

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF COLLEGE GRADUATES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS BELONGING TO CONCORD.

[Considerable labor has been expended in compiling the following notes. It was intended that the list should be complete; but it is presumed that the College Catalogue contains other names of persons who were natives of Concord, but for want of authentic information they are not here given. Where no College is named, Harvard College is to be understood.]

1. JOHN BULKELEY [of Concord], son of the Rev. Peter Bulkeley, was in the first class of graduates [at Harvard College] in 1642. He returned to England and settled in the ministry at Fordham, but was ejected in 1662. He afterwards lived at Wapping in London, where he practised physic with good success. He died in 1689, aged 70.

2. JOHN JONES [of Concord], son of the Rev. John Jones, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1643, and admitted freeman [of the town of Concord] in 1645. By an erroneous punctuation of Johnson [History of New England, page 165], this person has been considered as having returned to England; but from the same author it appears, that he was “employed in the *western* parts of Nevis, one of the Summer Islands.” This appears from the verses on his father, in which the author says,

“Leading thy son to land, yet more remote,
To feed his flock upon this *Western* wast:
Exhort him then Christ’s kingdom to promote;
That he with thee of lasting joyes may tast.”¹

3. SAMUEL STOW [of Concord] was son of Thomas Stow, one of the early settlers of Concord, and was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1645. He emigrated to Middletown, Connecticut, with two of his brothers, about 1650, where he was a preacher about 10 years, though it does not appear that he was ever ordained. He subsequently relinquished the profession, and lived a private but highly respected citizen there till his death. He gave a lot of land to the town [of Middletown] for the benefit of education, which still bears his name.

4. GERSHOM BULKELEY [of Concord], son of the Rev. Peter Bulkeley, was born in Concord in 1636, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1655. He was ordained at New London about 1660, from whence he removed, and was installed at Weathersfield in 1668. In 1676 he was dismissed on account of ill health, and afterwards became one of the most distinguished physicians and surgeons of his time. He was wounded in a battle with the Indians near Wachusett, while in the army as a surgeon, in 1676. To him the epithet *great* was applied on account of his eminent character. He died at Weathersfield December 2, 1713, aged 77. On his monument is inscribed, — “He was honorable in his descent, of rare abilities, extraordinary industry, excellent in learning, master of many languages; exquisite in his skill in divinity, physic, and law, and of a most exemplary and Christian life.

In certam spem beatæ resurrectionis repositus.”

He married Sarah, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Chauncy, President of Harvard College, October 26, 1659, and had 4 sons. 1. Peter, lost at sea; 2. Bulkeley of New London; 3. Edward, who married Dorothy Prescott of Concord and died at Weathersfield; and 4. John, who was graduated at Harvard College in 1699, and was the first minister of Colchester, Connecticut, father of the Hon. John Bulkeley, a physician and judge of the Supreme Court. The numerous and respectable families bearing the name in Connecticut and New York, have all descended from Edward and John. Stephen Bulkeley, Esq., one of the grandchildren of Edward, acquired a fortune in Charleston, South Carolina, and has recently purchased the estate in Hartford, on which the celebrated “charter oak” is situated.

5. SAMUEL WILLARD [of Concord], one of the most eminent ministers in New England, was son of Major Simon Willard, and was born in Concord January 31, 1640. He was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1659, and ordained at Groton in 1662, from whence he removed to Boston when that town was destroyed by the Indians in March 1676, and was installed, as colleague pastor with the Rev. Mr. Thacher, over the Old South Church, April 10, 1678. He officiated as Vice-President of Harvard College, from September 6, 1701, till his death. He died September

1. MS. Letter of John Farmer, Esq.



12, 1707, aged 67. His son was Secretary of the province 39 years, and his grandson, Joseph Willard, D.D., LL.D., was President of Harvard College. The notices in "History of the Old South Church," and other works, are so copious, that any further account here is unnecessary.

