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## NOTICES OF EARLY FAMILIES AND DISTINGUISHED MEN.

Genealogical history is necessary in Europe to show the titles to honor and estate; but in this country, where wealth and distinction depend almost exclusively on each one's own merits and exertions, it is a subject of curiosity rather than absolute importance. As a subject of useful curiosity, however, it has recently attracted considerable attention. The student of human nature looks to the rise and fall of families as an important subject of investigation. And it cannot but afford satisfaction to trace our ancestors back through the different generations to the first one who emigrated from England, and to know that some of their blood flows in our veins. That we were descended from individuals, distinguished for their good character, should excite us to imitate their excellencies; if otherwise, to avoid their errors. It has often been remarked, that, when families continue on their own native soil and intermarry with their neighbors, they are apt to degenerate; and observation often teaches us the truth of this remark. Like the productions of the vegetable world, man seems to be designed to flourish better when transplanted, and mingling his own with different natures. In reviewing the biographical history of Concord, it will be perceived that many families who were once distinguished in its annals have become extinct; and others have arisen, in many instances from comparative obscurity, to take their places in conducting the affairs of the town.

Happily for our country, its foundation was not laid in a fabulous age, but the precise date of its origins is known, and very many of the names of its intrepid founders are registered for the admiration of their posterity. It has occurred to me [Dr. Lemuel Shattuck] that a brief notice of the families of Concord, whose names are found on record prior to 1700, would be an acceptable article in the appendix to this work. When I first instituted the inquiry in relation to the first American ancestors of the Concord families, I found a tradition prevailing that *three brothers* came over from England, and the tradition went so far as to designate particularly the place where each first settled. When I found this same tradition in many different families I became incredulous, and on examination found it incorrect. It is not difficult to trace our ancestors back to the commencement of the last century, — to what I have styled the dark age of New England; but to go three generations farther back to the first settlers in 1635, and through seven successive generations from them to us, is attended with great difficulty. The following notes are compiled from a large mass of facts collected with great labor from existing public and private records and papers; and, though containing but a small portion only of what might be given, it is hoped they will be satisfactory and not considered the least valuable part of this work.

[N.B. In the following pages Dr. Shattuck had used such abbreviations as b. for born, m. for married, d. for died, dau. for daughter, a. for aged, etc. Such abbreviations, and others, have in this electronic text for ease of searching been silently expanded.]

ADAMS. Three of the sons of Henry Adams (who came from Devonshire, England, and settled in Quincy, ancestor of John Quincy Adams), came to Concord about 1646, of whom two, Samuel and Thomas, removed to Chelmsford in 1654, and were leading men in that town; and the other, John, removed to Cambridge, or Charlestown. John's children were John, Mary, Daniel, born in Concord; and John and Daniel his grandsons settled here. John married Love Minott 1722 and died October 25, 1725, aged 28, leaving John who married Lucy Hubbard 1749, and Love, who married Reverend William Lawrence of Lincoln. Daniel married Elizabeth Minott 1715, settled where the tavern in the south part of Lincoln stands, and died February 9, 1780, aged 90. She died 1766, aged 68. They had Daniel, Elizabeth, Joseph, Rebecca, Mary, James, Lydia, and Martha, whose descendants live in Lincoln, Boston, Townsend, and Keene, many of whom have been eminent physicians.

JAMES ADAMS, of another family, said to have been banished from Scotland by Oliver Cromwell, married Priscilla Ramsden of Concord 1662, and died December 2, 1707. Had Priscilla, Elizabeth, James, Hannah, John, Nathaniel, and Dorcas, whose descendants are found in Carlisle and Acton.



ANDREWS. *John Andrews* was here before 1640, and might have been the ancestor of the families who afterwards lived in Carlisle, but his family is traced with much difficulty.

ATKINSON. *Thomas Atkinson* was here in 1638, and died 1646; had daughters Susannah, married Caleb Brooks ancestor of the Honorable Peter C. Brooks and Governor John Brooks, and Hannah. The name soon after disappears.

BAKER. *William Baker* owned land here before 1665. He, or a son of the same name, came from Charlestown, married and had several children between 1680 and 1696. James, Amos, and Nathaniel of this town and Lincoln in 1828, were grandsons of Jacob, who according to tradition came from Killingsly, Connecticut.

BALL. *John Ball* died October 1, 1655, said to have been from Wiltshire, England. His son, Nathaniel, settled within the present limits of Bedford, and had Ebenezer, Eleazer, John, and Nathaniel. — The last was father to Caleb, (grandfather to Reuben), who married Experience Flagg, 1713, and had eight children, three of whom lived to be over 90 years old. Other sons of the first John settled in Watertown and Lancaster.

BAGNLEY. Thomas Bagnley died March 18, 1643.

BARKER. *Francis Barker* was here in 1646, and was probably the father of John, who married Judah Simonds in 1668, bought a large tract of land in Concord, and had several descendants, some of whom were remarkable for their longevity.

BARNES. *John Barnes* was here in 1661, married Elizabeth Hunt 1664, and was killed in Sudbury fight 1676. He has descendants still living here.

BARRETT. *Humphrey Barrett* came to Concord from England about 1640, and settled where Abel B. Heywood now [1835] lives; died November 7, 1662, aged 70; his wife died in 1663, aged 73. They left Thomas, Humphrey, John of Marlborough, James of Charlestown, and probably other children. Thomas was drowned in Concord river; his widow married Edward Wright; his son Oliver died 1671, aged 23; and his daughter Mary married Samuel Smeadly. His brother Deacon Humphrey, married (1) Elizabeth Payne 1661, and had Mary, who married Josiah Blood; and (2) Mary Potter, 1675. He died January 3, 1716, and she November 17, 1713, leaving two sons, Joseph and Benjamin, ancestors of numerous and respectable families which have borne the name in Concord.

I. JOSEPH married Rebecca Minott 1701, lived with his father, was a captain, died April 4, 1763, aged 85. She died June 23, 1738. They had eight children. 1. Mary married George Farrar; 2. Joseph of Grafton; 3. Rebecca, married Elnathan Jones; 4. Oliver of Bolton; 5. Humphrey, married Elizabeth Adams 1742, and died March 24, 1783, leaving two sons, Humphrey and Abel, and six daughters; 6. Elizabeth, married Charles Prescott; 7. John, married Lois Brooks; and 8. Samuel.

II. BENJAMIN, married Lydia Minott, sister of the above, 1705, died October 25, 1728, aged 47. They had eight children;

1. Benjamin, died in Concord October 23, 1738, and had Benjamin, Jonas, and Rebecca; 2. Deacon Thomas, married Mary Jones, and had Thomas, Charles of New Ipswich, Samuel, Amos, Ruth, and Mary; 3. Colonel James (see below), married Rebecca Hubbard, and had James, Nathan, Lydia, Rebecca, Perses, Stephen, Peter, and Lucy; 4. Lydia, married Samuel Farrar; 5. Timothy of Paxton; 6. Mary; 7. Stephen of Paxton; 8. Rebecca.

Colonel JAMES BARRETT, son of Benjamin Barrett, was born July 29, 1710. Having early embraced those principles of religion, which are calculated to make men respected, useful, and happy, and having arrived to mature age in an important period of our history, he received from his townsmen frequent marks of their confidence in civil and military life. In 1768 he was chosen representative to the General Court, and was re-elected each year till 1777. He was also member of many of the county and state conventions held during that important period; and a member of each of the Provincial Congresses. When it was decided to collect and deposit military stores at Concord, Colonel Barrett was appointed to superintend them, and aid in their collection and manufacture. He accepted the office of Colonel of the regiment of militia, organized in March, 1775, and was in command on the 19th of April, though then 64 years old. How he conducted himself on that great day, has already been related. Of the various committees chosen by the state, county, or town, for raising men, procuring provisions, &c.,



he was usually a member. He died suddenly, April 11, 1779, in his 69th year.

BARRON. *John Barron* was here early, but removed. Some of the name have, however, since lived in town.

BATEMAN. Two brothers of this name were among the earliest settlers. William Bateman removed to Chelmsford, where his descendants have since lived. Thomas Bateman settled easterly of Humphrey Hunt's, died February 6, 1669, aged 55, left estate £348; and sons Thomas, Peter, John, and Ebenezer, born prior to 1659. Thomas married Abigail ——— [Merriam], and from him most of the name in this town derived their descent. He was known as *Sergeant* Bateman, an office he held with honors about thirty years.

BLISS. See pages 166 and onward.

BELLOWS. *John Bellows*, married Mary, daughter of John Wood of Marlborough, 1655, and had Mary, Samuel, Abigail, Daniel, and Benjamin, born between 1655 and 1676. Removed to Marlborough, and some of his descendants to Walpole, New Hampshire.

BENNETT. James Bennett here before 1637; had children born in this town; removed to Fairfield with Reverend Mr. Jones, in 1644.

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BEATON. John Beaton. (See p. 216.)

BILLINGS. *Nathaniel Billings* here before 1640, freeman 1641, died 1673; left two sons, Nathaniel and John. John married Elizabeth Hastings, 1661, died March 31, 1704, and had John, Nathaniel, Samuel, John [again], Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, and Joseph. Nathaniel, the second son, was father of Daniel (who lived where William Hayden, Esquire now [1835] lives), whose only child married Deacon Amos Heald. The family originally settled in the south parts of the town, now Lincoln, Massachusetts, where, and in Acton, the sixth and seventh generations now [1835] reside.

