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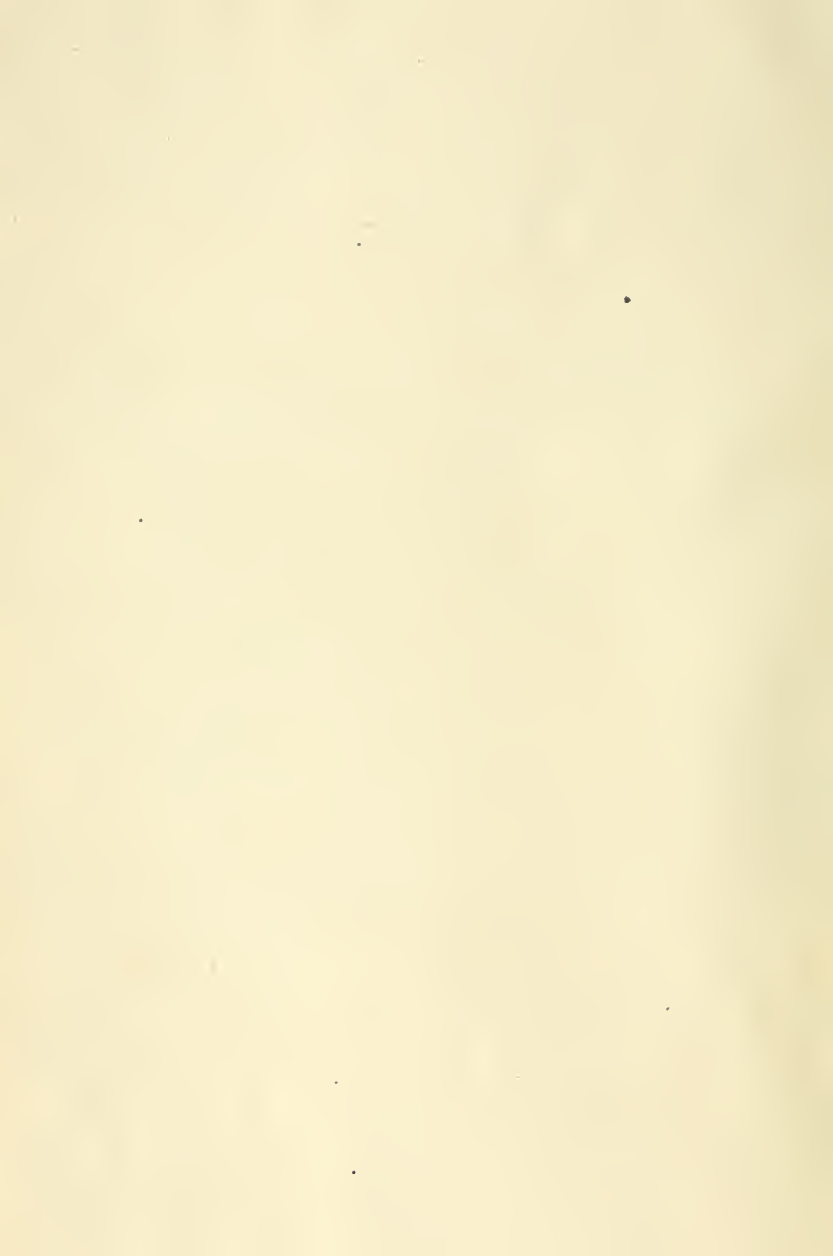


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HISTORY  
OF THE  
TOWN OF RINDGE,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE,  
FROM THE DATE OF THE  
ROWLEY CANADA OR MASSACHUSETTS CHARTER,  
TO THE PRESENT TIME,  
1736—1874,  
WITH A  
GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

OF THE  
RINDGE FAMILIES,

BY  
EZRA S. STEARNS.

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“Who so shall telle a tale after a man,  
He moste reherse, as neighe as ever he can,  
Everich word, if it be in his charge,  
All speke he never so rudely and so large;  
Or elles he moste tellen his tale untrewre,  
Or feinen thinges or finden wordes newe.”

*Prologue to Canterbury Tales*

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THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY OF OUR OWN NEW ENGLAND, . . . IS BUT A JUST AND AFFECTIONATE TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE WORTHY MEN WHO HERE PLANTED THE GERMS OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION, WHICH HAVE NOT ONLY BUDDED AND BLOSSOMED, BUT HAVE BORNE ABUNDANT FRUIT; WHO HERE ESTABLISHED THOSE IMMUTABLE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, EQUAL LAWS, AND EQUAL RIGHTS, WHICH HAVE MADE OUR NATION INDEPENDENT AND FREE IN THE MOST NOBLE SENSE — A SHINING EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD, — AND WHICH, LIKE THE SPIRIT OF LIGHT MOVING ON THE FACE OF THE DARK WATERS, SHALL ILLUMINE THE ENTIRE GLOBE. . . . AND WHAT MORE PRECIOUS TESTIMONIAL OF YOUR LOVE OF KINDRED AND HOME CAN YOU LEAVE. THAN THAT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE HISTORY OF YOUR ANCESTORS, YOURSELF AND FAMILY, TO FUTURE GENERATIONS! HOW CONSOLING THE THOUGHT, THAT WHEN YOU SHALL HAVE BEEN GATHERED TO YOUR FATHERS, THIS HISTORY SHALL LIVE THROUGH ALL COMING TIME AS A PRECIOUS INHERITANCE TO YOUR DESCENDANTS! THIS IS A TRUST WHICH PROVIDENCE HAS CONFIDED TO YOUR CARE; AND WHO SO DEAD TO SYMPATHY AND AFFECTION, TO KINDRED AND COUNTRY, THAT HE WOULD NOT PRESERVE THE RECORD OF HIS ANCESTORS, THE PLACE OF HIS BIRTH, THE HOME OF HIS CHILDHOOD, AND THE SACRED SPOT WHERE REPOSE THE LOVED AND LOST ONES OF EARTH!

HON. MARSHALL PINCKNEY WILDER.

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## PREFACE.

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Prefaces to works of this character are generally lugubrious affairs, penned with a weary hand, and tinged with the lassitude of a jaded brain. These brief lines, like the Song of Miriam, shall rather proclaim deliverance from a prolonged labor, as they joyfully announce a task performed and a duty done. The constant employment of these many months has not been altogether tiresome and monotonous. The study of the character of our fathers, and the constant testimony of the steady purpose and consistent obedience to duty which crowned their lives with triumphs and successes, have awakened a firmer faith in the inherent strength and moral courage of mankind. During these years a forest has been leveled, and the green grasses and fruitful products of a virgin soil have sprung up in a most captivating luxuriance. Sturdy men, seeking homes for their wives and children, have appeared upon the scene, to fulfill the mission of their active, useful lives, and have been laid in graves from which their vigorous strokes in the prime of manhood's strength removed the monarchs of the forest, and are now sleeping beneath the sunshine which they let in to warm the surface of the earth. Another and another generation have followed, and in their turn have been gathered to the dust of their fathers.

But none has possessed the manly form, the proud bearing, the firm faith, and frank honesty which crowned

as Nature's kings the sturdy settlers who first awoke the echoes of the forest with their hearty strokes, and amid the dying flame and fading smoke hopefully reared their rude cabins, and thither conducted their wives and children. They erected meeting-houses, settled ministers, established schools, and promptly joined their brethren in arms in the cause of national independence. The chapters relating to these several subjects have been carefully written.

Throughout the following pages a broad distinction has been maintained between fact and tradition, and nothing has been stated which was not believed to be true. With charity for error when discovered, and censure restrained by a strict adherence to truth, it is hoped there will appear no occasion for disapprobation of the motive, although the scholar may justly complain of hurried, and frequently of careless, composition.

While it has been the constant aim of the author to narrate facts and recount the deeds of men, he has also attempted to portray the lives, the characters, and the passions of the people, and to present the most prominent features of the manners and customs of the times. How far he has succeeded, or wherein he has failed, must be judged by the readers of the following pages.

The material for several chapters of this volume has been accumulating for many years. During several sessions of the Legislature many hours have been devoted to an examination of the papers, records, and documents which are deposited in the State House, and much valuable information was thus secured. The chapters devoted to the Revolutionary history of this town are more particularly indebted to these researches. A search of several days among the Massachusetts State Archives furnished considerable information of the grant of Rowley Canada by the

Province of Massachusetts; and the records of this town have been daily consulted during the progress of the work.

The citizens of Rindge, from whom the author, at all times, has received the most considerate treatment, have not been indifferent to the undertaking, and the kindly interest manifested by very many has been a constant pleasure and encouragement from the beginning. At a legal meeting held August 11, 1874, an appropriation of five hundred dollars was voted the author on certain conditions, and a committee was chosen to carry the vote into effect. With this committee a contract was made by which they, in behalf of the town, were to publish an edition of four hundred copies, and to have the exclusive sale of the book in the town of Rindge until they had disposed of two hundred and fifty copies. Of the remaining one hundred and fifty copies, not more than ten is to be sold in any one year, which provision will reserve a part of the town's edition to meet future demands: while the author, having the benefit of the type, has been at no part of the expense of composition, and has been at liberty to publish an unlimited edition, which he is permitted to dispose of to any person not a resident of this town. The cost of publication has been less than at first was anticipated, and for this reason the author has not received the full benefit that was intended by the generous action of the town; but as made the contract has been honorably and faithfully fulfilled. To Zebulon Converse, Samuel W. Fletcher, Joel Wellington, James B. Robbins, and Daniel H. Sargent, Esqrs., the members of the committee, the author extends the most grateful acknowledgment of courteous treatment, and of the faithful effort which has secured a volume that in mechanical appearance is far superior to its literary merit.

