. S. R.

Children:

- i. BENJAMIN SMITH,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1837; d. July 31, 1838.
- ii. MARIA SMITH, b. Sept. 10, 1839; m. Franklin G. Butterfield. (*See Butterfield.*)
- iii. CHARLES SMITH, b. May 20, 1844; a merchant; m. Nov. 22, 1872; Corona W. Walker, res. S. R. Children: 1. *Cordelia Walker*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 15, 1873; res. N. Y. city; unm. 2. *Phebe Anna*, b. June 1, 1879; res. N. Y. city; unm.
- iv. HENRY SMITH, b. in S. R., Sept. 16, 1846; a liveryman; m. June 1, 1868, Flora E., dau. of Dr. Daniel and Julia A. (Hall) Campbell of S. R. b. May 1, 1848; res. B. F. Children all res. B. F.: 1. *Julia Ann*,<sup>8</sup> b. May 27, 1871; m. Jan. 7, 1892, Fred S. Cole; he d. B. F., Sept. 28, 1893. Child: *Frederica Frost*,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 18, 1894. 2. *Henry Campbell*, b. Apr. 30, 1873; d. Nov. 28, 1873. 3. *Alice Campbell*, b. Nov. 19, 1880. 4. *Daniel Benjamin*, b. Oct. 23, 1882; d. June 17, 1883. 5. *Charles Campbell*, b. Mar. 1, 1885; merchant of B. F. 6. *Flora May*, b. Nov. 1, 1886. 7. *Edith Maria*, b. July 8, 1889.

## GAGE

WILLIAM P.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Rev. Royal, an itinerant Methodist minister*), b. Charleston, Vt., Apr. 20, 1817; established, in 1842, a basket manufactory in Westminster near B. F.; lost a limb by disease about 1858; in 1863 located his manufactory at "Gage's Mills," one mile west of B. F.; was an ardent advocate of temperance, a devoted member and liberal contributor to the Meth. chh. of B. F.; m. Oct. 3, 1849, Laura M. Richmond, b. Grafton, Vt., Sept. 2, 1824; he d. June 9, 1880.

## Children :

- i. WALTER H.,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 6, 1850; m. Fannie Harris; res. Fitchburg, Mass. They had ten children of whom eight are living.
- ii. JUSTIN, b. Mar. 26, 1852; d. Dec. 10, 1874.
- iii. SIDNEY, b. Nov. 25, 1853; continues his father's business of basket making; m. Feb 21, 1877, Ellen L. Leonard; res. near B. F.; no children.
- iv. CHARLES, b. Apr. 16, 1856; d. Feb. 2, 1873.
- v. NORA, b. Jan. 25, 1858; m. 1st, Holland W. Church; (*See Church.*) m. 2d Rev. E. E. Marggraf; pastor 1st Univer. chh. of B. F., 1892 to 1898; res. St. Albans, Vt. Child by 2d marriage. 1. *Catherine E.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1899.
- vi. VICTORIA, b. Sept. 14, 1859; m. Charles H. Fish.; d. Feb. 16, 1886; res. near B. F. Children: 1. *Laura B.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 10, 1882; m. Nelson F. Burton. Child: Gladys A.,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 1, 1904. 2. *Charles Ernest*, b. Jan. 21, 1884.
- vii. ADA, b. Mar. 14, 1861; res. with her brother Sidney; unm.
- viii. ELBERT, b. Oct. 1, 1863; d. Aug. 18, 1864.

## GEORGE

FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Nathan, gr. s. of Ezra*), b. Acworth, N. H., Dec. 9, 1835; came to B. F., Jan. 14, 1864; restaurant business and painter; held various town and village offices, including selectman 1873-9; m. Oct. 8, 1867, Mary E. Jennison, b. Walpole, N. H., Mar. 3, 1842; res. B. F. Children all b. B. F.

- i. ALICE MARIA,<sup>2</sup> b. Aug., 1871; d. Sept., 1872.
- ii. HELEN JOSEPHINE, b. June 23, 1873; m. June 30, 1897, Percy A. Dean, merchant of B. F.; no children.
- iii. CLARA LOUISE, b. Aug. 28, 1881; grad. B. F. H. S., 1900; res. B. F.; unm.

## GEORGE

DR. OZIAS MATHER<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Nathan, gr. s. of Ezra*), b. Acworth, N. H., May 19, 1841; came to B. F. Sept. 30, 1865; practised dentistry continuously here since; prominent in public affairs, selectman 1886-7; bailiff, and other offices at various times; representative 1898-9; justice of the peace 20 yrs; m. Oct. 5, 1870, Jennie L. Staples of Westmoreland, N. H.; res. B. F. Children all b. B. F.

- i. NETTIE MAY,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1871; grad. B. F. H. S., 1890; m. June 1897, Charles H. Robb, attorney of B. F., later assistant attorney general of the U. S., and judge of Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; res. Washington, D. C.; no children.
- ii. FANNIE GERTRUDE, b. Aug. 17, 1872; d. June 30, 1873.
- iii. HARRY NATHAN, b. July 5, 1879; grad. B. F. H. S., '97; res. B. F.; unm.

## GLYNN

ISAAC<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Thomas, gr. s. of Isaac, a soldier of the Revolution, who was in Gen. Lafayette's brigade at the battle of Yorktown*), b. Chester, Vt., Aug. 26, 1823; farmer until 1856; merchant at R. village, Cambridgeport and S. R. 1856 to 1891; was highway surveyor, justice of the peace of Cambridgeport many years, and postmaster there 1861-3, and 1867-8; m. Sept. 18, 1845, Eliza M., dau. of Cyrus Locke, b. R. Jan. 25, 1824, d. Jan. 9, 1896; he d. S. R., May 17, 1902.

## Children :

- i. CHARLES, F.,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1846; P. M. of Cambridgeport, 1868-1873; m. Georgie Mitchel in 1866; res. Denver, Col. Children: 1. *Edith*,<sup>3</sup> m. Arthur Leonard. Children: Gladys<sup>4</sup> and Madeline, res. in Denver. 2. *Frank*, res. Denver. 3. *Fred*; m.; res. Fall River, Mass.
- ii. MARY E., b. July 27, 1848; m. Albert O. Wyman in 1866; res. Boston, Mass. Children: 1. *Helen M.*,<sup>3</sup> a teacher in Turners Falls, Mass. 2. *Arthur E.*, automobile pattern maker; m. Emma Baker of Turners Falls; res. Springfield, Mass. Children: i. Gladys.<sup>4</sup> ii. Dorris.
- iii. CYRUS L., b. R., May 2, 1850; merchant in Felchville, Vt., 1870-1874, S. R. 1874-1888; now in furniture business in Boston, Mass., m. Apr. 20, 1870, Lilla H. Davenport, b. Grafton, Vt., Jan. 20, 1850, d. Boston, Mass., May 18, 1905. Children: 1. *May L.*,<sup>3</sup> b. June 29, 1871; m. Sept. 1891, Thomas W. Smith of Amherst, Mass. Child: Ethel May,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 1893. 2. *Lena S.*, b. Sept. 24, 1872; res. Boston, Mass. 3. *Harry D.*, b. Sept. 30, 1879; m. Feb. 4, 1903, Janette Johnson; res. Boston, Mass.
- iv. LUCIUS E., b. R., Mar. 12, 1853; proprietor and operator Hotel Kindred, Valley City, N. D.; m. 1st in 1874, Carrie Smith of Cambridgeport; m. 2d Oct. 27, 1895, Anna E. Kern, b. Westchester, Va., in 1865. Child: 1. *Charles Edward*,<sup>3</sup> res. Lexington, Mass.
- v. LIZZIE I., b. May 5, 1856; res. Boston, Mass.
- vi. WALTER B., b. Cambridgeport, Sept. 6, 1865; druggist, manufacturer of medicinal specialties and chairman board of trustees of S. R., village; m. Oct. 17, 1887, Katherine M. Stevens, b. Athens, Vt. Nov. 7, 1866. Child: *Paul W.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 21, 1891.
- vii. WILLIAM I., b. Cambridgeport, Dec. 29, 1866; m. Nov. 23, 1887, Minnie B. Perham, b. Cambridgeport, Apr. 6, 1869; res. West Somerville, Mass. Children: 1. *Raleigh Isaac*,<sup>4</sup> b. S. R., May 22, 1889. 2. *Catherine E.*, b. S. R. July 28, 1891. 3. *Jay Ivah*, b. Proctorsville, Vt., June 20, 1895; d. June 29, 1895. 4. *Berkeley P.*, b. West Somerville, May 15, 1902.

## GOODRIDGE

SAMUEL WADSWORTH<sup>6</sup> (*Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from England to Watertown, Mass., 1636), b. Grafton, Vt., Jan. 24, 1793; at the age of 14 became clerk for "Squire" William Hall of R., who had stores at Ludlow and S. R. also; later became Mr. Hall's partner, firm of Hall & Goodridge, took charge of Ludlow store; in 1819 rem. to S. R. and conducted that store several years; in 1827 the firm built "Mammoth Block" on the south side of the Square in B. F., concentrating their business, closing the stores at other places, eventually doing the largest mercantile business in Vt., east of the Green mountains; owned flat-boats running between B. F. and Hartford; previous to 1825 Mr. Goodridge opened a soap-stone quarry on the old Goodridge farm in Grafton and dealt largely in its manufactured products, shipping down the river by boat; upon the death of Mr. Hall, in 1831, Mr. Goodridge assumed the mercantile business until 1834 when he sold out and rem. to Hartford, Conn.; engaged there in wool trade, later in East India and China trade, importing raw silk and accumulating a large property; in 1846 rem. his entire business to N. Y. city where he continued it until his death, April 10, 1868.

He m. Feb. 19, 1819, Lydia, dau. of Rev. Peter Read of Ludlow, Vt., b. 1798; d. June 10, 1843.

Children :

- i. MARTHA,<sup>7</sup> b. in S. R., Apr. 13, 1820; d. Sept. 28, 1821.
- ii. MARTHA SOPHIA, b. in S. R., July 1, 1822; now res. Paris, France; unm.
- iii. SAMUEL WADSWORTH, b. in S. R., May 14, 1824; most of life spent in the China and East-India importing trade; a few years before death he rem. to Grafton, Vt., and engaged in manufacture of fine fishing rods; d. Grafton in 1892; unm.
- iv. MARY ELLEN, b. in S. R., Sept. 22, 1825; d. Nov. 27, 1848.
- v. SARAH, b. in S. R., Apr. 2, 1827; d. B. F., Oct. 10, 1832.
- vi. MOSES, b. B. F., Sept. 4, 1828; d. Oct. 29, 1831.
- vii. CAROLINE LYDIA, b. B. F., Oct. 16, 1830; m. Jan. 13, 1853, Franklin F. Randolph of N. Y.; now res. in Paris, France; no children.
- viii. ANN, b. B. F., Apr. 22, 1832; d. Hartford, Conn., in 1835/1836.
- ix. EZRA READ, b. B. F., Sept. 19, 1833; m. Mary LeRoy of N. Y. city, d. Sept. 3, 1905; he d. Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1867.
- x. FREDERICK, b. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 11, 1836; always res. in N. Y. city; m. Charlotte Matilda Grosvenor of N. Y. city.
- xi. REV. EDWARD, b. Hartford, Conn., Apr. 26, 1838; grad. Trinity college, '60; rector of Episcopal parishes in Glastonbury, Conn., Wiscasset, Me., Warehouse Point, Conn., and in 1883 commenced pastorate of American Episcopal church in Geneva, Switzerland, and later was a rector in Exeter, N. H.; m. Helen Welles, a niece of Hon. Gideon Welles; he d. Jan. 7, 1906.
- xii. FRANCIS, b. Hartford, May 11, 1841; an artist; d. in Paris, Sept. 30, 1905.
- xiii. SON, b. June 10, 1843; d. June 11, 1843.

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SOLON FOSTER<sup>7</sup> (*Isaiah*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Grafton, Vt., Feb. 12, 1817; at 14 yrs. of age entered the store of his uncle, Samuel W. Goodridge, at B. F., later a clerk in Boston; in 1839 established a commission business in N. Y. city, and afterward engaged extensively in the East-India and China trade: after marriage in 1841 res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; in 1872, retired from business and spent a portion of each year at his summer residence on Westminster street in B. F., where his widow still res.; he d. B. F. July 15, 1892; he m. Sept. 21, 1841, Caroline Matilda, daughter of Daniel and Lucretia (Hapgood) Tuttle, b. Montpelier, Vt., Aug. 18, 1817.

Children :

- i. GEORGE SOLON,<sup>8</sup> b. June 15, 1842; member of N. Y. city brokerage firms of H. B. Watson & Co., George S. Goodridge & Co., and Goodridge & Benson; d. B. F. Jan. 18, 1875; unm.
- ii. MARY CAROLINE, b. Brooklyn, N. Y., Apr. 11, 1847; m. June 5, 1867, Herbert Perrin Bancroft, s. of Rev. David and Roselle (Perrin) Bancroft, b. Willington, Conn., Dec. 29, 1839; res. at B. F. Child: 1. *Herbert Goodridge*,<sup>9</sup> b. Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1882; grad. University of Vt., 1905; res. B. F.

#### GRANT

GEN. LEWIS ADDISON,<sup>1</sup> b. Winhall, Vt., Jan. 17, 1829. His father, James Grant, a native of Wrentham, Mass., came to Winhall as a young man





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and lived over 30 years on one farm, bringing up a large family, of whom Lewis A. was the youngest. The mother of Gen. Grant was Elizabeth Wyman of Peru, Vt., a descendant of one of the old families of Woburn, Mass.

The education of Gen. Grant was acquired at the common school; before the open fire-place in the long winter evenings; at Leland & Gray seminary, Townshend, Vt., and at Chester academy; taught school several years in Winhall, Londonderry, Washington, N. J., Harvard, Mass., and in Boston. While teaching he commenced the study of law and in 1852 entered the law office of Hon. H. E. Stoughton at Chester, Vt.: admitted to Windsor county bar, 1855, and to the Supreme court in 1857. During the latter year he rem. to B. F., and practised law in partnership with Mr. Stoughton, the firm of Stoughton & Grant having an extended practice.

At the outbreak of the Civil war he entered the volunteer service. His first commission, that of major of the 5th Vt. Infantry, bears date Aug. 15, 1861. He organized the regiment which was mustered into the U. S. service, Sept. 16, 1861, at St. Albans, Vt. He was rapidly promoted, his commission as lieut. col. bearing date Sept. 25, 1861; col. of the same regiment Sept. 16, 1862; in Feb. 1863, given command of the "Old Vt. Brigade," then consisting of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th Vt. Regts. and the 26th N. J., a 9-months regt. In May, 1864, the 11th Regt. (1st Vt. Heavy Artillery) was added, and a few months before the close of the war three companies of sharp shooters and the 8th Vt., also joined the brigade. He continued in command of this brigade, and of the division to which the brigade belonged, until the end of the war. His commission as brigadier-general was dated Apr. 27, 1864, and major general by brevet from Oct. 19, 1864, the date of the battle of Cedar Creek where he commanded the division that checked and held the rebel advance and saved the day.

The records show that of the thirty battles in which the "Old Brigade" was engaged he was in them all except two; in command of his regiment in six and in command of the brigade in twenty battles; wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, and at the battle of Petersburg, Apr. 2, 1865; honorably discharged Aug. 24, 1865 after 4 yrs. of brilliant and honorable service. In July, 1866, he was appointed lieut. col. of the 36th Infantry, Reg. Army, which appointment he declined, preferring civil life.

After the close of the war he rem. to Chicago and became interested in various improvement and investment companies in the West. In 1867 he located in Des Moines, Ia., and in 1884 he rem. to Minneapolis, Minn., where he now res. During 1888 and 1889 he travelled extensively in this country and throughout the "Old World."

In Apr., 1890, he was appointed assistant secretary of war, the first occupant of that office after the Civil war, holding the position during President Harrison's administration and a portion of President Cleveland's second.

He m. 1st, Mar. 11, 1857, S. Augusta Hartwell of Harvard, Mass., whom the older residents of B. F., speak of as a beautiful woman, much beloved by all, she d. B. F., Jan. 27, 1859: m. 2d Sept. 9, 1863, M. Helen Pierce of Hartland, Vt.

## Children :

- i. S. AUGUSTA,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1859; m. George W. Stone, one of the Wells-Dickey Co. (investments in bonds and railroad stocks); res. Minneapolis, Minn. Children: 1. *Lilla Grant*,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 18, 1882; res. Minneapolis, Minn. 2. *George Hartwell*, b. Aug. 23, 1883; clerk of the probate court; res. Jamestown, N. D. 3. *Lewis Addison*, b. Oct. 26, 1888; clerk in Elevator Co.; res. Minneapolis. 4. *Egbert Edward*, b. June 22, 1899.
- ii. ULYSSES SHERMAN, b. Feb. 14, 1867; grad. University of Minnesota and of Johns Hopkins university; now professor of geology in North Western university at Evanston, Ill.; m. Oct. 1, 1891, Avis, dau. of Prof. N. H. Winchell, the Minnesota state geologist. Children: 1. *Addison Winchell*,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1894. 2. *Lois*, b. Oct. 27, 1900. 3. *Avis Harriet*, b. Dec. 2, 1904.
- iii. JAMES COLFAX, b. Jan. 4, 1869; grad. University of Minnesota and Columbia Law school, now a practising lawyer in Minneapolis; served through Spanish war as Capt. of Volunteers; unm.

## GRAVES

HIRAM A.,<sup>1</sup> many years house-carpenter of B. F.; manufactured proprietary medicines; known as "Dr.," although not a graduate: an enthusiastic and life-long Democrat: m. at Farmington, N. H., Sept. 15, 1805, Maay P. Durgain, who d. Nov. 4, 1857; he d. B. F., Jan. 16, 1869.

## Children :

- i. FRANCES W.,<sup>2</sup> b. B. F., Feb. 5, 1829; d. B. F., June 11, 1847.
- ii. ANER MARIA, b. Jan. 1, 1831; m. Ira L. Earle of B. F. (*See Earle*.)
- iii. LORETTA I., b. B. F., June 5, 1832; d. Walpole, N. H., Sept. 10, 1839.
- iv. MARY E., b. B. F., Jan. 23, 1834; m. Oct. 9, 1859, George A. Hoyt, a machinist; res. Hartford, Conn. Child: 1. *Nellie P.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug., 1861; teacher in Brooklyn, N. Y.; unm.
- v. HIRAM R., b. Mar. 24, 1835; d. July 27, 1851.
- vi. INFANT SON, b. Walpole, N. H., Dec. 27, 1837; d. Dec. 27, 1837.
- vii. HENRY H. B., b. Walpole, N. H., Nov. 14, 1839; many years locomotive engineer on the Cheshire R. R.; res. B. F.; later rem. West; m. Sept. 24, 1863, Nellie M. March, b. Alstead, N. H., May 6, 1842; she now res. B. F. Children: 1. *Etta Jane*,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F., Mar. 3, 1865; m. Mar. 11, 1891, Charles H. Waite, a merchant of B. F.; res. B. F. Child: Gerald A.,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., May 20, 1892. Charles H. Waite had m. 1st Mar. 6, 1879, Ida Brown of Felchville, Vt., who d. Mar. 20, 1880. One child: Clayton Henry, b. Proctorsville, Vt., Nov. 22, 1879; a R. R. clerk; res. B. F. 2. *Bertha Maria*, b. B. F., June 19, 1878; d. B. F., June 21, 1878.
- viii. INFANT DAU., b. B. F., May 11, 1841; d. B. F., May 11, 1841.
- ix. GEORGE MILTON, b. B. F., Mar. 15, 1847; d. Aug. 16, 1847.

## GRAY

OSCAR D.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Deacon Samuel, gr. s. of Jonas of Townshend, Vt.*), b. Townshend, Vt., Oct. 2, 1828; began mercantile business in B. F. in 1853; continuously in trade here 34 years; had partners at different times, Joseph Howard, Solon Perry, J. F. Alexander, and F. E. Swift: store building located on the east side of the Square destroyed in the conflagration of 1860 and immediately rebuilt. Since Mr. Gray's death, the clothing trade has been continued by his son, Herbert S. In public matters, Mr. Gray had

positive opinions always expressed without reserve, yet he never allowed them to interrupt his personal and social relations; one of the founders of 1st Univ. ch. of B. F.; an excellent singer and took great delight in music. He m. Jan. 20, 1863, Delia A. Cutter, b. Grafton, Vt., Mar. 26. 1839; he d. B. F., Feb. 2, 1887; she res. B. F.

Children all b. B. F.:

- i. HERBERT S.,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1864; clothing dealer in B. F.; unm.
- ii. HARRIET G., b. Dec. 20, 1868; m. Oct. 1, 1896, Mortimer F. Davis of the plumbing firm, Bodine & Davis, B. F. Child: 1. *Mortimer Gray*,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F., Sept. 5, 1898; d. B. F. Oct. 7, 1906.
- iii. SOLON G., b. Apr. 9, 1872; m. Aug. 8, 1899, Harriet Simons, b. Greenfield, Mass.; res. St. Paul, Minn. Child: 1. *Dorothy*,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 13, 1904.

#### GREEN

HENRY ATKINSON<sup>8</sup> (*Joshua*,<sup>7</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>6</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> *Rev. Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Percival*,<sup>2</sup> *George*<sup>1</sup> of Awkley, Yorkshire, Eng.). b. Wendell, Mass., Sept. 5, 1792; came from N. Y. city, where he had been a merchant, to B. F. about 1811 and was many years of the local mercantile firm of Hall & Green. Their frame store building stood where Union block now is on the east side of the Square. Green street, was named for him, and a distant relative, Henry Francis Green.

He m. May 25, 1820, Anna Amory, eldest daughter of Nathaniel and Katharine Hay (Geyer) Tucker of B. F., b. May 14, 1803, d. June 28, 1875; he d. Nov. 28, 1863.

Children:

- i. EDWARD HENRY,<sup>9</sup> b. B. F., Feb. 6, 1821; in 1838 went to Boston, and engaged in mercantile pursuits; in 1847 went to Manila, and engaged in the tea trade and became wealthy. He remained in business in Manila nearly 20 yrs. Later he res. in London, Paris and N. Y. He was generous with his family and friends, having purchased for his mother a house on Henry street now owned by Charles H. Williams and sending her an annuity from Manila; interesting conversationalist and much attached to his native place, returning here often. He d. B. F. Mar. 19, 1902 in the old Tucker mansion on Church street which he purchased July 1, 1879. He m. July 11, 1867, Hetty Howland, daughter of Edward Mott and Abby Slocum (Howland) Robinson of New Bedford, Mass., b. Nov. 22, 1834. She is well known for her great wealth, being rated the richest woman in America, and for her business capacity; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Edward Howland Robinson*,<sup>10</sup> b. London, Aug. 22, 1868; a well known railroad owner and manager; prominent in political circles in Texas; unm. 2. *Hetty Sylvia Ann Howland*, b. London, Jan. 7, 1871; res. B. F.; unm.
- ii. HENRIANNA, b. N. Y., June 21, 1831; m. Oct. 15, 1850, Rev. John Jay Elmendorf, D. D., then of N. Y., later of Racine, Wis.; he d. Chicago, Feb. 16, 1896. Children (12): 1. *Agnes*,<sup>10</sup> b. Dec. 30, 1855; was several yrs., a teacher in the public schools of B. F.; now teaching in Portland, Me.; res. B. F.; unm.

#### GREEN

HENRY FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> (*Francis*,<sup>6</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> *Rev. Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Percival*,<sup>2</sup> *George*<sup>1</sup>), b. Halifax, N. S., May 13, 1789. Previous to his marriage he was captain of various ships, engaged in commercial business, but after

that event adopted B. F. as his residence and associated himself with his brother-in-law, Col. Alexander Fleming, in the management of the canal and other Atkinson properties, and in paper manufacture. In 1829 he erected the large residence now owned by John W. Flint on the South Terrace, and later built the Fleming residence near Immanuel chh., these two places being his homes nearly forty years. He m. Nov. 19, 1819, Caroline Frances, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Storer) Atkinson, d. B. F. Feb. 2, 1865, æt. 76; he d. B. F., Aug. 30, 1867; no children.

#### GRISWOLD

GEORGE STANLEY<sup>6</sup> (*Gilbert*,<sup>5</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Edward*<sup>1</sup>), b. Walpole, N. H., Aug. 2, 1806. He was son of Gilbert Griswold, b. Killingworth, Conn., Nov. 6, 1761, who came to Walpole from Killingworth with his parents Joseph and Lydia in 1774. Edward,<sup>1</sup> b. 1607, came from Kenilworth, Eng., with his wife Margaret in 1639, to Windsor, Conn., and settled with his son John in the town now called Killingworth, which he named Kenilworth from his home in England. Gilbert<sup>5</sup> became a farmer and tavern keeper in Walpole Valley.

George Stanley<sup>6</sup> came to R. about 1835; res. in town until his death; business largely that of a butcher, but was noted far and wide as an expert dancing master; rem. to B. F. about 1874; m. Harriet A. dau. of Capt. Christopher Lovell of R., b. R. Nov. 20, 1815, d. Dec. 15, 1895; he d. Aug. 11, 1888.

##### Children :

- i. HARRIET LOVELL,<sup>7</sup> b. June 12, 1839; m. Charles P. Allbee of R. (*See Allbee*.)
- ii. GEORGE LEWIS, b. Sept. 2, 1844; d. Apr. 20, 1890; unm.
- iii. WILLIS HERBERT, b. July 18, 1855; formerly merchant and now real estate owner of B. F.; m. Dec. 3, 1883, Mrs. Alice E. (Amadon) Barker, dau. of Leander and Sarah (Randall) Amadon of B. F. Children: 1. *Stanley George*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 20, 1889. 2. *Raymond Herbert*, b. Nov. 12, 1894.

#### GUILD

SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> *emigrated from Eng. to Dedham, Mass., in 1636*). b. Dedham, Nov. 2, 1766; owned a saw and grist mill in Langdon, N. H., that was burned; in 1804 in company with his twin brother, Rufus, he came to B. F. from Langdon, N. H., and they engaged in the lumber business; res. in B. F. until his death, Sept. 28, 1817, caused by a log rolling over him near the bank of the canal.

##### Children :

1. i. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. Needham, Mass., Oct. 29, 1793; m. Roxanna S. Stevens.
- ii. ANNIE, b. June 5, 1796; m. Oct. 18, 1817, John Blake of Alstead, N. H.; later a farmer at Claremont, N. H. Ten children.
- iii. SALLY SMITH, b. Apr. 26, 1801; milliner at B. F. for 50 years in company with her sister, Betsey R.; d. B. F. Aug. 27, 1878; unm.
- iv. LAURA, b. Feb. 4, 1803; d. Charlestown, N. H., Mar. 2, 1874; m. June 29, 1825, John G. Wightman, who became a prominent citizen and builder of B. F.; she d. Mar. 2, 1874. Children: 1. *Henry G.*,<sup>7</sup> b. July 12, 1828; m. May 1, 1851, Harriet E. Gates of

Walpole, N. H.; res. B. F. and Walpole, N. H. Children: i. Carrie L.,<sup>8</sup> b. Walpole, Oct. 5, 1854; has been many years teacher in public schools of Walpole; unm. ii. George H., b. Walpole, Jan. 6, 1859; m. Annette Braley of Westminster, Vt.; res. Walpole. Children: 1. Ruth.<sup>9</sup> 2. Harriet. 3. Esther. 4. Henry. iii. Walter B., b. in B. F., July 12, 1866; m. Carrie Sawyer of Fitchburg, Mass.; res. Claremont, N. H.; no children. 2. *John A.*: res. and d. Charlestown, N. H., Jan. 27, 1875, age 34 yrs.; unm. 3. *Anna L.*, m. John F. Horton who d. several years since; she res. Charlestown. Child: William:<sup>8</sup> is m.; res. Charlestown.

v. LUCY, b. Feb. 4, 1805; lived at B. F.; d. Aug. 16, 1887; unm.

vi. HARRIET, b. Feb. 15, 1808; d. B. F., May 2, 1837.

vii. BETSEY ROWENA, b. June 20, 1809; in millinery business with Sally about 50 yrs.; d. B. F., June 22, 1886; unm.

viii. EMILY AUGUSTA, b. Jan. 20, 1813; m. Sept. 15, 1835, Harrison G. Smart of Washington, N. H.; res. Garnaville, Iowa.

1. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Needham, Mass., Oct. 29, 1793; always a paper maker; came to B. F. from Langdon with his father in 1804 and at the age of 13 began work in the mill of Bill Blake & Co., continuing until 1846 when the mill was burned. The Guild family lived in a house that stood about where the rear of Howard's Block now is on the south side of the square. While a young man he built a house on Canal street, opposite Depot street, that became his home in later years. his sisters, Sally, Betsey and Lucy, together with his mother, resided with him until the sisters built for themselves a house on Rockingham street where Maynard block is now, in which for many years they carried on the millinery trade. After the burning of the mill in 1846 he engaged in paper making 4 years in Claremont, N. H., and later in Fitchburg, Mass., but always retained his residence at B. F. He m. Oct. 27, 1829, Roxanna Styles, dau. of William Stevens of Chester, Vt., b. Aug. 8, 1804, d. Nov. 5, 1886; he d. in B. F., June 26, 1872.

Children:

i. SAMUEL HARVEY,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1831; tailor at B. F.; m. June 9, 1857, Caroline S. Arms, who d. Nov. 1, 1876; he d. Jan. 1, 1878; no children.

ii. WILLIAM STEVENS, b. Sept. 18, 1832; m. Eliza M. Slate; res. Brattleboro, Vt.; 2 children.

2. iii. GEORGE OTIS, b. Feb. 21, 1836; m. Martha Jane Aldrich.

iv. ELLEN ROXANA, b. Mar. 1, 1839; m. Mar. 1, 1858, Lyman C. Gale, a tailor at B. F., and Lieut. Co. K, 10th Vt. Vol.; d. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17, 1869, ae. 32; she d. B. F., Nov. 13, 1886. Children: 1. *George Frank*,<sup>8</sup> b. at B. F. Dec. 26, 1858; m. Annie Maria Wilson of Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1884; an expert accountant; res. Natick, Mass.; no children. 2. *Henry Lyman*, b. Jan. 10, 1861; deceased. 3. *Mary Caroline*, b. Dec. 4, 1869; m. George C. Flint; res. Boston, Mass. Children, Ruth<sup>9</sup> and Bavanah.

v. CAROLINE FRANCES, b. Feb. 14, 1844; unm.; res. B. F.

2. GEORGE OTIS<sup>7</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>) b. Claremont, N. H., Feb. 21, 1836; merchant of B. F. since 1860; paper manufacturer; held various public offices; treasurer of the village; postmaster 1886-1890; officer of Immanuel chh.; prominent in Masonry; m. Jan. 1, 1863, Martha Jane, dau. of Jonas and Louise (Lovejoy) Aldrich of Westminster, Vt., b. July 21, 1838; res. B. F.



## Children :

- i. MARY LOUISE,<sup>8</sup> b. July 24, 1865; m. George H. Holmes of Grafton, Vt., b. May 1, 1860, commercial traveller, d. Jan. 23, 1893; she is in mercantile business in B. F. Children: 1. *Henry Guild*,<sup>9</sup> b. Somerville, Mass., Apr. 18, 1886. 2. *Marion*, b. in B. F., Sept. 3, 1888; d. Sept. 15, 1903.
- ii. EDGAR ALDRICH, b. Nov. 16, 1871; m. Sept. 15, 1896, Esther Minnie White b. Bath, Eng.; has been clerk for many years in Bellows Falls Savings Institution. Child: 1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>9</sup> b. July 1, 1900.
- iii. GEORGE HENRY, b. July 12, 1873; res. B. F.; unm.
- iv. HELEN GERTRUDE, b. July 26, 1879; music teacher; res. B. F.; unm.

RUFUS<sup>5</sup> (*twin brother of Samuel*<sup>5</sup>), b. Dedham, Mass., Nov. 3, 1766; came to B. F. in 1804; res. here until his death, Jan. 27, 1848; m. 1798, Mary Hoadley; she d. Newton, Mass., Oct., 1865; d. Oct., 1865.

## Children :

- i. RUFUS, b. 1799; became a leading boot and shoe dealer of B. F., and established here the silk worm culture; m. June 10, 1828, widow Elizabeth Johnson, d. June 8, 1840, ae. 48 yrs.; he d. June 13, 1867; nine children.
- ii. MARY ADELINE, b. Mar. 1, 1802; m. Albert Brackett of Newton, Mass.; res. Newton.
- iii. ROSWELL SMITH, d. 1834; unm.
- iv. JOSIAH, m. Eleutheria Derby; res. Rochester, N. Y.
- v. MARIA, b. May 19, 1813; m. 1st Luther Phillips; m. 2d Paul Fitch; eight children by 2d husband.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. May 5, 1816; m. Lydia A. Drew; res. Newton, Mass.

## HADWEN

CHESTER B. (*s. of Oliver R., gr. s. of Barney, gr. gr. s. of John, of English descent*), b. Granville, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1855; justice of peace in R. since 1892; selectman since 1904; a farmer; res. near the Springfield line; m. Emily Fletcher at Plattsburg, N. Y., 1879, b. Keeseville, N. Y.; no children.

## HALE

COL. ENOCH<sup>5</sup> (*Moses*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Rowley, Mass., Nov. 28, 1733; res. Hampstead, Rindge, Jaffrey and Walpole, N. H.; became an extensive land owner and about 1795 lived for a time in B. F.; held various offices in this town and was moderator of town meeting Sept. 1, 1795; later rem. to Grafton, Vt., where he died Apr. 9, 1813; built the first toll-bridge across the Connecticut at B. F. in 1785; always prominent in civil and military affairs; high sheriff of Cheshire County, N. H. 1778 to 1783, (see p. 229); was Col. in the N. H. militia during the Revolutionary war and had previously served in the old French war; was under Col. Munroe at the Ft. William Henry massacre, and in the expedition to Crown Point in 1757; after his rem. to Grafton he represented that town in the Vt. legislature one or two years when about 75 yrs. of age; wherever he lived his vigorous intellect and energy of character impressed themselves on all about him and made him always a leader among men of his time.

He m. Dec. 22, 1763, Abigail (Gould) Stanley of Rindge, N. H.; she d. Grafton, Vt., Dec. 10, 1810.

## Children :

- i. JOSHUA,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 24, 1764; m. Sarah Cutler.
- 1 ii. LUCY, b. Apr. 29, 1766; m. 1st Hezekiah Wetherbee; m. 2d Jonathan Lake.
- iii. DANIEL, b. July 19, 1768; d. Aug. 12, 1768.
- iv. HANNAH, b. June 10, 1769; m. Jonathan Lake.
- v. DANIEL, b. Apr. 1, 1772; d. Jan. 6, 1773.
- vi. SHERBURNE, b. Dec. 30, 1773; for some years, about 1805-1810, owned the large farm now covered by the village of North Walpole, N. H., which he sold to Levi Chapin, Sr., and rem. to Grafton, Vt., later to Woodstock, Vt. He m. in R., Feb. 6, 1803, Callia Cutler, b. Rindge, Oct. 12, 1775, d. Woodstock, Mar. 31, 1853; he d. Woodstock, Jan. 18, 1852. Children: 1. *William*,<sup>7</sup> b. No. Walpole, N. H., Feb. 20, 1805; res. some years in Bartonsville, Vt.; was a civil engineer nearly 50 yrs.; rem. to Essex Jct., Vt., where he d.; he m. 1st Ancy Gibson; m. 2d Hannah Ray Enos. 2. *Nancy*, b. No. Walpole, Apr. 20, 1807; d. Apr. 8, 1829; unm. 3. *Hezibah*, b. Grafton, Vt., Nov. 14, 1813; m. Henry Walker.
- vii. ENOCH, b. May 30, 1777; d. June 16, 1777.
- viii. ENOCH, b. Feb. 24, 1779; m. Bathsheba Stone.

1. LUCY<sup>6</sup> (*Col. Enoch*,<sup>5</sup> *Moses*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Rindge, N. H., Apr. 29, 1766; m. June 8, 1783, Hezekiah Wetherbee, b. Lunenburg, Mass., June 20, 1757; he served in the revolutionary army and soon after marriage rem. to Grafton, Vt., where all their children were b.; he d. Grafton, Mar. 31, 1823.

In 1836, at the age of 70, she m. 2d Jonathan Lake of Springfield, Vt. He d. Springfield, May 20, 1846, after which she res. with her dau. Sarah, (Mrs. Jeremiah Barton) in Bartonsville, where she d. Dec. 24, 1857.

## Children :

- i. BENJAMIN,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1785; d. Oct. 23, 1805; unm.
- ii. ENOCH, b. Feb. 16, 1787; m. Elizabeth Cutter; d. July 25, 1863.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 27, 1789; d. June 9, 1866; unm.
- iv. MOSES, b. Sept. 3, 1791; m. Apr. 11, 1830, Mary D. Wheelock, b. June 12, 1809, d. Apr. 9, 1865; he d. Nov. 23, 1868. They res. Springfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Mary M.*,<sup>8</sup> b. May 7, 1834; m. — Barney; d. in Washington, D. C. 2. *Lucy E.*, b. May 18, 1837. 3. *Henry H.*, b. May 26, 1840; m. — Lake. 4. *Enoch W.*, b. June 12, 1843; m. 2d Abbie Henry of Chester, Vt.; now res. Springfield, Vt. 5. *Abbie W.*, b. Feb. 17, 1845; m. John Buxton; she d. Sept. 2, 1890; he res. Cambridgeport, Vt. 6. *Hattie B.*, b. July 29, 1847; m. George W. Morrison. (*See Morrison*.) 7. *Benjamin B.*, b. Oct. 2, 1849; paper manufacturer of B. F.; now res. Nutley, N. J.; m. 1st Mar. 7, 1870, Frances E. Darby of Grafton, b. Nov. 29, 1849; she d. B. F. Oct. 17, 1902. Children: i. Levi L.,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 20, 1871; a paper maker; m. Hattie Whitney of Westminster; res. B. F.; no children. ii. Florence F., b. May 19, 1873; m. June 7, 1893, Nat. A. Wheeler of B. F.; res. Northfield, Vt. Children: 1. Henry N.,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1894. 2. Dorothy F., b. June 4, 1902. 3. Marjorie Laura, b. Nov. 13, 1904. iii. Leon H., b. Aug. 30, 1874; d. Aug. 1, 1877. iv. Jay Benjamin, b. May 11, 1877; a paper maker; m. Oct. 8, 1902, Erma M. Frost; res. B. F.; no children. v. Edith O., b. Nov. 10, 1880; res. Nutley; unm. vi. Laeta G., b. Mar. 12, 1892. vii. Winnifred C., b. Apr. 26, 1894. 8. *Caroline S.*, b. Jan. 3, 1852; d. Jan. 29, 1852.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. Mar. 23, 1793; m. Cephas Wilder; she d. Mar. 26, 1857.
- vi. RUTH, b. Feb. 3, 1795; d. Oct. 26, 1797.

- vii. LUCY, b. Dec. 12, 1797; m. Ellis Colburn: she d. Feb. 1, 1879; res. Ryegate, Vt.
- viii. SARAH, b. March 29, 1800; m. Jeremiah Barton. (*See Barton.*)
- ix. AZUBAH, b. Feb. 16, 1802; m. Dr. Eli Perry: she d. Jan. 25, 1840; res. Ryegate, Vt.
- x. EUNICE, b. Jan. 27, 1805; m. Abial Chamberlain; she d. Sept. 6, 1852; res. Ryegate, Vt.
- xi. CAROLINE, b. July 3, 1807; m. James Spaulding.

## HALL

WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> (*Rev. William,<sup>4</sup> Caleb,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup> of Bradford, Mass.*), b. Salem, N. H., Jan. 13, 1774; became an early merchant in R. village; at one time in company with Daniel W. Hall; postmaster 1802-8; in 1817 owned a grist mill near the mouth of Williams river, burned in March of that year; later merchant in B. F., with Henry Atkinson Green, firm of Hall & Green; still later firm of Hall & Goodridge; in 1822 had a commission house in Hartford, Conn., in partnership with Thomas H. Brace, and did a large business by boats up and down the Connecticut river; dealt heavily in wool; a trustee of Middlebury college; a member of the Hartford convention, representing Windham and Windsor counties, and was a strong Federalist; a member of the Governor's council in 1814, and represented R. in legislatures of 1826-7; erected the brick dwelling near the intersection of Church and Westminster streets now owned by Mrs. Hetty Green, and this was his home until death.

He m. 1st Feb. 25, 1801, Martha, dau. of David Hills of New Ipswich, N. H. (half sister of Jabez Hills of B. F.), b. Dec. 27, 1772, d. Jan. 3, 1814; m. 2d Sarah Hills, sister of his first wife; she d. Mar. 24, 1815; m. 3rd Nancy Watson of East Windsor, Conn., who d. Aug., 1850; he d. in R. Feb. 7, 1831.

Children all b. in R.:

- 1. i. WILLIAM FREDERICK,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 19, 1802; m. Mary Lucina Mack.
- ii. MARCIA, b. Mar. 5, 1804; d. Nov., 1828; unm.
- iii. LUCIA, (twin sister of Marcia), b. Mar. 5, 1804; d. June, 1831; unm.
- iv. EDWARD, b. June 7, 1806; d. Sept., 1815.
- v. MARTHA, b. June, 1810; m. Aug. 26, 1832, Hamilton Smith.  
Children: 1. *Martha*,<sup>7</sup> b. June 23, 1836; m. 2. *Hamilton*, b. July 5, 1840; d. 1890.

- 1. WILLIAM FREDERICK<sup>6</sup> (*William,<sup>5</sup> Rev. William,<sup>4</sup> Caleb,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 19, 1802; grad. Middlebury college; a lawyer by profession; rem. to Washington, D. C., in 1850; m. at B. F., July 27, 1840, Mary Lucina, dau. of William and Betsey (Brown) Mack, b. Alstead, N. H., July 23, 1822; he d. Washington, D. C., Feb. 3, 1884.

Children, first five b. at B. F., the others at Washington:

- i. FREDERICK HILLSGROVE,<sup>7</sup> b. May 31, 1841; is on the editorial staff of the *Chicago Tribune*; m. at Chicago, Ill., May 19, 1870, Matilda Louise Campbell; res. Chicago, Ill. Child: 1. *Matilda Louise*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1871; m. Gilson Gardner, a journalist of Washington, D. C.
- ii. EDWARD EVERETT, b. Apr. 23, 1843; d. Sept. 6, 1843.
- iii. EDWARD WILLIAM, b. Nov. 11, 1844; d. 1868; unm.
- iv. EVELYN SMITH, b. Jan. 27, 1847; m. at Washington, D. C., Emma Barnard; he d. at Washington. Child: 1. *Evelyn*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1880.

- v. MARTHA SMITH, b. June 5, 1850; m. Alfred Hennen of New Orleans; d. Dec. 23, 1852. res. Hawesville, Ky.; they have children.
- vi. EDITH, b. Nov. 8, 1853; unm.
- vii. FRANCIS HENRY, b. Sept. 3, 1856; unm.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 22, 1859; d. Mar. 30, 1862.
- ix. MABEL JANE, b. Mar. 31, 1864; d. July 12, 1865.

## HALLADAY

JOHN<sup>4</sup> (*John*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Walter*,<sup>1</sup> *emigrated from Scotland*), b. Simsbury, (now Granby) Conn., in 1745; was an early settler of R., coming here from Granby. He built his log cabin at the junction of the roads, one-half mile north of the R. R. station at R., where can still be seen the cellar hole, apple trees and red rose bushes. He d. in R., Oct. 22, 1782.

RICHARD M.<sup>5</sup> (*John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Walter*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., 1774; m. July 15, 1796, Sarah Kendall, d. in 1838; he d. in 1845. They had nine children, all lived to old age having large families now scattered from Maine to California. They were: SIMEON,<sup>6</sup> JAMES, BETSEY, FANNY, SARAH, BELINDA, MARY, LYMAN and RICHARD H.

RICHARD H.<sup>6</sup> (*Richard M.*<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Walter*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., in 1814; was a farmer, and later in life a prominent contractor and builder of the town; m. 1st Fanny Arvilla Gould, b. in 1818, d. in 1843; m. 2d in 1845, Maria Mason Willard, b. in 1825, d. Nov. 12, 1881; he d. in R. Dec. 24, 1884.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. HELEN M., b. 1839<sup>7</sup>; m. F. B. Richardson; she d. July 20, 1892.
- ii. WILLIAM WALLACE, b. in 1841; d. Apr. 12, 1845.
- iii. RICHARD FRANKLIN, b. June 13, 1843; soldier of the Civil war, 7th Vt. Regt.; m. 1st June 28, 1863, Sarah Isabell Pulsipher, b. 1846, d. Oct. 12, 1881; m. 2d Dec. 11, 1888, Carrie W. Sanderson Burns; he d. Mar. 24, 1903. Children: 1. *Richard Fred*,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1864; d. Aug. 14, 1881. 2. *Eva Gracia*, b. July 8, 1869; m. May 24, 1893, Elmer J. Preston of Worcester, Mass.; she d. July 24, 1898. 3. *Richard Franklin*, b. Fitchburg, Mass., Aug. 13, 1881; res. in Boston.
- iv. ANN S., b. in 1846; m. James H. Stowell; d. Oct. 5, 1874. Child: 1. *James Henry*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1866; m. May 29, 1891, Mrs. Nellie L. Dresser; res. Grafton, Vt.
- v. ALBERT A., b. Feb. 23, 1849; employed 5 yrs. by the Estey Organ Co., Brattleboro, Vt.; in 1871 engaged in furniture trade and upholstering in B. F.; in 1891, in company with his two youngest sons, established his present extensive early fruit and vegetable farm at the north end of B. F.; m. 1st Feb. 22, 1870, Alzina S. Wetherbee, d. Aug. 22, 1877; m. 2d Oct. 16, 1878, Emma S., dau. of Solomon Sanders of B. F.; res. B. F. Children all b. B. F.: 1. *Albert C.*<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 6, 1872; mail carrier at B. F.; m. 1st Isabelle Chase, d. Jan. 14, 1902; m. 2d Sept. 12, 1905, Mabel French of B. F. Child: 1. May Isabelle,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1900. 2. *Dan.*, b. Aug. 29, 1874; d. Aug. 29, 1874. 3. *Annie A.*, b. Mar. 11, 1877; d. Sept. 20, 1877. 4. *George A.*, b. Nov. 6, 1880; res. B. F.; unm. 5. *Arthur S.*, b. Dec. 4, 1881; res. B. F.; unm.
- vi. BELINDA S., b. Feb. 11, 1851; d. June 16, 1863.
- vii. CYRUS H., b. 1855; d. Feb. 23, 1856.
- viii. GRACIA M., b. 1857; d. Jan. 29, 1867.
- ix. LYMAN H., b. 1859; m. Mary J. Tarbell; now res. in Bedford, Mass. Son, deceased.

## HAPGOOD

JANE<sup>7</sup> (*Capt. Artemas*,<sup>6</sup> *David*,<sup>5</sup> *Asa*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Shadrach*<sup>1</sup>), b. on the ancestral farm at Reading, Vt., Sept. 18, 1831; grad. Troy female seminary, 1850; taught in South Carolina four years; in Illinois four years; vice-principal of Cleveland female seminary two years; came to B. F. and assumed charge of St. Agnes hall, an Episcopal boarding school for young ladies, and a year or two later, in 1869, took a lease for twenty years of the property on School street where now stands the B. F. high school; at the expiration of the lease she surrendered it as the founding of the female school by the diocese of Vt. rendered it obsolete: was a much loved instructor under whose tutelage hundreds of young ladies from all sections of the country passed, and who remember her with a deep love; she res. now at Springfield, Vt.; unm.

## HAPGOOD

SOLOMON<sup>5</sup> (*Seth*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Shadrach*<sup>1</sup>), b. Petersham, Mass., Dec. 30, 1766; came to B. F. previous to 1791; a blacksmith, his shop stood on the east side of Westminster street about where the present residence of Ann L. Hapgood is: an extensive farmer: his farm comprised the south half of the 500 acre lot which originally belonged to Gov. Wentworth and was reserved for his own use when the town was divided among the different proprietors. This land now comprises the larger part of the village of B. F. His residence, which was on the north corner of Westminster and Hapgood streets, was taken down a few years ago to make room for the present home of Francis G. Flint. His farm was divided among his children, each of whom had a residence near by. During his last years Mr. Hapgood devoted his life more to his farm than to the shop. He was industrious, upright and prosperous.

He m. in 1791, Azubah, dau. of Judge Benjamin Burt, who resided near the mouth of Saxtons river. She was b. in 1741 and d. in B. F., Feb. 10 1858; he d. B. F., Mar. 5, 1856.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. LUCRETIA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 12, 1792; said to have been the second white child b. in B. F.: m. 1808 at B. F., Daniel Tuttle, b. New Haven, Conn., June 5, 1788; he d. June 6, 1861; she d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Mar. 19, 1871. Children: 1. *Quartus Morgan*,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 28, 1809; d. Alhuna, Can., Mar. 19, 1877; unm. 2. *Frances Adeline*, b. Grafton, Vt., Mar. 15, 1811; m. 1st Nov. 27, 1834, at B. F., Holland Wheeler, who d. 1842 at S. R.: m. 2d, 1846, Edward Hall of Westminster, Vt. 3. *Adeline*, b. Oct., 1813; d. Oct. 3, 1818. 4. *Daniel Atwater*, b. July 3, 1815; m. July 27, 1842, Harriet Lombard of Springfield, Mass., who d. July 17, 1882. 5. *Caroline Matilda*, b. Aug. 18, 1817; m. Solon Foster Goodridge. (*See Goodridge*.) 6. *Lyman Hapgood*, b. Oct. 28, 1819; lost at sea Oct. 3, 1841.
- ii. FANNY, b. Oct. 5, 1793; d. Sept. 14, 1794.
- iii. SOLOMON, b. Apr. 6, 1795; d. Mar. 3, 1839; unm.
1. iv. LYMAN, b. Oct. 29, 1799; m. Emma Church of Westminster.
2. v. SETH, b. Oct. 21, 1803; m. Clarinda Harvey of Chesterfield, N. H.
3. vi. CHARLES, b. Sept. 17, 1805; m. Harriet Silsby.
- vii. LEVI, b. Mar. 12, 1809; m. Lucretia Leonard; he d. June 8, 1839; no children.



viii. FRANCES MARY, b. July 31, 1811; m. James H. Williams (1), of B. F. (*See Williams.*)

i. LYMAN<sup>6</sup> (*Solomon*,<sup>5</sup> *Seth*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Shadrach*<sup>1</sup>), b. B. F., Oct. 29, 1799; always res. in Westminster and B. F.; his life was one of industry and integrity; his home late in life was at the south end, on the west side of Atkinson street; m. Nov. 10, 1822. Emma, dau. of Capt. Charles Church of Westminster, b. June 3, 1801, d. B. F. Aug. 26, 1884; he d. B. F. Mar. 4, 1881.

Child:

i. CHARLES CHURCH,<sup>7</sup> b. B. F. July 11, 1824; an extensive and well-to-do farmer; m. 1st Nov. 1, 1848, Jane, dau. of Charles Burt of Rutland, Vt., b. July 11, 1822, d. Oct. 3, 1850; m. 2d Dec. 16, 1857, Jerusha L., dau. of Ira Wiley of S. R., b. May 3, 1828; he d. B. F., Nov. 16, 1867; she res. Providence, R. I. Children: 1. *Jane Burt*,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1850; m. Sept. 5, 1871, Charles Burt Hilliard of Rutland. Children: i. Minor Hapgood,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 26, 1882. ii. Emma Jane, b. June 4, 1885. 2. *Emma King*, (twin with Jane Burt), b. Aug. 29, 1850; res. B. F.; unm. 3. *Fanny May*, b. May 9, 1867; m. C. C. House, June 14, 1898; res. Prov., R. I. Children: 1. Harriet Hapgood,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 10, 1902. 2. Charlotte Waldron, b. June 7, 1904.

2. SETH<sup>6</sup> (*Solomon*,<sup>5</sup> *Seth*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Shadrach*<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 21, 1803; was a prosperous farmer, and made a business of assisting the flat boats on the Connecticut river to enter and leave the eddy opposite his house with a yoke of oxen; lived on the east side of Westminster street where his dau. still lives; m. Feb. 18, 1829, Clarinda Harvey of Chesterfield, N. H., b. Jan. 15, 1802, d. Aug. 27, 1878; he d. B. F., July 26, 1881.

Children all b. in B. F.:

i. MARY PRISCILLA,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 7, 1831; m. Nov. 8, 1855, Solomon Guild Phipps, b. July 22, 1813, d. May 2, 1881 at Charlestown, Mass.; she d. Mar. 29, 1875. Children: 1. *Charlotte Guild*,<sup>8</sup> b. Charlestown, Mass., May 9, 1858; m. Oct. 26, 1882, at Boston, Alexander Davidson, formerly of Albany, N. Y., now a merchant in Boston; res. Boston and Walpole, N. H., b. Mar. 11, 1854. Children: i. Margaret,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1887, in Brookline, Mass. ii. Alexander, b. June 11, 1892 in Waban, Mass. 2. *Mary Ella*, b. Dec. 12, 1859; m. June 6, 1888, at B. F., Charles W. Shaw, formerly of Bath, Me., now a merchant in Boston; res. Walpole, N. H. One child Allan Guild,<sup>9</sup> b. Brookline, Mass. Aug. 29, 1889.

ii. LUCRETIA ANN, b. Sept. 21, 1835; res. B. F. in the old homestead; unm.

3. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> (*Solomon*,<sup>5</sup> *Seth*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Shadrach*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 17, 1805; a paper maker at Bennington, Vt., later farmer at B. F., where the most of his life was spent; his residence was near the south end of Atkinson street, on the west side, just south of his brother Lyman's home; commissioned by Gov. Butler, Aug. 16, 1828, lieut. in the 1st Regt. Vt. militia and June 17, 1831, promoted to Capt. of the same; late in life sold the farm and res. with his dau. in Fall River, Mass., where he d. Aug. 23, 1895; m. Oct. 6, 1834, Harriet Silsby of Mendon, Mass., b. Dec. 8, 1814; d. Feb. 25, 1880.

Children:

i. ANNA MARIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Charlestown, N. H., Nov. 13, 1835; m. Benjamin H. Burt of Rutland, Vt. (*See Burt.*)



- ii. CHARLES BURT, b. Charlestown, N. H., July 2, 1837; m. at Durango, Col., Martha Bolton Ashton of Portsmouth, O., b. Nov. 6, 1866, d. Cleveland, O., Dec. 24, 1894; no children. He served in the Union army during the Civil war; later res. N. Y. city, in Colorado, Cleveland, O., and now res. in Providence, R. I.
- iii. MARGARET, b. B. F., Jan. 3, 1844; m. Oct. 6, 1864, Edwin M. Hawkins of Fall River, Mass., b. Dec. 23, 1840; res. Fall River. Children: 1. *Harriet Thurber*,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1865; a school teacher; res. Fall River; unm. 2. *Margaret Hapgood*, b. July 28, 1867; m. Feb. 3, 1891, Frederick Archer Gee of Fall River. Child: 1. John Archer,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1894. 3. *Richard Mott*, b. Fall River, Feb. 18, 1870; and res. there.
- iv. ELIZABETH SILSBY, b. B. F., Aug. 12, 1846; m. Apr. 22, 1869, Henry Clay Hawkins, a grocer; res. Fall River. Children: 1. *Cornelius Silsby*,<sup>8</sup> b. May 21, 1870; grad. of Lehigh university, Penn.; a bookkeeper in Fall River savings bank. 2. *Elizabeth Hapgood*, b. Oct. 15, 1871; grad. Vassar college, 1894. 3. *Caroline*, b. May 5, 1874. 4. *Henry Clay*, b. Apr. 16, 1878.
- v. CAROLINE PORTER, b. July 17, 1851; m. Dec. 9, 1880, Oren Westcott, b. Scituate, R. I., Nov. 22, 1836; res. Providence, R. I. Children: 1. *Adah Dexter*,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1883. 2. *Charles Hapgood*, b. Aug. 4, 1885. 3. *Margaret*, b. Oct. 17, 1887. 4. *Nathaniel*, b. Mar. 21, 1889. 5. *Dexter Silsby*, b. May 31, 1892; d. Apr. 8, 1895.
- vi. HARRY, b. B. F., Oct. 28, 1854; grad. B. F. H. S.; was in grocery trade in Fall River, Boston and B. F.; m. Dec. 4, 1883, Anne Frances Leonard, b. Fall River, July 4, 1859; now res. Fall River. Children: 1. *Harry*,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1887; d. Jan. 23, 1887. 2. *Leonard Silsby*, b. Mar. 26, 1888; d. Nov. 13, 1894. 3. *Constance*, b. Dec. 13, 1890.

## HARRIMAN

SELAH DUSTIN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Leander*), b. in Claremont, N. H., Mar. 2, 1849; a barber in active business in B. F. since 1870, one of the oldest business men now doing business here; m. Jan. 12, 1875, Iantha Maria Foster, b. Haverhill, N. H., July 30, 1855.

Child:

- i. SELAH FOSTER,<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 30, 1880; m. Oct. 1, 1905, Mabel B. Chandler of Boston; res. B. F.

## HASELTON

Early in the settlement of R. four brothers became citizens, some descendants of whom are still residents. Their names were EPHRAIM, WILLIAM, JONAS and RICHARD. Their ancestry is unknown. The name is variously spelled on the town records, from which most of the following data are obtained. Haseltan, Hazeltine, Hazelton, Hezeltine, Hezelton.

EPHRAIM, m. Nancy —. who d. Feb. 28, 1811, ae. 35 yrs.

WILLIAM,<sup>1</sup> was a member of 1st Univer. chh. of R. in 1791; m. Eunice —, d. Nov. 24, 1843, ae. 84 yrs.; he d. Mar. 5, 1832, ae. 77 yrs.; both buried in R. cemetery.

Children:

- i. THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1785; m. Jan. 13, 1825, Irena Allbee of R.; he d. May 9, 1856.

- ii. DOLLY, b. July 28, 1787.
- iii. CHAUNCY, b. Feb. 21, 1790.
- iv. SALLY, b. Dec. 11, 1793.
- v. LUCETTA, b. Dec. 7, 1796.

JONAS,<sup>1</sup> became a member of the 1st Town chh. July 27, 1783, and was chosen collector Nov. 3, 1783; joined 1st Univer. chh. of R. in 1791; m. Rachael —; he d. Oct. 18, 1838, ae. 85 yrs.

Children :

- i. HANNAH,<sup>2</sup> b. May 18, 1787.
- ii. JONAS, b. June 5, 1789; m. Fanny —. Children: 1. *Annis*,<sup>3</sup> b. June 27, 1817. 2. *Alvah*, b. Jan. 10, 1819. 3. *Caroline*, b. Jan. 4, 1821. 4. *Sylvia*,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1822.
- iii. ORION, b. June 13, 1791.
- iv. A. MILLY, b. Oct. 21, 1793.
- v. CAROLINE, b. Aug. 21, 1797; d. of spotted fever during a terrible epidemic, Mar 26, 1814.
- vi. ASA, b. Oct. 15, 1799; m. Feb. 23, 1824, Fanny Bancroft.
- vii. SILAS, b. May 26, 1801.
- viii. CERINDAY, b. Oct. 15, 1803.
- ix. LEONARD, b. Oct. 15, 1803.
- x. ALDEN, b. Sept. 8, 1807.

RICHARD<sup>1</sup> cleared what is now known as the "George Weston farm" in the north part of the town, built there a house which was his home during the remainder of his life. Timothy Lovell, the noted Tory, was the first owner of this land; member of 1st Univer. chh. of R. in 1791: Mr. Haselton m. Nov. 14, 1787, Jenny, dau. of James Campbell of R., d. Aug. 30, 1845, ae. 81; he d. Aug. 20, 1810, ae. 54; both are buried in the old R. cemetery.

Children all b. in R. :

- 1. i. URIEL,<sup>2</sup> b. June 6, 1788; m. Amy Eddy of R.
- ii. DOLLEY, b. March 28, 1790; m. Ezekiel Weston. (*See Weston.*)
- iii. DAVID BAVERLY, b. Jan. 18, 1792.
- iv. RICHARD, b. June 23, 1794; m. Olive Eddy. Children: 1. *Lucius*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Hyman*.
- v. BETSY, b. Jan. 10, 1798; m. Phineas White of R. Children: 1. *Royal*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Luke*. 3. *Sarah*. 4. *Emily*: m. — Richmond of Buffalo, N. Y.
- vi. AMOS, b. May 26, 1800; m. Louisa, dau. of Nathan Weston of R., d. Feb. 19, 1875; he d. July 24, 1823. Children: 1. *Hiram*,<sup>3</sup> d. ae. 8 yrs. 2. *Norman*, m. — Hawkes; he d. Sept., 1899. A dau.,<sup>4</sup> m. — Greenwood of Chester, Vt.

1. URIEL<sup>2</sup> (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 6, 1788; a soldier of the War of 1812: m. Dec. 1, 1811, Amy Eddy of R., d. Oct. 5, 1873, ae. 85 yrs.; he d. Feb. 17, 1853; both buried in the old R. cemetery.

Children :

- i. JAMES,<sup>3</sup> b. June 12, 1812; m. 1st Sarah Burke, d. Nov. 16, 1842, ae. 25 yrs.; m. 2d Jane Holland of Westminster, Vt.; he d. May 4, 1904, and was at that time the oldest resident of R.; three children by 1st wife; all buried in La Grange cemetery. Children by 2d wife: 1. *James Henry*,<sup>4</sup> d. and buried at S. R. 2. *George*, res. in Mass. 3. *Jennie*, m. Bert Libby of B. F.
- ii. NANCY, m. Richard Green of R.; res. Andover, Vt., where he d.: she d. Charlestown, N. H. Children: 1. *Angeline*,<sup>4</sup> m. Jack Baird of Chester, Vt. 2. *Mary Jane*, d. of consumption, ae. about

- 15 yrs. 3. *Richard D.*, b. Andover, Vt., Aug. 19, 1842; res. in R. and later went west. 4. *Henry D.*, b. Andover; res. in R., later Charlestown and Newport. N. H.; m. Elnora Hogan of R.; he d. Newport; she res. there. Children: i. Walter,<sup>5</sup> m. Hattie Ober of S. R.; res. Charlestown; one child. ii. Emma, m. Eugene Paul of Newport; res. Newport. Two children.
- iii. CHESTER EDDY, b. in R., Dec. 7, 1816; m. Oct. 26, 1842, Charlotte A., dau. of Samuel Allbee of R., b. in R., Apr. 15, 1822, d. in R. May 25, 1879; he d. Andover, Vt., Mar. 29, 1859; buried at R.: Children: 1. *George Chester*,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1843; m. Dec. 25, 1867, Ella Jane, dau. of William M. Lovell. Children all b. in R.: i. Laroy Spafford,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 12, 1868; m. Sept. 12, 1894, Carrie George of R.; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: 1. Bessie May,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 27, 1896. 2. Eva Gladys, b. Sept. 7, 1898. 3. Maud Ella, b. Apr. 16, 1900. ii. Emma Etta,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1870; m. Nov. 7, 1888, Fred R. Richardson of R.: machinist; res. Springfield. Children: 1. Winnie May,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 14, 1890. 2. Clarence Arthur, b. Sept. 12, 1892. 3. Nellie Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1900. 4. George Richard, b. June 27, 1902; d. Oct. 1, 1903. iii. Mabel Julia,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 1, 1877; m. Feb. 21, 1894, Albert Lane of R.; res. in R.: Child: Bernice Ann,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 24, 1896. iv. Chester Morgan,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1882; m. May 3, 1905, Ada E. Cone of Claremont, N. H.; res. in B. F. 2. *May Charlotte*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 27, 1845; m. James B. Smith of B. F. Children: i. Jennie M.,<sup>5</sup> m. Charles Tenney of R. ii. Eunice, m. — Tarbell of S. R. Children: 1. Leon,<sup>6</sup> 2. Raymond. iii. James, res. in R.; unm. iv. Charles, motorman of B. F. & S. R. Electric Ry.; m. Lizzie Daggett of R. Child: 1. Bertha May,<sup>6</sup> v. Otis, m. and res. S. R. vi. Leverett, m. and res. S. R. vii. Ethel, m. 3. *Sarah Jane*, b. Apr. 2, 1848; m. James E. Little; res. at S. R. Children: i. George C.,<sup>5</sup> m., and res. in S. R. ii. Mary, m. Albert W. Barry. (*See Barry.*) iii. James E., res. in S. R.; unm. 4. *Adah Emma*, b. Oct. 19, 1850, m. T. R. McQuaide; res. Claremont, N. H. Children: i. Amy L., teacher at Claremont. ii. Effie, teacher at So. Charlestown, N. H. iii. Truman, m. and res. Springfield, Vt. 5. *Charles Rial*, b. May 10, 1854; m. Kate Golden of R.; he d. Claremont, N. H. Children: i. Otis,<sup>5</sup> ii. Mary. Kate Golden Haselton m. 2d Harry Parker of R. 6. *Otis Samuel*, b. Sept. 25, 1858; m.: res. South Park, Wash. Child: Ruth.
- iv. MARY, d. young of spotted fever.

## HAYES

LYMAN SIMPSON<sup>7</sup> (*Simpson*,<sup>6</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>5</sup> *Moses*,<sup>4</sup> *Moses*,<sup>3</sup> *Ichabod*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> who emigrated from Scotland to Dover, N. H., 1680), b. Middlesex, Vt., June 2, 1850; common school education; railroad, telegraph and express business until 1875 when he came to B. F. and engaged in mercantile and insurance business; sold mercantile business in 1883 and has continued insurance since; author of "History of Rockingham;" m. Apr. 14, 1874, Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. Samuel Parkman, Danforth of Royalton, Vt.; b. Barnard, Vt., Sept. 25, 1845; res. B. F.

Children:

- i. GERTRUDE SIMPSON,<sup>8</sup> b. at B. F., Feb. 11, 1878; grad. B. F. H. S., '94; teacher in public schools of B. F.; unm.
- ii. WILLIAM DANFORTH, b. at B. F., July 11, 1884; grad. B. F. H. S., '02; an employee of the U. S. Forest Service; unm.

## HAZELTON

DR. WILLIAM FRENCH<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Dr. Daniel W., gr. s. of Daniel*), b. Cavendish, Vt., Jan. 5, 1860; grad. Vt. Academy and studied medicine at U. V. M. and Columbia college from which he grad. 1884; practised medicine Bellevue hospital, N. Y. city, Springfield, Vt., and B. F., where he is now in active practice; m. Dec. 29, 1892, Grace Atherton of Nashua, N. H., b. Feb. 8, 1869; res. B. F.

Child:

- i. FRANCES,<sup>2</sup> b. in B. F., Oct. 28, 1902.

## HEMPHILL

REV. JOSEPH,<sup>1</sup> b. Acworth, N. H., Feb. 1, 1805; studied for the ministry with Rev. Warren Skinner of Cavendish, Vt.; ordained a Univer. clergyman at Bethel, Vt., Aug. 29, 1833; preached at Bethel, Springfield, Saxtons River, Ludlow and Rockingham, Vt., Swanzey, N. H., Weymouth, Middleboro, So. Orange and Orleans, Mass., and Ridgeway, N. Y.; was P. M. of R. from 1847 to 1849; he m. 1st Nov. 14, 1836, Mary A. Cambridge of Cambridgeport, Vt.; m. 2d in 1858, Hannah O. Rogers of Lowell, Mass.

## HENRY

FRANKLIN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of John*), b. Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 11, 1805; res. many years in B. F.; book binder, village bell ringer, undertaker and sexton; resigned Jan., 1866; m. Mary Milisa Thomas, b. Dummerston, Vt., May 18, 1811, d. B. F., June 1, 1852; he d. Athol, Mass., July 30, 1876.

Children:

- i. BENJAMIN F.,<sup>2</sup> b. July 24, 1834; d. July 31, 1834.
- ii. WARREN MILTON, b. Aug. 3, 1835; enlisted at B. F., Aug. 25, 1862. Co. E, 6th Vt. Vol.; killed in action May 6, 1863.
- iii. LEVERETT REYNOLDS, b. Feb. 20, 1838; d. Aug. 5, 1844.
- iv. WALLIS APLIN, b. July 13, 1840; d. July 27, 1840.
- v. MARY EMMA, b. Sept. 27, 1841; m. Feb. 20, 1864, Charles C. Phelps at Worcester, Mass.; d. June 30, 1870; no children.
- vi. EDWARD HERBERT, b. Mar. 12, 1844; m. Aug. 4, 1864, Sarah Kelley at Keene, N. H.; res. Worcester, Mass.; no children.
- vii. ROLLIN ANDREW, b. May 18, 1846; d. Mar. 7, 1866.
- viii. GERTRUDE M., b. Jan. 1, 1849; m. Sept. 4, 1867, Julius C. Converse, at B. F.; d. Worcester, Mass. Children: i. *Eva May*,<sup>3</sup> d. May 7, 1871, ae. 9 months. 2. *Edward Lewis*, res. Worcester. 3. *Harry Julius*, d. Oct. 13, 1888, ae. 4 mos. 13 days.

## HENRY

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> (*s. of William and Polly [Holden] Henry, gr. s. of William and Mary [Harper] Henry*), b. Charlestown, N. H., Mar. 22, 1788; from about 1831 until his death was prominently identified with the business of B. F.; came here at the time of the organization of the first local bank, of which he was the first cashier, holding the position 16 years. In connection with Daniel Kellogg, the first president, was prominent in organizing, and they largely owned the bank; had previously been in manufacturing and mercantile business with Nathaniel Fullerton under the firm name of Fullerton & Henry, in the states of Vermont and New York, and at Jaffrey, N. H.; had earlier been in business at Chester, Vt., with his uncle, Hugh Henry.

He represented R. in the legislatures of 1834 and 1835, and in 1836 was a member of the first senate of Vermont representing Windham county; was much interested in the building of the Rutland & Burlington R. R.: a member of its first board of directors; member of the Whig national convention at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1839, which nominated Gen. Harrison, and a presidential elector from Vermont the following year; in 1847 elected to congress, and became acquainted with, and warmly attached to, Abraham Lincoln, who then represented his district in Illinois; was again a presidential elector when Lincoln was elected, thus renewing their earlier association.

He was a broad minded, honest and conscientious citizen and public officer; an ardent lover of nature and an inveterate fisherman. His knowledge of fish and their habits made him an authority so that men like Agassiz sent to him for information in regard to them. Many stories of his experiences in fishing are still told by early residents. While cashier and the sole employee of the bank in its early days, and when the business did not require close attention, he frequently used to close the bank summer afternoons and go fishing, putting a notice upon the door "Down to the Eddy." In 1851 when the present Henry street was laid out, it was named for him. He arranged for setting out the beautiful row of trees upon each side that have given succeeding generations pleasure.

His mother was a dau. of Lieut. William Holden who served under Wolfe at Quebec and at Louisburg. His maternal gr. mother was Mary Alden, a direct descendant of John Alden of Plymouth colony. He m. Fanny Goodhue at Keene, N. H., dau. of Dr. Josiah Goodhue of Vermont and western Massachusetts; she d. Chester, Vt., 1823; he d. B. F., Apr. 16, 1861.

#### Children:

- i. ELIZABETH FANNY,<sup>2</sup> b. Mar. 22, 1821; d. July 5, 1888; m. at Keene, May 5, 1841. Dr. Charles Vose Bemis, of Medford, Mass., grad. Harvard, 1835. Children: 1. *Fanny Elizabeth*,<sup>3</sup> res. Medford, Mass.; 2. *Alice Goodhue*, m. June 20, 1894, Dr. Norman Fitch Chandler of Medford, Mass., Harvard medical school 1888; res. Medford, Mass. Children: i. Norman Bemis,<sup>4</sup> b. Medford, Mass., July 1, 1896. ii. Fanny Bemis, b. Medford, Mass., Aug. 14, 1898.
- ii. PATRICK HENRY, b. 1822; d. Burlington, Vt., 1842, while a member of the senior class of U. V. M.

#### HILLS

JABEZ<sup>6</sup> (*David*,<sup>5</sup> *Jabez*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>1</sup> came from England in the "*Susan & Ellen*," 1638, one of the first Speakers of the General Court of the Mass. Bay Colony), b. New Ipswich, N. H. in 1788; came to B. F. in 1805 and res. here the remainder of his life; probably the most eccentric character in the history of the town; always strictly honest, conscientious and of kindly heart; late in life developed a greed for money getting approaching a mania, and lived the life of a recluse with marked miserly instincts; accumulated much property and at death owned a large part of the real estate upon the west and south sides of the Square, the old paper mill site and water privilege, and other real estate and mortgages.

When he came to B. F. he became clerk in the store of Hall & Green upon the east side of the Square; was appointed postmaster 1810 to 1830 and kept the



post office in this store; noted as being very accommodating; wore an English queue and knee buckles, later discarded for an extremely beggarly suit and battered tall hat that became noticeable upon him; after 1830 had no business except to tend his hay scales that were located on the west side of the Square, in front of the present bank block; he d. Sept. 16, 1871, in an extremely forlorn room in a building owned by him on the west side of the Square where is now the block occupied by Goodnow Bros. & Pearson; \$700 in gold was found in an old tin teapot in a cupboard of his room, and securities to the amount of many thousands were also found.

Old residents never tire of telling the peculiarities of Mr. Hills, but underlying all were many traits of character to be highly commended. He never married.

#### HITCHCOCK

AMOS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Ichabod and Rebecca [Pardee] Hitchcock of Claremont, N. H.*), b. in Claremont, Nov. 2, 1796; came to R. village as a young man and was merchant, hotel-keeper and farmer; one of the earliest members of the first Masonic lodge here in 1817; m. Jan. 10, 1814, Philenia, dau. of Eliphalet Felt of R., b. May 3, 1790, d. Claremont, Dec. 20, 1872; he d. Claremont, Aug. 9, 1873.

Children all b. in R.

- i. HELEN PHILENIA,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 16, 1817.
- ii. MORTIMER, b. Dec. 9, 1818; d. Feb. 22, 1824.
- iii. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, b. Nov. 4, 1821.

#### HOIT

LEVI<sup>1</sup> (*son of Israel Robbins and Jemima Hoyt or "Hoyt" of Stowe, Mass.*), b. Stowe, Aug. 19, 1783; came to R. about 1809; was a mechanic and proprietor of a hotel in R. village; charter member of the first Masonic lodge in town in 1817, and the meetings were held in his hotel hall the next year; he later res. Windsor, Vt.; m. June 18, 1812, Eunice, dau. of Eliphalet Felt of R., b. in R. Oct. 20, 1787, d. in Windsor, Vt., Sept. 19, 1856; he d. Springfield, Vt., May 15, 1850; both buried in R. cemetery. They had a number of children b. in R.

#### HOIT

THEOPHILUS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Theophilus, gr. s. Eastman, gr. gr. s. of Joseph*), b. Westmoreland, N. H., Feb. 19, 1813; now the oldest man living in this town; early learned the trade of wool carding, cloth dressing and weaving ingrain carpets; employed in 1833 in mill of Faulkner & Company, Keene, N. H.; in Mar. 1835, rem. to S. R., worked for Jefferson T. Butler and later for Ammi Smith, woolen manufacturers; in 1836 went West, returning in Apr. 1838 and has since res. continuously in S. R. village; was member of firm of Geo. Perry & Co., owning mills at S. R. and Cambridgeport; later member of the firm of Farnsworth & Hoyt, but sold his interest in Aug., 1866 and retired; member of 1st Bap. chh. of S. R., fifty-four years; with other citizens he secured the location of Vt. Academy at S. R., and also contributed to its funds at one time, \$5,000.