6. PETER BULKELEY [of Concord], the youngest son of the Rev. Peter Bulkeley, was born August 12, 1643, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1660. He settled in Concord, and, in 1673 and the four subsequent years, represented the town in the General Court. In February, 1676, he was chosen Speaker of the House of Deputies; and in August of the same year was appointed, with the Hon. William Stoughton, agent to England respecting the Narragansett Country. They returned December 23, 1679. In 1677 he was chosen one of the Judges, or Court of Assistants, and re-elected eight years. He was also one of the Commissioners of the United Colonies the greater part of that time. On the 8th of October, 1685, he was appointed by King James the Second one of the Council, of which Joseph Dudley, Esq., was President, which constituted the government of the colonies after the charter was forfeited. In 1680 the militia in the county was divided into two regiments, and Major Peter Bulkeley appointed to command one of them. This was an office in those days of great distinction. In all these and other important offices, he acquitted himself with honor and general acceptance. He was one of 20 who, in 1683, made the "million purchase" in New Hampshire, and had several special grants of land for public services. He died May 24, 1688, aged 44; and "was buried," says Judge Sewall, "the 27th, because he could not be kept, word of which was sent to Boston the same day to prevent any going in vain to his funeral."

He married Rebecca, only daughter of Lieutenant Joseph Wheeler, April 16, 1667, and had Edward, Joseph, John, and Rebecca; the 1st and 3d died young. His widow married Jonathan Prescott, and his daughter Jonathan Prescott, Jr. Joseph, born September 7, 1670, held a captain's commission, and was engaged in the public service. He married the widow Rebecca Minott, daughter of John Jones, 1696. She died July 17, 1712; leaving by him Rebecca, who married Joseph Hubbard, grandfather to Deacon Thomas Hubbard; 2. Dorothy, who married Samuel Hunt; 3. John, who held a Colonel's commission, and died in Groton, December, 1772, aged 69, father to John, who was graduated at Harvard College in 1769, who was a lawyer, and died in Groton December 16, 1774, aged 26. Captain Joseph Bulkeley married for a second wife Silence Jeffrey, in 1713, and had Joseph, Peter, Charles (whose descendants live in Littleton), and perhaps other children.

7. BENJAMIN ESTABROOK [of Concord], son of the Rev. Joseph Estabrook [of Concord], was born February 24, 1671, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1690. He was invited, in 1692, to preach at Lexington, and was ordained first minister of that town October 21, 1696. He died July 22, 1697, aged 26. He married Abigail, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Willard.

8. JOSEPH SMITH [of Concord] was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1695, ordained in Middletown, Connecticut, first minister of the "Upper Houses," January 5, 1715, and died September 8, 1736, aged 62. His father's name was Thomas.

9. SAMUEL ESTABROOK [of Concord], 3d son of the Rev. Joseph Estabrook was born January 7, 1674 and graduated [at Harvard College] 1696. He taught the grammar-school in Concord in 1706 to 1710 and assisted his father in the ministry. He was ordained at Canterbury, Connecticut, June 13, 1711 where he died June 26, 1727 aged 53.

10. BENJAMIN PRESCOTT [of Concord], son of Captain Jonathan Prescott, was born September 16, 1687, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1709. He was ordained at Salem Village (Danvers), September 23, 1713. "In this office," says a biographical notice in the Boston Gazette of 1777, "he continued about 45 years, discharging its duties with such capacity and fidelity as gave him an extensive reputation. When he thought himself called in Providence to resign his pastoral charge, he was introduced into the magistracy, which he supported with honor to himself and usefulness to the public; always appearing the same man, and exhibiting a uniform piety and virtue in every station. He had great political as well as theological knowledge. He well understood the laws, the rights, and the interest of his country; and defended them with great strength of reason as well as generous warmth of heart. In this service his pen was frequently and largely employed, more especially at the commencement of the important controversy of the revolution, though his name was concealed; and the clearness, the



consistency, the force and vivacity with which he would support a long train of argument, even when he had entered his 90th year, was truly surprising. Few, very few attained so great an age as he did with so much comfort to themselves and their friends and so much usefulness. Besides employing himself in some writings which he left unfinished, but enough to show the remaining vigor of his mind, he transacted considerable business as a magistrate till within a week of his death. After he was seized with the violent fever that soon put an end to his life, he could speak but little; but he satisfactorily evinced that he had those inward consolations and supports which are the genuine result of that blessed religion which he had so long professed, preached and practiced." He died May 28, 1777, in his 90th year.