BLOOD. *James Blood* came to Concord in 1639, said to have been a brother of Colonel John Blood, known in English history for his designs on Charles II. He had a great estate; died November 17, 1683. His wife Ellen, 1674. They left Mary, married Lieutenant Simon Davis, and four sons

1. *Richard*, one of the first settlers and largest proprietors of Groton; left several children, whose descendants have been numerous in that town and vicinity.

2. *John*, unmarried, found dead in the woods with his gun in his hand, October 30, 1692. He and his brother Robert sold a cottage in Puddington, Nottingham County England, 1649, when they were in Concord. They owned over two thousand acres of land, including *Bloods' Farms*, which fell to Robert's children.

3. *James*, married Hannah, daughter of Oliver Purchis of Lynn, 1657; lived where Reverend Dr. Ripley lives [1835]; deacon in the church; died November 26, 1692; she died 1677; left an only child, Sarah, married William Wilson.

4. *Robert*, lived on his "farm"; married Elizabeth, daughter of Major [Simon] Willard, 1653; he died October 27, 1701; she August 29, 1690; had twelve children, — Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Robert, Simon, Josiah, John, Ellen, Samuel, James (grandfather to Thaddeus Blood, Esquire), Ebenezer, and Jonathan.

BOWSTREE. William Bowstree died November 31, 1642.

BRABROOK. Two of this name, probably brothers, were here as early as 1669; Thomas, married Abigail Temple 1669; died 1692. Joseph, from whom those who have borne the name, descended, married Sarah Greaves 1672, and had 1. Joseph, married Sarah Temple, and died 1719, father to Benjamin, and grandfather to Deacon Joseph, late of Acton; 2. John, died "a soldier at Lancaster" 1705; and several daughters. Of the descendants, James died at Fort Lawrence in Nova Scotia, and Samuel at Rainsford Island in 1756.

BROOKS. Captain *Thomas Brooks*, freeman 1636, and in Concord about that time, said to have come from London, representative seven years, died May 21, 1667. Grace [Wheeler], his wife, died May 12, 1664. They had Joshua, Caleb, Gershom, Mary, married Captain Timothy



Wheeler of Concord, and probably Thomas, who went to Haddam, Connecticut, Hugh, and John of Woburn, and probably other children.

*Caleb* married (1) Susannah Atkinson 1660, and had Susannah, Mary, Rebecca, and Sarah; and (2) Ann [Hannah] —— [Atkinson], by whom he had Ebenezer, ancestor of Governor John Brooks, and Samuel, ancestor of Honorable Peter C. Brooks. He sold his estate in Concord in 1670, and removed to Medford.

*Gershom* married Hannah Eckels 1667, and had Mary, Hannah, Tabathy, Daniel, and Elizabeth, but their descendants are unknown.

*Joshua*, married Hannah, daughter of Captain Hugh Mason of Watertown, was a tanner in Lincoln, where his descendants have lived, three of whom, in succession, have held the office of deacon. He was the ancestor of nearly all of the name since in Concord and Lincoln. His children were, 1. *Noah*, died February 1, 1739, aged 83, have had by his wife, Dorothy [Potter, daughter of Luke Potter of Watertown born at Watertown], — Dorothy, Joshua, Ebenezer, Benjamin, Mary, Thomas, and Elizabeth. 2. *Grace*, married Judah Potter 1686. 3. *Daniel*, married Ann Merriam, died October 18, 1733, aged 69, and had Daniel, Samuel, Ann, Job (father of John, and grandfather of Honorable Eleazer Brooks), Mary, and John (father to Samuel, who graduated Harvard College). 4. *Thomas*. 5. *Esther*, married Benjamin Whittemore 1692. 6. *Joseph*, married Rebecca Blodget 1706, died September 17, 1759, aged 78, (see page 317), had Mary, Rebecca, Joseph, Nathan, Amos, Jonas, Isaac and James. 7. *Elizabeth*, married Ebenezer Merriam 1705. 8. *Job*, died 1697, aged 22. 9. *Hugh*, married Abigail Barker 1702, died January 18, 1746, aged 70, and had Abigail, Jonathan, Sarah, and Mary.

BROWN. *Thomas Brown* here in 1640, removed to Cambridge, where he lived some time. His son Thomas was town clerk in Concord, and died 1717, aged 67; he married Ruth Jones 1677, and had several children. Boaz, another son of Thomas senior married Mary Winship 1664; died April 7, 1724, aged 85, having had Boaz, who removed to Stow, Thomas, Mary, and Edward. This name has been very common, but it is difficult to trace the connection of the descendants.

BUTTRICK. *William Buttrick*, probably the ancestor of all the name in New-England, came here in 1635; gave his deposition in relation to the purchase of the town from the Indians; lived where his great-great-grandson, Colonel Jonas Buttrick, now [1835] lives. "Having served the town for many years, honorably, as a sergeant," says the record, a post then of distinction, he petitioned, at the age of 65, to be excused from the office. He died June 30, 1698, aged 82; Sarah Bateman, his first wife, died 1664; his second wife was Jane Goodnow of Sudbury. Children, all by his first wife, Mary, William, John, married Sarah Blood and removed to Stow, Samuel, Edward, Joseph, killed in Sudbury fight, Sarah, married a Barrett, and Mary .

*Samuel*, the fourth child, married Elizabeth Blood 1677, and had Elizabeth, Samuel, who removed to Charlestown, William, Sarah, Abigail, and Deacon Jonathan, who married Elizabeth Wooley 1717, and died March 23, 1767, aged 77; and "was followed to the grave," says his monument, "by his widow, and thirteen well-instructed children." Their names were Samuel, Joseph, Daniel, Jonathan, Nathan, John (see below), Ephraim, Willard, Mary, Abigail, Elizabeth, Rachel, Lois, and Sarah, who died young.

Major JOHN BUTTRICK was one of the officers in command on the 19th of April 1775, and his name will be handed down to posterity with distinguished honor for the noble stand he took, and the bravery he manifested, in leading a gallant band of militiamen on to meet the invading enemy at the North Bridge, and for beginning the first forcible resistance to British arms. He then returned the fire by commanding his own company to fire, saying, "Fire, fellow-soldiers, for God's sake, fire!" and discharged his own gun the same instant. (See page 100 and onward.) — He was buried with military honors. The following epitaph is engraved on his monument:

**In memory of  
COLONEL JOHN BUTTRICK,  
who commanded the militia companies  
which made the first attack upon  
The British Troops,**

not yet proofread



**at Concord North Bridge,  
on 19th of April, 1775.  
Having, with patriotic firmness,  
shared in the dangers which led to  
American Independence,  
He lived to enjoy the blessings of it,  
and died May 16, 1791, aged 60 years.  
Having laid down the sword  
with honor,  
He resumed the plough  
with industry;  
by the latter to maintain  
what the former had won.  
The virtues of the parent, citizen, and Christian  
adorned his life,  
and his worth was acknowledged by  
the grief and respect of all ranks  
at his death.**

BULKELEY. See notices of this family in pages 157-162, and 240-242.  
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BURGESS. *Thomas Burgess* was in Concord in 1666, but removed to Groton.

BUSS. *William Buss* came here before 1639; lived where Elijah Wood now [1835] lives; was a lieutenant; bought the mill on Mill-brook 1668. His brother lived in Tunbridge, England. He died January 31, 1698; first wife, Ann, died 1674; second wife (widow Dorcas Jones), 1709. Children, Hannah, married William Wheeler; Richard, Ann,; Nathaniel, and Joseph, who married Elizabeth Jones 1671, and had several children.

CHANDLER. *John Chandler* here in 1640, at which time he had a daughter born and was admitted freeman. Roger Chandler, and twenty others of Plymouth Colony, had a grant of four hundred acres of land in Concord in 1658; was employed by Dolor Davis to build a house; married Mary Simonds 1671; died 1717; she died 1728; left several children, of whom Samuel married Dorcas Buss 1695; died 1745; and had Joseph, Samuel, John, Huldah, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and James, who was father of Deacon Joseph Chandler.

CHEEVER. *Daniel Cheever* probably descended from Daniel of Cambridge; was here from about 1710.

CLARK. *Samuel Clark* came here before 1686, probably the son of Jonas Clark of Cambridge. He died January 30, 1730; his wife Ruth 1722: children, John, William, Susannah, Hannah, Benjamin, and Arthur, of whom Benjamin was father of Benjamin, who died February 11, 1809, aged 91, whose wife (Rebecca Flagg), died October 4, 1805, aged 83.

CONANT. *Lot Conant*, probably a great-grandson of the celebrated Roger Conant of Salem, came into this town in the early part of the last century; died September 20, 1767, aged 90. His son Andrew had by his wife Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Andrew, Lydia, Nathan, and Ezra, who was drowned 1806; his wife died May 23, 1828, aged 95. Andrew was father to Andrew, Eli, Silas, Abel, and Nathan, and two daughters.

COMY. *Daniel Comy* was here in 1664, died March 31, 1676.

COOKSEY. *William Cooksey* was here in 1666; and in 1700 was the only poor person then maintained by the town.



COSLIN. *William Coslin* was here in 1642, removed with Reverend Mr. Jones.

COTTON. *John Cotton* had Deliverance and Thankful, twin children, born here in 1679. Little else is on record concerning him.