SARAH BURR HOWARD (HIS WIFE).  
1826-1884.

LUTHER G. HOWARD.  
b. July 19, 1821.



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#### HOWARD

LUTHER G.<sup>7</sup> (*Dea. John*,<sup>6</sup> *Timothy*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*,<sup>1</sup> *who emigrated from England to Dorchester, Mass., 1632*), b. Lunenburg, Mass., July 19, 1822; learned the blacksmith's trade; came to B. F. in 1848 and from then till 1859 engaged in livery business here and in Fitchburg, Mass., and held contract for sawing wood for the locomotives of the Cheshire R. R.; 1859 to 1877 in lumber business in Paxton, Mass.; rem. to B. F., in 1877, engaged in hardware business with his son, Charles E.; they soon purchased "Mammoth block" on the south side of the Square which they remodeled and enlarged, putting in the first large plate glass windows used in town; in 1900 the firm of L. G. and C. E. Howard was merged into a corporation, Hloward Hardware Co., of which Mr. Howard is still president.

He has filled many offices of trust: selectman many years including those in which important improvements were made, among them the sewerage system of B. F., widening Westminster street and placing the bank wall on the east side; was first president of the New Bellows Falls Building association, and superintended erecting the building of the Vt. Farm Mach. Co.; always a wise counsellor in matters of public importance, and a public spirited citizen.

In 1895 he made the village of B. F. a gift of \$10,000 as a perpetual memorial of his deceased wife, the income to be used to assist the worthy poor of the village. (See page 477.) Since 1887 he has made his home in Reading, Mass.

He m. May 13, 1847, Sarah Burr, (dau. of Ebenezer Damon), b. Reading, North Parish, Mass., July 16, 1826, a descendant upon her mother's side of Rev. Jonathan Burr, b. 1604 in Red Grove, County of Suffolk, Eng. She was a woman of strong personality and Christian character; of marked domestic qualities, and one whose light shone brightest in her own home; a most devoted wife and mother; always mindful of the needy of the village, she took an active interest in the unfortunate during her life, thus making the memorial later given the village in her memory especially appropriate; she d. in B. F. Sept. 29, 1884.

#### Children :

- i. LYDIA FRANCES,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 25, 1848; res. in B. F., with her brother, Charles E.; unm.
- ii. SARAH MARIA, b. Aug. 16, 1850; d. Jan. 7, 1852.
- iii. CHARLES ELLIOTT, b. Sept. 19, 1852; has been town treasurer and is now the treasurer and acting manager of the Howard Hdwe. Co.; representative to the legislature in 1900-1; m. Apr. 17, 1894, Bertha M. Griffith of Claremont, N. H.; res. B. F.; no children.
- iv. HERBERT BURR, b. Mar. 24, 1855; received degree of "B. A." from Harvard College in 1881 and "M. D." in 1884; Supt. of State Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., 1891 to 1897; resident physician of Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass., since 1897; member of Mass. State Board of Insanity, 1898 to 1902; chairman of board of

trustees of State Colony for Insane since 1901; m. Oct. 1, 1886, Margaret Emily Pagelsen, b. Grand Haven, Mich., Oct. 15, 1869; res. Boston, Mass., Children: 1. *Charles Pagelsen*,<sup>9</sup> b. Tewksbury, Mass., Dec. 26, 1887. 2. *Sarah Ernestine*, b. Tewksbury, April 11, 1891.

- v. ERNEST CALDWELL, b. Paxton, Mass., July 7, 1860; is in hardware and coal trade in Whitman, Mass.; m. Oct. 15, 1885, Ada Betsey Way of Alstead, N. H., b. Sept. 23, 1866. Children: 1. *Luther Damon*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1889. 2. *Marjorie Emily*, b. July 14, 1892. 3. *Dorothy*, b. Apr. 19, 1899; d. Jan. 18, 1904.

## HUBBARD

LEONARD C.,<sup>1</sup> b. Holden, Mass., Aug., 1818; m. in 1842, Caroline Partridge Maynard, b. Holden, 1821, d. S. R. Aug. 26, 1867; he d. S. R. Sept. 26, 1890. He was a mill owner and justice of the peace at S. R. many years. Both were members of the Cong. chh. at S. R.

Children:

- i. CHARLES LEONARD,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1844; m. June 4, 1867, Abbie E., dau. of Theophilus Hoit, of S. R.; he d. in S. R. Jan. 2, 1876; she res. in S. R. Child: 1. *Carrie M.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1869; m. Sept. 3, 1891, Rev. Henry L. Ballou, a Congregational pastor of Chester, Vt. Children: i. Earl H.,<sup>4</sup> b. May 17, 1892. ii. Paul H., b. Aug. 7, 1897.
- ii. JOHN M., b. Mar. 13, 1847; is assistant postmaster at Chicago, Ill.; m. Helen M. Childs, Dec. 22, 1858. Children: 1. *John M.*,<sup>3</sup> res. Chicago. 2. *Mary Maynard*.
- iii. GEORGE H., b. Nov. 12, 1850; m. Ella Stillman of Kilbourn City, Wis., in 1878; he d. Aug. 1883. Child: 1. *Maynard*,<sup>3</sup> b. 1881.
- iv. MARY P., b. Nov., 1857; res. Chicago, Ill.

## HUGHES

THOMAS H.,<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Patrick Thomas, gr. s. of Thomas*), b. England, Nov. 9, 1844; m. Apr. 12, 1871, Jennie C. Osgood, b. Marlboro, Mass., Jan. 6, 1842; came to S. R. in 1876; merchant, plumber and tinman, a soldier of the Civil war: he res. in California; his family res. in S. R.

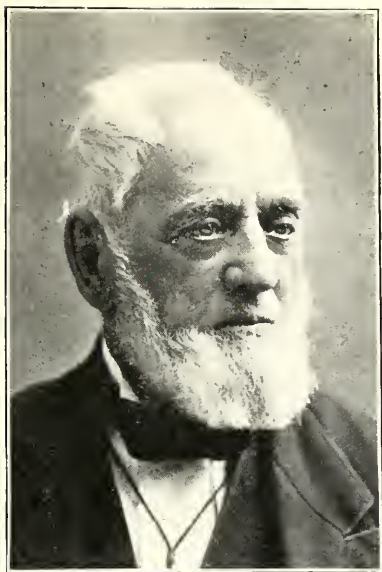
Children:

- i. RAY OSGOOD,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 13, 1879; grad. Vt. Academy, 1896, Brown university in 1900; is professor of Latin at Keystone academy, Factoryville, Pa.
- ii. CECIL KING, b. Mar. 8, 1882; grad. of Vt. Academy, 1900; mercantile clerk at S. R.

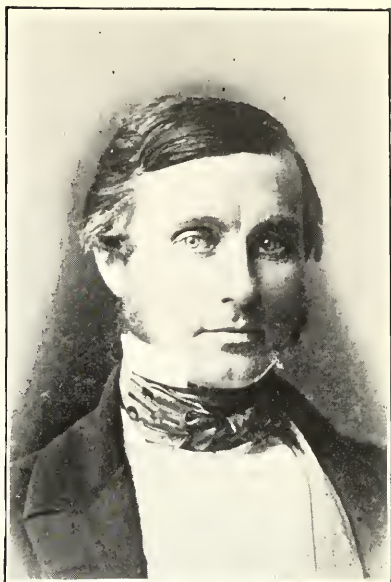
## HYDE

RUSSELL<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Dr. Dana and Lucy [Fitch] Hyde*), b. Guilford, Vt., Feb. 16, 1798; came to B. F. from Guilford in 1834 and during the remainder of his life was prominent in its business and social life. Had been adjutant of the 1st Regt. of Vermont militia in 1824, major 1825, lieut. col. 1828, chosen colonel of the same regiment in 1830, and held the position five yrs.; constable: deputy sheriff of Windham county 3 yrs., and represented the town of Guilford in the legislatures of 1830 and 1832; represented R. in 1850 and 1851; state senator in 1853 and 1854; selectman and lister in R. six

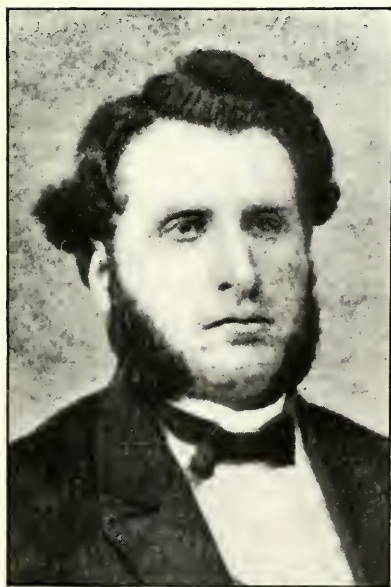




COL. RUSSELL HYDE.  
1798-1885.



COL. N. T. SHEAFE.  
1815-1893.



OSCAR D. GRAY.  
1828-1887.



OSCAR D. OLCOTT.  
1843-1897.





years; vestryman of Immanuel church five yrs.; postmaster of B. F., 1873 to 1878; justice of the peace forty years.

In 1834 he purchased of John Robertson the "Bellows Falls Stage House," a noted hostelry of that time that stood where Hotel Windham now stands; was landlord of this many years and then engaged in mercantile pursuits.

He m. 1st Jan. 1, 1822, Sarah Chase of Guilford, b. Sept. 29, 1799, d. Apr. 3, 1840; m. 2d Jan. 10, 1849, Mrs. Esther (Silby) Dougherty of town, N. H., d. Apr. 17, 1890; he d. B. F., Dec. 13, 1885.

Children:

- i. LUCY GERTRUDE,<sup>2</sup> b. Guilford, Sept. 29, 1824; m. Jan. 18, 1848, Col. Nathaniel Tracy Sheafe, s. of Jacob and Mary (Haven) Sheafe, b. Portsmouth, N. H. in 1815, grad. Dartmouth college, 1835, taught the high school of B. F. two yrs., studied law and was admitted to Windham county bar in 1839, practised at B. F., in 1843, he formed a partnership with Hon. William C. Bradley of Westminster which continued until he rem. to Derby Line, Vt. in 1851. He served at various times as state's attorney in Orleans county, was postmaster at Derby Line, cashier of the bank and commissioner of the U. S. Circuit court. He represented Westminster in the legislature of 1850. The title of Colonel was secured by service on the staff of Gov. Williams in 1850. He d. Derby Line, Vt., Aug., 1893; Mrs. Sheafe res. Derby Line. Children: 1. *Sarah Hyde*,<sup>3</sup> b. Westminster, Vt., Nov. 1, 1848; res. Derby Line: unm. 2. *Margaret Haven*, b. Derby Line, July 19, 1860; m. Horace Stewart Haskell of Derby Line, in 1882; res. Derby Line. Child: Tracy Sheafe,<sup>4</sup> b. June 14, 1885.
- ii. SARAH CHASE, b. Guilford, Aug. 25, 1827; m. Dec. 6, 1876, Joseph Willson of B. F.; she d. B. F., Jan. 6, 1878; no children.
- iii. RUSSELL FITCH, b. Guilford, Nov. 19, 1832; m. Nov. 10, 1859, Lucea Augustina Sheafe of Portsmouth, N. H.; res. Jamaica Plain, Mass. Children: 1. *Russell Sheafe*,<sup>3</sup> b. Jamaica Plain, Apr. 19, 1864; m. Nov. 2, 1896, Mabel A. Beaumont; res. Jamaica Plain. Child: Russell Beaumont,<sup>4</sup> b. Jamaica Plain, Sept. 28, 1897. 2. *Louise Augustina*, b. Oct. 16, 1870; res. Jamaica Plain: unm. 3. *Gertrude Sheafe*, b. July 27, 1875; res. Jamaica Plain: unm.

## JACKSON

SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> came from Keene N. H., in 1823 and built a store and brick dwelling about forty rods south of the present town farm, the little hamlet soon taking the name of "La Grange." (See page 372.) Postmaster, 1835-7, and many yrs. merchant of the village; m. Oct. 13, 1823, Laura, dau. of Elijah Lovell.

Children, (possibly more than two):

- i. SAMUEL CRAWFORD,<sup>2</sup> b. at La Grange, Nov. 15, 1824; m. Harriet Valeria, dau. of Samuel L. Billings of R. Children: 1. *Elizabeth B.*,<sup>3</sup> m. Horace Weston Thompson, a paper-mill owner of B. F., deceased; she res. B. F.; no ch. (*See Thompson.*) 2. *George S.*, m. Mary Jane Powers of Deadwood, S. D., where they res.; he is engaged in mining. Child: George Lewis.<sup>4</sup> 3. *Noyes L.*, m. Jessie May Boise; res. Belvidere, Ill., where he is engaged in mercantile business. Child: Wilma,<sup>4</sup> a student at Lake Forest university. 4. *Lena B.*, m. Henry Haven Windsor of Chicago, publisher and magazine editor; res. Evanston, Ill. Child: Henry Haven.<sup>4</sup>

- ii. NOYES L., b. at La Grange, Nov. 15, 1827; m. Sarah Stoddard of N. Y. city. He went "round the horn" to California in '49 and remained until 1856; ret. then to Bartonsville and invested in paper-mills that were later destroyed by freshet; res. Bartonsville.

## JOHNSON

WILLIAM HENRY<sup>1</sup> (*§. of Dr. Stephen who came to Walpole, N. H., from Connecticut about 1790, and practised there until death, 1836*), b. Walpole July 12, 1833; grad. N. Y. Medical college; practised a few years; principal B. F. H. S., 1859-61; sutler in army, Civil war; insurance, drug trade and chair manufacturing in B. F. until 1875, then engaged in marble business in Rutland, Vt.; res. in Rutland and N. Y. city until death, dealing somewhat in Colorado silver mining securities; active in Masonry and in politics; represented R. in legislature of 1866-7; delegate to Republican national convention, 1876.

He m. 1st about 1861, Sarah Gates of Walpole, d. 1872; m. 2d 1875, Sarah Jane Chatterton of Center Rutland, d. 1884; he d. Center Rutland April 28, 1904.

## Children:

- i. EDWARD STEPHEN,<sup>2</sup> b. in B. F. July 20, 1865; employee of American express; m. Feb. 1, 1888, Jessie Maynard, at Fair Haven, Vt. Child: 1. *Helen Maynard*,<sup>3</sup> b. Center Rutland, May 31, 1893; res. Center Rutland.
- ii. WILLIAM GUY, b. B. F., July 1, 1867; engaged first in marble trade, now in automobile garage in N. Y. city; m. Addie Borden of N. Y. city; no children.
- iii. GRACE ELIZA, b. B. F., Oct. 18, 1872; m. Arthur Graham; res. N. Y. city; no children.
- iv. WAIT CHATTERTON, b. Center Rutland, Mar., 1876; is a lieut. in 26th U. S. Inf.; m. July, 1900, at Burlington, Vt., Chastine Mary Miner. Child: 1. *Charles Miner*,<sup>3</sup> b. Manila, P. I., May 23, 1902.
- v. STANLEY MATTHEW, b. 1878; d. in infancy.

## JONES

ELIJAH,<sup>1</sup> in 1808 came from Providence, R. I., to Brattleboro, and the next year to S. R.; purchased a large farm that comprised what is now the north part of the village of S. R., including Pleasant St., and Vt. Academy grounds, extending to the top of the hill near Minard's pond; selectman 1821-2; m. Esther M. Richardson, d. Oct. 3, 1874, ae. 86 yrs.; he d. Feb. 18, 1852, ae. 67 yrs.

## Children all b. in S. R.:

- i. SARAH ALMEDA,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 27, 1810; m. Robert Wiley. (*See Wiley.*)
- ii. CHARLES LYSANDER, b. Sept. 10, 1812; engaged in the soap manufacture in Boston and accumulated wealth; donated to Vt. Academy \$20,000, and the present building known as "Jones Hall" was named for him; m. Aug. 13, 1839, Ellen Hooper of Walpole, N. H.; he d. Mar. 19, 1879; res. Cambridge, Mass.; no children.
- iii. ESTHER MARY, b. Feb. 24, 1816; m. 1st Harris Herbart; m. 2d June 8, 1871, Solon Perry of S. R.; she d. Feb. 8, 1882. (*See Perry.*)

- iv. LUCIUS ALLEN, b. Aug. 18, 1818; m. Aug. 3, 1842, Frances R. Hooper of Walpole; in business with his brothers in Boston; res. Cambridge, Mass.; has two sons, *Charles W.*,<sup>3</sup> president of N. E. National Bank of Boston, and *Francis H.*
- v. HARRIET ALMIRA, b. Apr. 17, 1821; d. Sept. 17, 1823.
- vi. ELIZABETH ALMIRA, b. Sept. 4, 1823; m. 1st Joseph Axtell, Oct. 28, 1851; m. 2d Charles Smith, Nov. 18, 1863; she now res. in S. R.; no children.
- vii. HENRY ELIJAH, b. July 14, 1826; a soap mfr.; res. Cambridge, Mass.
- viii. WILLIAM RICHARDSON, b. Oct. 3, 1828.
- ix. MARTHA ELLEN, b. Jan. 14, 1832; m. Solon Perry of S. R. (*See Perry.*)

### JONES

DR. REUBEN,<sup>1</sup> was one of the earliest, possibly the earliest resident physician in town. Of his ancestry and early life nothing has been learned. He was in town as early as 1774, and was probably living on the farm which he at that time owned just north of the mouth of Williams river. He was then 27 yrs. old, an ardently patriotic and impulsive young man.

During the years of the Revolution and the formation of the state of Vermont which followed, Dr. Jones took an active and leading part. A close study of the affairs of Vt. during that era indicates that he assumed a part in those times "which tried men's souls" not exceeded in importance by more than half a dozen of the patriots, and state builders, of that period.

As early as 1774, Dr. Jones of R. and Capt. Azariah Wright of Westminster learned of oppressive measures being taken by the Tories and their courts, and counseled together to resist them. Dr. Jones and Capt. Wright were leaders in the movements which culminated the night of Mar. 13, 1775, in the Westminster massacre, in which the first blood of the Revolution was shed. They, with their followers, were to the Liberty party in Eastern Vt. what Col. Ethan Allen and his "Green Mountain Boys" were on the west side of the state. Tradition says that for some years previous, these three men had matured plans for resisting the New York sheriffs should they come to deprive the "grantees" of their homes. Ethan Allen was a kinsman of Capt. Wright and a frequent guest at his home in Westminster, as well as in various families in R., including those of Dr. Jones and Joshua Webb.

On the day of the massacre, Dr. Jones was one of the party of sixty-five or more men who marched from R. to Westminster, and after arming themselves with sticks of wood from Capt. Wright's wood pile, a short distance north of the old court house, resisted the entrance into that building of the officials of the Tory court. This resistance resulted in the death that night of two Liberty men and the wounding of several others.

The next day "Dr. Jones rode express and hatless to Dummerston" arousing the Liberty people, and, returning with a large force of patriotic citizens, they arrested and jailed the court officials, with the result that a further term of the courts under New York authority was never held in this county.

He was educated possibly more than others in this vicinity who were interested in public affairs of that day, as he alone was chosen to write for the world that historic document, "A Relation of the Proceedings of the People of the County of Cumberland and Province of New York." This was

the authoritative narrative of the oppression of the people of the county leading to the massacre, and the circumstances and results of it from the Liberty standpoint. It was written to controvert that other statement, issued the day after the event by Judge Chandler and other court officials telling the story from their viewpoint and known to history as the "State of the Facts." The account written by Dr. Jones is a clear cut, concise and able document, proving the falsity of many of the more important statements made by the judges in their "State of the Facts." His impulsive character is shown by his having, the next day, counseled the shooting of the members of the Tory court who took part in the massacre, but the wise counsel of Capt. (later General) Benj. Bellows of Walpole prevented further shedding of blood at that time.

During all the troublous months following this first outbreak, Dr. Jones was a leading spirit in the councils and deliberations of the citizens of this commonwealth which led up to the independence of Vt. from the domination of either England, New York, or New Hampshire, and the creation of the new Republic of Vt. (1777) that became (1791) the 14th of the sisterhood of states. He served as clerk of the Westminster convention, Apr. 11, 1775, and was a member of every convention of citizens on the east side of the state, including those at which the state constitution was adopted and the name "Vermont" chosen, as well as the memorable one held at Dorset, Sept. 25, 1776. These conventions were the creative bodies of the Republic of Vt., and in each the name of "Dr. Reuben Jones of Rockingham" was prominent in debate and upon committee. Many of the important public documents of that day were drafted by him. Through him this town was more constantly and prominently represented in this creative period than any other town upon the east side of the Green mountains, thus giving to its settlers an important influence in the formation of our noble state.

The convention of January, 1777, chose Dr. Jones one of a committee to go to Washington in behalf of Vt., and present her claims to existence to Congress. Upon the report of this delegation was very largely based the subsequent action of Vt. in maintaining her independence for so many years. Samuel Williams, LL. D., who in 1794 published the first History of Vt. says, on p. 232: "they petitioned congress that their declaration might be received, that the district therein described might be ranked among the free and independent American states; and delegates therefrom be admitted to a seat in Congress. This declaration and petition was signed and presented to Congress in behalf of the inhabitants, by four of the most respectable members of the convention: Jonas Fay, Thomas Chittenden, Heman Allen and Reuben Jones."

Another eminent authority in history gives Dr. Jones the following tribute: "the names of Dr. Jonas Fay, Thomas Chittenden, Heman Allen and Reuben Jones, among the foremost in the great work of state building, are preserved. So too, are those of Nathaniel Chipman, statesman and jurist, and of Ira Allen, diplomat and financier. So, also, are the names of Ethan Allen and Seth Warner, sterling patriots and incomparable soldiers."

Dr. Jones was surgeon of the first military company of the town, organized between 1768 and 1774, and commanded by Capt. Stephen Sargeant. In

later years he was the surgeon of Col. Wm. Williams' regiment, and it is probable that he was surgeon for larger divisions of troops as his receipt is on file in the office of the secretary of state given to Ira Allen, state treasurer, for 1314£, 13s. "to purchase medicines for the troops in the state service."

He represented R. in the first three legislatures of Vt., those of 1778, 1779 and 1780. He then rem. to Chester, Vt., and represented that town in the legislature of 1781, and in each of these four sessions the record shows he took a leading part.

Like so many of the early settlers of Vt. he became involved in debt. The laws of that time imprisoned debtors who could not meet their obligations and having been seized in New Hampshire, at the instance of an inhabitant of that state, Dr. Jones was confined in the jail of Cheshire county, then located in Charlestown, during a part of the summer of 1785. On the 16th of Aug. he effected his escape, and to evade the officers returned to Vt., where he was rearrested and taken to Chester by John Griswold of Springfield.

His genial and popular nature is shown by the fact that at this time of adversity his friends did not desert him. As Griswold was taking him away, John Caryl and Amos Fisher, citizens of Chester, made an attack upon the officer and took Dr. Jones away from him. The supreme court found an indictment against the doctor and his two friends for resisting an officer, but the records do not show that either of the three was ever brought to trial.

Dr. Jones was one of the 65 grantees of the town of Concord, Vt., by the legislature, and, Nov. 30, 1779, he received title from John Whittney 2d, of R., to a share in the previously granted islands of Lake Champlain known as the "Two Heroes."

The records of the 1st Town chh. in R. show that Dr. Jones and his wife were received as members, Feb. 13, 1780, and that three of his sons were baptized there upon various dates.

For the next 40 years little is known of this sterling patriot of early days. At some time during these years he rem. to the west side of Lake Champlain and evidently became reduced to straightened circumstances. The journal of the legislature for the year 1821 shows a petition received from him, and a special act was passed Nov. 8, 1821 as follows: "It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, that the treasurer of the state, be, and hereby is, directed to pay Reuben Jones of Jay in the state of New York one hundred dollars, immediately, after the passing of this act; it being as full compensation for his services in support of the claims of the inhabitants of the New Hampshire grants, before the organization of this State," thus, although at a late day, acknowledging the important services rendered by him.

DR. REUBEN,<sup>1</sup> b. Mar. 7, 1747; m. Eunice —; d. Keeseville, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1833 and was interred there in Evergreen cemetery. The Chester, Vt., town records, Vol. A, p. 161, give the following record of their

Children:

- i. ELI,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1781.
- ii. MOSES, b. Nov. 1, 1782.
- iii. EUNIS, b. Jan. 12, 1785.
- iv. REUBEN, b. Feb. 19, 1788.



1. DR REUBEN<sup>2</sup> (*s. of Dr. Reuben, 1747*), b. Feb. 19, 1788; studied medicine with Dr. Goodrich of Peru, N. Y., and practised at Jay, Essex Co., N. Y.; rem. to Keeseville, N. Y., in 1822; a surgeon of the war of 1812, in service at the Battle of Champlain; a man of superior attainments and a fluent speaker; was county judge a number of years; rem. to Bath-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. in 1852, and to Albany, N. Y., in 1858.

He m. Betsey Ketchum, d. Feb. 24, 1870; he d. Albany, N. Y., May 20, 1859.

Children:

- i. DR. ERASMUS DARWIN,<sup>3</sup> b. Upper Jay, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1818; became an eminent physician and surgeon at Albany, N. Y., and prominent in the medical world; one of the founders of the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society in 1850, and a senior member in 1886; he m. Sept. 8, 1842, Sarah Jane Phelps of Albany; he d. Albany, Aug. 17, 1895. Children: 1. *Catherine Phelps*,<sup>4</sup> b. May 22, 1843; d. Feb. 21, 1845. 2. *Dr. Charles E.*, b. Feb. 15, 1849; d. Dec. 1, 1899; unm. 3. *Emma Louisa*, b. Nov. 12, 1851; m. Oct. 9, 1878, Frederick E. Wadhams, an attorney; res. Albany. Child: 1. Elizabeth Jones,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1879; m. Apr. 25, 1906, Garland P. Robinson, formerly of Danville, Va.; res. Albany. 4. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. June 30, 1857; d. July 23, 1883; unm.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. 1822; d. Dec. 9, 1855.

### JOHNSON

HENRY CHAMBERLIN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of David*), b. Newfane, Vt., Apr. 1, 1840; came to S. R. about 1868; owned grocery store; was P. M. 1873-1883; represented the town in 1878.

He m. Martha Washington Rathwell of Washington, D. C., Oct. 30, 1866, d. Washington, Dec. 22, 1898; he d. at S. R., Dec. 25, 1882.

Children all b. in S. R.:

- i. ETTA BERTHA,<sup>2</sup> b. Aug. 20, 1868; m. Wm. Miller; res. Forest Glen, Md.; no children.
- ii. HARRY CLIFTON, b. Dec. 4, 1870; is an employee of Smithsonian Institute; res. Washington, D. C.; unm.

### KEITH

GRINDALL,<sup>1</sup> b. near R. village, about 1796; a farmer and cattle broker for 50 yrs., dealing in live stock with the Boston markets; m. 1st Sarah Meades; m. 2d Sarah Smith; he d. Grafton, Vt., July 27, 1873.

Child by first wife:

- i. HELEN,<sup>2</sup> now deceased.  
Child by second wife:
- ii. ADDIE, m. Levi W. Derby of Cambridgeport, Vt.; she d. June 31, 1873, æ. 32 yrs.; he res. Cambridgeport. Child: 1. *Fred K.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 5, 1871; res. Brighton, Mass.; unm.

### KELLOGG

DANIEL<sup>6</sup> (*Daniel*,<sup>5</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Lieut. Joseph*<sup>1</sup>), b. Amherst, Mass., Feb. 10, 1791; grad. Williams college, 1810; studied law with his brother-in-law, Gen. Martin Field; began practice of law in S. R. village, 1814; res. there until 1854; removed to Brattleboro, Vt., where

he res. remainder of his life; was state's attorney of Windham county; judge of probate of Westminster district 1819-20; secretary of the Governor and Council of Vt., during terms of Gov. Van Ness, 1823-8; U. S. District attorney for Vt. 12 yrs. under Presidents Jackson and Van Buren; Adj. and Inspector Gen. of Vt.; represented R. in legislature 1845; Senator from Windham county 2 yrs.; president of the State Constitutional Convention; from 1845 to 1852 a judge of the Supreme Court of Vt.; received deg. LL. D. from the University of Vt. in 1853; many times Democratic candidate for governor of Vt.; in 1853 candidate for U. S. senator, lacking but two votes of an election.

When Gen. Lafayette visited Vt. in 1825, Gov. Van Ness was ill and on Judge Kellogg devolved the duty of welcoming him to the state, and extending its hospitality. During the 60 yrs. of his public life, he maintained a reputation for rare thoroughness, fidelity and integrity. In manners he was a gentleman of the old school, erect, dignified and urbane.

He m. 1st May 23, 1820, Jane, dau. of James McAfee of S. R., b. Oct. 2, 1793, d. S. R. Sept. 13, 1827; m. 2d Feb. 2, 1830, Merab Ann, dau. of Hon. Wm. C. Bradley of Westminster, b. Westminster, Feb. 4, 1806, d. S. R., Mar. 27, 1845; m. 3rd June 30, 1847, Miranda Metcalf Aldis of St. Albans, Vt., b. June 20, 1803; he d. Brattleboro, May 10, 1875.

Children all b. at S. R.:

- i. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> d. in infancy.
- ii. HENRY, b. Aug. 23, 1823; grad. Williams college 1843; read law with Hon. Wm. C. Bradley at Westminster; drowned while bathing in Connecticut river June 18, 1844; unm.
- iii. GEORGE BRADLEY, b. Nov. 6, 1825; read law with Hon. Asa Keyes of Brattleboro; admitted to Windham Co. bar Nov., 1844, and to Supreme Court, Feb., 1847; began practice in company with his father in S. R. in 1846; rem. to Brattleboro in 1855; P. M. of Brattleboro; state's attorney three yrs.; Adj. and Insp. Gen. for Vt. 1854 to 1859; represented Brattleboro in legislature two yrs.; was active in raising and enlisting 1st Vt. Cavalry of which he was lieut. col. in the Civil war; at conclusion of the war he resumed practice of his profession in St. Louis, Mo., and d. there Nov., 1875; m. Mar. 15, 1847, Mary Lee, dau. of Urial Sikes of Brattleboro, b. Oct. 10, 1826. Children: 1. *Jane McAfee*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1849; m. in 1872, Victor W. Fisher; res. St. Louis, Mo. Children: i. Mary Lee,<sup>9</sup> b. 1872. ii. James Edward, b. 1872, (twins). iii. Guy Kellogg, b. 1874. iv. Rose McAfee, b. 1878. 2. *Sarah Bradley*, b. Jan. 6, 1853; d. Aug. 17, 1853.
- iv. SARAH BRADLEY, b. Aug. 17, 1831; m. Nov. 6, 1855, Henry Augustus Willard of "Willard's Hotel" Washington, D. C.; now res. in Washington. Child: 1. *Henry Kellogg*,<sup>8</sup> b. Washington, Oct. 20, 1856; m. Nov. 6, 1901; res. Washington. Children: i. Henry Augustus,<sup>9</sup> (2d) b. Washington, Sept. 20, 1902. ii. William Bradley, b. Washington, Aug. 17, 1904.
- v. DANIEL, b. in 1833; d. in 1834.
- vi. DANIEL, b. Apr. 9, 1835; now res. Westminster, Vt.; has been assistant judge of Windham county court; m. May 2, 1861, Margaret White May of Westminster, b. Westminster, Apr. 10, 1833, d. Westminster, Nov. 30, 1892. Children: 1. *William May*,<sup>8</sup> b. July 27, 1862. 2. *Merab Ann Bradley*, b. Apr. 27, 1865; m. John Harris Williams of B. F. (*See Williams*.) 3. *Susan White*, b. June 12, 1871; res. Westminster; unm.

## KIDDER

EDWARD PAOLI<sup>7</sup> (*John*,<sup>6</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Ephraim*,<sup>2</sup> *James*,<sup>1</sup> came from England to Cambridge, Mass., before 1650), b. Wardsboro, Vt., Feb. 21, 1829; came to B. F. from Jamaica, Vt., 1854; employed as machinist in R. R. shop and later as foreman in other machine shops.

He m. Dec. 5, 1851, Laura Ann Mower, b. Westminster, Vt., Oct. 31, 1831, d. July 2, 1902; he res. B. F.

## Children :

- i. GERTRUDE IDELE,<sup>8</sup> b. Wardsboro, Vt., Oct. 12, 1852; m. in B. F., Oct. 17, 1887, Nelson W. Dawes who d. May 13, 1894; she res. B. F.; no children.
- ii. ROWE EDWARD, b. Wardsboro, Vt., July 23, 1854; m. in Topeka, Kan., July 28, 1884, Austa Elizabeth Wintrode; owns and operates an extensive flouring mill; res. Kansas City, Mo. Children: 1. *Edward Wintrode*,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept. 6, 1885. 2. *Laura Katherine*, b. May 21, 1888. 3. *Austa Gertrude*, b. Feb. 8, 1891. 4. *Ruth Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 15, 1896.
- iii. ANNIE LAURA, b. Westminster, Vt., June 23, 1857; m. Sept. 15, 1882, Warren H. Clark of Marlboro, N. H.; res. Marlboro. Child: 1. *Maurice Chester*,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 13, 1888.
- iv. HELEN FRANCES, b. Westminster, Vt., Nov. 5, 1859; d. Aug. 6, 1878.
- v. GRACE ANTHA, b. B. F., Mar. 23, 1866; compositor in the office of the *Bellows Falls Times*; unm.
- vi. CHARLIE MOORE, b. B. F., July 17, 1874; d. Jan. 14, 1891.

## KIMBALL

EZRA F.<sup>7</sup> (*Francis H.*,<sup>6</sup> *Ezra*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> "*Kem-bolde*," *Richard*,<sup>1</sup> "*Kimbolde*"), b. Brattleboro, Vt., Apr. 17, 1811; came to B. F. from Haverhill, N. H., in 1837; many years a merchant tailor here. In 1857, he sold his business and became mail agent between Springfield, Mass. and Barton, Vt., then the northern point of the Passumpsic R. R.; retired in 1861. Ezra,<sup>5</sup> served in the Revolutionary war for three yrs. in Capt. White's company, Putnam's regiment, enlisting from New Ipswich, N. H. The emigrant ancestor, Richard,<sup>1</sup> came from Rattlesden, county of Suffolk, Eng., to America in 1634, in the ship "Elizabeth" and settled in Watertown, Mass.

He m. May 1, 1834, Maddalena Olcott, dau. of Capt. Billy Dodge, b. on the ship "Maddalena," at sea, off Cape of Good Hope, May 30, 1816; d. Montpelier, Vt., Apr. 16, 1890; he d. Montpelier, July 7, 1888.

## Children :

- i. GEORGE WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup> b. Haverhill, N. H., Apr. 17, 1836; m. May 17, 1860, Esther Elmira Butterfield of B. F., b. Sept. 26, 1835; they res. B. F. Children: 1. *Frederic Henry*,<sup>9</sup> b. St. Johns, P. Q., Jan. 22, 1864; now cashier Rut. R. R. freight office at B. F.; m. Aug. 4, 1886, Emily Orinda, dau. of Henry W. Sabin. Children all b. in B. F. i. *Hugh Sabin*,<sup>10</sup> b. June 5, 1887. ii. *Gladys Eleanor*, b. June 24, 1890. iii. *Helen Esther*, b. Aug. 3, 1892. iv. *Maddalena Olcott*, b. Apr. 6, 1894. 2. *George William*, b. Bennington, Vt., Mar. 23, 1870; now travelling auditor B. & M. R. R.; m. Mar. 23, 1896, Frances Adams; res. St. Johnsbury, Vt.; no children.
- ii. JULIA MARIA, b. Haverhill, N. H., May 11, 1837; m. June 27, 1864,

Hiram Atkins, a well known editor of B. F., and Montpelier, Vt.; she d. Montpelier, Vt., May 5, 1892; no children.

- iii. HENRY MORTIMER, b. B. F., Mar. 2, 1843; res. B. F. and Boston, Mass.; unm.

#### KIRKLAND

DR. EDWARD<sup>7</sup> (*Edward*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> *emigrated from London to Saybrook, Conn., in 1655*), b. Brattleboro, Vt., Mar. 31, 1861; grad. Hahnemann Medical college, Philadelphia, in '86; came to B. F. from Brattleboro in 1888; has practised his profession here since that time.

He m. Sept. 4, 1888, Mary Chase, b. Acton, Mass., Aug. 12, 1863; res. B. F.

Children :

- i. EDWARD CHASE,<sup>8</sup> b. May 24, 1894.
- ii. ISABELLE MAY, b. Apr. 24, 1900.

#### KNIGHT

SIMEON<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Benjamin and Esther [Burt]*), b. Northfield, Mass., May 23, 1725; one of the "grantees" of the town of R. in 1752; one of the first three settlers here in 1753, and closely identified with the "proprietors" management of its affairs; prominent in all military affairs of this vicinity from 1748 to 1759; a soldier in the garrison at Fort Dummer, 1748; a grantee of Westmoreland, N. H., 1752; in the Crown Point expedition from Northfield, Mass., with Moses Wright, 1755; in Capt. Burk's company at Crown Point, 1756; did "ranging service" in 1757; at the capitulation of Fort William Henry, Aug. 9, 1757; was a captive in Canada, Sept. 20, 1758, but d. before Apr. 15, 1759, probably while in captivity.

He m. Sarah, dau. of John Harwood of Ware River, Mass. A stone in the old cemetery at R. states that "Widow Sarah Roundy, formerly wife of Simeon Knight, d. May 12, 1812, ae. 84."

Children :

- i. EUNICE,<sup>2</sup> b. July 24, 1751; m. Jan. 30, 1772, Joseph Nash of Hadley, Mass.
- ii. LOIS, b. Feb. 4, 1753.
- iii. ELISHA, b. Northfield, Dec. 29, 1754; brought to R. as an infant by his parents and later took a prominent part in early affairs of the town; was one of the company that "marched to Ticonderogue" in 1777; he m. in R., June 16, 1782, Phoebe Stowell. Children :  
1. *Asahel*,<sup>3</sup> bap. at R., Aug. 1, 1784. 2. *Amanda*, bap. at R., June 19, 1785. 3. *Phoebe Root*, bap. at R., Aug. 5, 1787. 4. *Amasa*, bap. at R., Oct. 25, 1790.
- iv. ELIJAH, b. Northfield, Dec. 27, 1756; came to R. with his parents upon the organization of the town in 1761; was prominent in all military affairs in the Connecticut valley while Vermont was an independent republic, 1777 to 1791; was lieut. and captain of the R. company, and major and lieut. col. of the regt.; was in command of the state troops in the expedition to Guilford, 1784; town clerk, 1786-7; admitted to Windham county bar June, 1796, and was the first lawyer of this town; admitted to Supreme court, Aug., 1803; judge of probate for the District of Westminster, 1815 to 1820 and his office was in R. village; m. at R., Sept. 5, 1779, Mercy Fuller. Child: *Simeon*,<sup>3</sup> bap. at R., Feb. 17, 1782.

## LAKE

HENRY<sup>4</sup> (*Daniel*.<sup>3</sup> *Eleazer*.<sup>2</sup> *Henry*.<sup>1</sup> *emigrated from Eng., and d. Topsfield, Mass., 1733*), b. Topsfield, Mass., Sept. 19, 1759; came from Rindge, N. H. to Walpole 1791 and to R., 1795, locating on a farm 2 miles west of S. R. village which for over 100 yrs. was owned and occupied by his descendants, six generations, now occupied by Emery Vancor. This farm was purchased of Peter Bellows, and when Mr. Lake came there were but few neighbors, and only two houses in what is now S. R. village. He found two "squatters" on his farm, one being a man named Crow who had twenty-one children. There was then no school in S. R., or in all that neighborhood. Mr. Lake soon built a corn barn. 18 x 24 ft. which is still standing upon the premises, and in connection with the squatters, hired Phoebe Bemis to teach the children in that building. The three families made a much larger school than has been known in that neighborhood for many years, even with the larger population of later generations. Here Mr. Lake raised his family of twelve children.

Among his children were nine brothers, eight of whom became school teachers. The whole family were musical, and has so continued to the present generation. Each played one or more instruments and the "Lake Band" was a musical organization noted in its day. It was in great demand for militia musters, Fourth of July celebrations and all similar occasions. The instruments were much different from those of present day bands, and included 2 fifes, 3 drums, 1 each clarinet, bugle, haut-boy (tenor), and bassoon (base).

During his long residence in R., Henry Lake held many offices of trust and responsibility. He represented the town in the legislature of 1812, and again in 1814. When he came to R. in 1795 he brought with him his father Daniel, then aged 71, who lived with him until his death, Sept. 28, 1810. Daniel and his sons, Henry and Enos, were soldiers of the Revolution, and all went to Ticonderoga to help head off Gen. Burgoyne, but Burgoyne's army had got by before they reached there. Daniel and Enos went to their home in Rindge, N. H., but Henry, the subject of this sketch, went with Stark's army to Bennington and took part in the battle. Clark S. Lake, a grandson of Henry, still living in S. R., has the knapsack which was carried by Henry on the famous march across the mountains, and during the battle. The command camped the first night from Rindge at Charlestown, N. H., and the second night at Peru, Vt., and in after years both Daniel and Henry entertained many of R.'s early settlers with narrations of incidents of the march and battle.

Daniel, previous to coming to R., had been prominent in the early history of the town of Rindge, and frequently chosen to office. He was selectman and town clerk there in 1771, and in 1777 he was appointed justice of the peace. Four of his sons served with him in the Revolution.

Henry,<sup>4</sup> the first of the name to settle in this town, m., 1782, Prudence Lovejoy, b. Rindge, N. H., Apr. 22, 1762; he d. Aug. 29, 1845, ae. 86.

## Children :

- i. SYLVANUS,<sup>5</sup> b. Rindge, Jan. 26, 1783; went to Mount Clemens, Mich.; was a farmer; d. Howell, Mich.; unm.



- ii. SARAH, b. Rindge, Nov. 29, 1784; m. Jonas Clark of S. R.; no children.
- i. iii. HENRY, b. Rindge, Apr. 27, 1786; m. Abigail Stevens.
- iv. LEONARD, b. Rindge, Feb. 21, 1788; d. on the old farm Sept. 7, 1814; no children.
- v. LUTHER, b. Rindge, Nov. 28, 1790; m. Lucina Walker of Grafton; rem. to Charlotte, N. Y., and d. there Aug. 27, 1851. Had two daughters, one named *Lountha*.<sup>6</sup>
- vi. CALVIN, b. Walpole, N. H., Nov. 5, 1792; rem. to Charlotte; m. Aug. 12, 1822, Sarah Mather, a descendant of Cotton Mather; d. there Sept. 6, 1852. Children: 1. *Henry C.*<sup>6</sup> b. Charlotte Center, N. Y., May 30, 1823; m. July 4, 1847, Margaret M. Ames, d. Fredonia, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1896; he d. Fredonia, Sept. 15, 1901. Children: i. Clarence H.,<sup>7</sup> b. Charlotte Center, Nov. 20, 1853; m. at Fredonia, June 22, 1873, Belle E. Webster. Children: 1. Francis Webster,<sup>8</sup> b. Fredonia, Apr. 30, 1876; grad. Leland Stanford Jr. university, Cal., May, 1897; d. Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 16, 1897. 2. Howard Clarence, b. Fredonia, Apr. 3, 1881; grad. Cornell university, June 1904; admitted to the practice of law, Nov., 1904. ii. Nellie C.,<sup>7</sup> b. Charlotte Center, Oct. 21, 1854; m. Apr. 10, 1904, Lorenzo C. Graves. iii. Mary M., b. Charlotte Center, May 16, 1859; m. at Fredonia, Oct. 12, 1881, Frank H. Edmunds; she d. Ashville, N. C., May 5, 1898. Children: 1. Louis Lake,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1882. 2. Clarence Frank, b. Aug. 22, 1884. 3. Margaret Miami, b. Mar. 19, 1887. 4. Isabel Lake, b. Feb. 15, 1890. 5. Arthur John, b. Jan. 31, 1893. iv. Norman Francis,<sup>7</sup> b. Charlotte Center, Mar. 18, 1864; d. Fredonia, July, 1865. 2. *Frances N.*<sup>6</sup> 3. *Cornelia S.*, b. Charlotte Center, Feb. 15, 1835; m. Daniel S. Woodward; d. Fredonia, July 5, 1871. Children: i. Charles Daniel,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1857; m. Harriet M. Ninton; no children. ii. John, b. Aug. 19, 1859; is Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, serving on the Appellate Division in Brooklyn; m. at Fredonia, May 26, 1886, Mary Barker. Children: 1. Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 20, 1887. 2. Frances, b. Apr. 27, 1894. iii. Florence,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 6, 1866; m. July, 1901, Eugene Butler; res. Washburn, N. Dak. Child: Carrol Eugene,<sup>8</sup> b. 1902. iv. Henry Lake,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 2, 1868; m. Cora Strannahan; he d. Mar. 28, 1905; no children. 4. *Ellen*.<sup>6</sup>
- vii. ESTHER, b. Walpole, Oct. 17, 1794; m. Sabin Clark of R.; rem. to Hancock, Vt.; d. July 23, 1845. Children: 1. *Henry*.<sup>6</sup> 2. *Lucius*.
- viii. NATHAN, b. in R., Nov. 29, 1796; m. Elvira Nourse of R.; rem. to Charlotte; d. there Oct. 29, 1877. Had one son.
- ix. RIAL, b. in R., Oct. 31, 1799; enlisted as drummer in War of 1812, marched to Plattsburg but was in the service only a short time; grad. Middlebury college, 1824; taught school in Phila. and later was a farmer; rem. to Howell, Mich.; m. Aug. 14, 1833, Mary Frances, dau. of Jonathan Burt of R.; d. Howell, Feb. 20, 1896; he d. Howell, Dec. 30, 1851. Children: 1. *Mary Campbell*,<sup>6</sup> b. Phila., Pa., Jan. 26, 1835; d. Howell, Oct. 5, 1840. 2. *Rial Franklin*, b. Phila., July 1, 1837; d. Phila., Aug. 17, 1837. 3. *Rebecca Frances*, b. Phila., July 1, 1837; m. Sept. 6, 1858, Ferdinand Walker Munson. Children: i. Rial Lake,<sup>7</sup> b. Howell, Oct. 20, 1860; d. Topeka, Kan., Sept. 19, 1882. ii. Melvin Henry, b. Howell, Nov. 18, 1864; d. Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 10, 1893. iii. Welton Marks, b. Howell, Apr. 8, 1866, a prof. in Orono, Me. college; m. at Orono, Dec. 26, 1901, Mattie Allen. Child: Barbara Allen,<sup>8</sup> b. Orono, June 2, 1903. iv. Infant, b. Howell, May 11, 1877; d. Howell, May 16, 1877. 4. *Flora*, b. Howell, May 9, 1839; d. Howell, Oct. 21, 1840. 5. *Harriet Lavinia*, b. Howell, July 30, 1841; d. Howell, July 28, 1851. 6. *Helen Eliza*, (twin



- sister of Harriet Lavinia), b. Howell, July 30, 1841; d. Marion, Mich., June 29, 1870: unm. 7. *Henry Freeman*, b. Howell, Nov. 1, 1843; a soldier in the Civil war; m. 1st at Brighton, Mich., May 14, 1872, Mary L. Tork; d. June 26 1874; m. 2d, at Howell, Mich., Mar. 15, 1892, Francis A. Norton.; res. Gunnison, Colo. Children: i. Henry Freeman,<sup>7</sup> b. Marion, Mich., Mar. 19, 1873; m. Nov. 26, 1902, Ruth Rebecca Allen. Children: i. Henry Alan,<sup>8</sup> b. Gunnison, Feb. 12, 1904. ii. Mary Frances, b. Gunnison, June 21, 1905. 8. *George Burt*, b. Howell, Dec. 9, 1845; a civil engineer; m. at Big Rapids, Mich., Dec. 25, 1878, Helen L. Marsh, d. Topeka, Kan., Apr. 27, 1884. Children: 1. George Burt,<sup>7</sup> b. Topeka, Kan.. Nov. 26, 1880; grad. Rush Medical college, practising at Wolcottville, Ind.; m. Dec. 25, 1902, at El Paso, Tex., Mary Lee Blossom, b. at Poultney, Vt. 2. Mary Helen, b. Howell, Sept. 22, 1882; m. Sept. 2, 1903, Mansel B. Greene; res. Chicago.
- x. DANIEL BIXBY, b. in R., Sept. 9, 1802; m. Elvira Boynton of R.; rem. to Charlotte and d. there July 4, 1879. Children: 1. *Ellen*,<sup>6</sup> m. E. C. Kimball; res. Charlotte. 2. *Edwin Freeman*, m. Mary Elizabeth Brooks, and res. in Charlotte.
- xi. MERIEL, b. in R., Nov. 11, 1804; m. Amos Eaton of R.; rem. to Iowa, and d. there in 1877.
- xii. FREEMAN, b. in R., July 11, 1808; m. Clarissa Boynton of R.; rem. to Charlotte; he d. Oct. 12, 1881; no children.

1. HENRY<sup>5</sup> (*Henry*,<sup>4</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), b. Rindge, N. H., Apr. 27, 1786; always res. on the old farm of his father 2 miles west of S. R.; early a teacher of district schools, and taught singing schools and band music; prominent in town affairs and representative to the legislature 1820 and 1821; m. June 25, 1817, Abigail Stevens, b. Greenwich, N. Y., June 26, 1796, d. Jan. 3, 1875; he d. Jan. 18, 1846.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. ANN ELIZA,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1818; d. Dec. 11, 1819.
- ii. ELVIRA, b. June 3, 1821; was early a successful school teacher; m. John S. Slack of Plymouth, Vt.; res. and d. there Aug. 26, 1850. Child: 1. *Henry Levi*,<sup>7</sup> b. Plymouth, Aug. 30, 1847; attended Kimball Union academy; grad. Dartmouth college, 1872, and Yale Theo'l seminary, 1877; pastor Chester, Vt. Cong. chh. until 1883; pastor 22 yrs. of First Cong. chh. of Bethel, Conn.; 18 yrs. chairman of the school board; held many offices among the chh. organizations of that state; m. Fannie Phelps, b. Pawlet, Vt., Jan. 29, 1856, a grad. of St. Johnsbury, Vt., academy. He d. Bethel, Conn., Mar. 25, 1905. Children: i. Elvira Jennie,<sup>8</sup> b. Chester, Vt., Nov. 1, 1880; grad. Wellesley college, 1902; M. A. Wellesley, 1905. ii. John Phelps, b. Bethel, Conn., June 30, 1884; grad. Dartmouth college. iii. Helen Louise, b. Bethel, Dec. 27, 1887; grad. Wellesley college. iv. Grace Fannie, b. Bethel, Nov. 15, 1890; grad. Bethel high school.
- iii. HENRY STEVENS, b. Nov. 11, 1824; d. Sept. 1, 1832.
2. iv. CLARK SYLVANUS, b. Nov. 7, 1829; m. Mary Campbell; res. S. R.
- v. RIAL, b. Oct. 1, 1832; rem. to Cambridge, Ill., later to Blue Springs, Neb.; now res. there; m. 1st Fanny Buck. Children by 1st wife: 1. *Ellen*,<sup>7</sup> m. Charles Obeare and has a son and daughter. res. with their gr. father, Rial Lake, at Blue Springs. 2. *Henry*, is a railroad man; res. Lincoln, Neb.: unm.
- vi. EDWIN STEVENS, b. May 16, 1836; res. in Galesburg, Ill.; returned to R., and d. here in 1872; unm.

2. CLARK SYLVANUS<sup>6</sup> (*Henry*,<sup>5</sup> *Henry*,<sup>4</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 7, 1829; m. Aug. 26, 1851, Mary, dau. of Edward Raymond Campbell of Westminster, Vt.; they now res. in S. R. village both having spent their whole lives in that vicinity where they happily celebrated their golden wedding in 1901.

Children :

- i. HENRY EDWARD,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1852; dealer in musical instruments and a well known musician; res. Keene, N. H.; m. Sept. 14, 1876, Jennie, dau. of Matthew Wilkins of Londonderry, Vt. Children: 1. *Henry Clark*,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 20, 1883. 2. *Clarence Raymond*, b. July 20, 1886. 3. *Christine Mary*, b. Jan. 15, 1895.
- ii. EDWIN RAYMOND, b. May 11, 1857; m. 1st Dec. 31, 1881, Annah Isabel Dodge of Athens, Vt.; m. 2d Aug. 25, 1904, Corinne, dau. of Milton W. Wiley of S. R.; res. S. R.; she d. Jan. 10, 1907. Children: 1. *Maud M.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1884; m. Robert May; res. Union City, Conn. 2. *Corinne Wiley*, b. Jan. 10, 1907.
- iii. COLIN CAMPBELL, b. Nov. 19, 1859; m. 1st Abbie Holbrook, who d. in Texas, Mar. 3, 1888; m. 2d Apr. 15, 1890, Lizzie Denio Wilber; res. S. R. Children: 1. *Clara L.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1883. 2. *Bessie L.*, b. in Texas, Jan. 25, 1888. 3. *Ruth A.*, b. Apr. 15, 1891. 4. *Dean H.*, b. Oct. 23, 1894. 5. *Gordon C.*, b. Sept. 18, 1899.
- iv. CLARA ABBIE, b. July 20, 1866; m. Charles F. Simonds, a merchant; res. S. R. Children: 1. *Harry L.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1886. 2. *Raymond C.*, b. Jan. 11, 1890. 3. *Guy M.*, b. Aug. 4, 1892. 4. *Clark C.*, b. June 18, 1894. 5. *Roland F.*, b. Apr. 11, 1896. 6. *Philip D.*, b. July 26, 1898. 7. *Charles E.*, b. Feb. 29, 1904.

## LAWRENCE

MARTIN R.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Rufus and Minerva [French] Lawrence*), b. Windham, Vt., Mar. 14, 1836; came to R. 1863; in '71 bought an interest in the mills of Nourse, Cogswell & Co., now known as "Lawrence Mills," and later became sole owner of them; was selectman 27 years; member of committee for building present high school building in B. F.; senator from Windham county 1902-3; m. Jan. 20, 1861, Laurenza E. Davis, b. Oct. 6, 1836; he d. at Lawrence Mills, Oct. 17, 1904.

Children :

- i. NORA E.,<sup>2</sup> b. Mar. 11, 1864; m. Dec. 20, 1883, Fred O. Smalley; res. Walpole, N. H. Children: 1. *Dean F.*,<sup>3</sup> b. July 22, 1885, now a student in N. H. college, Durham. 2. *Lee L.*, b. Apr. 23, 1887; now a student in N. H. college, Durham.
- ii. CORINTHIA A., b. Apr. 7, 1866; m. William G. Smalley, July 22, 1886, res. Marlboro, N. H. Children: 1. *Gertrude*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 11, 1889; d. July 3, 1899. 2. *Maxwell W.*, b. May 15, 1897.
- iii. ROLON M., b. Aug. 26, 1868; m. Sept. 2, 1892, Kate Gates of Marlboro, N. H.; res. Marlboro; no children.
- iv. NELSON R., b. Nov. 6, 1870; d. Sept. 25, 1899; m. Sept. 19, 1896, Belle M. Brown; lived in Springfield, Vt. Child: 1. *Norman Adna*, b. Oct. 12, 1897; d. Apr. 16, 1900.
- v. JOHN P., b. June 1, 1873; hardware merchant B. F.; lieut. of local militia Co.; m. Jan. 8, 1902, Charlotte G. Banyea; res. B. F. Child: 1. *Martell*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1904.
- vi. JAY H., b. Jan. 9, 1882; m. Aug. 26, 1903, Lena Miller of Westminster, Vt.; res. Lawrence Mills. Child: 1. *Martin J.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 29, 1905.

## LEACH

JOHN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Joseph, a sea captain in the India trade who settled at New Boston, N. H., and had five brothers who were sea captains, four of them privateersmen; ancestry traced to Lawrence of Salem, Mass.*), came to R. previous to 1797 and settled on "Leach Hill," two miles north of S. R., on a road between S. R. and R. village that is now unused, where he and his descendants have since lived and taken active part in town matters. He and his wife joined the 1st chh of R. in 1797.

He m. Susannah — ; he d. Oct. 13, 1829, leaving an estate of \$30,000.

Children :

- i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 28, 1796; bap. at R., May 14, 1797.
- ii. EMILY, b. June 14, 1799; bap. at R., Oct. 6, 1799, under name of "Mela."
- iii. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 27, 1801; bap. in R., June 13, 1802; m. Jerusha Allen of Hopkinton, N. H., and had a son, *John Allen*.<sup>3</sup>

REV. JOHN ALLEN<sup>3</sup> (*Joseph,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), b. in R. Apr., 1836; grad. Amherst college and Andover Theological seminary; pastor 2d Cong. chh. of Keene, N. H., in 1865, and res. Keene, 20 yrs.; later rem. to the ancestral farm in R., where he spent the remainder of his life. He m. in 1865, Stella E. Ranney, gr. dau. of Lieut. Gov. Waitstill R. Ranney of Vt. Rev. John Allen<sup>3</sup> d. on the ancestral farm in R., May 12, 1906, and his widow still res. there; no children except an adopted son, but they educated in whole or in part 31 children, of whom one was U. S. Senator A. G. Kittredge of Dakota.

## LEONARD

SPENCER II.<sup>1</sup> (*son of Shepard, who came from Foxboro, Mass., to Andover, Vt., 1808*), b. Andover, Vt., Aug. 8, 1822; m. Hannah, dau. of Oren Locke of Chester, Vt., b. Rockingham, Aug. 6, 1828; he d. Chester, Apr. 18, 1877; she res. B. F.

Children all b. Chester :

- i. EUGENE SPENCER,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 19, 1854; came to B. F. from Chester in 1877; clerk in R. R. and paper mill offices until 1887, since then in the insurance business; m. Dec. 14, 1893, Addie P. Stone, b. B. F., Feb. 6, 1858; res. B. F. Children all b. B. F.: 1. *Richard Spencer*,<sup>3</sup> b. June 7, 1896. 2. *Eugene Stone*, b. June 24, 1898. 3. *Lawrence Coy*, b. Dec. 27, 1900.
- ii. IDA F., b. Aug. 20, 1857; res. B. F.; unm.
- iii. ABBIE T., b. July 15, 1861; res. B. F.; unm.
- iv. GEORGE L., b. Sept. 17, 1863; a secretary in the International Committee of Y. M. C. A., N. Y. city; m. Anna R. Stegeman; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.; no children.

## LIDDLE

ADAM,<sup>1</sup> b. in Scotland, 1793; emigrated to R., Vt., and spent the later years of his life in La Grange and Bartonsville; was a carpenter and joiner; m. in Scotland in 1816, Betsey Jackson, b. in Scotland in 1793, d. Nov. 3, 1866; he d. Bartonsville, Vt., Apr. 26, 1862.

Children :

- i. HELEN,<sup>2</sup> b. 1817; m. Jehiel Damon in 1842; she d. in 1903; he d. about 1896. Children: 1. *Betsey Helen*,<sup>3</sup> b. July 20, 1843; d.

- Nov. 25, 1847. 2. *William Jackson*, b. Jan. 21, 1844; d. Oct. 25, 1848. 3. *Francis Lafayette*, b. Jan. 11, 1845; d. Aug. 10, 1849. 4. *Mary Anna*, deceased. 5. *George*, m. and res. in Neb. 6. *Frank*, m. and res. in Neb. 7. *Josie*, m. — Gaddis; res. Oklahoma.
- ii. MARY, b. Sept. 30, 1820; m. July 7, 1862, Benjamin F. Winchester, d. Bartonsville, Sept. 4, 1897; she d. Jan. 12, 1904.
- iii. GEORGE T., b. Aug., 1824; m. in 1848, Jemima Madison; he d. West Rupert, Vt., Sept., 1852. Children: 1. *Julia*,<sup>3</sup> d. West Rupert, Vt. 2. *George*, d. West Rupert.
- iv. EBENEZER W., b. Jan. 28, 1828; m. in 1860, Ann E. Gorham; he d. Castleton, Vt., Aug. 18, 1894. Child: 1. *Mattie C.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1862; d. Rutland, Vt., Apr. 29, 1884.
- v. JOHN A., b. Chester, Vt., June 2, 1831; a farmer; has always res. in the vicinity of Bartonsville; m. Sept. 15, 1857, Laura H., dau. of Samuel Ailbee of R., b. May 24, 1832. Children: 1. *Laura Lillian*,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 26, 1859; d. May 16, 1859. 2. *Martha Helen*, b. Aug. 29, 1865; m. June 15, 1887, James W. Persons; she d. Mar. 30, 1897; he res. Bartonsville. Children: i. Carroll James,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1890; d. Nov. 4, 1893. ii. Flora Eloine Helen, b. Apr. 19, 1895; d. Feb. 23, 1904. 3. *Flora Jane*, b. Jan. 9, 1868; m. Dec. 28, 1892, Charles W. Parker; res. Bartonsville. Child: i. Helen Liddle,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1895. 4. *Mary Eloine*, b. July 2, 1870; m. Oct. 1, 1890, Orlo D. Fisk; she d. Aug. 16, 1904; he res. Bartonsville.
- vi. WILLIAM O., b. Aug., 1833; d. Melbourne, Aus., 1852; unm.
- vii. ANDREW J., b. Jan. 1, 1837; d. Bartonsville, June, 1865; unm.

## LOCKE

EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>3</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> *who came to America in the "Planter" in 1634*), b. Ervingshire, Mass., Aug. 6, 1763; was a Revolutionary soldier, and lived for a year in Deering, N. H.; when a young man came to R. where he lived until his death; a farmer, cleared and settled on the farm now known as the "Patrick O'Brien place," a mile north of Rockingham P. O.; was prominent in town affairs, constable many yrs.; his descendants were numerous, it being said that at one time there were 52 of the name residing in town.

—He m. 1st Feb. 6, 1783, *Hannah Gustin*, b. July 21, 1764, d. in R., Apr. 17, 1833; m. 2d in 1835, Mrs. Susan Campbell; he d. Nov. 12, 1856.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. July 26, 1784; m. Hannah Clark.
- ii. PHOEBE, b. Mar. 31, 1787; m. 1st John Goldsbury Whiting of R.; (*See Whiting.*); m. 2d John Fay.
1. iii. CYRUS, b. Apr. 14, 1789; m. Randilla Thayer.
- iv. ASA, b. Feb. 3, 1792; m. 1st Fanny Prentiss, d. June 5, 1850; m. 2d Hannah Prentiss.
- v. ALBERT, b. Dec. 20, 1795; m. Phebe Chapin; d. May 17, 1880.
- vi. RANDILLA, b. May 14, 1794; m. Nathaniel Walker.
2. vii. OREN, b. Dec. 9, 1798; m. 1st Catharine B. Tyler; m. 2d Nancy Williams.
- viii. LEWIS, b. Jan. 31, 1802; m. Laura Darby.
- ix. HENRY, b. July 31, 1804; m. Eliza Prentiss.

1. CYRUS<sup>6</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>3</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Apr. 14, 1789; was prominent in town affairs during his whole business life; selectman many yrs.; m. Jan. 14, 1812, Randilla, dau. of Capt. William

Thayer of R., b. in R., Sept. 20, 1796, d. in B. F., Oct. 5, 1867; he d. July 18, 1864 at Kane, Pa., while on a journey.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. LUCIUS E.,<sup>7</sup> b. June 30, 1812; m. Mar. 13, 1838, Louisa, dau. of Bill Blake of S. R., d. Nov. 23, 1872; he d. Jan. 27, 1852 at S. R.
- ii. CYRUS H., b. June 5, 1814; m. Sept. 30, 1841, Amelia Bailey, b. Apr. 11, 1819, d. Jan. 3, 1898; he d. at S. R., May 22, 1854. Children: 1. *Flora C.*,<sup>8</sup> b. at S. R., May 28, 1843; m. Ransom E. Smith of S. R.; d. Oct. 5, 1869. Child: Walter Leroy,<sup>9</sup> b. at S. R., Sept. 30, 1869; m. Adaline D. Wagg. 2. *Foster Bailey*, b. at S. R., Nov. 24, 1845; a merchant at S. R., and many yrs. prominent in town affairs; m. 1st Sept. 24, 1873, Louisa J. Newcomb, b. Waitsfield, Vt., Sept. 18, 1851, d. at S. R., Sept. 10, 1896; m 2d Aug. 25, 1898, Harriet Louise Candee, b. Terryville, Conn., May 15, 1855; they res. at S. R. Children: i. Caroline Marion,<sup>9</sup> b. at S. R., June 17, 1877. ii. Arthur Franklin, b. at S. R., Oct. 31, 1879; m. Oct. 1, 1906, Clara Elizabeth Dose of Hartford, Conn.; res. Hartford.
- iii. RANDILLA, b. Nov. 10, 1816; m. 1st Dec. 24, 1836, George Marsh, d. Apr. 1, 1845; m. 2d June 2, 1850, Roswell Callender. Children: 1. *Franklin*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Jan. 4, 1838; m. Oct. 27, 1861, Abbie E. Smith. 2. *Nelson*, b. in R., Jan. 7, 1839; m. Nov. 27, 1863, Jennie M. Perry of Gill, Mass. 3. *Parker C.*, b. Chester, Vt., Jan. 5, 1842. 4. *George D.*, b. Chester, Vt., Jan. 29, 1843.
- iv. JAMES L., b. Oct. 26, 1819; m. July 3, 1842, Lavinia A. Russell of Weathersfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Charles E.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Candersport, Pa., Apr. 22, 1843. 2. *Henry C.*, b. Rushford, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1844. 3. *Sarah*, b. in R., Oct. 1, 1846; d. in R., Aug. 29, 1848. 4. *Susan R.*, b. Grantham, N. H., Mar. 30, 1850; d. Grantham, Sept. 9, 1851. 5. *Elsie*, b. Cornish, N. H., Jan. 8, 1852; d. Feb. 6, 1852. 6. *Clara F.*, b. Cornish, July 24, 1853; d. in R., Mar. 21, 1859.
- v. CELINA T., b. Feb. 18, 1822; m. July 5, 1842, Charles Pierce Marsh, b. in R., July 10, 1820, d. Belfast, N. Y., May 10, 1902; she d. Kane, Pa., Aug. 17, 1864. Children: 1. *Harriet A.*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., May 14, 1843; d. Kane, Pa., June 7, 1904. 2. *Mary J.*, b. in R., Oct. 15, 1847; d. in 1853. 3. *Abbie L.*, b. Mar. 13, 1851. 4. *Mary Jane*, b. Oct. 8, 1855. 5. *Flora E.*, b. Feb. 28, 1859. 6. *Myra A.*, b. July 14, 1863.
- vi. ELIZA M., b. Jan. 25, 1824; m. Isaac Glynn. (*See Glynn.*)
- vii. MARTHA J., b. Aug. 12, 1826; m. Nov. 21, 1847, Thomas C. Wells of Oxford, N. Y., b. Feb. 26, 1819; she d. 1890. Child: 1. *Florence*,<sup>8</sup> b. B. F., 1853; m. Jan. 1872, Joseph Albert Long of Huntingdon, Pa.; Children: i. Claude,<sup>9</sup> b. Chicago, 1873. ii. Irma, b. 1876; d. June, 1879. iii. Jay, d. Chicago, Aug., 1885. iv. Anna, b. Chicago; d. Chicago.
- viii. HENRY T., b. Jan. 31, 1829; m. Feb. 22, 1863, Jane B. Peterson, b. Boston, Mass., Mar. 7, 1839; he d. Boston, about 1898.
- ix. R. C. MALLORY, b. Apr. 8, 1832; m. Mar. 29, 1858, Marcia H. Stone, b. Townshend, Vt., Apr. 10, 1840; he d. Chicago, Ill., about 1895. Child: 1. *Nora V.*,<sup>8</sup> b. B. F., Feb. 27, 1859; m. William Miner of Racine, Wis.; res. Chicago, Ill. Child: Numa,<sup>9</sup> b. Chicago; m. in Chicago.
- x. ALBERT E., b. Oct. 25, 1835; m. Oct. 1, 1860, Emma P. Sackett, b. Garden Prairie, Ill., Oct. 1, 1832; he d. while in the army at Vicksburg, Miss., Oct. 25, 1863. Child: 1. *Alberta E.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Garden Prairie, June 25, 1863.
- xi. ABBIE L., b. Apr. 18, 1837; m. Sept. 29, 1859, Charles E. Pollard, b. Searsport, Me., May 30, 1835. Children: 1. *Clarence A.*,<sup>8</sup> b.



Lancaster, Mass., Nov. 26, 1860. 2. *Charles K.*, b. Ashland, Mass., Sept. 25, 1862.

- xii. *RUSH S.*, b. Aug. 8, 1839; m. Nov. 21, 1861, *Ellen F. Davis*, b. Brookfield, Vt., Sept. 25, 1843. Child: 1. *Edgar A.*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Oct. 3, 1862.

2. *OREN*<sup>6</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenczer*,<sup>4</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>3</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Dec. 9, 1798; rem. to Springfield, Vt., from Chester, Vt., in 1852; was deacon of the Cong. chh. in Chester and was always known in Springfield as "Deacon Locke;" m. 1st Nov. 23, 1823. *Catharine B. Tyler*, d. Jan. 17, 1841; m. 2d Aug. 19, 1841, *Nancy Williams*; he d. Dec. 19, 1872.

Children:

- i. *EBENEZER*,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1824.
- ii. *JOHN*, b. Dec. 29, 1825; d. Oct. 18, 1851.
- iii. *HANNAH*, b. in R., Aug. 6, 1828; m. *Spencer H. Leonard*. (*See Leonard.*)
- iv. *RUTH ANN*, b. June 5, 1831; m. *Rev. Levis Jones*.
- v. *MARY*, b. Nov. 9, 1833; d. in infancy.
- vi. *OREN*, b. Feb. 19, 1835; d. Oct. 6, 1836.
- vii. *OREN*, b. Jan. 22, 1837; a music teacher; was for some years at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., later of Lincoln, Neb., and Washington, D. C.
- viii. *FREDERICK E.*, b. Apr. 22, 1839; d. in infancy.
- ix. *FREDERICK D.*, b. Sept. 9, 1842; d. Dallas, Tex., Aug. 7, 1891.
- x. *HARRIET N.*, b. Feb. 28, 1845; res. B. F.; unm.
- xi. *CATHERINE L.*, b. Mar. 19, 1847; m. July 8, 1867, *Merrill L. Lawrence*, town clerk of Springfield, Vt.
- xii. *CLARENCE W.*, b. Aug. 29, 1850; a physician in Springfield; m. *Ella Safford*. Children: 1. *Frank Safford*,<sup>8</sup> b. 1874 or 1875; a dentist in Springfield; m. Aug., 1905, *Ione Evelyn Eddy* of So. Shaftsbury, Vt. 2. *Fred Clarence*, b. 1877; m. Oct. 11, 1906, *Georgie Louise Spofford* of Springfield, Vt.; a druggist; res. N. Attleboro, Mass.
- xiii. *GEORGE P.*, b. Oct. 12, 1855; d. June 9, 1862.

## LOVELL

*MICHAEL*<sup>3</sup> (*Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*,<sup>1</sup> who emigrated from England and settled in Medfield, Mass., before 1649; in "1678 had his house burned by the Indians"); b. Medway, Mass., Mar. 13, 1705/6; rem. about 1734 to Worcester, Mass.; d. before 1753; m. *Mary* —; she m. 2d Nov. 29, 1753, *Daniel Walker* of Brookfield, Mass. Six of their sons were among the most prominent of the early settlers of R., and their descendants have outnumbered any other family in the history of the town, many having held important offices.

Children, first three b. in Medway, rest in Worcester:

1. i. *MICHAEL*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 5, 1728; m. *Hannah* —
2. ii. *EBENEZER*, b. Mar. 25, 1730; m. twice.
- iii. *MARY*, b. Feb. 10, 1732/3; m. Jan. 10, 1753, *Darius Bugbee* of Woodstock.
- iv. *LOIS*, b. Sept. 28, 1735; d. unm.
3. v. *OLIVER*, b. May 1, 1739; m. twice.
4. vi. *TIMOTHY*, b. Feb. 8, 1742; m. *Mary Dinsmore*.
- vii. *JEMIMA*, b. Jan. 11, 1745; m. July 27, 1866, *Abraham Walker*; res. Brookfield, Mass.
5. viii. *JOHN*, b. Oct. 20, 1746; m. *Martha Corey*.
6. ix. *ELIJAH*, b. Apr. 20, 1749; m. *Abigail Goldsbury*.



1. CAPT. MICHAEL<sup>4</sup> (*Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Medway, Mass., July 5, 1728; one of the very first settlers of R.; name spelled also "Mical" and "Michal" on records; third meeting of the "proprietors" of the town held at his house July 17, 1760, and he was prominent in organizing the town (See p. 62). His was the second dwelling mentioned in early town records; at this meeting he was given ninety acres of land upon condition that he should build a saw-mill which, when built, was the first mill of any kind in R.

He m. Hannah —; he d. Apr. 2, 1772; buried in the old cemetery at R.; she is buried in Cavendish, Vt.

Children :

7. i. ENOS,<sup>5</sup> b. about 1760; m. Mary Grout.
- ii. MICHAEL, b. about 1763; m. Oct. 18, 1791, Sally Kimball of Cavendish, Vt.; res. Claremont, N. H. Children: 1. *Elvira*,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 26, 1794; m. Darius Spalding. 2. *Doraxa*, b. June 9, 1797; m. Asa Spalding. 3. *Polly*, b. Oct. 11, 1798; unm. 4. *Sally*, b. Aug. 10, 1799; m. Rufus Rice. 5. *Sopha*, b. May 5, 1801; m. Gordon Way. 6. *Seymour*, b. Nov. 12, 1805; unm.; res. Claremont, N. H. 7. *Porter Kimball*, b. Jan. 7, 1807; unm.; res. at Claremont. 8. *Martha*, b. Mar. 3, 1809; m. Isaac Dodge. 9. *Maria*, b. Feb. 20, 1811; m. Herman Weightman.
8. iii. RANDALL, b. about 1766; m. Caroline Olcott of R.
- iv. ELIZABETH, (Betsy.)
- v. MARY, (Polly), m. Benj. Williams.

(A stone in the old cemetery at R. reads "Miss Hannah Lovell dau. of Michael & Hannah his w. who d. Oct. 6, 1784 aet 17y 9 mo." No further record found of her.)

2. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> (*Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Medway, Mass., Mar. 25, 1730; a prominent citizen of Worcester, Mass.; in R. temporarily as early as 1761; his son, Ebenezer, became a leading citizen of this town. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> during the Revolution served with Massachusetts troops, ensign Apr., 1775, later colonel. He m. 2d Dec. 7, 1791, Mehitable Upham of Worcester; little known regarding his family except

Child by 1st wife :

9. i. EBENEZER,<sup>5</sup> m. 1st Sally Barnard; m. 2d Philena Dustin.