He married three times. 1. Elizabeth Higginson of Salem, by whom he had 2 sons and 3 daughters. Benjamin, the eldest, was graduated at Harvard College in 1736, married Rebecca, daughter of the Hon. James Minott in 1741, lived in Salem, and had 8 children. Rebecca, the eldest, married the Hon. Roger Sherman of New Haven. Her brothers, James and Benjamin, also lived there; the former married Rebecca Barrett of Concord. The Rev. Benjamin married, the second time, Mercy, daughter of the Rev. Henry Gibbs of Watertown, by whom he had Henry, who died at New Castle September 10, 1816, father to Benjamin, Henry, and William Pepperell of that town, and George Washington. His 3d wife was Mary, widow of the Rev. Benjamin Coleman, daughter of Sir William Pepperell.

11. TIMOTHY MINOTT [of Concord] was born June 18, 1692, a son of James Minott, Esq., and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1718. He studied divinity, and was licensed to preach the gospel, and in that capacity was accustomed to officiate for the Rev. Messrs. Whiting, Bliss, and Emerson, in Concord, and in many neighbouring churches. He was never ordained, but spent most of his life in the more humble, but not less important office of a teacher of youth. His first introduction to this employment was in 1712, before he left college, in the public grammar-school in Concord. He was then engaged at the rate of £20 per year, on condition, say the town records, "if any thing should exceed his abilities his father should assist him." He taught occasionally till 1721, and from that time constantly for above 40 years. According to the town records, for many years, it appears as a condition on which money should be raised to support the grammar-school, that "Mr. Timothy Minott undertake the work." This vote of the town shows that his services were held in high estimation, an opinion which is fully confirmed by tradition. His occupation gave him the title of *Master* Minott, and enabled him to be a very useful man. He was more distinguished, however, for the excellence of his principles and character as a man, and for his faculties as a schoolmaster, than for any peculiar force or elegance as a preacher. He died November 30, 1778, aged 86.

12. JONATHAN MILES [of Concord], son of John Miles, was born February 13, 1701, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1727. He died in Concord in February, 1775, aged 74.

13. JOHN PRESCOTT [of Concord], son of Dr. Jonathan Prescott, was born May 8, 1707, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1727. He was a physician in Concord, and highly esteemed for his professional skill and excellent character. When the unfortunate expedition to Cuba was proposed, he entered readily into the views of the government, and enlisted a company of 100 men from this neighborhood. He sailed from Boston, as commander of this company, September 23, 1740, and was off "Don Maria Bay" in the following February. After the melancholy failure of the expedition, he returned to this country in 1743, and not long after went to England, at the request of the government, where he was treated with great respect. He died in London, of the small-pox, December 30, 1743, aged 35.

He married Ann, the 8th child of Nathaniel Lynde, Esq. She died May 12, 1795, aged 88. Her sister married Joseph Willard of Rutland, who was killed by the Indians in 1723. Her mother was Susannah Willoughby, and her father son of Simon and Hannah Newdigate, who came from London. In testimony of the esteem in which Captain Prescott's services were held, his widow received a pension from the British government during her life. She had 5 children, Ann, Rebecca, 2 sons, who died young, and Willoughby, who died in Concord April 15, 1808, aged 65.

14. PETER PRESCOTT [of Concord], a brother of the foregoing [John Prescott, son of Dr. Jonathan Prescott], was born April 17, 1709, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1730. He studied law, and resided here [in Concord] and in Boston. He dealt largely in wild lands.