DAKIN. *Thomas Dakin*, the common ancestor, was here before 1650; died October 21, 1708. His first wife died 1659; second wife (widow Susan Stratton), 1698; had John, married Sarah Woodhouse, Sarah, Simon, died January 11, 1739, aged 76; and Joseph, who was deacon, lived by Flint's Pond, where Mr. Smith now [1835] lives, and whose son Samuel married Mercy Minott 1722; was a Captain in the French War, and killed at Halfway Brook in 1758. There were several collateral families, and the name is yet preserved in the town.

DAVIS. *Dolor Davis* was of Cambridge in 1634, a petitioner for Groton in 1656, having before resided in Barnstable, where he died 1673. He was one of twenty who had lands granted in Concord in 1659, and was employed as a carpenter. He married Margery, sister of Major Simon Willard, and had a daughter Ruth married Stephen Hall, and two sons, Simon and Samuel, who settled in this town, and were the fruitful vines whose numerous branches extend over this and Worcester counties, and part of New Hampshire, and are constantly sending forth new and flourishing shoots.

*Simon* was a Lieutenant, representative, and otherwise distinguished; married Mary, daughter of James Blood, 1660, died June 14, 1713, aged 77; and had Simon, Mary, Sarah, James, Ellen, Ebenezer, and Hannah. Of whom Dr. *Simon* married Elizabeth Woodhouse, 1689; she died November 12, 1711; and had John, Simon, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, Ebenezer, and Peter. Simon, the second son, born 1692, married Dorothy ———— 1713, and had Simon, Israel, and Joseph born in Concord, removed to Rutland about 1720, and had there Eleazer, Oliver of Princeton, and two daughters. The eldest son Simon, born May 17, 1714, was father to David of Paxton, Deacon Isaac of Northborough, father to Honorable John Davis of Worcester, Samuel of Oakham, John of Paxton and several daughters. Joseph, brother of Simon, born in Concord July 16, 1720, was minister of Holden; died March 4, 1799, aged 79. *James*, second son of the first Simon, married Ann Smeadly 1701; died September 16, 1727, aged 59, having had James, Ruth, Thomas (who died November 18, 1786 aged 81, father to James of Holden, Jonathan and Josiah of New Ipswich, Nathan of Westford, Thomas of Chelmsford, Amos of Groton, Abel of this town [Concord] and three other sons), Joseph, Zachariah, and Benjamin. *Ebenezer*, the sixth child of Simon senior, had by his wife Dinah, Ebenezer, Josiah (killed Lovewell's fight), and several others.

*Samuel*, the other son of Dolor, married Mary Meads 1665, settled in the present limits of Bedford, where his descendants yet live. Had Mary, Samuel, Daniel, Martha, Simon, and perhaps others. *Samuel*, the eldest son, married Abigail Reed 1698; and had Abigail, Mary, Samuel, Jacob, Eleazer, and Stephen. Daniel, the third child, was one of the first members of the church in Bedford, married Mary Hubbard 1698, and had Jonathan, Daniel, Mary, Ephraim, Nathan, Amos of Grafton, Josiah, and Nathaniel. Their father died February 11, 1741, and their mother February 2, 1769 aged 87.

DEAN. *Thomas Dean* was here 1645, died February 5, 1676. His wife Elizabeth died 1673. His son Joseph married Elizabeth Fuller 1662; died 1718, aged 80, and had Thomas, Joseph, Daniel, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Deborah. Lieutenant Daniel Dean, probably the son of Thomas, first mentioned, held a large estate, which was principally inherited by his son-in-law, Captain Daniel Adams.

DILL. *Peter Dill* was here 1670, and by his wife, Thanks [Thankes Sheperd/Shepard], had several children.

DOWDY. *George Dowdy* was admitted freeman in Concord 1645.

DOGGET. The wife of *Thomas Dogget* died 1642 [August 23, 1642 in Concord/Weymouth]; he removed from town.

DRAPER. *Roger Draper* was here as early as 1639; his daughter Lydia married John Luce 1660; his son Adam married Rebecca Brabrook 1666, and had Samuel, Joseph, Elisha, and Adam. They removed to Marlborough about 1680.

DUDLEY. *Francis Dudley*, a supposed connexion of Governor Thomas Dudley, came to this



town about 1663; married Sarah Wheeler 1665, and was father to Mary who married Joseph Fletcher, Joseph, Samuel, Sarah, John, and perhaps other children. *Joseph* married Abigail Gobble 1691; died 1702; she died 1705, having had Abigail, James, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, and Sibbella. *Samuel* married Abigail King 1704; removed to Littleton, where his wife, as mentioned by Hutchinson (vol. ii. p. 26), was affected with witchcraft; about 1728 he removed to Sutton, where he died 1775, aged 109! having had twenty children; of whom Samuel, Francis, David, Abigail, and Jonathan, (the three last at one birth,) were born in Concord. *John*, the other son of the first Francis, married Hannah Poultier of Medford 1697, and had John, Hannah, and Sarah. Paul Dudley, a descendant of the sixth generation, lives in the town [Concord as of 1835].

EDMONDS. *Walter, Samuel, and Joshua Edmonds*, were here before 1640; but their names disappear from our annals after about twenty years. The name was early in Lynn.

EDWARDS. The children of *Robert Edwards*, a freeman 1642, and died about 1650, owned land in 1660. Colonel John, who died in Acton, and Colonel Abraham of Ashby, are probably descendants.

EMERSON. See pages 183 and onward.

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ESTABROOK. See page 162.

EVARTS. *John Evarts* was one of the earliest settlers; had John, and Judah, born 1639 and 1642. Removed to Connecticut with Reverend Mr. Jones, and was probably the ancestor of the late Jeremiah Evarts, Esquire.

FARRAR. This family derive their origin from John and Jacob Farrar, who were proprietors of Lancaster [Massachusetts] in 1653. John Farrar died there November 3, 1669. Jacob, either a son of John or Jacob, married Hannah, daughter of John Houghton, Esquire 1668; he was killed by the Indians August 22, 1675. His sons Jacob, George, Joseph, and John, sold their property in 1697 to their uncle Houghton, and removed to Concord. Henry Farrar was killed in Lancaster February 1676, and John died August 1707.

JACOB, above mentioned, married Susannah Reddit of Concord, 1692; lived in the north part of the town; died 1722; and had ten children; Jacob the eldest, was killed in Lovell's fight, where his cousin Joseph was wounded. Jacob, son of Jacob last mentioned, died December 20, 1787, aged 65.

GEORGE married Mary How 1692, settled where Deacon James, his great-grandson, now [1835] lives, and died May 15, 1760, aged 89; his wife died April 12, 1761; they had Joseph, Daniel, George, Mary, and Samuel. George married Mary Barrett, and had nine children, including Reverend George, and Humphrey, father to Reverend Joseph. (See page 314). Deacon Samuel, his youngest brother, married Lydia Barrett 1732; died April 18, 1783, aged 75; and had Lydia, Deacon Samuel (father to Samuel and John, noticed among the college graduates) Reverend Stephen of New Ipswich, James, Rebecca, Lucy, and Timothy of New Ipswich.

FARWELL. *Henry Farwell*, freeman in 1638, resided in this town from its first settlement till the incorporation of Chelmsford; removed there, and died August 1, 1670; probably the common ancestor of the name in New England. His sons Joseph, John, and James, lived in this town, where the name has been preserved; the latter married Sarah Wheeler 1658.

FASSETT. *Nathaniel Fassett* was taxed [in Concord] in 1666.

FLETCHER. *Robert Fletcher* was here in 1635; died April 3, 1677, aged 85. Children — 1. *Francis*, married Elizabeth Wheeler 1656, and had Samuel, Joseph, John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Hannah, and Benjamin, who lived in Concord. 2. *Luke*, died 1665; 3. *William*, married Lydia Bates 1645, removed to Chelmsford, 1656, died November 6, 1677; 4. *Samuel*, removed to Chelmsford. The name is extinct in Concord, but descendants are found in the adjoining towns, in Worcester County, and in New Hampshire.

FLINT. Honorable *Thomas Flint* came from Matlock in Derbyshire to Concord, in 1638, and brought with him, says a family genealogy, £4000 sterling. He possessed wealth, talents, and



a Christian character; represented the town four years, and was an Assistant eleven. He died October 8, 1653. Johnson (Historical Collection iii. p. 161) calls him "a sincere servant of Christ, who had a fair yearly revenue in England, but having improved it for Christ by casting it into the common treasury, he waits on the Lord for doubling his talent, if it shall seem good unto him to so to do, and the mean time spending his person for the good of his people in the office of Magistrate."

"At Christ's commands, thou leav'st thy lands and native habitation:  
His folks to aid, in desert straid, for gospel's exaltation,  
Flint, hardy thou, wilt not allow, the undermining fox,  
With subtill skill, Christ's vines to spoil, thy sword shall give them knocks.  
Yet thou base dust, and all thou hast is Christ's and by him thou  
Art made to be, such as we see; hold fast for ever now."

This is what Johnson calls "remembering in short metre."

His will is the first recorded in the Middlesex Probate Records. His brother, Reverend Henry Flint of Braintree, and his uncle, William Wood, were executors. He had John and Ephraim, who lived in Concord, and perhaps Edward, Thomas, and William of Salem.

EPHRAIM married Jane, daughter of Reverend Edward Bulkeley, and died without issue 1722. About one thousand acres of land, including Flint's Pond, were owned by him.