In the mention of any town the State is also generally

stated: but in the frequent occurrence of the names of the border towns of Winchendon and Ashburnham, in Massachusetts, of Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey, Sharon, and New Ipswich, in New Hampshire, the name of the State is purposely omitted.

More time and labor was given to the genealogies than to the former portion of the volume. The multitude of names and dates was drawn from very many sources. Without the cheering assistance of many friends, both in Rindge and abroad, the family registers, which now contain above five thousand names, exclusive of those who have intermarried with the Rindge families, would have been less complete. While all who have rendered assistance are gratefully remembered, I cannot refrain from an acknowledgment of polite attention and valuable assistance from Robert Safford Hale, LL.D., of Elizabethtown, N. Y., John Ward Dean, A.M., the efficient librarian of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the late George A. Cunningham, Esq., of Lunenburg, Mass., Benjamin Cutter, Esq., of Jaffrey, Drs. Albert Smith and D. B. Cutter, of Peterboro. N. H., Amos J. Blake, Esq., of Fitzwilliam, and Hiram Blake, Esq., of Keene, N. H.; and also many others who have furnished records of their own and of collateral families.

That the following pages may prove acceptable to his townsmen, and afford a measure of enjoyment and profit to the general reader, and be found of some value to the genealogist and historian, is the hope that has encouraged the author from the beginning.

EZRA S. STEARNS.

RINDGE, January 1, 1875.



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## INTRODUCTION.

Location. — Area. — Hills. — Water Courses. — Lakes. — Fish. — Wild Animals. — Arboreal Products. — Scenery.

RINDGE is the most eastern of the five towns in Cheshire County in New Hampshire, bordering upon Massachusetts, and is bounded north, 1,898 rods, by Jaffrey, and 513 rods by Sharon; east, 1,694 rods, by New Ipswich; south by Ashburnham and Winchendon, Mass.; and west, 1,730 rods, by Fitzwilliam. The centre of the town is twenty miles southeast from Keene, and fifty miles southwest from Concord, and is in latitude  $42^{\circ}, 45'$  north, and longitude  $72^{\circ}$  west, or  $4^{\circ}, 7'$  east from Washington. In outline the town is rhomboid, the boundary lines inclining about two degrees east of north, and about twelve degrees north of west. The area is not far from 24,000 acres, of which about one-sixth is covered with water.

The surface is hilly. There are no chains or ranges of hills in this town, and no elevation is prominent above many others. The similarity of many of the rounded, mound-like forms of the higher elevations is a prominent feature of the landscape. Very few of the hills are abrupt or broken in outline, and nearly all are fertile to their summits. Numerous farm-buildings, situated on the height of these elevations, are the centres of the most productive farms; and, in marked contrast with many other sections of New England, the

forests and wild lands are in the valleys and upon the plains, leaving the hills for grazing and tillage. The prevailing stone is granite, which abounds more in the form of boulders than of ledges. Upon the farm of Samuel Martin, formerly of Ebenezer Blake, is found a decomposed rock, from which a coarse paint has been made for more than fifty years; its color, a red, shading into brown, is owing to the presence of iron. Crystals of quartz are abundant in several portions of the town, and specimens of rare beauty and perfection of form are frequently secured.

The town is well watered. The clay formation of the soil is well adapted to retain moisture, and springs of the purest water abound. The water-courses are numerous, and all have their rise within the limits of the town. A few small brooks from the western slope of the New Ipswich mountains, which, with one exception, are dry a portion of each year, are only a partial exception to the general statement.

The course of the streams is a certain index of the elevation of a place. Miller's and Contoocook Rivers have their rise in this town, and the water-shed, between the Connecticut and Merrimac River valleys, divides the town into two nearly equal portions. Here are several dwelling-houses, the water from one side of the roof of which finds its way into the Connecticut, and from the other side into the Merrimac, River. The northern slope of the township is drained into Long Pond, the head of the Contoocook River, flowing through Jaffrey and Peterborough, thence north and east emptying into Merrimac River a few miles north of Concord. The southern slope is mostly drained into Monomonock Lake, the head of Miller's River, which flows through Winchendon; thence west and south emptying into the Connecticut River near the town of Greenfield, Mass. The western portion of the town belongs to the southern slope, and is drained into Miller's River a few miles below its rise. The

drainage of a small area in the southeast part of the town, including the stream from Pecker Pond, empties into the eastern branch of Miller's River in Ashburnham, which joins the northern branch from Monomonoek Lake, at the reservoir of B. D. Whitney, Esq., in Winchendon.

The ponds, inclusive of reservoirs, are thirteen in number, six in the northern and seven in the southern slope. The Monomonoek Lake, the largest body of water, lies partly in Winchendon, but the greater portion is in this town. A dam, erected at the outlet, has raised the level at high water twelve feet above the natural surface. The present area is 2,600 acres. It has been known by its present name, which is of Indian origin, from the date of the earliest settlements in this vicinity. The orthography of the name has experienced many changes, but in them all a similarity of sound has been preserved. Different people formerly wrote such names as the sound happened to strike them. Wonomenoek was a form which was sometimes employed more than a hundred years ago. This and the other forms of spelling the word, which have prevailed, substantially preserve the Indian pronunciation of the name. The orthography most current has been here employed, and is as good as any. The word is said to have been derived from *Monon*, or *Menan*, an island, and *ock*, or *auk*, signifying locality or place, and before the dam had raised the water above its natural level, two islands, now submerged, were prominent near the centre of the lake.

Emerson Pond is a beautiful sheet of water, locked in the embrace of the surrounding hills. There are no streams flowing into it, and the pond is fed entirely by springs. The water is remarkably cool and clear. It has been designated by its present name since 1763, and perhaps for a longer period. This name is evidently derived from some member of the Emerson family, but the origin is unknown. The tradition, current in many such instances, that a man by this

name was drowned in the pond, has not been withheld, but should be received with considerable allowance. The drainage of this pond was originally from the eastern extremity. For nearly a century the water has been diverted from its natural channel, and conducted by the mills of A. S. Coffin, Esq., and thence into Monomonock Lake. The central portion of this body of water is in the eighth lot in the seventh range.

Smith Pond, sometimes called Goddard Pond, on account of families of these names residing in the vicinity, was originally one of the smallest ponds in town, comprising not more than thirty acres, and is situated in the corner of the second and third lots in the fifth and sixth ranges. A dam erected on the stream near the residence of Addison Bancroft forms a reservoir which has multiplied the area of this sheet of water.

Tortoise Pond is appropriately named. The names of Sawtell Pond and Divoll Pond have been employed, but the former is the older and better name. The greater portion is in the second lot in the second range. The two latter ponds are drained by the East Rindge stream, thence by way of Converseville into Monomonock Lake.

Pearly Pond is so called on account of the clearness of its waters. The name of Tarbell Pond has been more rarely employed. Portions of six lots are submerged by this pond. The central portion is in the eighteenth lot in the eighth range. The stream from this pond is an affluent of Miller's River. The junction is several miles below the outlet of Monomonock Lake.

Mud Pond, a small body of water in the northwest corner of the town, is properly named. The drainage is into Pearly Pond.

Pecker Pond, only a few acres in extent, covers a part of the fifth and sixth lots in the first range. The course of the stream has been described.

Long Pond, situated upon the borders of Jaffrey, with the exception of the Monomonock Lake, is the largest body of water in the township, and receives the drainage of the northern slope.

Pool Pond derives its name from its circular form and its crystal waters. The greater portion is in the fifth lot in the eighth range.

Grassy Pond, so called on account of the water-grasses which appear above its surface, is in the ninth and tenth lots in the eighth range.

Bullet Pond takes its name naturally from the outline of the shore, and "round as a bullet" was a comparison early associated with the pond. The drainage is into Grassy Pond, thence into Pool, and thence into Long Pond. The original course of the stream from Grassy Pond was in a northern direction to Long Pond. The diversion of the stream from its natural channel was for the benefit of the mills at West Rindge.

Hubbard Pond, situated in the fourth and fifth lots in the eighth and ninth ranges, was known by its present name previous to the incorporation of the town, and several years before any person of this name resided in Rindge. Jonathan Hubbard, Esq., never resided here, but he was one of the proprietors, and assisted in surveying the grant. Tradition says he fell from a log into this pond, and that the name preserves the story of his mishap. It is probable that the name of the pond is associated in some way with this gentleman. As it is said to be easy to roll off a log, the tradition may be founded upon fact. Situated near, is Little Hubbard or Mud Pond. A dam has been built near the outlet of the latter, and in high water the two ponds are united in one. The drainage is into the eastern extremity of Long Pond.