Peterborough, in New Hampshire, derived its name from him. He was out several times in the French war, and commanded a company at Crown Point in 1758. Some time before the revolution, he removed to Nova Scotia, where he was appointed clerk of one of the courts, and died in 1784.²

15. NATHANIEL WHITAKER [of Concord], son of David Whitaker, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1730. After being some time employed as a minister at Norwich in Connecticut, he went to England in 1765 or 1766, accompanied by Sampson Occum, the first Indian educated by the Rev. Mr. Wheelock, afterwards President of Dartmouth College, to solicit donations for the support of Mr. Wheelock's school "for the education of Indian youth, to be missionaries and school-masters for the natives of America." He was installed July 28, 1769, over the 3d Church in Salem. In 1774 his meeting-house was burnt, and a division in his society took place. He and his friends erected a new house, and called it the Tabernacle Church in 1776; but, difficulties having arisen, he was dismissed in 1783, and installed at Canaan, Maine, September 10, 1784. He was again dismissed in 1789, and removed to Virginia, where he died.

16. EPHRAIM FLINT [of Concord], son of Colonel John Flint, was born March 4, 1714, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1733. He settled in Lincoln, and inherited the valuable estate of his uncle Edward, and great uncle Ephraim, who had successively owned and lived on the "Flint Farm"; both having died without issue. He was the first town clerk of Lincoln, and died December 26, 1762, aged 48.

17. AARON WHITTEMORE [of Concord], son of Benjamin Whittemore, was born December 13, 1711, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1734. He was ordained at Pembroke, New Hampshire, March 1, 1737, and died November 16, 1767, aged 55.

18. JONATHAN HOAR [of Concord], son of Lieutenant Daniel Hoar, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1740. He was an officer in the provincial service during the war from 1744 to 1763. In 1755 he went as Major to Fort Edward, and the next year was a Lieutenant-Colonel in Nova Scotia, and aid to Major General Winslow at Crown Point. After the peace of 1763, he went to England, and was appointed Governor of Newfoundland and the neighboring provinces, but died on his passage thither in 1771 aged 52.³

19. TIMOTHY MINOTT [of Concord], son of Timothy Minott, teacher of the grammar-school, was born April 8, 1726, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1747. He was a physician in Concord, where he died, July 25, 1804, aged 78.

20. ISRAEL CHEEVER [of Concord], son of Daniel Cheever, was born September 22, 1722, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1749. He was ordained at New Bedford, but was dismissed in 1759, and installed at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, where he died, in June, 1812, aged 90.

21. OLIVER MERRIAM [of Concord] was born June 5, 1722, son of Ebenezer Merriam, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1749. He died in Concord, while a student in divinity, on the 29th of May, 1751, aged 29.

22. SAMUEL BROOKS [of Concord], son of John Brooks, was born March 16, 1729, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1749. He lived in Exeter, New Hampshire, was Register of deeds, justice of the peace, and a worthy man. He died in March, 1807, aged 78.

23. STEPHEN MINOTT [of Concord], a brother of Dr. Timothy Minott, was born June 30, 1732, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1751. After obtaining a theological education, he was invited to the care of a church in Portland, Maine, but died before ordination, September 3, 1759, aged 27. "The gentleman, scholar, and the Christian," says his epitaph, "were so conspicuous in his life, that he was greatly respected while living, and at his death generally and sincerely lamented."

24. GEORGE FARRAR [of Concord], son of George Farrar, was born November 23, 1730, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1751, and ordained at Easton, March 26, 1755. He died September 17th, 1756, aged 25, and was interred at Lincoln.

2. Benjamin Prescott, a brother probably of Peter, entered [Harvard] College in 1744, but was not graduated. He was killed by the Indians.