JOHN married Mary, daughter of Urian Oakes, President of Harvard College, 1667; died 1687; she died 1690; had Abigail, married Captain Daniel Estabrook, John, Mary, Thomas, and Edward. *John* married Abigail Buttrick; died October 26, 1746, aged 69, and was father to Ephraim (Harvard College 1733), Abigail, Mary, John (who died 1792, aged 70), Hannah, and Jane. *Thomas* married Mary Brown, and had Dorothy, Mary, Thomas of Rutland, Lucy, Henry of Carlisle, Josiah, Charles, John, and Dr. Edward of Shrewsbury. *Edward* died November 15, 1754, aged 70, in Lincoln [Massachusetts], without issue.

FOWLE. *George Fowle*, one of the early settlers, had four children born here; removed to Charlestown [Massachusetts]. The name does not again appear.

FOX. *Thomas Fox*, a member of the church 1640. His first wife died 1647; and he married second time, Hannah Brooks, the same year. He died 1658. Eliphalet, the only son who had issue, married Mary Wheeler, 1665; died August 15, 1711; she died February 24, 1679; children, Thomas, Eliphalet, Samuel, Joshua, Benoni, and Joshua. Descendants of this family are found in New Hampshire, but the name has been long extinct in Concord.

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FRENCH. *Joseph French* was here as early as 1674; and by Elizabeth, his wife, had Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, and Jonathan, born between 1676 and 1690; was a lieutenant; lived in the present limits of Bedford.

FRISSIL. *William Frissil* married Hannah Clark 1667, and was here till about 1680.

FULLER. William Fuller was a miller. His wife died 1642; his daughter Ruth married Timothy Wheeler 1670; and Elizabeth married Joseph Dean 1669.

GAMLIN. *Robert Gamlin* died October 7, 1642.

GOBBLE. *Thomas* here before 1640; died 1657; left three sons and three daughters, and several grandchildren. Thomas and Daniel lived south of Walden woods.

GRAVES. *John Graves* was one of the first members of the church, and had several sons. Benjamin married Mary Hoar; John, Mary Chamberlain; and Abraham, Ann Hayward; and had families; but the name soon disappears [from Concord].

GREEN. There was a *John Green* who lived in town in 1690; but tradition does not make him the ancestor of the Concord families. John, a hatter from Malden, married Martha Hunt, sister of Deacon Simon Hunt and lived in the centre of the town; but sold out and removed to Carlisle, and was ancestor of the families there. He was father to *John*, who had Leonard, Jesse, Reuben, John, Amos, and Calvin. *Zaccheus*, who had Thomas, Zaccheus, Josiah, Samuel, Eli, Asa, and four daughters; *Nathan*, who had Nathan, Asa, William, Silas, Timothy, and Tilly; and *Samuel*, whose children died without issue.



GRIFFIN. *Richard Griffin* here 1635, elder in the church; representative; town commissioner; married Mary Hayward 1660; died April 5, 1661; gave his property to Christopher Woolley. His mother lived in Charlestown.

HADLOCK. *John Hadlock* was here in 1675, and onwards.

HALL. *William Hall* married Sarah Merriam, 1658; died 1667. Stephen married Ruth Davis 1663; sold one hundred and ten acres of land at the "old hogpen walk" to John Barker, 1684, and removed to Stow [Massachusetts].

HALSTED. *William Halsted* died July 5, 1645; gave to the town of Concord £5, to be laid out in [to purchase] a cow for the poor of the town. His brother [Nathan/Nathaniel Halsted?], whose wife Isabel [Isabelle?] died 1641, and a sister, inherited the property.

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HAMILTON. *John Hamilton* was here a few years, before 1670, but removed to Marlborough.

HARRIS. *George Harris* here in 1669, and the name has since been frequent.

HARWOOD. *Nathaniel Harwood* was here in 1667, and had Nathaniel, Peter, John, and Mary, whose descendants still live in the adjoining towns.

HARDY. *Richard Hardy* had twins born, who died 1639; his wife died two days after.

HARTWELL. All of this name in New England are supposed to have originated from *William*, who was among the first settlers [of Concord] in 1636; and in subsequent life was distinguished by the title of *Quartermaster*, at that time honorable in military life; died March 12, 1690; his wife died 1695. Children, William, John, Samuel, Jonathan, Nathaniel, and Martha. Of these, Samuel married Ruth Wheeler 1665, and had Samuel, Mary, Ruth, William, John, and Hannah. The oldest, Samuel, married Abigail Stearns 1692, whose son Ephraim married Elizabeth Heywood 1732. He died 1793, aged 87. She 1808 aged 94. They had fifteen children, five of whom died of the throat-distemper in October, 1740. This has been a prevalent name.

HASSELL. *Joseph Hassell*, son of Richard of Cambridge, came here in 1672.

HAYWARD. This name has been written Heaward, Heywood, and Howard, and although several now bear the last name, they originated from a common ancestor. Heywood is a distinct name. *George Hayward* came here in 1635; died March 29, 1671; his wife died 1693; estate £506; children, Mary, married Richard Griffin, John, Joseph, Sarah, Hannah, Simeon, George, and perhaps others.

*John* married Anna White 1671, and had Mary, George, Martha, John, Judith, and two others.

*Joseph* married (1) Hannah Hosmer 1665, and had Joseph, Mary, John, Hannah, George, and Dorothy; his wife died 1675; he married (2) Elizabeth Treadwell 1677, and had Ebenezer, James, and Simeon. The father died October 13, 1714, aged 71. Simeon, the last mentioned, was the ancestor of most of the name in this vicinity; married Rebecca Hartwell 1705; died May 18, 1719, aged 36; she, after his death, married a Temple, and died 1776, aged 94. They had seven children, — 1. *Josiah*, married Mary Hosmer, and settled in Acton, and had Josiah, John, Daniel, Simeon, and seven daughters; 2. *Mary*, married Ephraim Jones; 3. *Abigail*, married Merriam of Bedford; 4. *Samuel*, married Mary Stevens of Marlborough, and had Samuel, Paul, James (killed 19th April, 1775), Benjamin, Stevens, and three daughters; 5. *Joseph*, married Abigail Hosmer, and had Simeon, Stephen, Joseph, Asa, John, James, and six daughters; 6. *Simeon*, married Sarah Hosmer, settled in Sutton and had eight children; 7. *Ebenezer*, of Killingly, Connecticut.

HEALD. This name is sometimes erroneously spelled Hale or Held. *John* here in 1635, came from Berwick, England; died May 24, 1662; had John, Timothy, Dorcas, Gershom, Dorothy, Israel, and perhaps other children. Gershom married Ann Vinton 1673, and removed to Stow [Massachusetts].

*John, jr.*, above mentioned, married Sarah Dean 1661, and had Elizabeth, John, Gershom, Sarah, and perhaps others; of whom, John married Mary Chandler 1690; died November 25,



1721, aged 55; had Mary, married John Parling; John, deacon in Acton; Timothy, great-grandfather of John, Esquire of Carlisle; Josiah, Elizabeth, Samuel, Amos, deacon in Concord, in Lincoln, and in Townsend; Ephraim, and Dorcas.

HEYWOOD. *John* here before 1650; married Rebecca Atkinson 1656; and had John and Benoni; his wife died 1665; and he married again, Sarah Simonds, 1665. He died January 11, 1707. Deacon John, jr. died January 2, 1718, who, by his wife Sarah, had ten sons and three daughters. Sarah, Thomas, Samuel, Edmond, Josiah, Daniel, Eleazer, Nathan, Sarah, John of Lunenburg, Mary, Phineas of Sterling, and Benjamin. Of these, Samuel married Elizabeth Hubbard 1710, was deacon, town-clerk, and otherwise distinguished; died October 28, 1750, aged 63. He had thirteen children; Samuel, Amos, Elizabeth, Samuel [again], Jonathan (father to Honorable Abiel), Amos, Jonas, Charles, Rebecca, Aaron, John, Sarah, and Mary. Some collateral branches of this family have been distinguished in public life in Worcester county.

HOAR. The ancestor of this family, according to tradition, was a wealthy banker from London, and died soon after his arrival in Boston. Mrs. Joanna, probably his wife, died in Braintree 1661. Her children were as follows: 1. Joanna, wife of Colonel Edmond Quincy; 2. Margery, wife of Reverend H. [Henry] Flint [of Braintree, brother of Honorable Thomas Flint]; 3. Daniel, went to England 1653; 4. Leonard, President of Harvard College; and 5. John of Concord, who lived in Scituate from 1643 to 1655, came to Concord about 1660; was a lawyer, distinguished for bold, independent mind and action; died April 2, 1704; his wife Alice died June 5, 1697. His daughter Elizabeth married Jonathan Prescott, and Mary married Benjamin Graves; and his only son Daniel married Mary Stratton 1677, and had John, Leonard, Daniel, Joseph, Jonathan, Mary, Samuel, Isaac, David, and Elizabeth. Of these, Lieutenant Daniel, third son, married Sarah Jones 1705, and died February 8, 1773, aged 93, having had four sons, John, Daniel, Jonathan, and Timothy, and several daughters. John married Elizabeth Coolidge of Watertown, and was father to Honorable Samuel and Leonard H. of Lincoln, and grandfather to Honorable Samuel of Concord.