3. OLIVER<sup>4</sup> (*Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Worcester, Mass., May 1, 1739; came to R. among its earliest settlers; active in town and church matters as early as 1773, when the first church building was erected; appointed Aug. 21, 1885 as a warden of the church of England for the towns of R., Westminster, Chester and Grafton; appointed justice of the peace in this county Apr. 14, 1772, under authority of King George II.; Jan. 4, 1776, appointed by the Cumberland County Committee of Safety as the 2d major of the first, or "Lower regiment" of Vermont troops; Mar. 1, of the same year was promoted to be first major, and was upon various committees during the period of the formation of the state of Vermont.

Evidently Major Lovell did not espouse the Liberty cause and renounce his loyalty to the King as early in the struggle as the larger part of the citizens of R. did, as in April, 1781, a largely signed petition of the residents of

R. was presented to Gov. Chittenden and his council remonstrating against his being commissioned as a justice of the peace for the county, to which office he had recently been elected. He was, however, duly commissioned, and served with distinction.

He lived on the farm near the Springfield town line, now owned and occupied by Dexter B. Damon. On this farm, about 25 rods west of the highway, are buried his remains, and those of his wife, the two headstones and one other of another family marking all the interments shown to have been made there. Early in the last century the old dwelling was torn down and the present house of Mr. Damon erected about 30 rods west of the original site of Major Lovell's home.

His first wife's name was Hannah, who d. Mar. 13, 1799, ac. 55. He m. 2d Irena —.

Children :

- i. OLIVER,<sup>5</sup> b. 1781; located near Buffalo in lumber business.
10. ii. FRINK, b. Sept. 14, 1783; m. Lydia Davis of R.
- iii. SABRA, bap. Jan. 22, 1781; m. Joseph Nourse.
- iv. HANNAH, m. Abner Royce.
- v. POLLY, m. Jonathan Blanchard.
- vi. SALLY, m. David Fletcher.
- vii. BELIZA, bap. Jan. 11, 1793.
- viii. LUCY, m. John Phelps.

4. TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup> (*Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>). b. Feb. 8, 1742; was one of the earliest as well as wealthiest citizens of the town. He owned many tracts of land in different locations; was a noted Tory during the Revolution, probably the most noted in this respect of any resident. He owned a farm just north of the mouth of Williams river known as the "Tory farm" later as the "Ferry farm."

The legislature of Vermont, held at Bennington, Feb. 26, 1779, passed an act whereby he, with 50 citizens of other towns in the state, was declared an outlaw, and "having left the state and joined its enemies at a time when needed," etc., it was declared that if he should be found within the boundaries of Vermont he "should be whipped on the naked back not more than forty, nor less than twenty stripes," and ordered to quit the state immediately. If he should remain in the state one month, or return a second time "without the liberty of the government he shall be put to death." It was also declared that all his estates should be confiscated and sold for the benefit of the state treasury.

He evidently later repented of his affiliation with the Tory New Yorkers and became loyal to Vermont, for on Feb. 19, 1783, the legislature at Wind-sor passed the following :

"Whereas, It appears by Certificates of Captains Samuel Gilbert and Lemuel Holmes, and other sufficient evidence that Timothy Lovell, late of Rockingham in the County of Windham, who went to the Enemy on Long Island, in April, 1777, and returned to the state of New York the next year in consequence of which a considerable part of his Estate was disposed of by this state, is now so far a friend to this and the United States that he ought to enjoy all the Privileges of a Subject of the same :

*Therefore.* Be it enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the Same that the Said Timothy Lovell be, and he is hereby permitted to return to and reside in this state: and that he have fully and absolutely restored to him, all the Property belonging to him in this State, except what has been disposed of to the use of the same and enjoy the Privileges of a Subject in as ample a Manner as if he had never left the Same."

In later years different sessions of legislature were called upon to reimburse people who had purchased some of Mr. Lovell's confiscated property, because of defective title, showing that possibly Mr. Lovell was unjustly outlawed.

Hall's "History of Eastern Vermont" speaks of him as "Captain Timothy Lovell of Rockingham," indicating that at some time he held a commission, either under authority of New York or later of Vermont.

The town records, Vol. 1, p. 171, show that Dec. 9, 1787, Captain Timothy Lovell was a member of the Church of England.

He m. Feb. 16. 1804, Mary Dinsmore of R., and both are buried at Charlestown, N. H.: no children.

5. JOHN<sup>4</sup> (*Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Worcester, Mass., Oct. 20, 1746: one of the first settlers in the town of R.: in Aug., 1773, was on a committee to make arrangements for, and build, the first meeting-house erected within the limits of the town. The records of the 1st Town chh. show that both he and his wife were admitted to membership Dec. 21, 1777, and that he was active in church work, frequently delegate to councils, and Dec. 30, 1782, he was chosen in town meeting "to Converse with the Rev'd Sam'l Whiting Respecting" some questioned terms of the contract between Mr. Whiting and the town regarding his services as its pastor. He was in Capt. William Simond's company of Rockingham men who marched to Guilford with Ethan Allen in 1782 and among those "that Marcht to Manchester," and Bennington, in 1777.

He m. Martha, dau. of Oliver and Mary (King) Corey: he d. Sept. 15, 1803; both are buried in the old cemetery at R.

#### Children:

- i. JOHN KING,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct., 1778; m. Feb. 19, 1801, Polly, dau. of Samuel Taylor of R.; res. in R., where John L. Divoll now lives. Children: 1. *Samuel Taylor*,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 8, 1802; m. Nov. 12, 1828, Nancy Gowing; res. R. Child: i. John Hill,<sup>7</sup> b. May 12, 1826; m. Nov. 25, 1851, Ellen Frances Adams; res. R. Child: Addie Eliza,<sup>8</sup> b. May 31, 1858; m. Mar. 1, 1892, Lewis Fairbanks of R. res. R. 2. *Mary Smith*, b. Oct. 6, 1807.
- ii. VRYLING, b. Feb. 24, 1781; grad. Dartmouth college in 1803; res. Charlestown, N. H.; a teacher, later a merchant. His store at the lower end of Main street, was burned in the great fire which occurred in that village Apr. 1, 1842, when a large number of buildings were destroyed. The fire was set in the jail by a prisoner named John Hicks, a noted burglar, who planned to escape in the excitement, but failed in his design. Mr. Lovell built the house where Chief Justice Cushing resided for many years; was a director in the Charlestown bank, and represented Charlestown in the legislature of 1828: m. Jan. 7, 1804, Laura, dau. of John Hubbard of Charlestown. N. H., b. Feb. 22, 1781, d. June 26,

- 1846; he d. June, 1858. Children: 1. *Hubbard N.*,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct., 1804; d. May 7, 1805. 2. *Catherine*, b. Oct. 9, 1807; d. Boston, Nov. 23, 1824. 3. *Laura E.*, b. Mar. 25, 1810; m. Apr. 1, 1835, Chief Justice E. L. Cushing of Charlestown, N. H.
- iii. *Horace*, b. Oct., 1785; m. Philadelphia Parsons, Aug. 4, 1808; res. R.; no children.
- iv. *Alpheus*, b. 1789; went to Granby, Conn., in 1819; lost trace.
- v. *Solon*, b. 1791; m. Jan. 18, 1815, Mary Hassam of Charlestown, N. H.; res. Delhi, N. Y. Children: 1. *Hassam Ovid*,<sup>6</sup> m. 1st Rebecca Mallory; m. 2d Mary Fuller; res. Binghamton, N. Y. Child by 1st wife: i. John Russell.<sup>7</sup> Child by 2d wife: ii. Frederick Hassam, m. Jessie Clirdsey. 2. *Mary Hassam*, m. John Henry Gould.
- vi. *Ovid*, b. Nov. 17, 1794; m. 1st Oct. 18, 1813, Harriet Deming; m. 2d Cynthia D. Hall; res. Charlestown, N. H. Children: 1. *Frederick Solon*,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 1, 1814; m. Feb. 13, 1842, Medora Hugueorin; res. Kenosha, Wis. Children: i. Medora,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 16, 1844. ii. Clara, b. Mar. 12, 1846. iii. Grace, b. Nov. 6, 1847. iv. Grace Robertine, b. Sept. 13, 1851; m. Jan. 1, 1874, Francis Marion Bradshaw. 2. *Franklin Corcy*, b. June 15, 1816; lost at sea, 1839; no descendants. 3. *Harriett Martha*, b. Feb. 3, 1819; m. Rev. Cyrus Hamlin. 4. *Henry Clay*, b. 1823; d. 1854; no descendants.
- vii. *MARtha*, m. Aug. 5, 1801, Roswell Bellows. (*See Bellows.*)
- viii. *MARY*, m. Christian Shears.
- ix. *HARRIET*, m. Simeon O. Cooley.

6. *ELIJAH*<sup>4</sup> (*Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Worcester, Mass., Apr. 20, 1749; was like his five brothers a prominent early settler. He held title to large tracts of land in town and his home farm and residence was located on the place known in later years as the "Aldis Lovell farm" just above Lawrence Mills, a little to the south from the Chester road, where there are still remaining evidences of the foundation of his house. A certificate, on the town records, shows that Aug. 21, 1785, Elijah Lovell was a member of the Church of England, and among the deaths recorded by the pastor of the 1st Town chh. in Aug., 1777 is "a soldier at Elijah Lovell's." He was prominent in public affairs of the town, one of the five petitioners for the organization of what is now known as the "Lawrence Mills School District," which, when organized, and until after 1822, was known as "Elijah Lovell's School District." He m. Jan. 23, 1781, Abigail Goldsburly of Warwick, Mass.; d. Aug. 15, 1816; both are buried in the old cemetery at R.

Children:

- i. *ABIGAIL*,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1781; unm.
- ii. *ELIJAH*, b. Sept. 21, 1783; m. Caroline Houghton of Bradford, Vt.; res. Bethlehem, N. H. Child: 1. *Laura Caroline*,<sup>6</sup> m. Daniel Houghton.
- iii. *CHRISTOPHER*, b. July 19, 1785; m. Phoebe Marsh of R.
- iv. *CAROLINE*, b. Sept. 20, 1787; m. Reuben Rich.
- v. *ALDIS*, b. Aug. 2, 1789; m. Martha Willard of Lancaster, Mass.
- vi. *MIRANDA*, b. July 3, 1792; m. Ebenezer Lovell, Jr.
- vii. *TIMOTHY*, b. Dec. 3, 1794; m. Laura Farwell of Chesterfield, N. H.
- viii. *MICHAEL*, b. May 31, 1797; res. Boston, Mass.; unm.
- ix. *LAURA*, b. Feb. 4, 1800; m. Sam'l Jackson. (*See Jackson.*)
- x. *JOHN G.*, b. Jan. 20, 1802; unm.

7. ENOS<sup>5</sup> ) *Capt. Michael*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1760; the 2d child b. in R.: lived for many years about 2 miles north of B. F., on what is now known as the "Clark Farm." He evidently had strong Tory proclivities during the Revolution, as Slade's "Vermont State Papers," pp. 346 to 348, gives an account of his being arraigned at Westminster, May 26, 1789, with a number of other citizens of R., for having opposed Capt. Lemuel Sargeant while engaged in enforcing one of the laws of Vermont, for which he was fined £20, 6s, 6d, and a portion of his estate was advertised for sale to satisfy this judgment. The family lived at one time in Springfield, Vt., and later moved to Grafton, Vt. He m. Jan. 11, 1781, Mary Grout of Charlestown, N. H.

Children :

- i. WILLARD G.,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1782; moved to Climax, Mich.; m. Zerviah Taft; he d. 1839. Children: 1. *Mary*,<sup>7</sup> m. Foster Gilkey. 2. *Lucia*, m. Dr. Ransom. 3. *George W.*, b. 1819; res. Monticello, Ia.; unm. 4. *Enos T.*, b. Jan. 22, 1821; m. June 9, 1851, Eliza A. Spencer; res. Climax, Mich. Children: i. Willard G.,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 3, 1853; m. Aug. 30, 1901, Ellen P. Beach; res. La Belle, Texas; no children. ii. Preston S., b. Feb. 21, 1856; president of a bank in Crowley, La.; m. Dec. 11, 1878, Phoebe S. Beach. Children: 1. Anna S.,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1879; m. Lawrence T. Bliss. 2. Enos T., b. Nov. 1, 1883. 3. Fanny Z., b. Sept. 17, 1887. 4. George W., b. Apr. 25, 1897. iii. Rawson T.,<sup>8</sup> b. June 2, 1861; m. Jan. 25, 1893, Fanny B. Robbie; res. Howard City, Mich. Child: Newton H.,<sup>9</sup> b. May 1, 1896. 5. *Lafayette W.*,<sup>7</sup> b. 1823; m. in 1850, Catherine Eldred; res. Otsego, Mich. Children: i. George L.,<sup>8</sup> b. Grafton, Vt., May, 1823; m. Dec. 10, 1878, Frederika Green; res. Monticello, Ia. Children: 1. Grace,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan., 1880; m. George Schoonover. 2. Lafayette W. 3. Catherine E. ii. Fanny Z.,<sup>8</sup> m. Hutson Coleman. 6. *Cynthia*,<sup>7</sup> m. —, Brandon, Miss.
- ii. DON, b. Sept. 13, 1784; m. in 1811, Mary Shafter of Athens, Vt.; res. Springfield, Vt., after 1817, and was a prominent manufacturer; Children: 1. *George G.*,<sup>7</sup> m. 1st Susan Andrews; m. 2d Almira Foster; m. 3rd Ellen Perkins; res. Ionia, Mich. Children by 1st wife: i. Mary Ellen,<sup>8</sup> m. John Thompson. ii. Don G., m. Maggie Blakesley; res. Ionia, Mich. Children: 1. Fanny,<sup>9</sup> 2. Mary, m. 1st Rieo McCafferty; m. 2d Forbes Haskell. 3. Nellie. iii. Abby,<sup>8</sup> m. Angelo Tower. iv. Emma. v. Charles P., res. Ionia, Mich.; unm. vi. Louis, res. Ionia. vii. George, (child by 3rd wife), res. Ionia. 2. *Louis S.*,<sup>7</sup> b. 1816; an eminent lawyer of Ionia, Mich.; was 24 yrs. district judge and widely known; m. Mary Thayer; he d. suddenly in Mar., 1894. Children: i. Homer T.,<sup>8</sup> m. Mary O. Lovell; res. Chicago, Ill. Children: 1. Whitney T.,<sup>9</sup> m. Gertrude Davis; res. Chicago. 2. James H., res. Chicago; unm. 3. Adin T., res. Chicago; unm. ii. Henry H.,<sup>8</sup> m. Matilda M. Kuster; res. Ionia. Children: 1. Louis C.,<sup>9</sup> res. Ionia; unm. 2. Wilder F., m. Nellie M. Dailey; res. Grand Rapids, Mich. Children: i. Noris H.<sup>10</sup> ii. Donald L. iii. Mary Shafter,<sup>8</sup> m. Samuel N. Leigenbotham. 3. *Homer D.*,<sup>7</sup> res. Chicago; unm. 4. *Mary*, m. James Hodges. 5. *Abbie J.*, unm. 6. *Fanny*, m. Wilder D. Foster.
- iii. MICHAEL, b. Apr. 4, 1786; res. Springfield, Vt.; unm.
- iv. MARY, b. June 11, 1788; m. William Shafter.
- v. FANNY, b. May 17, 1791; m. William Shafter.
- vi. HANNAH, b. Oct. 23, 1795; m. Bezeleel Wood.
- vii. ENOS, b. July 4, 1798; m. Dec. 11, 1828, Eltheria Henry of Chester, Vt.; res. Topeka, Kan. Children: 1. *Susan*,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 23, 1832;



unm. 2. *Henry C.*, b. Dec. 19, 1838; m. Feb. 1884, Bertha Collins; res. Topeka. Child: i. Willard T.,<sup>8</sup> m. Mar. 2, 1905, Isabel L. Wyman; res. Kane, Wyoming. 3. *Hattie*, b. Sept. 27, 1841; unm.

viii. JAMES, b. May 2, 1802; m. 1st Jan. 7, 1824, Mary Oakes of Cohasset, Mass.; m. 2d Mar. 5, 1840, Lucretia Whitney of Springfield, Vt.; m. 3rd Nov. 4, 1853, Almira Hyde of Francestown, N. H.; after 1824, res. Springfield, Vt.; a prominent manufacturer, later farmer and breeder of Merino sheep; totally blind from accident last sixteen yrs. of his life; d. Springfield, Apr. 14, 1883. Children: 1. *James*,<sup>7</sup> b. 1826; a physician; d. Townshend, Vt., in 1857; unm. 2. *Bezeleel Wood*, b. 1828; a lawyer in Austin, Minn. where he d.; m. May 30, 1866, Mary Eliza Sessions. Children: i. Frances A.,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 23, 1867. ii. Arthur B., b. Dec. 6, 1870; m. Mar. 11, 1891, Grace M. Brown; res. Austin, Minn. 3. *Mary Oakes*,<sup>7</sup> b. 1843; m. Homer T. Lovell. 4. *Fanny Lucretia*, b. 1845; d. Nov. 1881; unm.

ix. CYRUS, b. Sept. 27, 1804; m. 1st Sarah B. Gould; m. 2d Louisa Fargo; res. Ionia. Children by 1st wife: 1. *Cyrus O.*,<sup>7</sup> b. 1829; m. June 3, 1860, Lydia Ward of Boston, Mass.; res. Cavendish, Vt. Children: i. Dr. Lucinda S.,<sup>8</sup> res. Boston. ii. Dr. Martha E., res. Boston. iii. Dr. Harriott J., res. Boston. iv. Cyrus O. v. Delos S. vi. Robert W. Children by 2d wife: 2. *Helena*,<sup>7</sup> m. — Chichester. 3. *Charlotte*, m. John Ely. 4. *Louisa*, m. Alexander Dodge. 5. *Isabel*, m. Fred Down. 6. *Mary J.*, m. — Lyon. 7. *James M.*, res. Ionia, Mich.; unm.

8. RANDALL<sup>5</sup> (*Capt. Michael*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1766; m. Feb. 11, 1787, Caroline, dau. of Elias Olcott of R.; res. Claremont, N. H.

Children:

- i. HANNAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1787; unm.
- ii. CAROLINE, b. July 1, 1789; m. Sherman Hatch.
14. iii. RANDALL, b. Apr. 28, 1797; m. Electa Hatch of Weathersfield, Vt.
- iv. JOSEPH PETTY, b. Apr. 7, 1800; m. Saloma Pike of Cornish, N. H.; res. Claremont, N. H. Children: 1. *Mary*,<sup>7</sup> m. James Flanders. 2. *Josephine*, m. — Pinney. 3. *Narcissa*, m. 1st — Badger; m. 2d — Corser.
- v. ELIAS, b. Aug. 12, 1802; m. Narcissa Cone; no children; res. Claremont, N. H.
- vi. THEODIA, b. Mar. 7, 1804; m. Sam'l Carlton.
- vii. LEVERETT SHERMAN, b. Apr. 13, 1805; unm.; lived at Claremont.
- viii. JOHN STARK, b. Aug. 27, 1810; m. Georgiana Wright of Claremont; no children.

9. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>). Child's *Windham County Gazetteer* (1884) says of him: "Capt. Ebenezer Lovell, Jr., came to R. from Worcester, Mass., at an early day. He was a recruiting officer in the war of 1812, and was chosen captain of a militia company at S. R. when 16 yrs. old. He afterwards removed to Putney, where in 1884 two of his sons, Henry M. and John B. resided. He d. in Walpole, N. H., in 1865." There being an "Ebenezer" in so many generations makes the above statement, if correct, doubtful as to which one is intended. Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> m. 1st Sally Barnard of Worcester, Mass.; m. 2d Mar. 6, 1814, Philena Dustin of Claremont, N. H.

Children:

15. i. EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> b. June 30, 1795; m. Nov. 19, 1817, Miranda Lovell of R.



- ii. JOHN BARNARD, b. Jan. 5, 1797; m. Sept. 13, 1815, Sally Onion of Chester, Vt.; in 1820 was a merchant in Chester; lost trace.
  - iii. SALLY, b. Feb. 17, 1799.
  - iv. WARREN, b. in R., Dec. 3, 1802: "Lieutenant of the Saxton's River Light Infantry," the commission dated June 10, 1822. The next year, 1823, while yet a minor he was appointed postmaster at S. R., and continued in office until 1826. In later years he became a prominent citizen of N. H., and held many offices of trust, among them that of Judge of Probate of Belknap county over thirty-three yrs. He m. June 25, 1831, Susan Badger of Meredith, N. H.; he d. Laconia, N. H., Aug., 1875. Children: 1. *Eliza Barnard*,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1834; m. James H. Tilton of Laconia, N. H.; d. Mar. 19, 1894. 2. *Sarah Fisk*, b. May 29, 1837; m. Charles K. Ide of Philadelphia, Pa. 3. *Warren*, b. Aug. 30, 1840; d. Oct. 5, 1841.
10. FRINK<sup>5</sup> (*Oliver*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R. Sept. 14<sup>1</sup> 1783; m. Mar. 2, 1808, Lydia Davis of R., b. Oct. 25, 1790: this marriage took place in the old church at R., and traditions handed down through the succeeding generations indicate them to have been "the handsomest couple that ever was married in the old church." They took up their residence on the old Lovell farm on the hills near the Springfield line, where they lived many years. Some years later they went to East Putney and purchased, with another man, the tract of land known as the "Great Meadows," and moved the family first to the upper road three-fourths of a mile from the meadow. Here all their children except Charles were born. Frink Lovell built the large brick house on the meadow near the Connecticut river that was destroyed by fire a few years since, and made it his home in later years.
- Children:
- i. LUCIA A.,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1809; m. July 15, 1845, Ira Davis of Springfield, Vt.; d. July 3, 1876. Child: 1. *Ellen Lucia*,<sup>7</sup> m. N. M. Young of Casselton, N. Dak.; res. Casselton. Child: Francis Lucian.<sup>8</sup>
  - ii. MINERVA M., b. Jan. 29, 1811; d. Apr. 5, 1822.
  - iii. OLIVER M., b. June 6, 1813; m. May 31, 1841, Syrene Patten; d. Rochester, Minn., Jan. 24, 1889. Children: 1. *Herbert M.*,<sup>7</sup> m. Feb. 23, 1876, Louisa A. Kelley; res. Minneapolis, Minn., a retired banker. Children: i. Oliver Herbert,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 13, 1882. ii. Hazel Louise, b. Aug. 18, 1883. iii. Helen Syrene, b. Mar. 30, 1885. 2. *Rollin B.*, m. Feb. 19, 1873, Ella Thompson; res. Los Angeles, Cal. Child: M. Jay,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 16, 1875.
  - iv. ABBY D., b. Nov. 4, 1815; m. June 14, 1843, Dr. Luke Miller; d. Sept. 12, 1855. Children: 1. *Luke*,<sup>7</sup> res. Chatfield, Minn.; unm. 2. *Jennie*, m. — Gorman; a banker; res. St. Cloud, Minn. Children: i. Louise,<sup>8</sup> ii. Mary. iii. Lydia. iv. Arthur.
  - v. FRANCES E., b. May 18, 1818; m. 1st Oct. 15, 1846, Judah Ellsworth, a lawyer of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; m. 2d Nov. 23, 1870, Phineas Keyes of Putney, Vt.; d. 1895. Children by 1st husband: 1. *Frances Canfield*,<sup>7</sup> m. — Battey; both dead; no children. 2. *Frederick Frink*, res. Brattleboro, Vt.
  - vi. ROYAL F., b. Feb. 23, 1822; m. Dec. 13, 1858, Rosella G. Elliott; now res. Garner, Iowa. Children: 1. *Verner R.*,<sup>7</sup> a lawyer in Fargo, N. Dak., m. Feb. 14, 1894, Bertha E. Taylor. Children: i. Virginia,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1897. ii. Doris, b. Aug. 5, 1900. iii. Royal, b. Nov. 6, 1903. 2. *Lulu Lydia*, res. Garner, Ia.; unm. 3. *Effie Maude*, m. E. H. Miller, a journalist; res. Tacoma, Wash. 4. *Guy*, a lawyer; res. Tacoma, Wash.
  - vii. LYDIA M., b. May 7, 1824; d. Oct. 22, 1869.

viii. CHARLES M., b. Feb. 15, 1827; a banker and merchant; m. Ellen Hartwell of Langdon, N. H.; he d. 1894; she res. Chatfield, Minn. Children: 1. *Frank*,<sup>7</sup> cashier in bank; res. Chatfield, Minn. 2. *Annie*, m. Harry Jenkins, a lumber merchant; res. Minneapolis, Minn. Children: i. Fred.<sup>8</sup> ii. Dorothea.

11. CHRISTOPHER<sup>5</sup> (*Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 19, 1785; a prominent farmer; lived in what is now the very old dwelling standing at the corner turning from the road from R. village to Chester, down the hill to Lawrence Mills; m. Nov. 18, 1804, Phoebe Marsh of R.; he d. July 16, 1863.

Children:

- i. ELVIRA,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 30, 1805; m. — Campbell.
- ii. PHOEBE, b. Aug. 20, 1808; m. 1st — Spaulding; m. 2d J. J. Hill.
- iii. ELUTHERIA A., b. July 6, 1810; m. Aldis Barry. (*See Barry*.)
- iv. LAURA, b. Nov. 20, 1813; m. Daniel McQuaid.
- v. HARRIETT A., b. Nov. 23, 1815; m. George S. Griswold. (*See Griswold*.)
16. vi. LEWIS CHRISTOPHER, b. May 23, 1817; d. July 6, 1885.
17. vii. TIMOTHY BRADLEY, b. Feb. 17, 1826; m. Nancy Penniman.
18. viii. WILLIAM MORGAN, b. Jan. 2, 1827; d. Dec. 22, 1904.
- ix. LUCIA KATHERINE, b. Aug. 9, 1828; m. James Miller.
- x. MARY, b. Oct. 13, 1830; m. George Houghton.
- xi. ALDICE, b. Sept. 5, 1832; m. Eveline Perry of R.; res. Iowa; no children.

12. ALDIS<sup>5</sup> (*Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 2, 1789; in 1818, entered the law office of Hon. Daniel Kellogg of S. R., and two yrs. later was admitted to Windham county bar; commenced practice of his profession in R., but soon rem. to Drewsville, N. H., where, and in Alstead, he continued his profession till his death: was county solicitor of Cheshire county from 1840 to 1850; m. in Rockingham, June 30, 1822, Martha, dau. of Paul and Martha (Haskell) Willard of Lancaster, Mass., b. Lancaster, May 26, 1799, d. Drewsville, Aug. 12, 1851; he d. Drewsville, Mar. 12, 1866.

Children:

19. i. BOLIVAR,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1826; m. Sarah E. B. Lathrop.
- ii. MARTHA MARIA, b. Mar. 18, 1836; d. 1848.
- iii. HENRY ALDIS, b. Feb. 12, 1837; a merchant; m. Dec. 19, 1866, Georgiana Fellows; res. Alstead, N. H. Children: 1. *M. Florence*,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1870; unm. 2. *Robert Webber*, b. Jan. 16, 1875; m. Oct., 1902, Adelaide E. Marvin of Springfield, Mass.; res. Springfield. 3. *Aldis Willard*, b. Sept. 21, 1879; grad. Dartmouth college, 1903; now in Harvard law school.
- iv. WILLARD ALDIS, b. Apr. 9, 1840; a farmer and dep. sheriff at time of death; m. Apr. 8, 1862, Julia Ann Chandler; res. Walpole, N. H. He d. in Drewsville, July 26, 1872, and she m. 2d Fred A. Wier of Walpole, Nov. 4, 1878. Children: 1. *Henry Willard*,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1867; d. July 14, 1869. 2. *Willard Henry*, b. Dec. 22, 1872; m. June 1, 1898, Winnifred Maud Grow of Springfield, Vt., b. Nov. 25, 1871; res. South Hadley, Mass.; in meat and express business. Children: i. Lyman Chandler,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1899. ii. Winthrop Grow, b. Feb. 1, 1902; d. Mar. 3, 1902.

13. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> (*Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 3, 1794; m. Laura Farwell of Chesterfield, N. H.; a farmer, res. in R.

## Children :

- i. LEVERETT TIMOTHY,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 8, 1817; m. 1st May 6, 1841, Lucinda Colton of Fairlee, Vt.; m. 2d Mar. 10, 1853, Clarissa J. Allbee of R.; m. 3rd, Oct. 5, 1857, Olive Cutler Woodward of Springfield, Vt.; m. 4th Sept. 4, 1860, Myra Stilwell of R.; res. in R.; he d. Mar., 1900. Children: 1. *Flora Maria*,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 13, 1843; m. July 3, 1864, Levi R. Chase of Claremont, N. H. Children: i. Abbie M.<sup>8</sup> ii. Frank E. 2. *Lavina Lucinda*, b. June 18, 1844; m. June 6, 1863, Charles E. Weeden, a farmer of R. Child: Henry Marshall,<sup>8</sup> m. May 15, 1895, Mattie C. Wiley of R. 3. *George Leverett*, b. Aug. 7, 1859; m. Lizzie Collins of Holyoke, Mass. Children: i. Olive.<sup>8</sup> ii. Mary. iii. Henry.
  - ii. LAURA, b. Nov. 21, 1821; m. Cyrus Royce, b. Walpole Valley, N. H., Jan. 8, 1814; she d. Walpole, Jan. 11, 1907. Children: 1. *Cyrus*,<sup>7</sup> m. Ida Richardson of Brattleboro, Vt.; he d. in Walpole, June 24, 1903, age 59. 2. *Lafayette*, m. a dau. of Rev. A. B. Flanders, of Chester, Vt. 3. *Grace S.*, b. Sept. 10, 1849; m. Lucius Wellington of Walpole. Children: 1. Bertha,<sup>8</sup> m. Wallace C. Leonard. 2. Stella. m. Earl Stevens. 3. Alice; res. Chicago. 4. Albert. 4. *Laura Ella*, b. Aug. 7, 1853.
  - iii. MICHAEL L., b. Jan. 14, 1823; m. 1st Feb. 12, 1852, Sarah Barton of R., b. Jan. 30, 1833, d. Jan. 29, 1899; m. 2d, Nov. 18, 1874, Ellen F. Fuller of Grafton, Vt.; res. in R. Child by first wife: 1. *George Farwell*,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1853; m. and res. Boston, Mass. Children by 2d wife: 2. *Arthur*, res. Spokane, Wash. 3. *Ada*, m. Aug. 11, 1897, Louis W. Jennings of R.
  - iv. TRIPHENA, b. Mar. 8, 1825; m. Isaac Rice.
14. RANDALL<sup>6</sup> (*Randall*,<sup>5</sup> *Capt. Michael*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 28, 1797; m. Electa Hatch of Weathersfield, Vt.; res. Claremont, N. H.
- Children :
- i. JOHN C.,<sup>7</sup> m. Rosamond Chapin; res. Nevada, Iowa. Children: 1. *Frederick Randall*,<sup>8</sup> m. Clementine Whitcomb; res. Juneau, Wis. Children: i. Margaret,<sup>9</sup> m. Miles Porter. ii. John, res. Juneau, Wis.; unm. iii. James, res. Juneau, Wis.; unm. 2. *Emma Jane*, m. J. W. Martin. 3. *Ray Clinton*, m. Ella Kruger; res. Juneau, Wis. Children: i. Florence Rosamond.<sup>9</sup> ii. Dorothy Rachael.
  - ii. MARK, m. Georgie Barber; res. Waupun, Wis. Child: 1. *Doane Mark*,<sup>8</sup> m. Clara Williams; res. Waupun, Wis.; no children.
  - iii. JAMES, m. Mary Romaine; res. Juneau, Wis. Children: 1. *James C.*,<sup>8</sup> m. Minnie Emmons; res. Juneau, Wis. Child: i. Walter.<sup>9</sup> 2. *Carrie*, m. A. M. Hill.
  - iv. CHARLES P., m. 1st Margaret Cook; m. 2d Kate W. Cook; res. Minneapolis, Minn. Children: 1. *Charles C.*,<sup>8</sup> res. Minneapolis, Minn.; unm. 2. *Eleanor*. 3. *Margaret*. 4. *Mary*.
  - v. CARRIE, m. David Kribbs.
  - vi. HELEN, m. Samuel Clemons.
15. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 30, 1795; m. Nov. 19, 1817, Miranda Lovell of R.
- Children :
- i. LAURA ABIGAIL,<sup>7</sup> b. July 26, 1818; m. Solon Wetherbee.
  - ii. SARAH MIRANDA, b. Feb. 16, 1820; m. Charles Abbott.
  - iii. EBENEZER (4th), b. Feb. 16, 1822; m. Lizzie Keyes of Putney, Vt.; d. Groton, Vt., about 1901; no children.
  - iv. JOHN, b. Feb. 2, 1824; m. Emma Campbell of Putney; no children.

- v. HENRY M., b. Nov. 13, 1826; m. Nov. 14, 1856, Marietta Kelley of Putney; res. Putney. Child: 1. *Arthur H.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1873; m. Dec. 25, 1898, Rosa F. Howard of Putney; res. Putney. Children: i. Charlie,<sup>9</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1899. ii. Perley, b. Mar. 5, 1901. iii. Clarence, b. July 23, 1903.
- vi. MARY, b. 1828; m. Amos Wilbur.
- vii. MARTHA, b. 1830; m. Luther Spencer.
- viii. RHODA, b. 1832; m. Parker McRae.
- ix. JOSEPHINE, b. 1834; m. James Nash.
- x. ISABELLA, b. 1834; m. William Lane.

16. LEWIS CHRISTOPHER<sup>6</sup> (*Christopher*,<sup>5</sup> *Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 23, 1817; from 1844 until his death a well-known hotel keeper, proprietor of the old Lovell Tavern in the village of R., still owned and occupied by his widow. In staging days this hotel was one of the important ones of this vicinity and had a wide reputation; m. 1st Oct 15, 1838, Louisa Maria Wilson of R.; m. 2d Aug. 26, 1856, Ann Jones Ladd of Charlestown, N. H.; he d. July 6, 1885.

Children all b. in R.

- i. LEVERETT TIMOTHY,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1841 has for many years been a prominent business man of B. F., farmer, merchant, deputy sheriff, liveryman, hotel proprietor, etc.; owns a number of farms; m. Feb. 14, 1861, Amine Putnam of Springfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Fred Leverett*,<sup>8</sup> b. July 11, 1862; liveryman at B. F.; m. Apr. 8, 1892, Emma A. Goodale of Charlestown, N. H.; he d. B. F., Sept. 19, 1895. Child: i. Archie Fred,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 8, 1892; res. Fitchburg, Mass. 2. *Lewis Christopher*, b. Jan. 1, 1867; in business with his father in B. F.; has compiled many records of the Lovell family; m. Oct. 25, 1887, Mamie O. Gough, b. Easthampton, Mass., Aug. 2, 1867. Children: i. Flora Amine,<sup>9</sup> b. July 23, 1888 ii. Leverett Charles, b. Oct. 2, 1889. iii. Lewis Christopher, b. Jan. 29, 1891. iv. Mamie Emily, b. Mar. 4, 1892. v. Marjorie Lura, b. May 8, 1893. 3. *Lura Amine*, b. Oct. 21, 1870; m. June 28, 1899, Lewis T. Moseley, proprietor of R. R. restaurant at B. F.; no children.
- ii. ROYAL LEWIS, b. July 3, 1843; is a leading business man of Springfield, Vt.; m. Feb. 5, 1863, Etta S. Proctor of R. Children: 1. *Edgar Royal*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 20, 1866; res. Boston, Mass. 2. *Pamelia Hattie*, b. Aug. 15, 1869; m. Oct. 1, 1890, W. F. Black of Kearney, Neb.; res. Kearney. Children: i. William C.,<sup>9</sup> b. July 11, 1896. ii. Robert L., b. Aug. 23, 1898. iii. Arthur P., b. June 16, 1900. iv. Alice L., b. June 20, 1902. 3. *Cora L.*, b. Sept. 29, 1871; m. June 20, 1894, Horace T. Eastman of Bradford, Vt.; res. Boston, Mass. Children: i. Hattie L.,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 28, 1895; d. Nov. 25, 1902. ii. Helen L., b. Oct. 20, 1902. 4. *Maitland Clare*, b. Oct. 28, 1874; m. Oct. 12, 1897, Ethel Loveland of Springfield, Vt.; res. Springfield. Child: i. Clare M.,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 8, 1899. 5. *Ray O.*, b. Sept. 25, 1879; res. Springfield.
- iii. WILSON SOLOMON, b. Mar. 11, 1845; res. many years in Springfield, Vt.; has been high sheriff of Windsor county, is now superintendent of the Vt. State prison; m. Sept. 18, 1886, Sarah White; res. Windsor, Vt. Child: 1. *Clara Sarah*,<sup>8</sup> b. July 23, 1872; m. May 15, 1894, George Otis Gridley of Windsor, Vt.; res. Windsor. Children: i. Wilson Lovell,<sup>9</sup> b. June 13, 1896. ii. Frances Irene, b. Mar. 28, 1899.
- iv. FLORENCE MARIA, b. Mar. 5, 1848; m. Apr. 13, 1865, William A. Straight, a builder of B. F.; res. Everett, Mass. Children: 1.

- Frederick William*,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1867; m. Jan. 28, 1892, Elena L. Whitten of Fitchburg, Mass.; res. Everett. Children: i. Florence Elena,<sup>9</sup> b. June 25, 1893. ii. Jennie Louise, b. Feb. 6, 1897. iii. Frederick Lovell, b. Mar. 29, 1903. 2. *Jennie Florence*, b. Sept. 21, 1873; res. Everett. 3. *Wilson Lovell*, b. Jan. 11, 1876; m. Dec. 4, 1902, Jessie L. Cobb of Everett; res. Everett.
- v. MARIA ANN, b. Oct. 14, 1857; m. Aug. 13, 1882, A. P. Pollard, hotel manager; res. R.; he d. June 30, 1905. Children: 1. *Blanche Louise*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1886; d. Sept. 4, 1887. 2. *Madeline Lovell*, b. May 6, 1890; res. R.
- vi. LIZZIE OCTAVIA, b. Jan. 14, 1859; m. Seymour A., s. of the late Marvin W. Davis of Westminster, Vt.; res. Everett. Children: 1. *Gertrude Lovell*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Jan. 10, 1876; m. May 4, 1899, Rinaldo R. Goff of Chelsea, Mass.; res. Everett. Child: i. Seymour Rinaldo,<sup>9</sup> b. Everett, Dec. 7, 1904. 2. *Lewis Marvin*, b. Westminster, Jan. 22, 1884; res. Everett. 3. *Mildred Lizzie*, b. Westminster, Dec. 30, 1888; res. Everett.
- vii. ELVIRA EMMA, b. July 27, 1861; m. Henry M. Amadon of B. F. (*See Amadon*.)
- viii. ALBERTA SARAH, b. Nov. 3, 1867; m. Dr. E. W. Knight, b. Marlow, N. H., Sept. 14, 1863, dentist; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Leroy Eugene*,<sup>8</sup> b. Marlow, Sept. 10, 1886. 2. *Ralph Mortimer*, b. Marlow, July 26, 1888.
17. TIMOTHY BRADLEY<sup>6</sup> (*Christopher*,<sup>5</sup> *Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Feb. 17, 1826; toll gatherer at Cheshire Bridge, Charlestown, N. H., after 1866; m. Mar. 12, 1846, Nancy Penniman of Cambridgeport, Vt., d. in 1853; he d. April 24, 1874.
- Children:
- i. ALBERT C.,<sup>7</sup> b. June 21, 1850; m. Nellie A., dau. of John and Lucy A. Farr of Bartonville, Vt., b. Oct. 18, 1848; res. Boston, Mass.; Child: 1. *Lillian Mabel*,<sup>8</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1874; m. Sept. 11, 1901, Allen H. Sabin of S. R.; res. B. F. Child: i. Laura Lillian,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 25, 1904. 2. *Don Washington*, b. Sept. 4, 1876. 3. *Grace Gertrude*, b. June 14, 1881.
- ii. GEORGE T., b. Sept. 26, 1851; m. Nov. 17, 1875, Hattie E., dau. of the late Henry W. Sabin of B. F., b. July 3, 1855; res. B. F.; no children.
18. WILLIAM MORGAN<sup>6</sup> (*Christopher*,<sup>5</sup> *Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 2, 1827; m. 1st Nov. 15, 1848, Fanny Jane Smith of R. m. 2d Apr. 24, 1856, Julia Ann Perry of Westminster, Vt.; he d. Dec. 22, 1904; res. Bartonville.
- Children:
- i. WILLIAM FRANK,<sup>7</sup> b. May 20, 1850; unm.
- ii. ELLA JANE, b. Aug. 18, 1852; m. George Chester Haselton of R. (*See Haselton*.)
- iii. CHARLES MORGAN, m. Jessie Whitney; res. Bartonville. Children: 1. *Mary Whitney*,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1885. 2. *Myrtie Evelyn*, m. Curtis Damon of Bartonville; res. Bartonville. 3. *Guy*. 4. *Charles Edward*.
- iv. FRED LAMONT, b. Jan. 17, 1859; m. Feb. 10, 1885, Lizzie E. Tuliper of B. F.; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Harry Mitchell*,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1886. 2. *William Morgan*, b. Sept. 28, 1888. 3. *Arthur Fred*, b. Mar. 5, 1891.
- v. WINFIELD SCOTT, b. May 18, 1861; m. Dec. 25, 1881, Sarah Jane Davis; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Lena Budd*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 26, 1883. 2. *Winifred Sarah*, b. Nov. 11, 1885. 3. *Cora Belle Julia*, b. Sept. 25, 1887. 4. *Winfield Scott*, b. June 22, 1889.



19. BOLIVAR<sup>6</sup> (*Aldis*,<sup>5</sup> *Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> *Michael*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Alexander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Drewsville, N. H., Aug. 30, 1826; studied law in his father's office in Alstead, and was a prominent figure in public affairs of Cheshire county during a long life; in 1847 appointed deputy sheriff; high sheriff in 1855, holding the office 10 years; for 8 years, commencing 1862, was U. S. assessor of internal revenue for the third N. H. district; member of the governor's council 1873-4; in 1880 he rem. from Alstead to Drewsville, built an elegant residence and there spent the last years of his life; m. June 28, 1848, Sarah Elizabeth Bond, dau. of Hope and Fanny (Cooper) Lathrop, b. Mar. 18, 1829; he d. June 10, 1893; she d. in Athol, Mass., Dec. 7, 1904.

Children all b. in Alstead:

- i. MARTHA ELLEN,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 28, 1849; m. June 12, 1873, Dr. Sumner Timothy Smith of Alstead, N. H., b. West Claremont, N. H., June 8, 1839; res. Athol, Mass.; he d. in Athol, Mar. 26, 1891, and she m. 2d July 6, 1898, Rev. Charles James Shrimpton of Athol, Mass., an Epis. clergyman, b. Montreal, Can., Apr. 17, 1835; they res. Athol. Children by 1st husband: 1. *Dr. William Benjamin Tyng*,<sup>8</sup> b. Alstead, N. H., Feb. 21, 1875. 2. *Lovell Bolivar*, b. Alstead, July 6, 1877; res. and business Athol, Mass.; m. Sept. 11, 1901, Lottie Swan. Child: i. Charlotte Lathrop,<sup>9</sup> b. Athol, Apr. 13, 1903.
- ii. HOPE LATHROP, b. July 2, 1851; m. Mrs. Abbie A. Huntley of Drewsville, who d. in Alstead, Oct. 3, 1906; no children.
- iii. ALDIS, b. July 14, 1859; a grad. of Dartmouth college; d. at Drewsville, Jan. 26, 1901; unm.

#### MEACHAM

DR. CHARLES F.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Edmund, M. D., gr. s. of Asa, gr. gr. s. of Asa*), b. Springfield, Vt., Mar. 18, 1855; grad. Phil. Dental college, 1892; assistant postmaster at B. F. from 1883-1890, previously at Springfield, Vt.; practised dentistry at Ludlow, Vt., 1891-1900; now at B. F.; prominently identified with Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities; m. Dec. 28, 1881, Emma L., dau. of Morris Corlew, b. Aug. 26, 1852; res. B. F.

Child:

- i. ESTHER ELIZABETH,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1885.

#### MINARD

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> came from Massachusetts, was one of the early settlers in this town; records show his residence here before 1787; built a log house just south of Minard's pond and the location was used many years by his descendants; the cellar hole of the last house is still visible, but no dwellings are in the vicinity; later owned and built a house on what is now the Barber park farm, on which, according to tradition, black bears were very troublesome. He m. Abigail —.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1759; m. Sept. 7, 1797, Abigail Cushing.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Mar. 18, 1761.
- iii. ELEANOR, b. Feb. 14, 1763.
- iv. CHARLOTTE, b. Mar. 15, 1765.
- v. BETSEY, b. Mar. 9, 1767.
- vi. POLLY, b. Apr. 5, 1769.



- vii. ISHABOD, b. Aug. 30, 1771; m. Lydia —, d. Aug. 26, 1862 ae. 87; he d. Feb. 2, 1840, and both are buried in the S. R. cemetery. Children: 1. *Harriet*,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 28, 1798; m. June 22, 1820, Allen Gilchrist of R. 2. *Maria*, b. Apr. 12, 1803. 3. *William*, b. June 8, 1806.
  - i. viii. ISAAC, b. Mar. 30, 1773; m. Lucy Waite.
  - ix. SUSANNA, b. Apr. 9, 1775.
  - x. MIRIAM, b. June 1, 1777; m. Oct. 17, 1812, Lemuel Maxam of R.
  - xi. MAHLON, b. Oct. 5, 1779; buried at S. R.
  - xii. GEORGE, b. Oct. 4, 1784; a dwarf who was well known in the vicinity of S. R.
1. ISAAC<sup>2</sup> (*Isaac*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 30, 1774; settled on the farm now known as the "Christy place," on the "valley road" between R. and S. R., and built the dwelling now there; m. Lucy Waite, b. Apr. 29, 1770, d. June 13, 1838; he d. July 5, 1829.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1798; res. on a farm one and one-half miles south-west of S. R., on the road to Westminster West; m. Dec. 19, 1824, Caroline, dau. of Jehiel Webb of R., d. Aug. 24, 1889; he d. Aug. 28, 1882. Children: 1. *George*,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1826; m. Jan. 29, 1848, Athine Baldwin; he d. Anderson, Texas, Sept. 30, 1887. Child: Fanny A.,<sup>5</sup> m. Tyler Williams; res. Leominster, Mass. 2. *Lucy A.*, b. Aug. 10, 1828; m. Mar. 18, 1850, Patten B. Ober of R. (*See Ober.*) 3. *Harriet Ann*, b. Jan. 29, 1831; m. Apr. 9, 1851, William G. Ober; she d. Westminster, Vt., July 9, 1853. Child: Charles,<sup>5</sup> 4. *Caroline Webb*, b. Apr. 5, 1833; m. Lemon A. Wilder; res. Westminster. 5. *John Baxter*, b. Dec. 15, 1838; m. 1st Katharine Williams; m. 2d Mrs. Charlotte A. (Davis) Billings; she d. Mar. 15, 1906; he res. many years on the old homestead in Westminster, now in S. R. Child by 1st wife: Kate Williams,<sup>5</sup> a teacher of B. F., who d. ae. 32. 6. *Henry Oscar*, b. Dec. 15, 1841; res. Westminster West, Vt.; m. Mar. 5, 1867, Lizzie E. Wilcox. Children: i. Seymour,<sup>5</sup> res. Worcester, Mass. ii. Charles, a machinist; res. Dorchester, Mass., and owns the old Minard homestead farm; m. Lucy Taylor. Child: John Hannum,<sup>6</sup>
- ii. BETSEY, b. Mar. 12, 1800; m. Jehiel Simonds of R. (*See Simonds.*)
- iii. GEORGE, b. May 31, 1802; m. Maria Stearns of R.; res. many years and d. Fillmore, N. Y. Children all b. Fillmore: 1. *George*,<sup>4</sup> 2. *Mary*. 3. *John* 4. *Florence*.
- iv. LUCY, b. Mar. 21, 1804; d. Mar. 21, 1813.
- v. ISAAC, b. Sept. 15, 1807; a physician; m. Sarah Webb of R.; res. Utica, N. Y. Children: 1. *Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> 2. *Wesley*. 3. *Florence*. 4. —.
- vi. LUKE L., b. Aug. 23, 1809; went to the state of N. Y., m. had children and d. there.
- vii. ROSWELL, b. Sept. 23, 1811; factory employee in Cambridgeport; m. Hannah Warner of Londonderry, Vt.; later in life res. in N. Y. state and d. there. Children: 1. *Helen*,<sup>4</sup> 2. *Wallace*. 3. *Charles*. 4. *Luella*.
- viii. MARY, b. Sept. 29, 1815; m. John Ober, a farmer of Cambridgeport; no children.
- ix. HULDAH, b. July 15, 1819; d. at the age of 8 months.

## MINER

DR. ALBERT LAWRENCE<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Clement Stebbins, gr. s. of Clement Stebbins of Chazy, N. Y., gr. gr. s. of Clement of Mass.*), b. Chazy, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1869; grad. Baltimore Med. college, 1894; practised in Westminster and Weston, Vt., and in the U. S. Indian service in the West: came to B. F. 1897, and has practised here since; m. Oct. 9, 1895, Leila B., dau. of Henry A. and Justina E. (White) Jaquith of Weston, Vt., a descendant in the 8th generation from Peregrine White born on the Mayflower.

## Children:

- i. HENRY ALBERT,<sup>2</sup> b. White Earth Reservation, Minn., Nov. 19, 1896.
- ii. ROBERT JAQUITH, b. at B. F., Oct. 23, 1899.
- iii. CLEMENT STEBBINS, b. at B. F., May 11, 1902.
- iv. EDWIN HAROLD, b. B. F., Dec. 24, 1906.

## MOORE

JOHN WEEKS (*3d s. of Dr. Jacob Bailey and Mary [Eaton] Moore*), b. Apr. 11, 1807; when 10 years old began seven yrs. apprenticeship as printer in the office of the *New Hampshire Patriot*; in 1825-26 was assistant editor of the *Dover Gazette*, and later established a number of newspapers in Maine and New Hampshire; in 1838 established in B. F. the *Bellows Falls Gazette*, publishing the same here 13 yrs., except 3 yrs. from 1843 to 1846, when it was published by Dr. S. M. Blake; established Jan. 1, 1840, the "World of Music," an 8 page quarto issued bi-monthly, a musical publication which attracted much attention throughout New England. This he continued here until 1848. He was thrice appointed postmaster of B. F., Apr. 24, 1841 to May 4, 1843, Nov. 9, 1843 to Mar. 23, 1846, and again July 24, 1849, to July 24, 1850. His printing office and the post office were in a frame building on the west side of the Square just north of the old Mansion House hotel. For some years previous to his rem. from B. F. he owned the only drug and book store of the village located on Bridge street. In 1863 he rem. to Manchester, N. H., where he continued his journalistic enterprises. While in B. F., and after his rem., he exhibited a great interest in the history of this locality, and contributed at various times valuable articles to the local papers. He was a ready writer, and wrote more than 40 books largely upon musical subjects, many of which were written and printed in B. F. "Moore's Complete Encyclopedia of Music," a work of over 1,000 pages, and a "Dictionary of Musical Information" were among his most important ones. He was a life-long communicant in the Episcopal chh.

Mr. Moore m. Sept. 17, 1832, Emily Eastman of Concord, N. H., who d. about 1881; he d. Manchester, N. H., Mar. 23, 1889, leaving two daughters, Misses Ellen and Emily Moore, who still res. in Manchester; unm.

## MORGAN

QUARTUS<sup>5</sup> (*Titus,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>2</sup> Miles,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from Bristol, England, 1636, and settled in Springfield, Mass.*), b. Jan. 14, 1766; during the Revolutionary war was private secretary to the distinguished officer, Baron Steuben; came to B. F. in the spring of 1798 from West Springfield, Mass., making the journey with his wife on horseback. Their

household goods came by the flat boat that then plied between Hartford, Conn., and B. F.

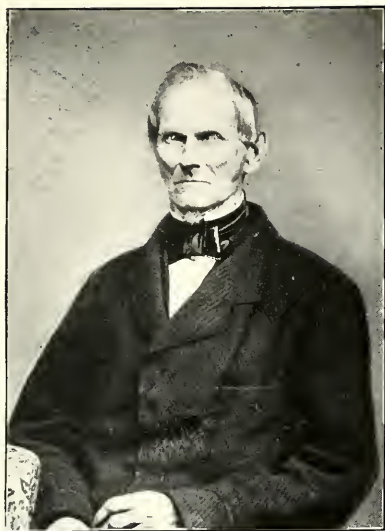
Mr. Morgan had already purchased, through the influence of his brother-in-law, Leverett Tuttle, who was part owner of the line of Connecticut river boats, the building now known as Frost block located on the west side of Rockingham street, the second building north of the Opera House. This building, Mr. Morgan often said in later years, was an old one at that time, and had been for some years used as a tavern. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan continued it as a tavern until 1814, when, Mr. Morgan having died in 1810, and Mrs. Morgan having erected the present Morgan homestead at the north end of the village, she sold the tavern property, and moved out of it June 8, 1814.

During their ownership the "Morgan tavern" became one of the most popular and best known taverns between New York and Montreal, its fame often being discussed in both cities. During the ownership of the Morgans an assistant well known to the travelling public, and very efficient, was one Susie Fox. The quaint old sign promising good "ENTERTAINMENT FOR MAN AND BEAST" is still preserved, and a faithful representation of it is shown upon another page.

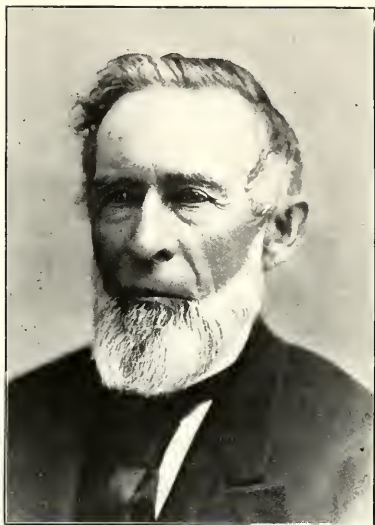
He m. Oct. 29, 1788. Lorana, dau. of Titus Tuttle, b. Fairhaven, Conn., May 16, 1769, d. B. F., Aug. 24, 1857; he d. B. F., Mar. 10, 1810. Both are buried in the old cemetery at R.

#### Children :

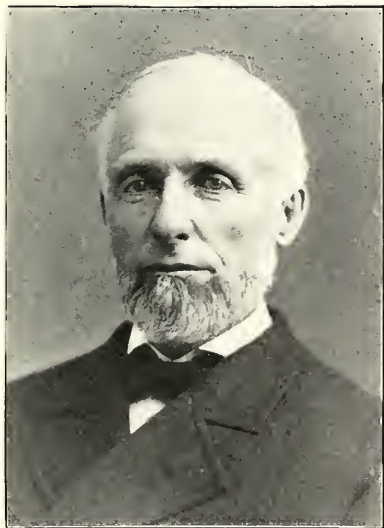
- i. LAURA,<sup>6</sup> b. West Springfield, Mass., Feb. 12, 1790; d. Mar. 1, 1804.
- ii. LOVISA STEBBINS, b. Northampton, Mass., Dec. 15, 1791; m. in B. F., Apr. 12, 1815, Hubbard Bellows of Walpole, N. H., d. May 19, 1835; she d. B. F., July 19, 1841. Children : 1. *Sophia Lorana*,<sup>7</sup> b. Walpole, Mar. 20, 1816; m. in Macon, Miss., about 1839, Joel H. Tracy of Brandon, Vt., grad. of Capt. Partridge's Military School at Middletown, Conn., civil engineer; after death of Mrs. Tracy went to San Francisco, Cal., and was for four yrs. Superintendent of public schools; later, about 1854, rem. with his family to Kenosha, Wis., served in the Union army in 19th Wisconsin infantry; spent last 13 yrs. of his life in Chicago; she d. Walpole, N. H., Sept. 2, 1850; he d. in Chicago, Nov. 9, 1883. Children : i. Edward Bellows,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1840; entered Union army; rose to rank of capt.; d. of wounds, Fernandina, Fla., Apr. 6, 1865. ii. Francis Davies. b. Brandon, Miss., Apr. 6, 1842, a veteran of the Civil war, now in the employ of the Chicago & Alton R. R., Chicago, Ill. iii. Henry Hudson, b. Brandon, Miss., Jan. 5, 1844; a veteran the Civil war; res. Chicago, Ill. iv. Frederick Knapp, b. Walpole, N. H., Nov. 27, 1846; holds responsible position on the *Chicago Tribune*; res. Chicago. v. Sarah Bellows, b. Walpole, 1849; d. ae. 5 months. 2. *Harriet Maria*, b. Walpole, Apr. 13, 1818; d. B. F., Oct. 18, 1839. 3. *John Hubbard*, b. May 8, 1820; d. Baton Rouge, La., about 1849. 4. *Quartus Morgan*, b. May 11, 1822; d. June 6, 1822. 5. *Edward*, b. Nov. 22, 1823; d. Dec. 26, 1823. 6. *Laura Louisa*, b. Jan. 17, 1825; m. in Dayton, O., June 22, 1847, Nathaniel Edward, son of David Stone of Walpole; res. Union city, O. Children : i. Hannah Louisa,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1849; d. Apr. 11, 1869. ii. Harriett Bellows, b. July 31, 1852; m. John S. Crabbs of Union City, O. 7. *Hannah Stone*, b. July 2, 1829; d. Dayton, O., Oct. 17, 1850.
- iii. QUARTUS, b. Northampton, Nov. 24, 1793; d. June 6, 1808.
- iv. ELENORA, b. B. F., Oct. 12, 1802; d. Jan. 19, 1804.



DEACON SAMUEL S. GRAGIN  
1794-1883.



JAMES BURT MORGAN.  
1806-1893.



DR. SAMUEL NICHOLS.  
1812-1887.



CAPT WALTER TAYLOR.  
1812-1901.



- v. LAURA WARNER, b. B. F., Nov. 18, 1804; m. Aug. 21, 1827, John Wyse of Middletown, Conn.; she d. Middletown, Oct. 8, 1856. Children all b. Middletown, Conn.: 1. *Laura Morgan*,<sup>7</sup> b. June 5, 1828; m. Apr. 23, 1851, George White Horne of Jamaica, W. I., grad. Oxford university, England, served in British navy, later Methodist minister in West Indies; rem. to the U. S. in 1848, became an Episcopal rector and in 1858 went to Africa as a missionary and d. at Rocktown, Cape Palmas, Africa, Oct. 2, 1854, ae. 33 yrs. Child: Mary Elizabeth Laura,<sup>8</sup> b. Middletown, Jan. 16, 1852; m. George Morgan Ockford, M. D. of Hackensack, N. J., Oct., 1877; she d. Ridgewood, N. J., Dec. 28, 1903. Children: 1. Catherine Marchmont,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 1878; d. 1878-9. 2. Florence, b. about 1879 or 1880. 3. George Morgan, b. Burlington, Vt., 1881; d. Ridgewood, N. J., Jan. 5, 1906. 4. John Wyse, b. Vincennes, Ind., about 1886. 2. *William Sumner*, b. Oct. 3, 1830; m. Aug. 12, 1873, d. 3. *Katherine Anne*, b. Apr. 23, 1833; m. in Middletown, Nov. 1, 1865, Rev. William Welles Holley, D. D., grad. Trinity college, Hartford, and Law Dept. Yale college; now rector of Christ Episcopal chh. of Hackensack, N. J. Children: i. Maud Isabella,<sup>8</sup> b. Staten Island, Oct. 2, 1867; d. Hackensack, Dec. 24, 1887. ii. —, d. in infancy. iii. Alfred Tilghman, b. Hackensack, Feb. 15, 1872. iv. Isabella Jeanette, b. Oct. 25, 1835; d. Nov. 1, 1836. v. Harriett Isabella, b. Nov. 8, 1839; d. Dec. 20, 1860.
- vi. JAMES BURT, b. in B. F., Oct. 26, 1806; many years selectman and served his townsmen faithfully in many offices; was a prominent and influential citizen during a long life; m. Apr. 23, 1834, Lucretia Fuller Oaks, of Athens, Vt., d. July 26, 1892; he d. Jan. 3, 1893. They always res. in the Morgan homestead at the north end of B. F., and both are buried in Immanuel cemetery. Children all b. in B. F.: 1. *Mary Lorana*,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1835; still res. in B. F., in the Morgan homestead; unm. (Twin d. Jan. 26, 1835.) 2. *Quartus Edward*, b. Apr. 1, 1837; postmaster of B. F., 1878-1886; m. in Rutland, Vt., June 17, 1868, Elizabeth Teresa Ward; res. B. F. Children: i. Frank Edward, b. July 22, 1871; res. N. Y. city; unm. ii. Florence Tuttle, b. May 16, 1881; m. Oct. 15, 1906, Orion B. Dodge, teller Manchester, N. H. National bank. 3. *Leverett Tuttle*, b. Feb. 18, 1841; d. Aug. 13, 1845. 4. *Harriet Bellows*, b. Oct. 31, 1844; res. B. F. with her sister; unm. 5. *James Leverett*, b. Sept. 16, 1848; d. B. F., Oct. 21, 1905; unm. 6. *William Wyse*, b. Aug. 12, 1852; d. B. F., August 4, 1882; unm.

(Joseph, eldest son of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and uncle of Quartus,<sup>5</sup> was the father of Junius S., the London banker and partner of George Peabody, and father of the now well known J. Pierpont Morgan of N. Y. city.)

#### MORRISON

GEORGE W.<sup>4</sup> (*William*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Walpole, N. H., June 11, 1811; was a successful farmer in R.; res. in the brick house just east of Lawrence mills; m. Apr. 10, 1843, Betsey, dau. of Capt. Josiah Emery of R., b. July 23, 1812, d. in R., Apr. 15, 1871; he d. in R., Apr. 22, 1897.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. GEORGE W.,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1846; a farmer; res. about a mile north of S. R. in R.; m. March 10, 1870, Hattie B., dau. of Moses Wetherbee of R., b. in R., July 29, 1847; he d. July 30, 1900; she res. at S. R. Children: 1. *Frank William*,<sup>6</sup> b. July 16, 1871; res. San



- Francisco, Cal. 2. *Fred Sherburn*, b. Oct. 19, 1874; m. Sept. 12, 1894, Cora M. Mark; she d. June 25, 1902. Child: Carl L.,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1896; res. at S. R. 3. *Hugh Christy*, b. May 7, 1877; res. at S. R.; unm.; 4. *Harry Robert*, b. May 9, 1881; m. July 9, 1902, Nellie M. Geer; res. in S. R. Child: Ruth A.,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1905. 5. *Mary Augusta*, b. Feb. 6, 1883; d. Feb. 18, 1893.
- ii. MARY J., b. Aug. 26, 1850; m. 1st May 31, 1871, Norman G. Gould, a merchant in R., b. in R. Dec., 1843, d. Dec. 31, 1874; m. 2d Apr. 29, 1883, Jonas A. Aldrich, b. Westminster, Vt., May 5, 1842; (*See Aldrich.*) res. in R. Child: *Melissa B.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Bartonsville, Aug. 17, 1873; m. Oct. 4, 1906, Edgar R. Lovell; res. Medford, Mass.
- iii. SHERBURNE C., b. Sept. 1, 1853; m. at Burlington Jct., Mo., Dec. 28, 1880, Martha E., dau. of George A. and Elizabeth Downing, b. Savannah, Mo., Aug. 20, 1857; res. Clinton, Mo. Children: 1. *William Lewis*,<sup>6</sup> b. Burlington Jct., July 1, 1882; d. Buell, Ore., Jan. 7, 1906; unm. 2. *Mary Edith*, b. Burlington Jct., Mar. 15, 1884; m. Oct. 1, 1903 at Chehalis, Wash., William M. Berry. 3. *Ruth Elizabeth*, b. Cambridgeport, Vt., Oct. 9, 1897. 4. *Dorothy*, b. in R., Jan. 1, 1900.

## NICHOLS

SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Thomas, Jr., and Prudence [Thompson] Nichols*), b. Walpole, N. H., Oct. 25, 1812; grad. Norwich University, 1839; studied medicine with Dr. Ortt of Harrisburg, Pa.; grad. Vt. Medical college, 1843; located B. F. in 1847 and continued practice of medicine here until his last illness. He was pre-eminently the family doctor, thoroughly devoted to his profession, much loved for his kindliness of heart. He was engaged in the drug trade here some years; m. Jan. 24, 1847, Sophina C. Smith, b. Unity, N. H., Jan. 15, 1818, d. B. F., Aug. 9, 1905; he d. B. F., July 8, 1887.

## Children:

- i. EMMA MEDORA, b. May 23, 1850; res. B. F.; unm.  
 ii. ELLA MINORA, b. May 23, 1850; res. B. F.; unm.  
 iii. SARAH ADELAIDE,<sup>2</sup> d. Nov. 27, 1851, ae. 3 yrs.  
 iv. JENNIE SOPHIA, d. Feb. 15, 1853, ae. 10 days.  
 v. CARRIE EDNA, d. Sept. 22, 1854, ae. 11 weeks.  
 vi. HATTIE LOUISE, d. July 14, 1856, ae. 11 weeks.  
 vii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Apr. 30, 1858; a R. R. clerk; res. B. F.; unm.

## NUTTING

WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> (*William*,<sup>6</sup> *William*,<sup>5</sup> *William*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Randolph Center, Vt., Mar. 28, 1815; from 1853 was a manufacturer of church organs in B. F., his factory being the building standing on the north side of Bridge street east of the canal, now occupied by tenants. John<sup>1</sup> of Groton, Eng., emigrated 1653 and was one of the first settlers of Groton, Mass., where he was killed by the Indians. William<sup>6</sup> was a lawyer of Randolph Center, Vt.

William,<sup>7</sup> m. Aug. 10, 1841, Mary A. Bradshaw at Montpelier, Vt., b. there Dec. 15, 1819, d. B. F., Oct. 9, 1900; he d. B. F. Oct. 21, 1869.

## Children:

- i. MARCIA AMELIA,<sup>8</sup> m. Dec. 9, 1872, D. A. Guptil of Montpelier, Vt.; he d. Mar. 23, 1904; she res. B. F.; no children.

- ii. GEORGE WILLIAM, some yrs. in hardware trade in B. F.; m. Sept. 11, 1872, Rosetta Stevens of Baltimore, Md.; she d. Oct. 9, 1906; he res. Bridgeport, Conn., engaged in hardware trade. Children: 1. *George Gray*,<sup>9</sup> d. ae. 13 yrs. 2. *Louis Fostino*, now physical director in St. Lawrence university, Canton, N. Y.
- iii. MARY EMELINE, d. ae. 2 yrs.
- iv. LUCY MARIA, res. B. F.; unm.

# OBER

DEA. SAMUEL,<sup>1</sup> b. Jaffrey, N. H., 1756; came to R. in 1787 from Salem, Mass.; settled one mile west of S. R., on the Cambridgeport road, later owned the Homer Nourse farm, next west of the present Fred C. Rand farm; built here a distillery for rum and cider brandy that he run many years and later it was run by one of his sons; late in life he saw the evils of intemperance and told his son if he would tear down the distillery he would give him certain notes that he held against him, and it was done; tradition states that "when he first came to this town he crossed the Connecticut river on a raft of logs in company with Messrs. Bellows and Lovell." There was then only one house where the village of S. R. stands, and that was upon the location now covered by the Chas. S. Frost residence; was over 30 yrs. a deacon of the 1st chh. in R., admitted Sept. 18, 1791 with his wife, "being recommended from the chh. in Jaffrey;" at first he and his wife went to chh. on foot, 5 miles, guided through the forest by blazed trees, each carrying an infant. He had previously been a Revolutionary soldier from Jaffrey. (*See N. H. Rev. Rolls.*)

He m. Hannah —, b. 1753; he d. Jan. 28, 1844, and is buried at S. R.  
Children:

- i. HANNAH,<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1779; m. Mar. 11, 1802, Joel Barry. (*See Barry.*)
- ii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 26, 1781; m. Aug. 15, 1804, Lydia Rice; he d. in Cambridgeport, 1855. Child: 1. *Persis*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1805.
1. iii. KENDALL, b. Apr. 6, 1783; m. 1st Sally Clark; m. 2d Edith P. Perham.
- iv. REBECCA, b. Feb. 15, 1785; m. Jan. 5, 1814, David W. Hardy of Mt. Holly, Vt.; she d. Feb. 27, 1861.
- v. POLLY, b. Apr. 30, 1787; d. Aug. 7, 1795.
2. vi. ISAAC, b. in R., Mar. 29, 1789; m. Lydia Wilkins.
- vii. DAVID, b. Apr. 26, 1792; m. Aug. 30, 1815, Lydia Mastick; went to Ohio; he d. Feb., 1860.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 17, 1793; m. Jan. 15, 1818, Fanny Fairbanks of R.; went to Ohio.

1. KENDALL<sup>2</sup> (*Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jaffrey, N. H., Apr. 6, 1783; a mason and wheelwright; at one time owned a large tract now covered by the east end of S. R. village; m. 1st Sept. 4, 1805, Sally Clark of R., b. Amherst, N. H., Apr. 4, 1785, d. at S. R. Feb. 17, 1816; m. 2d Mar. 22, 1817, Edith P. Perham, d. Athens, Vt., Sept 25, 1872; he d. at Southampton, Mass., Sept. 4, 1855.

Children, all except the last, b. in R.:

- i. POLLY (Mary)<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 26, 1808; m. — Lowell; res. in B. F., and later in Mass.; had two children.
- ii. HEZEKIAH C., b. Feb. 27, 1810; m. and had children; res. in N. Y. state.

- iii. SARAH, b. Nov. 17, 1812; d. at R. of consumption.
  - iv. KENDALL PATTEN, b. May 10, 1815.
  - v. ORVILLE, b. Jan. 2, 1818; m. — Goodwin; res. and d. South-ampton, Mass.; two children, both deceased.
  - vi. HANNAN, b. Aug. 27, 1820; m. Richard Goodwin; res. Norwich, Conn. Children: 1. *Annah H.*<sup>4</sup> 2. *Alice F.*, (a teacher). 3. *Fred*; all res. Norwich.
  - vii. FREDERICK, b. July 28, 1822; d. in Mass.; weighed over 300 lbs.
  - viii. EDITH ANN, b. Jan. 25, 1824; m. — Cross; res. Nashua, N. H.
  - ix. GEORGE NELSON, b. May 2, 1826; m. Sarah Hardy, res. Athens, Vt. Children: 1. *Willis Gilman*,<sup>4</sup> b. Reading, Vt., Sept. 28, 1850; m. Sept. 28, 1879, Helen E. Belden of Readsboro, Vt.; res. North Westminster, Vt. Child: 1. Nelson B.,<sup>5</sup> b. Athens, Vt., Jan. 26, 1881; m. Dec. 9, 1905, Elsie G. Robinson of Rutland, Vt.; res. No. Westminster. Child: Lulu Helen,<sup>6</sup> b. No. Westminster, Sept. 28, 1906. 2. *Fred E.*, b. Athens, Vt., May 6, 1862; m. Dora Dunham of Athens; res. Athens; no children.
  - x. JUSTINA, b. Mar. 12, 1829; m. Calvin Pomeroy; res. Easthampton, Mass.; she d. Feb. 18, 1907. Children: 1. *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> 2. *Abbie*. 3. *Fannie*. 4. *Delia*.
  - xi. EDWIN, b. Apr. 25, 1831; d. ae. 11 mos.
  - xii. JOEL B., b. July 5, 1833; a merchant of Cambridgeport, and its P. M. 1873-6; m. 1st Fannie Hardy of Cavendish, Vt.; m. 2d Clara J. Walker of Grafton, Vt.; res. Cambridgeport; he d. Sept. 25, 1905; no children.
  - xiii. HELEN A., b. Grafton, Vt., July 12, 1838; m. — Smith; res. Nashua, N. H. Children: 1. *Fred L.*,<sup>4</sup> res. Nashua; unm. 2. *Ethel E.*; res. Boston; unm.
2. ISAAC<sup>2</sup> (*Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R. March 29, 1789; m. Sept. 13, 1818, at Manchester, Vt., Lydia Wilkins; res. in the south part of R. and in Manchester; he d. in Manchester Nov. 11, 1857.
- Children:
- i. HEZEKIAH,<sup>3</sup> b. Manchester, Vt., Nov. 24, 1818; came to R. while young; rem. to Canada in 1839, and returned to R. in 1872; a mason by trade.
  - ii. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 25, 1819; m. Lucia Ann Morse; he d. Springfield, Mass., Sept. 28, 1848.
  - iii. ELVIRA, b. Feb. 23, 1821; d. in S. R., Aug. 24, 1856; m. Henry Snow.
  - iv. MARY, b. June 11, 1822; d. in S. R., Apr. 12, 1846; m. Perres Sherwin.
  - v. REBECCA, b. Mar. 1, 1824; m. Albert Russell in Goffstown, N. H.
  - vi. DAVID, b. Jan. 4, 1826; m. Fidelia Darling in 1850; he d. in Monticello, Minn.
  - vii. RODNEY, b. May 18, 1827; m. Delia Davis; res. in S. R.; no children; he d. in S. R., Feb. 15, 1907.
  - viii. PATTEN B., b. Feb. 28, 1829; m. Mar. 18, 1850, Lucy Ann Minard; he d. Oct. 13, 1899; she res. in S. R. Children: 1. *M. Seymour*,<sup>4</sup> b. Townshend, Vt., Jan. 29, 1851; d. in S. R., Mar. 17, 1863. 2. *M. Carrie*, b. Sept. 14, 1853; a teacher; d. Mar. 15, 1904; unm. 3. *John P.*, b. Feb. 3, 1855; m. in Boston, Hattie A. Lydston; res. Boston. Children: i. Mary.<sup>5</sup> ii. John. iii. Hattie. iv. Lillian. v. Edith. 4. *Fred Rodney*, b. Apr. 16, 1860; d. Oct. 31, 1863. 5. *George B.*, b. Apr. 29, 1863; d. Boston, Aug. 22, 1891; interred in S. R. 6. *Harry Oscar*, b. June 9, 1866; d. Boston, Feb. 6, 1902; interred in S. R.; m. Kittie F. Hay in 1891. Children: i. Louise.<sup>5</sup> ii. George. 7. *Hattie May*, b. in S. R., Sept.

- 16, 1871; m. Walter Green in 1890. Child: Caroline E.<sup>5</sup>; res. Charlestown, N. H.
- ix. WILLIAM G., b. Nov. 18, 1830; m. Apr. 9, 1851, Harriet, dau. of John Minard of R., d. Westminster, Vt., July 9, 1853; he d. Nashua, N. H. One son, *Charles W.*<sup>5</sup>; deceased.

## O'BRIEN

THOMAS,<sup>1</sup> b. Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland, Mar. 24, 1830; came to B. F., June, 1849; is trustee and sexton of Catholic cemetery; prominent member of St. Charles chh.; m. Feb. 16, 1857, Mary Ahern, b. Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, May 17, 1832; res. B. F.