3. Daniel Hoar, a brother of Jonathan Hoar, entered [Harvard] College in 1730, but was not graduated.



25. JOHN MONROE [of Concord], son of Thomas Monroe, was born March 4, 1733 and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1751. He studied divinity, but was never ordained. He taught a school several years in Concord and Harvard, whither he removed in 1772. He died there about 1796. His sister is now [1835] living, aged 97.

26. WILLIAM WILLARD WHEELER [of Concord], son of William Wheeler, was born December 24, 1734, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1755. He was the Episcopalian minister of St. Andrew's Church in Scituate, and succeeded the Rev. Mr. Thompson, whose daughter he married. He died January 14, 1810, aged 75.

27. JOSEPH WHEELER [of Concord] was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1757; ordained at Harvard, December 12, 1759, and dismissed on account of ill health, July 28, 1768. He subsequently relinquished the profession, and resided at Worcester, where he was representative, justice of the peace, and register of probate, from 1775 to his death, February 10, 1793, at the age of 58.

28. DANIEL BLISS [of Concord], son of Rev. Daniel Bliss, was born March 18, 1740, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1760. He read law with Abel Willard, Esq., of Lancaster, and was admitted to the bar in Worcester County in May, 1765, and soon after commenced practice in Rutland. He removed to Concord in 1772. He married a daughter of Colonel Murray of Rutland, and, in imitation of his father-in-law, embraced principles opposed by the "sons of liberty." In March, 1775, he left Concord, and was afterwards commissary in the British army at Quebec. He subsequently settled in Fredericktown, New Brunswick, where he was a counsellor at law, and afterwards chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He died in 1806, aged 66. His was the only estate in Concord confiscated by the government. He was a man of great talents, popular manners, and energy of character.

29. JOSEPH LEE [of Concord], son of Joseph Lee, was born May 12, 1742, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1765. He was ordained at Royalston October 19, 1768, and died February 16, 1819, aged 77.

30. JOSEPH HUNT [of Concord], youngest son of Deacon Simon Hunt, was born March 1, 1749, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1770. He was a physician at Dracut and Concord, and several years Secretary of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He died May 27, 1812, aged 63.

31. NATHAN BOND [of Concord], son of Abijah Bond, was born March 31, 1752, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1772. He was a merchant in Boston, and died there January 5, 1816, aged 64. His remains were interred, at his request, by the side of his mother in Concord.

32. TILLY MERRICK [of Concord], son of Tilly Merrick, was born January 29, 1752, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1773, and now [1835] resides in Concord, the oldest native living graduate.

33. THOMAS WHITING [of Concord], grandson of the Rev. John Whiting by his son Thomas Whiting, Esq., was born October 3, 1748, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1775. He taught the grammar-school in Concord several years, and was afterwards a merchant here [in Concord]. He died September 28, 1820, aged 72.

34. SAMUEL LEE [of Concord], brother of the Rev. Joseph Lee, was born March 28, 1756, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1776. During the revolution he was a merchant at Castine, and after the peace at Tracadache in Canada and Ristigouche in New Brunswick on Bay Chaleur. He held various offices, civil and military, under the government of that province, and died March 3, 1805, aged 56, at Shediac, on his return from Halifax to Ristigouche.

35. PETER CLARK [of Concord], son of Benjamin Clark, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1777, was a lawyer in Southborough, and died in July, 1792, aged 36.

36. EBENEZER HUBBARD [of Concord], son of Ebenezer Hubbard, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1777, ordained at Marblehead, January 1, 1783, and died December 15, 1800, aged 43.



37. ABIEL HEYWOOD [of Concord], son of Jonathan Heywood, was born December 9, 1759, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1781. He studied physic with Dr. Spring of Watertown, and commenced practice in Concord in 1790. In 1796 he was chosen town clerk and first selectman, and has since been reelected. He was appointed justice of the peace October 24, 1797, special judge of the Court of Common Pleas February 25, 1802, and an associate justice of the Court of Sessions from 1802 to the organization of the County Commissioner's Court, and has also held other important offices.