HOSMER. Two of this name, *Thomas* and *James*, supposed to be brothers, from Hockhurst, County of Kent, came to America. Thomas was of Cambridge, 1632, and probably removed to Connecticut, and was ancestor of Reverend Stephen, Harvard College 1699, the Honorable Titus, and Honorable Stephen Titus Hosmer, all distinguished men in that state. James came to Concord among the first settlers; died February 7, 1685; his first wife died 1641 and second wife, Ellen, 1665. They had James, John (a petitioner for Chelmsford, who died, according to tradition, in Ireland), Hannah, married Joseph Hayward, Mary, married Thomas Smith, and Stephen, born 1642.

*James*, the eldest son, married Sarah White 1658, and was killed at Sudbury fight; his widow married Samuel Rice. He had James of Woodstock, Mary, married Samuel Wight, Dorothy, Hannah, married Colonel How of Marlborough, and Thomas, who married Hannah Hartwell 1696, and was father to Hannah, Sarah, Thomas, Mary, and James, of whom Thomas, the third child, married Prudence Hosmer 1731, and had Lucy, Honorable Joseph, Perses, Dinah, Lydia, and Benjamin, whose united ages were 465, or 78 each, nearly. James, the brother of Thomas last mentioned, married Elizabeth Davis of Bedford, and had Samuel, James, Elizabeth, Bulah, Ruth, and Elijah.

*Stephen*, youngest child of the first James, married Abigail Wood 1667, and had Mary, Abigail, married George Wheeler, John, Bridget, Dorothy, Stephen, and James. Of whom Stephen married Prudence Billings 1707, and had children, Prudence, married Thomas Hosmer, above mentioned; Captain Stephen, the distinguished surveyor; Jonathan, grandfather to Simon, Esquire of Acton; Josiah, father to John and Jesse, Abel and Josiah of Templeton; Jane, and Ephraim of Acton, father to Samuel.

Honorable JOSEPH HOSMER, above mentioned, was born December 25, 1735, and died January 31, 1821, aged 85. His father's name was Thomas, and his mother's Prudence Hosmer, second cousins, and great-grandchildren of James Hosmer, the first American ancestor. Possessing popular talents, he was early called to share the public duties of society. In the great events of the revolution he acted a conspicuous part, always in favor of liberty. Whilst the preliminary measures were under discussion, one of his townsmen made a powerful speech in which he attempted to ridicule the doings of the "sons of liberty." Mr. Hosmer immediately



replied in a strain of natural, unaffected, but energetic eloquence (for which he was afterwards distinguished), which particularly attracted public attention and introduced him to public favor. He was a militia officer on the 19th of April, 1775, and the first captain of the Concord Light Infantry company, and was afterwards promoted to major. He was a representative five years, and a senator twelve, and was an active, influential member. He was appointed sheriff of the county in 1792, and sustained the office fifteen years. Major Hosmer was endowed by nature with strong, active powers of mind, and the character he formed enabled him to meet all events with that fortitude which is an earnest of success. He early made a public profession of religion. Ardent without rashness, bold without presumption, and religious without fanaticism, he was eminently a useful man.

HOW [HOWE]. *William How* had several children born 1637-1665; removed to Chelmsford or Marlborough.

HUNT. *William Hunt* was here before 1640; died in Marlborough October 1667; his wife Elizabeth 1661; estate £596; left sons Nehemiah, Isaac, William, and Samuel, who married and had families. Nehemiah married Mary Tool 1663, whose son John married Mary Brown 1703; died May 3, 1765, aged 92; father to Deacon Simon Hunt, who was father to Dr. Joseph, and grandfather to Captain Humphrey. — Nehemiah, a brother of John, married Eleanor Hunt 1705, and was great-grandfather of Nehemiah Hunt, sen., now [1835] living. Collateral descendants now live in this and adjoining towns.

HUBBARD. *Jonathan* was here as early as 1680, probably from Connecticut, married Hannah Merriam. He died July 17, 1728, aged 70; she died April 9, 1747, aged 89; inherited part of the property of his uncle, Deacon Robert Merriam, on whose place, near the new meeting-house, he lived. Had Jonathan, Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, John, Daniel, Thomas, Abigail, and Ebenezer, born between 1684 and 1700. Captain Joseph, the third child, married Rebecca, daughter of Captain Joseph Bulkeley, 1713, and died April 10, 1768, aged 80; she died 1772, aged 76; having had Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lucy, Abigail, Thomas and Lucy (twins), of whom Captain Thomas died October 12, 1810, aged 80, father of Deacon Thomas H.

Ebenezer, ninth child of the first Jonathan, married Mary Conant, and died May 21, 1755, aged 54. Of his sons, four died young, and Ebenezer, another one, died October 1, 1807, aged 82; whose wife died 1807, aged 77; being parents of Reverend Ebenezer, and grandparents of others living on the paternal spot.

Samuel died December 12, 1753, aged 66. Isaac Hubbard, his son by second wife, died August 15, 1803, aged 75, whose son lived in Holden.

HUTCHINSON. *Francis*, probably son of William of Boston, died November 17, 1661.

JONES. Reverend *John Jones* has been noticed in pages 5 and 153. *John*, whether connected with him or not, is uncertain, came from Cambridge to Concord about 1650; died 1673; his widow married William Buss; had Samuel, Ephraim, Elizabeth, married Joseph Buss, Joseph, John, Dorcas, and Rebecca, married James Minott, a cousin of James Minott, Esquire, and, after his death, Captain Joseph Bulkeley.

*Samuel*, married Elizabeth Potter 1672, and had Samuel, Nathaniel, Ephraim, Joseph, and perhaps others. Of whom *Samuel* married Ruth Brown 1698, died November 5, 1755 aged 82; she died 1764 aged 86, whose children were 1. Elizabeth; 2. Thomas (married Mary Miles 1727; he died August 3, 1774, aged 72; she died October 26, 1782, aged 73); 3. Ruth, married a Foot; 4. Samuel; 5. Rebecca, married first, Benjamin Barrett, and second, Jonas Prescott of Westford; 6. Joseph; 7. Mary, married Deacon Thomas Barrett; 8. Lucy, married Dr. Joseph Lee. Nathaniel, second son of Samuel, married Mary Reddit 1696, and had Elnathan, Josiah, Ebenezer, Ann, Mary, Dorcas, Susannah, and Sarah. *Ephraim*, third son of Samuel, above mentioned, married Hepsibah Chandler 1701, and was killed by the fall of a timber 1710; whose son Ephraim married Mary Hayward 1728, and died November 29, 1756, aged 51; having been captain, town-clerk, and otherwise distinguished, and having had Ephraim, Mary, Jonas, and Rebecca.

*Ephraim*, the second son of the first John, married Ruth Wheeler, 1673. He died 1676; she married again, Thomas Brown, having had John and Mary Jones.

*John*, the fourth son, married Sarah Temple 1684; died 1726, aged 68; had 1. Sarah, married



Daniel Hoar; 2. John, married Anna Brooks 1716; he died March 12, 1762 aged 72; she died 1753, leaving John, Olive, Ebenezer, Daniel, and Farwell; 3. Timothy; 4. Bartholomew, married Ruth Stow, died September 16, 1738, aged 42.

JUDSON. *William Judson*, from whom all of the name in the country are supposed to have originated, with his sons Joseph, Jeremiah, and Joshua, came to New England in 1634, and lived in Concord till their removal to Hartford about 1640, where his descendants now [1835] live. A connexion was early formed between this and the Bulkeley family.

LAW. *John Law*, married Lydia Draper 1660; lived where Joel Conant now [1835] lives in Acton; his wife died January 6, 1733, aged 94 ; had John, Thomas, Stevens, and Samuel, who was a physician, and died in Groton, Connecticut, April 29, 1727, aged 47.

LEE. *Joseph Lee*, son of John, who came from London to Ipswich in 1635, and died 1671, came to Concord; married three times. 1. Mary Woodhouse, 2. widow Mary Wigley; and 3. Mary Fox. He died November 4, 1716, aged 73, having had by his first wife, whose father's estate he inherited, and on which he lived, Joseph, Mary, married John Wood, Ann, Henry, John, Woodis, and Hannah.

Of whom, *Joseph* was a physician, married Ruth Goodnow 1713; he died October 5, 1736, aged 56, having had twelve children; Joseph, Ruth, Joseph [again] (married Ruth Jones 1739, father to Joseph, Jonas, Lucy, John, Ruth, Samuel, Silas, three of whom graduated at Harvard College) John, Ruth, married Samuel Edwards, Mary, Elenor, Jonathan, and three others, who died young.

*Henry*, married three times. 1. Rebecca Heywood, 1713; 2. Caty Payson; 3. Catherine ———, by whom he had twenty-one children, among whom were John, Abner, Benjamin, Henry, Samuel, Charles, Ezekiel, William, and Joshua, who have a very numerous posterity. He lived in Worcester, but died in Concord, February 25, 1745, aged 60.

*Woodis*, married Elizabeth Wood 1715, lived in Concord, and had Woodis, Bathsheba, Seth, and Elizabeth, and have descendants here.

LETTIN. *Richard* was here from 1638-1644; removed.

MASON. *John Mason*, supposed to be a son of Captain Hugh Mason of Watertown, married Hannah Ramsden in Concord 1662; died 1667, leaving one son, who had descendants in the town [of Concord].

MARBLE. *Samuel Marble* was here from 1666 and onwards.