In addition to these, there are several reservoirs or artificial ponds in this town. Some of them, except in dry

seasons, overflow many acres, and might properly be classed with the other ponds. At a former period there were other bodies of water in this town, the basins of which are now filled with deposit. The level of hard bottom in the Converse and in the Emory meadow is several feet lower than the natural outlet: and until the deposit accumulated to the height of water-level they must have been submerged. Fragments of wood, impressions of leaves, and other vegetable growth, found at a considerable depth beneath the surface, are evidence that these basins have been filled at a comparatively recent period. Theories concerning a glacial period, and the action of ice upon the hills and valleys of Rindge, are not here advanced. The evidences will remain, and the student of the present or of the future can draw his own conclusions. All the ponds and reservoirs abound with the fish common to the waters of this vicinity, and the fame of the enticing sport here afforded to the disciples of Izaak Walton has a wider celebrity than would any description contained within these pages. For future reference the varieties found here at present are given: the pickerel (*Esox reticulatus*); brook trout (*Salmo fontinalis*); perch (*Perca flavescens*); shiner (*Stilbe chrysolencas*); bream or sunfish (*Pomotis vulgaris*); chub or cheven (*Leuciscus chephalus*); black sucker (*Catostomus*); chub sucker, another of the same genus; the minnow, or minim, a very small fish, and a specie of *Leuciscus*: cat fish or horned pout (*Pimelodus catus*). The common eel (*Anguilla tenuirostris*), and the lamprey eel, a species of the *Petromyzon*, although rare, are sometimes taken from the ponds.

The town was originally heavily wooded. Around the ponds were forests of an immense growth, which were the haunts of many wild animals common to the locality. The bear, wolf, and deer, which have a decided antipathy to civilization, and, either from instinct or sorrowful experience, a wholesome fear of man, were once abundant, and have visited



their former retreats within the memory of many persons now living. Evidences of the presence of the beaver are numerous. The last one killed in this town was by Jeremiah Russell, about 1780. The otter has not been exterminated. Several have been shot within the past twenty years, and their paths in the snow are still frequently seen. The mink, not as numerous as formerly, is found upon the borders of the brooks, and not a few are annually taken in traps, or become the mark of the successful sportsman. Muskrats are abundant, and their rounded houses of mud and sticks are found in many of the ponds. Foxes remain in great numbers, and many are killed during the fall and winter months of each year. The woodchuck, the common varieties of the squirrel, the hare, and the cony rabbit are abundant, and occasionally the sleepy porcupine is found in his quiet home within a hollow tree. The sly looks and cunning face of the raccoon have not disappeared. These animals are probably more numerous than at some former periods. A well-trained dog and the moonlight of an autumn evening are the conditions of success in hunting these sagacious animals. The coon has been employed as a symbol in American politics, and whoever has studied their habits must acknowledge that by them the fox is excelled in cunning, and the cat in sly movements.

The birds found here are such as are common to central New England, and need not be particularized. The wild goose, the black and gray duck, of migratory habits, visit the ponds in their spring and autumn transits. The wood and dipper duck not unfrequently nest here, and can be found in their retreats during the summer and autumn. The loon or northern diver (*Colymbus glacialis*) during the summer months and early autumn is daily seen floating upon the lakes, or in its passage from one pond to another. They annually nest upon the islands, or upon the shore of Monomnock Lake, and occasionally at Emerson Pond. The

sonorous whistle of the quail (*Ortyx virginianus*) is sometimes heard, but this bird seldom nests in this latitude. Partridges (*Tetrax umbellus*, or the *Bonasa umbellus* of Linnæus,) are abundant, and the loud whirring sound of their wings, as they burst away at the approach of visitors to their haunts, is the frequent accompaniment to a walk in the forests or partially-wooded wild lands. Their flesh is held in high esteem, and they are constantly pursued by the sportsman, and beset with many snares. The wild pigeon is much less abundant than formerly, and the plover, never very numerous, is rarely seen; while the presence of the red-headed woodpecker, whose loud rapping upon the trees, mingled with the sound of the woodman's axe, is no longer of frequent occurrence. Other species of the genus *Picus* are still numerous.

The prevailing arboreal products are white pine, hemlock, spruce, maple, beech, and birch, which are found in all portions of the town. There are three varieties of the maple: the rock or sugar maple, white, and red; the latter is found in the swamps and low lands. The birches are of the white or silver, gray, yellow, and black varieties. Groves of red oak were found in several localities, and isolated trees throughout the town; but an increasing demand for this wood has greatly reduced the quantity. Pitch pine is not generally distributed, but is found in considerable quantity in several localities. Juniper, or tamarack, is found in all parts of the town, and maintains its relative abundance in the forests. Chestnut is abundant, and white and black ash cannot be considered of rare growth. White poplar is found in many forests, and is more plentiful than formerly. White willow, of rapid growth, lines the borders of the lakes, and mountain ash is as frequently discovered in the swamps as upon the highest elevations. Fir balsams are scattered here and there throughout the town. Liverwood, hornbeam, basswood, elm, black and wild or pigeon cherry, balm of



gilead, and wild pear are found in smaller quantities. Moosewood, with its large, broad leaves, flourishes beneath the shade of the forests. Black alder, bearing red berries, is seen upon the roadside, and tag alder lines the shore of the brooks and the margin of low lands. Red and poison sumac, or dogwood, are rare. Clusters of withe, whitewood, witch and nut hazel, and laurel are found in many places. A few locust—two varieties,—butternut or white walnut, and Lombardy poplar have flourished as shade-trees, but are not natives here. It is probable that the gray birch and white poplar are of secondary growth, having succeeded the original forests. The usual varieties of fruit trees are cultivated, but many of the old orchards of apple trees, from age and decay, are rapidly disappearing, while trees of a younger growth are coming forward to supply their places.

Any notice of Rindge, however brief, would be incomplete without reference to the matchless beauty of the scenery. The charming diversity of the general landscape presents many features of interest to persons of varied tastes, which none can witness without the excitement of the warmest admiration.

“’Tis born with all: the love of Nature’s works  
 Is an ingredient in the compound Man,  
 Infused at the creation of the kind.  
 And, though the Almighty Maker has throughout  
 Discriminated each from each, by strokes  
 And touches of His hand, with so much art  
 Diversified, that two were never found  
 Twins at all points,—yet this obtains in all,  
 That all discern a beauty in His works,  
 And all can taste them; minds that have been formed  
 And tutor’d, with a relish more exact,  
 But none without some relish, none unmoved.”

Monadnock is the monarch of mountains in central New England, whose towering height and symmetrical form make

a grand feature in the landscape, and the views obtained of it from the elevations in this town are unsurpassed. Far away to the north the distinct outlines of the Kearsarge mark the horizon, while the intervening space is charmingly diversified with hill and valley, with forest and plain. The range of New Ipswich mountains at the east is terminated at its southern limit by the rounded form of Watatic, and to the south at a distance of thirty miles rises the summit of Wachusett.

The shining surface of numerous lakes, and, in a clear atmosphere, the dim and softened outlines of the Green Mountains, contribute variety and a most enticing attraction and completeness to the landscape. The surrounding scenery has a living influence upon the character of the people inhabiting among scenes of such sublimity and matchless beauty; and allied to the ties of kindred will remain, to the absent sons and daughters of Rindge, glowing recollections of the beautiful in Nature, which delighted their youthful vision.

“ Nature never did betray

The heart that loved her; 'tis her privilege,  
Through all the years of this our life, to lead  
From joy to joy; for she can so inform  
The mind that is within us, so impress  
With quietness and beauty, and so feed  
With lofty thoughts, that neither evil tongues,  
Rash judgments, nor the sneers of selfish men,  
Nor greetings where no kindness is, nor all  
The dreary intercourse of daily life,  
Shall e'er prevail against us or disturb  
Our cheerful faith, that all which we behold  
Is full of blessings.”

## CHAPTER I.

### *THE GRANT OF ROWLEY CANADA BY THE PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS.*

Sir William Phipps.— Expedition to Canada, 1690.— Its Influence upon the History of Rindge.— First mention of Abel Platts.— The Charter.— Plan and Description of the Boundaries of Rowley Canada.— Ezekiel Jewett.— Location of the Boundary Line between the Provinces of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.— Forfeiture of the Charter.

SIR WILLIAM PHIPPS was a man of brilliant fortunes. Born about 1750 in an obscure hamlet in Maine, early in life he removed to Boston, where for several years he pursued the business of a smith, to which occupation he had been instructed by his father. Subsequently he followed the seas. Hearing of a Spanish ship richly laden with silver which had been lost near the Bahamas, he gave such an account of it, the English government gave him command of a ship to search for the treasures buried in the sea. A second voyage was successful, and he carried to England about three hundred thousand pounds in treasure. For this important service the king conferred on him the honor of knighthood. He was soon after appointed High Sheriff for New England, and subsequently Governor of Massachusetts.