38. TIMOTHY SWAN [of Concord], son of Samuel Swan, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1781, was a physician, and died at Washington, North Carolina.

39. EZRA CONANT [of Concord], son of Ezra Conant, was born September 18, 1763, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1784, ordained at Winchester, New Hampshire, February 19, 1788, and dismissed October 13, 1806.

40. SILAS LEE [of Concord], brother to Joseph and Samuel before mentioned, was born July 3, 1760, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1784. He settled as an attorney at Pownalborough, now [1835] Wiscasset, Maine, and in 1800 and 1801 represented the district of Lincoln and Kennebec in the 6th Congress of the United States. In January, 1802, he was appointed United States Attorney for Maine, and in 1807, judge of Probate for the county of Lincoln [Maine], and held these offices till his death, March 1, 1814, aged 54.

41. JOHN MERRICK [of Concord], brother of Tilly Merrick, was born February 7, 1761, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1784. He read law and practiced in Concord, where he died. The following epitaph, at his request, was inscribed on his grave-stone.

“John Merrick
died 15 August, 1797 aged 36,
and here, here he lies!”

42. WILLIAM EMERSON [of Concord], only son of the Rev. William Emerson, was born May 6, 1769, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1789. He was ordained at Harvard May 23, 1792, but was dismissed on being called to a greater field of usefulness, and was installed over the First Church in Boston, October 16, 1799, where he obtained a distinguished reputation for talents, literary acquirements and piety. He died May 11, 1811, aged 42. His *History of the Church*, a posthumous publication, and the *Massachusetts Historical Collections*, Vol. I. p. 256, (Second Series) contain full notices of his character, to which the reader is referred. *Four* of his sons, William, Ralph Waldo, Edward Bliss, and Charles Chauncey, were graduated at Harvard College with distinguished rank. [This seems something of an exaggeration.]

43. WILLIAM JONES [of Concord], only son of Samuel Jones, was born September 15, 1772, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1793. He read law with Jonathan Fay, Esq., and commenced practice in this town, but removed to Norridgewock, Maine, about 1801. He was appointed, June 29, 1809, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Somerset, and on the 23d of April, 1812, clerk of all the courts in that county, and June 22, 1809, judge of Probate. While resident in Concord he delivered an oration on the 4th of July, 1795, which was published. May 12th of that year he was appointed Captain of a company of cavalry, and April 17, 1799, Major in the 15th regiment of the United States' army stationed at Oxford. On the 27th of March, 1806, after his removal to Maine, he received a commission of Lieutenant-Colonel, and February 21, 1810, of Brigadier-General, in the militia of that state. He died at Norridgewock on January 10, 1813, aged 40. His remains were removed, and interred in Concord.

44. JAMES TEMPLE [of Concord], son of Benjamin Temple, was born September 20, 1766, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1794. He taught the grammar-school in Concord in 1795 and 1796, and read law with Jonathan Fay, Esq. He commenced professional business in Cambridge, but died March 10, 1802, aged 35.

45. SAMUEL PHILLIPS PRESCOTT FAY [of Concord], son of Jonathan Fay, Esq., was born January 10, 1778, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1798; was admitted to the bar in 1803, and settled at Cambridge Port. He was appointed judge of Probate May 1, 1821, and filled the office with distinguished ability.



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46. RUFUS HOSMER [of Concord], son of the Hon. Joseph Hosmer, was born March 18, 1778, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1800. He was admitted to the bar in Essex in 1803, and soon after removed to Stow, where he has since [to 1835] resided as a counsellor at law.

47. STEPHEN MINOTT [of Concord], son of Captain Jonas Minott, was born September 28, 1776, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1801, and settled as a lawyer in Haverhill. He was appointed a judge of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, and held the office till 1820, when the law which created that Court was repealed. In 1824 he was appointed County Attorney for Essex, which office he resigned in 1830.