MARTIN. *Ambrose Martin* was among the first settlers; fined £10 for calling the church-covenant a "stinking carrion" (see p. 152, and Winthrop, [Volume] i. 289); removed.

MELVIN. *John Melvin* was here about 1700; and had, by his wife Margaret, Eleazer, and David, noted in the French War; the latter married Mary Farrar 1716.

MERRIAM. There were three brothers of this name among the first settlers, *Robert*, *George*, and *Joseph*. *Robert* was a trader, lived where the Trinitarian meeting-house stands; was town-clerk, commissioner, representative, and deacon; married Mary Sheafe; died without issue February 15, 1681, aged 72; she died 1693, aged 72.

*George*, died December 29, 1675; had by his wife Susannah, Susannah, married John Scotchford; Elizabeth, married Henry West of Salem; Samuel, married Elizabeth Thompson, and had four daughters; Hannah, married William Taylor; Abigail, married Thomas Bateman; and Sarah.

*Joseph*, ancestor of the Concord families, died January 1, 1641. His son Joseph married Sarah Stow 1653, and died April 20, 1677, aged 47, leaving one daughter. His grave-stone is the oldest in the town. Another son, John, married Mary Cooper 1663; she died March 5, 1731, aged 85, and had John, Nathaniel, Joseph, Deacon Samuel, and some daughters. Of whom, Joseph married Dorothy Brooks 1705; died December 10, 1750, aged 74, having had Dorothy, Mary, Joseph, Samuel, and Josiah. This last married Lydia Wheeler 1746; died April 23, 1809, aged 83, father to Josiah and Joseph of Concord, and Dr. Timothy of Framingham.

MILES. *John Miles* was here in 1640; his first wife Sarah, died 1678, leaving one daughter, who married first, Edmond Wigley, and second, Joseph Lee; he married again, in his old age,



Susannah Redit, April 10, 1679; died August 28, 1693; his widow married Lieutenant William Wilson of Billerica; he left John, Samuel, and Mary, who married Edmund Putnam of Salem.

*John*, married Mary Prescott 1702; died October 23, 1725; estate £1,708; and had John, Jonathan, Harvard College, Mary, married Thomas Jones, Elizabeth, James, and Benjamin; of whom John married Elizabeth Brooks, and was father to John, Noah, and Abner, all of Westminster; Abel of New Ipswich, Elizabeth, Oliver, James of Winchendon, and Dorothy.

*Samuel*, son of the first John, married Sarah Foster 1706; was a deacon; died March 13, 1756, and had Samuel, Joseph, Sarah, Ezekiel, Esther, Martha, Nathan, Reuben of Westminster, and Charles, a captain in the Revolution.

MIDDLEBROOK. *Joseph Middlebrook* removed from town in 1644.

MINOTT. This distinguished family is traced to Thomas Minott, Esquire, Secretary to the Abbot of Walden [England], by whom he was advanced to great possessions. His son George was born August 4, 1594, in Safron Walden, Essex, England; came to New England among the first settlers of Dorchester [Massachusetts], where he was a ruling elder in the church thirty years; died December 24, 1671, aged 78. His sons were John, James, Stephen, and Samuel; of whom, John was father to James, John, Stephen, and Samuel.

*James*, the eldest son of John [John, son of George], born September 14, 1653, graduated Harvard College 1675, and came to Concord [Massachusetts] about 1680. While resident here, he was employed as a preacher in Stow in 1685, for "12s. 6d. per day, one half cash, and one half Indian corn"; and in 1686 "for what older towns had given their ministers — £13 for thirteen Sabbaths." He was again invited there in 1695, but declined. He practised physic, was a captain, justice of the peace, representative, and eminently a useful man. Tradition accords to him a character worthy the following epitaph, which is engraven on his grave-stone:

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**"Here is interred the remains of  
JAMES MINOTT Esq A M an  
Excelling Grammarian, Enriched  
with a Gift of Prayer and Preaching,  
a Commanding Officer, a Physician of  
Great Value, a Great Lover of Peace  
as well as of Justice, and which was  
His greatest Glory, a Gent'n of distinguished  
Virtue and Goodness, happy in a Virtuous  
Posterity, and living Religiously Died  
Comfortably, Sept. 20. 1735, Æt. 83."**

He married Rebecca, daughter of Captain Timothy Wheeler, and lived on the estate left by his father-in-law, near Captain Stacy's. She died 1734, aged 68. They had 1. Rebecca, married Joseph Barrett; 2. Lydia, married Benjamin Barrett; 3. Mary, married Ebenezer Wheeler; 4. Timothy, Harvard College 1718; 5. James; 6. Elizabeth; 7. Martha, married James Lane of Billerica; 8 and 9. Love and Mercy, twins; the former was married to John Adams, the latter, to Samuel Dakin, on the same day, by their father; and 10. Samuel.

Honorable JAMES MINOTT, the fifth child [of James and his wife, Rebecca Wheeler], was one of the most distinguished men of his times. He was a military officer about thirty years, and advanced to colonel, justice of the peace, representative, and a member of the King's Council; married 1. Martha Lane 1716; had John, Rebecca (who married Benjamin Prescott of Danvers), and James. His wife died 1735; and he married again, Elizabeth Merrick; and had Martha, married Reverend Josiah Sherman of Woburn; Ephraim, and Elizabeth, married Reverend Daniel Rogers of Littleton, 1763. Colonel Minott died February 6, 1759, aged 64.

*Samuel*, the tenth child of James, Jr., was a deacon; died March 17, 1766, aged 60. He married 1. Sarah, daughter of Jonas Prescott of Westford, and had Samuel, Jonas, and Thankful Sarah,



married Deacon Amos Dakin of Mason, New Hampshire. His wife died 1737; and he married again, Dorcas, sister of his wife; she died 1803, aged 91; had Dorcas, married Thomas Barrett, George, Rebecca, married Charles Barrett of New Ipswich, Daniel, and Mary, married Elnathan Jones. Of these, Jonas had a grant in 1775, of the greatest part of Wilmot, New Hampshire; died March 20, 1813, aged 78; and George married Rebecca Barrett 1765; was a captain in the Revolution, deacon in the church, and otherwise distinguished.

MITCHEL. *Jonathan Mitchel*, from Halifax, Yorkshire [England], came to Concord in 1635, and two years after, "his beginnings were consumed by fire." He removed shortly after to Connecticut; was father to Reverend Jonathan M. [Mitchel] of Cambridge.

ODELL. *William Odell*, one of the first settlers [of Concord], removed to Fairfield 1644.

OAKES. *Edward Oakes*, father to Urian Oakes, President of Harvard College, came to Concord about 1682; was representative 1684; died October 13, 1689.

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PARKS. *Richard Parks*, a lieutenant, representative, &c., was the son of Richard P. of Cambridge; married Elizabeth Billings of Concord, 1690; died June 19, 1725, aged 58. Children, Joseph, Elizabeth, Sarah, Josiah, Abigail, Jonathan, Hannah, David (died 1701, "being scalded in wort," aged 2), Isaac, and Rebecca. Of whom Joseph married and had eight children, born between 1719 and 1736; Benjamin, Stephen, David, Louis, Sarah, Elizabeth, Benjamin, and George.

PARLIN. *John Parlin* was here about 1680. He died February 24, 1750, aged 84; having had John, Joseph, Jonathan, and Esther; of whom John married Mary Heald, May 12, 1718, and was father to Jonathan, who had Jonathan, Nathan, Samuel, Asa, and five daughters. Jonathan died at Lake George in the army, 1758. Asa was town-clerk, representative, &c., in Carlisle, and died October 8, 1822, aged 68.

PASMORE. *James Pasmore* was here in 1644.

PELLET. *Thomas Pellet* married Mary Dean 1660; died December 1, 1694; said to have given the burying ground near Dr. Hurd's, to the town. Children, Mary, Jonathan, Thomas, Elizabeth, Daniel, Samuel, Richard, and John. Name now extinct [in Concord].

POTTER. *Luke Potter* was one of the first settlers of the town, and deacon of the church. He married a second wife, Mary Edmonds, 1644; she died 1710. Eunice, Remembrance, Luke, Samuel, Dorothy, Mary, married Humphrey Barrett, and Bethia, were his children by his first wife. Of whom Samuel married Sarah Wright 1673, and was killed in Sudbury fight in 1676; Judah married Grace Brooks 1686, and was burnt to death in his dwelling-house, June 20, 1731. She died 1753, aged 93. "In Judah alone was the name preserved," and his descendants have been remarkable for their longevity. His children were Mary, Hannah, Eunice, Luke, who died September 25, 1784, aged 92, and whose son Samuel died June 14, 1814, aged 96. Another Samuel died February 15, 1800, aged 95.

POWERS. *Walter Powers* was probably the son of John of Charlestown; married a daughter of Ralph Shepherd, and lived near Nagog Pond, and his descendants were among the first incorporators of Littleton.

PRESCOTT. *Jonathan Prescott* was the common ancestor of the Concord branch of this distinguished family. His father, John P. [Prescott], from Lancashire, England, married Mary Platts of Yorkshire, and came to this country about 1640 [arriving at Watertown from the Barbadoes]; and, after living a short time at Watertown, was a leading settler of Lancaster, where he died 1683 [typesetting error: he died in 1681]. His children were Mary, married Thomas Sawyer, Sarah, married Richard Wheeler, Lydia, married Jonas Fairbank, Martha, John Jr., Jonathan, Joseph, and Jonas.