In 1690 he commanded an expedition to Canada, which met with small success and experienced the severest losses.

The first effort to settle the territory included within the boundaries of Rindge had its origin in the ill fortunes of this expedition; and thus the only apparent failure of Governor Phipps had a most powerful influence over the destiny of the settlement.

The soldiers who participated in this ill-fated expedition were paid by the Colony of Massachusetts for this service with an emission of paper money, the first which was ever issued in New England, which soon depreciated in value, and caused great loss to the soldiers. Forty or more years later these sufferers petitioned the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts for additional compensation. These requests appear to have been granted in all cases.

The persons who composed the company from Dorchester, or the legal heirs of those deceased, received a township of land, which, for the reason that the grantees were from Dorchester, and the service for which the grant was made was in Canada, was called Dorchester Canada, now Ashburnham; about the same time and in the same manner was granted Ipswich Canada (Winchendon), and Rowley Canada, which is now known as Rindge. The history of this latter grant will be briefly stated. The soldiers from Rowley, Topsfield, Boxford, and Newbury, composed three companies under command of Captains Philip Nelson, John March, and Stephen Greenleaf. The officers and privates composing these companies, or the heirs of those deceased, were granted two townships of land now known as Boscawen and Rindge. The former township was laid out in 1739 by Richard Hazen, surveyor, and is described as "being westerly of the Merrimack, and northerly of and adjoining to the Contoocook River."

The other township, which took the name of Rowley Canada, was surveyed by Nathan Heywood, and was bounded

so as to contain a tract of land equivalent to six miles square. It included a part of Jaffrey and Sharon on the north, which was a broken line, and did not extend on the south to the State line, as subsequently established. In this survey an allowance of ten thousand acres was made for "ten large ponds," and for "a large shrub swamp," which at present is familiarly known as "Tophet Swamp." This low ground was included in Rowley Canada as bounded by this survey, but now constitutes a part of Sharon. The bounds of the township were established under the direction of a committee appointed by the General Court, which consisted of Hon. Thomas Berry on the part of the Council, and Charles Peirce and John Hobson on the part of the House of Representatives. The surveyor and chainmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duty, November 1, 1738, and their return of the survey with the endorsement of the committee was made to the General Court on the twentieth of January following. Between these dates the boundaries of Rowley Canada were first traced out and established; but the township at this time was not divided into lots, nor any division of the lands made among the proprietors, each of whom owned one or more undivided shares. For this survey Abel Platts, who was the earliest settler of the township, was appointed one of the chainmen, which introduces him upon the scene of his active life at an early date.

In the expedition referred to, the town of Rowley furnished one captain, one lieutenant, and thirty non-commissioned officers and privates. The lieutenant was Abel Platts, whose appointment as ensign of the Rowley foot was dated July 15, 1689. Subsequently he received from the town of Rowley thirteen pounds, one shilling, and two pence for services in Canada. He was the grandfather of Abel Platts, of Rindge. Deacon Ezekiel Jewett was paid

five pounds and three pence for the service of his son Ezekiel Jewett. Deacon Jewett was the great-grandfather of Ezekiel, Stephen, and Jonathan Jewett, who were early settlers in Rindge. The names of nearly all the soldiers are preserved upon the Rowley records, and among them also occur the names of Todd, Wood, Crosby, and Boynton, whose descendants have been residents of this town.

At the time the grant of Rowley Canada was made, the dispute between the provinces of New Hampshire and Massachusetts concerning the location of the dividing lines had commenced. It appears to have been the policy of Massachusetts to fortify her claim to a large tract of the controverted territory in New Hampshire by possession and occupancy, in the hope thereby of maintaining a claim to the domain after all diplomacy had failed. In this spirit a large tract of unappropriated lands in this vicinity was hurriedly granted, and vigorous efforts made to effect a settlement and secure the adherence of the people in each grant. In the following proceedings relating to the grant of Rowley Canada it will be seen that a petition which for some time had been suffered to remain unanswered was now revived, and acted upon in a most hurried manner. The following map of the township and documents relating to the grant are copied from original papers among the Massachusetts State archives:—

In answer to the petition of John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others In the House of Representatives December 9 1736 read and ordered that this Petition be revived and voted that two Tracts of the unappropriated Lands, of this Province of the contents of Six Miles Square each, be and hereby are granted to the Petitioners, the officers and soldiers of the Companys under the Late Capt. John March, Capt. Stephen Greenleaf, Capt. Philip Nelson, deceased, Anno 1690, there Heirs and assigns respectively and the

Heirs Legall Representatives Dependants of such of them as are Deceased and there Heirs and assigns forever, for two Townships to lay in some Sutable Place. that the Grantees be and are obliged to bring forward the settlements of the said Townships in as Regular a manner as the situation and circumstances of said Townships will admit of in the following manner viz that each grantee his Heirs and assigns build an House on his Respective Lot or share of the contents of eighteen feet square and eleven feet stud at the Least and Plow or bring to grass fit for mowing six acres of Land and that they settle in each Town a Learned and orthodox minister and build a convenient Meeting House for the Public worship of God, and that a sixty third part of the said Townships be and hereby is Granted to the first settled minister, the like quantity for the use of the ministry and the like quantity for the use of the School, in all the Divisions of the said Townships that the grantees be and hereby are obliged to Give Bonds of twenty Pounds for the fulfillment of the Conditions aforesaid, within five years after the Return and Confirmation of the Plan of said Townships and that Capt. John Hobson and Major Charles Peirce be a Committee with such as the Honourable Board shall Join to lay out said Townships and Return Plots thereof within one year for Confirmation and the Said Committee to observe such Rules and Directions for the taking of Bond and admission of the grantees agreeable to the order of Court in March Last and said Committee to receive thirty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence of the New Projected Bills — Sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence for each of the said Townships out of the Public Treasurer to enable them to Lay out said Townships.

In Council February 3<sup>d</sup> 1736 Read an Concurred and Thomas Berry Esqr is Joined in the Affair.

Consented to

J. BELCHER.

It was nearly two years before the committee to whom the business was intrusted by the General Court were ready



to proceed with the survey of Rowley Canada, as appears from the following record:—

MASS<sup>A</sup> ss. Nov. 1. 1738.

Then Nathan Heywood, as surveyor, Ephraim Wetherbee and Abel Platts, as chainmen, personally appearing made solemn Oath that in Surveying the Township granted John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others officers and soldiers in the expedition to Canada, Anno 1690, they would proceed according to their Best skill and Judgment.

Before

THOMAS BERRY J. P.

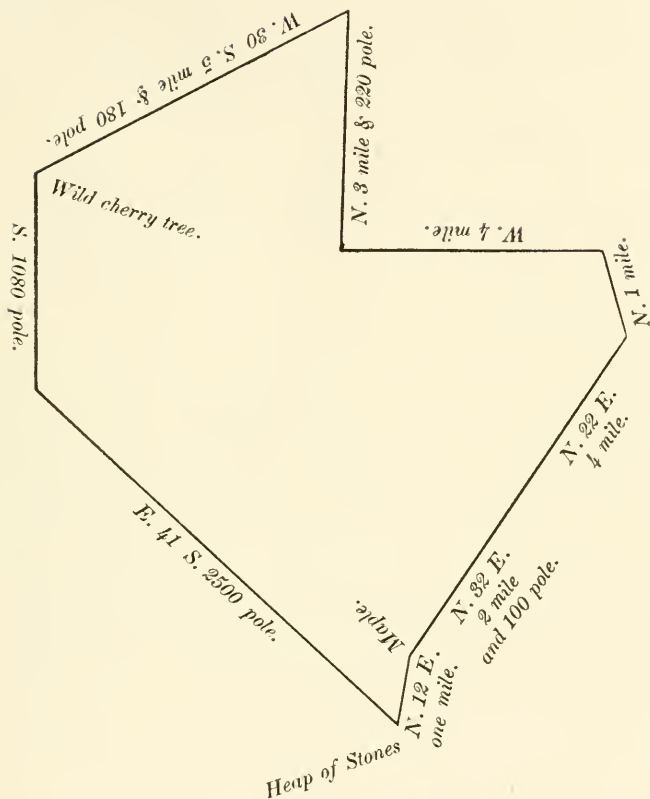
A return of the survey, with a plan or outline map of the township, was made to the House of Representatives, and confirmed on the twentieth of January following. An allowance of ten thousand acres for ponds and waste lands, made by the surveyor, was approved by the Legislative Committee and adopted by the House. The Council reduced the number of acres to five thousand. In this amendment the House subsequently concurred. If any copy of a reformed plot ever existed it has not been discovered. The following official proceedings will need no further explanation:—

We the subscribers appointed a committee to Lay out a township of the Contents of six miles square to John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others are of opinion that the allowance made in this Plat surveyed by Nathan Heywood and returned to this Court being about Ten Thousand Acres is but a reasonable and Just allowance.

THOMAS BERRY,	} <i>Committee.</i>
CHARLES PEIRCE,	
JOHN HOBSON,	



NORTH.



SOUTH.