## Children :

- i. KATE E.,<sup>2</sup> b. B. F., Feb. 14, 1858; res. B. F.; unm.
- ii. WILLIAM A., b. B. F., Apr. 19, 1860; grad. Dartmouth college in 1885; a lawyer; res. B. F.
- iii. JOHN C., b. B. F., Aug. 7, 1863; grad. medical department of the University of Vt. in 1887; m. July 9, 1889, Jennie C. Farren at Turners Falls, Mass., b. Hoosac Tunnel, Mass., Nov. 27, 1864; res. Greenfield, Mass., where he is a prominent physician. Children: 1. *John C.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Amsterdam, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1890. 2. *William A.*, b. Amsterdam, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1892. 3. *Mary C.*, b. Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 30, 1901.
- iv. THOMAS E., b. B. F., Aug. 5, 1867; grad. law department of Boston university in 1897; a lawyer; pres. of board of trustees of B. F. village; unm.
- v. JAMES F., b. B. F., June 28, 1871; grad. medical department of the University of Vt., 1900; a physician; res. B. F., and is a member of the school board; unm.

## OLCOTT

ELIAS<sup>1</sup> (*son of Timothy and Eunice (White) Olcott and a descendant, the 6th in line, from Thomas and Abigail who were among the first settlers of Hartford, Conn., and warm friends of Dr. Thomas Hooker the founder of the colony. The name of Thomas Olcott is inscribed upon the monument erected by Hartford in memory of her first settlers*), b. Bolton, Conn., Feb. 28, 1744, came to R. in 1763 and settled upon the "Upper Meadows," 2 miles north of Williams river; soon erected the large dwelling still standing upon the farm yet owned by his descendants, one of the best types of the better dwellings of the residents of over a century ago. The meadows around it were chosen by the first settlers to be the site of the "city" of the future, as shown by a copy of the survey of the town upon another page, made in 1753. Here he spent the remainder of his life, as have a number of generations since.

He was one of the most prominent men of his day in town, taking an active part in all public matters; became, with his wife, a member of the 1st chh. in R. when organized Oct. 27, 1773, and took part in the ordination of its first minister by offering the opening prayer; chosen deacon Jan. 23, 1774, and held the office until his death, 21 years after; town treasurer 1769, 1781, and for 11 yrs. previous to his death in 1794; selectman 1771; representative. 1782, in the sessions of the legislature held at Bennington, Windsor and Manchester.

He is buried in the old cemetery at R., where a large, well preserved, gray stone bears this inscription :

In Memory of —

Elias Olcott, esq — Who

departed this Life — in hopes of a better —

Oct. 29 — 1794 — In the 51st. year of his age.

Here in this place the human face

Will in Oblivion lie —

Till christ on high shall Rend the sky

And bid the dead arise —

His brothers, Rev. Bulkley Olcott the second settled minister of Charlestown, N. H., and Hon. Simeon Olcott of Charlestown, Judge and U. S. Senator, were each men of prominence in all this vicinity.

He m. Sibyl Dutton of R.

Children :

- i. CAROLINE,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1769; m. Randall Lovell of R. (*See Lovell.*)
- ii. ELIAS, b. June 27, 1771; m. Fanny Hastings.
- iii. PATTY, b. July 8, 1773; m. Feb. 23, 1796, Bela, son of Jonathan Holton of R., b. Westmoreland, N. H., Feb. 7, 1772. Children : 1. *Olcott*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Jehiel*. 3. *Hannah*. 4. *Bela*. 5. *Austin*. 6. *Martha*. 7. *John*.
- iv. SYBYL, b. July 28, 1775; m. Jehiel Webb, Jr. (*See Webb.*)
- v. SIMEON, b. Jan. 10, 1778; m. Abigail Taylor of R.; rem. to Lunenburg, Vt. Children : 1. *Aaron*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *John*. 3. *Erastus*. 4. *Henry*. 5. *Orvilla*. 6. *Randall*. 7. *Nathaniel*. 8. *Simeon*.
- vi. PARTHENIA, b. Sept. 22, 1781; m. Feb. 11, 1802, Daniel Dart of Weathersfield, Vt. Children : 1. *Sibyl*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Olcott*. 3. *Franklin*. 4. *Nelson*. 5. *Alonzo*. 6. *Joshua*. 7. *Tryphenia*.
- vii. HANNAH, b. Feb. 13, 1784; m. Mar. 7, 1802, Garanter Hastings of Charlestown, N. H.; res. Weathersfield, Vt.; Children : 1. *Worthy*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Yorick*. 3. *Hiland*. 4. *Justus*. 5. *Rodney*. 6. *Hammond*. 7. *Sally*. 8. *Susan*. 9. *Maria*. 10. *Clarissa*. 11. *Frances E.*
- viii. JOHN, b. June 24, 1786; m. Jan. 6, 1811, Rocksene, dau. of Solomon Wright of R., b. June 29, 1790, d. Aug. 12, 1866; he d. Nov. 15, 1858; both buried in the old cem. at R. village. Child : i. *Lewis M.*,<sup>3</sup> postmaster at R. 1834-1841. His children were : 1. *George*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Mary*. 3. *Helen*.

- i. ELIAS<sup>2</sup> (*Elias*<sup>1</sup>), b. on the old farm on the Upper Meadows in R., June 27, 1771, and always res. there; took active part in town affairs; m. Jan. 24, 1799, Fanny, dau. of John Hastings of Charlestown, N. H., b. Oct. 17, 1777, d. Jan. 15, 1849; he d. Aug. 29, 1854.

Children all b. in R. :

- i. SOLON.<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1799; always res. in R. and North Walpole, N. H.; late in life developed marked eccentricities; d. Jan. 25, 1873; unm.; is buried in Immanuel cemetery.
- ii. LEWIS, b. Apr. 6, 1801; lived and d. on the old homestead; m. Mary Smith, b. Oct. 6, 1807, d. Apr. 8, 1884; he d. Jan. 31, 1892.
- iii. LUCRETIA, b. Feb. 27, 1803; d. July 4, 1806.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Aug. 10, 1805; m. in 1834 Frink Fletcher; lived and d. in Springfield, Vt.; she d. May 9, 1898. Children : 1. *Charles O.*.<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1839. 2. *Henry*, b. Jan. 28, 1844, d. Nov. 4, 1904, m. 1st Merab Wood of Springfield; m. 2d Aug. 31, 1898, Dora Carpenter. Child : i. *Fred*.<sup>5</sup> b. May 7, 1874, d. Feb. 12, 1906; all res. in Springfield.

- v. LUCRETIA, b. Aug. 11, 1807; d. about 1894; unm.
- vi. ELIAS, b. July 23, 1809; res. early in the large dwelling in R. village opposite the Lovell Tavern; was merchant at R. and P. M. 1844-5; rem. to B. F., and in 1849 erected the house near the north end of Atkinson street, on the west side, which was his home until his death; took active part in town matters; at various times constable, selectman, trustee of public money and highway surveyor; while holding the latter office important changes were made in the streets at the north end of B. F., caused by the Rutland R. R. being built and using land where streets formerly were located; also he laid out Henry street, in B. F.; m. Apr. 10, 1838, Charlotte M., dau. of Manasseh Divoll of R., b. Sept. 15, 1816, d. Apr. 7, 1858; he d. June 27, 1887. Child: 1. *Oscar Divoll*,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Jan. 29, 1843; was many years town treasurer, holding the office at the time of his death, Nov. 6, 1897; m. Martha C., dau. of Charles Elliot Davis of R.; d. Mar. 21, 1904; no children.
- vii. CLARISSA, b. Dec. 28, 1811; m. Curtis D. Damon, b. Aug. 24, 1814, d. Nov. 28, 1870; res. and d. in Springfield, Vt.; she d. Dec. 7, 1896. Children: 1. *Elias Olcott*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1840; m. 1st Mary Jane Rice; m. 2d Marion Dart. Children by 1st wife: i. Clara Jane,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1865; m. Elmer Walker. Child: 1. Howard,<sup>6</sup> b. May 14, 1904. ii. Julia Ann, b. Mar. 19, 1869; m. May 8, 1888, Frank Stone. Children: 1. Bernard,<sup>6</sup> 2. Bernice. iii. By 2d wife, Ruth,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 21, 1889; m. Nov. 8, 1906, Jerome Tufts, Jr. 2. *Franklin Hastings*,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1843; m. Ann Eliza Boynton; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: i. William Curtis,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1875; unm. ii. Charles Hastings, b. Feb. 8, 1880; m. Edna Harris, Dec. 11, 1906. 3. *Caroline Ella*,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1845; m. May 8, 1866, Richmond J. Kenny; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: i. Clara Lizzie,<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 24, 1867; m. Sept. 4, 1889, Fred W. Burd. Children: 1. Nellie Caroline,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 9, 1891. 2. Myra Elizabeth, b. July 12, 1897. 3. Francis Walter, b. July 12, 1902. ii. Nellie Jane,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 23, 1873; d. Oct. 14, 1876. 4. *John Quincy*, b. July 12, 1848; m. 1st Medora Wood, d. Aug. 19, 1883; m. 2d Kate Sheldon. Child: i. Carlton,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1889. 5. *Clara Jane*, b. Mar. 8, 1850; d. Mar. 12, 1864. 6. *Fred*, b. Dec. 12, 1854; m. Ida Hopkins; res. Springfield. Children: i. Abbie L.,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1880; m. Allen L. Earle. ii. Curtis, m. Myrtie Lovell. Child: 1. Thelma,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 3, 1905. iii. Grace Mabel,<sup>5</sup> m. Dec. 23, 1905, Harold E. Brown. Child: 1. dau.<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 22, 1906. iv. Martha Whiting,<sup>5</sup>
- viii. JOHN HASTINGS, b. Sept. 24, 1813; d. Sept. 22, 1873; was a life-long resident of R.; P. M. 1854-6; m. Oct. 3, 1837, Mary Almaren, dau. of Jedediah Davis of R. Children: 1. *Charlotte*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 13, 1838; d. Feb. 16, 1842. 2. *Flora A.*, b. Mar. 15, 1843; m. John L. Divoll. (*See Divoll.*) 3. *Mary*, b. Nov. 3, 1846; d. Dec. 18, 1865; unm.
- ix. FANNY, b. Mar. 20, 1818; m. in R. Oct., 1842, Elijah Franklin Burt. (*See Burt. p. 608*); rem. to Howell, Mich., where they spent the remainder of their lives and d. there; she d. Apr. 16, 1880; he d. Aug. 9, 1866. Children all b. Howell, Mich.: 1. *Frank Olcott*,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 10, 1847; res. Howell; unm. 2. *Ella Caroline*, b. July 4, 1850; d. Dec. 12, 1894; unm. 3. *Mary Agnes*, b. Jan. 10, 1852; res. Howell; unm. 4. *Sidney Hastings*, b. Feb. 24, 1857; d. Sept. 29, 1882; unm.
- x. MARTHA, b. Jan. 18, 1824; m. May 16, 1846, Frederick J. Lee; res. Howell, Mich.; she d. Howell, Apr. 20, 1875. Child: 1. *Roseline E.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 24, 1847; m. Aug. 24, 1866, Edward G. McPherson; res. Howell. Children: i. George Lee,<sup>5</sup> b. June 7, 1870, unm.



- ii. Isabel, b. Sept. 16, 1878; unm.    iii. John A., b. Mar. 17, 1880; unm.    iv. William, b. Oct. 1, 1883; unm.

## OLCOTT

TIMOTHY (*s. of Timothy and Eunice (White) Olcott, and br. of Elias*), b. 1741, was one of the earliest settlers of R.; was chosen tithing man Mar. 30, 1763; his wife's name was Betty, or Elizabeth. They had children bap. in R. and Chester as follows:

- i. THOMAS CHANDLER,<sup>2</sup> bap. June 11, 1775.
- ii. BULKLEY, bap. May 17, 1778.
- iii. LUCY, bap. at Chester, Mar. 15, 1781.
- iv. EUSEBIA, bap. at Chester, Apr. 21, 1784.

## OSGOOD

CHARLES WESLEY<sup>7</sup> (*Timothy,<sup>6</sup> Peter,<sup>5</sup> Timothy,<sup>4</sup> Timothy,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from Hampshire, Eng.*), b. No. Andover, Mass., Nov. 14, 1841; learned machinist's trade in No. Andover and practised it in Lawrence, Mass., for 5 years; came to B. F. Mar. 10, 1871; established here, in company with William G. Barker, under the firm name of Osgood & Barker, an extensive iron foundry and machine shop for the manufacture of paper making machinery; sole proprietor after death of Mr. Barker until Apr. 21, 1899, when he retired; prominent in public life of village; deacon in 1st Cong. chh. of B. F., since 1880; teacher of one Sunday-school class since 1872.

He m. Nov. 16, 1864, Fannie M. C. Searle, b. Hollis, N. H., Dec. 12, 1839.

## Children:

- i. EDWARD GARDNER,<sup>8</sup> b. No. Andover, Aug. 29, 1865; proprietor City Plumbing and Heating Co. of B. F.; Colonel on staff of Gov. Grout 1896-7; m. June 10, 1891, Florence Mary, dau. of Ex-Gov. Roswell Farnham of Bradford, Vt.; res. B. F.; children: 1. *Florence Elizabeth*,<sup>9</sup> b. B. F., Mch. 24, 1896. 2. *Edward Farnham*, b. B. F. Nov. 18, 1903.
- ii. CHARLES HERBERT, b. in B. F., Aug. 14, 1871; m. Sept. 14, 1899, Mabelle L. Arnold of Clarion, Pa.; res. Boston. Child: 1. *Frances Evelyn*,<sup>9</sup> b. Newtonville, Mass., Nov. 26, 1900.
- iii. FRANCES REBECCA, b. in B. F. Aug. 30, 1875; res. B. F.; unm.

## OSGOOD

ELLIOT RAWSON<sup>8</sup> (*Elisha,<sup>7</sup> Ezekiel,<sup>6</sup> Elijah,<sup>5</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Hooker,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Swanzey, N. H., Jan. 13, 1819; rem. to S. R. in 1839; established a carriage manufactory and was many years a merchant; selectman 1859-64; representative 1870-71; P. M. of S. R. 3 times, aggregating about 15 yrs.; owned a livery stable; m. Feb. 20, 1842, Sarah Jane, dau. of Gates Perry of S. R., b. Sept. 10, 1823, d. Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 1, 1906; he d. at S. R., Apr. 25, 1893; no children.

HOLLAND W.<sup>9</sup> (*Ezekiel,<sup>8</sup> Elisha,<sup>7</sup> Ezekiel,<sup>6</sup> Elijah,<sup>5</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Hooker,<sup>3</sup> Stephen,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), b. S. R. Jan. 26, 1834; farmer near S. R. on the farm cleared by Obadiah Wilcox on the road to B. F.; m. Nov. 7, 1855, Valeria A., dau. of Xenophen Earle of S. R., b. Aug. 13, 1835, d. July 28, 1866.

## Children :

- i. CHARLES W.,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 12, 1859; jeweller at S. R.; m. Boston, Dec. 28, 1881, Blanche Lingley of St. John, N. B. Children all b. in S. R.: 1. *Blanche Mary*,<sup>11</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1882; m. S. R., Oct. 26, 1904, Dr. Frederick L. Osgood, b. Chittenden, Vt., Sept. 27, 1872, grad. U. V. M., 1894, practised in S. R., since May, 1896. Children: 1. *Doris*,<sup>12</sup> b. S. R., July 23, 1906. 2. *Charles Fay*, b. Aug. 8, 1884. 3. *Holland Fletcher*, b. July 28, 1889. 4. *Edward Lingley*, b. Apr. 21, 1893. 5. *Sidney Earle*, b. July 18, 1896. 6. *Fred Tutthill*, b. Apr. 7, 1899; d. Feb. 4, 1900.
- ii. MINNIE A., b. Jan. 23, 1862; m. Oct. 7, 1888, Fletcher D. Benton of Brattleboro, Vt. Child: 1. *Valeria A.*,<sup>11</sup> b. Mch. 24, 1889.
- iii. ELLEN JANE, b. Feb. 15, 1866; m. Sept. 22, 1888, Edward Preston Taft of S. R.. (*See Taft.*)

## PERHAM

ROYAL WILDER<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Oliver and Malinda Perham, who were among the first settlers of Athens, Vt.*), b. Athens, Jan. 26, 1822; rem. to Cambridgeport, 1845; wheelwright, and later drove freight teams between B. F. and Grafton; kept Cambridgeport hotel 1850 to 1865; proprietor of stage line between B. F. and Townshend; retired in 1871; m. Catherine E. Plant, d. 1890; he d. Dec. 30, 1871.

## Children all b. in Cambridgeport :

- i. ANNA MALINDA,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1848; deceased.
- ii. ABBIE ROWENA, b. June 13, 1849; m. Charles B. Smith. (*See Smith.*)
- iii. ADDIE LAURETTE, b. Aug. 17, 1851; res. Rutland, Vt.; unm.
- iv. OLIVER JEREMIAH, b. Mar. 26, 1853; whereabouts unknown.
- v. HATTIE EVELITH, b. July 7, 1856; m. Walter W. Scott; res. Rutland, Vt. Child: 1. *Walter James*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 14, 1879.
- vi. SARAH VIOLA, b. Aug. 31, 1858; m. July 13, 1891, Baxter M. Walker who d. at S. R., July 17, 1906; she d. Feb. 17, 1905. Children all b. at S. R.: 1. *Ulyssa Briggs*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 3, 1892. 2. *Ruth Marion*, b. Apr. 18, 1896; d. Oct. 24, 1902. 3. *Elizabeth Catherine*, b. Aug. 15, 1898.
- vii. JENNIE ETTA, b. Dec. 3, 1863; d. Feb. 16, 1881.
- viii. MINNIE BULAH, b. Apr. 6, 1869; m. Wm. I. Glynn. (*See Glynn.*)

## PERRY

GATES<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Joseph, a soldier of the Revolution who d. in S. R., Nov. 20, 1819, ae. 67.*), b. in Mass., in 1777; came to R. in 1807 from Antrim, N. H., moved on the "Leach farm" 2 miles north of S. R.; m. Mary Fletcher, b. Greenfield, N. H., in 1777, d. in S. R., in 1850; he d. in S. R., Aug. 13, 1858.

## Children (four d. young) :

- i. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. 1801; m. William Campbell Wiley of S. R. (*See Wiley.*)
- ii. GATES, b. Greenfield, N. H., Mar. 29, 1803; m. Adeline Garfield.
- iii. CLARISSA, b. Mar. 1, 1805; m. Kendall Patten Barry. (*See Barry.*)
- iv. GEORGE, b. in S. R., Mar. 6, 1807; m. Apr. 2, 1828, Hannah B. Chandler.
- v. PHILIP FLETCHER, b. in S. R., 1809; m. Laura Smith.
- vi. SOPHRONIA, b. Nov., 1813; m. — Stimpson of S. R.; she d. in 1834.

- vii. PERSIS ANN, b. May 12, 1818; m. J. S. Steele, a carriage maker of S. R.; she d. Keene, N. H., May 3, 1885. Children: 1. *George*,<sup>3</sup> m. Mary Clark; d. Child: Georgianna.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Lucy*, m. Oscar L. Colony of Keene; d. there May 3, 1901. 3. *Dorr*, b. in S. R.; d. young. 4. *Martha*, m. Frank D. Griswold; res. Keene, N. H.; has eleven children.
- viii. SARAH JANE, b. Sept. 10, 1823; m. Elliot Rawson Osgood. (*See Osgood.*)
1. GATES<sup>2</sup> (*Gates<sup>1</sup> Joseph*), b. Greenfield, N. H., Mar. 29, 1803; came to S. R. when 3 yrs. old, res. there many years; last 17 years of his life spent in B. F.; held various public offices, selectman, justice of the peace, deputy sheriff, and was high sheriff of Windham Co., 1836 to 1841; m. Adeline Garfield of Townshend, Vt.; he d. B. F., Mar. 25, 1873.
- Child:
- i. FRED,<sup>3</sup> b. in S. R., Jan. 26, 1841; m. in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 24, 1868, Annie Maria Watriss, b. in 1842, d. in Philadelphia, Pa., July 13, 1878; he d. N. Y. city, Aug. 14, 1876. Child: 1. *Annie Fredericka*,<sup>4</sup> b. Baltimore, Jan. 27, 1872; res. Woodstock, Vt.
2. GEORGE<sup>2</sup> (*Gates<sup>1</sup> Joseph*), b. in S. R., Mar. 6, 1807; in 1831, in company with his brother, Philip Fletcher, established large tin ware manufactory in S. R. and continued it until 1847, when, in connection with Theophilus Hoit and John A. Farnsworth, he erected a woolen mill on the lower falls where the factory of Ammi Smith had been burned in Apr. of that year. Manufactured black cassimeres under the firm name of George Perry & Co., and they in 1857 purchased the stone woolen mill at Cambridgeport; a prominent citizen of strict honor and integrity; was state senator in 1857; m. Apr. 2, 1828, Hannah Burrell Chandler, b. Petersham, Mass., June 11, 1808, d. Mar. 3, 1899; he d. in S. R., Aug. 22, 1858.
- Children:
- i. SOLON,<sup>3</sup> b. in S. R., Nov. 12, 1829; res. in S. R. and B. F. till 1858, when after the death of his father, he rem. to Cambridgeport taking his father's interest in the woolen mill till 1867, then went to Leominster, Mass., and engaged in the woolen business there several years; later res. in Boston; postmaster of Cambridgeport, 1863-7; he m. Mar. 18, 1851, Martha E., dau. of Elijah Jones of S. R., b. in S. R., Jan. 14, 1832, d. Apr. 27, 1870; he d. in S. R., Apr. 4, 1905. Children: 1. *Charles S.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 23, 1852; m. Jennie C. Allen; res. Leominster, Mass. Child, i. Edith,<sup>5</sup> b. June 9, 1878; m. Albert F. Francis, June 9, 1898; d. Mar. 26, 1902. 2. *Nellie C.*, b. at B. F., Apr. 17, 1856; m. 1st Frank B. Scofield (*See Scofield*); m. 2d William H. Campbell. (*See Campbell.*) 3. *Martha Ellen*, b. Apr. 27, 1870; d. Sept. 28, 1870.
- ii. MARY SOPHRONIA, b. Sept. 26, 1839; m. John F. Alexander of S. R. (*See Alexander.*)
3. PHILIP FLETCHER<sup>2</sup> (*Gates<sup>1</sup> Joseph*), b. in S. R., 1809; established a tin business in S. R., in 1831; was a cripple using a wheel chair; accumulated considerable property; m. in 1830, Laura Smith of R., b. 1807, d. Aug. 15, 1865; he d. in S. R., Sept. 25, 1862.
- Children:
- i. FRANCES,<sup>3</sup> b. 1832; m. Dr. Lewis Simonds of Chester, Vt.; she d. Hudson, Mass., Apr. 23, 1891. Child: 1. *Emma*,<sup>4</sup> m. Alvan B. Felker; d. Feb. 3, 1901.

- ii. SIDNEY F., b. 1841; m. Harriet, dau. of Jonas Aldrich of R.; she d. B. F., May 29, 1905; he res. B. F.; no children.

## PETTENGILL

DR. EDWARD HENRY<sup>1</sup> (*eldest s. of Dea. Jonathan and Sally (Barrett) Pettengill*), b. Grafton, Vt., May 14, 1837; fitted for college at Burr & Burton seminary, Manchester, Vt., entered Middlebury college with the class in 1862; a severe illness at the end of his second year prevented graduation, but the degree of M. A. was afterward given him by the college; enlisted in Co. D. 16th Vt., and served through Gettysburg campaign; after an honorable discharge began the study of medicine under Dr. Daniel Campbell in S. R.; grad. Harvard Medical college 1866, and also took courses in the University of Vt. and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in N. Y., after which he immediately began practice of medicine in partnership with Dr. Campbell in S. R., Jan., 1869, and was continuously in practice in S. R. until his death; charter member of E. H. Stoughton Post, G. A. R., at B. F.; the first U. S. Pension Examiner in this part of the state, and acted as sole examiner four years until the formation of the Board of Examiners, on which he served for many years; occupied many public offices in town, among them superintendent of schools, health officer and trustee of the Rockingham Free Library.

His ancestry on the paternal side went back to one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and still further to a dissenting minister in the west of England. His maternal gr. gr. father was Col. John Barrett, who served under Gen. Gates in the Revolution, and who was also member and clerk of the first legislative assembly of Vt.

He m. May 21, 1868, R. Jennie Wilder of Keene, N. H.; she res. S. R.; he d. S. R., Feb. 8, 1900.

## Children :

- i. GEORGE THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> b. July 11, 1869; m. Dec. 28, 1868, Louise Bunnell of N. Y. city; res. Orange, N. J. Children: 1. *John Edward*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 17, 1902. 2. *Robert Bunnell*, b. Mar. 6, 1904.
- ii. FANNY MABEL, b. Sept. 22, 1870; res. S. R.; unm.
- iii. FLORENCE WILDER, b. July 23, 1872; res. N. Y. city; unm.
- iv. EDWARD BARRETT SANGER, b. Nov. 19, 1874; res. S. R.; unm.
- v. HELEN BARRETT, b. Aug. 4, 1878; res. S. R.; unm.

## PETTES

SIMON<sup>1</sup> (*s. of John*), b. Brattleboro, Vt., Mar. 31, 1801; came from Brattleboro and established first tin-shop in B. F., in 1823, in a small frame building that stood on the site of the present "Mammoth Block." This building was later rem. to the site of the present Church homestead on Westminster street, and occupied for a "select school," and again rem. a little further south where it is now used as a dwelling. He rem. to Schenectady, N. Y. in 1838 and later to N. Y. city; owned valuable patent rights for door locks and rock drilling machines; m. May 16, 1826, Fanny Wightman, dau. of Zachariah Carpenter of Walpole, N. H., b. Walpole, Jan. 29, 1805, d. Walpole, Mar. 14, 1841; he d. B. F., July 11, 1855.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. CATHERINE A.,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1828; m. Hiram Hosmer Stone. (*See Stone.*)

- ii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Nov. 19, 1829; m. Feb. 19, 1846, Elizabeth Stebbins of Deerfield, Mass.; res. B. F., St. Johnsbury, Rutland and Keene; d. Aug. 18, 1887; she now res. Keene, N. H.; no children
- iii. FANNY CARPENTER, b. Nov. 4, 1831; d. Feb. 2, 1832.
- iv. GEORGE PARKER, b. Nov. 18, 1836; d. Aug. 15, 1837.

#### PHELPS

FRANK B.<sup>7</sup> (*Horace*,<sup>6</sup> *Capt. Bissell*,<sup>5</sup> *Solomon*,<sup>4</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Timothy*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Moretown, Vt., Dec. 10, 1851; Revolutionary ancestry same as his brother, Henry A.; builder and merchant; member of Meth. chh. of B. F.; m. Sept. 19, 1871, Mattie G. Young, b. Royalton, Vt., Sept. 18, 1853; res. B. F.

Child:

- i. ANNIE JULIA,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 7, 1882; m. Henry K. Brown of Windsor, Vt., June 25, 1902; res. B. F.

#### PHELPS

HENRY A.<sup>7</sup> (*Horace*,<sup>6</sup> *Capt. Bissell*,<sup>5</sup> *Solomon*,<sup>4</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Timothy*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Moretown, Vt., Dec. 25, 1845; came to B. F. in 1882; contractor and builder; member of 1st Bap. chh. of B. F.; m. Feb. 24, 1867 Aramantha C. Parker, b. Sharon, Vt., July 27, 1842. Capt. Bissell,<sup>6</sup> served 7 yrs. in the Continental Army and held a captain's commission, served under Washington, later under Lafayette, later moved his family with 2 yoke of oxen up the Connecticut valley from Mass. to Waitsfield, Vt., about the time Gen. Wait, with whom he had been intimate in army service, moved to that town; res. B. F.

Children:

- i. LUCY ARAMANTHA,<sup>8</sup> b. Sharon, Vt., May 1, 1872; grad. B. F. H. S., and a business college at Worcester, Mass.; stenographer; res. B. F.; unm.
- ii. ROLLIN HENRY, b. Keene, N. H., Oct. 1, 1874; killed by accident, B. F., May 18, 1889.

#### PHELPS

JAMES H.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Simeon, gr. s. of Henry, gr. gr. s. of Abraham*), b. Sutton, Mass., Dec. 30, 1822; had livery stable on Bridge street in B. F. many years; later engaged in restaurant business, at St. Catherines, Ont., where he d. Feb. 16, 1878; traced ancestry to James Phyllyppes of Tewksbury, Eng., b. 1520, the emigrant to America being George, who was one of the founders of Windsor, Conn., and Westfield, Mass.

He m. May 2, 1848, Sarah A., dau. of Thomas Russell, Jr. of Walpole, N. H., b. July 10, 1822, d. B. F., Aug. 9, 1896.

Children:

- i. LUCY LAVINIA,<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 16, 1852; m. Henry F. King of B. F., May 22, 1872, d. B. F. June 12, 1902; she d. B. F. Sept. 2, 1873. Child: 1. Lizzie Phelps<sup>3</sup>, b. May 17, 1873; d. Aug. 28, 1873.
- ii. FREDDY WELLINGTON, b. Sept. 8, 1855; d. June 30, 1857.

## PIERCE

FRANK GORDON<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Joseph B. and Lucinda T. (White) Pierce*), b. Peterboro, N. H., May 4, 1854; came from Peterboro to B. F., in 1880, and engaged first in grocery, later in clothing trade, which he continues; prominent official of the Universalist church, and in Masonic fraternity; m. Nov. 19, 1876, H. Alta Robbe, b. Peterboro, N. H., Nov. 5, 1855.

## Children :

- i. DANA JOSEPH,<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 20, 1878; is an employee of a bank in Minneapolis, Minn.; unm.
- ii. HERBERT ROBBE, b. Nov. 10, 1888.
- iii. MARION FRANK, b. May 5, 1891.

## PIERCE

NED<sup>9</sup> (*Alvah Warren,<sup>8</sup> Alvah,<sup>7</sup> Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> Lieut. William,<sup>5</sup> Samuel,<sup>4</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> Sergt. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Londonderry, Vt., Feb. 10, 1859; came to B. F., Feb., 1893; contract slater; m. 1st. Jan. 2, 1889, Martha Gould, b. East Cambridge, Mass., May 3, 1868, d. Londonderry, Vt., Jan. 6, 1891; m. 2d. Nov. 14, 1894, Alice Merial Morse of Westminster, Vt., b. Nov. 6, 1854; res. B. F.; no children.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> emigrated from England to Charlestown, Mass., 1633-4. William<sup>3</sup> res. Woburn and was a Colonial soldier 1675. Benjamin<sup>6</sup> res. Wilton, N. H. and was a Revolutionary soldier, buried in Londonderry, Vt.

## PORTER

TISDALE<sup>1</sup> (*s. of George, b. Jan. 29, 1759, d. July 11, 1844, served 2 years in the Revolutionary war*), b. Athens, Vt., Oct. 31, 1803; a farmer at Cambridgeport for many years; m. 1st Dec. 31, 1835, Sarah Caroline, dau. of Benj. Smith of R., b. Feb., 1810, d. Oct. 15, 1846; m. 2d Apr. 8, 1852, Peninah Thompson; he d. Cambridgeport, Apr. 28, 1876.

## Children :

- i. GEORGE,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 3, 1837; res. Derby Line, Vt.; unm.
- ii. SUSAN ANN, b. July 23, 1854; m. Joseph F. Rand; d. June 10, 1894; no children.
- iii. CAROLINE SMITH, b. Nov. 15, 1856; m. Apr. 2, 1885, Charles Warren; res. Keene, N. H. Children: 1. *Helen May*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 3, 1888. 2. *Howard Porter*, b. July 28, 1890.

## PROCTOR

NATHAN<sup>4</sup> (*Israel,<sup>3</sup> Gershom,<sup>2</sup> Robert,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from England to Concord, Mass., in 1635*), b. Chelmsford, Mass. in 1751; m. Lydia Robins in 1774, and that year rem. to Washington, N. H.; served during the Revolution in Capt. Brockway's company, later in Capt. Twitchell's company, Col. Enoch Hale's regiment. He later rem. to R. and cleared a farm one-half mile north of Lawrence Mills, and there built a home where he res. until his death, Oct. 27, 1836; the farm is now tenantless, and the buildings are gone; she d. Nov. 25, 1817, ae. 67 yrs. both are buried in R. cemetery.



## Children :

- i. LYDIA,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1775.
  - ii. POLLY, b. Nov. 27, 1776; m. Edward Darby; she d. Aug. 20, 1850; no children.
  - iii. SALLY, m. Daniel Locke; rem. to Moriah, N. Y.
  - iv. NATHAN, res. Springfield, Vt.
  - v. JONAS, b. in 1783; m. Betsy Dakin.
  - vi. PATTY.
1. JONAS<sup>5</sup> (*Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Israel*,<sup>3</sup> *Gershom*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. in 1783; m. Betsey Dakin, who d. Dec. 4, 1864, ae. 78; he d. June 10, 1857; they always res. in R.

## Children all b. in R. :

- i. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 1807; m. Curtis Bagley; res. in R. and Westminster, later rem. to Bolton, Mass.
- ii. NATHAN, b. July 1, 1809; m. Harriet Dorand.
- iii. MARY, b. 1812; m. Hiram Caruth and rem. to Brookfield, Mass.
- iv. AMOS, b. 1814; m. Rebecca Powers and rem. to Bolton, Mass. : Children: 1. *Emory*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Mima*.
- v. ELI, b. 1816; m. Mary Woodward; after res. in R. several yrs., rem. to Janesville, Wis. and still res. there in 1905. Children: 1. *Adin*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Hiram*. 3. *Joel*. 4. *Mary*. 5. *Ellen*.
- vi. JOHN, b. 1818; m. Louisa Woodward.
- vii. JOEL, b. 1820; m. Pamela Powers; rem. to Bolton, Mass., where they passed the remainder of their lives and accumulated a substantial fortune that at their decease was donated to Vt. Academy at S. R. One of the principal buildings was named "Proctor Hall" in their memory; no children.
- viii. JONAS, b. 1822; m. Susan (Dorand) Gouid and after res. in R. several yrs. rem. to Janesville, Wis., later to Iowa; he d. 1891. Children: 1. *William*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Charles*. 3. *Hattie*.
- ix. ELIZABETH, b. 1826; m. Aaron R. Powers of Boston, Mass. Children: 1. *Milton*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Ella*. 3. *Henry*. 4. *Carrie*. 5. *Hattie*. 6. *Flora*. 7. *Charles*. All live in Mass.

2. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> (*Jonas*,<sup>5</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Israel*,<sup>3</sup> *Gershom*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 1, 1809; m. Harriet, dau. of Peter Dorand of R., b. Sept. 1, 1808; settled on a farm on the road leading from Lawrence Mills to Springfield in 1836, and after 25 yrs. they rem. to the R. meadows farm formerly owned by Lucius Bancroft; later removed to R. village and spent the remainder of their lives with their dau. Harriet. He d. Oct. 23, 1900; she d. Oct. 30, 1891.

## Children :

- i. NATHAN SCHUYLER,<sup>7</sup> b. 1837; res. in R., Chester, Vt., and Springfield, Vt., and held responsible positions in these towns; m. May 15, 1861, Martha Ann, dau. of Warren Felt of R., b. May 1, 1840; d. Mar. 15, 1895; he res. in R. Child: 1. *Wells Herbert*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 27, 1865; a machinist; m. in 1890, Laura McIntyre of Springfield; res. in Springfield; no children.
- ii. CHARLES HERBERT, b. 1838; engaged in grain business in Boston until 1891 when he returned to R. village where he still resides; m. in 1867, Mary Harlow, b. Windsor, Vt., June 28, 1844. Child: 1. *Arthur H.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Boston, Mass., July 7, 1868; is in grain business in Cambridge, Mass.
- iii. ETTA S., b. 1840; m. Royal Lewis Lovell of Springfield, Vt. (*See Lovell*.)
- iv. HARRIET, b. 1842; m. 1861, Josiah B. Divoll of R. (*See Divoll*.)
- v. GEORGE O., b. Feb. 23, 1847; m. Feb. 7, 1869, Lilian Clark of

Chester, Vt.; after a few years' business in R. rem. to Boston and engaged in grain business, first with his brother, Charles Herbert; is now carrying on alone a large retail trade; represented Somerville in Mass. legislature 2 yrs., and has been 2 yrs. mayor of the city; res. Somerville. Children: 1. *Mabel C.*<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 2, 1869; m. Oct., 1900. 2. *Guy H.*, b. July 23, 1871; m. Oct. 30, 1901. 3. *Grace L.*, b. Apr. 3, 1874; m. Oct. 18, 1905. 4. *George Waldo*, b. Nov. 15, 1882; grad. Harvard college in 1906.

vi. *PARMELIA*, b. Oct. 15, 1848; d. May 1, 1864.

vii. *AMOS L.*, b. May 19, 1851; m. Sept. 9, 1874, Emma Aseneth Bidwell; lived on homestead farm in R.; rem. to B. F., engaging in meat and provision trade; rem. 1890 to Somerville, Mass., and in 1902 to Derry, N. H., where he is now carrying on the same business. Children: 1. *Florence Bidwell*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Aug. 9, 1875. 2. *Nathan Clinton*, b. in R., July 28, 1877. 3. *Clarence Divoll*, b. Charlestown, N. H., July 31, 1884; grad. Harvard college and is a civil engineer in Boston.

3. *JOHN*<sup>6</sup> (*Jonas*,<sup>5</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Israel*,<sup>3</sup> *Gershom*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 29, 1818; m. Louisa dau. of Samuel Woodward of Bartonsville, and settled on the plain, a mile west of R. Center on the farm since known as the "Rodney Wiley place," later res. where his son, Frank, still res; he d. Nov. 15, 1903.

Children:

i. *REBECCA LOUISE*,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1842; m. Jonas Aldrich. (*See Aldrich.*)

ii. *NORMAN*, b. Sept. 8, 1845; d. Mar. 7, 1858.

iii. *FRANK*, b. June 30, 1848; m. Dec. 5, 1872, Ann dau. of John G., Whiting of R., b. Dec. 3, 1846; res. in R. Child: 1. *Merrill F.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Apr. 15, 1883.

#### PULSIPHER

*DAVID*,<sup>1</sup> in 1749 was a resident of Pomfret, Conn., later of Ware River Parish, Mass.; in 1766 came to R. with his wife, Elizabeth, and five children; settled on the meadows opposite South Charlestown, N. H., and later rem. to R. village and built the first log cabin "Inn" of the town, located on the site of the dwelling now standing next west of the old church; town meeting of Mar. 28, 1771, was held "at the Now Dwelling house of Mr. David Pulsiphers Innholder," as were other town meetings previous to the building of the first meeting or town house.

When the first town church was organized, Oct. 27, 1773, David Pulsipher and his wife, Elizabeth, were among the 19 members who composed it, and Mr. Pulsipher later joined with three others in presenting the town with the land which, for a century and a third, has been occupied by the old meeting houses and the burying ground adjoining.

Directly after the battle of Lexington tidings of the event were brought to R., as well as all surrounding towns, and Mr. Pulsipher with his son, John, joined a band of patriots gathered from this and other towns on both sides of the Connecticut river. and on the morning of Apr. 21, 1775, they started on their hurried journey to the scene of conflict. With them were Timothy Clark and William Stearns, also of this town. They were assigned to Capt. John Marcy's company in Col. James Reed's regiment, which took an active part in the defense of the rail fence in the battle of Bunker Hill. David Pulsipher never returned to his home, and his fate is unknown. It is

supposed he was either killed or died of disease early in the war. His wife and family remained in the old log cabin several years, keeping it as a public tavern.

Children :

1. i. JOHN.<sup>2</sup>
- ii. EBENEZER, a soldier of the Revolution; "marcht to Manchester;" m. June 20, 1782. Unity Reed. Children: 1. *Esther*,<sup>3</sup> b. June 27, 1783. 2. *Ebenezer*, b. Aug. 1, 1787. 3. *Anna*, b. Aug. 24, 1789. 4. *Cynthia*, b. Jan. 13, 1793. 5. *Orin*, b. Apr. 6, 1795. 6. *Randilla*, b. Sept. 2, 1797. 7. *Unity*, b. Sept. 14, 1800. 8. *Elvira*, b. Mar. 6, 1803. 9. *Josiah Read*, b. July 24, 1806.
- iii. ELIZABETH, m. Capt. John Fuller, a soldier of the Revolution.
- iv. MARY, m. John Harwood of Ware River Parish, Mass. Children: 1. *Lydia*,<sup>3</sup> b. 1761; m. Nathaniel Davis. (*See Davis*.) 2. *Polly*, m. Thaddeus Parks of Chester, Vt.
2. v. DAVID, b. Sept. 28, 1757; m. Priscilla Russell.

1. JOHN<sup>2</sup> (*David*<sup>1</sup>), served in the Revolutionary war, was with his father at the battle of Bunker Hill; "marcht for Ticonderoga;" res. in R. and was one of the founders of the 1st Baptist chh. in 1789; his wife was adm. to 1st chh. in R., May 24, 1789.

Children :

- i. OLIVER,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 7, 1774; m. Jan. 16, 1804, Jemima Searls of R.
- ii. DAVID, b. Sept. 13, 1776.
- iii. BETSY, b. May 29, 1778; m. Ellison Archer of Plymouth, Vt., Nov. 21, 1809.
- iv. POLLY, b. July 21, 1780; m. Jan. 31, 1799, Dexter Newton of Unity, N. H.
- v. JOHN, b. June 18, 1782; m. Mar. 2, 1809, Elizabeth Randall of R.
- vi. ELIAS, b. July 1, 1784; d. Jan. 16, 1788.
- vii. SOLOMON, b. May 28, 1786; m. Apr. 23, 1809, Anna, dau. of Timothy Clark of R.; enlisted in the army in the War of 1812; d. in the service, of pneumonia, following measles; no children.
- viii. ZERA, b. June 24, 1788; m. Nov. 6, 1810, Polly Randall of R.
3. ix. ELIJAH, b. May 19, 1791; m. Rebecca Kendall.
- x. SHIBLE, b. Mar. 29, 1793.
- xi. ANANNAH, b. Oct. 9, 1798.

2. DAVID<sup>2</sup> (*David*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 28, 1757; m. 1st Oct. 15, 1778, Priscilla, dau. of James and Lucy Russell of Walpole, N. H., b. Feb. 20, 1754, d. June 12, 1816; m. 2d Oct. 31, 1816, Mrs. Joanna Weaver; he d. Jan. 14, 1835.

Children :

- i. ELIZABETH STOELL,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 21, 1779; d. Feb. 24, 1811; unm.
4. ii. SAMUEL WOOD, b. Jan. 13, 1782; m. Sally Weaver.
- iii. LUCY, b. Nov. 29, 1784; m. June 4, 1829, Edward Darby of R.; she d. Dec. 11, 1830; no children.
- iv. IRENE, b. Dec. 20, 1786; m. Dec. 8, 1809, Alpheus Kendall of Cavendish, Vt.; she d. May 27, 1810; no children.
- v. PHILENA, b. Aug. 28, 1789; d. at the old homestead in 1860; unm.
5. vi. DAVID, b. Dec. 6, 1791; m. Rebecca Lane.
6. vii. ELIAS, b. June 20, 1794; m. Susan Lane.
- viii. PATTY, b. Sept. 5, 1796; d. Feb. 19, 1798.
7. ix. WILLIAM W., b. July 21, 1800; m. Electa Barnes.

3. ELIJAH<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 19, 1791; m. Rebecca Kendall, d. Feb. 2, 1871; he d. Feb. 2, 1873.

## Children :

- i. LIVERIA,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 1, 1815; m. Thomas H. Kendall, d. Mar. 10, 1879; she d. Aug. 28, 1894. Children: 1. *George Ulmer*,<sup>5</sup> 2. *Frances Marion*, deceased. 3. *Warren*, d. in infancy. 4. *Rebecca Anna*, m. Charles C. Phelps; res. Athol, Mass.; no children. 5. *Ella*, m. Calvin P. Pettengill; res. Boulder, Colo. Children: i. Bertha Elizabeth.<sup>6</sup> ii. Arthur Byron. iii. Frank Harmon, deceased. iv. Emma Liveria. 6. *Emma*, twin sister of Ella.
- ii. BELANA, b. Dec. 22, 1818; m. Daniel Kendall; she d. Windham, Vt. Children: 1. *Harriet*,<sup>5</sup> m. George Willard; she d. 1902. Children: i. Charles,<sup>6</sup> res. Manchester, Vt. ii. Helen M., m. Fred Baldwin; res. Manchester, Vt. 2. *Helen* (twin sister of Harriet), m. Elmer H. Lawrence; she d. 1875. Children: i. Angie,<sup>6</sup> m. N. H. Lawrence; res. Townshend, Vt. ii. Edward, m.; Blanche Harrington; res. Chester, Vt. iii. Helen, m. Osro Clayton; res. So. Londonderry, Vt. 3. *Delia B.*, m. Henry Willard; she d. Grafton, Vt., 1904. Children: i. A. H.,<sup>6</sup> m. Nellie Williams; res. Boston, Mass. ii. Rose, m. Arthur J. Palmarier; res. Williamsville, Mass. iii. Florence, m. Myron Hawley; res. Springfield, Mass. 4. *Solon*, m. 1st Hattie E. Lawrence; m. 2d Sarah Hawley; res. Westminster, Vt. 5. *Rosalie*, m. John B. Lawrence; res. Grafton, Vt. Child: Albert H.,<sup>6</sup> m. Eva S. Howard; res. Grafton, Vt.
- iii. ROYAL E., b. Jan. 1, 1820; m. Betsey R. Kendall, d. in 1903; he d. May 7, 1881. Children: 1. *William Royal*,<sup>5</sup> m. Susan Potter; res. Fitchburg, Mass. 2. *Mary*, m. Charles Dartt; res. New Haven, Conn. 3. *Archie*, deceased. 4. *Walter E.*, m.; res. Fitchburg, Mass.
- iv. FIDELIA A., b. May 8, 1822; m. Isaac F. Kendall, d. Oct. 31, 1903; she d. Mar. 20, 1864; res. So. Charlestown, N. H. Children: 1. *Isaac Allen*,<sup>5</sup> d. while in the navy. 2. *Royal Earl*, d. in infancy. 3. *Royal Henry*, m. and res. in California. 4. *Charles Eugene*, m. Hattie Wood; one dau., res. Boston. 5. *Fred*, d. in infancy. 6. *Fred*, deceased. 7. *Etta I.*, m. Elbridge R. Welch. Child: Elbridge R.,<sup>6</sup> res. Melrose, Mass.
- v. PAMELIA A., b. Sept. 12, 1824; m. Abner Tolles; d. Jan. 20, 1893. Children: 1. *Sarah A.*,<sup>5</sup> m. Edgar T. Chamberlain; deceased. 2. *Alice May*, d. ae. 6 yrs.
- vi. REBECCA, b. Dec. 2, 1827; m. Marshall A. Davis. (*See Davis.*)
- vii. EMILY J., b. Mar. 18, 1830; m. Edward Holmes. Children: 1. *Selden Clifford*,<sup>5</sup> deceased. 2. *Herbert Allen*, m. Flora B. Russell; res. Langdon, N. H. Children: i. George.<sup>6</sup> ii. Russell. iii. Esther. iv. Helen. v. Ashton. 3. *George Edward*, deceased. 4. *Gracia Maria*, m. Ernest Knight; res. Langdon, N. H. Children: i. Laforest.<sup>6</sup> ii. Selden. iii. Freeman. iv. Emery. 5. *Fidelia Holmes*, m. Ira M. Russell; res. Langdon, N. H. Children all deceased.
- viii. ELIJAH F., b. Dec. 1, 1833; m. Sept. 3, 1856, Arvilla E. Bancroft of R.; he d. Lakewood, N. J., May 29, 1879. Children: 1. *Lizzie May*,<sup>5</sup> b. New Haven, Conn., July 21, 1858; m. Oct. 1880, John L. Irons; they now res. in Winterham, Va. Children: i. William Percival,<sup>6</sup> b. Lakewood, N. J., June 13, 1882; d. Aug. 11, 1902. ii. Lyndon O., b. Lakewood, May 6, 1884. iii. Herman C., b. Lakewood, Mar. 9, 1886. iv. Vera L., b. Lakewood, Jan. 17, 1888. v. Virgil M., b. Lakewood, Apr. 8, 1890. vi. Jefferson C., b. Lakewood, Sept. 13, 1891. vii. Thelma A., b. Lakewood, Nov. 12, 1895. viii. Arvilla L., b. Lakewood, Oct. 11, 1897. ix. Frank P., b. in Virginia, Dec. 25, 1901; d. July 9, 1902. 2. *Frank B.*, b. Lakewood, Oct. 15, 1868; m. Annie Hodges. Children: i.

Stanley F.,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 13, 1891; res. in Winterham, Va. ii. Norman G., b. Sept. 5, 1893; res. Winterham, Va. iii. Perley E., b. May 4, 1896; res. Winterham, Va. iv. Helen B., b. June 21, 1897; res. Winterham, Va. v. Leather R., b. July 24, 1898; d. Nov., 1898. vi. Robert H., b. July 24, 1899. 3. *James Perley*, b. Lakewood, Nov. 28, 1874; m. Marie L. Lopez; res. Philadelphia, Pa.; no children. 4. *Fanny B.*, b. Sept. 6, 1865; d. Lakewood. Nov. 22, 1867.

4. SAMUEL WOOD<sup>3</sup> (*David*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 13, 1782; was known as "Lieut.;" selectman 1811-14; m. May 29, 1806, Sally, dau. of Daniel Weaver of R., b. Mar. 13, 1787, d. Oct. 14, 1862; he was drowned while repairing his mill dam in R., July 14, 1817.

Children:

- i. GEORGE HENRY,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 29, 1807; m. Abigail A. Bosworth, b. June 17, 1818, d. May 15, 1903; he d. Feb. 11, 1861; res. Southport, Ill. Children: 1. *Laura O.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1843; d. Dec. 16, 1895. 2. *Lucia Ann*, b. May 20, 1845; m. 1st Nov. 22, 1871, Thomas Edson Horsley, d. Oct. 31, 1896; m. 2d Apr. 22, 1903, Edward I. Walker; res. Elmwood, Ill. Children: i. Mary Frances,<sup>6</sup> b. July 8, 1873; m. John Pearson. Child: 1. Glen,<sup>7</sup> res. Elmwood, Ill. ii. George Pulsipher, b. Oct. 26, 1877; res. Elmwood, Ill. iii. Edward Fred, b. Mar. 2, 1881; m. and has one son. iv. Earl, b. Feb. 25, 1888. 3. *Eliza Jane*, b. Nov. 6, 1847; m. Aug. 10, 1871, Francis L. Cox, d. Mar. 15, 1901; res. in Kansas. Children: i. Fred,<sup>6</sup> ii. Raymond. iii. Abigail. iv. Arthur. v. Carl. vi. Belle; all res. in Kansas. 4. *Fred Bremer*, b. July 22, 1851; m. Oct. 18, 1876, Mary E. Taylor; res. Elmwood, Ill. 5. *Isabel*, b. Sept. 30, 1853 or 1855; m. Oct. 3, 1877, George H. Wiley. Children: i. James Earl,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 12, 1878; m. Nov. 20, 1898, Viola Keefer. ii. Nettie Sarah, b. Sept. 3, 1883; m. Dec. 21, 1905, Oliver Brown. iii. Mabel Blanch, b. Aug. 7, 1886. iv. Verna Ethel, b. Apr. 3, 1889. v. Nellie F., b. Apr. 13, 1893; d. Sept. 13, 1905. 6. *Ethel May*, b. Apr. 8, 1858; res. Southport, Ill.
- ii. CHARLES WEAVER, b. Sept. 15, 1808; m. Oct. 10, 1837, Lucy Wilson, b. Chester, Vt., May 20, 1819; he d. Apr. 9, 1888; res. in R. Children: 1. *Susan Ellen*,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 4, 1839; m. Morton C. Roundy. (*See Roundy.*) 2. *Martin W.*, b. Mar. 2, 1842; d. May 2, 1856. 3. *Sarah Isabell*, b. in 1846; m. Richard F. Halladay. (*See Halladay.*)
- iii. IRENE KENDAL, b. Dec. 27, 1810; deceased.
- iv. ELIZABETH STOEL, b. Mar. 5, 1813.
- v. LAURA, b. July 1, 1815; m. Mar. 29, 1842, Rodney Wiley, b. Peterboro, N. H., Mar. 20, 1815, d. in R., Mar. 28, 1904; she d. in R., May 25, 1887. Children: 1. *George Franklin*,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1845; m. Nov. 17, 1870, Frances M. White; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: i. Carrie Louise,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1872; m. Dec. 10, 1895, Charles F. Bartlett; no children; res. in Mass. ii. Flora Frances, b. June 15, 1875; m. Dec. 19, 1901, Thomas E. Hoban. Child: Ruth Frances,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 9, 1905. iii. Grace Smart, b. Mar. 20, 1878; m. June 14, 1899, Alvin W. Lawrence; no children. iv. Gertrude Olive, b. Feb. 5, 1883; res. Springfield, Vt. v. Clarence Henry, b. May 1, 1886; res. Springfield, Vt. vi. Harlan Levi, b. Oct. 11, 1894; res. Springfield, Vt. 2. *Mary J.*, b. Feb. 18, 1850; m. Sept. 29, 1886, Walter C. Stuart; she d. June 9, 1892; no children; res. in R. 3. *Sarah Ann*, (twin sister of Mary J.), b. Feb. 18, 1850; m. Morton C. Roundy. (*See Roundy.*)
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 15, 1816; m. Franklin Severens, b. in Derby, Vt., Oct., 1811. represented R. in legislature, 1859-60, and was



- prominent in local town affairs, d. in Michigan; she d. in R., Sept. 28, 1875. Children: 1. *Henry F.*,<sup>5</sup> b. May 11, 1835; is a judge; m. Dec. 1, 1863, Carrie Ryan; res. Kalamazoo, Mich. Children: i. Mabel,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 19, 1868. ii. Carrie, b. Oct. 22, 1872. 2. *Charles W. P.*, b. Mar., 1837; m. Harriet McQuaide; res. in S. R. Children: i. Martin,<sup>6</sup> ii. Ida. iii. Jefferson. 3. *James M.*, b. Aug. 25, 1839; m. and has children; res. Montevideo, Minn. 4. *Elma May*, b. Mar. 26, 1844; m. May 4, 1870, George W. Perham. Child: i. Carrie.<sup>6</sup> 5. *Jefferson*, b. May 13, 1849; d. Feb. 3, 1864. 6. *Seymour*, b. July 26, 1851; m. in 1878, Augusta Morse of R. Child: i. Elva,<sup>6</sup> m. and has 2 children; res. in Michigan. 7. *Jessie F.*, b. Apr. 25, 1856; m. in 1876, George H. Smith; d. Sept. 25, 1890; he res. Holland, Mich. Children: i. Eva.<sup>6</sup> ii. Linthea iii. Alwyn; m. iv. Lucy; m. v. Mabel.
- vii. SAMUEL W., b. Oct. 11, 1817; m. in 1842, Angeline E. Walker, b. July 4, 1825, d. Nov. 9, 1889; he rem. to Brimfield, Ill., in 1838, and d. Feb. 19, 1897. Children: 1. *Florence E.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 6, 1843; m. May 16, 1871, James E. Wilson, d. Nov. 5, 1902; res. Southport, Ill. 2. *Francis A.*, b. Nov. 2, 1845; res. Elmwood, Ill. 3. *Edmond C.*, b. Apr. 7, 1848; m. Jan. 11, 1891, Emma C. Gibbs, b. Feb. 4, 1859; res. Elmwood, Ill. Children: i. Irene,<sup>6</sup> b. July 21, 1892. ii. Bettie M., b. Aug. 9, 1894. 4. *Leslie O.*, b. Sept. 23, 1850; m. May 1, 1889, Abbie Burt, b. Feb. 19, 1860; res. Elmwood, Ill. Child: i. Ross H.,<sup>6</sup> b. July 17, 1893. 5. *Eldon S.*, b. Mar. 8, 1853; m. Oct. 10, 1881, Ella Strain; res. in Southern Mich. Child: 1. Eugenia L.,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1883.

5. DAVID<sup>3</sup> (*David*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 6, 1791; early a farmer, res. between R. and S. R. villages, his farm joined that of Elias Pulsipher and the neighborhood was known as "Pulsipher Hollow;" many yrs. a drover, driving cattle and sheep from northern N. H., and Vt. on foot to Boston markets before the Cheshire R. R. was built, and later loading them on the cars at Fitchburg, Winchendon and B. F.; seriously injured early in the '50s by being crushed in a car by unruly cattle and never fully recovered. He was a large man, of great energy, deeply interested in public affairs, in the education of his children and in the churches of his town. He sold his farm about 1860 and rem. to S. R., and in 1865 to Brimfield, Ill., where he d. in 1867 at the home of his dau. Elizabeth.

He m. Mar. 15, 1815, Rebecca, dau. of Ephraim and Elizabeth Lane of Walpole, N. H., b. Apr. 7, 1795. She was the eldest of seven sisters, all remarkable for their superior traits of character.

Children:

- i. ELVIRA,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 7, 1816; m. William Hooper of Walpole, d. June 16, 1881. Children: 1. *Franklin William*,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 11, 1851; a grad. Harvard college, 1875. A. M., 1897; a prominent educator: Director of Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, N. Y.; m. in 1876, Martha Holden; res. Brooklyn, N. Y. Children: i. Rebecca Lane,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 24, 1877. ii. Franklin Dana, b. Oct. 30, 1884. 2. *George Dana*, b. Sept. 4, 1853; a farmer; m. 1st Jan. 1, 1875, Elbra Mabel Dunham, d. Apr. 16, 1896; m. 2d Mar. 1, 1906, Lizzie L. Pease; res. Walpole, N. H. Children: 1. Eleanor,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1876; m. Herbert G. Lamb; res. Alstead, N. H. Children: i. Harold George,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 23, 1897. ii. Grace Hattie, b. Oct. 24, 1898. iii. William Herbert, b. Mar. 31, 1900. iv. Roger Henry, b. May 1, 1902. v. Charles Hooper, b. July 18, 1904. vi. Elbra Eleanor, b. Aug. 17, 1905. 2. George Hayes,<sup>6</sup> b.



- Feb. 9, 1877; res. Walpole, N. H.; unm. 3. Grace Emma, b. Oct. 31, 1878; m. Oct. 25, 1904, Robert Maynard Sears; res. Springfield, Mass.; no children. iv. Elbra Mattie,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 7, 1880; m. Jan. 7, 1904, Walter Arnold Johnson; res. Westminster, Vt.; no children.
- ii. LEWIS, b. Apr. 3, 1817; d. June 24, 1825.
- iii. DANA, b. Sept. 9, 1818; m. May 12, 1848, Martha J. Law, b. May 12, 1826; rem. to Illinois in 1852; she d. Aug. 16, 1896; he d. Elmwood, Ill., Nov. 21, 1878. Children: 1. *Henry Dana*,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1849; m. Apr. 14, 1872, Cynthia Adams, b. Mar. 8, 1853; he d. Peoria, Ill., July 31, 1894. Children: i. William Henry,<sup>5</sup> b. June 18, 1873; m. Nov. 2, 1892, Carrie O. Byrum; res. near Elmwood, Ill. Children: 1. William Edward,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 4, 1894; d. July 9, 1894. 2. Henry W., b. Sept. 24, 1896. 3. Julia G., b. Apr. 5, 1900; d. Oct. 5, 1905. 4. Lester H., b. Mar. 24, 1902. ii. Gertrude May,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1878; d. Aug. 25, 1897. iii. Mary Jane, b. Sept. 19, 1882; m. Aug. 4, 1903, Clarence A. Merrick. iv. Harry, b. June 25, 1884. 2. *Ella Rebecca*, b. Dec. 27, 1855; m. Mar. 23, 1882, Edson Fayette Walton, b. Feb. 22, 1852; res. Elmwood, Ill. Children: i. Neva Elbra,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 22, 1883; d. Aug. 22, 1903. ii. Robert Dana, b. June 26, 1886. iii. Florence Elizabeth, b. May 14, 1889. iv. Mildred Eleanor, b. Jan. 2, 1894; d. Aug. 5, 1895. 3. *Arthur C.*, b. Sept. 9, 1859; m. Apr., 1885, Mary Looley; d. Sept. 30, 1899; res. Peoria, Ill. Children: i. Clarence,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 1, 1886. ii. Charles, b. Apr., 1888. iii. Florence, b. June, 1891. 4. *Lizzie Alice*, b. Sept. 30, 1868; res. Peoria, Ill.; unm.
- iv. MARY, b. Apr. 30, 1820; d. in infancy.
- v. MARY, b. Nov. 13, 1821; d. in infancy.
- vi. SOPHIA, b. Feb. 18, 1823; d. 1876; unm.
- vii. GEORGE, b. July 9, 1824; deceased; unm.
- viii. ELIZABETH D., b. July 26, 1826; m. Robert W. Wiley. (*See Wiley*.)
- ix. LEWIS, b. Oct. 5, 1828; m. Nov. 18, 1855, Chloe Chilson; went west in 1857; he d. Weston, Ill. Children: 1. *Flora E.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 1, 1856; m. Miller Hotaling; d. Dec. 25, 1886; res. Weston. Children: i. Lewis,<sup>6</sup> m. ii. Philip, m. iii. Leah, m. iv. Clodie, m. 2. *Clara E.*, b. Apr. 25, 1859; m. Charles Anderson; d. Sept. 10, 1901; res. Fairbury, Ill. 3. *Jennie May*, b. Oct. 14, 1862; m. Charles Anderson; d. Dec. 25, 1892; res. Fairbury. Children: i. Jessie,<sup>6</sup> ii. Beatrice (twins). 4. *George A.*, b. Jan. 14, 1866; res. Weston. 5. *Nellie S.*, b. Jan. 13, 1871; d. Mar. 18, 1874; res. Fairbury. 6. *Nettie A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1874; m. C. W. Compton; res. Fairbury.

6. ELIAS<sup>3</sup> (*David*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 20, 1794; m. Susan, dau. of Ephraim and Elizabeth Lane, b. Walpole, N. H., Oct. 1, 1796, d. in S. R. in 1880; he d. in S. R., June 22, 1858. He was a farmer in Pulsipher Hollow, his farm joining his brother David's. Sold his farm in the 50's and removed to S. R., to a house standing on the lot now occupied by the res. of his gr. s., Starks Edson. The house now stands on the west side of the highway opp. to its former site. He was a drover, a man of splendid build and distinguished appearance. In character resembled his brother David.

Children:

- i. GEORGE F.,<sup>4</sup> b. 1821; d. 1821.
- ii. MARTHA A., b. 1823; m. in 1842, Othniel W. Edson, b. in R. in 1818, d. Albany, N. Y., in 1861; she d. in Troy, N. Y., in 1859. Children: 1. *Catherine Z.*,<sup>5</sup> b. in 1843; m. in 1871, Francis A. Davis of Boston, d. in 1896; she d. Newton, Mass., in 1898. 2.

*Starks*, b. Chester, Vt., in 1848; res. in Troy, Albany and N. Y. city from 1867 to 1886, during which period he was engaged in the grain commission business, in partnership with his uncle, Franklin Edson. In 1886 he rem. to S. R., and in 1890 engaged in the manufacture of paints. In 1905 was one of the first board of trustees of S. R. village. He m. in 1870, Nellie S. Childs of S. R.; res. S. R.; no children.

- iii. IRA A., b. 1826; m. in 1861, Ruth B. Pollard of Ludlow, Vt., a well-known teacher in Vt. Academy, b. in 1833, d. Concordia, Kan., in 1899; he d. in S. R., in 1865. Child: 1. *Park B.*,<sup>5</sup> b. in 1862; m. in 1899, Mary (Howard) Burnett, b. Windsor, Vt., in 1864; is a lawyer at Concordia, Kan.; no children.

7. WILLIAM W.<sup>3</sup> (*David*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 21, 1800; always lived on the old homestead in R. where the first log "Inn" stood. Like his brothers, David and Elias, was a drover, and resembled them in physical size and energy of character; m. Jan. 5, 1830, Electa Barnes of Weathersfield, Vt., b. Jan. 25, 1807, d. Springfield, Vt., June 26, 1891; he d. in R. Sept. 26, 1870.

Children:

- i. ZADA P.,<sup>4</sup> b. May 29, 1831; d. July 31, 1833.
- ii. LUCY ANN, b. Nov. 23, 1834; d. Springfield, Vt., July 17, 1893; unm.
- iii. ELI P. B., b. Jan. 18, 1839; a prominent hardware merchant with W. H. H. Putnam, in Springfield, Vt., later liveryman; m. 1st Sept. 2, 1873, Emma (Smalley) Divoll, d. in 1885; m. 2d May 2, 1890, Nancy (White) Beard; res. Springfield. Child: (adopted) *Frank E.*,<sup>5</sup> b. July 25, 1876; m. Nov. 1, 1899, Winnie Merrill; res. Springfield. Children: i. Ruth W.,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 10, 1900; res. Springfield. ii. Josephine M., b. July 18, 1902; res. Springfield.
- iv. SARAH REBECCA, b. Apr. 4, 1848; m. May 26, 1874, William H. H. Putnam, b. Grafton, Vt., Sept. 14, 1840, was sergeant major during the Civil war and since 1873 a prominent business man, merchant and town official of Springfield. Children: 1. *May Emma*,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 22, 1875; m. Sept. 21, 1898, Elmer S. Baldwin; res. Springfield. Children: i. Clyde Putnam,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 11, 1899. ii. Alice May, b. July 27, 1901. iii. William Joseph, b. Mar. 9, 1904. 2. *John Charles*, b. Feb. 11, 1877; unm. 3. *William Eli*, b. Feb. 15, 1879; m. in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 20, 1904, Edith H. Ellison; res. Birmingham, Ala. Child: i. William H. H. (2d)<sup>6</sup>, b. July 15, 1905. 4. *Edwin Garfield*, b. Dec. 14, 1881; d. Sept. 26, 1900. 5. *Howard Eaton*, b. Sept. 19, 1883; res. Birmingham, Ala., unm. 6. *Harry Barnes*, b. Apr. 25, 1887; res. Springfield, Vt., unm. 7. *Russell*, b. Feb. 18, 1889; d. Feb. 22, 1889. 8. *Sarah Louisa*, b. April 8, 1891; res. Springfield. 9. *Carrie Lucy*, b. Mar. 25, 1893; res. Springfield.

## RAND

FRED C.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Theodore Cyrus, gr. s. of Gen. Denzel Davis Rand of the Vermont militia*), b. Windham, Vt., May 31, 1854; rem. from Townshend, Vt., to S. R., Aug., 1886; conducted livery business there until June, 1905; has since res. on a farm just west of S. R. village; has been constable and deputy sheriff; m. Nov. 26, 1877, Emma Lemira, dau. of Josiah and Mary Jane (Farnum) Goddard, b. Londonderry, Vt., Nov. 26, 1856.

Child:

- i. RAY JAMES,<sup>2</sup> b. in S. R., Nov. 14, 1885; grad. B. F. H. S., 1905.

## RAY

MYRON H.<sup>6</sup> (*John C.*,<sup>5</sup> *Paul*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *Amos*,<sup>2</sup> *Abel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Henniker, N. H., Aug. 30, 1855; came to R. in 1886; has been 1st selectman the last five years; a farmer and dealer in lumber; a member of the fraternities of Masons, Odd Fellows and Patrons of Husbandry; representative in legislature, 1906.

His ancestor, Abel,<sup>1</sup> lived in Marlborough, Mass., at the commencement of the 18th century, was in the French and Indian war in 1754, and also a soldier of the Revolution, although at that time an old man.

Myron H.,<sup>6</sup> m. Oct. 15, 1884, S. Grace Pickard, b. Canterbury, N. H., Aug. 8, 1863; res. B. F.

Children:

- i. FLORENCE M.,<sup>7</sup> b. May 11, 1888.
- ii. EDITH L., b. Feb. 25, 1891.
- iii. GWENDOLIN F., b. Feb. 19, 1899.

## READ

LAVANT MURRAY<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Charles and Olive C. (Willard) Read*), b. Wardsboro, Vt., Dec. 26, 1842; educated in common schools of his native town, later attended Leland & Gray seminary, Townshend, Vt.; enlisted Co. H., 2d Vt. Vol. in '63, took part in numerous battles, severely wounded in the Wilderness, honorably discharged Aug. 20, '65; entered law office of Hon. Hoyt H. Wheeler, then of Jamaica, Vt.; admitted to Windham county bar in '69; began to practise in Jamaica as a partner of his old preceptor, Judge Wheeler; rem. to B. F. in 1872, practising his profession until his death; state's attorney 1880-2; elected judge of probate in 1886 which office he retained until his last illness; town representative in 1892 and again in 1894, chairman of committee on railroads and of the committee upon revision of laws in the latter year, to which arduous duty was probably due the physical breakdown resulting in death; president of the Vt. Bar association; first commander of E. H. Stoughton Post No. 34, G. A. R., and twice re-elected; member of the Masonic fraternity including the degrees to that of Knight Templar; a number of years grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vt., and served as grand master of the same body from 1878 to 1881; first dictator of the subordinate lodge of Knights of Honor, and also grand dictator of the grand lodge; an eminent and gifted lawyer, a leading citizen, exerting large influence in his town and state.

He m. Dec. 13, 1876, Sarah A., dau. of Jared D. and Sarah (Amadon) Perkins of B. F., b. Fitzwilliam, N. H., Mar. 25, 1844. He d. B. F., June 17, 1902; she res. B. F.

Child:

- i. MARY ALICE,<sup>2</sup> b. B. F., Jan. 25, 1878; graduate of Smith college, 1901; res. B. F.; unm.

## RICHARDS

LIEUT. CHARLES<sup>2</sup> (*4th s. of Charles<sup>1</sup> of Scotland, Marblehead and Lunenburg, Mass., and his wife Janet Mitchell*), b. Wenham, Mass., May 27, 1735; rem. to R. from Groton, Mass., about 1762; prominent in military and

civic affairs during the Revolution; town treasurer 1765, 1779, 1780; selectman 1770, 1778; elected lieutenant of town militia Co. in town meeting, 1775; "marcht for Ticonderogue," 1777, and in the same year commanded a detachment of R. militia, as lieutenant, on an expedition to Bennington; contributed to expense of the R. delegate to the historic Dorset convention, 1777; one of four men to present the town with the land for first meeting-house and the burying ground in 1782; member of the 1st Univer. chh. of R. on Parker Hill in 1793; rem. late in life to Townsend, Mass. He m. Anna Craig.

Children:

- i. CHARLES,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1757; took an active part in the Revolution from this town; was one of the company that "marcht to Manchester" in 1777, and was with the "expedition to Bennington" in Sept., 1777; a drummer in the company raised in the "alarm" caused by the burning of Royalton in Oct., 1780; and a member of the company sent from this town to quell the riot in Guilford, 1782. He m. Sept. 8, 1778, Molly Arwin of R. Children: 1. *John*,<sup>4</sup> bap. July 18, 1784. 2. *Molly*, bap. July 18, 1784. 3. *Heman* and 4. *Matilda*, twins, bap. Aug. 7, 1785.
- ii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 23, 1761; was also active during the Revolution; in the Saratoga campaign in 1777; in the "expedition to Bennington" in 1778; corporal of local company, 1780; on the "freemen's role;" went to Guilford and assisted in subduing the Tories as a member of Capt. Simonds' Rockingham company, 1782. He m. June 30, 1782, Sally Field of R. Children: 1. *Manor*,<sup>4</sup> bap. July 18, 1784. 2. *Sally*, bap. Sept. 11, 1785.
- iii. MARY.
- iv. EDWARD, b. Oct. 4, 1763; said to have been the third white child b. in the new township of R.; m. Eunice Locke of R.; rem. to Charlestown, N. H., later to Perry, N. Y., where he d. ae. nearly 90. Children: 1. *Eunice*,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1787; m. 1st Jan. 1, 1811, James Blake; m. 2d in 1833 Uriah Gilson of Unity, N. H. 2. *John Locke*, b. Apr. 14, 1789; m. Mar. 10, 1813, Abigail Gilman of Unity, N. H.; res. Marietta, O. Children: i. John Locke,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 23, 1815; m. Mar. 10, 1850, Ellen Mariah, dau. of Asa Hibbard of Concord, Vt., b. Oct. 11, 1830. ii. Edward Gilman, b. Aug. 27, 1817; d. Aug. 22, 1829; unm. iii. Urania Stoughton, b. Nov. 28, 1819; m. George H. Wells; d. July 29, 1858. iv. Luman, b. July 28, 1822; d. July 31, 1843; unm. v. Anna, b. Oct. 16, 1829; d. Jan. 24, 1833. 3. *Nancy*, b. May 13, 1791; m. Mar. 18, 1812, Samuel B. Spear of Cavendish, Vt., and they were living in R. in Oct. of that year. 4. *Urania Barrett*, b. Mar. 8, 1794; m. Ira Stoughton of Gill, Mass. 5. *Edward*, b. 1796; m. Feb. 14, 1820, Sally Densmore; res. Rochester, N. Y. 6. *Perry Nelson*, b. May 16, 1799; m. Oct. 16, 1822, Emily Griswold; res. Sunderland, Mass.
- v. PERRIN, b. in R.; m. Sarah —.
- vi. BETSEY, b. in R., about 1770; m. — Wallace.
- vii. MOSES, b. in R., Sept. 8, 1773; m. Sally Stoughton.

## ROBBINS

DR. ARTEMAS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Nathaniel and Mary (Coolidge) Robbins*), b. Newton, Mass., Jan. 8, 1776; a physician of B. F. for more than 30 yrs. previous to his death, May 16, 1857; lived in a large dwelling where the opera house now stands and had his office in a small building on the same lot; later lived on the north side of School street; invested in silk worm culture and railroad construction, losing heavily in both; "a stern, dignified

man, very proud, a great temperance man, fighting rum in every form, and a skilled practitioner in medicine."

He m. 1st Eva Tull of Saratoga, N. Y.; m. 2d Azubah Fisk of Chester, Vt. Child by 1st wife:

- i. Louisa,<sup>2</sup> b. Saratoga, N. Y., July 17, 1804; m. Daniel Brown Johnson in B. F., Oct. 1, 1829; d. Nov. 15, 1869. Child: 1. *Artemas Robbins*,<sup>3</sup> b. Hanover, N. H., June 25, 1832; m. Apr. 25, 1859, Mary E., dau. of William Bill and Betsey (Robertson) Blake of B. F.; he d. Holyoke, Mass., Jan. 7, 1874. (*See Blake*, p. 600.)

## ROBERTSON

JOHN<sup>2</sup> (*s. of William*,<sup>1</sup> *gr. s. of George*), b. near Halifax, N. S., Oct. 4, 1824; always a paper maker, as were both his father and gr. father. His gr. father followed the business in Scotland and never came to America. His father learned the business in Scotland, emigrated to America, purchased a mill in Putney, Vt., about 1824 and continued the manufacture there and at Hinsdale, N. H. during the remainder of his life. The Robertson clan in Scotland dates as far back as 1391. It is not known there was relationship between this John and the John Robertson who was tavern keeper of B. F., 1821 to 1834, except possibly in the earlier generations in Scotland.

John<sup>2</sup> began business in Putney in 1842 in partnership with his father, when paper was made by hand in sheets and dried on poles. This partnership was dissolved in 1860, John admitting to the business in 1864, his son, Charles E., from which time to the present the firm name of John Robertson & Son has been a well known one, first in Putney and later in B. F.