Of these, *Jonathan* came to Concord; married Elizabeth Hoar 1675; she died 1687; he married, second time, Peter Bulkeley's widow, and third time, Ruth Brown. He died December 5, 1721; had Jonathan, Elizabeth, married John Fowle; Dorothy, married Edward Bulkeley, John, Benjamin, [graduated] Harvard College 1709, and Mary, married John Miles. Of whom,



Jonathan has the following epitaph on his monumental slab:

**“Here lyes the remains of  
Major JONATHAN PRESCOTT, Esq.,  
a gentleman of virtue and merit, an accomplisht physitian,  
but excelling in chirurgery.  
Of uncommon sagacity, penetration, and success in his practice,  
and so of very extensive service.  
His life was much valued, and his death very generally lamented.  
He married the amiable and only daughter of the  
Honorable Colonel Peter Bulkeley, Esq.,  
by whom he had ten children.  
He removed from ministering to men’s bodies, to the world of spirits,  
October 28th, 1829, Ætatis suæ 54.”**

His widow Rebecca married Reverend John Whiting. The children were 1. Jonathan, settled in Littleton, and he has descendants there and in Nova Scotia; 2. Rebecca; 3. John, and 4. Peter, noticed among the college graduates; 5. Charles, married Elizabeth Barrett, representative, colonel, &c., died February 2, 1779, aged 68; she died 1779, aged 82; 6. Elizabeth, married Reverend David Hall of Sutton; 7. Dorothy; 8. Abel, an eminent physician, married Abigail Bugbee; died October 24, 1805 aged 88; father to Abel and Samuel, noticed in the events of April 19, 1775, John, Benjamin, Abigail, Dorothy, and Lucy, married Jonathan Fay, Esquire; 9. Mary; 10. Benjamin, killed by the Indians 1744.

The descendants of John, Joseph [?], and Jonas, children of the first Jonathan [no, were these not the children of the first John Prescott?], were numerous and respectable. John continued at Lancaster, where his sons lived. Joseph [?] lived at Sudbury; Jonas settled at Groton, was a captain, justice of the peace, and had a large estate; married Mary Loker 1672; died December 31, 1723, aged 75; she died October 28, 1735, aged 81, having lived to see 176 descendants. She had twelve children. Mary married Benjamin Farnsworth; Elizabeth married Eleazer Green; Jonas married Thankful Wheeler of Concord; Nathaniel; Dorothy married John Varnum; James; Sarah married John Longley; Abigail married James Parker; Martha married Shebuel Hobart; Susanna married William Lawrence; Deborah married Samuel Parker; and Benjamin, who married Abigail Oliver of Cambridge, 1718, died August 3, 1738, aged 58, (she died September 13, 1765, aged 68,) and was father to Honorable James and Honorable Oliver, M.D. of Groton, and Colonel William, a distinguished officer at Bunker Hill in 1775.

*Samuel P.* [Prescott], supposed to have been a son of Jonathan by a wife he had before Elizabeth Hoar [that would be Dorothy Waters (?) Hoald (?)], married Esther Wheeler 1698, and had Amos and six daughters, who lived principally in Acton.

The Prescott family, once so numerous and influential, has no one now [1835] bearing its name in Concord.

PROCTOR. *Robert Proctor* married Jane Hildreth 1645; died April 28, 1697; had Sarah, Gershom, Mary, Peter, Elizabeth, James, Lydia, Thomas, John, Samuel, and Israel. The first four were born in Concord, and the remainder in Chelmsford, whither he removed in 1654.

PROUT. *Ebenezer Prout*, son of Timothy of Boston, married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Timothy Wheeler, 1678; was captain, representative 1689-90, and afterwards Clerk of the House of Representatives; died in Watertown. His father and brother lived some time in Concord.

PURCHIS. *Oliver Purchis*, whose daughter married Deacon James Blood, came from Lynn to this town 1691, and was styled, on the records, “the worthy gentleman”; died November 20, 1701.

REED. *Philip Reed* was here from 1670; had several children, one of whom was styled Dr. Philip R. [Reed], presumed to be a practising physician.



RICE. *Richard Rice*, died June 9, 1709, "being accounted," says the record, "more than one hundred years old." Samuel R. [Reed], whether a connexion is uncertain, married Sarah Hosmer in 1676. The name is not a prevalent one in Concord, though it is in Sudbury.

ROBBINS. *Robert Robbins* was here before 1670; married Mary (Maxwell according to tradition), and had George, John, Robert, James, Eleazer, and perhaps other children. The name is still prevalent here, though the connexion is not easily traced.

ROBINSON. *William Robinson* had children born here 1670-1675.

RUGG. *John Rugg* had Daniel and Jonathan, born 1679 and 1680.

ROSS. *George Ross* died June 20, 1649.

SCOTCHFORD. *John Scotchford* was among the first settlers; married Susanna Merriam; was town-clerk; died without issue, June 10, 1696; she died 1707.

SHEPHERD. *John Shepherd* was here about 1648. In 1661 he had thirty acres of land granted him by the town "in consideration of the hand of God upon him for the loss of one of his arms." This land lay near Mr. Silas Holden's. He subsequently had a tract granted at Nagog Pond. He had a son John, born 1661, and a daughter Mary, 1662 (taken captive in 1676). Isaac Shepherd married Mary Smeadly 1667; killed with his brother Jacob in 1676. Abraham Shepherd married Judith Till 1672. All had families.

SMEADLY. Two brothers came to Concord before 1639. *Baptiste* died August 16, 1675; his son Samuel married Hannah Wheeler 1667, and was killed at Brookfield, August 2, 1675. Mary, and James, who married Mary Barrett 1671, were also his children.

*John S.* [Smeadly], brother to Baptiste, had a son born 1646, who married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, and died October 1675. This name has long since been extinct.

SMITH. *Thomas Smith*, married Mary Hosmer 1663, and had Thomas, James, and John born here [Concord], after which he is supposed to have removed to Connecticut.

SPENCER. A "Mr. Spencer" is said to have been present at the purchase of the town, but I [Dr. Lemuel Shattuck] have not been able to identify any one of the name as a proprietor or inhabitant til 1666; and the John here at the latter period was probably a different person from the one here in 1635.

SQUIRE. *George Squire* was here in 1640, but his name does not again appear.

STANIFORTH. *Thomas Staniforth* was here in 1644, but removed.

STOW. *Thomas Stow* came to Concord before 1640; was father to Samuel, Harvard College 1644, Thomas, Nathaniel, and perhaps other children. Thomas and Samuel owned jointly six hundred acres of land between Fairhaven pond and Sudbury line. Thomas sold his to Thomas Gobble and Daniel Dean 1660; Samuel sold his to Mr. Woodhouse, with the other two mentioned; both removed to Connecticut. Nathaniel lived here; married second wife Martha Brignell, 1662; died 1683; she died 1717, aged 90. He had Thankful, Nathaniel, Ebenezer, besides several who died young; of whom Nathaniel married Ruth Merriam 1690, and had John, Joseph, Samuel, Nathaniel, Thomas, Benjamin, Jonathan, and perhaps others.

STRATTEN. *Samuel Stratten* died October 27, 1674, having had by his wife Mary, Mary, married Daniel Hoar, Samuel, John, and several who died young. Samuel married Hannah Wheat 1675, and had children, whose posterity lived on the alms-house farm, which once bore the name of the family. Elizabeth Stratten died April 19, 1762 aged 100.

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SYMONDS. *William Symonds* was one of the first settlers; his wife died 1641; daughter Judith married John Barker, and Sarah married John Heywood.

TAYLOR. There appear to have been two by this name as early as 1650. *William* married Mary Merriam; died December 6, 1696; having had John, Samuel, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, and Mary. *James* married Isabel Tompkins; died January 22, 1690, having had several children. They lived within the present limits of Bedford. Samuel married in 1686, and had a



large family.

TEMPLE. *Richard Temple*, probably from Charlestown, was here before 1650; died March 15, 1689. Among the names of his children, all of which are not preserved, I [Dr. Lemuel Shattuck] find Richard, died 1698, father to Richard, Isaac, John, and Abraham; Abraham, married Deborah Hadlock, 1673; she died 1743, aged 94; Abigail, married Thomas Brabrook. Rebecca Temple died March 14, 1776, aged 94.

THWING. *Benjamin Thwing* was here in 1642, and probably removed to Boston.

TOMPKINS. *John Tompkins* had Ruth and John born here, 1640 and 1642. Removed to Fairfield.

TURNERY. *Benjamin* was here in 1638, but removed.

UNDERWOOD. *William Underwood* was here as early as 1638, where his children, Remembrance, married Josiah Richardson, Sarah, married Daniel Blodget, Priscilla, married Edward Spaulding, Aquilla, and Rebecca were born. Removed to Chelmsford in 1654.

WHEAT. Two brothers, *Joshua* and *Moses Wheat*, came from England. In 1640 Joshua sold his lands in Concord to his brother Moses, and returned to his father, then living in England, on condition that he would relinquish his right to any legacy from his father. Moses died May 6, 1700; his wife, Tameson died 1689; having had Moses, Samuel, Joshua, Hannah, who married Samuel Stratten, Remembrance, John, and Sarah, whose descendants are yet found in Carlisle, Massachusetts

WHEELER. This name was originally and has ever been borne by more persons than any other in this town. George, Joseph, and Obadiah were among the first settlers; and Ephraim, Thomas, and Timothy came in 1639, and were all heads of families. Tradition says they came from Wales, but it is uncertain. Their descendants have been so numerous, and so many have borne the same Christian name, that their genealogy is traced with great difficulty. Among the births recorded by the town-clerk between 1650 and 1670, six bore the name of *John Wheeler*.