For the convenience of these pages the plan has been reduced in size. Within the outlines of the original occurs the following written description:—

A Plat of a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six Miles Square laid out by Nathan Heywood, Surveyor, and chainmen on Oath to satisfy a Grant made by the Great and General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay held at Boston the 24<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1736 to John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others that were

either officers or soldiers in the Canada expedition Anno 1690 or the Descend<sup>ts</sup> of such of them as are Dec<sup>d</sup>— Which Tract lieth to the Southward of the Grand Monadnuck so called and adjoining to the Township lately granted by s<sup>d</sup> Court to Samuel Haywood &c. Beginning at a Maple Tree the Northeasterly [Northwesterly] Corner of Dorchester Canada Township from thence running North 32 degrees East two Miles and one Hundred poles to a Heap of Stones Thence North 22 Deg<sup>rs</sup> East four miles, Thence North one Mile till it meets with the s<sup>d</sup> Township granted to Sam<sup>l</sup> Haywood &c thence West four Miles by the said Township to the Southwesterly Corner thereof thence North by the said Township Three miles & 220 poles thence West 30 Deg<sup>rs</sup> South five miles & 180 perch to a Wild cherry Tree on the Southward of the Grand Monadnuck afores<sup>d</sup> thence South one Thousand & eighty Perch Thence East 41 Deg<sup>rs</sup> South Two Thousand five Hundred Perch to a Heap of Stones Then North Twelve Deg. East one Mile to the Northeasterly [Northwesterly] corner of Dorchester Canada Township being the Maple Tree first mentioned. With the allowance of One Rod in Thirty for uneven Land & Swag of chain; And there is a further allowance within the said Tract for Ten large ponds and a large Shrub Swamp about four mile in Length & a mile in wedth.

NATHAN HEYWOOD, Sur :

Examined & approved

EBEN<sup>R</sup> BURRILL.

In the House of Rep<sup>tives</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1738.

Read and Ordered that the Plan be accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are Confirmed to the Grantees their heirs and assigns Respectively forever, they effectually complying with the Conditions of the Grant provided y<sup>e</sup> Platt exceeds not the Contents of six mile square with y<sup>e</sup> allowance of Ten Thousand Acres for Ten large ponds and y<sup>e</sup> Large shrub swamp Included therein and does not Interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. QUINCY, Speaker.

In Council Jan<sup>ry</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1738.

Read and Nonconcurr'd and ordered That five thousand Acres only be allowed for Ponds &c. and that the Committee be directed to reform the Plan upon the spot accordingly at the charge of the Grantees and report to the Court at the next May session.

Sent down for Concurrence

J. WILLARD, Secy.

In the House of Rep<sup>atives</sup> Jan 23<sup>ry</sup> 1738.

Read and Concurr'd

J. QUINCY, Spk<sup>r</sup>.

24<sup>th</sup> Consented to

J. BELCHER.

In the House of Representatives Jan. 23 1738.

Ordered that Thomas Berry Esqr. be and hereby is Impowered to assemble the Grantees of the Township granted to John Tyler and Joseph Pike and others officers and soldiers under the Command of Capt. Stephen Greenleaf and Philip Nelson in the expedition to Canada Anno 1690 In such Place and at such time as He shall think Fit Then to choose a Moderator and Proprietors Clerk To agree upon Rules Methods and Orders for the Division and Disposall of the said Propriety in the Most Proper Method for the speedy fulfilment or the Conditions of this Grant and agree upon the Proper Method for calling future meetings

Sent up for Concurrence

J. QUINCY, Spk<sup>r</sup>.

In Council Jan<sup>y</sup> 24 1738.

Read & Concurr'd

SIMON FROST, Depty Secy.

Consented to

J. BELCHER.

In the official papers which have been presented, it will be perceived that January following December, 1738, is also written January, 1738. This is in accordanc<sup>e</sup> with a former

system of dating. Previous to 1752 the commencement of the legal year was reckoned from the twenty-fifth of March; and all dates between January first and that date were written without changing the ordinal number of the year. It was common, however, to write the dates, in January, February, and the first twenty-four days in March, in a double form. Thus January 20, 1738-9, or 1738<sup>o</sup>, would indicate the twentieth of January following December, 1738; and as soon as the twenty-fifth of March was reached the figure 8 would be omitted, and the figure 9 would assume its place.

The connection with the history of this town of the persons introduced in these proceedings is so remote that the briefest notice only will be attempted. Hon. Thomas Berry, of Ipswich, was a physician. Graduate of Harvard University, 1712. He was a member of the Council of Massachusetts from 1735 to 1750, with the exception of one year (1741); a Judge of Probate of Essex County from 1739 to 1756, and a Judge for several years of the County Court. Col. Berry was also employed by the province of Massachusetts in relation to the location of the province line. As a member of the Council he was frequently selected to direct the surveys of the new townships granted by the Legislature, and his name is associated with the first survey of Rindge, Winchendon, New Ipswich, and many other places. He died August 10, 1756.

John Hobson was a resident of Rowley, and represented that town in the General Court about twenty years. He was Speaker of the House, 1741.

Capt. Philip Nelson was from Rowley, a graduate of Harvard University, 1654. He died Aug. 19, 1691.

Capt. John March was from Newbury. July 15, 1690, he was appointed captain of one of the companies for the

Canada expedition. Subsequently he won considerable distinction for his gallant defence of Casco Fort. He was an innholder and a man of wealth.

Capt. Stephen Greenleaf was from Newbury. With several others he was cast away and drowned near Cape Breton in the month of October, 1690.

Joseph Pike, one of the petitioners, resided in Newbury. He is supposed to have been a son of Joseph Pike who was killed by the Indians at Haverhill, 1694. He was born 1674, and died 1757.

Of John Tyler, the other petitioner, little is known.

The grant being located and confirmed upon the proprietors, the management of its affairs devolved entirely upon them. But no record of their proceedings has been found. It has been seen that Hon. Thomas Berry was authorized to call the first meeting at which an organization was undoubtedly effected. Other meetings must have been held, and it is certain that an organization was maintained for several years. Their meetings were probably held in Rowley, or some town in that vicinity which would best convene the parties interested.

The proprietors were sixty in number, each owning one right or share, which, with the public lots specified in the grant, would lead to the division of the township into sixty-three lots. When the survey was made and the lots marked out is unknown; but that such a division was had and a lot assigned to each proprietor is evident from facts which will be hereafter presented; and how many settlements were made under these auspices is equally uncertain. But we are permitted to know that Abel Platts, from Rowley, was here, and had improved lands as early as 1742. These were partly upon the farm of Martin L. Goddard, and partly included in the lands which have been sold from the original

Platts farm. The following bond will show that Ezekiel Jewett had built a house previous to 1753, and had a nursery, which could not have sprung up in a day, growing upon his improved lands. In this bond the place is styled Rowley Canada, and no reference is made to the new name of the township under the second charter. Reference is also made to lot Number Fifty, which must have been defined by the first survey, since the numbers were arranged on a different system when the grantees of the second charter divided the township into lots. These facts are conclusive that Mr. Jewett occupied this lot under a title from the Massachusetts grantees, and probably made improvements previous to the date of the second charter.

Know all men by these Presents, that I Oliver Scales of Andover in the County of Essex in the Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay in New England, Labourer, am holden and Do Stand Bound and Obliged unto Ezekiel Jewett of a place called Rowley Canada in the province of New Hampshire, Husbandman, in the full and Just Sum of three Hundred pounds Lawfull money to be paid to him y<sup>e</sup> said Ezekiel his Heirs Executors administrators or assigns the which payment well and truly to Be made I Bind myself my Heirs Executors Administrators Firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal Dated this thirteenth Day of November anno Domini 1753.

The Condition of y<sup>e</sup> above Obligation is such that if the above Bounden Oliver Scales Shall forthwith Remove himself and family to a place called Rowley Canada in the province of New Hampshire and there take the Possession of a house and Lot of land No. 50: Belonging to the aforesaid Ezekiel Jewett (which s<sup>d</sup> Jewett shall Give y<sup>e</sup> possession of) and there Dwell and Improve s<sup>d</sup> Land and House During y<sup>e</sup> term of three years, Either by himself or by Some other Family who shall well and truly performe and Improve as y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Scales is obliged to do, and also pay or Cause to Be paid one half of the Taxes that shall arise on s<sup>d</sup> Lot During said term

and also Clear or Cut Down what underbrush shall arise or Grow where the trees are Now Gurdled During s<sup>d</sup> term and Give s<sup>d</sup> Jewet liberty to set out an orchard on s<sup>d</sup> lot of y<sup>e</sup> Nursery which Now Groweth thereon, furthermore that the said Scales Shall not Dam-nifie [injure] s<sup>d</sup> lot by fireing of it or Cuting white ash trees also to Give s<sup>d</sup> Ezekiel Liberty to clear a pasture & field on s<sup>d</sup> lot where tis not yet improved and to Deliver up the possession of y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> lot & house at y<sup>e</sup> end of y<sup>e</sup> terme afores<sup>d</sup> to the said Ezekiel Jewet his heirs or assigns then y<sup>e</sup> above obligation to Be void but in y<sup>e</sup> Default thereof to Remain in full force and vertue

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

JOSEPH MATTHEWS, WM. FOSTER.