The firm came to B. F. in 1872 and erected the mill on the site of the present John T. Moore & Son paper mill, Mr. Moore then being a member of the firm. In 1880 the same company built the present John Robertson & Son mill and in 1882 the firm divided its business, John T. Moore taking the old mill and John Robertson & Son taking the new one. Soon after the death of John Robertson, in 1898, his son, Charles E., admitted to the firm his son, Louis J., retaining the old firm name as it was in Putney 35 yrs. earlier. Mr. Robertson retained his interest in the Putney mill until his decease.

John Robertson's name always stood for integrity and uprightness. He was a broad-minded, conscientious, and public spirited citizen. He represented the town of Putney in the legislature of 1866, represented R. in the same body 1884-5, and at various times held many offices of public trust.

Edward R. Robertson, at one time a paper manufacturer of B. F., was a brother of John, and was associated with him in the Robertson Paper Co. of B. F. Capt. William Robertson, many yrs. a prominent paper manufacturer at Putney was a cousin of John.

In 1901, the heirs of John Robertson, jointly with the heirs of the late Dr. Daniel Campbell of S. R., presented this town with the clock and bell that occupy the tower of the Opera House building in B. F., as a memorial of two prominent, public-spirited citizens.

John<sup>2</sup> m. 1st Oct. 5, 1846, Nancy J. Black in Putney. b. Mar. 29, 1826, d. Aug. 15, 1886; m. 2d Oct. 10, 1888, Stella M. Dana; m. 3d Dec. 12, 1893, Mrs. Martha Pixley; he d. Feb. 28, 1898 at Palm Beach, Fla., where he was making a short stop during a trip south from his B. F. home.



## Children :

- i. MARY C.,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1847; m. 1871, Lucian A. Lamson; res. Hopedale, Mass. Children: 1. *Carrie R.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1872; m. Jan. 7, 1897, Lyndon L. Dunham, a member of the wholesale and retail shoe firm of Dunham Bros., Brattleboro, Vt. Child: John Lucian,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 13, 1904. 2. *Clarence*, b. Feb. 21, 1872; d. July 30, 1873. 3. *Arthur*, b. Jan. 8, 1873; m. June 7, 1900, Edith Fletcher; res. Hopedale, Mass. Children: i. Arthur Lyndon,<sup>5</sup> b. July 12, 1901. ii. Marian R., b. Dec. 25, 1902. iii. Mary C., b. Dec. 25, 1904. 4. *Maud C.*, b. Feb. 26, 1874; m. June 23, 1897, Henry S. Favor; res. Providence, R. I. Child: Mildred L.,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1898. 5. *Lucian*, b. June 6, 1879; d. Jan. 8, 1882.
- ii. CHARLES E., b. Putney, Vt., Sept. 5, 1850; a paper mill owner of B. F.; m. Flora A. Ward, b. May 20, 1851. Child: 1. *Louis J.*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 1, 1876; a paper mill owner of B. F.; m. Jan. 7, 1902, Margaret Egan; no children.
- iii. HELEN C., b. Apr. 23, 1855; d. Apr. 25, 1857.
- iv. LIZZIE A., b. Hinsdale, N. H., Aug. 20, 1857; m. Feb. 2, 1876, Henry W. Gough, b. Nov. 9, 1852, d. Oct. 5, 1903; res. Worcester, Mass. Children: 1. *Harry E.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1876; m. Sept., 1902, Mary De Sylvia; res. Altoona, Pa. 2. *Bertha R.*, b. Nov. 29, 1880. 3. *Leola F.*, b. Feb. 14, 1884.
- v. JENNIE C., b. Apr. 4, 1860; d. Dec. 12, 1862.
- vi. JENNIE M., b. Putney, Vt., Feb. 13, 1866; m. George Howes Babbitt of B. F. (*See Babbitt*.)
- vii. MARIAN, b. Apr. 24, 1891; d. Nov. 30, 1893.

## ROBERTSON

JOHN<sup>3</sup> (*William*,<sup>2</sup> *Archibald*<sup>1</sup>), b. Brattleboro, Vt., June 25, 1778; came to B. F. in 1821; purchased the hotel building of Webb & Snow which they had just erected on the site of the present Hotel Windham on the east side of the Square, and was its landlord until 1834, it being known as "Robertson's Tavern." It was afterward known as the "Bellows Falls Stage House" and was destroyed in the conflagration of Mar. 14, 1860.

Mr. Robertson at once on coming to B. F. assumed an important place in the business of the then small village, and being a shrewd Scot he accumulated a competency of goodly proportions for that early day. When he disposed of his real estate in 1834 it comprised, in addition to the hotel property, a large part of what is now covered by the village of B. F. There were 6 acres just north of the mouth of Saxtons river, 3 acres on the north side of School street, including the old Wentworth lot now owned by L. Y. Clifford, and 2 acres near the head of the canal. On none of these lots was there a building at that time. He also owned a large tract of valuable old growth pine timber in the Cold river valley southeast of Mount Kilburn. He was prominently identified with the laying of the first aqueduct line into B. F., from near Gage's mills, owning a number of shares. In 1834, he purchased a large farm at So. Charlestown, N. H., rem. there and spent the remainder of his life.

His gr. father, Archibald,<sup>1</sup> was b. in Edinburgh, Scot., 1708, came to America in 1754 and d. in Brattleboro, 1803. His father, William,<sup>2</sup> b. Scot., Sept. 8, 1750, came to America with his parents, m. Mary Swan by whom he had four sons and two dau.: he d. in Brattleboro, 1841.



John,<sup>3</sup> m. 1st. 1798, Polly Chamberlain, b. 1774, d. 1813; m. 2d, 1814, Polly Clark, b. 1790, d. 1883; he d. So. Charlestown, N. H., Oct. 30, 1839.

Children:

- i. ROSWELL,<sup>4</sup> b. 1799; d. 1873. Children: 1. *Sarah*.<sup>5</sup> 2. *Roswell*.
- ii. BETSEY, b. 1801; m. William Bill Blake. (*See Blake*.)
- iii. JOHN, b. 1805.
- iv. RUSSELL, b. 1807; d. 1880. Children: 1. *Richard*.<sup>5</sup> 2. *Maria*.  
3. *William Blake*. 4. *Abby*. 5. *Sarah*. 6. *George* (d. Atlantic City, Ia.).
1. -. RICHARDSON, b. Brattleboro, Vt., May 14, 1809; m. Maria Silsby.

1. RICHARDSON<sup>4</sup> (*John*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *Archibald*<sup>1</sup>), b. Brattleboro, Vt., May 14, 1809; came to B. F. in 1821 with his father and lived in "Robertson's Tavern;" was later proprietor of the "Mansion House" on the west side of the Square; in 1842 rem. to Charlestown, N. H., and until 1870 was proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" there which was destroyed by fire in 1904; m. Oct. 13, 1835, Maria, dau. of Isaac Silsby of Charlestown, N. H., d. June 10, 1882; retired from business in 1880 and d. Charlestown, Oct. 25, 1905. During his last years his memory recalled more vividly than any other person people and incidents of B. F. at an early date. Many of these incidents are recorded in this volume.

Children:

- i. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 6, 1837; is a sister of the Holy Nativity (Episcopal), in Providence, R. I.
- ii. EMILY, b. B. F., Feb. 14, 1839; m. 1861, John H. Bradbury, d. Sept. 12, 1902; she res. N. Y. city. Children: 1. *Harriet Rebecca*.<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 11, 1862; m. Apr. 28, 1886, Charles Alonzo Rich, a prominent architect of N. Y. city, where they now res. Children: i. Dorothy Severance,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 11, 1887. ii. Margaret Bradbury, b. Nov. 26, 1888. iii. Emily Howard, b. Jan. 27, 1894. 2. *Mary Robertson*, b. Dec. 22, 1864; m. John G. Howard; res. Cal. Children: i. Henry Temple,<sup>7</sup> b. July 15, 1894. ii. Robert Boardman, b. Sept. 20, 1896. iii. Charles Houghton, b. Jan. 2, 1899. iv. John Langley, b. Feb. 5, 1902. 3. *John Henry*, b. Mar. 26, 1866; m. Maria Lane. 4. *Richard*, b. Dec. 6, 1875.
- iii. LOUISA, b. Jan. 25, 1841; d. Montreal, 1876.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Oct. 24, 1844; as Sister Mary Mercedes has long been connected with the convent of The Sacred Heart, Manchester, N. H.
- v. JOHN, b. Mar. 22, 1847; grad. at a theological seminary at Nashotah, Wis., was ordained a Jesuit priest, became a missionary in British Columbia and after his return to N. Y., d. there Aug. 18, 1892.

## ROGERS

JOHN,<sup>1</sup> b. Jan. 19, 1788, came to B. F., at ae. 8 yrs. from Rogersville, N. Y., where his brother, William, was a merchant; lived in the family of Solomon Hapgood; after marriage res. a few years in Walpole, N. H., but with this exception spent his life in B. F.; learned blacksmith's trade and for half a century was noted as "the best horse-shoer in the country, and no horse ever got the advantage of him;" shop was many years on the west side of the canal on the south side of Bridge street, later on the west side of Rockingham street; had a unique sign over both shops with a picture of an anvil with a man each side forging iron with hammers, all between the words "John" and "Rogers;" he lived in the large tenement house still standing on

the east side of Rockingham street, erected about 1814, now owned by Mrs. John T. Keefe, and at one time in the small dwelling that stood north of Union block, where is now Brown block; was a noted story teller, a large man weighing 235 lbs. and a jovial popular man in his day, always known as "Uncle John."

He m. Nancy Buck, b. Jan. 6, 1788, d. in B. F., Mar. 14, 1861; he d. at Concord, Mass., Aug. 5, 1861, while on trip from his home here; both buried in Immanuel cem.

Children all except the two first b. in B. F.:

- i. LYMAN CALVERT,<sup>2</sup> b. Aug. 13, 1811; d. Walpole, Jan. 19, 1812.
- ii. SARAH ANN, b. Dec. 26, 1813; d. Walpole, Aug. 5, 1815.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 1, 1814; went to N. Y., and d. of small pox.
- iv. NANCY AUGUSTA, b. Dec. 25, 1818; m. Capt. Azariah Wright. (*See Wright.*)
- v. GEORGE THOMAS, b. Sept. 12, 1820; went to N. Y., and d. of small pox, Feb. 20, 1844.
- vi. JAMES CALVERT, b. May 28, 1823; res. in B. F., and known as "Cab"; d. B. F., Apr. 3, 1880; unm.
- vii. JOHN OSCAR, b. Dec. 4, 1825; became a fireman and engineer on the Vermont Valley R. R.; later employed in Estey organ factory at Brattleboro, Vt.; suffered from rheumatism and spent the last nine years of his life in the I. O. O. F., Home at Ludlow, where he d. May 15, 1905. He was m. Sept. 12, 1848, and his widow res. in Brattleboro.
- viii. MARY GREEN, b. Jan. 27, 1829; m. Apr. 13, 1857, Daniel Clark; d. May 17, 1904, in Concord, Mass.
- ix. FRED, b. May 11, 1832; a printer in B. F., later of Boston; m. July 19, 1854, Helen Stone of B. F.; he d. Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 28, 1870.

## ROUNDY

CAPT. JOHN,<sup>1</sup> came to R. between 1777 and 1780 from Simsbury, Hartford Co., Conn., and settled above Lawrence Mills on the farm where Warren F. Severance now lives, then a wilderness. The cellar hole of his first house is still discernable, just south of Mr. Severance's home. Capt. Roundy was a prominent man of the town and held many public offices; represented R. in the legislatures of 1783 to 1787 inc.; moderator 1783, 5, 7 and 1790; selectman 1780-1; was a sergeant in Capt. Jonathan Holton's company in Col. Woods' regiment in 1780 and probably acquired the title of "Captain" by service in town militia later.

He m. previous to coming to R., Ruth —; he d. Apr. 23, 1805, ae. 57. His widow later m. Emery of R.; she d. Mar. 11, 1831, ae. 76 yrs.

Children of John and Ruth Roundy:

- i. i. RALPH,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1774; m. Rosalinda Wright of R.
- ii. SABRA, b. Simsbury, Dec. 14, 1777; m. — Graves and went West.
1. RALPH<sup>2</sup> (*Capt. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 8, 1774; in 1798 was a member of the 1st Univ. ch. of R.; m. July 10, 1794, Rosalinda, dau. of Solomon Wright of R., b. Apr. 29, 1777; he d. Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1815, while in the U. S. service in the War of 1812; a short time before his death, his son, John, went on foot from R. to Plattsburg and took his father's place in the army while he came home and made a visit. He d. soon after his return and was buried at Plattsburg.

## Children :

- i. LAURA,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 4, 1794; m. Peter Willard of R.; she d. Sept. 11, 1854; no children.
- ii. JOHN, b. Sept. 22, 1796; m. Laura Simonds, b. Dec. 11, 1800, d. No. Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 19, 1879; he d. No. Charlestown, Sept. 24, 1879. Children : 1. *John*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1824; d. Dec., 1824. 2. *Laura*, b. Sept. 23, 1826; m. Feb. 16, 1847, Samuel E. Gowing, b. in R., Aug. 31, 1823, d. Dec. 31, 1889; she res. No. Charlestown, N. H. Children : i. John Roundy,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 16, 1848; m. Dec. 26, 1877, Abbie F. McCrae of Charlestown; res. No. Charlestown; no children. ii. Arthur Clifton, b. Sept. 17, 1864; m. Jan. 12, 1892, Annie E. Markham of Wells River, Vt.; no children. 3. *Rosalinda*, b. May 17, 1831; d. in R., Aug. 22, 1844.
- iii. SABRA, b. Jan. 13, 1799; m. Nahum Atwood; she d. Chester, Vt., Jan. 21, 1854.
- iv. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, b. Jan. 22, 1801; represented the town of R. in the legislatures of 1832 and 1833; postmaster at R., 1833-4; m. Mary Boynton; he d. Aug. 13, 1872; both buried in Perkinsville, Vt. Child : 1. *Royal B.*,<sup>4</sup> d. Saratoga, N. Y., May 11, 1895.
- v. RALPH GRISWOLD, b. April 16, 1807; postmaster of Bartonsville 1847 to 1850; m. March 23, 1830, Atlanta Gilson, b. July 2, 1808; went West. Children : 1. *Elizabeth Atlanta*,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 18, 1831; m. Orrin E. Smalley, d. Bartonsville. 2. *Charles Griswold*, b. Aug. 20, 1833; res. Templeton, Mass. 3. *John Gilson*, b. May 15, 1835; d. young. 4. *Miriam Arabella*, b. Aug. 9, 1836; d. Athol, Mass. 5. *John Gilson*, b. June 4, 1838; went West. 6. *Laura Eliza*, b. July 24, 1840; d. Salem Mass. 7. *George Barton*, b. April 9, 1842; d. in Andersonville prison during the Civil war. 8. *Ralph Willard*, b. August 25, 1844; res. Cooperstown, N. Y. Children : i. Frank,<sup>5</sup> ii. Paul. 9. *Franklin Rich*, b. March 24, 1846; res. Nass Harbor, B. C. 10. *Ann Jane*, b. Dec. 22, 1847; d. young. 11. *Rosalinda Roxalana*, b. Apr. 27, 1850; m. Horace Glynn; res. Fall River Mass. Children : i. Charles,<sup>5</sup> ii. Grace.
- vi. CARLTON HUMPHREY, b. Aug. 2, 1810; m. Sept. 28, 1835, Orpah Boynton Damon, b. Apr. 26, 1815; he d. Mar. 1, 1878. Children : 1. *Morton Carlton*,<sup>3</sup> b. Bartonsville, Aug. 27, 1840; a farmer; res. on the Upper Meadows in R.; m. 1st Mar. 19, 1861, Susan Ellen, dau. of Chas. W. Pulsipher, b. in R., Sept. 4, 1839, d. Feb. 6, 1872; m. 2d Aug. 29, 1874, Sarah Ann dau. of Rodney Wiley, b. in R., Feb. 18, 1850. Children : i. Charles Carlton,<sup>4</sup> b. May 3, 1862; a commercial traveller; m. in R., Mar. 15, 1887, Belinda Harriet, dau. of Simon M. Allbee of R., b. July 2, 1864; res. Randolph, Vt. Children : 1. Ruth Anne,<sup>5</sup> b. Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 27, 1890. 2. Susan, b. Westminster, Vt., Sept. 23, 1896. ii. Lela Rose, b. Oct. 4, 1863; m. Nov. 29, 1886, Clarence Ware Downing, d. Apr. 29, 1897; she res. on R. meadows. Children : 1. Morton Franklin,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 7, 1887. 2. Ramon Clarence, b. June 6, 1890. 3. Arlon Roundy, b. Sept. 21, 1891. 4. Hazel Alice, b. Aug. 11, 1893. iii. Susie, b. Jan. 29, 1865; d. Feb. 19, 1866. iv. Rodney Wiley, b. Apr. 17, 1875; grad. Amherst and Yale Theological school and is pastor of the Congregational chh. in Ludlow, Vt.; m. June 22, 1904, Florence A. Champion of Lyme, Conn. Child : Paul Ruthven,<sup>5</sup> b. Ludlow Apr. 21, 1905. v. Susan Pulsipher, b. Feb. 27, 1877; res. in R. vi. Mabel Laura, b. Aug. 13, 1880; m. July 16, 1906, Geo. P. Kenyon of Bradford, Vt.; res. Bolton, Vt. vii. Mary Wiley, b. Dec. 8, 1883; res. in R. 2. *Rosalinda Diantha*, b. Sept. 1844; m. George Jefferson Wright; he res. East Braintree, Mass.; she d. Aug. 27, 1883. Children : i. Olive Rose,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 7, 1872;

m. Sanford M. Damon; res. East Braintree. Children: 1. Ruth Olive,<sup>5</sup> b. June 9, 1899. 2. Esther Loring, b. June 6, 1901. 3. Mary Whitcomb, b. Nov. 6, 1902. ii. George Ernest, b. Aug. 29, 1874; m. Jennie L. Hall; res. in R. Child: Ralph Weston,<sup>5</sup> b. in R., Jan. 10, 1904. 3. *Lewis Atwood*, b. Aug. 15, 1851; lost off the Grand Banks, Sept., 1877.

Vol. II, page 902, town records of R. has the following record of the children of Uriah and Lucretia Roundy: *David*, b. Dec. 1, 1780; *Hannah*, b. June 19, 1782; *Asahel*, b. July 29, 1784; *Lucy*, b. Mar. 11, 1787; *Shadrah*, b. Jan. 1, 1788; *Naomy*, b. Feb. 11, 1790; *Lucretia*, b. Mar. 6, 1793; *Mariah*, b. May 10, 1794; *Uriah*, b. Apr. 10, 1796; *Mary*, b. May 23, 1798; *Almirah*, b. Apr. 20, 1800; *Matilday*, b. Oct. 4, 1803.

## RUSSELL

JEDUTHAN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Jeduthan, gr. s. of James of Walpole, N. H.*), b. Walpole, N. H., Mar. 14, 1785; rem. to S. R. in 1814 and bought the grist mill of Roswell Bellows that stood on the site of the mill taken down a few years ago on the middle falls. Mr. Russell rebuilt it in 1821 and it remained in the Russell family until 1865, when his son-in-law, Amos Holmes, sold it to William Spaulding.

He m. Rhoda, dau. of David Hall.

Children:

- i. RHODA,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1810; m. Leonard Wait Blake. (*See Blake.*)
- ii. HIRAM K., b. Sept. 13, 1812; d. Apr. 25, 1848.
- iii. SOPHIA, b. Feb. 21, 1815; m. Asa Titus of Walpole, N. H.: she d. Dec. 1, 1894. Children: 1. *Charles H.*<sup>3</sup> 2. *Jane* (both deceased).
- iv. ALBERT W., b. June 1, 1817; d. Mar. 10, 1892; m. Rebecca Ober.
- v. IRENA A., b. Sept. 7, 1819; m. Amos Holmes, b. Grafton, Vt., July 13, 1815. He came to S. R. in 1836; carriage maker until 1851 when he purchased the grist-mill of his father-in-law and conducted it until 1865; was sexton and had care of the village cemetery from 1872 until 1890; he d. of consumption, Nov. 19, 1892. His widow still res. in S. R.: no children.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 30, 1824; m. Stephen Childs; she res. in S. R.
- vii. HARRIET, b. July 2, 1826; d. Jan. 5, 1861.
- viii. ELIZA, b. Mar. 2, 1828; m. 1st William Marvin; m. 2d A. J. Searles; she d. Mar. 20, 1899.
- ix. MERAB, b. Nov. 17, 1829; m. Roswell Hodskins; res. in S. R.

## RYDER

HERBERT DANIEL<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Daniel A., gr. s. of Jotham, gr. gr. s. of Jotham*), b. Acworth, N. H., Nov. 12, 1850; grad. New London academy and Dartmouth college; principal of Springfield, Vt. high school three years and B. F. high school six years; chairman school board of R. the past fifteen years and county examiner of teachers; lawyer and state's attorney; has been deputy collector of revenue, bailiff of B. F. village and held other offices; is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, mixed with Puritan; m. Nov. 30, 1881, Margaret Elisabeth, dau. of Franklin P. Ball of B. F., b. July 3, 1861; res. in B. F.

Children all b. in B. F:

- i. JESSIE ELISABETH,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1884.
- ii. MARGARET SARAH, b. Apr. 26, 1885; m. June 19, 1905, Edward H. Kenerson; res. Winchester, Mass. Child: 1. *John Bodge*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1906.

- iii. HELEN WINIFRED, b. June 27, 1887.
- iv. CHARLOTTE DIVOLL, b. Sept. 4, 1889.
- v. KATHARINE FOSTER, b. July 26, 1895.
- vi. DANIEL FRANKLIN, b. Jan. 9, 1900.
- vii. MARY SCOTT, b. June 18, 1904.

## SABIN

ELISHA<sup>5</sup> (*Elisha*,<sup>1</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> *the emigrant who settled in Rehoboth, Mass., and d. very aged in 1686*) b. Dudley, Mass., Oct. 12, 1733; was one of Rockingham's residents of the 18th century; was a member of the Baptist chh. in Dudley, Mass., as late as 1788; clerk of Bapt. chh. in R., May 30, 1789; settled on what has since been known as the "Sabin farm," nearly half way between S. R. and R. villages; m. Maria (or Martha) —; he d. in R., Apr. 14, 1798.

Children all b. Dudley, Mass.:

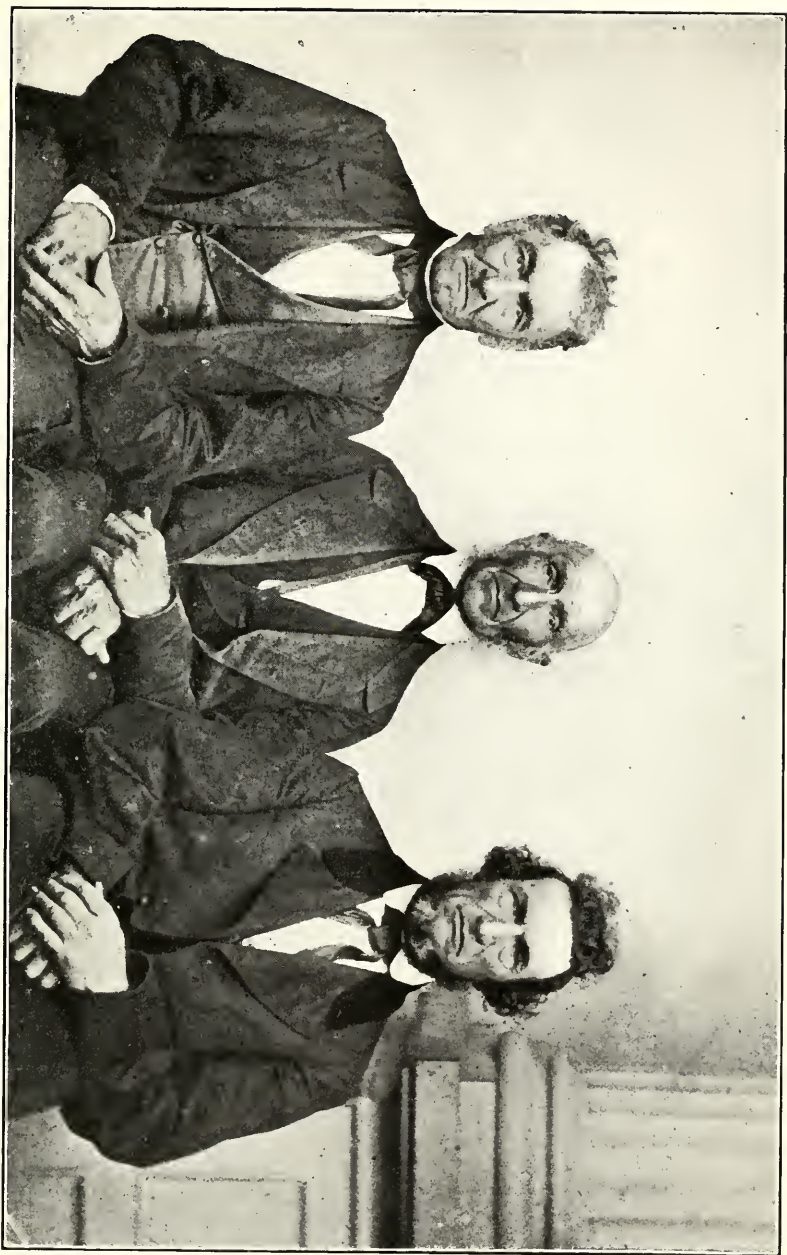
- i. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1756.
- ii. JERMIMA, b. Nov. 5, 1758.
- iii. LEMUEL, b. Apr. 29, 1760; d. Jan. 10, 1778.
- 1. iv. LEVI, b. Jan. 16, 1764; m. Barbara Stearns.
- v. CHLOE, b. May 4, 1768.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. June 7, 1775; d. Nov. 17, 1777.
- vii. EZRA, b. July 30, 1781.

1. DR. LEVI<sup>6</sup> (*Elisha*,<sup>5</sup> *Elisha*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dudley, Mass., Jan. 16, 1764; grad. 1798 from medical school at Dartmouth college; became the resident physician in R. and had an extensive practice; always res. on the ancestral farm between S. R. and R.; occupied many positions of trust, among them first selectman from 1799 until his death, excepting 3 yrs.: a strong character and left permanent impress upon the community; a member of the Masonic fraternity before local lodges were established; a stone in the R. village cemetery to his memory states: "Erected by order Worthy Mark Masters of St. John's Lodge, Massachusetts." He m. Oct. 21, 1790. Barbara Stearns, d. July 13, 1860. ae. 91 yrs.: he d. in R., Oct. 30, 1868.

Children:

- i. LEMUEL DICKERMAN,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 12, 1791; a physician: rem. to Herkimer Co., N. Y.; m. Relief Read, b. in R.: he d. Sept. 10, 1848. Children: 1. *Dickerman*.<sup>8</sup> 2. *William*: res. in R., later rem. to N. Y. state. 3. *Lucius*: m. in 1852, Roxana W. Adams; res. Ashburnham, Mass. 4. *Sarah*: m. — Taylor: res. N. Y. state.
- 2. ii. WILLIAM CULLEN, b. Apr. 21, 1793; m. Rachel Wolfe of R.
- iii. HENRY WELLS, b. in R., Apr. 22, 1795: spent youth in Brattleboro, Vt.; in 1820 went on foot to Cleveland, O., later rem. to Strongsville, O., purchased land, built a cabin and returned to Brattleboro for his bride; in 1850 rem. to Hudson, O., in order to educate his eight children in its schools. He m. Clarissa Church of Brattleboro: he d. Hudson, Mar. 31, 1871. Children: 1. *William Rodway*,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1821; d. ae. 21 yrs. 2. *Clarissa Sophia*, b. Feb. 5, 1823; m. Aug. 3, 1878, Albert Blakeslee; d. Aug. 3, 1878. 3. *Samuel Henry*, b. Aug. 29, 1824; res. Windsor, Wis., later rem. to Chandler, So. Dak., where they now res.; they have ten children; a dau., Ellen C.,<sup>9</sup> is president of Milwaukee-Downer college. 4. *Edward Fiske*, b. Apr. 19, 1826; d. ae. 8 yrs. 5. *Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 15, 1827; m. in 1853, Hon. Emerson E. White, a promi-





Henry Wells.

THREE SONS OF DR. LEVI SABIN.  
William Cullen.

Elisha Stearns.





- ment educator in O.; a son, Albert B.,<sup>8</sup> is governor of West Virginia. 6. *Levi Parsons*, b. Oct. 14, 1832; grad. Dartmouth college, '56, Union Theol. Sem., 1861; a clergyman; served in the Civil war; m. in 1863, Martha L. Bronson; he d. in 1873; a son, Henry W.,<sup>9</sup> was of California State University, 1887. 7. *George Myron*, b. Sept. 18, 1834; was a judge of Carson City, Nev.; d. May 12, 1890. 8. *Maria Louise*, b. Dec. 20, 1836; m. June, 1864, Thomas M. Cochrane.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. July 7, 1797; m. — Baker; d. Oct. 1, 1839; had a son and two dau.
- v. SALLY, b. Mar. 31, 1799; d. in R., 1833.
3. vi. ELISHA STERNES, b. Jan. 18, 1802; m. Sophia Willard Hall.
- vii. LUCINDA DICKERMAN, b. Mar. 17, 1804; m. 2d Apr. 16, 1826, William Philo (or Fallow), d. New Hartford, Ia., July 21, 1866 ae. 64 yrs.
- viii. MARIA, b. Feb. 7, 1807; m. 1st — Willard; m. 2d Gilbert Hathaway; res. Galva, Ill.; had three sons and two dau.
2. WILLIAM CULLEN<sup>7</sup> (*Levi*,<sup>6</sup> *Elisha*,<sup>5</sup> *Elisha*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 21, 1793; was many yrs. a deacon of Cong. chh. of S. R.; a farmer; res. on the farm between B. F. and S. R., now owned by Henry A. Thompson; m. Apr. 6, 1814, Rachel, dau. of John Casper Shana Wolfe of R., b. Jan. 26, 1790, d. Jan. 23, 1871; he d. Aug. 21, 1864.

## Children :

- i. LIVERIA A.,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Feb. 16, 1815; m. Apr. 4, 1839, Leonard A. Bushnell of Penn.
- ii. HENRY WELLS, b. in R., Dec. 15, 1818; a farmer; res. in R. and Westminster entire life; in recent yrs. owned "Basin farm" near B. F.; m. 1st Nov. 3, 1846, Emily R. Stoddard of Westminster, d. Dec. 31, 1858; m. 2d July 3, 1869, Eleanor O. dau. of George and Orinda Y. (Wolfe) Willard, d. Apr. 9, 1887; he d. May 27, 1904. Children: 1. *Helen Augusta*,<sup>9</sup> b. in R., July 2, 1848; m. Sept. 17, 1873, Earl J. Ward of Grafton, Vt.; she d. Oct. 12, 1889. Children: i. Guy Sabin,<sup>10</sup> d. in childhood. ii. Burt Chester, grad. St. Johnsbury, Vt. academy; res. Moretown, Vt.; unm. 2. *Henry Wells*, b. So. Charlestown, N. H., June 1, 1853; m. Nov. 27, 1884, Kate Cook of Hadley, Mass.; res. So. Hadley. Children: i. Leroy Cook,<sup>10</sup> b. Mar. 19, 1888. ii. Grace Emily, b. Dec. 10, 1892. iii. Laura Harriet, b. Sept. 27, 1894. iv. Ruth Elizabeth, b. Dec. 7, 1897. 3. *Hattie Eliza*, b. Westminster, Vt., July 3, 1855; m. Nov. 17, 1875, George Tudor Lovell; res. B. F.; no children. 4. *William Cullen*, b. Westminster, Aug. 27, 1858; d. ae. 3 yrs. 5. *Emily Orinda*, b. in B. F., Aug. 11, 1863; m. Fred H. Kimball. (See *Kimball*.) 6. *Susie May*, b. in B. F., Oct. 22, 1866; d. Nov. 27, 1872. 7. *Willard Cullen*, b. Sept. 17, 1872; d. Mar. 12, 1881.
- iii. MARY A., b. in R., Aug. 2, 1820; m. Aug. 2, 1843, James T. Stoddard, d. Mar. 7, 1856; she d. Dec. 31, 1845.
- iv. WILLIAM IRVING, b. July 10, 1825; a farmer; res. in R. and Westminster; m. Nov. 8, 1848, Adaline F. Knight, b. Sept. 20, 1826, d. Feb. 13, 1897; he d. on his farm between B. F. and S. R., Feb. 27, 1881. Children. 1. *George Cullen*,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 10, 1860; res. near B. F.; unm. 2. *Addie L.*, b. April 2, 1862; d. Dec. 2, 1888; unm. 3. *Mattie E.*, b. Jan. 3, 1865; d. May 2, 1888; unm.
3. ELISHA STERNES<sup>7</sup> (*Levi*,<sup>6</sup> *Elisha*,<sup>5</sup> *Elisha*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Jan. 18, 1802; res. on ancestral farm and was deacon of

Cong. chh. of S. R.; m. Feb. 14, 1826, Sophia Willard, dau. of Jona. Hall. b. Nov. 25, 1803, d. Jan. 22, 1884; he d. in R.. May 14, 1889.

Children:

- i. ELISHA STEARNS,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., May 5, 1828; m. Apr. 26, 1852, Lydia E. Leach, res. at S. R.; he d. Apr. 30, 1892. Child: *Allen Hall*,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 11, 1858; a merchant of S. R., and B. F., m. Sept. 11, 1901, Lillian M., dau. of Timothy B. Lovell of R.; res. B. F. Child: *Laura Lillian*,<sup>10</sup> b. Jan. 25, 1904.
- ii. GEORGE KIMBALL, b. Mar. 19, 1830; m. Dec. 26, 1868, Rena Miner, who d. in 1878; he d. Dec. 12, 1897. Children: 1. *George*,<sup>9</sup> d. in infancy. 2. *Mary*, grad. Smith college; teacher in Denver, Col., high school. 3. *Florence R.*, grad. Smith college; a physician connected with Johns Hopkins university of Baltimore Md.
- iii. ROBERT HALL, b. Apr. 5, 1832; a physician; m. May 29, 1860, Margaret Andrews, and res. West Troy, N. Y.; he d. Dec. 4, 1888. Child: 1. *William B.*,<sup>9</sup> a physician; res. West Troy, N. Y.; m. and has children.
- iv. LUCINDA DICKERMAN, b. Aug. 1, 1834; m. Asa Cowdrey; res. in Illinois. Child: 1. *George Sabin*,<sup>9</sup> res. in Denver, Col.; has children.
- v. ALBERT ROBBINS, b. Sept. 30, 1837, was in Middlebury college, class of '63; enlisted in '62 as capt. Co. C, 9th Vt. Vol.; is an eminent educator in Chicago; m. 1st July 11, 1862, Mary Barber of Middlebury, Vt., d. 1891; m. 2d in 1893, Helen Mackey of Fredonia, N. Y. Children: 1. *Stewart Barber*,<sup>9</sup> b. June 26, 1869; Williams college, A. B.; m. 1891, Evelyn Coleman of Chicago; res. Rochester, N. Y. Children: i. *Mary Dorothy*,<sup>10</sup> b. Chicago, May 2, 1893. ii. *George Howland*, b. Chicago, Feb. 8, 1895. iii. *Walter Carter*, b. Chicago, Sept. 4, 1897. iv. *Helen*, b. Rochester, 1902. 2. *Albert R.*, b. Nov. 8, 1896.
- vi. MARY SOPHIA, b. Dec. 13, 1840; m. May 20, 1868, James Jacobs; d. Mar. 30, 1870; no children.
- vii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. May 27, 1846; d. Mar. 30, 1870; unm.

#### SAFFORD

LIEUT. PHILIP<sup>5</sup> (*Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from Eng., settled in Ipswich, Mass., as early as 1641), b. Ipswich, Mass., 1736; took part in the French and Indian war 1755-1759, first as drummer, then as drum-major, and in 1759 he was a lieutenant. His company took part in the sanguinary conflict on the shores of Lake George. Soon after the Peace of Paris, or about 1763, he rem. to R. and took an active part in shaping the civil policy of the town, and was also often chosen as a militia officer. In various deeds on record he is described as "house-joiner," and he was also a farmer.

He was one of the first and most ardent agitators of resistance to the rule of the King's courts which culminated in the Westminster massacre, Mar. 13, 1775, and he took a prominent part in that affair in connection with the large number who were present from this town. In addition to the details given on page 208, Hall's History of Eastern Vt. states that Lieut. Safford, as he fought his way out of the building, taunted the king's minions, saying "he could lick the whole of the king's army if he only had his company of Rockingham militia with him." Still another expression, which comes down in well authenticated history, of the sayings of this bold

man of that time is, "Come on, if you dare, you miserable cowards of King George, come on if you want to fight, we can whip the whole posse of you time-serving rascals." To his comrades, he said. "Don't run, boys, don't run, we'll go out the same way we came in," as he was successfully fighting his way out of the front door of the court house, while some were disposed to break their way out at the side door.

His name appears among the company of Rockingham men that "Marcht for Ticonderogue," and also "of Those that Marcht to Manchester" in 1777, and in Capt. Jonathan Holton's company Oct. 17, 1780. He was chosen a member of the town committee of safety in 1778; was one of the organizers of the 1st Bap. chh. in R. about 1789. and was a brother-in-law of Azariah Wright of Westminster.

He spent the last years of his life on a rough farm on Parker hill. He died April 14, 1814, ae. 74, according to inscription on the stone, and his body, with some members of his family, is interred in a little cemetery near his old farm.

He m. Elizabeth Bigelow, probably b. in Lancaster, Mass., July 3, 1743 and d. in Springfield, Feb., 1825, ae. 83, probably dau. of Jonathan Bigelow of Lancaster and Harvard, Mass., one of the first three settlers of R. A list of their children b. in this town and recorded upon the town records is as follows: i. SALLY, b. Sept. 11, 1769; m. Ichabod Closson. (*See Closson.*) ii. REBECCA, b. Apr. 18, 1774. iii. PHILIP, b. Feb. 2, 1781. iv. MERCY, b. May 9, 1788. 1. v. NOAH, b. Oct. 9, 1790.

A descendant of the family states there were two more children: Olive, who m. Nathan Eddy and rem. to Ohio, and Betsey.

Phillip, Jr.<sup>6</sup> and Noah<sup>6</sup> remained residents of the locality in which their father d.

1. v. NOAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1790; m. Betsey Tower, a lady of great energy of character. Children: 1. *Noah B.*,<sup>7</sup> in comparatively recent yrs. was a prominent resident of White River Junction, Vt., and has a dau., Mrs. E. J. Wallace,<sup>8</sup> and also a gr. dau. still res. there. 2. *Henry*, was a contracting carpenter in Springfield, Vt. many years, representing his town in the legislature twice; rem. to Hartford, Vt., in 1871. 3. *Charles H.*, was a noted musician and res. in Boston where he d. in 1873. 4. *Isaac P.*, went to Chicago and engaged in piano manufacturing. 5. *Rebecca*, m. the late John C. Holmes of Springfield, Vt. and had one son, Henry Bigelow,<sup>8</sup> a prominent resident of Springfield.

#### SAKER

JOHN FRENCH<sup>1</sup> (*s. of William and Elizabeth Saker*), b. London, Eng., June 10, 1822. His ancestors held high positions with the nobility of England. He learned the tailor's trade in London and moved to Halifax, N. S., in 1849; to B. F. early in 1853; employed by various tradesmen in B. F.; began business for himself at the close of the Civil war, and retired from business in 1876; a member of the 1st lodge of Odd Fellows in B. F. and a member of the local band several years; member of chh. of England but attended Bap. chh. of B. F., of which his wife was a member.

He m. June 20, 1846, Phebe Slade, b. London, Oct. 30, 1823; d. B. F., Feb. 26, 1863. He d. in Windham, Vt., where he was visiting Aug. 10, 1884.

## Children :

- i. JOHN CHARLES,<sup>2</sup> b. London, June 24, 1847; d. Oct. 26, 1847.
- ii. PHEBE ELIZABETH, b. London, Nov. 22, 1848; d. in B. F., Oct. 7, 1864.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1, 1850; d. Halifax, Feb. 10, 1852.
- iv. FRED, b. Dartmouth, N. S., Feb. 2, 1853; m. Carrie C. Otto, May 20, 1878. They res. at B. F. Children: 1. *John Edgar*,<sup>3</sup> b. Conway, Mass., Jan. 14, 1880; m. Nov. 14, 1905, Mrs. Minnie (Keep) Barker of Westfield, Mass.; res. Lynn, Mass. 2. *Grace Myrtle*, b. Proctorsville, Vt., Aug. 27, 1883; m. Guy E. Crosier, June 30, 1903; res. Greenfield, Mass. Child: Muriel Saker,<sup>4</sup> b. June 8, 1904.
- v. ALICE, b. B. F., Aug. 19, 1856; d. Dec. 19, 1856.
- vi. ANNIE, b. Feb. 23, 1859; d. B. F. Oct. 16, 1865.

## SANDERSON

DAVID, came to B. F., from Petersham, Mass., in 1789. Mar. 10th of that year he received from Lemuel Sargeant, a deed of the most of the land now covered by the village of B. F. and its mills. He was evidently a citizen of the town but a few years. He served as selectman 1794-5. He sold the land to different parties, including a tract on the island adjoining that owned by Col. Enoch Hale, who had erected the toll bridge.

Nov. 7, 1792, Mr. Sanderson was granted by the Vt. legislature the exclusive right to cart freight between the upper and lower boat landings on the Connecticut until the canal, which was commenced that year, was ready for use. His fees were to be the same as the tolls had been fixed by law for the later use of the canal. Should he cause any unnecessary delay in the transportation of the freight he was to be fined £5 for each case, and if any other party should transport freight by the falls to interfere with his exclusive right they were to be fined 5 shillings per ton for all freight so transported.

## SANFORD

REV. DAVID LEWIS<sup>9</sup> (*Rev. David Platt*,<sup>8</sup> *Lemuel*,<sup>7</sup> *James*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Ephraim*,<sup>4</sup> *Ezekiel*,<sup>3</sup> *Ezekiel*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1857; grad., 1876, St. Stephen's college, Annandale, N. Y.; 1879 Berkeley Divinity school, Middletown, Conn.; assistant rector Thompsonville, Conn., 2 years; rector Stafford Springs, Conn., 1881 to 1883 and Thompsonville, Conn., 1883 to 1889; came to B. F., in 1889 and has been rector of Immanuel church since.

He m. in Thompsonville, Conn., Apr. 20, 1822, Anna Traver Briscoe, b. Thompsonville, Conn., Dec. 5, 1858.

## Children :

- i. HELEN TRAVER,<sup>10</sup> b. Thompsonville, Conn., Mar. 21, 1883.
- ii. ALICE AMELIA, b. Thomaston, Conn., Sept. 4, 1884.
- iii. CHARLES BRISCOE, b. Thomaston, Conn., Jan. 10, 1887.
- iv. EDGAR LEWIS, b. B. F., Oct. 31, 1889.
- v. JOHN BEACH, b. B. F., June 22, 1891.
- vi. ARTHUR HALL, b. B. F., Mar. 15, 1895.
- vii. DAVID PLATT, b. B. F., Sept. 20, 1896.

## SARGEANT

CAPT. LEMUEL,<sup>1</sup> was of Scotch ancestry, supposed to have been son of a well known Boston Scotchman named Daniel, who with his brother, Joseph, emigrated from Scotland to that city in 1730. Daniel lived on Franklin street, and Joseph res. on Oliver street. Capt. Lemuel came to B. F. during the Revolution, probably about 1778, and soon came into possession of nearly all the land now covered by the village of B. F.

The history of Winchendon, Mass., shows his family to have been newcomers in that town in 1769. In 1776 he bought of Benjamin Bellows, 51 acres of land "on the road to Keene," and in frequent transfers of land is always recorded as "Lemuel Sargeant, Gentlemen." His father-in-law, Pelatiah Hall, also came into the vicinity of Westmoreland at about this time, possibly the two families residing together. During his residence there, and while in R., he was in the service of his country the most of the time; 1st lieut. in Capt. Jason Wait's company in Col. Bedell's Regt. in 1776; adjutant in Col. Bellows' Regt. of militia, and a member of his staff with the N. H. forces that reinforced the garrison at Ticonderoga in June, 1777; first referred to as "Capt. Lemuel Sargeant of Rockingham" in 1779, although he was named among the privates of Capt. William Simonds' company of this town in 1782; sometimes referred to as "Major Lemuel Sargeant" in the town records, and it is a tradition in the family that he was at one time a drum-major in some of the military organizations.

He was a shrewd, frugal and determined representative of the Scotch settlers of his day, and accumulated wealth which his will divided between his wife and children.

March 10, 1789, he deeded to David Sanderson the most of the land covered by the present village and mills of B. F., and during the same year rem. to Jaffrey, N. H.

The records of Rockingham show the following deed:

"I, Lemuel Sargents of Jaffrey, Gentleman, for the sum of 12 pounds paid by Enoch Hale, Esq., and Adam Brown, Gentlemen, both of Rockingham, do give (etc) a Certain pew in the meeting-house in Rockingham that I purchased of the town committee in Rockingham adjoining the Broad Alleyway at the left hand from the front door, to have during the standing of this meetinghouse, — in witness hereof of (etc.) have set my hand and seal this 24th day of February 1790.

(Signed) LEM'L SARGENTS.

Witness

Pelatiah Sargents  
D. Sanderson "

After living in Jaffrey for some years, Capt. Sargeant rem. to Edson's Corners, N. Y., where he purchased large tracts of land in 1804, and again in 1813. He d. there in Sept. 1823, at an advanced age, and was buried on the hill west of that village, no stone marking his grave.

He m. Dec. 12, 1765, Sarah, dau. of Pelatiah and Sarah (Paul) Hall of Milton, Mass.

Children :

- i. BETSEY<sup>2</sup> (or Elizabeth), bap. R., Aug. 14, 1783; m. — Clinton.
- ii. LEMUEL, b. about 1769; m. Tamer Bates of Connecticut. Children



- both b. Miltord, N. Y.: 1. *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> 2. *Joh*, b. Dec. 9, 1804; d. Milford, Sept. 8, 1877. Child: Solomon.<sup>4</sup>
- i. iii. PELATIAH, b. 1771; m. 1792, Deborah —.
- iv. POLLY, m. — Mack.
- v. SALLY AVERY.

i. PELATIAH<sup>2</sup> (*Capt. Lemuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1771; was prominent in town and village affairs from 1790 until his death in 1824; lived in a small house just north of Frost's stable on the west side of Rockingham street; owned oxen and drew freight around the falls; an expert swimmer and diver and did much work on the first dam built across the Connecticut river at B. F. commenced in 1792.

He m. May 9, 1792, Deborah —; he d. Oct. 26, 1824 and is interred in Immanuel cemetery.

Children:

- i. AZUBAH,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 27, 1792; d. May 13, 1799.
- ii. MARIAH, b. May 4, 1794; m. Jan. 18, 1818, Amos Fairbrother of Westminster, Vt.; d. Sept. 18, 1852; she d. at S. R., Feb. 28, 1873. Children: 1. *Horace*,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1819; d. July 18, 1885. 2. *Merub Ann*, b. Mar. 1, 1820; m. Jacob Hunt of B. F.; d. Mar. 8, 1858. Children: i. Lewis Henry,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1844; d. Feb. 24, 1873; unm. ii. John N., b. Oct. 20, 1848; res. Putney, Vt.; unm. iii. Edward F., b. May 9, 1850; m. and res. Fitchburg, Mass. iv. Jacob A., b. Jan. 16, 1852; m. and res. Fitchburg, Mass.: v. David F., b. Feb. 5, 1854; m. and res. in Wisconsin. vi. Hannah Maria, b. July 14, 1856; m. and res. in Wisconsin. 3. *Richard*, b. Sept. 27, 1821; m. Thankful Merchant; res. Yarmouth, Mass. 4. *Fanny Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 2, 1823; d. Apr. 11, 1899; unm. 5. *Nelson*, b. Mar. 25, 1824; supposed to have d. in So. America. 6. *Almeda*, b. May 14, 1826; m. Jan. 13, 1849, Lines Tower of Westminster, Vt., who d. in R., Nov. 11, 1887; she res. Fitchburg, Mass. Children: i. Azubah Jane,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 13, 1850; m. Henry A. Wood of Waltham, Mass., who d. at Kearney, Neb., Nov. 28, 1885. ii. Frank E., b. Nov. 22, 1854; m. and res. Fitchburg, Mass. 7. *Azubah Sargeant*, b. Feb. 10, 1828; m. May 31, 1855, George C. Kimball of Dover, N. H., who d. Dec. 21, 1901; she res. Grand Rapids, Mich. Children: i. Carrie Helen,<sup>5</sup> b. Dover, N. H., June 14, 1857; d. Dover, Nov. 12, 1863. ii. Annie Maria, b. Dover, N. H., Feb. 29, 1860; m. George H. Fletcher; res. Los Angeles, Cal. iii. George Walter, b. Dover, N. H., Dec. 13, 1863; res. Springfield, Mass.; unm. iv. Lizzie Manning, b. Flint, Mich., Feb. 9, 1867; d. Flint, July 31, 1867. v. Charles Hill, b. Flint, Nov. 26, 1868; m. and res. Muskegon, Mich. vi. Harry Spofford, b. Saginaw, Mich., June 13, 1872; m. and res. Detroit, Mich. 8. *Earl Ransom*, b. Apr. 30, 1829; res. Terre Haute, Ind.; d. Dec. 16, 1866; unm. 9. *Albert*, b. Mar. 14, 1831; res. Minneapolis, Minn.; d. Jan. 4, 1897; unm. 10. *Frank Morse*, b. July 1, 1833; res. Cambridgeport, Vt.; unm. 11. *Jane Maria*, b. May 11, 1835; d. May 2, 1842. 12. *Eveline Rice*, b. Nov. 20, 1838; res. Cambridgeport; unm. 13. *Dorr Edward*, b. Dec. 22, 1840; m. Jan., 1871, Hannah Etherington; res. Ticonderoga, N. Y. Children: i. Inez Maria,<sup>5</sup> b. at S. R., Jan. 21, 1872; d. at S. R., Apr. 10, 1890. ii. Ella Maude, b. Province Que., May 9, 1878; m. and res. Ticonderoga, N. Y. iii. Stella Azubah, b. Province Que., Feb. 2, 1880; res. Ticonderoga, N. Y.; unm.
- iii. FANNY, b. Oct. 2, 1796; m. Albert March of Westminster, Vt.; d.

- Sept. 26, 1819. Child: 1. *Albertina Georgiana*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1817; m. Edward Gerald of Waltham, Mass. Child: Abby,<sup>5</sup> m. Col. Charles E. Wheldon, a veteran of the Civil war.
- iv. SOLOMON, b. May 17, 1801; m. Oct. 13, 1831, Persis, dau. of William and Bethiah (Howard) Child of Templeton, Mass.; rem. to Cambridge, Mass.; was prominent and served as mayor of that city; he d. Sept. 8, 1864. Child: 1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> b. Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 9, 1834; m. Oct. 16, 1855, George Marion, son of Benjamin F. Osgood of Manchester, N. H.; she d. Mar. 3, 1897. Children, all b. in Cambridge, Mass.: i. Fanny Azubah.<sup>5</sup> ii. Benjamin Sargeant. iii. Elizabeth Violet.
- v. AZUBAH, b. Aug. 4, 1804; d. Mar. 11, 1843; unm.

## SCOFIELD

BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Benjamin*), b. Saddleworth, Yorkshire, Eng., July 21, 1824; apprenticed as wool sorter; came to Boston July 3, 1845, reaching there with but one silver dollar in his pocket; worked at his trade in Vassellboro, Me., and Milton, N. H.; then with George Perry & Co. at S. R. until 1857, when he purchased an interest in the mills of John A. Farnsworth & Co., at Cambridgeport; continued manufacture of woollens in various firms, principally at S. R., during remainder of his business life and amassed a competence; always a broad-minded and liberal citizen.

He m. in 1851, Alice B. Thompson of Grafton, Vt., who d. in 1869; he d. at S. R., Dec. 5, 1891.

Child:

- i. FRANK B.,<sup>2</sup> b. at S. R. June 17, 1855; many years in the wool trade, and for 20 years in the firm of Barry & Scofield, wool-pullery and tannery at S. R. He m. Oct. 20, 1880, at Leominster, Mass., Nellie C., dau. of Solon Perry, b. at B. F. Apr. 17, 1856; he d. S. R. July 26, 1898; she res. S. R. Child: 1. *Alice P.*,<sup>3</sup> b. at S. R. Feb. 26, 1891.

## SIMONDS

CAPT. WILLIAM,<sup>1</sup> one of the few original grantees of the township of Rockingham, who actually became residents of the town; prominent and influential in organizing the town government; had previously lived in Charlestown N. H.; rem. here as early as 1761; chosen constable, hog-reeve and town surveyor at the first town meeting held the last Wednesday of March, 1761, and until his death, in 1817, hardly a record of a town meeting is found that does not show him as a town official; town clerk 1769 to 1784; member of Rockingham committee of safety during the Revolution and while Vt. was an independent republic, and captain of the town military company during those years; member of the Cumberland county committee of safety and by them authorized to organize and arm "minute men," an arbitrator of disputes for this committee, and member of a committee to appraise the grand list; was foreman of the grand jury that tried the Guilford Tories in 1782.

Capt. Simonds evidently became a wealthy man for his day and owned, in addition to his original grants of land, other large tracts in different parts of the town. His residence, during practically all of his life here, was upon the home farm located on the hill above the Jonas Aldrich place, a mile or so

above R. village. The cellar hole of the old house can still be seen. It was here that the town clerk's office was kept during the years mentioned, and here a large part of the public business of the town was transacted.

All traditions, as well as town and other records, indicate Capt. Simonds to have been of strong, independent and sturdy character, honest and aggressive in carrying out his ideas of what was just and right.

The ancestry of Capt. Simonds has not been ascertained but he was probably a descendant of William Simonds who settled in Woburn, Mass. early in the 17th century. Capt. Simonds was an early settler of Charlestown, N. H. and took an active part in the organization and defense of that town.

His first three children were b. there between 1752 and 1757. In receiving title to his first land he is described as "William Simonds, Cooper" but he is usually referred to as "Yeoman." It was stated at the time of his death that "he planted the first orchard in town." The home farm remained in possession of his descendants through a number of generations, passing into other hands only a few years ago.

The following are the inscriptions upon grave stones in the old cemetery at R.:

"Capt. Wm. Simonds,  
Died June 2, 1817,  
In the 94th year of his age.  
I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith."

"In memory of Mrs. Susanah Symonds,  
Wife of Capt. Wm. Simonds,  
Who died Dec. 12, 1812, in the 83rd year of her age.  
As I am now so you must be,  
From death's arrest no age is free,"

He m. Susanna, dau. of Rev. Andrew Gardner of Winchester, N. H., and R., d. Dec. 12, 1812, ae. 83; he d. in R., June 2, 1817, ae. 94 yrs.

Children:

- i. SUSANNA,<sup>2</sup> b. Charlestown, N. H., July 31, 1752; m. Dec. 25, 1781, Josiah Griswold of Walpole, N. H.
- ii. GARDNER, b. Charlestown, Jan. 18, 1755; m. Sept. 26, 1776. Nancy Titus; settled in Elizabethtown, N. Y.; became a noted hunter and Indian trader.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Charlestown, June 14, 1757.
- iv. LYNDS, b. in R., Nov. 16, 1772; m. Feb. 6, 1792. Mary, dau. of Ebenezer Allbee of R., b. Feb. 7, 1774, d. Apr. 12, 1847; he d. Jan. 3, 1847. Children: 1. *Hannah*,<sup>3</sup> b. in R., Apr. 1, 1793; d. Jan. 24, 1796. 2. *Lynds*, b. in R., Jan. 30, 1795; d. Mar. 3, 1795. 3. *Mary*, b. in R., June 25, 1796; m. Jedediah Davis. (*See Davis*.) 4. *Betsy*, b. in R., July 15, 1798; d. Apr. 5, 1812. 5. *Laura*, b. Dec. 11, 1800; m. John Roundy. (*See Roundy*.) 6. *Jehiel*, b. Apr. 4, 1803; m. Dec. 5, 1822, Betsey dau. of Isaac Minard of R., b. Mar. 12, 1800, d. Apr. 7, 1858; he d. Nov. 7, 1857. Children: i. Mary M.,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 6, 1824; m. John Veazey. ii. Lynds W., b. Aug. 28, 1826; d. Apr. 8, 1889. iii. Betsey Helen, b. June 2, 1828; m. John Dorand. (*See Dorand*.) iv. Jehiel, b. Apr. 12,

- 1831, in R., on the old homestead; was many yrs. a well known locomotive engineer on the Rutland R. R.; is now proprietor of a livery stable at Ludlow, Vt. v. Lucy, b. Apr. 20, 1836; unm.  
 vi. Martha P., b. Jan. 8, 1840; m. Jan. 23, 1865, John Barrett; res. Ludlow, Vt. vii. John V., b. Aug. 28, 1844. 7. Willard, b. Apr. 1, 1806; d. Apr. 12, 1858.  
 v. MARY, bap. in R., Oct. 26, 1783; m. Dec. 27, 1801, Edmund Chamberlain, Jr., of R.

ELIJAH<sup>1</sup> (*perhaps son of Capt. William and Susannah*), was a blacksmith by trade, res. in R., Charlestown, N. H., and in 1847 rem. to Penn Yan, N. Y. where he d.; was a great wit and story teller; m. 1st Sept. 4, 1792, Mary Stearns Campbell of R.; m. 2d Mrs. Mitty Tufts.

Children by 1st wife:

- i. SUSANNAH,<sup>2</sup> b. July 1, 1793.
- ii. ANDREW, b. Mar. 17, 1795.
- iii. LYDIA, b. May 12, 1797.
- iv. WILLIAM (twin brother of Lydia), b. May 12, 1797; m. Leafy Blood and settled in Walpole, N. H. Children: 1. *Abigail*,<sup>3</sup> b. Walpole, N. H., Jan. 31, 1822. 2. *Edward*, b. Walpole, Apr. 7, 1824. 3. *Bela*, b. Walpole, July 2, 1826. 4. *Eli*, b. Walpole, Nov. 16, 1828. 5. *Eliza*, b. Walpole, June 6, 1836.
- v. ELIJAH, b. Charlestown, N. H. July 28, 1799; m. and rem. to Penn Yan, N. Y.
- vi. EDWARD R., b. Charlestown, Sept. 14, 1801; m. and lived in Swansey, N. H.

#### SKINNER

REV. WARREN,<sup>1</sup> b. Brookfield, Mass., June 2, 1791; learned clothier's trade in Westmoreland, N. H.; ordained Univer. minister 1825; held various pastorates including Proctorsville, Vt., from 1828 to 1845, preaching in many nearby towns; supplied Univer. chh. at S. R., being one of its two pastors; "of distinguished ability as a writer and preacher, a clear thinker, a logical reasoner, a man mighty in the Scriptures, a forcible and fluent speaker, an upright and honest man." He d. Proctorsville, Vt., Oct. 6, 1874.

He m. 1st. Mar. 5, 1815, Nancy Farnsworth of Stoddard, N. H.; m. 2d Nov. 24, 1831, Mrs. Lucretia (Slapp) Redington of Lebanon, N. H. His son Charles A. Skinner, D. D., was an able preacher in the Univer. chh., res. at No. Cambridge, Mass., recently deceased.

#### SLATE

GEORGE<sup>5</sup> (*Obed*,<sup>4</sup> *Capt. Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Daniel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Hinsdale, N. H., Aug. 15, 1814; came to B. F., Oct. 8, 1841; grocer; constable; deputy sheriff, and in 1858 elected high sheriff of the county; treasurer of Conn. River Mutual Fire Ins. Co.; director of the National bank, and trustee of the B. F. Savings Institution; assignee of bankruptcy many years; U. S. district assessor four years during the Civil war; a leading spirit in many public enterprises, among them manager twenty years of the first village water works from Minard's pond; m. in 1844, Frances A. Griswold, b. Nov. 1818, d. Dec. 3, 1879; he d. B. F., June 7, 1898.

Children all b. B. F. :

- i. CHARLES,<sup>6</sup> d. in infancy.
- ii. MARTHA A., b. July. 1849; d. B. F., Jan., 1878; m. in 1871, Dr. Frank Whitman, a physician of B. F. prominent as an army surgeon during the Civil war. Children all b. B. F.: 1. *Dan*,<sup>7</sup> d. in infancy. 2. *Robert*; d. ae. 8 yrs. 3. *Walter*.
- iii. WILLIAM W., b. Aug. 11, 1854; m. Dec. 23, 1884, Ida L. Heywood of Springfield, Vt.; res. B. F.; no children.

#### SMITH

AMMI<sup>1</sup> (*s. of David*), b. Acworth, N. H., Aug., 1800; in 1833 or 1834 rem. from Hillsboro, N. H. to S. R., and in connection with his wife's brother, Thomas J. Butler, bought the woolen mill property on the lower falls; Mr. Butler remained with him less than a year, from which time until 1845, Mr. Smith conducted it alone. It was a satinnet mill, cotton warp and woolen filling; warps were purchased elsewhere but filling made in the mill; leased the mill in 1845 to Prosper Merrill, and it was destroyed by fire in Apr., 1847. During that summer he sold the water power and land to George Perry, John A. Farnsworth and Theophilus Hoit who erected the mill now standing there. Mr. Smith accumulated some property in operating the mills, and bore the reputation of an honest man whose word could always be relied upon; descended from Scotch-Irish stock, with Presbyterian heritage of faith; ancestors noted for strength of body, purity of life and character, and were severely Puritanical.

He m. in 1825, Lydia P. Butler, b. Weare, N. H., 1802, d. Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., Apr., 1865; he d. Hillsboro Bridge, Dec. 24, 1887.

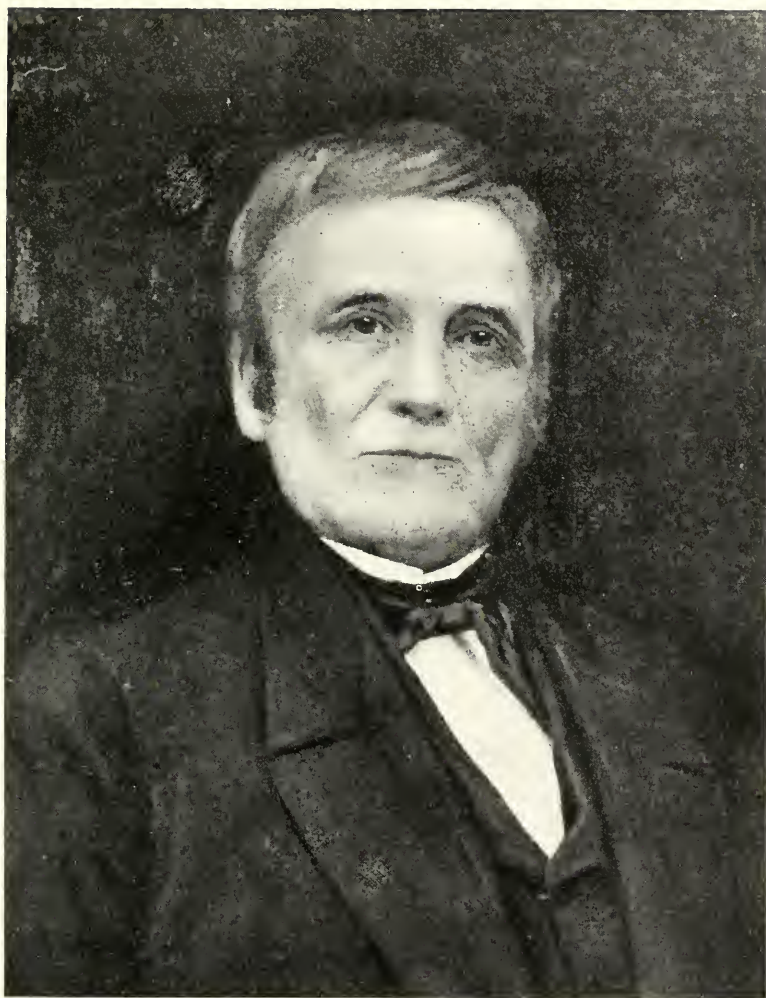
Children :

- i. JAMES BUTLER,<sup>2</sup> b. 1826; d. 1831.
- ii. ELIZABETH, d. in infancy.
- iii. ELIZA A., b. 1831; m. Fred W. Gould; res. Hillsboro Bridge; she d. Sept., 1891. Child: 1. *George Edward*,<sup>3</sup> is engaged in woolen manufacture in connection with his uncle, Ex.-Gov. John Butler Smith, at Hillsboro Bridge.
- iv. JAMES BUTLER, b. 1833; d. young.
- v. FRANK PIERCE, b. at S. R., 1836; d. Hillsboro Bridge, 1858.
- vi. JOHN BUTLER, b. at S. R., Apr. 12, 1838; a woolen manufacturer; was governor of N. H., 1893-5; m. Emma E. Lavender, Boston, Mass., res. Hillsboro Bridge. Children: 1. *Butler Lavender*,<sup>3</sup> d. ae. 2 yrs. 2. *Archibald*, now 18 yrs. old. 3. *Norman*, now 15 yrs. old.
- vii. CYNTHIA JANE, b. at S. R., 1840; m. George D. Peaslee; res. Hillsboro Bridge.
- viii. ELLEN L., b. at S. R., 1843; res. Wellesley, Mass.; unm.

#### SMITH

BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> (*Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Abner*,<sup>2</sup> *Rufus*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westminster West, Vt., Jan. 28, 1778; came to S. R. when a young man and engaged in harness making, later owned a soap-stone quarry, and mill for manufacturing the same; followed that business until his death which occurred at S. R., May 29, 1848; represented Rockingham in legislatures of 1815-6, 1824-5; m. 1st in 1800, Hitty Clark, b. Westminster West, d. S. R., Feb. 17, 1814; m. 2d in





AMMI SMITH,  
1800-1887.





Nov., 1817, Lucinda Goodell, b. Westminster West, 1791, d. S. R., June 22, 1883.

Children all b. in S. R.:

- i. BENJAMIN,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 23, 1802; representative in legislature 1847; m. 1st, Almira Ingram, d. Cambridgeport, Oct. 1, 1833; m. 2d, Harriet Weaver, d. Rahway, N. J., Feb. 12, 1889; he d. Cambridgeport, 1874. Children: 1. *Harriet C.*,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 3, 1837; d. Sept. 2, 1857. 2. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 28, 1839; d. Mar. 20, 1843. 3. *Charles Benjamin*, b. Jan. 26, 1845; m. Mar. 1, 1870, Abbie R. Perham; he d. Rahway, N. J., Dec. 9, 1896; she res. Rahway. Children: i. Abbie H.,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 29, 1871; res. Rahway. ii. C. Benjamin, b. Dec. 13, 1874; m. Edith J. Harned; res. Bloomfield, N. J. iii. Royal P., b. Aug. 29, 1882; res. Rahway. iv. Ruth E., b. Aug. 2, 1885; res. Rahway. v. Raymond, b. Aug. 2, 1885; res. Rahway.
- ii. HITT C., b. 1805; d. Dec. 2, 1827.
- iii. LAURA, b. 1807; d. Aug. 15, 1865; m. Philip Fletcher Perry. (*See Perry.*)
- iv. DULCINEA, b. 1807; d. Aug. 24, 1861; unm.
- v. SARAH CAROLINE, b. Feb., 1810; m. Tisdale Porter. (*See Porter.*)
- vi. PHEBE ANN, b. Sept. 16, 1811; m. Benjamin Frost. (*See Frost.*)
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 21, 1818; d. Grafton, Vt., Sept. 23, 1898; m. in 1847, Nathan Hall, d. Grafton, 1862. Children: 1. *Fennie E.*,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1849; d. Sept. 2, 1883. 2. *Fanny S.*, b. Jan. 21, 1859; res. Grafton.
- viii. JANE M., b. Jan. 17, 1821; d. Grafton, Aug., 1889; m. Oct. 17, 1850, John Lewis Butterfield of Grafton; no children.
- ix. LUCINDA, b. Feb. 23, 1823; d. Jan. 4, 1884; unm.
- x. CHARLES, b. May 29, 1825; prominent in town affairs; first selectman many years; representative in 1880; m. 1st in Jan., 1849, Laurinda Wiswell, d. Apr., 1861; m. 2d Mrs. Eliza (Jones) Axtell; he d. Mar., 1885; she res. S. R. Children: 1. *Charles W.*,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan., 1850; d. July, 1896. 2. *Carrie S.*, b. Feb. 15, 1854; m. Lucius E. Glynn. Child: Charles Edward,<sup>7</sup> b. S. R., Nov. 19, 1878; res. Lexington, Mass. 3. *Edward*, b. 1856; d. Cambridgeport, May, 1863.
- xi. JOHN HALL, b. 1832; d. Sept. 12, 1841.
- xii. FANNY HALL, b. Oct. 27, 1834; m. James K. Bancroft. (*See Bancroft.*)

#### SMITH

JOHN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of John of Needham, Mass.*), b. Grafton, Vt., Apr. 9, 1784; served in a regiment of cavalry in the War of 1812; m. July 4, 1813, Elizabeth D., dau. of Wilbur Closson of R., b. Apr. 10, 1785, d. June 3, 1864; he d. Grafton, Apr. 24, 1868; interred in the old cemetery at R.

Children:

- i. JOHN HENDRICK BANSKORK,<sup>2</sup> b. June 18, 1815; a blacksmith; d. Apr. 24, 1868; unm.
- ii. SARAH, b. Mar. 17, 1821; m. 1st Geo. Cooley of Charlestown, N. H., d. about 1853; m. 2d Royal Sanderson of Townshend, Vt.; res. Townshend. Children: 1. *Emmatta*,<sup>3</sup> b. about 1850; m. Fred Davis and they had 3 sons;<sup>4</sup> she d. Dec., 1875. 2. *Lloyd*,<sup>3</sup> d. young. 3. *Emily*, d. young. 4. *Willie Alcut (Sanderson)*, b. about 1858; m. Minnie Clayton of Ohio; res. Savannah, Ga. Child: Willie Alcut.<sup>4</sup>
- iii. MARY, d. Sept. 31, 1826, ae. 2 yrs. 6 mo.

- iv. ELIZABETH DELIA, b. Mar. 6, 1826; m. Oct. 23, 1848, George Lawrence of Windham, Vt., b. July 5, 1822; res. Grafton, Vt.; he d. Nov. 22, 1898. Children: i. *Georgianna Emmogene*,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 21, 1849; m. June 3, 1875, George Slade Aldrich; he d. Dec. 24, 1903; res. Westmoreland, N. H. Children: i. Charles Henry,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1875; m. Jan. 30, 1901, Florence E. Blanchard of Walpole, N. H. Child: Gladys Lillian,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 13, 1902. ii. Clark Lawrence, b. Nov. 9, 1877. iii. Edith Anna, b. Nov. 29, 1879; m. Willie M. Sparks of Townshend. Children: 1. Merrill W.,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1899. 2. Julia Edith, b. Sept. 30, 1904. iv. Lizzie Louisa, b. June 6, 1882. v. Eva E., b. June 24, 1884. 2. *Valeria*, b. Feb. 3, 1851; m. Jan. 1, 1874, William W. Perry of Brookline, Vt., who served in the Civil war in Co. H, 8th Vt. Regt.; res. Townshend. Child: Martin W.; m. 1902, Lottie Dinsmore; res. Townshend. 3. *Elzada*, b. Aug. 13, 1853; m. 1st William Higgins by whom she had one dau. Elzada Lawrence;<sup>4</sup> m. 2d Ellery A. Clayton; res. Townshend. 4. *Oliver*, b. Aug. 21, 1855; m. Jan. 1, 1882, Clara L. Smith of Windham, Vt.; res. on the home farm in Grafton. Children: i. Fred Oliver,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 21, 1882; m. Oct. 10, 1904, Leone Elouise Blanchard of Walpole, N. H. ii. Lynn W., b. Feb. 11, 1885. iii. George E., b. Sept. 19, 1888. iv. Arthur F., b. Apr. 9, 1894. v. Delia A., b. May 11, 1897. vi. Bert H., b. June 1, 1899. vii. Helen C., b. June 5, 1901.

## SNOW

SOLOMON,<sup>1</sup> b. Westmoreland, N. H., Sept. 3, 1786; a "master builder," or, as he advertised his business in 1818, a "house-wright;" a citizen of B. F. as early as 1817, as he that year built the Bellows Falls Stage House with Col. Ethan B. Webb. (*see p. 375*). He m. Dec. 25, 1817, Lucina, dau. of Bill Blake of R., b. Alstead, N. H., Nov. 21, 1799, d. Brattleboro, Vt., Sept. 15, 1870. (The Blake family spelled the name "Lucinda.") They rem. to Springfield, Mass., about 1845, where he d. June 16, 1853.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. HENRY HOSEA,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1819; locomotive engineer many years on the Conn. River R. R., having been a machinist in the company's shops; was seriously injured in a railroad accident: m. 1st in March, 1843, Elvira, dau. of Isaac Ober of S. R., d. Aug. 24, 1856; m. 2d 1858, Julia A. Atwell, b. Westfield, Vt., 1839; he d. East Longmeadow, Mass., Sept. 4, 1893; she res. East Longmeadow. Children: 1. *Harriett R.*,<sup>3</sup> b. 1842; d. 1853. 2. *George S.*, b. 1844; m. Clara Bradford of Madison, Wis., deceased; he d. 1901. Children: i. Nellie,<sup>4</sup> d. in infancy. ii. Walter, res. Springfield, Mass. iii. Lottie, res. Madison, Wis. 3. *Julia A.*, b. 1848; d. 1853. 4. *Walter H.*, b. 1853; d. 1853. 5. *Charles H.*, b. 1856; d. 1856. 6. *Althea*, b. 1859; d. 1860. 7. *Willie H.*, b. 1861; d. 1894. 8. *Henry H.*, b. 1864; engineer on B. & M. R. R.; res. Springfield, Mass.; m. 1st 1881, Carrie W. Eaton, b. 1864, d. 1886; m. 2d 1899, Hattie E. Read, b. 1876. Children: i. Freddie M.,<sup>4</sup> b. 1881. ii. Charles A., b. 1884. iii. Howard W., b. 1886.
- ii. WILLIAM BLAKE, b. Feb. 13, 1821; began work in 1844 for the Western R. R., one of the first to be built into Springfield, Mass., working on bridges and buildings; in 1850 became foreman of passenger car construction for the Am. Car Co., at Seymour, Conn.; rem. to Chicago in 1852, under contract with his Co. to build the first passenger cars constructed in that city; later became

- master mechanic of the Ill. Cen. R. R., with which he was connected until 1891 except from 1872 to 1875 when he was travelling inspector for the Pullman Co. He m. in Springfield, Mass., Sept. 28, 1843, Orra L. Dyke, b. Acworth, N. H., Nov. 12, 1821, d. Chicago, Nov. 10, 1899; he d. Chicago, Oct. 20, 1898. Children: 1. *Frank Austin*,<sup>3</sup> b. Springfield, Mass., Aug. 17, 1846; d. Chicago, Aug. 14, 1898; unm. 2. *Lottie Louise*, b. Chicago, Aug. 10, 1857; m. Chicago, Apr. 30, 1890, Albert G. Farr, b. Brandon, Vt., Dec. 3, 1851; res. Chicago; no children.
- iii. ELEANOR, b. Oct. 11, 1822; d. Oct. 28, 1827.
- iv. ANN LUCINA, b. July 26, 1824; res. Syracuse, N. Y.; d. Syracuse, Jan. 27, 1907; unm.
- v. MARY LOUISE, b. Aug. 27, 1827; m. Franklin Snow; d. Jan. 11, 1878; no children.
- vi. HARRIET ELVIRA, b. Apr. 4, 1830; m. Bert Isham, deceased; she res. Syracuse; no children.
- vii. GEORGE LEONARD, b. Aug. 29, 1836; d. May 5, 1837.