48. SAMUEL RIPLEY [of Concord], son of the Rev. Ezra Ripley, D.D., was born March 11, 1783, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1804, and was ordained over the first religious society in Waltham November 22, 1809, where he still [1835] resides.

49. DANIEL BLISS RIPLEY [of Concord], brother of the preceding, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1805. He was an attorney, and died at St. Stephens, Alabama; April 30, 1825, aged 37.

50. BENJAMIN WARREN HILDRETH [of Concord], son of Jonathan Hildreth, was born March 29, 1784, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1805, and settled as a physician in Marlborough.

51. JOHN WHITE [of Concord], son of Deacon John White, was born December 2, 1787, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1805, and was ordained over the third parish in Dedham April 20, 1814.

52. JONAS WHEELER [of Concord], son of Jotham Wheeler, was born February 9, 1789, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1810. He read law with Erastus Root, Esq., of Camden, Maine, and settled in the profession in that town. He was justice of the peace, Colonel in the militia, delegate to form the constitution, a representative and a member of the Senate of Maine, of which he was President the two last years of his life. He died May 1, 1826, aged 37.

53. JOHN BARRETT [of Concord], son of John Barrett, Jr., was born September 30, 1781, and graduated at Williams College in 1810. After obtaining a theological education he was employed by the Evangelical Society, and went to Ohio. He was ordained at Mesopotamia, Trumbull County, Ohio, February 22, 1827.

54. JOSHUA BARRETT [of Concord], brother to the preceding, was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1810. He studied divinity and was employed as a preacher and missionary till he was ordained, January 11, 1826, over the Second church in Plymouth near the Manomet Ponds.

55. JOHN BROWN [of Concord], son of Samuel Brown, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1813. He studied physic, but relinquished the profession, and became a merchant near Buffalo, New York.

56. EPHRAIM BUTTRICK [of Concord,] son of Samuel Buttrick, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1819, admitted to the bar in September, 1823, and settled at East Cambridge.

57. BENJAMIN BARRETT [of Concord], son of Peter Barrett, was born February 2, 1796, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1819 and at the Cambridge Medical School in course, and settled in Northampton.

58. CHARLES JARVIS [of Concord], son of Deacon Francis Jarvis, was born November 27, 1800, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1821. He studied medicine with Doctors Hurd and Bartlett of Concord, and Shattuck of Boston, and received his medical degree in 1825. He settled in South Bridgewater, where he soon obtained a respectable practice. But in the following July he was attacked with a fatal disease, removed to his father's house, and died February 23, 1826, aged 25.

59. JOHN MILTON CHENEY [of Concord], son of Hezekiah Cheney, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1821. He settled as a lawyer in Concord, and was appointed Cashier of the Concord Bank in April, 1832.

60. GEORGE WASHINGTON HOSMER [of Concord], son of Cyrus Hosmer, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1826, and at Cambridge Theological School in 1829. he was ordained at



Northfield June 9, 1830.

61. EDWARD JARVIS [of Concord], son of Deacon Francis Jarvis, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1826. He studied physic and practised at Northfield, but removed to Concord in 1832.

62. REUBEN BATES [of Concord], son of Capt. John Bates, was born March 20, 1808, graduated [at Harvard College] in 1829, and at the [Harvard] Theological School in 1832.

63. JONATHAN THOMAS DAVIS [of Concord], son of Jonathan H. Davis, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1829.

64. HORATIO COOK MERRIAM [of Concord], was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1829, and is now [1835] in the practice of law at Lowell.

65. WILLIAM MACKAY PRICHARD [of Concord], son of Moses Prichard, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1833.