OLIVER SCALES (seal)

In addition to Abel Platts and Ezekiel Jewett, it is probable that other families settled under the first charter, and made a temporary abode in the township. Were their number few or many, events were hastening which must of necessity retard, if not entirely defeat, all attempts to proceed with the settlement. The province line, which had never been clearly defined, was located soon after the grant of Rowley Canada was made, and greatly to the disadvantage of the proposed settlement. In this affair the province of New Hampshire had sent John Rindge, a merchant of Portsmouth, to represent the interests of the Colony before the king. Dr. Belknap says: "The appointment of this gentleman was fortunate for them, not only as he had large connections in England, but he was capable of advancing money to carry on the solicitation." On his return, he left the management of the affair to John Thomlinson, who ably fulfilled the trust. This controversy between the provinces of New Hampshire and Massachusetts had proceeded so far and had grown so warm, that the king appointed commissioners to hear the contending parties, and gave them power



to establish the dividing lines. This commission met at Hampton in 1737. During their sessions the Legislature of New Hampshire assembled at Hampton Falls, while the Legislature of Massachusetts was convened at Salisbury. Thus were assembled the Legislatures of the two provinces within a distance of five miles, to give aid and encouragement to the agents and attorneys representing their several interests. A large cavalcade was formed in Boston, which, with a troop of horse, escorted Governor Belcher to the scene of action. This display of pomp was the occasion of the following satirical verse in an assumed Hibernian style:—

“Dear Paddy, you ne’er did behold such a sight,  
 As yesterday morning was seen before night.  
 You in all your born days saw, nor I didn’t neither,  
 So many fine horses and men ride together.  
 At the head, the lower House trotted two in a row,  
 Then all the higher House pranced after the low;  
 Then the Governor’s coach gallop’d on like the wind,  
 And the last that came foremost were the troopers behind;  
 But I fear it means no good, to your neck or mine,  
 For they say ’tis to fix a right place for the line.”

At this time nothing concerning the southern boundary of New Hampshire was decided except that the point of beginning should be at the Atlantic Ocean, about three miles north of the Black Rocks in the channel of the Merrimac River. New Hampshire claimed that the southern boundary of the province should begin at the given point, “and extend in a straight line west until it meets with His Majesty’s other governments.” On the part of Massachusetts it was contended that the line should extend at a distance of three miles to the north, and parallel to the Merrimac River until the bend in the river was reached, thence northerly, following the river to its source.



The controverted question was at last determined in 1740. It was then decided that the dividing line between the provinces should be "a similar curve pursuing the course of Merrimac River at three miles' distance on the north thereof, beginning at the Atlantic Ocean and ending at a point due north of Pawtuxet Falls, and a straight line drawn from thence due west until it meets with His Majesty's other governments."

The bend in the Merrimac where the straight line commenced is several miles south of the point of beginning at the ocean. By this decision New Hampshire secured a tract of land fourteen miles in width, and extending from the Merrimac to the Connecticut River, in addition to all the province had claimed or hoped to receive.

In accordance with this decision the province line extending from the Merrimac to the Connecticut River was run by Richard Hazen in 1741, and thus the location of the boundary became known to the proprietors and the settlers of the townships in its vicinity. The grant of Rowley Canada was found to be upon the New Hampshire side of the line, and consequently its charter was void. The result of this controversy could have none but the most injurious effects upon the settlement. It prevented others from removing hither and improving land held by uncertain titles. It discouraged and crippled the energies of those who had already performed labor upon their lots, and until some decision was had, or a new charter secured, it was plain that little, if any, prosperity would attend the fortunes of the proposed settlement.

In addition to these adverse influences came the consternation and alarm occasioned by the French and Indian War of 1744. The prevailing feeling of insecurity was even more disastrous to the enterprise than the forfeiture of the charter. The township was temporarily abandoned. To forsake alto-

gether the improvements which had been made, or to give up the land without testing the validity of the title, was probably never contemplated. Abel Platts and his son Joseph retired to Lunenburg, and awaited the return of peace and greater security. A few years later they again took up their abode and became the first permanent settlers of this town. These first works, towards the settlement of Rindge, have faded entirely from the traditions of the people who inhabit the town; but indisputable evidence of the same exists, and will be presented in the course of these pages.

The few fires thus lighted upon these primitive hearths were suffered to die out, soon to be rekindled under more favoring auspices; the rude home was deserted, but destined again to receive its former tenants. For a few years the small number of acres brought under cultivation were neither ploughed nor planted, but awaited the return of the husbandman, when their promise of harvest again was read in the growing blade.

## CHAPTER II.

### *THE SECOND, OR MASONIAN, CHARTER.*

Conflict of Titles.—Grant of Land in New Hampshire to Capt. John Mason.—Confirmation of the Grant to John Tufon Mason.—Its Sale to Atkinson and others.—The Masonian Charter, or Grant, of Monadnock Number One.—Influence of the former Charter.—The Western Boundary of the Masonian Patent.—The Curved Line.—Gen. Joseph Blanchard.—The Charter, and Survey of the Township.—Drawing of the Lots.—Settlements.—Conflict of Titles.—Lawsuit with Joseph Platts.—The Last French War.—Indians and Indian Relics.

No sooner had the province line been established than a new question of titles arose, which had a most potent influence on the destiny of the township. The old Masonian grant was now revived and confirmed.

It had been mutually agreed between the two provinces that private property should in no wise be affected by the settlement of the controversy about the dividing lines. It is highly probable that the proprietors under the Massachusetts grant, and those who had purchased land of them, entertained the opinion that they would not be disturbed in their possessions, but would be permitted to traffic in land and proceed with the settlement of their township as they had previously proposed to do. They would be under the laws and government of the province of New Hampshire instead

of those of Massachusetts, and this was the only effect which they expected to experience from the establishment of the province line.

With the confirmation of the Masonian title, all was changed, and the officers and soldiers in the Canada expedition experienced another disappointment concerning the compensation for their services almost as aggravated as the depreciation of the paper money with which they had been paid in the first instance. The loss was not wholly sustained by the grantees, since they had sold many parcels of land to those persons who proposed to settle in the new township. As would be presumed, a majority of these purchasers were deterred by the uncertainty of their titles from entering upon and improving their newly-acquired possessions.

During the reign of King James, he established a council which had the general control of a large territory including all of New England. From this council, of which he was an active member, Capt. John Mason obtained a grant of land which included a portion of New Hampshire. This grant was east of the Merrimac River, and has no connection with the history of the towns in this vicinity.

In 1629, Capt. Mason secured a second patent for the land "from the middle of Pascataqua River, and up the same to the farthest head thereof, and from thence northwestward until sixty miles from the mouth of the harbor are finished; also through Merrimack River to the farthest head thereof, and so forward up into the land westward until sixty miles are finished; and from thence to cross overland to the end of sixty miles accounted from the mouth of Pascataqua River." This grant is intimately associated with the history of Rindge, since, for many years, it was supposed to cover the whole of the township, and did in fact include the greater part of it.

This grant, triangular in form, included a portion of the territory conveyed by the earlier patent. The exact bounds were determined by the establishment of the province lines, which permitted the southern boundary to take a western course from the bend in the Merrimac instead of following a course with the river, which would have been a more literal construction of the language of the grant. In familiar terms, the patent was bounded on the south by the State line, and extended sixty miles westward from the ocean; the eastern boundary extended northerly on the line between Maine and New Hampshire to a point a few miles south of Conway. By the terms of the patent this line was to extend northwestward, which was liberally construed to mean, not northwest, but north a *little* west, and the line was run north two degrees west. The remaining side of the triangle was a line extending from the point on the State line sixty miles from the ocean to the point south of Conway.

After the death of Capt. John Mason the patent, for the land described, was neglected for many years. Subsequently many vain attempts to revive the title were made by his heirs. A full account of these proceedings is found in Belknap's "History of New Hampshire," and several histories of towns in this State contain extended accounts of the history of this patent.

It is sufficient for the present purpose to state that John Tufton Mason, a native of Boston, and a great-grandson of Capt. John Mason, successfully prosecuted his claim, and in 1746 sold his interest in it to twelve men, residents of Portsmouth and vicinity, who will be referred to as the "Msonian Proprietors." At first the purchase was divided into fifteen shares. The owners were: Theodore Atkinson, three-fifteenths; Mark Hunking Wentworth, two-fifteenths; Richard Wibird, John Wentworth, John Moffat, Samuel

Moore, Jotham Odiorne, George Jaffrey, Joshua Peirce, Nathaniel Meserve, all of Portsmouth, Thomas Wallingford, of Somersworth, and Thomas Packer, of Greenland, to the last ten one-fifteenth each. Previous to the date of the charter of this town the number of shares was increased to eighteen, and nine more persons were admitted to a common partnership. The new members of the association were: John Rindge, Joseph Blanchard, Daniel Peirce, John Tufton Mason, John Thomlinson, Matthew Livermore, William Parker, Samuel Solley, and Clement March.