## SPAULDING

JOSEPH,<sup>1</sup> b. Dunstable, Mass., May 15, 1785; came to R. in 1820 and settled on the farm about one and one-half miles west of S. R., which has since remained in the Spaulding family; m. Fanny Spaulding, b. Cavendish, Vt., May 5, 1791, d. in R., Feb. 23, 1882; he d. in R., Dec. 11, 1850.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM BRADLEY,<sup>2</sup> b. Sutton, Vt., Oct. 6, 1812; d. in R., Sept. 11, 1838.
- ii. FRANKLIN CROWLEY, b. Nov. 28, 1814; m. Jan. 4, 1841, Martha Wait; res. West Springfield, Mass. Children: 1. *Fred*,<sup>3</sup> d. ae. 2 yrs. 2. *Cornelia Augusta*, m. Frank Fisher (deceased); she res. Westfield, Mass. 3. *Otis Wait*; unm.
- iii. LOUISA MARIA, b. Cavendish, Jan. 7, 1817; m. May 3, 1841, Alfred Mason, res. Cavendish. Had six children, four of whom are living.
- iv. ALFRED PARKER, b. Westminster, Vt., Oct. 20, 1818; always res. on the home farm; m. Sept. 18, 1849, Sophia Griffin, b. Nelson, N. H., Aug. 15, 1821, d. Nov. 20, 1901; he d. Dec. 5, 1895. Children: 1. *Charles Alfred*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 16, 1852; m. 1st Oct. 10, 1877, Ella J. Richardson, d. Mar. 10, 1882; m. 2d Oct. 3, 1883, Minnie Wait Spaulding; res. on the homestead farm in R. Children: i. Frank O.,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1879; trainman B. & M. R. R.; res. Winchendon, Mass. ii. Leslie P., b. Sept. 12, 1885; d. Feb. 22, 1903. iii. Helen G., b. Sept. 14, 1891. iv. Edward A., b. Feb. 13, 1897. 2. *Alice Maria*, b. May 5, 1857.

## STODDARD

THOMAS,<sup>1</sup> with Sarah his wife, came from Scituate, Mass., in 1800, and settled just north of the Rockingham town line in Springfield. They had ten children, of whom five settled in Springfield and one, Jacob,<sup>2</sup> in R.

JACOB<sup>2</sup> (*Thomas*), b. Scituate, Mass., Sept. 22, 1800; settled in R., Apr., 1840, on the "David Campbell farm," now owned by Erving A. Lillie, near the Springfield line, where he spent the remainder of his life; m. Jan. 25, 1832, Laura, dau. of David Fletcher of Springfield, b. Jan. 25, 1809, d. June 15, 1892; he d. Mar. 30, 1877.

## Children :

- i. CHARLES DEAN,<sup>3</sup> b. Springfield. Oct. 27, 1832; paper maker; res. Hinsdale, N. H.: m. 1st Sept. 7, 1857, Martha Davidson, b. Northampton, Mass., Sept. 8, 1833, d. Oct. 8, 1871; m. 2d May 6, 1874, Mrs. Abbie J. (Sabin) Cheney, b. Brattleboro. Vt., Jan. 20, 1849. Child: *Fred Henry*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 20, 1859; res. in California; unm.
- ii. SARAH HELEN, b. Springfield, Feb. 14, 1836; d. July 29, 1838.
- iii. HENRY JOSIAH, b. Springfield, Jan. 14, 1840; formerly a tobacconist in Brockton, Mass.; m. Feb. 14, 1865, Lucy Ann, dau. of Squire and Mary (Herrick) Green of Springfield, Vt., b. Nov. 19, 1843, d. Jan. 12, 1904; he now res. in R.; retired.
- iv. GEORGE, b. in R., Oct. 2, 1843; d. Feb. 17, 1849.
- v. JOHN EMERSON, b. in R., Apr. 30, 1850; a farmer; res. between B. F. and R. village; m. Feb. 11, 1879, Abba Elizabeth, dau. of Albert and Sarah (Mansur) Brown of Springfield, b. June 10, 1850. Child: *Henry Albert*,<sup>4</sup> b. Springfield, Apr. 6, 1881; a farmer, in company with his father; m. Nov. 2, 1904, Katharine May, dau. of Patrick and Elizabeth (Hadwen) O'Brien of R., b. Feb. 16, 1879; res. in R.; no children.

## STONE

ALVAH AUGUSTUS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Deacon Israel and Hannah [Towne] Stone of Auburn, Mass.*), b. Auburn, Mass., Aug. 22, 1817. He was engaged in grocery trade in Worcester, Mass., Fitchburg, Mass., and other points, following the Cheshire R. R., as it was built toward B. F. Upon completion of the road, in 1849, he engaged in trade here in the firm of Harris, Stone & Co., and rem. to Chicago, Ill., in Aug., 1862. He m. Mary Ann Hackett, Apr. 30, 1840.

## Children :

- i. JOSEPH AUGUSTUS,<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1842; m. Mary M. Porter of Chicago, Ill., Aug. 29, 1866; res. Cleveland, O. Children: 1. *Charles Tatum*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1867; d. Aug., 1868. 2. *Mary Henrietta*, b. Aug. 23, 1869; m. Jan. 19, 1898, Herbert Wright; res. Cleveland. Child: *Helen*,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1899. 3. *Adel Locke*, b. July 6, 1871; res. Cleveland; unm.
- ii. MARY HENRIETTA, b. Feb. 3, 1845; m. William Chisholm, Sept. 22, 1865; he d. Dec. 6, 1905; res. Cleveland. Children: 1. *Henry Stone*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 7, 1866; d. May 26, 1869. 2. *Mary Ann*, b. Sept. 16, 1869; m. Kenyon Painter of Cleveland, May 23, 1893; d. June 26, 1901. Two children; d. young. 3. *Alvah Stone*, b. Nov. 13, 1871; m. Adel Corning of Cleveland, Nov. 24, 1896; res. Cleveland. Children: i. *Adel*,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 11, 1897. ii. *Alvah Stone*,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 6, 1899; d. July 26, 1900. iii. *William*, b. Dec. 29, 1901. 4. *Jean Allen*, b. Apr. 3, 1878; m. Francis E. Drake of Chicago, Dec. 28, 1899. Child: *Josephine*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 18, 1900.

## STONE

HIRAM HOSMER<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Joseph, gr. s. of Leonard*), b. West Newton, Mass., May 8, 1825; came to B. F. as passenger conductor upon the opening of the Cheshire R. R. in '49; one of the founders of 1st Cong. chh. of B. F.; rem. to Keene, N. H., in 1870, having been chosen general purchasing agent of the road; later rem. to Walpole, N. H.; m. Oct. 28, 1851, Catherine Amanda, dau. of Simon Pettes, b. B. F., Feb. 5, 1828, d. Walpole, Oct. 28, 1906; he d. Walpole, Nov. 28, 1897.



ALVAH AUGUSTUS STONE.  
1817-1882.





## Children :

- i. WILLIAM HOSMER,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 6, 1853; res. Walpole; unm.
- ii. FANNY MARIA, b. Apr. 29, 1860; d. Keene, N. H., Apr. 25, 1890; unm.

## STONE

WILLIAM,<sup>1</sup> b. Claremont, N. H., about 1793; came to B. F. as early as 1814, and for over fifty years was closely identified with the business and social interests of the village; a "master builder" of his day and erected many of the earlier dwellings, business blocks and churches. In 1817 he built the first Immanuel church building, and his agility and daring were shown when the frame of the tower was being erected, and only one timber reaching the highest point, he mounted it and leaped up and down upon its end scarcely larger than his two feet; lived on the east side of Atkinson street, just north of Oak street, and when he built his house he cut the road to it through the forest of pine trees, there being no house between the Morgan homestead at the north and the Charles Hapgood place at the south end of the street. He owned a large section of land now covered by Atkinson and Green streets, reaching from School street nearly to Williams street, and Oak street was cut through his section. On this tract he built many houses which he rented.

He had a unique carpenter shop on the west side of Atkinson street in later years, using a horse power in the first story that run a planer, saws and boring machines in the second story. It stood in about the present location of Butterfield court. In March, 1867, he "voted at town meeting the 53rd consecutive time, and during the same number of years had not failed to attend Christmas eve services at Immanuel church," of which he was a valued member, and he had been a member of the Masonic fraternity over fifty years. His reputation was that of an "upright and honest man." He m. Dec. 4, 1817, Lucinda, dau. of Leonard Burt, their marriage being the first to take place in Immanuel church, the first church building in B. F. She was b. Westminster, d. in B. F. May 18, 1873; he d. B. F., Dec. 3, 1870. ae. 77 yrs.

## Children :

- i. WILLIAM FREDERICK,<sup>2</sup> 1st lieut. in the Maine Cavalry; m. in Auburn, Me., July 27, 1844, Olive Russell of North Yarmouth, Me.; he d. at the Soldier's Home, Togas, Me., Apr. 25, 1894, ae. 70 yrs. Children: 1. *William Frederick*,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 15, 1845; m. 1st, Mary Pettes of Portland, Me.; m. 2d in Marysville, Cal., Augusta Doremus; he lived in California. Child by 1st wife: i. Helen,<sup>4</sup> res. Portland, Me. Child by 2d wife: ii. William D., res. in California. 2. *Frederick William* (twin bro. of Wm. F.), b. Apr. 15, 1845; a soldier in the Civil war 1861 to 1865; m. in Sacramento, Cal., Lulu Melon; he d. San Pedro, Cal., Oct. 19, 1905. 3. *Emily Maria*, b. Mar. 12, 1847; m. 1st in 1866, Edwin Waterhouse of Portland, Me.; m. 2d in N. Y. city, Col. Alfred Grand of Paris, France; she now res. in England. 4. *George Burt*, b. July 21, 1856; m. Abbie W. Lawrence of Pittston, Me.; lives in Boston. Child: George Lawrence,<sup>4</sup> res. Boston.
- ii. HELEN MARIA, b. Jan. 1, 1825; m. 1st Levi Welles Hibbard, M. D.; m. 2d Calvin E. Newcomb, at that time a merchant tailor in B. F., d. B. F., Feb. 15, 1878; she d. B. F., May, 1895. Children by 1st wife: 1. *George Welles*,<sup>3</sup> d. in infancy. 2. *Helen Nash*, was

first librarian of Rockingham Free Public Library; m. in 1897, Sylvester Greeg Day, b. Memphis, Mich., in 1856; res. Cleveland, O. 3. *James Watson*, d. ae. about 2½ yrs. Children by 2d wife, 2. 4. *Mary Everett*, d. ae. about 1½ yrs.

## STORER

CHARLES (*s. of Ebenezer and Elizabeth [Green] Storer*), b. in Boston. 1761; grad. Harvard college 1779; was secretary of legation to John Quincy Adams, minister to France in 1779; came to B. F. about 1790 in the interest of himself and his brother-in-law, John Atkinson of New York, in connection with their investments in Vermont lands and property. He was intimately connected with the Atkinsons in the building and management of the B. F. canal up to 1814, and was clerk of the corporation from 1804 to 1814. He lived in a small house standing on the island about where the Bellows Falls Machine Company's manufactory does at the present time. He was a very cultivated man and spent most of his time among his books. He returned to Boston and d. there Sept. 10, 1829: unm.

## STOUGHTON

HENRY EVANDER<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Thomas*), b. Weathersfield, Vt., July 23, 1815; a cripple from 7 yrs. of age; worked at a cobbler's bench with his law books at his side: became a leading lawyer of Vt. and New York city, to which place he rem. in 1869 and established a large practice in connection with his brother, Hon. E. W. Stoughton, and his son Charles B., in which he was actively engaged until he d.; he came to B. F. from Chester, Vt., in 1853 and retained his B. F. residence near the intersection of Westminster and Church streets, now owned by Mrs. Hetty Green, during the last years of his life.

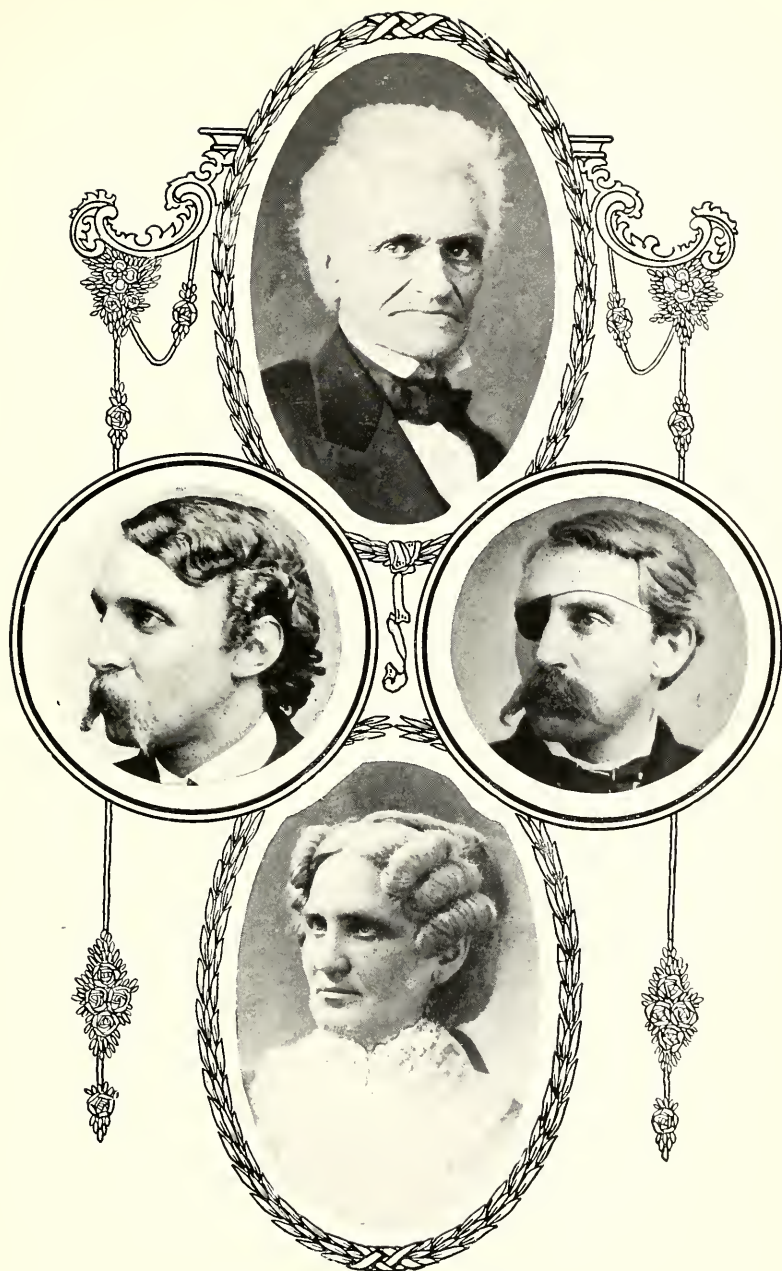
In politics he was an ardent "Union" Democrat, always outspoken in favor of sustaining the Union; represented Rockingham in the legislature of 1852; U. S. District Attorney for Vermont 1857-1861; delegate to Democratic National conventions 1852, 1856 and 1860; at the latter date was vice-president of the convention that nominated John C. Breckenridge for the presidency; state senator 1862-3; at the Democratic State convention of 1862 he made the following oft-quoted remarks indicating the fearless position he took during the Civil war:

"If to sustain the policy of the government in relation to the war is to cease to be a Democrat, then I subject myself to that criticism. So long as under that policy, my sons with my approbation, stand in the face of the enemy offering themselves as a sacrifice (if not already sacrificed), I shall neither desert them, the government, nor my country."

He m. Feb. 13, 1836, Laura E., dau. of John Clark of Chester, Vt., b. Chester, July 16, 1817, d. B. F., Sept. 29, 1871; he d. N. Y., June 19, 1873.

Children all b. Chester, Vt.:

1. i. EDWIN HENRY,<sup>2</sup> b. June 23, 1838; d. Dec. 25, 1868.
2. ii. CHARLES BRADLEY, b. Oct. 31, 1841; m. Ada Ripley Hooper.
- iii. HUGH, b. April, 1843; d. July, 1843.
3. iv. SUSAN LAURA, b. July 16, 1844; m. A. D. S. Bell.



HON. HENRY EVANDER STOUGHTON.

1815-1873.

GEN. EDWIN HENRY STOUGHTON.

1838-1868.

GEN. CHARLES BRADLEY STOUGHTON

1841-1898.

MRS. LAURA E. (CLARK) STOUGHTON.

1817-1871.



- v. LOUISE, b. Feb. 21, 1851; became a writer of note; while abroad in 1878-9 with her uncle, Hon. E. W. Stoughton who was then Minister to Russia, wrote many brilliant letters that attracted public attention, a portion being published in the *Boston Daily Advertiser*; among her published works describing Russian life is "The Tzar's Window," published anonymously. She m. Dec. 7, 1880, William, s. of Robert C. Hooper of Boston; she d. Feb. 13, 1886; no children.

1. GEN. EDWIN HENRY<sup>2</sup> (*Henry Evander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Chester, Vt., June 23, 1838; came to B. F. with his parents in 1853; entered West Point Military academy in 1854 and grad. 1859; appointed 2d lieut. 6th Infantry, regular army, and was sent with other officers across the Rocky mountains to leave troops at the military posts along the Missouri river, and the West. His diary shows he resigned to take effect on his arrival at San Francisco, Dec., 1860, but the records of the War Department show the date as March 4, 1861; returned home and organized and drilled the 4th Vt. Regt., was appointed its colonel Aug. 1, 1861, at ae. 23, the youngest officer to take a regiment from Vt. during the Civil war. His record, as well as that of his regt., was a brilliant one. They took part in numerous engagements and were often commended in general orders.

He was promoted to brigadier-general of volunteers Nov. 5, 1862, and assigned to the command of the 2d Vermont Brigade; previous brilliant career was continued until Mar. 9, 1863, when the rebel captain, John S. Mosby, with a party of 29 men raided his headquarters in the village of Fairfax Court House, Va., access to the village being gained through a gap in the picket line. They captured the general, with a portion of his staff, 25 men and 55 horses.

The circumstances of this capture have been little known locally and the writer has spared no pains to ascertain them from the records of the War Department, from Col. Mosby himself who is still living in Washington, from the general's sister, Mrs. Bell, who was a guest of the general at the time, and from officers and men still living who were captured with him. The following are the facts: Headquarters had been established there the previous January under orders of Maj.-Gen. Heintzelman to "establish their headquarters at the points most convenient to their commands," and the location and surroundings were known to his commanding officers. On March 1st Gen. Stoughton called attention of his superior officers, as shown by the records of the War Department, to a gap in the picket line which protected his position, through which some persons were enabled to "keep the enemy informed of all our movements." On the same day a communication from him informed the major-general commanding that division that he had discovered that "our cavalry pickets do not keep up a connected line on our right. \* \* \* This should be remedied, as it gives free ingress and egress to any wishing to give intelligence to the enemy."

At the time of the capture, Gen. Stoughton's mother and two sisters were his guests. The general's headquarters were in a large house owned by Dr. Gunnell, while his mother and sisters were quartered in the house of a Mr. Ford near by. The three had spent the previous evening with the general in his room, not leaving until a late hour. The general retired immedi-



ately, and Gen. Mosby awakened him by entering his room about 3 A. M., having captured Lieut. Prentiss who came to the door when Mosby knocked. The night was stormy and the general had allowed the sentry usually on duty in front of the house to occupy a tent in the rear of his headquarters. Col. Mosby says he received his knowledge of the weakness of the picket line, and the countersign which enabled him to answer all challenges, from a deserter from the 5th New York cavalry named Ames, and that "Great injustice has been done him (Stoughton). He was entirely blameless. If any one was to blame it was Wyndham, who commanded the cavalry outposts and let me slip in."

General Stoughton was taken to Richmond where he was given all the privileges that could be accorded a prisoner by his old classmate at West Point, Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee. He was confined in Libby prison, from which he was exchanged May 7, 1863. He never returned to the army.

He studied law with his father in B. F., and was admitted to Windham county bar Sept., 1864, later rem. to New York city where he and his brother Charles B., practised with their uncle, Hon. E. W. Stoughton. He never fully recovered from the effects of the confinement in Libby prison and died of consumption, Dec. 25, 1868. His remains are buried in Immanuel cemetery. When a Grand Army post was organized in B. F., it was named "E. H. Stoughton Post" in honor of the brave and popular officer, which name it has always borne. He never married.

2. GEN. CHARLES BRADLEY<sup>2</sup> (*Henry Evander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Chester, Vt., Oct. 31, 1841; rem. to B. F. with his parents at age 12; fitted for college in local schools; grad. University of Vermont, A. M., 1861; active in drilling troops for Civil war: commissioned adjutant of 4th Vt. Regt., Aug. 4, 1861, his brother, Edwin H., being colonel of the same: was successively promoted to major, Feb. 25, 1862,—lieut. col., July 17, 1862,—colonel, Nov. 5, '62, when only 21 yrs. of age, one of the youngest officers in the service: his service is frequently referred to in reports of superior officers as "especially distinguished on the field of battle:" as a result of a wound received at Funkstown, Md., July 10, 1863, lost his right eye; honorably discharged Feb. 2, 1864, and brevetted brigadier-general of U. S. Vol. Mar. 13, '65, for "gallantry on the field."

After the war, with his brother Edwin H., studied law in the office of their father in B. F.: admitted to Windham county bar Sept., 1864, and practised in N. Y. city with their uncle, Hon. E. W. Stoughton.

He m. Apr. 7, 1869, Ada Ripley, dau. of Robert C. Hooper of Boston, and they res. in New Haven, Conn.: he d. Jan. 17, 1898 and is buried in Immanuel cemetery: she res. N. Y. city.

#### Children:

- i. ADA RIPLEY,<sup>3</sup> b. New York, June 28, 1870; d. Nov. 27, 1891.
- ii. LAURA, b. in B. F., July 11, 1872; m. Sept. 28, 1900, Roger S. White 2d, of New Haven, Conn., a grad. Yale, B. A., 1899, LL. B., 1902; no children.
- iii. BRADLEY, b. New York, Dec. 6, 1873; grad. Yale P. H. B., 1893; Mass. Inst. Tech., B. S., '96; now adjunct Prof. of metallurgy, Columbia university, N. Y.; m. Jan. 4, 1889, Grace A. Van Everen, who d. June 16, 1905. Child: 1. *Philip Van Everen*,<sup>4</sup> b. N. Y., Feb. 20, 1900.

- iv. LEILA ROOSEVELT, b. New York, June 26, 1875; Bryn Mawr college, A. B.; res. N. Y. city.
  - v. MILDRED LOUISE, b. New York, Oct. 26, 1876; m. June 30, 1900, Benjamin I. Spock of New Haven, grad. Yale B. A., 1895, LL. B., 1897; res. New Haven. Children both b. in New Haven: 1. *Benjamin McLane*,<sup>4</sup> b. May 2, 1903. 2. *Marjorie*, b. Sept. 8, 1904.
  - vi. ISABEL RIPLEY, b. New Haven, July 14, 1880; res. N. Y. city.
3. SUSAN LAURA<sup>2</sup> (*Henry Evander*<sup>1</sup>), b. Chester, Vt., July 16, 1844; m. Mar. 17, 1869, Albert D. S., s. of Robert Gibson Bell of Boston, Mass.; res. Cambridge, Mass.

Children :

- i. LAURA,<sup>3</sup> b. Longwood, Mass, Nov. 14, 1870; m. Jan. 15, 1895, Louis Stoughton, s. of Andrew Jackson Drake of Cambridge, Mass.; res. Newton, Mass. Children all b. Newton, Mass: 1. *Laura*,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1904. 2. *Andrew Jackson*, b. May 17, 1905; d. May 19, 1905. 3. *Prudence*, b. July 24, 1906.
- ii. STOUGHTON, b. Newton, June 28, 1874; grad. Harvard, A. B., 1896; LL. B., 1899; Cambridge, Mass., councilman, 1900-1; alderman, 1902-3; res. Cambridge, has law offices in Boston; unm.
- iii. GERTRUDE, b. Newton, Jan. 30, 1876.
- iv. CONRAD, b. Newton, Aug. 21, 1877; grad. Harvard, A. B., 1900; a physician; m. Sept. 21, 1905, Elizabeth Prentiss, dau. of the late Sanford H. Dudley of Cambridge, Mass.; res. Waltham, Mass. Child: 1. *Dudley*,<sup>4</sup> b. Waltham, July 23, 1906.
- v. GIBSON, b. Newton, May 31, 1879; grad. Harvard, A. B., 1901.
- vi. HUGH, b. Newton, Dec. 23, 1882; d. Nov. 27, 1883.
- vii. STUART, b. Newton, Feb. 21, 1884.

STOWELL

(Early spelled "Stoel" and "Stoell")

DAVID,<sup>1</sup> admitted to chh. in Walpole with his wife in 1768, rem. to R. before Mar. 3, 1778 when he "Took the oath agreeable to the Constitution;" d. Dec. 7, 1786, ae. 51, buried in the old cem. at R.

Children :

- i. DAVID,<sup>2</sup> Jr., m. in Walpole, Feb. 9, 1778, Molly Hodgskins.
- ii. MEDITABLE, bap. in Walpole, June 14, 1772.
- 1. iii. ASA, b. about 1771; m. Abigail Kidder of Walpole.
- iv. JOHN (*perhaps* a member of this family); was prominent in 1st chh. of R., admitted with his wife, Joanna, Sept. 28, 1794; when chh. was re-organized Nov. 5, 1818, under Rev. Elijah Wollage he was one of the active members; chosen 2d deacon Apr. 3, 1820. He m. in R. Oct. 30, 1787, Joanna, dau. of Jonathan Berry. He d. in R. previous to Sept. 11, 1839, when a chh. meeting was held "at the house of the late Deacon John Stoel." Children: 1. *Joanna*,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1790; d. Nov. 28, 1798. 2. *John*, b. Mar. 3, 1793; d. Sept. 6, 1809. 3. *David*, b. Aug. 9, 1795; d. Aug. 24, 1795. 4. *Betsey*, b. May 27, 1797.

1. ASA<sup>2</sup> (*David*<sup>1</sup>), m. Abigail Kidder of Walpole, N. H.; he d. Sept. 5, 1845, ae. 74.

Children :

- i. ASA, b. Nov. 12, 1793.
- ii. JAMES, b. Sept. 7, 1795.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 15, 1797.
- iv. ROYAL, b. June 25, 1799.

- v. WILLARD, b. Apr. 5, 1801; d. July 7, 1827.
- 2. vi. CHARLES, b. Jan. 27, 1803; m. Lydia Smith.
- 3. vii. DAVID, b. July 18, 1808.
- viii. POLLY, b. Apr. 21, 1806.
- 2. CHARLES<sup>3</sup> (*Asa*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 27, 1803; m. Lydia Smith of Washington, N. H.; he d. Apr. 25, 1875.
- Children:
- i. ELLEN M.,<sup>4</sup> b. May 3, 1832.
- ii. LUCRETIA S., b. July 29, 1833.
- iii. ABIGAIL C., b. July 16, 1835.
- iv. MARTHA A., b. Feb. 7, 1837.
- v. CHARLES GUY, b. Aug. 1, 1838; a farmer, always res. in R.; m. Nov., 1866, Cecelia M. Clark of Champlain, N. Y. Child: 1. *Charles Guy*,<sup>5</sup> b. July 5, 1868; d. Feb. 22, 1901; unm.
- vi. JOHN R., b. Aug. 10, 1841; deceased.
- 3. DAVID<sup>3</sup> (*Asa*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 18, 1808; m. Dec. 21, 1831, Laura Evans.
- Children:
- i. WILLARD,<sup>4</sup> b. 1833.
- ii. SARAH A., b. 1834.
- iii. LAURA A., b. 1836.
- iv. JAMES H., b. 1838.
- v. OLIVE E., b. 1845.
- vi. OSCAR D., b. 1847.
- vii. HARRIET F., b. 1853.

ISAAC<sup>1</sup> (*perhaps bro. of David*<sup>1</sup>), admitted to chh. in Walpole, N. H., with his wife 1768; rem. to R.; was one of those that "marcht to Manchester."

Children:

- i. NATHAN,<sup>2</sup> bap. in Walpole, Sept. 20, 1772.
- ii. REFUS, bap. in R., Sept. 27, 1778.
- iii. MERCY, bap. in R., Sept. 27, 1778.
- iv. ISAAC, "Jr." (probably of this family), m. in R. Nov. 15, 1783, Sally Emerson of Walpole.

## STUART

SILAS WILLARD<sup>1</sup> (s. of *Silas Pratt*, gr. s. of *Samuel of Grafton*, 17.), b. Grafton, Jan. 24, 1832; came to B. F. about 1854, has res. here almost continuously since and followed the business of a contracting builder and lumber dealer; m. 1st, Adaline Griswold Buxton of Londonderry, Vt., b. Apr. 21, 1832, d. Feb., 1864; m. 2d, Mary Farmer of Grafton, d. Nov., 1896.

Children:

- i. ADDIE LILLIAN,<sup>2</sup> b. May 19, 1855; m. Joseph Rice Ball; res. Waterville, Que. Children: 1. *Mabel Gussie*,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 17, 1872. 2. *Henry Stuart*, b. Dec. 4, 1887. 3. *Franklin P.*, b. Jan. 6, 1897.
- ii. BELLE ELIZA, b. Aug. 12, 1858; res. B. F.; unm.
- iii. LEORA ELDELIA, b. Feb. 12, 1860; m. Walter P. Wilson; res. Fitchburg, Mass. Child: 1. *Mabel Lillian*,<sup>3</sup>
- iv. MARY ELLA, b. Mar. 10, 1864; d. Dec., 1896; unm.
- v. WILLIAM PRATT, b. Aug., 1870; d. Feb. 5, 1889; unm.
- vi. FRANK JAY, b. 1871; d. at ae. of 9 mo.
- vii. JOHN, b. 1873; d. at ae. of 9 mo.

## SWAIN

ALBERT NATHANIEL (*s. of Nathaniel, gr. s. of Nathaniel*), b. Reading, Vt., July 12, 1828; learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Vermont Journal* at Windsor, Vt., commencing 1847; became assistant editor of the *Vermont Republican* of Brattleboro in 1854; rem. to B. F., and established the *Bellows Falls Times*, Aug., 1856, first as editor and after a few months as publisher also; retained its active management until Oct. 1, 1888, over 32 years. During that period he entered into the business and social life of the town to a marked degree; an early member of the old Liberty party, strong in his anti-slavery convictions, his newspaper and his whole personality were exerted to the utmost in upholding the government during the Civil war and the reconstruction era; introduced four presidents to Bellows Falls audiences, Grant, Hayes, Harrison and McKinley, and was a guest of honor upon the occasion of President Roosevelt's visit in 1902; a member of the constitutional convention of 1870; represented R. in the legislatures of 1872 and 1876; senator from Windham county in 1886, and took a leading part in legislation; postmaster of B. F., 1861 to 1873; a trustee of the Bellows Falls Savings Institution since 1882 and its president since 1902; one of the founders of the Rockingham Free Public Library in 1887, its only president and its greatest friend.

He m. Nov. 13, 1856, Susan W., dau. of John L. and Phebe (Town) Putnam of Brattleboro, Vt. In their half century of residence in town Mr. and Mrs. Swain have exerted a powerful influence for good, felt and appreciated by hundreds with whom they have come in contact. Their 15th, 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries were made notable occasions by the citizens of the town; they have no children, except an adopted dau.:

EMILY FARNSWORTH, b. Dec. 27, 1852; m. Oct. 1, 1872, Henry Clinton Johnson, R. R. station agent at B. F., 1867 to 1897, deacon of Cong. chh. of B. F. since 1876, b. Canaan, N. H., Mar. 6, 1846; res. B. F. Children: 1. *Florence May*, b. June 16, 1873; d. June 1, 1874. 2. *Annie Swain*, b. Aug. 18, 1877; m. Oct. 22, 1902, Charles R. Dunklee of Brattleboro, Vt.; res. Brattleboro. Child: Margaret Swain, b. Oct. 5, 1903.

## TAFT

PRESTON WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> (*Ezekiel Preston*,<sup>6</sup> *William*,<sup>5</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>4</sup> *Elcazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*,<sup>1</sup> *emigrated from Eng. to Uxbridge, Mass., 1680*), b. Townshend, Vt., July 25, 1827; came to B. F. from Townshend, May 1, 1853; was first a general merchant in the firm of Howard, Gray & Co.; after three yrs. established daguerreotype and later photograph business which he continued till 1878, then rem. to S. R., where he still resides; m. Jan. 2, 1850, Rose Melissa Miller of Dummerston, Vt.; b. Sept. 16, 1826, d. at S. R., Apr. 9, 1901.

## Children:

- i. FRANK MILLER,<sup>8</sup> b. Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 23, 1851; a photographer; m. Aug. 23, 1875, Hattie Ann Greenwood of S. R., b. Feb. 11, 1850; res. Glen Falls, N. Y. Child: 1. *Francis Greenwood*,<sup>9</sup> b. June 24, 1876.
- ii. CHARLES OTIS, b. in B. F., July 20, 1863; a photographer; m. Oct. 15, 1891, Phebe May Roberts of Bolton, N. Y., b. Apr. 25, 1868;

- res. Glens Falls, N. Y. Child: 1. *Ruth Roberts*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 2, 1897.
- iii. NETTIE LIVINGSTONE, b. in B. F., May 16, 1865; d. July 28, 1867.
- iv. EDWARD PRESTON, b. in B. F., July 25, 1868; a photographer at S. R.; m. Sept. 22, 1888. Nellie Jane, dau. of Holland W. Osgood of S. R., b. Feb. 15, 1866, d. at S. R., Apr. 27, 1906. Child: 1. *Preston Earl*,<sup>9</sup> b. at S. R., Aug. 12, 1892; d. Mar. 16, 1894.

## TAYLOR

CAPT. WALTER,<sup>1</sup> b. Chelmsford, Mass., Apr. 15, 1812; moved with his parents to Keene, N. H., when only two or three years of age; came to B. F., 1838, and res. here during the most of the remainder of his life; a conspicuous figure in all B. F. gatherings, and prominently identified with every military movement in this section of New England; commissioned by Gov. Hiland Hall, May 25, 1859, capt. of the local militia company, the "Green Mountain Guards;" high sheriff of Windham county 1861-2 and deputy sheriff over 20 yrs.; chosen marshal for the east side of the state on the occasion of the famous Stratton convention in 1840 and had the honor of escorting the famous orator, Daniel Webster, to the grounds; a painter by trade; he m. Sept. 30, 1834, Elvira Walker of Walpole, N. H., b. Oct. 3, 1811, d. of consumption, Jan. 3, 1882, æt. 71, and their four children d. of the same disease; he d. Bartonville, Apr. 11, 1901.

## Children:

- i. SARAH E.,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 15, 1836; d. Nov. 16, 1862.
- ii. MARY JANE, b. May 14, 1837; d. June 2, 1858.
- iii. GEORGE W., b. Nov. 13, 1840; d. Feb. 13, 1863.
- iv. HARRIETT M., b. Sept. 12, 1843; d. Jan. 24, 1860.

## THAYER

DORR M.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Denzil R., gr. s. of Moses*), b. Jamaica, Vt., Sept. 18, 1855; marble and granite dealer in this vicinity for 29 years; deputy sheriff 9 years; m. Feb. 25, 1880, Jennie White, b. Dec. 12, 1861; res. B. F.

## Children:

- i. RUTH JENNIE,<sup>2</sup> b. July 4, 1881; m. Sept. 12, 1905, James Joss Hay, a foreman in the machine shop of the Vt. Farm Machine Co.; res. B. F. Child: 1. *Ruth Dorothy*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1906.
- ii. GENEVA, b. Nov. 22, 1883.
- iii. FAITH DULCENA, b. June 18, 1887.
- iv. GLENN DORR, b. Apr. 28, 1889.
- v. PAUL WHITE, b. Oct. 18, 1893.
- vi. RUEL KIDDER, b. Jan. 3, 1895.
- vii. EDRIS HOPE, b. Oct. 10, 1901.

## THOMPSON

HORACE WESTON<sup>8</sup> (*Aaron Leland*,<sup>7</sup> *Richard*,<sup>6</sup> *William*,<sup>5</sup> *Deacon James*,<sup>4</sup> *Lieut. James*,<sup>3</sup> *Simon*,<sup>2</sup> *James*,<sup>1</sup> *who came from England with Gov. Winthrop in 1630*), b. Springfield, Vt., Mar. 3, 1834; spent three years as a clerk in Boston, and from 1859 to 1867 was a merchant in Springfield, Vt.; from 1864 to 1869 engaged with Franklin P. Ball in the manufacture of scythe snaths in Springfield; in 1871 rem. to Charlestown, N. H., and in 1875 to B. F., and was associated with Albert Derby in the manufacture of scythe snaths;

in 1882 became a member of the firm of Moore, Arms & Thompson, paper manufacturers of B. F., changed to a corporation "The Moore & Thompson Paper Co.," Dec. 1, 1892; a prominent business man of this vicinity; res. in the south part of B. F., just over the line in Westminster; represented Westminster in the legislature of 1900.

Mr. Thompson was the only son of Aaron Leland Thompson, a prominent citizen of Springfield and Windsor, Vt., and Randilla, dau. of Joseph Weston of Springfield. Aaron Leland d. Springfield, Vt., Feb. 6, 1867; Randilla d. in B. F. in 1895; both are interred at Springfield, Vt.

Horace Weston<sup>8</sup> m. 1st at Arlington, Vt., Dec. 4, 1865, Georgiana Moseley, d. Apr. 9, 1899; m. 2d, June 19, 1901, at Marengo, Ill., Elizabeth Billings, dau. of Samuel C. Jackson of R. and Chicago, Ill., b. Feb. 14, 1856; he d. Jan. 3, 1905, interred Springfield, Vt.; she res. in B. F.

Children:

- i. HENRY RUMFORD,<sup>9</sup> b. Springfield, Vt., Sept. 30, 1866; an attorney, res. in Helena, Mont.; he m. at Keene, N. H., Nov. 9, 1898, Ellen Elizabeth Clark. Children: 1. *James Clark*,<sup>10</sup> b. Keene, June 20, 1901. 2. *Sara Elizabeth*, b. Helena, Mont., Dec. 1, 1904.
- ii. FREDERICK LELAND, b. Charlestown, N. H., Apr. 21, 1872; is a paper manufacturer of B. F.; m. Oct. 16, 1900, Alice Sulloway of Franklin Falls, N. H. Child: 1. *Richard Leland*,<sup>10</sup> b. at B. F., Mar. 6, 1902.

### THRASHER

COMFORT<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Benjamin*), b. Richmond, N. H., Feb. 2, 1791; was brought to R., when three months old on horseback in his mother's arms, fording streams and passing through forests; lived in Cambridgeport and vicinity over 83 years; a soldier of the war of 1812 and took part in several engagements, including the battle of Plattsburg, serving a part of the time as commissary sergeant; member of Cong. chh. in Cambridgeport; m. 1st in 1814 Susan Oakes of Athens, Vt.; m. 2d Feb. 24, 1830, Anna Spaulding of Massena, N. Y.; he d. in Cambridgeport at the residence of his son, Ransom B., Dec. 20, 1874.

Children:

- i. MARY M.,<sup>2</sup> b. Mar. 22, 1815; m. Apr. 30, 1846, Hiram Brown; d. June 28, 1887. Children: 1. *Hiland C.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 28, 1847. 2. *Helan M.*, b. Nov. 15, 1850; m. Charles E. Spencer of Galesville, Wis.
- ii. RANSOM B., b. Oct. 27, 1822; m. Mar. 4, 1849, Cynthia Houghton of Northfield, Vt., b. Aug. 9, 1831, d. Sept. 3, 1903; he d. June 22, 1889. Children: 1. *Susan A.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1850; d. June 27, 1904; unm. 2. *Charles C.*, b. Jan. 27, 1857; d. May 30, 1863. 3. *Eva M.*, b. May 17, 1864; m. Solon P. Cushing. (*See Cushing.*)

### TOWNS

CHARLES<sup>7</sup> (*John*,<sup>6</sup> *Nehemiah*,<sup>5</sup> *Jeremiah*,<sup>4</sup> *William*,<sup>3</sup> *Edmund*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup> "Towne," "Town," "Towns," *who, with his wife, Joanna Blessing, came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., in 1640*), b. Keene, N. H., July 30, 1816; m. Hannah Watkins of Walpole, N. H., who d. Reading, Mass., June 12, 1904, ae. 72 years. He was a prominent stage driver between Keene and Boston, previous to the building of railroads; later engaged in



livery business at B. F., continuing it until his death, Feb. 13, 1885, his stable being located on Bridge street. About 1870, he became proprietor of the Island House and in 1873, erected the modern hotel building on the north side of the Square, known for many years as "Town's Hotel," now Hotel Windham.

Child:

- i. CHARLES W.,<sup>8</sup> succeeded to the hotel business of his father; d. Sunapee, N. H., Aug. 21, 1895, æt. 44 yrs.

#### TUCKER

NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> (*s. of Nathaniel,<sup>1</sup> and Anna [Dulton], Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Manasch,<sup>2</sup> Robert,<sup>1</sup> who emigrated to America, 1635, supposed from Weymouth, Eng.*), b. Boston, Mass., Aug. 21, 1775; a merchant in N. Y. city; came to B. F. about 1815, and upon the death of his wife's father came into possession of the first toll-bridge across the Connecticut; res. here the remainder of his life, over 40 yrs.; a man of strong personality, a strict church man, and a prominent figure in B. F. affairs; planned and erected the present "Tucker bridge" in 1840. (*See p. 269.*) During the early years of his residence here he lived in the "Tucker Mansion," at the east end of the toll-bridge (*see p. 275*); later res. in what is now known as the "Hetty Green house" on the west side of Church street.

He m. July 8, 1802, Catherine Hay, dau. of Frederick W. Geyer of Boston; he d. in B. F., Aug. 2, 1857, and was buried in a private family vault on Boston Common near the Public Garden.

Children:

- i. ANNA AMORY,<sup>6</sup> b. Boston, May 14, 1803; m. Henry Atkinson Green. (*See Green.*)
- ii. CATHERINE GEYER, b. Mar. 11, 1805; m. James I. Cutler. (*See Cutler.*)
- iii. MARY BELCHER, b. Feb. 17, 1807; m. Jan. 7, 1829, Rodolph C. Geyer of Boston.
- iv. NATHANIEL AMORY, b. May 30, 1809; d. Mar., 1813.
- v. CHARLOTTE M., b. Feb. 5, 1812; m. George W. Sumner.
- vi. NATHANIEL AMORY, b. Milton, Mass., Aug. 14, 1814; was interested in paper making with James I. Cutler at Hubbells Falls near Burlington, Vt., after 1841; m. Maria, dau. of E. Hubbell and Fanny Deming of Burlington, d. Burlington, July 20, 1904; he d. Burlington, Feb. 25, 1873; no children.

#### VILAS

SAMUEL STILLMAN<sup>4</sup> (*Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> Noah,<sup>2</sup> Peter<sup>1</sup>*), b. Alstead, N. H., Nov. 20, 1820; rem. to B. F. in 1862; engaged in grocery trade with S. S. Cragin; later paper maker; m. Mary Ann, dau. of Deacon Samuel S. Cragin of Alstead, Apr. 28, 1847; they res. in B. F.

Children all b. in Alstead:

- i. HENRY CRAGIN,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 9, 1848; manufacturer and dealer in paints and oils "Vilas Bros.," Chicago; m. Apr. 19, 1883, Nellie I. Dane of Chicago. Children: 1. *Henry S.*,<sup>6</sup> b. July 6, 1884. 2. *James W.*, b. June 15, 1886. 3. *Evelyn*, b. Nov. 30, 1890. 4. *Howard C.*, b. Feb. 3, 1894.
- ii. EMILY HARRIET, b. Nov. 23, 1849; m. May 26, 1881, Wm. B.



NATHANIEL TUCKER,

1775-1857.

MRS. CATHERINE HAY (GEYER) TUCKER.

HENRY ATKINSON GREEN,

1792-1863.

EDWARD HENRY GREEN,

1821-1902.

MRS. ANNA AMORY (TUCKER) GREEN,

1803-1875.

COL. ALEXANDER FRASER,

d. 1858.



- Parker, b. Norwich, Conn.; res. Chicago, Ill. Child: 1. *Vilas*,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 24, 1886.
- iii. JOSIAH CROSBY, b. July 20, 1853; is cashier National Park bank, Livingston, Mont; m. June 24, 1891, Mrs. Ida (Ball) Robinson of B. F.; res. Livingston; no children.
- iv. DANA STILLMAN, b. Oct. 6, 1855; manufacturer and dealer in paints and oils "Vilas Bros., Chicago; m. June 28, 1888, Mabel M. Baker of Chicago, d. Oct. 26, 1897. Children: 1. *Raymond D.*,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1891. 2. *Lawrence E.*, b. Jan. 30, 1893.

## WALES

STEPHEN ROWE BRADLEY<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Samuel and Mary [Bradley] Wales*), b. Westminster, Vt., 1793; came to B. F. about 1810; in 1817 owned and operated a carding mill; in 1829 was proprietor of the "Mansion House" near the foot of the School street stairs; was several years agent for the B. F. Canal Co.; 1841 to 1845 was engaged in tin and stove trade; then succeeded to the dry goods trade of H. Henry Baxter, on the location since occupied by the O. D. Gray block on the east side of the Square.

After leaving the "Mansion House" he res. in a dwelling on the same site as the one in which his son, Stephen Rowe Wales, lived for 43 yrs., now the corner of Oak and Atkinson streets. Later he lived in the large dwelling afterward known as "St. Agnes Hall," on the site of the present high school building.

He m. Ruexbe, dau. of Seth and Ruexbe (Marshall) Blake of Dorchester, Mass., d. Mar. 19, 1875; he d. B. F., Mar. 19, 1850.

Children all b. in B. F.:

- i. RUEXBE ANN,<sup>2</sup> b. 1814; m. Mar. 14, 1834, Ira Russell of B. F., b. Feb. 16, 1804, a cripple, stove and tin ware dealer, many years clerk in the office of the V. V. R. R., under Supt. Madison Sloat, d. in B. F., Sept. 15, 1860; she d. in B. F., Oct. 30, 1858. Children: 1. *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> b. May 4, 1835; m. Sarah Thomas; he d. B. F., Mar. 7, 1861. Children all b. in B. F.: i. *Harry*,<sup>4</sup> b. 1859; adopted by — Lindsey of Grafton, Vt., and is called Harry Russell Lindsey. ii. *George*, b. 1861; adopted by. — Bond of Hart, Mich., and is called George Russell Bond. 2. *William Rowe*, b. Oct. 16, 1838; a lieut. in the 4th Vt. Regt. during the Civil war; m. Nov. 27, 1861, Annie Eliza Smith, d. Boston, Mass., July 14, 1898; he d. of consumption in Boston, May 30, 1887, and is buried in Immanuel cem., B. F. Children: i. *Willie Wales*,<sup>4</sup> d. Illion, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1869, ae. 3 mos. ii. *Bertha Annie*, b. Illion, Dec. 21, 1872; res. Boston, Mass.; unm. iii. *Royal Smith*, b. Illion, Feb. 16, 1875; d. Boston, Oct. 28, 1888. 3. *John Wales*, b. May 19, 1843; shot on the battlefield at Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 5, 1862. Too young to enlist, he was accepted as a personal attendant to Major Holbrook of the 7th Vt. Regt. Knowing the major was on the picket line, he made an effort to join him with an additional revolver which he might need. He was found the next day at the extreme front surrounded by the dead of both sides. He nobly sacrificed his life for a personal service. He was the first from R. to be killed during the Civil war; always known locally as "Jack" Russell. 4. *George Clapp*, b. Aug. 12, 1848; res. Boston, Mass., in music trade; d. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 11, 1888; unm.
- ii. ELIZA, b. 1818; m. H. Henry Baxter; d. B. F., Sept. 8, 1849; no children.

1. iii. STEPHEN ROWE, b. June 24, 1819; m. Sarah Wiley of S. R.
2. iv. GEORGE BRADLEY, b. Mar. 17, 1821; m. Maria Dunham.
- v. MARY; m. Oct. 28, 1846, Joseph H. Ladd, s. of Henry Ladd of Portsmouth, N. H., d.; she res. Brooklyn, N. Y. Children: 1. *Mary Josephine*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1847; m. Dec. 5, 1866, Edward Fowler of Brooklyn, N. Y., d.; she res. Brooklyn. 2. *Harry*, b. Feb. 3, 1849; d. Aug. 23, 1849. 3. *Florence Wales*, b. Dec. 3, 1850; d. Nov. 8, 1851. 4. *Charles Wales*, b. Aug. 7, 1852; a merchant; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.; unm. 5. *Caroline Lucy*, b. Feb. 14, 1854; m. June 18, 1874, Peter Gilsey of N. Y. city, a son of the noted hotel proprietor. 6. *Eveline Hurd*, b. Sept. 2, 1864; m. Oct. 24, 1887, John Gilsey, also son of the noted hotel proprietor of N. Y. city.

1. STEPHEN ROWE<sup>2</sup> (*Stephen Rowe Bradley*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 24, 1819; a blacksmith; res. B. F.; m. 1st Nov. 1, 1848, Sarah, dau. of John and Mary (Barry) Wiley of S. R., b. Dec. 26, 1826, d. B. F., Dec. 29, 1855; m. 2d Feb. 3, 1857, Caroline Wiley (sister of 1st wife), b. in S. R., Jan. 30, 1831, now res. B. F.; he d. Sept. 23, 1902.

Children:

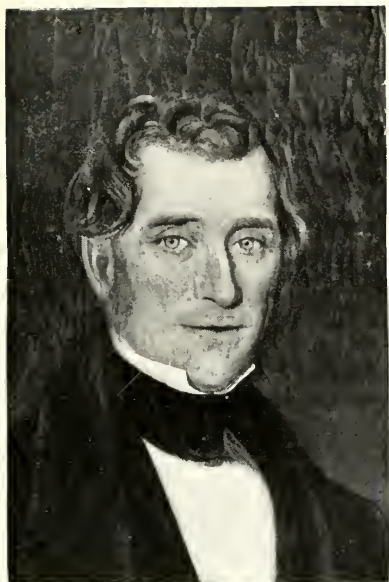
- i. ELIZA,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 20, 1850; m. June 6, 1871, Clement Godfrey Lane, b. Drewsville, N. H.; a hotel clerk; he d. B. F., Jan. 2, 1885; she res. B. F. Child: 1. *Florence Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., May 14, 1873; res. B. F.; unm.
- ii. GEORGE ROWE, b. Springfield, Vt., Mar. 12, 1859; is now a leading dry goods merchant of B. F., and prominent in business and social affairs of the village; m. Apr. 17, 1884, Clara Orpha, dau. of Dr. Daniel and Julia Campbell of S. R., b. Oct. 5, 1861. Children: 1. *Caroline Julia*,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 13, 1886. 2. *Rowe Campbell*, b. July 2, 1888.
- iii. CHARLES STEPHEN, b. May 14, 1866; d. Aug. 3, 1866.
- iv. MARY BRADLEY, b. Jan. 27, 1868; m. Patrick Thomas Clair of B. F., b. July 2, 1871, a merchant, res. West Derry, N. H. Child: 1. *James Robert*,<sup>4</sup> b. Boston, Mass., May 22, 1898.

2. GEORGE BRADLEY<sup>2</sup> (*Stephen Rowe Bradley*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 17, 1821; m. Jan., 1842, Maria Dunham of Westmoreland, N. H., b. Jan. 16, 1823, d. Plattsburg, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1899; he d. B. F., May 12, 1848; she m. 2d George Sumner Miner of Walpole, N. H.

Children:

- i. HELEN MARIA,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F., Dec. 8, 1842; m. Sept. 7, 1868, George W. Spencer of Claremont, N. H.; a printer; res. Chicago, Ill. Children: 1. *Cora Louise*,<sup>4</sup> b. Uxbridge, Mass., Oct. 14, 1877; a teacher; res. Chicago. 2. *Edna Wales*, b. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28, 1882; m.; res. Chicago, Ill.; no children.
- ii. GEORGE ROWE, b. B. F., Jan. 9, 1845; a drummer in Co. G, 11th Vt. regt. in the Civil war; later a locomotive engineer; m. Dec. 30, 1872, Nettie Kesselmeier of Galion, Ohio; he d. N. Y. city, Sept. 25, 1894; she res. Colorado Springs, Col. Children all b. in Galion, and res. Colorado Springs: 1. *Joseph Rowe*,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar., 1874. 2. *Harry Baxter*, b. Mar., 1877. 3. *Mary Belle*, b. June 28, 1879. 4. *George Miner*, b. Aug. 11, 1881.
- iii. MARY WALES, (Miner), b. in B. F., Aug. 27, 1858; m. Oct. 26, 1904, William S. Ransom, b. Plattsburg N. Y.; res. Benson, Wis.; no children.

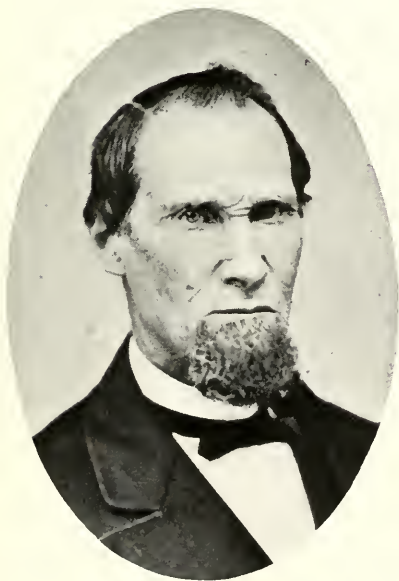




STEPHEN ROWE BRADLEY WALES.  
1793-1850.



STEPHEN ROWE WALES.  
1819-1902.



DAVID BUTTERFIELD.  
1811-1890.



WILLIAM CONANT.  
1801-1866.





## WALKER

EDWARD LEWIS<sup>9</sup> (*Lewis Smith*,<sup>8</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>7</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> *Lieut. Aaron*,<sup>5</sup> *Peter*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Philip*,<sup>2</sup> "Widow,"<sup>1</sup> one of the first proprietors of Seekonk, Mass., 1643), b. Grafton, Vt., Feb. 22, 1858; came to B. F. from Grafton, 1891; engaged in insurance business; in 1902, organized and was the first president of the Bellows Falls Trust Co., and still holds the position; m. Oct. 13, 1897, Alice Ruth Colburn of Pomfret, Vt., b. Nov. 1, 1863; res. B. F.; no children.

Samuel,<sup>6</sup> s. of Lieut. Aaron,<sup>5</sup> was b. Feb. 4, 1762, d. Feb. 19, 1813; a soldier in the Continental army: rem. to Charlestown, N. H., but in later years probably lived in R., as he and his wife with one dau. Betsey, the wife of Randall Evans of R., are buried in the S. R. cemetery.

Samuel,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb., 1655; served under Major Bradford in King Philip's war, and was variously styled Cornet, Lieut., Capt. and Gent.

## WEAVER

DANIEL<sup>6</sup> (*Constant*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *Sergeant Clement*,<sup>1</sup> who came to America about 1630), came early to R., and June 9, 1781, purchased a farm about two miles north of S. R., on the road to R. village. To this he afterward made additions, and here he spent his entire life. He m. Joanna Preston; he d. June 25, 1801, æ. 46 years; buried in the old R. cemetery.

Children all b. in R., except the eldest:

- i. ESEK,<sup>7</sup> b. Killingly, R. I., Dec. 4, 1776; m. Apr. 14, 1803, Sally Orr; he d. Oct. 15, 1849. Children: 1. *Harriet*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1803; m. Benjamin Smith. (*See Smith*.) 2. *Constant Preston*, b. Feb. 22, 1806. 3. *Daniel*, b. May 15, 1808; d. July 24, 1808. 4. *Mary Ann*, b. Jan. 27, 1811; m. Nelson Bolles of Cambridgeport. 5. *Esek Milton*, b. Mar., 1819; d. Aug. 11, 1862; unm.
- ii. POLLY, b. Oct. 13, 1783.
- iii. SALLY, b. Mar. 13, 1787; m. 1st Samuel W. Pulsipher (*See Pulsipher*); m. 2d Isaac Severens, d. Oct. 14, 1863, æ. 90; she d. June 17, 1863. Child by 2d husband: *Franklin*,<sup>8</sup> who was town representative 1859, 1860, and was the father of Judge Henry F. Severens<sup>9</sup> of Kalamazoo, Mich.
- iv. JOANNA, b. July 27, 1789; m. 1st William Putnam; m. 2d Edward Bellamy.
- v. DANIEL, b. Aug. 14, 1791.
- vi. RANDILLA, b. Sept. 3, 1793; m. John Wiley. (*See Wiley*.)
- vii. JOHN, b. Oct. 18, 1795; m. June 12, 1817, Asenath Wiley, d. June 17, 1888; he d. April 5, 1849. Children: 1. *George S.*,<sup>8</sup> (*D. D.*), b. Dec. 24, 1818; a retired Universalist pastor; m. 1st Nov. 21, 1848, Susan Staymore; m. 2d Feb. 7, 1853, Sarah J. Kendall; res. Canton, N. Y. 2. *Frances E.*, b. Feb. 28, 1821; m. John Dickinson of Alstead, N. H.; she d. May 21, 1900. 3. *Abby A.*, b. Oct. 14, 1823; m. Paul R. Kendall; she d. May 2, 1853. 4. *John F.*, b. Aug. 11, 1826; m. Jane Wales of Alstead; she d. Alstead, Sept. 6, 1876. 5. *Achsa A.*, b. Jan. 30, 1829; m. J. H. Hartzell, D. D., a Universalist clergyman; d. Buffalo, N. Y. 6. *Helen M.*, b. June 17, 1831; m. J. H. Chapin, a Universalist clergyman, d. Meriden, Conn.; she d. Alstead, April 12, 1871. 7. *Rev. Andrew J.*, b. Jan. 1, 1834; m. Nov. 1, 1862, Helen Lane of Gloucester, Mass.; res. Whitewater, Wis. 8. *Oren W.*, b. Dec. 23, 1836; d. Apr. 4,

1837. 9. *Oren W.*, b. Jan. 5, 1840; a prominent statistician of the U. S., connected with the Bureau of Statistics and Labor in Washington under Carroll D. Wright; m. Ellen Stackpole; he d. Washington, D. C., Apr. 25, 1900; buried at S. R.

- viii. JAMES, b. Mar. 24, 1798; m. 1st Oct. 16, 1822, Almira S. Fay, d. Oct. 4, 1834, æt. 31 yrs.; m. 2d Alice S. Ingraham, d. Sept. 7, 1878, æt. 67 years; he d. Nov. 15, 1881; res. at S. R. and Cambridgeport. Children: 1. *Lucia*,<sup>8</sup> b. at S. R.; m. Aug., 1852, Charles B. Day, wholesale merchant of Peoria, Ill., formerly of R.; she d. Nov. 13, 1895. Children: i. Gertrude;<sup>9</sup> m. Rollin Wiley; res. Chicago, Ill. ii. Charles; res. Chicago, Ill. 2. *Daniel*, b. in S. R., June, 1824; d. June 4, 1844; unm. 3. *Harriet A.*, b. in S. R., Nov. 22, 1832; m. June 7, 1853, Bateman Bowman of Brimfield, Ill.; she d. Brimfield, Jan. 27, 1886. Children: i. Alice;<sup>9</sup> deceased. ii. Charles. iii. Fred. 4. *Agnes*, b. Cambridgeport, Dec. 3, 1837; m. Mar. 15, 1857, John Wilder of Cambridgeport; she d. Feb. 17, 1900; he res. Cambridgeport. Child: Willie Weaver,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 1, 1862; operates a saw mill at Cambridgeport; m. Dec. 26, 1904, Zadie Abbie Keith. Child: William Ray,<sup>10</sup> b. Cambridgeport, May 14, 1906. 5. *Julia*, b. Cambridgeport, Dec. 14, 1849; m. 1st Aug. 21, 1869, Charles O. Dwinnell, d. Jan. 14, 1892; m. 2d Dec. 24, 1892, Fred Smith; a farmer; res. Cambridgeport; no children. 6. *Solon*, b. Cambridgeport, Aug. 2, 1851; a farmer; m. Dec. 23, 1879, Amy B. Dimond; res. Cambridgeport. Children: i. Edward Dimond,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 16, 1881; res. Cambridgeport; unm. ii. Alice Mary, b. Mar. 17, 1884; res. Cambridgeport; unm.

#### WEBB

JOSHUA<sup>6</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>3</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*,<sup>1</sup> *the emigrant*), b. Windham, Conn., Feb. 19, 1722; early a merchant in Union, Conn.; taught the first school in Westminster, Vt, 1765; lived on the Church farm south of B. F., 1768 to 1777; came to R. in 1777 and settled on the meadows just north of B. F., and the family has since been a leading one in town. He was a "Liberty man" during the Revolution and took an active part in the formation of the state of Vermont; represented R. as a member of most of the conventions leading to Vermont's independence, and served upon important committees in each; represented the town in the legislatures of the first six years, 1778—1783 and thus helped frame the first state laws. His epitaph upon the tombstone in the old cemetery at R. village, wholly without punctuation, says:

"He settled in this town at the early age of it he was honored with many offices of trust in town and state with zeal and fidelity he employed his talents in building up of civil and religious society in town in aiding and promoting the cause of liberty in the revolution of our country and in organizing and building up this state and through a long course in public business was generally accepted as a man of talents and integrity."

His mother, Hannah Bradford Ripley, was a gr. dau. of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony. He m. May 28, 1744, Hannah Abbe, b. Sept. 17, 1724, d. Feb. 12, 1815; he d. Apr. 17, 1808.

#### Children:

- i. JEHIEL,<sup>7</sup> b. Windham, Jan. 23, 1745; m. Mary Eastman.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. May 8, 1746; m. 1st Sarah Parker; m. 2d Rhoda Carroll; res. in Sharon, N. Y.; he d. in R., Sept. 25, 1825, while on a visit here.

- iii. AZARIAH, b. Windham, Oct. 11, 1748; a soldier of the Revolution and a pensioner; m. Lucy Andrews; he d. Guildhall, Vt., Apr. 10, 1846.
2. iv. CHARLES, b. Windham, Aug. 19, 1750; m. Chloe Chandler.
- v. HANNAH, b. Windham, June 20, 1752; m. Buel Carpenter; she d. Westminster, Oct., 1817.
- vi. EUNICE, b. probably in Windham, Conn., Nov. 28, 1755; d. in R., June 26, 1845; unm.
3. vii. CALVIN, b. July 31, 1757; d. in R., Nov. 15, 1853.
- viii. MARY, b. Jan. 28, 1760; m. 1st Sylvanus Hayward, of Gilsun, N. H. m. 2d Benjamin Hormon; she d. July 30, 1841.
- ix. ANNA, b. Aug. 22, 1761; m. Epaphras Ripley; she d. Feb. 17, 1842.
4. x. LUTHER, b. Oct. 24, 1763; m. Dorothy Wheelock.
- xi. DR. JOSHUA RIPLEY, b. July 7, 1768; a prominent physician of R.; res. in a small dwelling a little east of R. village on the south side of the road to B. F., now occupied by William J. Webb; evidently somewhat in advance of his time in the profession; lost his life Feb. 23, 1813, during the great epidemic of spotted fever. He was attacked suddenly during his rounds among patients and becoming unconscious, his faithful horse brought him to his own door. He survived but a few hours. He m. Sally, dau. of Judge Sabin, b. Putney, Vt., she d. Pike, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1862. Children: 1. *Henry Britton*,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1798; m. Emily Carpenter of Pottsdam, N. Y.; he d. Blissfield, Mich. in 1850; twelve children. 2. *Lucius Ripley*, b. Dec. 29, 1802; m. Cornelia Grinnell of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; he d. Hartford, Vt., Jan., 1860; three children. 3. *Edward Augustus*, b. July 10, 1805; m. Mary Ann Clarissa Wainwright of Montpelier, Vt.; he d. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7, 1884. Children: i. Charles.<sup>9</sup> ii. Marcia. iii. Mary, res. Elnahurst, Ill.; unm. iv. Alfred. v. Clare. 4. *Sarah Ann*, b. Dec. 29, 1809; m. Dr. Isaac Minard of Pike, N. Y.; she d. Rochester, N. Y.; three children.

1. JEHIEL<sup>7</sup> (*Joshua*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>3</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*), b. Windham, Conn., Jan. 23, 1745; rem. to Westminster, Vt., in 1765 and to R. previous to 1776, as he was that year chosen 1st selectman; from that time was always prominently identified with public affairs of the town, serving almost continuously from 1776 to 1797 either as selectman, treasurer, or town clerk; m. Mary Eastman, d. Oct. 4, 1811, ae. 61; he d. in R. Feb. 6, 1813.

#### Children:

- i. CLARISSA,<sup>8</sup> bap. in R., Dec. 28, 1777; m. Feb. 21, 1791, Ozias Savage.
- ii. JEHIEL, bap. in R. Dec. 28, 1777; m. Sihyl, dau. of Elias Olcott of R.; he d. July 31, 1836. Children: 1. *Clarissa*,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 4, 1798; m. Nov. 28, 1819, Joseph Whiting of R. (*See Whiting.*) 2. *Otis*, b. Sept. 18, 1800. 3. *Caroline*, b. Apr. 18, 1801; m. John Minard of R. (*See Minard.*) 4. *Adeline*, b. June 26, 1803. 5. *Jehiel*. 6. *Mary*. 7. *Quartus Morgan*, b. in R. in 1810; m. Rosanna Hutchins Gordon, who d. Lowell, Mass., in Nov., 1847; he d. Burlington, Vt., in 1873. A dau., Frances Augusta,<sup>10</sup> m. Dec. 25, 1866, at Lisbon, N. H., Albert E. Richardson, b. Barton, Vt., in 1844; res. Burlington.
- iii. MARY, bap. in R., Nov. 7, 1779.
- iv. IRA, bap. June 3, 1781; d. Feb. 9, 1785.
- v. HANNAH, bap. Aug. 24, 1783; m. June 28, 1815, Gen. John Nevers of Northfield, Mass.
- vi. DORAXA, bap. June 7, 1789; d. Nov. 20, 1871, ae. 86 years and 7 mos.; unm.
- vii. ELVIRA, bap. May 29, 1791; m. Judge Horace Baxter. (*See Baxter.*)

2. CHARLES<sup>7</sup> (*Joshua*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>3</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Windham Conn. Aug. 19, 1750; m. Jan. 1, 1777, Chloe Chandler, b. Oct. 3, 1760, d. June 29, 1829; he d. West Bloomfield, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1820.

Children :

- i. SAMUEL,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 1, 1777; m. Mar. 7, 1807; he d. Dec. 5, 1852. Child: 1. *Carlton*.<sup>9</sup>
- ii. THERON, b. Dec. 12, 1779; m. Nov. 18, 1806.
- iii. ASPASIA, b. Mar. 24, 1782; d. Mar. 29, 1788.
- iv. CHARLES, b. Sept. 25, 1784; m. 1st Nov. 9, 1809, Prudence Curtis; m. 2d May 27, 1851, — Sheldon; he d. West Bloomfield, N. Y., Mar. 3, 1868. Children by 1st wife: 1. *Elvira*,<sup>9</sup> m. E. B. Sadler of Sandusky, O.; she d. in 1849. 2. *Caroline*, b. 1820; d. unm. 3. *Charles Howard*, b. 1823; m. in 1849, Caroline Augusta Bloss; res. Rochester, N. Y. They had five children. 4. *James A.*, d. Janesville, Wis.
- v. BELAC, b. May 17, 1786; d. Mar. 5, 1787.
- vi. IRA CHANDLER, b. Feb. 9, 1789; m. 1st, Aug. 14, 1806, Mary Judson; m. 2d Laura Hurd; he d. Le Roy, N. Y. in 1859. Children: 1. *Alfred*.<sup>9</sup> 2. *Mary*. 3. *Ira Chandler*. 4. *Laura*; m. — Pearce. Children: Dau;<sup>10</sup> m. Gilbert Hall; and a son. 5. *Harriet*. 6. *Chloe*; m. Thomas Morgan.
- vii. ALFRED, b. Mar. 30, 1791; d. Oct. 6, 1815.
- viii. ZERAH, b. Jan. 18, 1794; m. about 1822, Orinda Moore, b. 1802, d. Davenport, Iowa; he d. Davenport, June 21, 1866. Children: 1. *William Henry*.<sup>3</sup> d.; unm. 2. *Charles T.*; m. Charlotte Lansing. They have children. 3. *Jera S.*; d. unm. 4. *Elvira*; m. George D. Baun. 5. *Frances*; m. E. S. Ballard of Davenport, Ia. Children: i. Katherine Augusta;<sup>10</sup> m. — Allen. ii. Bessie. iii. Belle; m. — Richardson. iv. John Gilman. v. Webb Rysee. 6. *Axcie*; unm. 7. *Helen*; unm. 8. *Adelaide*; d. unm.

3. CALVIN<sup>7</sup> (*Joshua*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>3</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 31, 1757; always lived, and d. on the Meadows just north of B. F.; held many town offices, among them that of selectman, 1807-8; prominent in the affairs of Immanuel chh.; his story of the Westminster massacre is told on page 209; m. 1st Mary Porter, d. Nov. 8, 1806; m. 2d in Westminster, Vt., May 4, 1815, Melitable Cross of Westminster; he d. in R., Nov. 15, 1853.

Children :

5. i. ETHAN BRADFORD,<sup>8</sup> m. Fanny Burnham.
- ii. ELIZA BETSEY, b. Mar. 13, 1782; m. 1st Apr. 12, 1807, Luke Lincoln, d. Nov. 19, 1809; m. 2d Feb. 22, 1814, Israel Keyes; res. Putney; she d. Putney, Vt., Mar. 20, 1880. Children: 1. *Rollin*,<sup>9</sup> res. and d. in Somerville, Mass., buried in Putney. 2. *Calvin*, living in Des Moines, Ia.
- iii. MARY, b. Nov. 1, 1786; m. Aug. 26, 1810, Eliakim Rice of Westminster; she d. Sept. 1, 1843. Children: 1. *Meriel*,<sup>9</sup> m. Chas. Hall; res. Walpole, N. H. Children: i. Mary,<sup>10</sup> m. J. D. Richardson; res. Charlestown, N. H. ii. Charles. iii. George. 2. *Porter*, b. Apr. 21, 1812; m. Louisa Darling of Westminster; he d. Aug. 18, 1906. Child: Charles;<sup>10</sup> res. Westminster. 3. *Mary*. 4. *Luscha*, d. young, buried in Putney. 5. *Mary Eveline*, b. Apr. 23, 1820; m. Samuel C. Morse 2d of Westminster, d. May 11, 1871; she d. Nov. 11, 1894; res. Westminster. Children: i. Lydia Eveline,<sup>10</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1846; m. 1st Ithamar Richardson; m.