*George* died 1684, having had by his wife Katharine, Elizabeth, who married Francis Fletcher; Mary, who married Eliphalet Fox; Ruth, who married Samuel Hartwell; John, and perhaps other children. Of whom, John married Sarah Larkin 1663, and died September 27, 1713, aged 70; she died August 12, 1725; they were parents of Samuel, John, Edward, Ebenezer, and perhaps others. Edward was deacon, and father to Deacon David, whose son Ephraim was father to Ephraim now [1835] living. Children of the eighth generation, including the first George, now [1835] live on the spot where their first ancestor settled.

*Joseph* was a lieutenant in the militia, and otherwise distinguished; was twice married, and had several children, all of whom died young, excepting Rebecca, who married Honorable Peter Bulkeley, and, after his death, Captain Jonathan Prescott. Her mother, Sarah, died 1671. He traded with the Indians, and had a tract of land granted him in 1660, "especially for satisfying the Indians in their right," extending from Nashoba line at the north end of the great pond to Chelmsford.

*Obadiah* died October 27, 1671, aged 63; his wife Susannah died 1650. They had Joshua, Obadiah, John, Josiah, Samuel, and several daughters; of whom, Obadiah married Elizabeth White 1672; and was father to Obadiah, Josiah, Samuel, Joseph, and other children, whose descendants I cannot trace.

*Ephraim* had a son Ephraim 21 years of age in 1650, and a son Isaac born in 1642; but his history I cannot determine satisfactorily.

*Thomas*. Captain Thomas Wheeler, commanded the company at Brookfield, August, 1675; he bought eight hundred acres of land north of Groton in 1674, granted to the Flints of Concord; married Ruth Wood; died December 10, 1676; his sons Thomas and Nathaniel died the January following. Serjeant Thomas Wheeler had several children born between 1649 and 1664; and Thomas Wheeler, Jr., several between 1658 and 1673. These numerous families were connected, but how, is uncertain. Thomas, a grandson, settled in Lincoln, and was father to Deacon Edmond, and ancestor of others of the name there.

*Timothy* married for his second wife, Mary Brooks; he died June 7, 1687; she died 1693; leaving no male issue. He gave the ministerial lot to the town, and is noticed in another place [of this book].



*Joshua* married and had several children born 1660-1670.

*William* married Hannah Buss 1659; he died December 31, 1683, having had Hannah, Rebecca, Elizabeth, William, John, and Richard; of whom William died May 29, 1752, aged 86, having had by Sarah, his wife, William, Joseph, Francis, Hezekiah, Nathaniel, and Elizabeth. Of these, Francis died November 1774, aged 76; married (1.) Mary, who died 1737, by whom he had Mary, Francis, Rhoda, Nathaniel, Merriam, Solomon, and others, who died young; and second wife, Sarah Blood, 1741, and had Sarah, Samuel, Phineas, Hannah, and Noah, now [1835] living. This line includes all the families of the name in "Nine acre corner." [of Concord]

WHITAKER. *Jonathan Whitaker* was here before 1690; son of John of Watertown, born 1664. Nathaniel and David married about 1700, and had large families in the town. David died August 1791, aged 84; his wife died 1798, aged 90. Elizabeth died January 1708, "an aged woman."

WHITING. See Ecclesiastical History — page 165 [of this book].

WHITTEMORE. *Benjamin Whittemore* married Esther Brooks, 1692, and afterwards resided in the town; died September 8, 1734, aged 65; she died 1742, aged 73. He was representative several years; left Benjamin and Nathaniel, who had families in the town.

WILLARD. Major *Simon Willard* was one of the most distinguished leaders in the first settlement of this town. He came from the county of Kent, and resided in Cambridge in 1634, when he became acquainted with the situation of Musketaquid by trading with the Indians. He accompanied Reverend Peter Bulkeley, assisted in making the first purchase from the natives, resided in Concord with the first company, one of the leading men of the town, being town-clerk till 1654, and representative fourteen years. In 1660 he removed to Lancaster, Massachusetts, and was at Groton in 1672. He had a large tract of land granted him in Nonascoicus, between Lancaster and Groton. He died at Charlestown, April 24, 1676. He was the first military commander in the town, was promoted to the rank of major in 1654, and commanded the forces in Ninigret's and Philip's war. He was chosen an Assistant twenty-two years, from 1654 to his death, and was very much employed in the public business of the country. When Philip's war broke out, he gave directions to the several towns in Middlesex county, in relation to their garrison-houses. His first wife was Mary Sharp; second, Elizabeth Dunster, sister of President Dunster of Harvard College; and third, her sister Mary. By them he had seventeen children; of whom, John Willard married Mary Hayward of Concord, 1698, and had David, Jonathan, Mercy, and Simon; of whom, Jonathan only married and lived here. From Simon Willard have descended all or nearly of all the name in New England, many of whom have been much distinguished in public life.

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WILSON. *William Wilson* married Sarah Blood 1686; he died 1745, aged 76; she died 1717, aged 56. His second wife, Hannah Price. He was town-clerk, representative, captain, and otherwise distinguished. His children were Samuel, Sarah, and Hannah.

WOOD. *William Wood* was the distinguished ancestor of this family and came here in 1638 with his nephew, the Honorable Thomas Flint. From his connexions, and other circumstances, he is supposed to have been the acute author of a book entitled "New England's Prospect." That author was the first one who mentions the original name Musketaquid, either applied to the place or the river in Concord. He died May 14, 1671, aged 89, leaving an only son Michael, and a daughter Ruth, the wife of Captain Thomas Wheeler. Michael died May 13, 1674, having had Abraham, Isaac, Thomson, Jacob, John, and Abigail, who married Stephen Hosmer. Of whom, Jacob married Mary Wheeler, 1697; he died October 6, 1723, aged 40, having had Jacob, Mary, Ephraim, Dorcas, Hannah, Millicent. Of these, Ephraim married Mary Buss; died March 20, 1789, aged 88, and was father to Ephraim, town-clerk, judge of the court of common pleas &c., and grandfather to Daniel Wood, now [1835] living. The collateral branches of this family have been numerous.

Honorable EPHRAIM WOOD was born August 1, 1733, and died April 8, 1814, in his 81st year. He was son of Ephraim, and grandson of Jacob Wood. He was bred a shoemaker, and had no other advantages of education than what were afforded by the very imperfect common schools



of that day. Though he did not possess what are popularly called brilliant talents, or ardent feelings, he had a calm, considerate mind and sound judgment, which peculiarly fitted him to act an important part in the times in which it was his lot to live. As early as 1771, he was chosen town-clerk, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor, and re-elected twenty-seven years, and for much of the spirit of those times which has come down to us as matter of record, we are indebted to him, as this History will fully show. He was one of the first justices appointed by the Council after the secession from British authority, and held the office during the remainder of his life. He was also one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas. "In him," says a notice published soon after his death, "were united those qualities and virtues, which formed a character at once amiable, useful, respectable, and religious. Early in life he engaged in civil and public business, and by a judicious and faithful discharge of duty acquired confidence and reputation with his fellow-citizens and the public. The American revolution called into exercise his active and vigorous powers; and as a magistrate and in various departments he rendered important services to the community. The rights and liberties of his country were near his heart, and he was a warm and zealous defender of them against all encroachments. He was a true disciple of the great Washington, a friend to "liberty with order," and firmly attached to the union of the States and the constitutional independence of the individual States. In domestic life, his disposition and example were highly amiable and worthy. As a Christian, he was devout and humble, sincere and ardent. Having lived the life, he died the death of the righteous."

WOODHOUSE. *Henry Woodhouse*, or Woodis, as his name was sometimes written, came to Concord from London, about 1650, freeman 1656. His farm, estimated at three hundred and fifty acres, lay between the two rivers, and descended to his son-in-law, Joseph Lee, whose posterity successively held it for more than one hundred years. Joseph Barrett, Esquire now [1835] occupies it. He died June 16, 1701; his first wife, Ellen, 1693; second wife in 1717. He had one son, who died young, and four daughters, born between 1650 and 1662. Mary married Joseph Lee; Hannah married Cheney; Milicent married Joseph Estabrook; Sarah married John Dakin; Elizabeth married Simon Davis.

WOOLLEY. *Christopher Woolley* married Priscilla Woodell 1646, and had several children. He died January 28, 1701; she 1674; second wife, Mary How, died December 26, 1695. His son Thomas died November 18, 1726. Jonathan Woolley, says the Bedford records, died July 25, 1766 aged 61, "by a fall from a stone-wall, which killed him in a minute."

WRIGHT. *Edward Wright* came to Concord about 1650; died August 28, 1691; his wife Elizabeth died February 15, 1690. Children, Nathan, Martha, Sarah, Edward, Hannah, Peter, and Samuel. Of whom, Peter, "a weaver" died January 15, 1717, aged 53, and left a legacy for the benefit of the poor of the town. Samuel died October 1, 1741, aged 80; his wife Sarah, 1758, aged 92; their son Joseph died October 16, 1815, aged 94, grandfather to Anthony and Nathan M., now [1835] living.

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