The Masonian proprietors early directed their attention to the western part of their possessions, and caused several townships to be surveyed and held in readiness to answer any proper request for a grant. It appears to have been their policy to defend their borders by occupation. Sometime previous to the date of their charters the outlines of three townships, similar in form, were marked out, and to them were assigned the names of South Monadnock, or Monadnock Number One, (Rindge); Middle Monadnock, or Monadnock Number Two (Jaffrey); North Monadnock, or Monadnock Number Three (Dublin); Fitzwilliam was Monadnock Number Four; Marlborough, Monadnock Number Five; Nelson, Monadnock Number Six; Stoddard, Monadnock Number Seven; and Washington, Monadnock Number Eight. By this survey the boundaries of the township, formerly known as Rowley Canada, were considerably changed. The old name was entirely discarded, and for twenty years the official and only name of the place was Monadnock Number One, or South Monadnock. Very rarely the term "formerly known as Rowley Canada" was employed; but in a general sense the old name became extinct with the invalidation of the Massachusetts charter. Keen-sighted gazetteers have frequently made the discovery

that the Masonian proprietors designated the township by the name of Rowley Canada, or Monadnock Number One. This is entirely wrong. Each charter gave the territory a specific name, and there was no repetition.

No sooner had the grantees, under the Massachusetts charter, heard of these proceedings, on the part of the Masonian proprietors, than they began to inquire if their former possessions were in reality included within the Masonian purchase. In 1750 they ordered the measurement of the distance from the Atlantic Ocean, as will appear from the return of the survey.

Andover, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1750.

We y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers being appointed by a Committee chosen by y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Rowley Canada Township to go in y<sup>e</sup> Capacity of Surveyors and run a line from three miles North of Black Rocks in Salisbury Sixty miles Due West; have so done and find that sixty Miles extends one mile & a half into Canada Township.

N. B. We have Neither of us } SAMUEL JOHNSON JR.  
any interest in said Township. } MOODY BRIDGES.

Perhaps satisfied that they could not lay claim to the whole, and realizing that possession is nine points of the law, they appear to have given up all pretension to the ownership of any part of the township, for this is the last we hear of them as proprietors. This survey, however, gives evidence that to this date they had maintained an organization as common owners of Rowley Canada.

While the first works of settlement were suspended, and the grant was wholly abandoned by the Massachusetts grantees, those persons who had purchased settling-lots of the original proprietors never entertained the idea of forsaking their possessions. On the return of peace and greater



security from Indian depredations, a large number of families from Rowley and vicinity emigrated to the township and made permanent settlements. A majority of these persons came armed with a deed of land which had been obtained from the former proprietors. Finding their titles worthless, a few, discouraged at their loss, returned; but most of them repurchased their lots of the Masonians, and avoided all occasion for future contention.

The influence of the Massachusetts charter is plainly seen. The same persons who had been interested in the grant, and whose attention had thereby been turned in this direction, were the earliest and most numerous of the settlers under the Masonian charter. It is true the attempt to settle the township under this grant was a failure; yet it is equally certain that these initial measures determined the character of future emigration, and even designated the persons who were to become permanent residents and the progenitors of the future inhabitants of the town.

For many years the location of the western boundary of the Masonian purchase was undetermined. From early measurements, however, it was discovered that only a part of Rindge and a very small part of Jaffrey were included within the patent, and that Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Marlborough, Nelson, Stoddard, and Washington were entirely outside of it. Yet all these towns had been granted by the Masonian proprietors, and described as "lying within Mason's Grant." Finding they had exceeded the limits of their charter, the Masonian proprietors laid claim to this extraneous territory with a system of expansion which was equal to the emergency, and by which, during many years of controversy, they successfully maintained the control of the lands and townships in dispute. They contended that the original grant to Mason described an extent "of sixty miles from the sea on



each side of New Hampshire, and a line to cross over from the end of one line of sixty miles to the end of the other"; they therefore claimed that this cross line should be a *curve*, because no other line would preserve the distance of sixty miles from the sea. In other words, they claimed their western boundary should be the arc of a circle with a radius of sixty miles, and whose centre was at the sea. However ingenious this argument may appear, it was, without doubt, an after-thought, advanced for the occasion, to temporarily fortify their claim to the controverted townships. They also conveniently fixed upon the southwest corner of Fitzwilliam as the termination of sixty miles from the sea, by which, with an accommodating elasticity of the *curved* line, they successfully embraced the eight Monadnock townships and others to the north of them.

Several of the northern townships had also been chartered by the crown, and a most bitter conflict of grants ensued. The decision of the king alone could settle a dispute of this character, and the Masonians were nearest the throne. By the Revolution the State became the arbitrator, and soon after the return of peace the Legislature took the subject under consideration, and after a hearing of the conflicting interests it was decided to run a line of sixty miles from the Atlantic Ocean on the eastern and southern lines of the State, and a *straight* line from the end of one line of sixty miles to the end of the other. This survey was made in 1787 by Joseph Blanchard, a son of Col. Joseph Blanchard, and Charles Clapham. The termination of sixty miles from the sea, or the southwest corner of Mason's grant, was found to be at lot Number Eighteen in Rindge, about one-half of a mile west of the Aquilla Kimball farm, now occupied by John O'Niel, and one and one-fourth of a mile from the southwest corner of the town, and from thence

north thirty-nine degrees east, a distance of ninety-three and one-half miles, to the end of the eastern boundary. Having failed to substantiate their claim, the Masonian proprietors then came forward and purchased of the State all the territory included between the straight and the curved lines, for the sum of forty thousand dollars in public securities and eight hundred dollars in specie. The further contest between Allen and the Masonians does not appear to have entered into the history of this town.

Of the several Monadnock townships, Rindge was the third in the order of grant. The charter is dated February 14, 1749. As stated in the preceding chapter, the date would now be written 1750, for such it really was. Until 1752, the civil year did not begin until the twenty-fifth of March, while the historic year was reckoned from the first of January. Other towns in this vicinity were chartered in the following order:—

Dublin,	. . . . .	November 3, 1749.
Jaffrey,	. . . . .	“ 30, 1749.
New Ipswich,	. . . . .	April 17, 1750.
Marlborough,	. . . . .	April 29, 1751.
Fitzwilliam,	. . . . .	January 15, 1751–2.

Joseph Blanchard, of Dunstable, a man of enterprise and of considerable distinction, had become one of the Masonian proprietors, and was appointed by his associates an agent to grant the townships in this vicinity and to forward settlements; consequently the charters were drawn and signed by him in behalf of the whole proprietary.

An association of individuals from Lunenburg, Dunstable, Townsend, and a few from other towns, held a meeting on the thirteenth day of February, 1749–50, at which they styled themselves the “proprietors of a township, on the

province line, in Mason's grant, lying southeast of the Grand Monadnock." The persons who attended this meeting became the grantees of Monadnock Number One. The proceedings of this meeting were as follows:—

After being assembled, made choice of Joseph Blanchard, Esq., for their moderator. Made choice of William Downe for clerk to y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors. Made choice of Joseph Blanchard, Esq., for their Treasurer.

A proposal was then made and put to vote whether each proprietor should pay to Joseph Blanchard, Esq., Six Pounds, Old Tenor, for the charge, &c., he had already been at, and was voted.

It was then proposed and put to vote, Whether fifty four Pounds Ten Shillings be paid out of the Treasury for y<sup>e</sup> other charges past for Surveying, &c. Passed in the affirmative.

Proposed that for the speedy settlement of said Township, Each Proprietor takes effectual care that within Two years from Novr. 1749, there be three acres of Land cleared upon some one or other of the Lots which may be drawn by him, and in one year afterward Three acres more of said Land cleared and an House built thereon, with a Family residing on s<sup>d</sup> land, and that in four years from October last past there be a meeting House built in said Town at y<sup>e</sup> charge of y<sup>e</sup> proprietors.

Aboves'd article being put to vote, passed in the affirmative.

Being proposed whether a Committee be chosen to Couple the Lotts in said Township and put to vote, passed in the affirmative.

Voted likewise that two Persons be chosen to assist y<sup>e</sup> Surveyor in coupling s<sup>d</sup> Lotts, and to take care that y<sup>e</sup> are done effectually, Major Hubbard being nominated to be one of s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>, Voted.

Lieut. Bellows being nominated to be y<sup>e</sup> other of s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>, Voted.

A further proposal was y<sup>n</sup> made, in case Lieut. Bellows be the

Undertaker to Survey, that y<sup>n</sup> Lieut. Josiah Fitch supply his place or be in his room as one of the Com<sup>ttee</sup> afores'd, and in case of failure of either of them that Capt. Hubbard be assistant, and also that Capt. Powers be another assistant in case of failure of above, and that no more than two of said Persons at one time attend s'd business. Said articles being put to vote passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative.

Voted also that the Persons attending s<sup>d</sup> business as Com<sup>ttee</sup> men be allowed them for their trouble thirty Shillings Old Tenour pr. Day, they finding their own provision, &c. The persons above accepted s<sup>d</sup> service for the above pay.