66. WILLIAM WHITING [of Concord], son of Colonel William Whiting, was graduated [at Harvard College] in 1833.

Undergraduates. — George Moore [of Concord], son of Captain Abel Moore; Hiram Barrett Dennis [of Concord], son of Samuel Dennis; Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar [of Concord], son of the Hon. Samuel Hoar, members of Harvard University; Marshall Merriam [of Concord], and Gardner Davis [of Concord], son of Josiah Davis, of Yale, and Josiah Dudley [of Concord], of Union College, New York.⁴

JOHN CUMING [of Concord], was born March 1, 1728. His father, Mr. Robert Cuming, was a distinguished Scotchman who emigrated to this country during the rebellion, about 1715, and, after residing a short time in Boston, removed to this town [Concord] about 1722, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. John inherited a large part of his father's estate. After acquiring a good academic education, and going through a regular course of medical studies, he embarked for Europe, where he completed his professional education, and afterwards returned to his native town. He received the honorary degree of Master of Arts at Harvard College in 1749. During the wars which prevailed in America from 1745 to 1763, he was several times called to take an active part. In one of these engagements he was wounded by a ball that lodged in his hip (where it remained till his death), captured by the Indians, and carried into Canada. The Indians at first treated him with severity; but after his remaining with them some time they became friendly, and by the influence of a French gentleman he obtained his liberty. He was out in 1758 and 1759, as Lieutenant-Colonel under Colonel Nichols, and was distinguished for the ability with which he discharged his duty. After the close of the war he acquired an extensive professional practice, in which he continued during life. He was early entrusted with important town affairs, and was often chosen Representative in the General Court. At *ninety* of the town-meetings, from 1763 to 1788, he presided as moderator. When the great work of the American revolution commenced, he was one of its firmest advocates. He was chairman of the committee of correspondence, inspection, and safety, almost every year during the war. He received the commission of justice of the peace from the crown, and was one of the first appointed by the Provincial Congress, and was president of the county Court of Sessions about twenty years. By his extensive professional business in this [Concord] and the neighboring towns, he acquired a considerable estate which enabled him to make liberal donations to this church and town, Harvard College, and other objects. To the poor he was remarkably benevolent. He regulated his whole life by the precepts of religion, of which he was

4. Claude Cicchetti of today's Concord has pointed out to our discussion group on the internet that since the native-son undergraduates Lemuel Shattuck mentions here were in the Harvard College classes of 1834 (George Moore) and 1835 (Hiram Dennis and Ebenezer Hoar), this paragraph would have needed to have been written between May 1833 and May 1834. The earlier date is more likely than the later date since Marshall Merriam, who graduated from Yale College with its Class of 1833, is carried as still an undergraduate there. David Henry Thoreau of Concord would have been unmentioned as a current Harvard College undergraduate simply because, at the time this paragraph was being penned, he had not yet matriculated. In fact we know that David Henry Thoreau went from Concord into Cambridge to take up lodgings at 20 Hollis Hall on August 9, 1833.



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an exemplary professor about forty-five years, and, it is said, never charged for professional services rendered on the Sabbath. He died suddenly, while on a visit in Chelmsford, July 3, 1788, aged 60.

His benevolent and liberal disposition was manifest in the judicious disposition of his estate. Beside many other legacies, he bequeathed "for the use of the town of Concord *three hundred pounds sterling*, one moiety thereof to be equally distributed for the benefit of the private schools in the town of Concord, and to be especially under the direction of the selectmen for the time being; the other moiety thereof to be annually disposed of among the poor of said town, at the discretion of the minister and selectmen of the town of Concord for the time being, — the use of the above sum of money to be for the above purposes and for no other under any pretence whatever." He also made it the residuary legatee of one quarter of his real estate undisposed of at the death of his wife. The whole amounted to £500 lawful money, or \$1,666-66. He gave "to the church of Concord, *fifty pounds sterling*, to be laid out in silver vessels to furnish the communion table"; and also "*twenty-five pounds sterling* to be forever kept as a fund" to be disposed of by the minister and deacons for the benefit "of the poor communicants"; and also £20 to the Rev. Dr. Ripley. He bequeathed "to the University in Cambridge *three hundred pounds sterling*, the income of the same to be appropriated for a professor of physic" and also made it a residuary legatee in the same manner as he did the town of Concord.

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