- 2d Geo. N. Banks. ii. Mary Ella, b. Apr. 4, 1849; m. James Miller; res. Westminster. iii. Alice Merial, b. Nov. 6, 1853; m. Ned Pierce. (*See Pierce*.) 6. *Luke*, b. Apr. 30, 1823; m. Helen Johnson of Westminster, d. July 28, 1901; he d. May 9, 1906. Children: i. William;<sup>10</sup> d. young. ii. Edward. iii. John.
- iv. CALVIN OSMAN, b. Mar. 22, 1789; m. Aug. 23, 1812, Lucy Platt of R., d. Apr. 18, 1880; he d. Nov. 26, 1868. Children: 1. *Calvin*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1813; m. in 1841 Sarah Gould of Weathersfield, Vt., d. Jan. 20, 1899; he d. Jan. 21, 1906. Children: i. Frank.<sup>10</sup> ii. Mary Vell (both deceased). 2. *George O.*, b. Mar. 28, 1815; m. Florinda Tiscomb of Claremont, N. H.; d. July 1, 1887; he d. in the U. S. service, Fair Oaks, Va., June 15, 1862. Children: i. Lucius C.<sup>10</sup> ii. Loren M. iii. George S. 3. *Mary Amelia*, b. Sept. 11, 1818; m. Jan. 8, 1840, Sylvanus Blanchard in Weathersfield, Vt.; he d. Mar. 5, 1855. Children: i. Henry S.,<sup>10</sup> b. July 18, 1843; d. Dec. 19, 1867. ii. Edmund W., d. July 27, 1848 iii. Mary Elizabeth; m. Geo. Edwards; res. Manchester, N. H. 4. *Bradford E.*, b. Jan. 7, 1823; m. Mary Bradley of Dracut, Mass., d. Mar. 31, 1895; he d. July 28, 1894. Child: i. Geo. Evans.<sup>10</sup> 5. *Alonzo C.*, b. Mar. 10, 1827; m. 1st Nov., 1854, Martha J. Hutchinson of Claremont, d. Sept. 20, 1882; m. 2d Dec. 8, 1891, Hattie Holman of Springfield, Vt.; res. Springfield. Children: i. Henry A.<sup>10</sup> ii. Alice E.
- v. LUSEBA, b. July 18, 1793; m. Nov. 14, 1816, Isaac Grout of Westminster; she d. Dec. 15, 1857; no children.
- vi. HERMAN CHANDLER, b. Mar. 27, 1796; d. Feb. 7, 1823; unm.
- vii. EDWARD HELON, b. June 4, 1797; m. June 13, 1838, Abigail Howe, b. July 30, 1816; he d. Oct. 25, 1879. Children: 1. *Henry Samuel*,<sup>9</sup> b. Mar. 24, 1839; m. Nov. 24, 1870, Ann Maria Blanchard, b. May 9, 1839; res. Lancaster, N. H. Children: i. John Blanchard,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 1, 1871; d. Apr. 21, 1874. ii. Rollin Edward, b. May 22, 1875; a physician in Lancaster, Pa.; unm. iii. Mary Ella, b. July 3, 1879; unm. 2. *Luseba Grout*, b. Aug. 21, 1841; m. Dec. 20, 1866, Loring Blanchard Porter, b. Nov. 30, 1839, d. Feb. 26, 1905; he res. Lancaster, N. H. Children: i. Jennie Abigail,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 2, 1867; m. James Leon Dow; she res. Lancaster, N. H. Child: Dorothy Porter,<sup>11</sup> b. Mar. 31, 1897; d. Feb. 2, 1898. ii. Edward Loring,<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1870. 3. *Alice Maria*, b. Jan. 21, 1858; res. Lancaster, N. H.; unm.
4. LUTHER<sup>7</sup> (*Joshua*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>3</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 24, 1763; served in the Revolutionary war in Capt. Holton's Rockingham Co.; m. Feb. 9, 1792, Dorothy Wheelock, b. Mar. 21, 1769, d. Dec. 10, 1856; he d. Aug. 2, 1860. They resided a mile north of B. F., on the Joseph M. Webb farm; house recently burned.
- Children:
- i. LUCINDA DOROTHY,<sup>8</sup> b. May 2, 1793; d. July 29, 1886; unm.
- ii. ELMIRA E., b. Jan. 15, 1795; m. Warren Felt of R. (*See Felt*.)
- iii. CANDACE, b. Oct. 25, 1796; m. Apr. 25, 1824, Eleazer Bancroft; she d. Oct. 1, 1829. Children: 1. *Joseph Webb*,<sup>9</sup> b. May 24, 1825; m. Oct. 26, 1852, Sarah A. Kimball of Elkhart, Ind.; res. in Hastings, Mich. where he was the first rector of Immanuel chh. and named it after the chh. in B. F. that he attended when a boy; was also state missionary in Western Mich. several years; he d. Feb. 25, 1903; no children. 2. *Albert Carlton*, b. Nov. 27, 1826; m. Aug. 24, 1854, Jane Eliza Hare; he d. Alden, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1893. Child: i. Sarah Jane,<sup>10</sup> b. Aug. 11, 1858; m. Sept. 23, 1885, William Alband. Children: 1. Gertrude J.,<sup>11</sup> b. Apr. 4, 1887. 2. William C., b. Aug. 17, 1888. 3. *Alonzo Clinton*, b. Nov. 27,



- 1826; m. Sept. 2, 1849, Jane A. Sleeper at Lancaster, N. Y.; spent most of their lives in Elma, Erie Co., N. Y., where he d. Feb. 10, 1904. Children: i. Jennie,<sup>10</sup> b. May, 1851; d. Aug., 1853. ii. Eliza, b. Aug., 1853; m. May 24, 1876, Myron Clark, a lawyer in Buffalo, N. Y. Children: 1. Russell Bancroft,<sup>11</sup> b. July 12, 1877; studied law; m. June 3, 1903, May Bancroft. 2. Elon Bancroft, b. Aug. 21, 1883. 3. Myron Alonzo, b. Oct. 15, 1886. 4. Ruth, b. Mar. 22, 1893. iii. Charles,<sup>10</sup> b. Mar., 1855; d. Mar., 1856. iv. Susie, b. Sept., 1862; d. Mar., 1869.
- iv. LUTHER HIRAM, b. Nov. 12, 1799; m. Dec. 15, 1823, Martha Bellows Bates; they lived in a house that he built on the R. road about two miles from B. F., now owned by W. H. Griswold. In 1834 he and his wife and five children went to Ill. in a covered wagon drawn by a pair of horses. He took up land in Sangamon county about nine miles from Springfield, where two of his children are still living. He d. Oct. 21, 1847. Children: 1. *Martha Bellows*,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 6, 1824; unm. 2. *Harriett Josephine*, b. Feb. 26, 1827; m. Aug. 9, 1848, J. E. Cobbey of Ohio; five children, two d. in infancy. Children: i. Joseph Elliott,<sup>10</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1853; m. July 30, 1879, Lottie Schell; settled in Beatrice, Neb., where they have since res.; he is a lawyer and for some years has spent much time in writing law books and compiling Nebraska's statutes. Children: 1. Josephine E.,<sup>11</sup> 2. Lucile; m. J. Will Thomas; res. Kansas City, Kan. 3. Charles E. 4. Jean A. 5. Martha. 6. Paul S. 7. Luther W. 8. Theodore S. ii. Thomas Dick,<sup>10</sup> b. Mar. 27, 1857, a lawyer, has res. many years in Denver, Col.; m. Abbie E. Stone. Children: 1. Myrtle F.,<sup>11</sup> b. Mar. 22, 1883. 2. Hattie L., b. Oct. 4, 1884. 3. Inez W., b. Feb. 2, 1892. iii. James Webb,<sup>10</sup> b. May 19, 1865; is one of the assayers in U. S. mint, Denver, Col.; m. Aug. 1889, Allie Miller. Children: 1. Lloyd E.,<sup>11</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1892; d. May 22, 1901. 2. Lillian W., b. Apr. 9, 1900. 3. Laurene E., b. May 17, 1902. 3. *Jane Gray*, b. Feb. 18, 1829; m. Jan. 1, 1857, Edgar Kincaid in Sangamon county, Ill., where they have since res.; she d. Apr. 12, 1891. Children: i. Fred,<sup>10</sup> res. Beatrice, Neb. ii. Martha A.; m. J. Campbell; res. Durango, Col. One child. iii. Albert E. iv. Dick Peter. 4. *John Wells*, b. Nov. 24, 1830; d. Oct. 22, 1847. 5. *James*, b. Jan. 12, 1833; unm. 6. *Joseph Luther*, b. Aug., 1837; a physician in Beatrice, Neb.; m. Oct. 2, 1873, Katie Louisa Sheppard. Children: i. Hiram Luther,<sup>10</sup> b. July 29, 1874. ii. James Edgar, b. Oct. 29, 1877; d. in infancy. iii. Joseph Louis, b. Jan. 25, 1884; m. Aug. 12, 1905, Iva Gamble. iv. Katie Louisa, b. Mar. 27, 1886. 7. *Hiram Peter*, b. Mar., 1842; studied law but became a minister in the M. E. chh. in Oregon, where he d. Aug. 23, 1895; he m. Oct. 21, 1873, Jennett Maxfield; no children.
- v. JOSEPH MERARI, b. Sept. 23, 1803; m. Sept. 23, 1839, Elizabeth Foster of Whitestown, N. Y.; he d. Dec. 9, 1884. Children: 1. *Charles Milton*,<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 14, 1841; d. Feb. 20, 1842. 2. *William Joseph*, b. Aug. 29, 1843; m. 1st June 7, 1866, Elizabeth P. Hawkes of Chester, Vt.; d. Sept. 29, 1871; m. 2d Sept. 16, 1873, Arabella D. Fuller of Walpole, N. H., d. July 16, 1891. He res. R. village. Children: i. Henry Bissell,<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1868; res. Rockingham. ii. George Fuller, b. Sept. 9, 1874; R. R. express agent; res. Winchendon, Mass. iii. Grace Julia, b. May 30, 1876; res. Winchendon. iv. Daisy Frances, b. Jan. 17, 1878; res. Rockingham. v. Stella Henrietta, b. Sept. 5, 1879; teacher in high school on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. 3. *Emma Elizabeth*, b. July 30, 1855; res. B. F.; unm.
- vi. JANE GRAY, b. Oct. 11, 1807; d. May 31, 1871; unm.
- vii. JAMES WARREN, b. Oct. 14, 1811; m. Nov. 20, 1834, Nancy Farr:

he d. Sept. 1, 1867. Children: 1. *Samuel Heber*,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 10, 1835; an Episcopal rector; m. Dec. 25, 1861, Persis A. Follett; res. Providence, R. I. Children: i. Mary Estelle,<sup>10</sup> b. Apr. 21, 1863; d. Feb. 17, 1872. ii. Annie Pierce, b. Apr. 9, 1866; m. June 20, 1893, Frederick Miller Rhodes, sec'y. and treas. of Guide Pub. Co. of Providence, R. I. Children: 1. Elisha Hunt,<sup>11</sup> b. Dec. 26, 1894. 2. Frederick, b. Feb. 21, 1899. 3. James Webb, b. Aug. 12, 1903. iii. George Heber,<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1867; president and general manager of the Guide Pub. Co., Providence, and colonel on the governor's staff; m. June 1, 1893, Mary Phebe Fahnestock of Baltimore, Md. Child: George Heber,<sup>11</sup> b. Feb. 25, 1900. iv. Clara Persis,<sup>10</sup> b. Feb. 13, 1871; d. Jan. 29, 1872. v. Olive Sawin, b. Nov. 2, 1878; unm. 2. *Joshua Hobart*, b. Dec. 9, 1837; many years vestryman and lay reader in Immanuel chh.; a highly respected citizen of B. F.; m. Dec. 10, 1863, Jane Adaline Phippen; he d. B. F., Dec. 11, 1903; she res. B. F. Child: Blanche Adaline,<sup>10</sup> b. July 30, 1878; res. B. F.; unm. 3. *Candace Eliza*, b. Sept. 14, 1839; d. Nov. 5, 1857; unm. 4. *Mary Elmira*, b. Dec. 5, 1841; d. May 10, 1864; unm. 5. *James Alfred*, b. July 24, 1843; d. Jan. 28, 1868; unm. 6. *Charles Milton*, b. Oct. 22, 1848; m. 1st May 28, 1868, Lucy Hawkes, d. Feb. 23, 1885; m. 2d Sept. 5, 1887, Elizabeth Piper Stewart. Children: i. Mary Free love,<sup>10</sup> b. May 3, 1869; m. Aug. 12, 1891, Frederick Leland of Chester, Vt. Children: 1. Nellie Lucy,<sup>11</sup> b. June 10, 1892. 2. Edith Electa, b. Nov. 24, 1893. ii. Gertrude Lizzie, b. Feb. 25, 1874; m. Apr. 12, 1898, Erwin Hanley; res. B. F. Children: 1. Dorothy Webb,<sup>11</sup> b. Nov. 29, 1899. 2. Ruth Gertrude, b. Nov. 29, 1899; d. Sept. 11, 1900. 3. Marjorie Esther, b. Oct. 25, 1902.

5. COL. ETHAN BRADFORD<sup>8</sup> (*Calvin*,<sup>7</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>3</sup> *Christopher*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), as a young man learned the harness-maker's trade at Walpole; was a colonel in the Vt. militia and prominent in affairs of B. F.; a Mason before and after the anti-Masonic craze; built the first tavern on the site of Hotel Windham, in connection with Solomon Snow: in 1859 he "had not missed a freeman's meeting for 40 yrs.;" m. Oct. 22, 1816, Fanny Burnham; he d. Mar. 15, 1872, ae. 88 yrs.

Children:

- i. MARTHA ELIZA,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1817; m. June 6, 1839, John Rowe Morse of Westminster, who d. Mar. 28, 1887. Children: 1. *John Bradford*,<sup>10</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1842; m. Oct. 18, 1876, Mary E. Hanks of Amherst, Mass; res. B. F.; no children. ii. *Henry Tyler*, b. Apr. 5, 1844; attended Kimball Union academy and Amherst college, where, in 1867, received injuries in a "cane-rush" from which he never recovered, and d. Sept. 18, 1870; unm.
- ii. MARY PORTER, b. Apr. 5, 1820; res. B. F.; d. Feb. 7, 1854; unm.
- iii. SARAH HAVEN, b. Aug. 18, 1824; m. Apr. 8, 1845, John L. Johnson, a farmer; res. two miles north of B. F.; he d. Mar. 19, 1906. Child: 1. *Sarah Louise*,<sup>10</sup> b. May 19, 1849; m. Aug. 18, 1869, Edwin P. Gay, and res. on a farm two miles north of B. F.; he d. May 17, 1903; she res. in B. F.; no children.
- iv. FANNY MARIA, b. May 7, 1826; m. Mar. 20, 1849, Geo. Henry Sparhawk of Walpole, N. H., b. Keene, N. H., Feb. 1, 1825, d. Walpole, Feb. 1, 1873; she res. Walpole. Children all b. in R. 1. *Arthur George*,<sup>10</sup> b. June 21, 1850; d. in Walpole, Feb. 26, 1871. 2. *Rollin Webb*, b. June 15, 1852; d. Walpole, May 6, 1879. 3. *Thomas Clifton*, b. Aug. 2, 1859; a merchant, res. Winchendon, Mass.; m. Dec. 25, 1884, Della G. Witt of Drewsville, N. H., b. Charlestown, N. H. Mar. 24, 1863; no children. 5. *Carlton*

- Edward*, b. July 14, 1861; postmaster of Walpole; m. July 23, 1902, Margaret A. MacGillivray, b. in McCrimmon, Ont., May 8, 1872. Child: i. Carline Emily,<sup>11</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1906.
- v. CARLTON EDWARD, b. Sept. 3, 1828; always res. on the first farm north of B. F. village; held many public offices and represented the town in the legislature of 1874-5; m. Dec. 13, 1852; Jane Webb, dau. of Samuel Allbee of R., b. Aug. 16, 1828; d. Nov. 29, 1904; he d. May 22, 1903; no children.
- vi. EMILY ANNA, b. Sept. 24, 1837; m. Nov. 16, 1865, George G. Bidwell, formerly res. Swanzey, N. H., who d. Mar. 20, 1889; no children; she res. B. F.

## WELCH

GEORGE E.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of James S.*), b. Lowell, Mass., Jan. 2, 1850; came to B. F., in 1882; engaged in mercantile business and undertaking in 1890; m. 1st Gertrude A. Messinger, Oct. 30, 1877, b. Springfield, Vt., 1858, d. Mar. 12, 1880; m. 2d Mary E. Russell, May 27, 1885; res. B. F.

Child:

- i. GERALD M.,<sup>2</sup> b. Springfield, Vt., Oct. 27, 1878; admitted to partnership in his father's furniture trade, Geo. E. Welch & Son, in 1902; m. Theresa Robertson, Aug. 19, 1902; res. B. F.; no children.

## WENTWORTH

ASA<sup>6</sup> (*Asa*,<sup>5</sup> *Moses*,<sup>4</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>3</sup> *Paul*,<sup>2</sup> *Elder William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Alstead, N. H., Apr. 4, 1797; came to B. F. between 1832 and 1838 and occupied a prominent place in the business, fraternal, church and social life of B. F., until his death in 1882; represented Alstead in N. H. legislature 1828-9 and 1832; represented R. in Vt. legislatures 1838-9, 1840, 1848, 1849, 1852, 1853 and 1856; senator from Windham county 1851-2; an incorporator of the B. F. Savings Institution in 1847, its trustee and vice-president until 1866; a director of the Bellows Falls Bank and of the National Bank of Bellows Falls many years until 1879; treasurer of the town 1846 to 1879; treasurer of the B. F. school district; president of the Connecticut River Mutual Fire Ins. Co. during all its existence; member of Immanuel church, elected vestryman in 1839, held this and offices of warden and clerk many years; member of building committee when present church was erected; a prominent officer of King Solomon's Lodge F. & A. M.; many years engaged in mercantile business in B. F., in company with Osman A. Bingham, later with his brother, Merrick, and still later with his son, James H. The firms early owned flat boats that did freighting between B. F. and Hartford, Conn.

The residence of Col. Wentworth during most of his life in B. F. was in the brick dwelling at the corner of School and Green streets, still known as the "Wentworth house."

He was a widely known man of most genial and sunny disposition, which won for him not only respect but the warm regard of his neighbors and all who became acquainted with him. He was of a long lived race. His father, Asa,<sup>5</sup> a prominent citizen of Alstead, d. at the age of 96, the last of a family of nine, six of whom lived to be over 90 yrs. of age.

Col. Asa;<sup>6</sup> m. 1st, May 1, 1819, Lucy Warren of Alstead, N. H.; m. 2d, May 26, 1863, Caroline L. Chase of B. F.; he d. Aug. 7, 1882.

## Children :

- i. WILLARD FRANKLIN,<sup>7</sup> b. Alstead, N. H., May 30, 1820; d. Alstead, Sept. 2, 1836.
- ii. GEORGE QUINCY, b. Alstead, July 10, 1822; d. Sept. 23, 1837.
- iii. EMILY AUGUSTUS, b. Alstead, Jan. 6, 1824; d. Mar., 1824.
- iv. JAMES HARVEY, b. Alstead, Apr. 28, 1828; d.; unm.
- v. CHARLES CLINTON, b. Alstead, Nov. 28, 1829; merchant; "Pratt & Wentworth of Boston, Mass.; m. Nov. 28, 1855, Sarah M. Cushing of Boston. Children: 1. *Annie Clinton*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1859; m. June 12, 1890, Frederick W. Burrage of Cambridge, Mass.; no children. 2. *Emily Cushing*, b. Sept. 8, 1868; m. June 23, 1891, Robert Dwight Carter of Portsmouth, N. H.; no children.
- vi. CAROLINE AMELIA, b. Alstead, Nov. 18, 1831; m. Aug. 17, 1853, Larkin B. Day of Peoria, Ill. Children: 1. *John*,<sup>8</sup> 2. *Lucy*. 3. *Dottie*.
- vii. WILLIAM PITT, b. B. F., Apr. 23, 1839; a prominent architect of Boston: m. Oct., 1867, Caroline Frances Williams of B. F., d. B. F., June 21, 1905; he d. Newton, Mass., Apr. 12, 1896; no children.

## WESTON

JOSEPH B.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Stephen*), b. Plymouth, Vt., Oct. 20, 1806; m. Oct. 21, 1834, Susanna H. Boynton of Plymouth, b. July 3, 1813, d. in R., Nov. 7, 1885; he d. in R., May 14, 1883.

## Children all b. Plymouth, Vt. :

- i. ISAIAH B.,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 22, 1835; d. Plymouth, Jan. 24, 1858; unm.
- ii. J. PAGE, b. May 5, 1838; m. Mar. 19, 1862, Sarah M. Bond, b. Cavendish, Vt., Mar. 22, 1842; resides in R. on the "Pleasant Valley" farm. Children: 1. *William Bond*,<sup>3</sup> b. Plymouth, Mar. 17, 1863; m. Apr. 23, 1889, Hattie Graves of Charlestown, Mass.; res. Santa Barbara, Cal. Child: *Hilda*,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 11, 1894. 2. *Fred Eugene*, b. in R., Jan. 7, 1865; m. Sept. 7, 1904, Agnes Jordan; res. Waterville, Wash. Child: *Mildred*,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1905. 3. *Elmer Herbert*, b. in R., Mar. 31, 1869; m. Feb. 28, 1896, Myrtie Ball of R. Children: i. *Catharine*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 28, 1897. ii. *Charles*, b. Feb. 28, 1900. iii. *Elmina*, b. Aug. 21, 1901. 4. *Bertha Adeline*, b. in R., Nov. 27, 1874; m. Oct. 18, 1899, Carleton E. Hutchinson; res. Haverhill, Mass. Children: i. *Marion*,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1900. ii. *Kenneth*, b. Nov. 7, 1901. iii. *Hayden*, b. Nov. 1, 1902. 5. *Leon Addison*, b. in R., Mar. 19, 1878; m. June 21, 1904, Helen E. Smucker; res. Waterville, Wash. Child: *Page*,<sup>4</sup> b. June 5, 1905. 6. *Cora Mabel*, b. in R., Dec. 1, 1880; m. Apr. 2, 1902, William M. Buchanan; res. Cambridge, Mass.; no children.
- iii. MARION, b. Mar. 20, 1841; m. in Chester, Vt., Sept. 2, 1875, Merrill D. Hall; she d. Nov. 25, 1899; no children.
- iv. ELMINA, b. May 5, 1843; m. in R., Feb. 16, 1865, Hubbard B. Davis; she d. May 1, 1904; res. in R.; no children.
- v. WALLACE, b. Aug. 29, 1847; m. at Grafton, Vt., Jan. 6, 1874, Emma C. Parker of R., b. in R., June 11, 1850. Children: 1. *Carrie E.*,<sup>3</sup> b. in R., Feb. 27, 1876; m. June 17, 1899, George S. Angell, b. South Boston, Mass., Apr. 19, 1876. Children: i. *Eugene W.*,<sup>4</sup> b. June 26, 1900; res. B. F. ii. *John W.* 2. *Eugene P.*, b. in R., Mar. 17, 1878; res. in B. F.; unm.

## WESTON

NATHAN<sup>5</sup> (*James*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> who emigrated from England to Salem, Mass., in 1644 at ac. of 13 yrs.), b. Reading, Mass., July 14, 1745; resided Reading, Mass., New Ipswich, N. H. and came to R. at an early date, settling on the meadows in the northeast corner of the town where he spent the remainder of his life; m. Apr. 8, 1768, Hannah Mansfield, b. Feb. 27, 1745; d. Nov. 30, 1825; he d. Nov. 29, 1829.

## Children:

- i. NATHAN,<sup>6</sup> b. July 14, 1769; m. Sally Adams.
- ii. JAMES, b. May 8, 1772; d. May, 30, 1841; was a clergyman.
- iii. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 31, 1774; m. Lucinda Mather.
- iv. PARSON, b. June 18, 1777; d. June 4, 1840.
- v. JOHN, b. Sept. 20, 1780; d. July 6, 1832.
- vi. EZEKIEL, b. July 26, 1787; d. Apr. 16, 1845.

1. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> (*Nathan*,<sup>5</sup> *James*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup>), b. July 14, 1769; m. at Springfield, Vt., June 28, 1803, Sally, dau. of Samuel O. Adams of R., b. Acton, Mass., Nov. 7, 1784, d. Springfield, Vt., Jan. 11, 1864; he d. Baltimore, Vt., Aug. 25, 1841.

## Children:

- i. LOUISA,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1804; m. Amos Haselton. (*See Haselton*.)
- ii. HASKELL, b. Nov. 19, 1805; m. May 21, 1832, Amanda M. Lee, d. Feb. 8, 1851; he d. Jan. 6, 1878; lived in Chester, Vt. Seven children.
- iii. HANNAH, b. July 2, 1807; m. May 29, 1829, Benjamin Spaulding of B. F., d. Dec. 15, 1868; she d. Jan. 31, 1889; res. B. F.; no children.
- iv. LUCIUS, b. Springfield, Vt., Mar. 12, 1809; m. Mar. 14, 1842, Melinda Ann, dau. of Hiram Davis of R., b. Oct. 16, 1816, d. May 9, 1874; he d. in R., June 16, 1891. Child: 1. *Henry Nathan*,<sup>8</sup> b. June 8, 1845; m. Mar. 4, 1869, Mary W., dau. of John G. Whiting of R.; they reside on the Upper Meadows in R.; no children.
- v. JOHN A., b. June 13, 1810, d. Sept. 25, 1811.
- vi. JOHN M., b. Sept. 5, 1812; a farmer; afterwards kept a country store at Bartonsville; m. Jan. 1, 1837, Ann Maria, dau. of Samuel Billings of R., b. in R., Apr. 29, 1814, d. Sept. 18, 1874; he d. Bartonsville, Sept. 20, 1886. Children: 1. *Mary Frances*,<sup>8</sup> b. June 13, 1838; m. at Chester, Vt., Jan. 5, 1859, Ormand Fletcher, d. Chester, Nov. 21, 1897; she d. Sept. 8, 1898; no children. 2. *Eliza Ann*, b. July 20, 1842; m. Henry A. Adams of Bartonsville. (*See Adams*.)
- vii. SALLY, b. Jan. 7, 1815; m. 1st Sept. 1, 1839, Daniel Ackley, d. Apr. 15, 1844; m. 2d George W. Ackley, d. 1849; m. 3d Ira Hawley, d. 1872 or 1873; she d. Jan. 9, 1900; no children.
- viii. SAMUEL A., b. Sept. 24, 1817; m. Jan. 22, 1844, Pamela Lee; he d. Apr. 16, 1877; three children.
- ix. EZEKIEL M., b. July 28, 1819; m. 1st Sept. 4, 1844, Betsey Haseltine; m. 2d Dec. 25, 1888, Ellen M., dau. of Charles Holt of Springfield, Vt., d. Mar. 13, 1907; he d. Apr. 26, 1895; no children.
- x. JULIA A., b. Dec. 1, 1821; m. Samuel F. Allbee of R. (*See Allbee*.)
- xi. HIMAN, b. Nov. 9, 1824; m. at Springfield, Vt., Sept. 2, 1847, Harriet A., dau. of James Davis of R., b. Mar. 8, 1827, and res. in B. F.; he d. Westminster, Vt., Jan. 17, 1890. Child: 1. *George Ackley*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R., Feb. 27, 1849; is a leading attorney of B. F.; m. 1st in Chester, Vt., Oct. 12, 1870, Jennie Phelps, b. Pawlet, Vt., May 5, 1850; d. Las Vegas, N. M., Nov. 26, 1892; m.



2d in Brome, P. Q., Aug. 25, 1894, Lettie Morgan, b. Cornish, N. H., Sept. 12, 1867. Children: i. Gertrude Fannie,<sup>9</sup> b. Westminster, Vt., Nov. 20, 1873; m. Nov. 20, 1891, George H. Morse of B. F.; res. N. Y. city; no children. ii. Melville Fuller, b. B. F., Feb. 9, 1899.

2. JOSEPH<sup>16</sup> (*Nathan*,<sup>5</sup> *James*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 31, 1774; m. Feb. 3, 1801, Lucinda Mather, b. Nov. 17, 1780; d. July 11, 1852; he d. Jan. 14, 1838; resided in R., Springfield, and Weathersfield, Vt.

Children, probably all b. in R.:

- i. LEWIS,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1801; m. Jan. 23, 1834, Sophia White; he d. Dec. 2, 1869; res. Springfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Charles L.*,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1834. 2. *Abby*, b. Jan. 21, 1841.
- ii. HORACE, b. Dec. 27, 1802; m. May 1, 1827, Mary, dau. of John Davis of R.; they lived first on the "Asa Locke" farm in R.; in 1834 moved to Parker Hill, and in 1853 to Windsor, Vt. where he res. until his death, May 20, 1871. Children: 1. *Albert*,<sup>8</sup> b. in R. Aug. 19, 1830; m. Nov. 4, 1855, Almira Allison of Weathersfield, Vt. Child: i. John Albert,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1856; d. Aug. 30, 1870. 2. *Horace*, b. Springfield, Vt., Oct. 31, 1835; rem. to Windsor, Vt. in 1871; m. Dec. 6, 1859, Sarah C. Dake, b. Windsor, Dec. 13, 1838. Children: i. George D.,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 9, 1860; in 1894 was a physician in Fort Payne, Ala. ii. Fred H., b. Apr. 7, 1863; res. Springfield, Mass. iii. Charles A., b. Oct. 19, 1873.
- iii. JEHIEL, b. July 31, 1804; a farmer on Parker Hill; m. Apr. 25, 1829, Almira Gale; he d. Feb. 5, 1877. Children: 1. *Charlotte*,<sup>8</sup> b. June 26, 1833; m. Abijah Cortez Miller. Children: i. A. C. Frank,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug., 1864; d. Aug. 2, 1891. ii. Lottie A., b. 1875. Three other children d. in infancy. 2. *Herbert*, d. in infancy. 3. *Celia*, b. July 22, 1841; m. Russell S. Herrick of Springfield, Vt. 4. *Oscar*, b. July 30, 1843; m. Sarah H. Randel. 5. *George Bates*, b. Sept. 5, 1845; m. Jan. 10, 1873, Sarah D. Corbin of Dakota. 6. *Christina*, b. Aug. 21, 1847; m. Edwin S. Randel.
- iv. RANDILLA, b. June 14, 1806; m. Aaron Leland Thompson. (*See Thompson.*)
- v. JAMES, b. Jan. 24, 1808; m. Nov. 12, 1835, Mary Ann Murray; he d. Aug. 5, 1856; resided in Springfield and Weathersfield, Vt. Children: 1. *Victoria*,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1839; d. Nov. 10, 1847. 2. *George A.*, b. Sept. 10, 1843. 3. *Mary E.*, b. June 7, 1847; d. Oct. 15, 1901.
- vi. LUCINDA, b. Nov. 16, 1809; m. Dec. 4, 1832, William Dana; resided Charlestown, N. H. Children: 1. *Thomas*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 8, 1833. 2. *Ellen E.*, b. Oct. 13, 1839.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 1, 1813; m. 1st Apr. 10, 1838, Marianna Savage; m. 2d Mar. 27, 1860, Mrs. Permelia (Silsby) Durant; he d. Nov. 25, 1868; res. Springfield and Weathersfield. Children: 1. *James*,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1839. 2. *Homcr*, b. Oct. 4, 1841. 3. *Marianna*, b. Sept. 5, 1862.
- viii. REUBEN, b. Dec. 8, 1816; m. Apr. 2, 1839, Mary J. Barrett; he d. Mar. 28, 1890; res. Windsor, Vt. Children: 1. *Eliza Jane*,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1840. 2. *Henry Campbell*, b. July 5, 1844. 3. *William Reuben*, b. July 14, 1849. 4. *Charles Joseph*, b. Oct. 28, 1854; d. Feb. 5, 1884. 5. *Frank Lewis*, b. Aug. 25, 1861.

#### WHEELER

GEORGE BROWN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Jonathan Foster, gr. s. of John, gr. gr. s. of Peter*), b. Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 12, 1848; came to B. F., Sept., 1870; in 1882 established an extensive laundry which he conducted 25 yrs.; promi-



nent in musical circles, leader of band 30 yrs., and choir director 1st Univ. chh. of B. F., 23 yrs.; supt. of Sunday School of 1st Univ. chh. of B. F., 20 yrs.; prominent in Masonry; represented R. in legislature 1902-3.

He m. Mar. 6, 1873, Mary Jane, dau. of Geo. L. Bowtell of B. F.; res. B. F.

Child:

- i. NETTIE MAY,<sup>2</sup> b. June 25, 1879; m. Oct. 6, 1897, William S. Dunham; no children.

#### WHITE

JONATHAN<sup>1</sup> (*ancestry unknown*), was one of the grantees of R., and an early settler. He appears to have died before Feb. 26, 1776, when a committee was chosen in town meeting "to support the wife and children of Jonathan White." Oct. 27, 1776, a vote was passed in regard to "defraying the charges of the wife of Jonathan White, deceased, and her children." By church records, Jonathan White's child died Apr. 21, 1774, and "Mr. White died July 18, 1774." Yet a Jonathan White "took the oath agreeable to the Constitution" March 3, 1778. His wife's name was Rhoda. "Widow White died Sept. 8, 1776." (*Church records.*)

Children:

- i. SIMEON,<sup>2</sup> b. Mar. 13, 1770.
- ii. PHEBE, b. Apr. 15, 1772.
- iii. JONATHAN, b. August, 1775.

#### WHITE

JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> (*Josiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup> of Salem, Mass., 1638), b. Lancaster, Mass., Jan. 3, 1714; built the first mill in that part of Lancaster set off to Leominster; lived for a time in Charlestown, N. H.; probably rem. to R., about 1773, as he in that year purchased real estate in town; took the oath of allegiance to the new government, 1777; was of the little band from R. that "marcht to Manchester" the same year; voted to accept the constitution of Vermont Mar. 3, 1778, and his name frequently appears upon the town records as taking an active interest in public matters of his time. His home farm was in the north part of the town, the same now owned and occupied by Chester B. Hadwen, the original house being a frame part now used as a corn barn in the rear of the brick dwelling that was erected by Mr. White's son, Phineas.

Mr. White enjoys the distinction of being, probably, the progenitor of a greater number of people than any other man resident here during the history of the town. The unique epitaph upon his tombstone, located but a few feet from the northwest corner of the old meeting-house where he worshipped, in R. village, says:

"In Memory of Mr. Josiah White  
who Died Sept. 1, 1806,  
in the 66th year of his age.

The descendants of Josiah White at his death.  
Children 15   Grand Children 160   Grate grand  
children 211,   Children Deceased 2   Grand  
children Deceased 26   grate grand children  
Deceased 35."

An excellent genealogy of the "Descendants of John White 1638-1900," written by Miss Myra L. White of Haverhill, Mass., records descendants of Josiah,<sup>4</sup> to the number of 2,663, while her compilation of the descendants of the emigrant, John,<sup>1</sup> shows the unusually prolific qualities of the family to the grand total of 19,629 up to that date, and there has since been a third volume added. The limits of this volume prohibit more than a partial list of them, and those are of the earlier generations.

The record of the following deed in the town clerk's office clearly defines the location of the pew in which this large family worshipped, in the old town meeting house:

"Know all men by these present that I, Josiah White of Rockingham in the County of Windham and the state of Vermont, for and in consideration of the sum of thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cts. current money of the United States to me in hand paid before the delivery hereof to Levi Sabin of Rockingham in the County and State aforesaid. The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given, granted, bargained & sold and by these present do give, grant, bargain, sell, release, convey and confirm unto him the said Levi Sabin, his heirs and assigns forever the Northeast corner Pew of the body Pews so called on the East side of the broad alley of the Rockingham Meeting House.

To have and to hold," etc., in the language of a regular warranty deed of that early date. It was dated the 16th day of Aug., 1803, and witnessed by Elijah Knight and Jehiel Webb.

JOSIAH,<sup>4</sup> m. 1st in Lancaster, Mar. 14, 1739, Deborah House, d. Sept. 22, 1768; m. 2d in R., Sept. 16, 1779, Elizabeth, widow of David Pulsipher of R. (See page 731), d. July 2, 1786, æ. 66; in 1794 there is record of a 3d wife named Tabitha; he d. Sept. 1, 1806. Nine of the ten sons served in the Revolution, Paul, alone, being too young at that time.

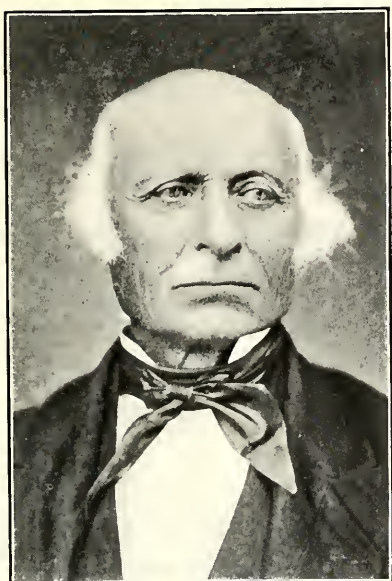
Children all by 1st wife:

- i. DEBORAH,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 24, 1739; m. Elias Carter; res. Lancaster and Buckland, Mass.; she d. Buckland, Mass., June 23, 1810; thirteen children.
- ii. JOSIAH, b. June 2, 1741; a farmer in Leominster; m. May 15, 1764, Tabitha Carter of Leominster; he d. in 1790; thirteen children.
- iii. JOHN, b. Sept. 23, 1742.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 14, 1744; m. Apr. 22, 1773, Hannah Platts; ten children.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 20, 1746; rem. to Charlemont, Mass.; captain in the Revolution; m. Abigail Wilder; he d. Heath, Mass., Apr. 24, 1817; ten children.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 23, 1747; m. Dec. 11, 1766, Josiah Swan, Jr.; res. Leominster and she d. there Apr. 17, 1814; ten children.
- vii. SUSANNA, bap. Mar. 4, 1750; m. Richard Prouty.
- viii. ABRAHAM, b. Nov. 21, 1751; with his wife Polly was living in R., in 1790 and as late as 1807; nine children.
- ix. RUTH, b. Sept. 2, 1753.
- x. ASA, b. Sept. 2, 1755; m. Sept. 11, 1776, Jane Arwin of R.; he d. Aug. 27, 1781; two children.
- xi. LUKE, b. Dec. 8, 1757; res. Heath, Mass., later returned to R., and then to DeKalb, N. Y.; m. Eunice White of Charlemont, Mass.; he d. Richville, N. Y., Mar. 7, 1837; eleven children.
- xii. ABEL, b. May 25, 1760; res. Springfield, Vt., and in R., then in Charlestown, N. H., and in the latter place he had a carding and fulling mill destroyed by flood in 1814; m. Apr. 12, 1780, Hannah

- Closson of R.; he d. Bolton, Canada, while on a visit, in 1844. Sixteen children.
- xiii. PHINEAS, bap. June 26, 1763; res. the most of his life in R., the exception being a short time in Springfield, Vt., but upon the death of his father ret. to R. and lived on the old farm, erecting the brick dwelling now there; later sold the farm to his sons Luke and William and rem. to Springfield, erecting the stone house recently occupied by Henry Burr; he m. Apr. 14, 1788, Jerusha Marsh of Springfield; he was killed by accident Aug. 14, 1841; she d. Apr. 12, 1850. Children: 1. *Jerusha*,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1788; m. May 28, 1806, Simeon Damon, d. Mar. 25, 1829; she d. Apr. 12, 1850; buried in the old Parker Hill cem. 2. *Betsey*, b. Mar. 21, 1790; m. Jan. 16, 1810, Timothy Goodenow, d. May 10, 1850; she d. Mar. 2, 1868; res. in Springfield and Queensbury, N. Y.; fourteen children. 3. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 10, 1791; m. June 18, 1815, — Eddy; she d. Oct. 20, 1832. 4. *Deborah*, b. June 12, 1794; m. Mar. 6, 1820, Oliver Grimes. 5. *Cynthia*, b. Apr. 12, 1796; m. July 20, 1816. 6. *Phineas*, b. Nov. 8, 1798; m. Mar. 6, 1820, Betsey Hazeltine of R. (*See Haseltton*.) 7. *Luke*, b. May 24, 1800; m. Jan. 1, 1835, Clarissa Edson; they res. on his grandfather's old farm in R. Children: i. Clarissa Ellen.<sup>7</sup> ii. Mary Melissa. iii. Albert Edson, b. May 24, 1841, d. Oct. 12, 1873. iv. Sarah E. 8. *William*, b. Oct. 16, 1802, m. 1st Apr. 20, 1831, Esther Blake, d. May 9, 1863; m. 2d Eunice Blake; they res. on the farm in R. where his father and grandfather had always lived; he d. Sept. 24, 1880. Children: i. Francis.<sup>7</sup> ii. Geo. William, lived for a time in Iowa and d. in Newport, N. H., ae. about 48. iii. Haskell Edmund. iv. James Blake. v. Francis, drowned, ae. about 27. vi. Willard Ellery, was market gardener and d. in Stockton, Cal., Jan. 18, 1894. vii. Martha Ann. viii. Herbert Leroy. ix. a son. d. young. x. Carrie Ella. 9. *John Elliot*, b. Apr. 2, 1805, d. May 16, 1807.
- xiv. DEA. PAUL, b. Apr. 15, 1765; res. in R., Williamstown, Vt., and Malone, N. Y.; m. Sept. 24, 1786, Polly Smith, b. Weston, Mass., Nov. 20, 1766, d. Malone, Feb. 15, 1858; he d. Aug. 31, 1860. Children: 1. *Josiah*.<sup>6</sup> 2. *Allen*. 3. *Abijah*. 4. *Paul*. 5. *Cynthia*. 6. *Ruth*. 7. *Lucy*. 8. *Polly*. 9. *Abram Smith*.
- xv. RELIEF, b. Oct. 10, 1767; m. Oct. 6, 1785, Elijah Read, a prominent citizen of R., b. Mar. 7, 1764, constable 1805-7; later rem. to Troy, N. Y. Children: 1. *Horace*,<sup>6</sup> b. in R. Aug. 12, 1788. 2. *Caroline Olcott*, b. May 29, 1790; m. Apr. 12, 1808, Thos. Gould of R., b. Petersham, Mass., in 1784; they res. in R. where she d. Oct. 5, 1851; he d. June 14, 1864. Children: i. Lucretia Sanderson.<sup>7</sup> ii. Chas. Merrill. iii. Lowell Reed. iv. John Sturtevant. v. Maria Frances. vi. Henry Stowell. vii. Lucia Sophia. viii. Elizabeth Ann. ix. Mary Caroline. 3. *Relief*, b. Mar. 15, 1792; m. Dr. Sabin; res. Schenectady, N. Y. 4. *Elijah*, b. Mar. 15, 1792. 5. *Lowell*, b. Feb. 24, 1794. 6. *Merrill*, b. Sept. 1, 1795. 7. *Maria*, b. Apr. 5, 1797; m. Gilbert Grant of R. and res. in R. Children: i. Gilbert A.<sup>7</sup> ii. Marshall. iii. John. iv. Royal. v. Earl. vi. Frederick Reed. vii. Harry. viii. Edward. 8. *John Elliott*, b. July 8, 1800; d. Oct. 17, 1804. 9. *Fanny*, b. Aug. 12, 1802; d. Mar. 3, 1803.

## WHITING

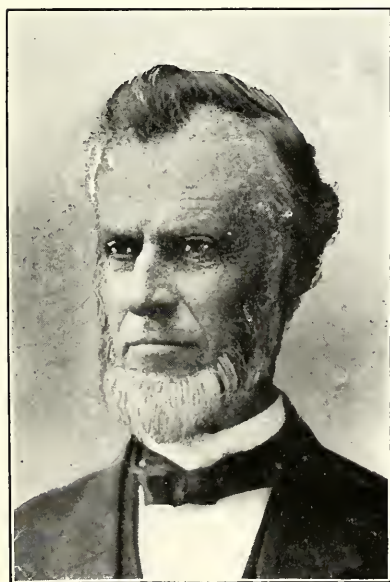
REV. SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Joseph, who traced his lineage back to Nathaniel, who res. Dedham, Mass., 1641*), b. Wrentham, Mass., Jan. 28, 1750; first town minister of Rockingham, 1773-1809; sketch pp. 123-5.



JOHN GOLDSBURY WHITING.  
1809-1893.



MRS. CRISANNA (BAILEY) WHITING.  
b. March 29, 1811.  
The Oldest Person now Living in Rockingham.



REV. LUCIEN HAYDEN,  
Pastor of the Saxtons River Baptist Church.



REV. W. N. WILBUR.





He m. May 24, 1774, Mary Goldsbury of Warwick, Mass., d. in R., Aug. 7, 1799, ae. 45; he d. in R., May 16, 1819, ae. 70.

Children all b. in R.:

- i. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. Aug. 19, 1776; d. Aug. 17, 1777.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 25, 1778; grad. of Dartmouth college and was admitted to the bar; m. Oct. 21, 1806, Betsey Chamberlain of R.; he d. Nov. 20, 1806. One child, d. in infancy.
- iii. MARY, b. Jan. 20, 1780; d. Mar. 24, 1781.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 23, 1782; d. June 3, 1807.
- v. BENONI, b. Oct. 6, 1784; d. at birth.
- vi. JOHN GOLDSBURY, b. Aug. 3, 1785; m. Phebe Locke of R.
- vii. ELEUTHERIA, b. Nov. 24, 1789; d. Mar. 21, 1808.
- viii. THEOPHILUS, b. Apr. 14, 1792.
- ix. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 16, 1797; m. Clarissa Webb of R.

1. JOHN GOLDSBURY<sup>2</sup> (*Rev. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Aug. 3, 1785; a farmer, always lived on "The first minister's farm," north of R. village; m. Phebe, dau. of Ebenezer Locke of R., b. Mar. 31, 1787, d. at S. R., Feb. 2, 1845; he d. Aug. 10, 1809.

Child:

- i. JOHN GOLDSBURY,<sup>3</sup> b. in R., Mar. 27, 1809; a farmer, owned the farm on the height of land between R. and S. R. villages; m. 1st in 1829, Harriet Harlow of Springfield, Vt., d. in R., 1830; m. 2d Dec. 1, 1842, Crissana, dau. of Samuel Bailey of S. R., b. Westmoreland, N. H., Mar. 29, 1811; she rem. to S. R., when six yrs. old and is still living on the Upper Meadows, the oldest person in town; her memory is very clear regarding early events in this town and she has been of much assistance in preparing this volume; she united with the Baptist chh. at S. R., Apr. 25, 1838 and is the oldest living member of that church; he d. in R., Dec. 3, 1893. Child by first wife: 1. *Harriet Harlow*,<sup>4</sup> b. in R., Aug. 6, 1830; m. in 1866, Heman Thayer of Rockford, Ill., a native of R. Children: 1. William W.,<sup>5</sup> b. Rockford, Dec. 4, 1868. ii. Mary Weston, b. Rockford, Dec. 22, 1871; m. Dec. 30, 1903, Arthur W. Ades of Rockford. Child: William Thayer,<sup>6</sup> b. Mar., 1905. Children by 2d wife: 2. *Lucy Whiting*, b. in R., Nov. 6, 1843; m. Aug. 20, 1867, Rev. H. H. Shaw of Peacham, Vt. Children: i. Harry W.,<sup>5</sup> b. Springfield, Vt., Nov. 27, 1872; is clerk in office of Vt. F. M. Co., at B. F.; m. June 16, 1903, Lena McLean of Hoosick Falls, N. Y. Child: Pauline McLean,<sup>6</sup> b. B. F., Aug. 19, 1904. ii. Minnie Weston, b. Manchester, Vt., Sept. 17, 1876; m. July 7, 1903, Walter A. Prouty of Marlboro, Vt.; res. Brattleboro, Vt.; no children. 3. *Ann W.*, b. in R., Dec. 3, 1845; m. Frank Proctor of R. (*See Proctor*.) 4. *Mary W.*, b. in R., Mar. 3, 1848; m. Henry N. Weston of R. (*See Weston*.)

2. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> (*Rev. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Nov. 16, 1797; m. Nov. 28, 1819, Clarissa, dau. of Jehiel Webb, Jr., of R., b. March 4, 1798; d. Springfield, Vt., Oct. 2, 1856; he d. Springfield, July 14, 1868.

Children:

- i. SAMUEL,<sup>3</sup> b. in R., Dec. 2, 1822; m. Nov. 20, 1849, Lucy Ann, dau. of George R. and Sarah (Kenney) Clark; he d. Mar. 19, 1904. Children: 1. *Ella M.*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 4, 1853; m. July 20, 1881, Dr. Herbert H. Howe. Children: i. Alice M.,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1882. ii. Horace E., b. Mar. 1, 1885. 2. *Samuel E.*, b. Aug. 2, 1855; d. Jan. 20, 1876. 3. *William C.*, b. May 26, 1857; m. Nov. 25, 1886, Sara Perry. 4. *Minnie A.*, b. Sept. 3, 1867; m. Aug. 15, 1888, James



- N. Waite. Children: i. Nelson H.,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 22, 1889; d. Aug. 18, 1904. ii. Harold S., b. Nov. 21, 1892. iii. Lucy F., b. Feb. 9, 1894. iv. James Whiting, b. June 7, 1901.
- ii. ADELINE, b. in R., Aug. 25, 1824; m. Jan. 7, 1847, Enos B. Cutler of Springfield, Vt. Children all b. Springfield, Vt.: 1. *Amelia Ann*,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 3, 1847; m. July 19, 1870, LeRoy M. Holmes of Greenwich, N. Y. 2. *Charles Enos*, b. Nov. 15, 1849; m. July 13, 1875, Mrs. Martha Rember Yates. Children all b. Springfield, Vt.: i. Emma Jane,<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 27, 1876. ii. Carmie B., b. Aug. 29, 1879; m. May 31, 1904, Lena Aldrich of Springfield, Vt. iii. Guy Enos, b. Apr. 8, 1882. iv. Luis O., b. Mar. 3, 1886. 3. *Mary Ella*, b. Aug. 8, 1851; m. June 10, 1874, Willard L. Lawrence of Brookline, Vt. Children: 1. Alvin Willard,<sup>5</sup> b. Brookline, Oct. 6, 1875; m. June 14, 1900, Grace Wiley of Springfield, Vt. ii. Merrill Enos, b. Brookline, July 20, 1880; d. Springfield, Vt., Apr. 24, 1893. iii. Willie Cutler, b. Springfield, Vt., Dec. 28, 1888. 4. *Addie Maria*, b. Oct. 2, 1853; m. Oct. 25, 1876, Fred H. Fay of R. and rem. to Keene, N. H. Children: i. Lucy Ann,<sup>5</sup> b. Drewsville, N. H., Nov. 9, 1877. ii. Enos Gerald, b. in R., Dec. 23, 1885.
- iii. MARY G., d. Apr. 5, 1849, ae. 22 yrs.
- iv. ELEUTHERIA, d. Mar. 25, 1865, ae. 32 yrs. 8 mos.
- v. ABBIE, m. Francis H. Kenney, a private in Co. E, 16th Regt. Vt. Volunteers; she d. Jan. 20, 1873, ae. 33 yrs. 1 mo. Children: 1. *George Francis*,<sup>4</sup> b. Springfield, Vt., Dec. 14, 1867; grad. Boston university, 1890; is a teacher in Plymouth, Mass. 2. *Mary Eleutheria*, b. Springfield, Apr. 29, 1871; d. Mar. 29, 1877.

## WHITNEY

MARSHALL MARION<sup>8</sup> (*Eliphalet*,<sup>7</sup> *Eliphalet*,<sup>6</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>5</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Richard*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup> who came from England and settled in Watertown, Mass., in June, 1635), b. Putney, Vt., Oct. 14, 1833; came to B. F. early in 1857; was a barber, and engaged in mercantile business for some years; has been selectman, and bailiff of the village; justice of the peace; is member of Immanuel chh.; prominent in Masonic circles; m. Margaret D. Fickett of Portland, Me., Dec. 22, 1856, b. Cape Elizabeth, Me., Jan. 12, 1838; res. in B. F.

Children:

- i. ETA MARGARET,<sup>9</sup> b. B. F., Nov. 4, 1857; m. Feb. 1, 1883, Charles Seymour Howard, Supt. of B. F. Mach. Co. works; res. B. F.; no children.
- ii. GEORGE IRWIN, b. B. F., Dec. 22, 1864; R. R. clerk and insurance agent; m. Dec. 11, 1889, Minnie Emery Bridge; res. B. F.; no children.

## WILBUR

REV. WILLIAM NORMAN,<sup>1</sup> b. Griswold, Conn., Nov. 28, 1825; grad. Colgate univ. 1856; came to S. R. and was three yrs. principal of S. R. seminary; ordained pastor 1st Bap. chh. of S. R., Jan. 25, 1858, from which he resigned Nov. 30, 1873, to assume position of financial agent of Vt. Academy; he raised the \$100,000 endowment fund and also \$25,000 additional for the purchase of the grounds and erection of buildings; to his energy and hard work was due in great measure the successful establishment of the institution. His whole business life was spent in the interest of the schools

and churches of S. R., except from 1884 to 1888 when he was pastor at Newport, Vt.

He m. Nov. 26, 1856, Huldah J. Richards, b. Preston, Conn., d. at S. R. Sept., 1867; m. 2d Oct. 13, 1868, Harriet Richards of Preston, Conn. He d. at S. R., Mar. 30, 1894.

Children b. at S. R.:

- i. WILLIAM JOSEPH,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 12, 1861; grad. Vt. Academy '81, and of U. V. M.; became a physician, contracted scarlet fever from a patient and d. in N. Y. city Jan. 21, 1887. He m. Mar. 15, 1886, Elizabeth A. Denio of Glover, Vt. who res. at S. R. Child: 1. *Wilma Josephine*, b. Apr. 12, 1887, d. Apr. 30, 1901.
- ii. MARY LOUISA, b. May 4, 1872, now res. in Phila., Pa.

### WILCOX

OBADIAH,<sup>1</sup> came to R. at an early date and settled on the farm now owned by Holland W. Osgood at the bridge between S. R. and B. F., where all their children were b.; m. Dec. 4, 1806, Mary Miller of Cambridgeport. They rem. to Glens Falls, N. Y., where he was drowned, after which she returned to Westminster West, Vt., where she res. with her s. Roswell. She d. in 1832.

Children:

- i. ROSWELL,<sup>2</sup> b. May 20, 1807; m. Melinda Tuthill of Westminster West, they res. and d. there, both members of Bap. chh. of S. R.; had a dau. who res. there, Mrs. C. C. Goodell.
- ii. EDWIN, b. Mar. 10, 1809; m. Maria Tuthill of Westminster West.
- iii. JANE, b. Jan. 14, 1811; m. Horace L. Richmond of Rochester, Vt.
- iv. HENRY, b. Nov. 14, 1812; m. Elmina Roberts of Warsaw, N. Y.

### WILDER

ABEL KEYES<sup>6</sup> (*Abel*,<sup>5</sup> *Joshua*,<sup>4</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Lieut. Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> "*Wycllder*," one of the first of the name in America, was at Charlestown, Mass., 1639), b. Feb. 11, 1804; came from Wardsboro, Vt. to S. R., Sept. 20, 1856; became proprietor and manager of the old Saxtons River Hotel, which he retained until his death; m. Marenda Johnson, Apr. 8, 1828, b. Nov. 17, 1808, d. Oct. 22, 1883; he d. Jan. 1, 1865.

Children, all unm. and res. in S. R.:

- i. ABIGAIL A.,<sup>7</sup> b. 1829.
- ii. CATHERINE, b. 1833.
- iii. MARSHALL A., b. 1840; succeeded his father as innkeeper until 1903, when he sold the famous old tavern, which was then torn down to make place for a more commodious building.

### WILEY

ROBERT,<sup>1</sup> b. Peterboro, N. H., Dec. 13, 1767; m. Abigail Campbell at New Boston, N. H., Dec., 1793. They came to R. in 1794, and settled about 1 mile north of S. R. village on the cross road from there to Lawrence Mills, on the farm now occupied by Clifford N. Moar. Here Mr. Wiley d. Jan. 27, 1826; his wife d. May 6, 1844, ae. 69. She fell into the fireplace in a fit and was burned to death.

Children all b. in R. :

1. i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. Mar. 5, 1795; m. Randilla Weaver.
2. ii. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, b. July 11, 1797; m. Mary Perry.
- iii. ASENATH, b. July 31, 1799; m. John Weaver. (*See Weaver.*)
3. iv. IRA, b. Jan. 4, 1802; d. Apr. 11, 1889.
- v. RODNEY, b. Jan. 20, 1804, d. Jan. 8, 1826; unm.
4. vi. OREN, b. Sept. 27, 1805; m. Harriet W. Banks.
- vii. ROBERT, b. Dec. 30, 1807; m. Sarah Almeda, dau. of Elijah Jones of R., d. June 5, 1903; he d. Greenfield, Mass., June 22, 1885; buried S. R.
5. viii. ACHSAIT, b. Feb. 19, 1810; m. Horace Slade.

1. JOHN<sup>2</sup> (*Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 5, 1795; settled on a farm one mile west of the center of R., in what is known as the "Wiley district," in Pleasant Valley; was always a farmer; succeeded to the ownership of his father's homestead; a substantial and respected citizen of the town, holding many offices of trust; in politics an unyielding Democrat; m. Apr. 22, 1817, Randilla, dau. of Daniel Weaver. d. Mar. 24, 1874; he d. Feb. 10, 1866.

Children :

6. i. LUCIUS S.,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1818; d. Aug. 18, 1882.
7. ii. DANIEL LEVERETT, b. Mar. 23, 1819; d. Mar. 17, 1890.
8. iii. J. EDWARD, b. Oct. 19, 1820; m. Elizabeth D. Wilson of R.
9. iv. MARY F., b. Mar. 12, 1822; m. Charles B. Day.
- v. WILLIAM F., b. Nov. 13, 1823; d. Oct. 31, 1846; unm.
10. vi. ROBERT W., b. Dec. 12, 1825; d. Aug. 27, 1897.
11. vii. HASKELL I., b. Apr. 18, 1829; m. Sarah A. Aldrich of R.
- viii. MYRON C., b. Dec. 5, 1830; d. Aug. 3, 1857; unm.
12. ix. MILTON W., b. Nov. 21, 1832; m. Eliza M. French.

2. WILLIAM CAMPBELL<sup>2</sup> (*Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 11, 1797; lived on a farm one mile north of S. R. village until 1858, when they rem. to S. R.; m. Mary Perry at S. R., Dec. 21, 1819, b. 1801, d. May 13, 1879; he d. May 18, 1879. Mary Perry was a descendant of Robert Fletcher, who came to this country from Yorkshire, Eng., in 1630.

Children :

13. i. WILLIAM LORENZO,<sup>3</sup> b. R., Nov. 10, 1820; d. Galva, Ill., Aug. 2, 1900.
14. ii. GEORGE RODNEY, b. R., Sept. 28, 1825; d. Galva, Ill., July 30, 1868.
- iii. HENRY CLINTON, b. Dec. 29, 1827; m. Apr. 3, 1849, Caroline E., dau. of Samuel Bailey of S. R., b. June 30, 1828; he d. S. R., Mar. 28, 1898; she res. S. R. Children: 1. *Lilla C.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 28, 1852; m. Oct. 27, 1886, Dr. James Sutcliffe Hill, b. Rochdale, Eng., Oct. 7, 1859, grad. in medicine univer. of N. Y., 1884, now a physician of B. F. prominent in his profession; res. B. F. Child: Ethel Wiley,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 5, 1889; grad. B. F. H. S., 1906. 2. *Harry L.*, b. Jan. 5, 1864; d. May 3, 1873.

3. IRA<sup>2</sup> (*Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 4, 1802; m. 1st. May 27, 1826, Fanny Allen; d. Nov. 1, 1864; m. 2d Elizabeth Chase; he d. Apr. 11, 1889.

Children :

- i. JERUSHA L.,<sup>3</sup> b. May 3, 1828; m. Charles C. Hapgood of B. F. (*See Hapgood.*)
- ii. FRANCES H., b. Apr. 15, 1832; m. John H. Smith, Nov. 12, 1884; d. Saratoga, N. Y., Apr. 7, 1904; res. Saratoga.
- iii. LINDEN A., b. Mar. 6, 1836; res. Stanstead, Que., unm.

4. OREN<sup>2</sup> (*Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 27, 1805; was a tinsmith in Ohio; m. Aug. 8, 1884, Harriet W. Banks, who d. Nov. 9, 1872; he d. Mar. 8, 1879.

Children :

- i. MARY ABBIE,<sup>3</sup> b. July 23, 1848; res. Knoxville, Tenn.; unm.
- ii. LIZZIE ASENATH, b. Feb. 5, 1852; d. Jan. 8, 1854.
- iii. HATTIE BANKS, b. Feb. 24, 1856; art teacher at Knoxville, Tenn.; unm.
- iv. OREN CAMPBELL, b. Mar. 25, 1862; an oculist at Knoxville, Tenn.; m. Aug. 18, 1891, Charlotte Louis Smith of Brooklyn, N. Y.; he d. May 20, 1898. Children: 1. *Louisa M.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1892. 2. *Elizabeth Campbell*, b. Nov. 3, 1894.

5. ACHSAH<sup>2</sup> (*Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 19, 1810; m. Jan. 26, 1832, Horace Slade, d. Michigan, Aug. 29, 1894; she d. Jan. 13, 1845.

Children :

- i. ROSETTE,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct., 1833; m. Aug. 18, 1854, A. J. Lobdell; res. Marquette, Mich.
- ii. MARY A., b. Nov. 7, 1835; m. Dec. 19, 1860, John Wiley; res. Fitchburg, Mass.
- iii. CHARLES.
- iv. EDWIN, d. Brimfield, Ill.

6. LUCIUS S.<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 23, 1818; m. 1st May 29, 1844, Mary Ann Thompson of Grafton, Vt., d. Sept. 13, 1849; m. 2d Feb. 2, 1850, Laura L. Houghton, d. Sept. 12, 1862; m. 3d Amanda E. Houghton, d. Jan. 9, 1888; he d. Aug. 18, 1882.

Children :

- i. MARIA R.,<sup>4</sup> b. July 13, 1851.
  - ii. ANDREW J., b. Oct. 18, 1855.
  - iii. MYRON A., b. Aug. 10, 1858.
7. DANIEL LEVERETT<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 23, 1819; went to Brimfield, Ill., in 1844, and in 1855, moved to Henry Co., Ill., where he dealt in real estate; was a banker in Galva, Ill., for many years, and at the time of his death; m. 1st Aug. 5, 1847, Mary, dau. of Samuel Billings of R., d. June 1, 1851; m. 2d Feb. 27, 1854, Sarah F. Davis; she res. Galva; he d. Galva, Mar. 17, 1890.

Children :

- i. FLORA BILLINGS,<sup>4</sup> b. Brimfield, Ill., Mar. 5, 1848; m. at Galva, Ill., Oct. 18, 1870, William Lorenzo Wiley; rem. to Castana, Iowa, where they now res. on a farm. Children: 1. *Mary Billings*,<sup>5</sup> b. Galva, May 20, 1872; m. at Castana, Sept. 8, 1897, Willard L. Frost; res. Sioux City, Iowa; no children. 2. *Albert Leverett*, b. Galva, Apr. 21, 1874; d. Galva, Apr. 21, 1879. 3. *Edith Florence*, b. Galva, Apr. 15, 1876; d. Galva, Apr. 15, 1879. 4. *Dan.*, b. Galva, Apr. 13, 1879; d. Apr. 13, 1879. 5. *Everette Eri.*, b. Galva, Mar. 19, 1881. 6. *Stella Louise*, b. Galva, Apr. 16, 1883. 7. *Fred Lorenzo*, b. Castana, Iowa, Mar. 13, 1885.
- ii. WILLIAM FRANKLIN, b. Brimfield, Ill., July 16, 1850; banker at Galva, later res. Sioux City, Iowa; m. Sept. 26, 1871 at Galva, Florence Munger of Galva, b. Sept. 17, 1852. Children all b. Galva: 1. *Floyd Lyman*,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1874; d. Galva, Nov. 20, 1874. 2. *Ione Belle*, b. Apr. 22, 1877; d. Sioux City, Iowa, Mar. 30, 1897. 3. *Agnes Gertrude*, b. June 17, 1879; m. June 3, 1902, Fred W. Colville. 4. *Florence Louise*, b. Aug. 1, 1883; unm.

- iii. STELLA LOUISE, b. Galva, Dec. 25, 1856; d. Galva, May 18, 1880.
  - iv. MARY SOPHIA, b. Galva, Apr. 29, 1862; d. Galva, Feb. 27, 1865.
  - v. Dau. b. Galva, Nov. 10, 1864; d. Galva, Mar. 3, 1865.
  - vi. AMY, b. Galva, Apr. 21, 1868; m. 1st Sept. 2, 1886, Orrin S. Houghton of Galva; d. Mar. 5, 1891; m. 2d Oct. 14, 1895, George T. Lacey of Galva; res. Galva. Children b. Galva: 1. *Earle*,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 1, 1887. 2. *Flora Harriett*, b. Feb. 20, 1889.
- S. J. EDWARD<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 19, 1820; m. Aug. 10, 1851, Elizabeth D. Wilson of R., d. May 24, 1875; he d. Brimfield, Ill., Feb. 24, 1874.
- Children all b. Brimfield, Ill.:
- i. SOLON WILSON,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 14, 1852.
  - ii. CLINTON MORRIS, b. June 19, 1855.
  - iii. MARION ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 31, 1860.
  - iv. WALTER LORENZO, b. Nov. 2, 1862.
9. MARY F.<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 12, 1822; m. Aug. 27, 1844, Charles B. Day, who was for 25 years a prominent wholesale dry goods merchant in Peoria, Ill., he d. Ill.; she d. Jan. 23, 1852.
- Children:
- i. FLORA J.,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1846; m. Sept. 2, 1868, Charles Kellogg of Peoria, Ill.
  - ii. ELLA G., b. Aug. 29, 1848; m. Sept. 1, 1869, Edwin Pulsipher of Peoria, Ill.
10. ROBERT W.<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 12, 1825; m. 1st June 2, 1847, Elizabeth D., dau. of David Pulsipher of R., b. July 26, 1826, d. Nov. 29, 1874; m. 2d Feb. 15, 1877, Sarah Brewer of Chester, Vt., who res. Los Angeles, Cal.; he d. Brimfield, Ill., Aug. 27, 1897.
- Children:
- i. FRANK P.,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1851; m. Nov. 7, 1872, Gertrude Camp. Children: 1. *Ray Frederick*,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1877. 2. *Elizabeth M.*, b. Feb. 18, 1879; m. in 1905, C. W. Schneider. 3. *Flora Julia*, b. Apr. 14, 1882.
  - ii. JULIA ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 3, 1858; m. Aug. 17, 1881, Croydon D. Jones, b. Feb. 26, 1850. Child: 1. *George Wiley*,<sup>5</sup> b. July 13, 1882.
11. HASKELL I.<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. R. Apr. 18, 1829; always a farmer in R.; m. Apr. 3, 1851, Sarah A., dau. of Jonas Aldrich of R.; she res. R., a prominent spiritualist; he d. July 29, 1892.
- Children all b. in R.:
- i. HASKELL FRED.<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 19, 1853; m. May 8, 1878, Lillian Clark at Galva, Ill.; res. Peoria, Ill. Child: 1. *Henry C.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Galva, Ill., Feb. 27, 1879; unm.; res. Peoria.
  - ii. HENRY G., b. Feb. 11, 1856; m. Susie Fullerton at Chester, Vt., Mar. 30, 1880; res. Chester. Children: 1. *Fred F.*,<sup>5</sup> b. Chester, Jan. 20, 1881; unm.; res. Washington, D. C. 2. *Helen G.*, b. Chester, Jan. 19, 1889; res. Chester.
  - iii. MINNIE L., b. July 6, 1859; m. James H. Kiniry of B. F.; a merchant and deputy sheriff; res. Windsor, Vt. Children all b. Windsor, Vt.: 1. *Raymond H.*,<sup>5</sup> b. July 20, 1884. 2. *Ralph W.*, b. Feb. 21, 1886. 3. *Louise A.*, b. Aug. 12, 1888.
  - iv. MATTIE C., b. May 27, 1861; m. May 15, 1895, Henry M. Weeden, a prominent musician; they res. in R. Child: 1. *Charlie W.*,<sup>5</sup> b. R., Mar. 25, 1901; d. Mar. 25, 1901.

- v. CHARLIE A., b. Dec. 12, 1864; m. May 6, 1891, Mabel Roe of Kearney, Neb.; res. Council Bluffs, Iowa; no children.
  - vi. SIDNEY P., b. Apr. 18, 1869; m. Apr. 14, 1891, Marion Shur of Kearney, Neb.; res. Charlestown, N. H.; no children.
12. MILTON W.<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 21, 1832; m. Oct. 2, 1855, Eliza M., dau. of Ira and Maria (Marvin) French of Alstead, N. H., d. Aug. 1, 1869; he res. S. R.

Children :

- i. CORRINE EOLINE,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1863; m. Edwin Raymond Lake of S. R. (*See Lake*.)
  - ii. ERNEST M., b. Mar. 16, 1869; d. Sept. 1, 1869.
13. WILLIAM LORENZO<sup>3</sup> (*William Campbell*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. R., Nov. 10, 1820; d. Galva, Ill., Aug. 2, 1900; m. 1st Apr. 14, 1842, Louise, dau. of Samuel Bailey of S. R., d. Galva, Ill., July 11, 1862; m. 2d Feb. 11, 1864, Eunice B. Williams at Galva, Ill.; m. 3rd July 25, 1895, Kate Garey. He moved to Ill., in 1851, and laid out the town of Galva in 1854, where he res. at the time of his death, Aug. 2, 1900.

Children :

- i. WALTER LORENZO,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 6, 1844; d. June, 1862.
  - ii. JESSIE LOUISE, b. Feb. 18, 1868.
  - iii. WALTER SPENCER, b. Mar. 29, 1872.
14. GEORGE RODNEY<sup>3</sup> (*William Campbell*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), b. R., Sept. 28, 1825; was justice of peace at the age of 21, moved to Galva, Ill., in 1858, where he held many important offices; postmaster in Galva at the time of the war; also engaged in four different business firms at the time of his death; he d. Galva, July 30, 1868.

Children :

- i. WILLIAM RODNEY,<sup>4</sup> b. R., Oct. 4, 1850.
- ii. ROLLIN FREMONT, b. July 3, 1853.
- iii. MYRA LOUISE, b. Sept. 20, 1856.

## WILLIAMS

JAMES HENRY (1st)<sup>1</sup> (*s. of William*), b. Chester, Vt., Jan. 16, 1813; came to B. F. in 1834 as clerk in the old Bank of Bellows Falls; in 1838 went to Woodstock, Vt., for two years as cashier, was then cashier of the Cheshire Bank at Keene, N. H. until 1847, when he ret. to B. F. and became cashier of the Bank of Bellows Falls. From 1847, Mr. Williams was a leading bank official here during the remainder of his life; became president of the National Bank in 1872; procured charter of the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, and was influential in all financial affairs in this section. He procured the charter of the Bellows Falls Water Co. that laid the first pipe from Minard's pond, and was deeply interested in the building and financing of the different railroads centering here.

He m. June 12, 1838, Frances Mary, dau. of Solomon Hapgood of B. F., b. July 31, 1811, d. B. F., Mar. 20, 1898; he d. B. F., Aug. 13, 1881.

Children :

- i. CAROLINE FRANCES,<sup>2</sup> b. B. F., Feb. 24, 1839; m. Oct. 31, 1867, William Pitt Wentworth an architect of B. F., d. Newton, Mass., Apr. 12, 1896; she d. B. F., June 21, 1905; res. Boston; no children.



- ii. WILLIAM, b. B. F., Apr. 8, 1841; d. Nov. 12, 1842.
- iii. JAMES HENRY (2d),<sup>2</sup> b. Keene, N. H., July 19, 1843; began banking with his father as a boy in the old Bank of B. F.; succeeded his father as cashier in 1872, and as president in 1881; is prominently identified with financial matters, and holds official position in local railroads, B. F. Canal Co. and other corporations; m. 1st Sept. 23, 1869, Lucy Amelia, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth Willson of B. F., d. Apr. 19, 1878; m. 2d Sept. 22, 1880, Fanny Warren Schouler, d. June 19, 1891. Children all b. in B. F.: 1. *James Henry* (3d),<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1874; cashier of National Bank of B. F.; m. Oct. 7, 1903, Sarah W. Steele of Boston. Child: *James Henry* (4th),<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., May 24, 1905. 2. *Arthur Prentiss*, b. Dec. 24, 1876; treas. B. F. Savings Inst.; unm. 3. *Margaret Schouler*, b. Mar. 20, 1882; m. June 7, 1905, George H. Watson; res. Omaha, Neb. Child: *Sylvia Hathaway*,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1906. 4. *Katharine Warren*, b. Nov. 27, 1884; res. B. F.; unm.
- iv. HARRIET HENRY, b. Keene, N. H., May 5, 1845; m. Aug. 30, 1866, Lucius A. Morse of Rutland; she d. B. F., July 13, 1896. Children: 1. *James A.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Rutland, Dec. 25, 1867; m. Anna Hudson of Newton, Mass.; res. Newton. 2. *George H.*, b. B. F., July 2, 1871; m. Nov. 20, 1891, Gertrude Fannie, dau. of Geo. A. Weston of B. F.; res. N. Y. city; no children. 3. *William W.*, b. Rutland, July 21, 1875; res. Newark, N. J.; unm. 4. *Frances M.*, b. B. F., May 10, 1881; m. Apr. 22, 1903, Kenneth Martin; res. N. Y. city. Child: *Eda*,<sup>4</sup> b. May 29, 1904.
- v. SARAH HUBBARD, b. B. F., Jan. 13, 1848; d. B. F., May 28, 1878; unm.
- vi. JOHN HARRIS, b. B. F., Nov. 18, 1849; treasurer of B. F. Savings Institution, 1875-1906; m. Oct. 17, 1883, Merab Ann Bradley, dau. of Daniel Kellogg of Westminster, Vt.; res. B. F. Children all b. in B. F.: 1. *Mary Kellogg*, b. May 27, 1886. 2. *Alice Brooks*, b. Sept. 23, 1888. 3. *Merab Bradley*, b. June 28, 1895. 4. *John Harris*, b. June 8, 1897. 5. *Francis Hapgood*, b. July 5, 1902; d. July 5, 1902.
- vii. KATE AMELIA, b. B. F., Dec. 30, 1851; res. B. F.; unm.
- viii. MARY GRACE, b. B. F., May 3, 1855; d. B. F., June 18, 1874.

#### WILLIAMS

NATHAN GALLUP<sup>8</sup> (*Giles*,<sup>7</sup> *Zephaniah*,<sup>6</sup> *Seth*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*,<sup>1</sup> a founder of Taunton, Mass.), b. Pomfret, Conn., Oct. 31, 1844; res. in Providence, R. I., 1863 to 1873, engaged in steamship business (clerical), and banking; then res. in the West until he came to B. F. in Mar., 1877, and reorganized the Vermont Farm Machine Co., which business he has built up to large proportions and is now its president, treasurer and general manager. (*See page 422.*) Elected judge advocate general of Vt., by legislatures of 1904 and 1906; m. 1st Oct. 4, 1871, Sarah Phillips Carr of Warren, R. I., b. Aug. 20, 1851, d. B. F., Oct. 4, 1884; m. 2d Jan. 28, 1886, Emily Frances (Cole) Smith, d. B. F., Oct. 29, 1901; m. 3rd Dec. 1, 1906, Abbie Lucinda Haines, b. Waterbury, Vt.; res. in B. F.

##### Children:

- i. CHARLES EARNEST,<sup>9</sup> b. St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 31, 1874, d. B. F., Oct. 18, 1882.
- ii. ELIZABETH CARR, b. Albia, Ia., June 13, 1876; res. B. F.
- iii. GENEVIEVE, b. B. F., May 19, 1879; res. B. F.

## WILLSON

FREDERICK MATTHEWS<sup>5</sup> (*Rev. Luther*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Robert*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Petersham, Mass., Apr. 17, 1830; came to B. F., Sept. 20, 1850; employed by Harris, Stone & Co., flour and grain dealers (established here July, 1850); in 1856 began hardware trade in B. F. with Aaron Arms, firm of Arms & Willson, until 1867; in 1862 became member of firm of J. Willson & Co. succeeding Harris, Stone & Co., flour and grain dealers, until 1890; since then in the same trade as "F. M. Willson;" no other business man now in B. F. has been continuously in trade since 1850; he retired Apr. 1, 1907; res. B. F.

He m. Apr. 17, 1856, Mary Ann Jackson, dau. of Ralph Arms of Deerfield, Mass, b. Sept. 16, 1836; d. B. F. Nov. 23, 1893; he res. B. F.

Children, all b. in B. F.:

- i. FREDERICK ARMS,<sup>6</sup> b. June 8, 1860; was employed by his father in the flour and grain trade; d. Apr. 23, 1907; unm.
- ii. FANNIE CAROLINE, b. July 1, 1865; m. Jan. 11, 1890, Carroll A. Moore of the paper-making firm of John T. Moore & Son; res. B. F.; no children.
- iii. ROBERT OTIS, b. Mar. 16, 1872; d. Feb. 2, 1881.
- iv. LOUIS BARDWELL, b. Jan. 10, 1874; engaged in paper-making; res. B. F.; unm.

## WOODS

ORSAMUS F.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Justus of Dana, Mass., gr. s. of David*), b. Dana, Mass., 1820; came to B. F. about 1851, and took an active part in the business of the town until his death; druggist and newsdealer; for a time hotel proprietor. His first store was in the north end of the Island House when first erected; served various terms as bailiff, water commissioner and member of the school board; an enthusiastic hunter; a good singer, at times leading church choirs; prominently identified with the founding of the 1st Univ. chh. of B. F.; m. July 10, 1842, Ann Mary Kirk in New York, b. London, Eng., Aug. 29, 1822; he d. July 30, 1889; she res. with her dau., Emma L., in Westminster, Vt.

Children:

- i. ANN ELIZA,<sup>2</sup> b. Dana, Mass., Aug. 15, 1843; d. Barre, Mass., 1848.
- ii. GEORGE F., b. Dana, Mass., June 15, 1845; m. Esther W. Pattie of Goffstown, N. H., d. Mar. 22, 1892; he d. B. F., July 9, 1888. Child: 1. *Edward Kirk*,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 16, 1869; m. and res. New York city; no children.
- iii. EMMA L., b. Barre, Mass., Nov. 14, 1847; m. Feb. 3, 1869, Augustus H. Bissell, b. Wilmington, Vt., Aug. 18, 1839, merchant of B. F., now farmer in Westminster. Children: 1. *Fred A.*,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1870; m. Marie Wilhemina Sauer; res. East Hartford, Conn. Children: i. Carl Frederick,<sup>4</sup> b. B. F., Apr. 13, 1897. ii. Franklin Augustus, b. East Hartford, Conn., Dec. 28, 1900. 3. *Charles Franklin*, b. Sept. 2, 1871; res. B. F.; unm. 4. *Ann L.*, b. May 20, 1878; m. Cyrus M. Cooke, Nov. 11, 1896; res. B. F. Child: Huldah W.,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 2, 1897. 5. *Mary F.*, b. Nov. 8, 1884. 6. *Howard W.*, b. Feb. 11, 1892.
- iv. CHARLES H., b. Sept. 8, 1850; d. B. F., Oct. 26, 1872.

## WOLFE

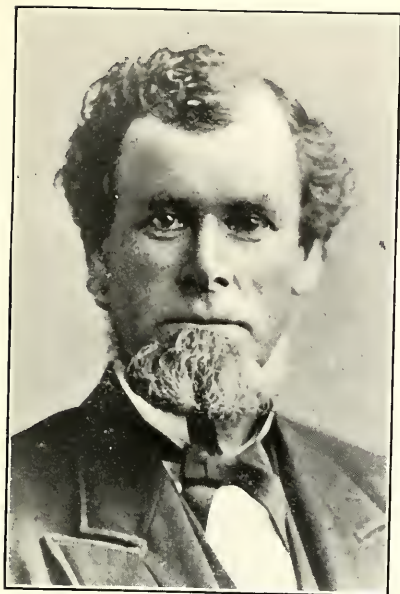
JOHN CASPER SHANA<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Casper and Catherine [Young] Wolfe*), b. about 1750 in Germany; was a Hessian soldier, and probably one of those surrendered by Gen. Burgoyne in 1777. They were called "Conventioners" and marched to Boston where they were kept for a time, later being allowed to work among the farmers who needed help. Mr. Wolfe went to Leominster, Mass., and concluded to remain permanently in this country. In 1778, when the officers called for him to join his companions in their march to Virginia, he hid in the cellar of his employer's house, until the officers gave up the search for him and departed.

In 1781 he m. Rachel Battles of Leominster, where they resided for a time. The first record of their appearance in R. is in 1784 when their second child, Mabel, was bap. at the old town church. In 1787 he bought land about two miles north of S. R., which he cleared, and built the house in which he lived the rest of his life. It is said that he planted the first apple trees in the township of R., and when the first harvest was ripe he invited the neighbors to come in and enjoy the rare fruit. He was elected tything-man by the town in 1813. Although blessed with a large family, he left, at his death, a more than ordinary estate for those times. His home was on the now unused road leading from S. R. to R., next north of the Timothy Clark, Jr., homestead.

He m. 1st Jan., 1781, Rachel, dau. of Joseph Battles of Leominster, Mass., b. June 7, 1752, d. Nov. 14, 1787; m. 2d Mar. 26, 1788, at R., Lucy Baker of R., d. July 17, 1837; he d. in R., Nov. 25, 1827.

## Children:

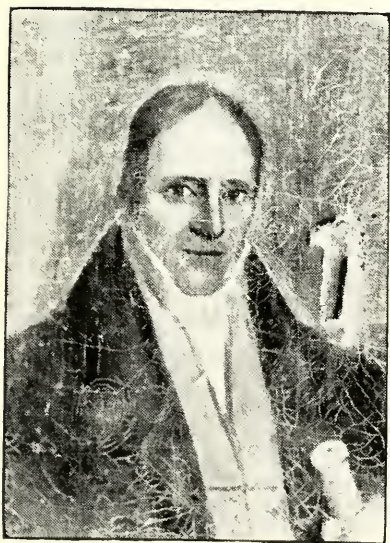
1. i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. Leominster, Sept. 1, 1781; m. Achsa Slade.
- ii. MABEL, b. in R., Sept. 14, 1783; m. Feb. 23, 1804, Ichabod Eastman, d. Hancock, Vt., Mar. 22, 1841. Children: 1. *Lucy*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Electa*. 3. *Dorothy*. 4. *Mabel*. 5. *Catharine*. 6. *James W.* 7. *Willard Valmore*.
2. iii. JAMES YOUNG, b. in R., Aug. 31, 1787; d. 1845; was twice m.
3. iv. SYLVANUS, b. Sept. 21, 1788; d. 1869; was twice m.
- v. RACHEL, b. Jan. 26, 1790; m. William C. Sabin. (*See Sabin*.)
- vi. JEHIEL, b. Jan. 15, 1792; d. Nov. 28, 1799.
- vii. ORIN, b. Nov. 9, 1794; d. Aug. 21, 1796.
- viii. JONAS, b. Nov. 9, 1796; d. Feb. 1, 1797.
- ix. ORIN, b. Feb. 9, 1798; rem. to Penn.; d. Feb. 10, 1839. Children: 1. *Wallace*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Lucian*.
- x. PATIENCE, b. July 14, 1799; m. Dec. 22, 1820, Lyndes Fairbanks; d. Claremont, N. H., Dec. 15, 1877. Children: 1. *Abel S.*<sup>3</sup> 2. *Lucy O.* 3. *Fanny Y.* 4. *John N.* 5. *Fanny M.* 6. *Lurilla D.* 7. *George W.*
- xi. LUCY, b. Nov. 27, 1801; d. Mar. 1, 1802.
4. xii. ABEL STOWELL, b. Apr. 22, 1804; m. Sarah Minard.
- xiii. BARZALAE, b. Aug. 15, 1805; d. Sept. 8, 1807.
- xiv. ORINDA Y., b. Nov. 2, 1807; m. Oct. 25, 1827, George Willard; she d. Apr. 28, 1889. Children: 1. *Eleanor O.*<sup>3</sup> 2. *Sarah A.* 3. *Hugh H.* 4. *Lucia*. 5. *Abel W.* 6. *George F.* 7. *Susan A.* 8. *Abel*. 9. *Haskell*.
1. JOHN<sup>2</sup> (*John Casper Shana*<sup>1</sup>), b. Leominster, Sept. 1, 1781; m. Dec. 28, 1808, Achsa Slade of Alstead, N. H., d. Mar. 26, 1813; he d. Dec. 28, 1812.



DANIEL KELLOGG BARRY.  
1822-1892.



WILLIAM S. WOLFE.  
1811-1890.



JOHN ROBERTSON  
1788-1839.



EDWARD D. MURPHY.  
1845-1885





Children :

- i. HENRY YOUNG,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 4, 1810; d. May 8, 1811.
- ii. WILLIAM SLADE, b. Nov. 26, 1811; m. Mar. 6, 1837, Oril Gleason Wood of Alstead, N. H.; he was killed by a carriage accident at Walpole, June 16, 1890; res. Springfield, Vt. Children all b. in R.: 1. *Ellen Elzoo*,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 4, 1838; m. Mar. 4, 1862, Allan Lucius Slade; she d. June 18, 1905. Children: i. Carrie Ellen,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1863; m. Fred C. Hammond. Children: 1. George.<sup>6</sup> 2. Ruth. ii. Harry Allen,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1869; unm. iii. Alice Frances, b. June 27, 1870; m. Clarence Higgins. Child: Ned<sup>6</sup>. 2. *Martha Bolles*, b. Jan. 14, 1840; m. 1st Jan. 1, 1860, Samuel Woods; m. 2d Nov. 24, 1869, George Kimball. Children: i. Jessie A. M.<sup>5</sup> ii. Kate F. 3. *Mary Livera*, b. June 2, 1843; m. May 22, 1872, Liberty Browne. Children: i. Charlotte E.<sup>5</sup> ii. Hattie J. iii. Samuel J. iv. William H. H. v. Mary W. 4. *Achsa Anne*, b. May 27, 1846; m. May 20, 1875, Charles Martin; res. Springfield, Vt.; no children. 5. *Harriet Ella*, b. Aug. 26, 1848; m. Oct. 2, 1865, Herman Boutelle; she d. Feb. 20, 1869. Child: Bertha M.<sup>5</sup> 6. *William Henry*, b. Aug. 22, 1854; m. 1st Jan. 30, 1877, Flora S. Cummings; m. 2d May, 1905, Mrs. Augusta Burleigh; no children. 7. *Jennie Oril*, b. Dec. 5, 1856; m. Jan. 30, 1877, Everett Batchelder Cook. Children: i. Bernice.<sup>5</sup> ii. Bruce.
2. JAMES YOUNG<sup>2</sup> (*John Casper Shana*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., Aug. 31, 1787; m. 1st Oct. 14, 1810, Phoebe Towne of R.; m. 2d Mrs. Lorinda (Cooper) Howard; he d. 1845.

Children by 1st wife :

- i. HARRIET,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 11, 1814; d. Keeseville, N. Y., Apr. 28, 1906; unm.
- ii. JAMES, b. 1815; m. 1838, Roxby Sanders; he d. 1857. Children: 1. *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> b. 1841; d. 1861. 2. *Achsa*, b. 1843; m. 1860; d. 1887. 3. *James M.*, b. 1845; m.; d. 4. *Ellen*, b. 1847; m.; d. 1875. 5. *Alice*, b. 1849; m. 1877. Children: i. Wallace.<sup>5</sup> ii. Frank. iii. Eva. 6. *John Casper*, b. 1851; m. July 5, 1880, Almeda J. Smith. Children: i. James Casper,<sup>6</sup> b. May 19, 1882; m. May 5, 1905, Florence B. Sheldon. ii. Alice Jeannette, b. Nov. 14, 1884. iii. William F., b. Aug. 19, 1887. iv. Daisy B., b. Sept. 8, 1889. v. Charles L. b. June 30, 1892. vi. Alma C., b. June 8, 1894. vii. Grace A., b. Sept. 30, 1896. viii. Joshua N., b. Nov. 7, 1898. ix. George M., b. Mar. 30, 1901. x. Moses D., b. Feb. 24, 1904.
- iii. JOHN CASPER, b. June 4, 1817; m. in 1845, Martha A. Powers; he d. Nov. 29, 1878. Children: 1. *Willard Legrand*,<sup>4</sup> b. May 23, 1847; m. May 28, 1869, Clarissa Winch. Children: i. Lucian,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 6, 1870; m. May 16, 1898, Nellie Keeler. Child: Eva A.,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 19, 1902. ii. Kate B.,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 19, 1873; m. Nov. 18, 1894, Erwin Lawless. Children: 1. Ralph A.<sup>6</sup> 2. Clyde J. 3. Howard W. iii. Effie,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1879. iv. Alma E., b. June 21, 1883. 2. *Harriet Maria*, b. July 11, 1849; m. July 4, 1868, George Davis; she d. June 11, 1869. Child: Harriet M.<sup>5</sup>
- iv. ADELIA, b. 1820; m. William Thompson; she d. 1882. Children: 1. *Phoebe*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Louisa L.* 3. *William*.
- v. PHOEBE, b. 1825; m. Edward Soper; she d. 1860. Children: 1. *Harriet*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Phoebe*. 3. *Alida*. 4. *John*.

Children by 2d wife :

- vi. SARAH.
- vii. SOPHIA.



3. SYLVANUS<sup>2</sup> (*John Caspa Shana*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 21, 1788; m. 1st June 15, 1820, Alta Allen of Alstead, N. H.; m. 2d Hannah Amsden of Grafton, Vt.; he d. 1869.

Children by 1st wife:

- i. MARTHA,<sup>3</sup> m. John Capen. Children: 1. *James*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Diadama*. 3. *Charles*. 4. *Zeno*.
- ii. ORREN, d. Worcester, Mass.; unm.
- iii. JAMES, moved to Pa.

Children by 2d wife:

- iv. LUCY, b. Mar. 29, 1829; d. Jan. 10, 1847.
- v. HENRY II., b. Feb. 17, 1832; was many years teamster for the Fall Mt. Paper Co., and res. in B. F.; m. 1st Hannah Jane Bradish; m. 2d Mar. 2, 1867, Marion P. Wilson; he d. in B. F., June 13, 1882. Children: 1. *Charles Henry*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 15, 1860; d. July 17, 1863. 2. *Aurora Jane*, b. Apr. 5, 1863; m. Charles H. Dutcher. 3. *Charles Henry*, b. Feb. 4, 1868; m. Emma Obern. 4. *Katy Marion*, b. Oct. 7, 1876; m. Charles H. Wesley; she d. July 4, 1901.
- vi. LUCRETIA, d. in S. R.; unm.
- vii. MARY, b. Dec. 1, 1834; m. 1st Dec. 8, 1864, Wesley Gilson; m. 2d June 4, 1901, W. S. Eaton. Child by 1st husband: 1. *Corona E.*<sup>4</sup>
- viii. AUSTIN II., b. July 15, 1840; was manager of Flint's peg factory in B. F.; res. in B. F., later rem. to White River Jct., Vt.; m. Nov. 7, 1860, Emma M. Hall; he d. White River Jct., July 9, 1903. Children: 1. *Maria*,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1862; d. May, 1862. 2. *Etta M.*, b. July 9, 1864; m. Oct., 1902, William Langner; no children. 3. *Anna*, b. June 18, 1866; d. Nov. 16, 1873. 4. *Minnie E.*, b. Feb. 8, 1869; m. 1st Dec. 4, 1889, Charles Phillips; m. 2d Nov. 19, 1905, Leon Kidhart. Child: Ralph W.,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 6, 1894. 5. *Cora May*, b. May 1, 1872; d. Dec. 3, 1873. 6. *Leon*, b. Oct. 11, 1874; m. in 1895, Nellie Donahue. Child: Madeline E.,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1896.
- ix. LUCIAN, b. June 30, 1844; d. July 10, 1852.

4. ABEL STOWELL<sup>2</sup> (*John Caspa Shana*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 22, 1804; m. Sarah Minard, d. Dec. 14, 1859, ae. 49; he d. Nov. 22, 1874.

Children:

- i. ABEL S.,<sup>3</sup> d. Oct. 26, 1847, ae. 7 yrs.
- ii. BYRON, d. in Ohio.
- iii. SARAH O.; m. George W. Read; res. in Kansas. Children: 1. *Addie M.*<sup>4</sup> 2. *Augustus G.* 3. *John E.*
- iv. SOPHRONIA P.; m. Erastus Marble; d. Nashua, N. H.; no children.
- v. LYDIA A., b. May 26, 1839; m. George W. Ramsey. Children: 1. *Fred W.*<sup>4</sup> 2. *Nellie G.* 3. *Mary L.*; res. Langdon, N. H.
- vi. JOHN C., went to Nevada and has not been heard from since 1866.
- vii. WILLIAM FRANKLIN, d. Oct. 10, 1844, ae. 20 yrs.
- viii. EDGAR S., b. 1847; m. Feb. 19, 1880, Elizabeth S. Melvin; res. Melrose, Mass.; no children.
- ix. ABEL S.; m. Marietta Putnam; res. Worcester, Mass. Children: 1. *Walter E.*,<sup>4</sup> b. Waverley, Mass., May 6, 1879; m. Apr. 3, 1901, Effie Maude Eager. Children: i. Herbert Stowell,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1902. ii. Walter Rudolph, b. Jan. 26, 1903. 2. *Harry P.*, b. Auburn, Mass., Jan. 20, 1888.
- x. GEORGE F.; m. Annie Barnes; res. in Texas. Children: 1. *Frank*.<sup>4</sup> 2. *Edgar*.
- xi. ELEAZER M.; unm.
- xii. FLORA M.; m. Henry Eugene Noyes; res. Malden, Mass. Children: 1. *Emory C.*<sup>4</sup> 2. *Herbert*. 3. *Ralph W.* 4. *Robert R.*

## WRIGHT

JOHN W.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Daniel and Lucy, gr. s. of Josiah, b. Billerica, Mass., about 1750, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill*), b. Grafton, Vt., Aug. 14, 1825; lived there until 1873, when he came to B. F.; always followed the occupation of carpenter and house builder; m. Nov. 22, 1851, Lura M. Rhoades of Grafton, b. Sept. 12, 1826; d. Oct. 22, 1897; he res. B. F.

Children:

- i. JOHN SIDNEY,<sup>2</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1853; is now city marshal of Holyoke, Mass.; m. Mar. 2, 1879, Carrie L. Grout of Newport, Vt. Children: 1. *May Jeannette*,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 28, 1879; m. Oct. 11, 1905, Ernest Tilly Preston, b. So. Hadley, Mass., Sept. 16, 1877. 2. *Daniel Sidney*, b. Oct. 16, 1881; d. Dec. 31, 1883. 3. *Arthur Emerson*, b. Oct. 23, 1883; d. Feb. 18, 1886.
- ii. EUDORA MARIA, b. Jan. 2, 1858; m. Nov. 18, 1880, Henry W. Merriam; res. Athol, Mass. Child: 1. *George Wright*,<sup>3</sup> b. B. F., Sept. 28, 1881.
- iii. MINNIE JEANNETTE, b. Apr. 23, 1861; unm; res. B. F. with her father.

## WRIGHT

(Most of the record given of this family has been furnished by Rodney P. Wright of Cambridge, Mass., who has very complete data of the remaining branches.)

CAPT. MOSES<sup>5</sup> (*Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*,<sup>1</sup> *an immigrant from England to Springfield, Mass., ancestry traced to John, Lord of Kelvedon Hall, d. 1551*), b. in that part of Northfield, Mass., now Vernon, Vt., Jan. 10, 1727; prominent in French and Indian wars; wounded in the attack on Hinsdell's Mill in 1746, when two fingers were shot off by the Indians; a soldier at Hinsdell's Fort as late as 1751. In 1753, he, with two others, Jonathan Bigelow and Simeon Knight, commenced the settlement at Rockingham, to be "driven back by the Indians within two years;" they were the first white men known to have dwelt within the limits of the township. He was a member of the Crown Point expedition, 1755; on the muster roll (French and Indian war), 1756; first town clerk of R. when the town was organized in 1761 and again in 1765; member of the first board of selectmen 1761, and also in the years 1765, 1769, 1771, 1772, 1777; town treasurer in 1762; moderator 1772-1777; chosen on the committee of inspection and correspondence, in 1775; one of those who declared the Independence of Vermont at Westminster Court House in 1777; chosen captain of the Rockingham Co. of militia, 1778.

There is a tradition that he owned what are now the valuable "Putney Meadows," which he sold for a flint-lock musket. He was a member of the Church of England. His sons, Nathan, Solomon and Moses, were each among the founders of the first Universalist church in Rockingham, in 1791.

He m. Hannah, dau. of Benj. Knight of Hartford, Conn.

Children:

- i. ANNA,<sup>6</sup> bap. at Northfield, Mass., July 15, 1750.
1. ii. NATHAN, bap. at Northfield, Aug. 21, 1752.
2. iii. SOLOMON, b. in R., bap. at Northfield, Mass., July 21, 1754.
3. iv. EBENEZER, bap. at Northfield, Mass., May 30, 1756.
- v. MOSES, m. 1st Sept. 30, 1791, Mary Adams of R., d. Apr. 25, 1802, ae. 28; m. 2d May 7, 1804, Sally Davis of R. Moses had six

children in school in 1817. He was lieut. in the Rockingham Co. under Capt. Lovell, 1809.

- vi. AMARILLA, b. in R., Feb. 13, 1776; joined the Shaker Community, May 11, 1792; d. Enfield, N. H.

1. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> (*Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dca. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), bap. at Northfield, Mass., Aug. 21, 1752; m. Dec. 5, 1779, Thankful Eastman of R.; was a soldier of the Revolution in Ticonderoga campaign; was one of the eleven chosen on the first school committee at town meeting, Mar. 28, 1792.

Children:

- i. HANNAH KNIGHT,<sup>7</sup> b. R., Dec. 6, 1780; m. Mar. 4, 1813, James Birdit of R.
- ii. POLLY EASTMAN, b. R., Aug. 30, 1782; m. Apr. 2, 1809, Simeon Ross of Sterling, Mass.
4. iii. NATHAN FRANKLIN, b. in R., June 3, 1786; m. Polly Lampson.
- iv. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. R., Sept. 2, 1793.

2. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup> (*Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dca. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), said to have been the first white child b. in the township of R.; bap. at Northfield, Mass., June 21, 1751; d. July 18, 1827; buried near Bartonsville, in the Wright farm cemetery; was a soldier of the Revolution; one of those that "marcht to Manchester;" prominent member of the Universalist chh.; m. Abylene Preston of R., Sept. 26, 1776.

Children:

- i. ROSALINDA,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 29, 1777; m. Ralph Roundy. (*See Roundy.*)
- ii. SALLY, b. May 29, 1779; d. Dec. 28, 1784.
- iii. DIADAME, b. June 23, 1781; m. Peter Dorand of R. (*See Dorand.*)
- iv. (SON), b. and d. June 26, 1783.
5. v. SOLOMON, b. July 4, 1785; m. Celinda Tarbell.
- vi. SALLY, b. June 16, 1788; was teacher in Lawrence Mills dist., 1819; m. Apr. 11, 1820, John M. Gammell of Stockbridge, Mass.
- vii. ROCKSENE, b. June 29, 1790; m. John Olcott of R. (*See Olcott.*)
- viii. LEMUEL, b. June 8, 1793; m. June 8, 1812, Hannah Gilson of R.; d. Aug. 31, 1870. Child: 1. *Adeline*,<sup>8</sup> b. 1812; d.; unm.
6. ix. WALTER, b. July 8, 1799; d. June 22, 1885.

3. DR. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup> (*Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dca. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 11, 1756; m. 1st Martha, dau. of James Wellman, D. D., Mar. 27, 1781, at Cornish, N. H.; she m. 2d Barney Tynsdale. Dr. Wright was surgeon in the army and afterward physician in Plainfield, N. H.; d. Plainfield, Oct. 28, 1798.

Children:

- i. EBENEZER,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 22, 1781.
- ii. LEMUEL, settled in Gloucestershire, Eng., where he became distinguished as a scientific mechanician. Among his inventions were the solid pin-head now in daily use; the art of bleaching cloth, and the magnetic telegraph, which was afterward perfected by Prof. Morse.
7. iii. JOHN STRATTON, b. June 30, 1788; m. Mary R. Wellman.
- iv. SAMUEL BRADLEE.
- v. MOSES FRANKLIN.
- vi. BARNIBAS, M. D.; m. Annis Brown, Dec. 29, 1813.
- vii. SARAH B.; m. Asa Tynsdale.
- viii. MARTHA; m. Barney Tynsdale.

4. NATHAN FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> (*Nathan*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R., June 3, 1786; m. Polly, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Stevens) Lampson.

Children :

- i. HARRIET MASON,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 8, 1809; res. Alma, Mich.
- ii. MARY, b. Sept. 27, 1812.
- iii. FANNIE, b. Jan. 23, 1814.
- iv. JONATHAN S., b. Feb. 6, 1816.
- v. JOHN S., b. July 25, 1818. Child: 1. *William S.*,<sup>9</sup> res. in East Tawson, Mich.
- vi. BRADLEY, b. July 8, 1820; d. June 12, 1840.
8. vii. AMMI W., b. Grafton, Vt., July 5, 1822.
- viii. HUGH H., b. Feb. 6, 1824.
9. ix. WILLIAM H., b. July 13, 1827; d. Dec. 12, 1893.
- x. ROBERT F., b. June 17, 1830.

5. SOLOMON<sup>7</sup> (*Solomon*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 4, 1785; m. Celinda Tarbell, d. Apr. 7, 1854, ae. 66; he d. Jan. 17, 1851.

Children :

- i. ELIZA,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1810; d. May 22, 1816.
- ii. JUSTIN E., b. June 1, 1812; d. Dec. 14, 1883.
- iii. CELINDA, b. Apr. 29, 1814; m. — Clark; she d. Nov. 18, 1887.
- iv. SOLOMON, b. May 23, 1816.
- v. SETH, b. June 30, 1818; d. Oct. 13, 1894.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 10, 1820; m. — Walker; she d. Nov. 12, 1897.
- vii. LUCIAN, b. July 23, 1822; d. Feb. 27, 1891.
- viii. MARSHALL W., b. May 28, 1824; m. Frances C. Tenney; res. Grafton, Vt. Child: 1. *Adin Marshall*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 3, 1859; m. Catherine Leonard of Brattleboro, Vt. Child: i. Leonard Marshall,<sup>10</sup> b. July 4, 1891.
- ix. AZRO, b. Aug. 7, 1826; d. Aug. 23, 1877.

6. WALTER<sup>7</sup> (*Solomon*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 8, 1799; m. Sept. 23, 1827, Mary C. Gowing of R., d. July 26, 1874; he d. June 22, 1885.

Children :

- i. ELIZA A.,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1828; m. Dec. 13, 1852, John McRae; she d. Mar. 11, 1900; no children.
- ii. EMELINE, b. Aug. 1, 1831; d. Jan. 25, 1855; unm.
10. iii. HENRY O., b. May 23, 1835; m. Mary Pierce.
- iv. MARY E., b. Feb. 23, 1838; d. Jan. 23, 1853.
- v. ALBERT, b. June 16, 1847; d. Aug. 20, 1894; unm.

7. JOHN STRATTON<sup>7</sup> (*Ebenezer*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Plainfield, N. H., June 30, 1788; started in business when quite young at Thetford, Vt., associated with George Peabody (the philanthropist), and afterward removed to Haverhill, N. H. In 1824, he went to Boston and engaged in the management of one of the Boston banks. "He possessed the highest qualifications for success with the finest sense of integrity and honorable dealing." He m. Oct. 14, 1812, Mary Russell, dau. of Lemuel Wellman, M. D. of Piermont, N. H., she d. Brookline, Mass., June 29, 1874.

## Children :

- i. CHARLES,<sup>8</sup> d. young.
- ii. DR. JOHN HARVEY; surgeon in U. S. Navy. "He was a noted connoisseur of art, and a famous bibliographer. He possessed the finest private library in the country, which was destroyed by the great fire in Boston."
- iii. JOSEPH BELL, d. in New Orleans, 1859.
- iv. EBENEZER.
- v. MARY ELIZABETH.
- vi. GEORGE WELLMAN, b. Boston, Aug. 22, 1824; m. Georgenna Buckham of New York city, Oct. 12, 1858; he d. Mar. 6, 1897.
- vii. LEMUEL WELLMAN.
- viii. ESTHER FIDELIA.

8. AMMI W.<sup>8</sup> (*Nathan Franklin*,<sup>7</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Grafton, Vt., July 5, 1822; is at the head of the A. W. Wright Lumber Co., which owns large areas of pine lands, together with large saw-mills and salt blocks at Saginaw, Mich. In 1886, he settled in Alma, Mich.; built the Wright House, one of the finest hotels in the state; the Alma Sanitorium, one of the largest and best equipped remedial institutions in the country, and other large and substantial structures; donated the land and buildings which secured the establishment of Alma college. He m. 1st Harriet Barton (dau. of Jeremiah Barton, founder of Bartonsville), b. Sept. 20, 1824, d. June 30, 1884; m. 2d in 1885, Anna Case of Ontario.

## Children :

- i. AMMI BARTON,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 16, 1849; d. Aug. 15, 1870.
- ii. SARAH CAROLINE, b. June 9, 1851; d. Apr. 30, 1856.
- iii. ARTHUR PAINE, b. Nov. 10, 1857; d. May 23, 1861.
- iv. SARAH HALE, b. Feb. 8, 1862; m. Oct. 4, 1883, James Henry Lancashire of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; res. Alma, Mich. Children: 1. *Harriet Wright*,<sup>10</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1884. 2. *Ammi Wright*, b. June 28, 1887. 3. *Helen*, b. Nov. 21, 1890. 4. *Lila*, b. Sept. 14, 1896.
- v. GEORGE NATHAN, b. Aug. 7, 1868; d. Oct. 6, 1892.

9. WILLIAM H.<sup>8</sup> (*Nathan Franklin*,<sup>7</sup> *Nathan*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Grafton, Vt., July 13, 1827; was a prominent lumberman of Saginaw, Mich.; m. 1st June 8, 1850, Elizabeth Schoonmaker of Detroit, Mich. (a descendant of Johanne Schoonmaker, the noted Dutch trader of New Amsterdam), b. 1816, d. about 1848; m. 2d Jane C. Beardslee of New Jersey; he d. Dec. 12, 1893.

## Children :

- i. MARY CATHERINE,<sup>9</sup> b. Apr. 25, 1851; is an artist. Interior decorations a specialty; res. at 96 Fifth avenue, N. Y.
- ii. EMMA, d. young.
- iii. HARRIET, b. Jan. 28, 1859.
- iv. ROBERT F., b. Mar. 13, 1860.
- v. ERNEST F., b. Oct. 22, 1862; d. Oct. 23, 1879.
- vi. JESSIE R., b. Jan. 17, 1867; m. Sept. 23, 1892, Gardner Stewart Williams of Saginaw, Mich., a professor in a college at Ithaca, N. Y. Children: 1. *Harriet Ripley*,<sup>10</sup> b. May 7, 1894; res. Detroit, Mich. 2. *William Wright*, b. May 7, 1896; res. Detroit.
- vii ELLEN, b. Oct. 15, 1892; m. Henry N. Geer.

10. HENRY O.<sup>8</sup> (*Walter*,<sup>7</sup> *Solomon*,<sup>6</sup> *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> *Benoni*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazer*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 23, 1835; m. Feb. 14, 1863, Mary Pierce of Springfield, Vt.; d. Nov. 5, 1899; he d. Nov. 11, 1882.

Children:

- i. WALTER M.,<sup>9</sup> b. May 12, 1863; m. Ella V. Foster of Weston, Vt. Children: 1. *Leslie W.*,<sup>10</sup> b. June 17, 1888. 2. *Pearl F.*, b. Oct. 10, 1896.
- ii. CLINTON, b. Feb. 22, 1865; m. Dec. 22, 1895, Mary E. Gilmore of Weston, Vt.; res. Rutland, Vt. Children: 1. *Malcolm G.*,<sup>10</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1897. 2. *Jennie L.*, b. Apr. 30, 1900.

#### WRIGHT

AMASA<sup>5</sup> (*was probably a brother of Moses Wright, the first settler*), came to R. from Northfield, Mass., previous to 1763. He was b. 1729; was wounded by the Indians at Winchester, Mass., Aug. 6, 1746; was chosen constable of R., Mar. 30, 1763.

The following from Mrs. Hemenway's *Gazetteer of Windham county*, in the history of the town of Vernon, evidently refers to this man:

"Amasa Wright, one of the early settlers, lived in the west part of Vernon. He was a tall, athletic man. The Indians had many times chased him, with the hope of getting him alive to torture, according to their custom. While men were picketing Fort Hinsdale, in 1755, they were attacked by the Indians; one man was captured and two killed and scalped, and two reached the fort, and Mr. Wright and his companions saved themselves by flight. At another time Mr. Wright was surprised by the Indians while at work in Pe Chague meadows. Both running at full speed, the foremost Indian said, 'Me got you this time.' Mr. Wright reaching the gate, placed his hand on the top and cleared it at one leap, but the Indians could not do it."

Children:

- i. MARY,<sup>6</sup> bap. June 10, 1750.
- ii. JONATHAN, bap. June 21, 1752; m. Abigail Rockwood, 1782.
- iii. ASENATH, bap. Aug. 25, 1754.
- iv. AMASA, bap. June 28, 1756.
- v. HANNAH, bap. July 8, 1759.

#### WRIGHT

CAPT. AZARIAH<sup>7</sup> (*Salmon*,<sup>6</sup> *Capt. Azariah*,<sup>5</sup> *Azariah*,<sup>4</sup> *Eleazar*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Dea. Samuel*<sup>1</sup>), b. Westminster, Vt., Mar. 20, 1812; was a gr. s. of the noted citizen of Westminster of the same name during the Revolution; m. Dec. 25, 1838, Nancy Augusta, dau. of John Rogers of B. F., b. at B. F., Dec. 25, 1818; rem. to Coventry, Vt., of which town he was selectman in 1852, 1854 and 1856; he d. Coventry, Nov. 6, 1880; she d. Coventry, Mar. 5, 1905; both buried in Coventry.

Children:

- i. ELLEN A.,<sup>8</sup> b. Westminster, Oct. 24, 1839; m. Feb. 18, 1861, Charles Ide of Coventry. Children: 1. *Edwin*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 6, 1862; m. Laura A. Alexander of Newport, Vt. Child: Katherine M.,<sup>10</sup> b. Apr. 29, 1889. 2. *Harry C.*, b. May 14, 1873; m. Sept. 1, 1897, Lottie Cushman of Charlestown, N. H.
- ii. WILLIAM A., b. Westminster, Nov. 7, 1841; deceased.
- iii. CHARLES O., b. Westminster, Sept. 1, 1845; m. Aug. 30, 1878, Ella Magoon. Child: 1. *Mark Allison*,<sup>9</sup> b. Aug. 28, 1879.



- iv. EMMA L., b. Coventry, July 2, 1851; m. Feb. 6, 1879, J. H. Hathorn of Londonderry, Vt. Child: 1. *Florence Emma*,<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 4, 1880; m. Aug. 19, 1903, Ernest G. Fisher of Londonderry.
- v. CLARA A., b. Coventry, Sept. 10, 1853; m. Jan. 12, 1875, Col. Ransom E. Hathorn, b. Londonderry, Vt., Nov. 3, 1843, now a prominent business man of Ludlow, Vt., who has been Department Commander of Vermont, G. A. R.; no children.
- vi. GERTRUDE C., b. Coventry, Feb. 16, 1856; m. Jan. 1, 1883, George W. Corrow of Coventry, Vt. Child: 1. *Florence W.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1884; m. Aug. 27, 1902, George Trudeau of Coventry.
- vii. FLORENCE M., b. Coventry, Jan. 7, 1861; m. Oct. 10, 1881, Frederick Harmon of Irasburg, Vt. Children: 1. *Leland W.*,<sup>9</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1886. 2. *Clyde R.*, b. Apr. 5, 1889; d. Aug. 17, 1889.

## WYMAN

UZZIAH<sup>4</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Jasher*,<sup>2</sup> *Sergt. John*,<sup>1</sup> *supposed to have emigrated from Eng. to Woburn, Mass., about 1679*), b. Townsend, Mass., May 18, 1764; enlisted at age 16 as a cook during Revolutionary war; in 1787, rem. to Walpole, N. H., and in 1811 settled in R. not far from the present village of Cambridgeport. He was the first person interred in the cemetery at Cambridgeport. He m. in 1787, Lydia Nutting; he d. Mar. 29, 1836.

Children all b. Walpole except the youngest:

1. i. LYDIA,<sup>5</sup> b. May 7, 1787; m. Robert Wyman; d. 1862.
- ii. UZZIAH, b. Apr. 28, 1789; m. Orpha Britton and lived to be over 90. Children: 1. *Elmira*,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1808; m. George Wyman; d. 1843. 2. *Oren*, for several years a resident of Walpole and member of the "Walpole Band." 3. *Elliott*, a farmer and a writer of some prominence; res. Westmoreland, N. H. 4. —. 5. *Loring*, b. July 17, 1824. 6. *Harriet E.*, b. Feb. 6, 1827; d. Feb. 9, 1898. 7. *Emily S.*, m. 1st John Thompson; m. 2d Stephen Streeter. Children by 1st husband: i. Herbert.<sup>7</sup> ii. Newell. iii. Nettie.
2. iii. THOMAS, b. Feb. 17, 1791; m. Huldah Gilbert.
- iv. JOSEPH; d. young.
- v. OLIVE; d. young.
- vi. SYBIL, b. July 23, 1799; m. Nathan Shelley; d. Aug. 14, 1845.
- vii. LAVINIA, b. 1800; d. young.
- viii. RICHARD, b. Jan. 11, 1801; d. ae. 11 yrs.
- ix. JOHN, b. Oct. 3, 1804; m. Betsey Eastman; res. many years at Cambridgeport.
- x. RHODA, b. Mar. 31, 1811; m. 1st William Howard; m. 2d Philemon Holden.

1. LYDIA<sup>5</sup> (*Uzziah*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Jasher*,<sup>2</sup> *Sergt. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 7, 1787; m. Robert Wyman; she d. 1862.

Children:

- i. GEORGE,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 2, 1808; m. May 10, 1843, Almira Wyman. Children: 1. *Caroline*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Mary*. 3. *George*. 4. *John*. 5. *Esther* (m. James Smith). 6. *Nancy* (m. Levi Tenney, soldier in Civil war).
- ii. AMASA, b. May 24, 1813; m. Sophronia Shelley; d. Grafton, Aug. 20, 1863. Children: 1. *Elsie*.<sup>7</sup> m. Richard Richardson. 2. *Rose*; m. Eugene Clark. 3. *Hollis*, soldier in Civil war; m. Lucy Moulthrop. Children: i. Hollis.<sup>8</sup> ii. Fremont. iii. Blanchie. iv. Elroy. v. Amy. vi. John.
- iii. FREEMAN; m. Lorena Cummins. Child: 1. *Fred*.<sup>7</sup>
- iv. THOMAS; d. ae. 2 yrs.

- v. FANNY; m. Leverett Aiken. Children: 1. *Charles*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *William*.  
3. *Annie*. 4. *Edward*. 5. *Frank*.
- vi. LINDA; m. Hollis Shelley. Children: 1. *Mary Ann*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Demaris*.
- vii. CLARA; d. young.
- viii. WASHINGTON; m. 1st Harriet Forrester; m. 2d Catherine Forrester.  
Children: 1. *Moses*.<sup>7</sup> 2. *Edmund*. 3. *Henry*.
- ix. RUSSELL, b. R., Apr. 20, 1830; was a soldier in the Civil war,  
serving in Co. D, 16th Regt. Vt. Vol.; wounded in the Battle of  
Gettysburg; an active man, honest and upright in all his dealings  
and respected by all; a devoted Christian, interested in the welfare  
of the church and a regular attendant at all church services; m.  
May 21, 1855, Charlotte W. Bontin of Windham, Vt., d. 1881; he d.  
Mar. 14, 1905. Children: 1. *Charles Robert*.<sup>7</sup> b. Windham,  
Sept. 3, 1856; m. Sept. 6, 1881, Mary P. Edwards; he d. Apr. 17,  
1902. Child: i. Harry C.,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1883. 2. *Winfield*  
*Alonzo*, b. Windham, Nov. 12, 1858; m. May 1, 1883, Sarah M.  
Edwards. Children: i. Ned W.,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1885. ii. Ina M.,  
b. Mar. 5, 1890. 3. *Martha Lydia*, b. Windham, Nov. 15, 1860;  
m. Nov. 23, 1877, F. O. Penniman. Children: i. Fred G.,<sup>8</sup> b.  
Nov. 6, 1880. ii. Helen E., b. Aug. 14, 1883; m. Sabin Morris.  
iii. Frank L., b. Nov. 3, 1885. iv. Hattie M., b. Aug. 29, 1887.  
v. Perley R., b. Sept. 28, 1893. vi. Grace M., b. Sept. 20, 1896.  
vii. Eunice I., b. Dec. 4, 1898. 4. *Marinda May*, b. Grafton, Vt.,  
Oct. 30, 1864; m. May 20, 1882, Henry J. Landfear. Children:  
i. Hattie,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1884; m. Nelson Smith. ii. Della, b. Nov.  
26, 1888; m. Nov. 26, 1903, Hermon Howe. iii. Emma, b. Sept.  
27, 1890. iv. May, b. Aug. 15, 1892. v. Albert, b. Sept. 8, 1896.  
5. *Lottie Emma*, b. Grafton, Dec. 15, 1872; m. June 22, 1890,  
Edwin Moultroup. Children: i. Mary C.,<sup>8</sup> b. May 20, 1894.  
ii. Ida. iii. Willard R. iv. Charlie W.
- x. ISAAC.

2. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> (*Uzziah*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Jasher*,<sup>2</sup> *Sergt. John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 17, 1791; enlisted during the War of 1812 at Walpole, N. H., taking the place of a drafted man who had a large family. His company marched from Walpole to Portsmouth while he was in the service. Was pensioned in 1871. He moved early to a farm near Cambridgeport which he cleared, and where he res. many years; he was one of the most ardent advocates of the cause of temperance of any in this section of New England, and his influence in this direction was greatly felt. A barn built by him was one of the first in this vicinity "raised" without the usual distribution of rum, a supposed necessity upon all such occasions. Plenty of good food had been provided and the neighbors had gathered from miles around, but when the time came they refused to lift the frame without the rum. The owner of the property would not sacrifice his principles, and the raising was postponed to another day after much talk uncomplimentary to the host. A few days later more than a sufficient number of temperance men, who honored the integrity of Mr. Wyman, were on hand to assist, and the barn went up. In a prominent position, on the barn adjoining the house in which he last lived, a short distance from his earlier home, many remember the large and well executed motto, "Anti Rum and Tobacco." This sign was a reminder to the passers by for many years of a strong and good man. He m. Huldah, dau. of Ebenezer Gilbert of Walpole, N. H.; he d. Sept. 17, 1879. The stone which marks his resting place is inscribed: "An Advocate of Temperance and a Friend of the Laboring Man."

## Children:

- i. CYRUS WARREN,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1823; for a long time a prominent citizen of Brattleboro; once candidate for Governor on Prohibition ticket; m. Jan. 1, 1848, Charlotte M. Bruce; he d. Feb. 23, 1904. Children: 1. *Emma*,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1849; m. Edward Crosby of Brattleboro, Vt. Children: i. Henry Hall,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 4, 1870; a business man of Brattleboro; m. Bessie Van Dorn. ii. Frank Wyman, b. Mar. 26, 1871; architect; m. Nellie Leabe; res. New Orleans. Child: Dorothy.<sup>9</sup> iii. Fred Chandler,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1872; studied medicine; m. Agnes Crosgrave; he d. Apr. 25, 1900. iv. Allyn Jones, b. Feb. 7, 1874; grad. Dartmouth college; m. Maude Condray. One child: Alene Maud.<sup>9</sup> v. Edward Burt,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 28, 1881; d. Nov. 6, 1883. vi. Helen Frances, b. Aug. 2, 1882; a musician. vii. Edna Sylvia, b. Oct. 19, 1884. viii. Thomas Warren; b. Nov. 27, 1889. 2. *Helen*, b. Oct. 8, 1851. 3. *Annie*, b. Aug. 8, 1862; m. Frederick Condray. Children: i. Wyman.<sup>8</sup> ii. Charlotte.
- ii. HIRAM F., b. Jan. 8, 1826; forty years engaged with Parks & Woolson in the manufacture of shearing machines at Springfield, Vt.; m. Lucia A. Wilson; still living in Springfield. Child: 1. *Lucia Neila*,<sup>7</sup> m. W. H. H. Slack of Springfield; she d. Jan. 2, 1877. Children: i. Harry Carlton,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1869; studied music in Florence, Paris, and London; m. May Brown of Wilmington, Del. Two children: Carlton Roberts<sup>9</sup> and Theodore Wyman. ii. Winnie B.; d. 1872. iii. Walter Wyman, b. Aug. 9, 1876; musician and business man; m. Tirzah Montgomery. Children: 1. Wilson Montgomery.<sup>9</sup> 2. John Taylor.
- iii. ELI NELSON, b. Jan. 20, 1828; d. Oct. 28, 1845.
- iv. ANDREW A., b. Mar. 12, 1830; became a prominent and influential citizen of Athens; d. at Montpelier, Vt., while a member of the legislature from Athens, Nov. 21, 1894; m. 1st Martha Eastman; m. 2d Abbie A. Wellman. Child by 1st wife: 1. *Stella S.*,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 13, 1859.
- v. MARTHA, b. July 28, 1832; d. Nov. 26, 1842.
- vi. CHAUNCY M., b. Dec. 20, 1834; teacher and composer of music; m. Jennie Louise Alexander; he d. Sept. 6, 1870.
- vii. SOPHIA EMELINE, b. Dec. 21, 1837; m. Stratton W. Westgate. Children: 1. *Edwin Seymour*,<sup>7</sup> d. 1844. 2. *Charles Ellery*, m. Carrie Belle Houghton. Children: i. Gladys.<sup>8</sup> ii. Ralph Wyman. 3. *Lena Sophia*, m. Fred H. Whitney; she d. 1899.
- viii. EDWIN S., b. May 27, 1844; d. Aug. 29, 1848.

## ADDITIONAL FAMILIES

## BROWN

AMOS H.<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Abel, gr. s. of Brigadier, a Revolutionary soldier who settled in Springfield, Vt., in 1792*), b. Springfield, Feb. 4, 1822; cotton-mill proprietor at Perkinsville, Vt., until 1862, then rem. to Springfield, later in wholesale grain business in Claremont, N. H.; rem. to B. F. in 1878 in stove and tin trade and plumbing, firm of A. H. & F. H. Brown until he retired in 1888; invested in real estate, erecting "Brown block" on the east side of Canal street in 1890; res. on north side of Henry street 27 yrs.; a man of excellent judgment, of a cautious nature, much sought for his advice, and held many public offices; m. Jan. 3, 1849, Susan A. Atwood of Chester, Vt.; she res. B. F.; he d. B. F., June 28, 1906.



AMOS H. BROWN.  
1822-1906.



## Children :

- i. NELLIE ADELIA,<sup>2</sup> b. Perkinsville, Dec. 10, 1850; was a teacher in public schools, and of music, in Springfield; now res. with her mother at B. F.
- ii. FRANK HENRY, b. Perkinsville, Feb. 13, 1854; employed in National Bank in Springfield; engaged with his father in mercantile business in B. F. after 1878, and in newspaper work 10 yrs.; rem. to Wellesley, Mass., in 1890, where he owns a paper-mill; m. Dec. 25, 1879, Hattie Maria Wheeler of Fitchburg, Mass. Children both b. in B. F.: 1. *Annie Rena*,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 26, 1883; grad. Dana Hall, Wellesley, 1901. 2. *Mildred*, b. Nov. 23, 1889.

## BURT

(Additional to facts given on page 608—which see.)

GEORGE PRESTON<sup>3</sup> (*Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), b. in R. Dec. 18, 1808; a carpenter and joiner; m. 1st Dec. 31, 1834, Sophia, dau. of Samuel Billings of R., b. Apr. 7, 1816, d. Galva, Ill., Aug. 25, 1860; m. 2d Mar. 12, 1862, Frances M., dau. of Alpheus Willard of R., b. in R. June 15, 1830, d. Galva, Oct. 10, 1906; he d. Galva, Apr. 17, 1896.

Children all b. Galva, Ill.:

- i. FRANK HENRY,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 3, 1863; m. at Galva, May 5, 1896, Lola Maddox, b. Nov. 28, 1864, res. Oak Park, Chicago, Ill. Children: 1. *Roland Willard*,<sup>5</sup> b. Oak Park, Ill., June 18, 1899. 2. *Helen Maddox*, b. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28, 1901. 3. *Margaret Jennings*, b. St. Louis, May 5, 1903.
- ii. THERESE WILLARD, b. Oct. 31, 1864.
- iii. FLORA MARIA, b. May 24, 1866.
- iv. SOPHIE SANBORN, b. Dec. 15, 1867.

ELIJAH FRANKLIN<sup>3</sup> (*Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup>), m. Fanny, dau. of Elias Olcott. (See record of children under Olcott, p. 723.)

## GORHAM

DR. GEORGE HENRY<sup>9</sup> (*Freeman*,<sup>8</sup> *David*,<sup>7</sup> *Matthias*,<sup>6</sup> *Matthias*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*,<sup>1</sup> came to Plymouth, Mass., in 1637), b. Westminster, West Parish, Vt., Oct. 9, 1857; attended Brattleboro and Vermont academies, and University of Vt.; grad. University of N. Y., 1882; has practised medicine in N. Y. city and Alstead, N. H. and came to B. F. in 1892, since which he has practised here as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat; has been village bailiff numerous terms; member of the Masonic fraternity; holds office in various medical societies.

He m. June 1, 1897, Abigail C. (Veazey) Hitchcock of B. F., b. Westmoreland, N. H.; no children.

## GRANGER

SANFORD<sup>6</sup> (*Eldad*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *Abraham*,<sup>2</sup> *Launcelot*,<sup>1</sup> emigrated from England and settled on Kents Island in Newburyport, Mass., Harbor, 1654), b. Chesterfield, N. H., Mar. 12, 1796; came to R. from Westmoreland, N. H. about 1820 and built a dam at the foot of the ravine at Lawrence Mills, some rods down the river from the present mills there. Before his saw-mill was erected a freshet took out the dam causing so great financial loss that he abandoned the project and in later years purchased the mill at



Gageville and owned it many years, selling it to Wm. P. Gage. Erected the brick block on the east side of Westminster street always known by his name, and res. in it until his death; prominent in establishing the Meth. chh. of B. F., and previous to the building of the Meth. chh., in 1835 he purchased the old school building on Westminster street (described on page 240) for use of the society until they had a building; an ardent Abolitionist and active in assisting to Canada many a fugitive slave; his son, Albert S., speaks of often seeing the negroes come from the hay mow and go into the house in the morning with a pail for the breakfast so freely given; a prominent mechanic, millwright and bridge builder; a strong advocate of temperance.

Eldad,<sup>5</sup> the father of Sanford, d. in Alstead in 1865, lacking but 14 days of 100 years old. He was a captain of boats upon the Connecticut river previous to the building of the canal at B. F. It was a practice to unload the flat boats at the "lower landing," and with teams draw both the freight and the boat itself up through the woods where the village now stands and reload for the further journey. Upon one trip during high water the owner of the boat was with Captain Granger. The water was so high the captain advised not putting the boat back into the river until it was safer. The owner insisted. The captain remarked, "obey orders if you break owners," and placed the boat in the water. It was immediately caught in the current and destroyed by being carried over the falls. He remembered when there were only two houses in the vicinity of the falls where the village is now.

Sanford<sup>6</sup> m. Feb. 26, 1826, Abigail Stevens of Chester, Vt., d. in B. F. Nov. 18, 1877; he d. in B. F., May 17, 1882.

Children all b. at B. F.:

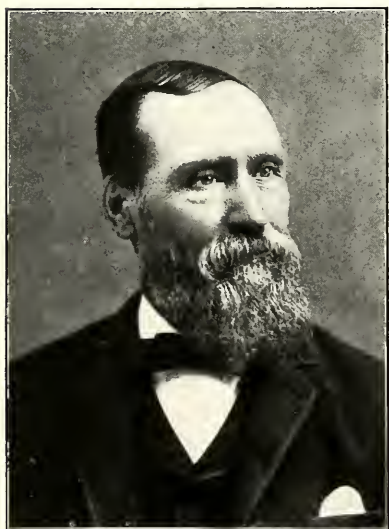
- i. ALBERT SANFORD,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 10, 1834; a mechanical engineer, resided in Concord, N. H., Springfield, Mass., B. F., South Framingham, New York city and now res. West Springfield, Mass.; m. 1st Mar. 16, 1857, Loretta E. Carpenter, b. Surry, N. H., d. June 16, 1870; m. 2d Oct. 19, 1876, Sarah Hodgkin, b. Ludlow, Vt.; m. 3d Jan. 17, 1889, Adelaide Cilley Hayes, b. Farmington, N. H., May 12, 1837, d. Port Richmond, Staten Island, Nov. 4, 1904. Children: 1. *Clement Alfred*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 15, 1857; grad. B. F. H. S. '76, in first class of the school; d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1881; unm. 2. *Carrie Augusta*, b. Mar. 12, 1861; m. Israel M. Charlton; res. W. Springfield, Mass.; no children. 3. *Rose B.*, b. Nov. 1, 1863; a teacher; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.; unm. 4. *Ruth Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 15, 1865; a teacher and principal; res. Brooklyn, N. Y. 5. *Sanford Thomas*, b. Oct. 9, 1868; d. Apr. 21, 1870.
- ii. HARRIET ABIGAIL, b. May 14, 1837; m. Nov. 25, 1856, Joseph Miller, a printer, d. Springfield, Mass., Nov. 11, 1873; she d. Springfield, Jan. 23, 1880. Child: 1. *Annie Green*,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1863; m. Geo. H. Gilmore, foreman freight department B. & M. R. R.; res. Springfield, Mass. Children: i. Fred Asa,<sup>9</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1886. ii. Howard Miller, b. June 22, 1891.
- iii. EDWIN, b. Apr. 21, 1843; d. May 5, 1843.
- iv. EDWARD LORING, b. Aug. 18, 1844; m. Oct., 1867, Angelina M. Roe of South Manchester, Conn. Child: 1. *Lionel Edward*,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 4, 1868; unm.
- v. MARY GEYER, b. May 8, 1846; d. Aug. 31, 1846.



DR. SETH MARSHALL BLAKE.  
1817-1904.



SANFORD GRANGER.  
1796-1882.



JOSHUA HOBART WEBB.  
1837-1903.



CALVIN LYSANDER BARBER.  
1843-1900.



## NOURSE

PETER<sup>5</sup> (*Dea. Francis*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Francis*,<sup>1</sup> *whose wife, Rebecca Town, b. Yarmouth, Eng., Feb. 1, 1621, d. a Christian martyr in 1692 on Gallows Hill, Salem, Mass., beheaded under a charge of witchcraft*), b. Danvers, Mass., Mar. 25, 1744 (o. s.); became a resident of R., coming from Jaffrey, N. H., in 1789 or 1791. Family tradition says he retained his Jaffrey home for the first year after coming to R., and that he and his elder sons travelled on foot from there to this place, 40 miles, bringing with them food enough to last a few weeks at a time. They erected a log house in a small clearing, put in crops and as often as the food was exhausted they returned to the Jaffrey home to get fresh supplies, making the trip between the two places in a day each way. The next year when the home was ready the family came. His farm, portions of which were purchased in various years, was located near the northwest corner of the town, about one and one-half miles west of Bartonsville, and here he spent the remainder of his long life, taking active part in town and church affairs; was a valued member of the Congregational church over 60 yrs.

He m. June 5, 1766, Lydia Low, b. Ipswich, Mass., Aug. 7, 1744 (o. s.), d. in R., June 25, 1840; he d. in R., Apr. 16, 1834. Both are buried in the old cem. at R.

## Children :

- i. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. June 1, 1767; many yrs. a merchant in the village of R.; d. May 14, 1860; unm.
- ii. FRANCIS, b. Danvers, Mass., Dec. 11, 1769; d. Apr. 20, 1808; left a widow and two children.
- iii. PHILIP, b. Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 13, 1771; m. 1796, Annis —, b. Aug. 11, 1782, d. Apr. 6, 1858; he d. Bartonsville, May 12, 1857; they res. in R. and Grafton, Vt. Children: 1. *Peter*,<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 7, 1797; m. 1st, July 10, 1821, Grata Emery; m. 2d, Apr. 6, 1830, Nancy Fisher; always res. in R. Children: i. *Abigail*,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1825; was m. Mar. 6, 1844. ii. *Lucien P.*, b. Nov. 23, 1833; m. Sept. 6, 1855; d. Jan. 22, 1864. iii. *Mary N.*, b. Jan. 1, 1839; m. Feb. 11, 1858. iv. *Henry P.*, b. July 6, 1841. v. *Homer E.*, b. June 6, 1843; res. at S. R.; unm. vi. *Helen C.*, b. June 23, 1848; res. at S. R.; unm. 2. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 14, 1799; m. Jan. 2, 1834, at Watertown, N. Y., Preston Brooks, and rem. to Fillmore, N. Y., where she d. Feb. 5, 1870, and where her only son, William P.,<sup>8</sup> is a prosperous merchant. 3. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 3, 1801; m. Mar. 31, 1830, Jonathan Emery; res. at Fillmore, where they and their only three sons are buried. 4. *Cynthia*, b. Oct. 23, 1803; m. Sept. 3, 1833, Henry Wheeler; res. Fillmore; d. there May 30, 1875; no children.
- iv. EUNICE, b. Fitchburg, Apr. 2, 1773; was a tailorress; res. one and one-half miles west of S. R. on what is now the Patten Ober place, and 14 yrs. before her d. she rem. to Waitsfield, Vt., where she d. Feb. 17, 1851; unm.
- v. PETER, b. May 27, 1775; about the year 1826 was "porter" at the Charlestown bridge across the Connecticut; was also a tailor; in 1844 rem. to a farm in Waitsfield, Vt., later lived in Alleghany Co. N. Y. and Bloomingdale, Ill., where he and his wife d. within a short time of each other. He m. July 20, 1800, Martha (or Patty) Chamberlain; he d. May 16, 1859. Children: 1. *Uriel*,<sup>7</sup> d. Apr. 7, 1846. 2. *Solon*. 3. *Urban*. 4. *Mary*, m. Milo Barnard of

- Waitsfield, had a dau., Mrs. Walter Allen<sup>8</sup> of Lake Geneva, Wis.
5. *Marcia*; m. — Joslin.
- vi. JEREMIAH, b. Fitchburg, Nov. 26, 1777; as a young man assisted in building the canal at B. F.; later lived in Newbury and Bradford, Vt.; m. Dec. 25, 1806, Ruth Bailey, d. in 1863; he d. Bradford, Jan. 1, 1856. Children: 1. *Maria*,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 25, 1809; m. May, 1826, James George; had seven children, four living in 1905. 2. *Sophila*, b. June 14, 1811; m. Israel Hinckley and has a son living in Lowell, Mass. 3. *Ruth*, b. Sept. 4, 1813; m. Jas. H. Patterson; d. leaving no children. 4. *Alonzo*, b. May 19, 1815, d. Mar. 20, 1816. 5. *Alonzo*, b. Mar. 28, 1817; m. Isabel Renfrew; two children. 6. *William Harvey*, b. July 4, 1821, m. May 22, 1844, Lydia Renfrew; three sons all d.; she res. at Bradford.
- vii. DANIEL, b. Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 9, 1779; res. on the old farm in R. caring for his father and mother as long as they lived; then rem. to Waitsfield, Vt., living near his brother and sister: m. 1st Nancy George, d. Jan. 18, 1839; m. 2d Emily Darby, d. 1869; he d. at S. R., Jan. 7, 1865. Children: 1. *Lydia Ann*,<sup>7</sup> b. R. Dec. 4, 1809, m. Harvey Smith; rem. to Alleghany Co., N. Y., later to Elkhorn, Wis. Child: Antoinette;<sup>8</sup> unm. 2. *Clara Sophia*, b. R., Apr. 26, 1813; m. Dr. C. C. Chaffee; rem. to Springfield, Mass. (After her death Dr. Chaffee m. again and his wife's death was recorded in 1903 as "Mrs. C. C. Chaffee, owner of the fugitive slave Dred Scott, died at Springfield, Mass., aged 88.") Children: i. Emma;<sup>8</sup> m. Sam'l Wilder, a merchant of Rochester, N. Y. ii. Clemens Clifford; grad. of West Point. 3. *Daniel George*, b. in R., Jan. 8, 1819; res. on a farm one mile north-west of S. R.; was owner of Lawrence mills, 1858-1873; rem. to No. Hadley, Mass.; m. 1st Mary Wheeler of S. R.; m. 2d Eliza, sister of the 1st wife; he d. No. Hadley, Apr. 18, 1881. Children: i. Lucius W.,<sup>8</sup> d. Mankato, Minn., in 1902; unm. ii. Charles A.; m. Alice Cook of Chester, Vt.; rem. to Brockton, Mass., where he was killed in a mill, Dec. 5, 1879. Child: Geo. D.,<sup>9</sup> druggist at Charlestown, N. H.; unm. iii. Geo. Romaine, a machinist; m. Nov. 3, 1881, Elsie M. Adams of So. Charlestown, N. H.; res. B. F.; no children. iv. Frank, is manager of Elec. Light Co. at Winchendon, Mass.; m. Josephine Holmes of Alstead, N. H. Child: Chas. A.<sup>9</sup> v. (by 2d wife) Mary, b. 1868; m. W. H. Faulkner; res. Andover, Mass.; no children.
- viii. DAVID, b. Jaffrey, Apr. 19, 1781; m. Feb. 2, 1809, Lucy Whiting of R.; in 1831 rem. to East Pike, N. Y., later to Hume, N. Y., where he d. Aug. 18, 1860. Children: 1. *Allen*,<sup>7</sup> settled in Minnesota. 2. *Almon*; d. in Washington, D. C., June, 1864. 3. *Almena*; m. Rev. Mr. Twitchell. 4. *Livera*; m. Jabez Parker. 5. *Angeline*; m. Jerome Griffith of Hume, N. Y.
- ix. LYDIA, b. Jaffrey, June 6, 1783; m. Jan. 17, 1805, David Boynton, d. Dec. 14, 1813; she d. Oct. 16, 1874. Children: 1. *Jeremiah*,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 29, 1805; was a stone mason: m. 1st in 1831, Deborah Bailey of Newbury, d. 1861; m. 2d in 1865, Jane —; he d. in Newbury, Mar. 6, 1876; no children. 2. *Elvira*, b. Dec. 4, 1806; m. Sept. 9, 1829, Daniel B. Lake; res. Chatauqua Co., N. Y.; she d. Sept. 23, 1890. Children: i. Riel B.,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 5, 1830; d. Feb. 11, 1831. ii. Sarah C., b. Mar. 8, 1834; d. Sept. 27, 1835. iii. Edwin F., b. Aug. 20, 1836; in 1905 was res. on the old farm in Charlotte, N. Y.; had 3 children and 8 gr. children living. iv. Ellen C., b. Nov. 9, 1838, m. Apr. 12, 1860, H. E. Kimbel; is living in Charlotte Center; two sons d. leaving no children; a dau. living and m.; no children. 3. *Clarissa*, b. Mar. 12, 1808; m. in 1836, Freeman, s. of Henry Lake of R.; res. Chatauqua Co., N. Y.; she d. Nov. 25, 1888; no children. 4. *David F.*, b. Feb. 24, 1809;



- m. Mar. 23, 1837, Lydia Roberts of Groton, Vt.; res. Westfield, Vt., where he d. Oct. 22, 1894; has had 7 children, 5 are living, of whom Jefferson,<sup>8</sup> is a well known attorney of Boston.
- x. PIERCE, b. Jaffrey, Nov. 16, 1784; lived with her sister, Eunice, near S. R.; partially crippled by burns received in childhood; rem. with her sister to Waitsfield, where she d. Jan. 4, 1864.
- xi. ALLEN, b. Jaffrey, Apr. 10, 1788; res. on a farm adjoining the W. H. Wright place near S. R.; in 1831 rem. to Hume, N. Y.; m. 1st Persis Willard, d. in R., Apr. 8, 1825; m. 2d Lettice Moore; he d. Fillmore, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1870. Children by 1st wife: 1. *Cemantia*;<sup>7</sup> m. Almon Whiting. 2. *Lorenzo*. 3. *Lysander*; d. Fillmore, May 13, 1900. 4. *Persis*; d. Fillmore, Apr. 1899. 5. *Willard*. By 2d wife: 6. *Henry L.* 7. *Eliza*.

## RUDDEN

DR. JOHN THOMAS<sup>2</sup> (*Patrick*<sup>1</sup>), b. Lawrence, Mass., May 10, 1866; grad. Exeter academy 1890 and medical department University of Vt., '92; established practice of his profession in B. F. in Sept., 1892, which he continues; has occupied various public positions, among them health officer and member of board of trustees of R. Free Public Library 6 years; m. Apr. 24, 1895, Mary Catherine, dau. of John Brennan of B. F.; res. B. F.

Children both b. in B. F.:

- i. REGIS,<sup>3</sup> b. Mar. 13, 1896.
- ii. BARBARA, b. May 10, 1899.

## CAPRON

CHARLES EDWARD<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Curtis Warren*), b. Marlboro, N. H., Aug. 5, 1849; came to B. F. in 1871 and has been continuously in the tailoring business here since; has held various positions of trust; now treasurer of the town, and of the village of B. F.; m. Emma A., dau. of George H. Mabury, b. Portland, Me., Apr. 4, 1850, d. B. F., Nov. 8, 1894; he res. B. F. Children:

- i. MABEL DEFORREST,<sup>2</sup> b. Springfield, Mass.; m. Waldo M. Edson of B. F., now travelling auditor of Am. Express Co.; res. Boston, Mass. Child: 1. *Waldo Capron*,<sup>3</sup> b. New London, Conn.
- ii. BERTHA IRENE, b. Rutland, Vt., June 15, 1873; m. Frederick W. Burbank, employee in office of International Paper Co., N. Y. city; res. Brooklyn, N. Y. Child: 1. *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> b. Brooklyn.
- iii. GUY EDWARD, b. B. F., May 6, 1876; employee of office of treas. of International Paper Co., N. Y.; m. Margaret, dau. of A. N. Burbank of Newton, Mass.; res. Newton. Child: 1. *Robert*.<sup>3</sup>
- iv. CHARLES D., b. B. F., Oct. 12, 1878; is buyer for Marshal Field & Co.; res. Chicago, Ill.; unm.
- v. HENRY CURTIS, b. B. F., Jan. 30, 1884; is an employee of American Express Co.; res. B. F.; unm.

## HYDE

(Additional to facts given on pages 684 and 685 — which see.)

RUSSELL<sup>1</sup> (Children numbered i. ii. iii. are given on p. 685).

- iv. CHARLES BRENTON,<sup>2</sup> b. in B. F., Mar. 10, 1840; was a civil engineer and later postal clerk on the Conn. River Line; m. Dec. 9, 1869, Mary Louise, dau. of Alanson Houghton of Putney, Vt.; they always res. in B. F.; he d. in Londonderry, Vt., Dec. 2, 1889; she res. B. F.; no children.



# ADDENDA

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## THE BELLOWS FALLS BOARD OF TRADE

In the history of Bellows Falls there have been numerous attempts to establish effective boards of trade which were unsuccessful until the formation of the present organization, for which a preliminary meeting of fifty-two business men was held in Banquet hall on the evening of September 20, 1901. The organization was perfected November 18, 1901 by the adoption of a constitution and election of the following officers: President, J. C. Day; vice-president, H. D. Ryder; secretary, Geo. R. Wales; treasurer, Carroll A. Moore; directors, Rev. Alfred Hammatt, Geo. H. Babbitt, M. F. Davis, J. J. Fenton and J. C. Denison.

Mr. Day has remained president, and to his energetic and aggressive work is due in a large measure the success attained by the organization. Semi-annual meetings have been held at which some noted speaker has been a feature of interest, and either a lunch or banquet has been served. The board of directors, divided into committees for various purposes, have held frequent meetings and many marked improvements about the village have resulted, together with the establishment of some new industries.

Among the improvements are those about the railroad yards and the rebuilding of the station. The agitation of this matter, with complaint of want of local facilities to the railroad commissioners, coupled with their admission that they had no power to act, brought about a change in the state law giving that commission greater power. This was effected through the efforts of the town representative, George B. Wheeler. Through the village improvement committee many unsightly places have been cleaned up, and flower beds have appeared each year at the intersection of streets. For this purpose the board have appropriated from \$100 to \$150 annually.

The new industries committee has been successful in inducing two manufactories to locate here, Simons, Hatch & Whitten's overall factory and the Bogart & Hopper Manufacturing Co., box manufacturers, the two industries employing about eighty people.

The present officers of the board are: President, J. C. Day; vice president, H. D. Ryder; secretary, T. E. O'Brien; treasurer, A. H. Chandler; directors, J. C. Day, G. B. Wheeler, C. W. Osgood, A. L. Field and E. L. Walker.

#### THE BELLOWS FALLS WOMAN'S CLUB

The Bellows Falls Woman's Club was organized in September, 1901, and became identified with the Vermont Federation the following month. At once upon its formation it took a leading part among the active associations of the place, in the "mental and social culture, the promoting of educational, literary and benevolent objects and encouraging a generous public spirit in the community," as was stated in its constitution. The number of charter members was one hundred, while the present membership is two hundred and thirteen. The influence of the club for good is being felt in a multitude of ways.

Its work has been carried along in various lines, most important of which is the support of a permanent district nurse since January, 1904. Miss Amy G. Frizelle from the New England Deaconess' Hospital has filled this position from the first, and hundreds of poor families have had the burdens of illness lightened.

Among other departments have been those of domestic science; current events; art, with an art exhibit early in its history, and the presentation of three copies of famous paintings to the schools; lectures by prominent men and women upon a variety of subjects, to some of which the public have been invited and the opera house crowded; music, the club having a double quartette and chorus from its members, and concerts have been given in which eminent talent from a distance has been a prominent feature; dramatic, with repre-

sentations of Dickens characters, and among its plays "The Ladies of Cranford," "A Scrap of Paper" and "Bachelor Hall," each of which has been a decided success.

Early in its history the club made strenuous efforts to establish a hospital, and funds to a large amount were raised, the fruition of which endeavor is an expectation for the future.

Each year the organization has planned something of interest for the children of the town, at which eminent lecturers, with stereopticon, story tellers and entertainers have interested the little ones. During the last three years a stamp savings department has been successful in encouraging the children in habits of thrift and economy. In its social department the club has given one or more receptions each year and frequent teas, a charity ball and May festival.

Its first board of officers were: Mrs. Josephine H. Arms, president; Mrs. Albert Hammatt and Mrs. George E. Welch, vice presidents; Mrs. Edward Kirkland, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Day, treasurer; directors, Mrs. George H. Babbitt, Mrs. John H. Reid, Mrs. H. W. Mitchell, Mrs. W. W. Sawyer, Mrs. W. F. Hazelton and Mrs. S. M. Folsom; chairmen of departments: music, Mrs. F. G. Flint; art, Mrs. E. G. Osgood; domestic science, Mrs. W. A. Ferguson; current events, Miss Mary A. Read.

Mrs. Arms retained the presidency two years, as did her successors, Mrs. Francis G. Flint, and Mrs. George E. Welch, the present incumbent.

The present officers are: Mrs. Mary E. Welch, president; Mrs. Cora D. Sawyer and Mrs. Mary C. Bancroft, vice presidents; Mrs. Theresa R. Welch, recording secretary; Miss Blanche A. Webb, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harriette T. S. Clark, treasurer; directors, Mrs. Bertha M. Howard, Mrs. Lorena E. Day, Mrs. Ruth C. Walker, Mrs. Katherine S. Tuttle, Mrs. S. Grace Ray and Mrs. Lucy H. Leavitt; Mrs. Mary E. Welch, federation director.

## LOCAL OPTION IN ROCKINGHAM

After fifty years of prohibition, as poorly enforced in this town as the average of others, the state of Vermont passed a local option liquor law in 1902. Rockingham has since fluctuated between license and no-license as follows :

		For license.			For no-license.
1903	.	579	.	.	355
1904	.	381	.	.	444
1905	.	542	.	.	558
1906	.	537	.	.	501
1907	.	542	.	.	526

The first board of license commissioners in 1903 were James H. Williams (2d), John P. Riley and John F. Alexander. The next two years being no-license there were no commissioners again until 1906, when the board consisted of George B. Wheeler, Eugene E. Keefe and Henry C. Bacon. This board has been reappointed in 1907.

Under the law Rockingham could have eight licenses.

In 1903 five licenses were granted as follows : one each of the first class to the three hotels in Bellows Falls, a second class located on Bridge street and a third class at the railroad restaurant. The next two years three drug store licenses were granted by the selectmen to Bellows Falls stores, only. In 1906 four first class licenses were granted, three to Bellows Falls hotels and one to a saloon on Bridge street, with one drug store in addition. The licenses granted for 1907 are first class ones to the three hotels and the Bridge street saloon, and three drug stores have druggists' licenses. No licenses have, during these years, been granted in any other part of the town.

## FARR

NORMAN HARRIS<sup>1</sup> (*s. of Ora and Hannah (Harris), gr. s. of Moses, gr. gr. s. of Jonathan*), b. Chesterfield, N. H., Apr. 16, 1824; came to B. F., in 1836, to live in the family of his uncle, Norman Harris, who at that time was a prominent merchant here; later owned stores, dry goods and clothing, until the fire of 1871, then established himself in insurance until 1887, then livery business on Bridge street until 1892, when he retired.

He m. Apr. 12, 1855, Lucia Ann, dau. of Hope Lathrop of Drewsville, N. H., b. Aug. 9, 1831, d. B. F., Apr. 27, 1893; he d. B. F., Feb. 9, 1901.

## Children:

- i. FANNY LATHROP,<sup>2</sup> b. in B. F., July 3, 1857; m. June 13, 1883, Charles Harvey Williams, an attorney of B. F. Children: 1. *Grace Olivia*,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 27, 1885. 2. *Marion Lucia*, b. Jan. 30, 1889.
- ii. EMILY HARRIS, b. Drewsville, June 20, 1861; m. Charles G. Smith; res. N. Y. city; no children.
- iii. MABEL SOPHIA, b. in Drewsville; d. at age of nine months.
- iv. HERBERT MARSHALL, b. in B. F., Jan. 23, 1870; res. Lyndonville, Vt.; unm.

## FLINT

WYMAN<sup>1</sup> (*s. of John Gardiner, gr. s. of Jonas*), born Windsor, N. H., July 11, 1824; came to B. F. in 1853; over fifty years was a prominent local manufacturer and served the town in various public offices; m. July, 1848, Almira Stickney, b. Nov. 8, 1827, d. in B. F., Aug. 18, 1896; he d. in B. F., Dec. 25, 1906.

## Children:

- i. JONAS EDWARD<sup>2</sup>; d. Feb. 16, 1858.
- ii. SARAH LOUISE; res. in B. F.; unm.
- iii. ANNA LAURA; m. Frank A. Mitchell; res. Manistee, Mich.; she d. Oct. 24, 1903. Children: 1. *Gertrude Louise*,<sup>3</sup> d. Sept. 17, 1887. 2. *Marjorie*.
- iv. FRANCIS GARDINER is a paper mill owner of B. F.; m. Sue D. Bailey. Children: 1. *Dorothy*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Pauline*. 3. *John Gardiner*.
- v. MARY GERTRUDE; m. Charles R. Elder; res. Malden, Mass.; she d. Oct. 26, 1886. Children: 1. *Flint Cummings*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *Gordon Wyman*.
- vi. JOHN WYMAN is a paper mill owner of B. F. and Claremont, N. H.; m. Katherine McGeoch. Children: 1. *Catherine*.<sup>3</sup> 2. *John Wyman*. 3. *Arthur McGeoch*.



NORMAN HARRIS FARR.  
1824-1901.





## ERRATA AND ADDITIONS

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Page 572, in Allbee family, read in 25th line "EBENEZER<sup>1</sup> (*a descendant of the emigrant, Benjamin, who was of Medway, Mass., in 1641*), b. Townsend," etc.

Page 575, 4th line, for "William Bigelow" read "Barna Biglow."

Page 651, 26th line, Nellie Sarah was the 7th child of Charles Benjamin Eddy, instead of his grandchild.

Page 660, 27th line, for "Virginia Lu Cash" read "Virginia Lee Cash."

Page 674, 28th line, date of birth of Azubah Burt should be 1771, instead of 1741.

Page 696, 19th line, for "E. C. Kimbel" read "H. E. Kimbel." \*

Page 739, 41st line, after "4. Urania Barrett Richards, b. Mar. 8, 1794; m. Ira Stoughton of Gill, Mass.," add, "Their dau., Maria Locke Stoughton, m. Benj. D. Bailey of Providence, R. I., and was the author of "The Master has Come Over Jordan," "The Mistakes of My Life Have Been Many," and other familiar hymns. Also on same page, 42d line, for "Perry Nelson" read "Perrin Nelson."



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