It was then proposed and put to vote whether the Propriety will let the business of Surveying and coupling the lotts to any one particular person by the Great, s'd Person paying the Com<sup>ttee</sup> abovesaid their whole amount of charges for assisting as above proposed, which passed in the affirmative.

Lieut Bellows offering to undertake the business of Surveying, &c.

Voted that he have paid him out of the Treasury the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy pounds Old Tenour for Surveying s<sup>d</sup> Township and Coupling the Lotts and delivering in a plan of the same to the Propriety.

A proposal being made whether Lieut. Fitch, if he assists as one of the Com<sup>ttee</sup> be paid for his extraordinary travel from his own House to Lunenburg by the Propriety, put to vote. Negatived. It being proposed and put to vote whether fifteen Pounds Old Tenour be advanced immediately upon each right and Voted.

Also voted that y<sup>e</sup> aboves'd work of Surveying, &c., be completed by the first Tuesday of June next.

Then proposed and voted that the meeting be adjourned to the first Wednesday in June next, and y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors meet at the House of Capt. French in Dunstable at 10 o'clock forenoon. And then the s<sup>d</sup> meeting was adjourned accordingly.

These proceedings apparently met the approval of the

agent of the Masonians, for the next day the charter was drawn and the grant confirmed upon the persons who participated in this meeting.

## A COPY OF THE CHARTER.

PROVINCE OF }  
NEW HAMPSHIRE. }

Pursuant to the power and authority granted and vested in me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup>. of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason, Esq., in the Province of New Hampshire, by vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in said Province, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1749.

I DO, BY THESE PRESENTS, on the Terms, Conditions and Limitations hereafter expressed, Give and Grant all the Right, Possession and Property of the Proprietors afores'd unto Solomon Stewart, John Combs, Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Syms, Stanton Prentice, Peter Powers Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Spaulding, Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup>, Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hill, Samuel Cummings, Thomas Prentiss, Joseph French, Jona. Powers, Samuel Greele, Jona. Hubbard, William Downe, Peter Stevens, Sampson French, James Stewart, Robert Fletcher Junr., Eleazer Blanchard, David Cheever, Samuel Reed, Jona. Whitney, John Hubbard, Jacob Gould, Nehemiah Gould, Robert Melvin, Jerahmael Powers, Joseph Jackson, James Coleman, Peter Powers, Daniel Taylor, Samuel Greele Junr., Zacheus Lovewell, Stephen Powers, John Lovewell Junr., Joseph Winn, Nathaniel Page, Timothy Taylor, one Right each.

Benjamin Bellows Six Rights, Samuel Johnson Jun<sup>r</sup> Two Rights, one Right for encouragement for building of Mills, and Two Rights more to be disposed of by the Grantees for Publick uses of in or to that Tract of Land or Township lying in the Province afores'd, containing by estimation thirty five square miles that is Begining on the line between the Province afores'd and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Six miles Westerly from the South west Corner of the Township called No 1 North of Townshend and Runs North Eighty Degrees west in said Line seven miles, thence north by the needle Five miles, from thence South Eighty

Degrees East seven miles, thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds mentioned.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them their heirs and assigns in Equal Shares on the following Terms and Conditions with the Reservations hereafter expressed (That is to say), That the Tract afores'd be divided into Seventy three Equal Shares, and that each Share or Right be divided into three Lotts, and drawn for at or before the last day of November next ensuing in some equitable manner. That three of the afores'd Rights be and hereby are granted. One for the first settled minister, One for the ministry, and one for the School, these forever. One Lott for each such Right to be first lay'd out (and not Drawn for) near y<sup>e</sup> middle of the Town.

That eighteen of said Shares be reserved for the use of the Grantors their Heirs and assigns forever, exempted and free from all Charges whatsoever in making or bringing forward the settlement untill improved by them or some holding under them respectively. That the Grantees shall make settlement in the following manner, viz.: That the afores'd Tract be laid out as afores'd, at the Grantees expence; That all necessary Highways be lay'd out through the Lotts of either Grantors or Grantees as there shall be needed hereafter free from charge for the Land such width as [the Proprietors\*] shall judge necessary.

That Forty of y<sup>e</sup> [said Shares shall be brought forward or settled in the following\*] manner viz; Each of the said Forty shares to have Three acres of Land on some one Lott cleared, inclosed, and fitted for mowing or Tillage in said Tract at or before the Last day of December, 1752, and in like manner Three acres more annually for two years more then next coming. That on each of the said Forty Lotts so cleared as afores'd there be a Convenient House of one Room Sixteen feet square at the least, fitted for Comfortable dwelling therein, and the Grantees or some Person Resident on each of the Lotts to be settled as afores'd at or before the last day of Decr. 1753, and continue resident there

\* Record Book defaced.

for Two years then next coming, and Build a Convenient Meeting House therein five years from this Date.

That the following nine Shares be exempted from making settlement only to Pay their Proportion to all Public Taxes as other Grantees, viz: Benjamin Bellows for four Rights; Samuel Reed one; Jonathan Whitney one; Jonathan Hubbard Junr. one; Samuel Johnson one; Timothy Taylor one. That each of the said Grantees at the Executing this Instrument pay fifteen Pounds Old Tenour to defray the necessary charges risen or arising in Bringing forward the Settlement afores'd, to be deposited in the Hands of such person as they shall appoint being a Freeholder and Resident in this Province. That the afores'd Grantees or their Assigns assess such further sum or sums of money equally in Proportion to their Rights the share of each Grantee (exclusive of the three publick Lotts) as may be thought necessary for carrying on the settlement afores'd or any Publick matter. And on failure of Payment for the space of three months after such assessment is agreed upon and posted up at such place or places as the Grantees afores'd shall appoint for notifying Proprs. meetings that so much of such Delinquent Rights Respectively be disposed of as will pay the said Tax and all charges arising thereon. And in case any of the said Grantees shall neglect to perform any of the articles aforementioned he shall forfeit his share or Right in said Township unto those of the said Grantees who shall not then be Delinquent in the Performance of their part, and it shall be lawfull for them by their Agent or Agents to enter into and upon the Right of such Delinquent owner, and him to amove, oust, and Expell for their use, their Heirs and Assigns, Provided they settle such Delinquents Right within one year after the Periods Conditioned in this Grant, and fully comply with the whole duty such Delinquent ought to have done within the space of one year from Time to Time after the Respective Periods thereof. And in case they omit complying as afores'd in that Term, that all such Delinquent Rights shall revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs and assigns forever free from the



Incumbrance of settlement or charge, always Provided there be no Indian Warr within the Terms afores'd and in case that should happen, The same be allowed for the Respective matters afores'd after such Impediments shall be removed.

That all white Pine Trees fit for the masting his Majesty's Royall navy be and hereby are granted unto his Majesty, his heirs, and Successors forever. Lastly, the said Grantors do hereby promise to the said Grantees, their Heirs, and assigns, to Defend through the Law to King and Councill if need be one action that shall and may be brought against them or any Number of them by any Person or Persons whatsoever claiming the said land or any part thereof by any other Title than that of the said Grantors or that by which they hold or derive theirs from.

Provided the said Grantors are avouched in to defend the same and that in case of final Tryall the same shall be Recovered against the said Grantors the Grantees shall Recover nothing over against the Grantors for the said Lands Improvements or Expence in bringing forward the settlement In witness whereof I the subscriber Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereto in behalf of the Proprietors afores'd Sett to my hand and seal this fourteenth day of February 1749.

JOSEPH BLANCHARD. [Seal.]

Of the grantees, forty-three in number, fifteen were residents, at this time, of Lunenburg, which then included Fitchburg. They were: Solomon Stewart, whose brother William was one of the first settlers of Peterboro; Major Jonathan Hubbard, a Deacon and Town Treasurer, who died April 7, 1761, and was buried in Townsend, soon after his removal from Lunenburg; his son, Jonathan Hubbard, Jr., removed (1757) to Charlestown, N. H.; Col. John Hill, whose children settled in Peterboro; Thomas Prentice, a Justice of the Peace, and prominent in public affairs; Capt. Jacob Gould, who was master-carpenter at the building of the first meeting-house in this town, and whose son,



Jacob, Jr., settled in Rindge; Neheimiah Gould, Jonathan Whitney, Samuel Cummings, Samuel Greele, James Coleman, William Downe, who was proprietors' clerk until 1758, a Justice of the Peace, and a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Nathaniel Page, who settled soon after in Rindge; Samuel Johnson, a man of wealth and enterprise, whose descendants for many years lived on Johnson Hill in this town; and Samuel Reed, who had a "potash" west of the residence of Addison Todd, and at the time of his death, July 7, 1771, owned one thousand acres of land in Rindge; but he never resided here. The residents of no other town were as numerous. John Hubbard, a son of Major Jonathan Hubbard, was of Townsend. His son, Rev. John Hubbard, was preceptor of the Academy at New Ipswich, Judge of Probate for Cheshire County, and subsequently professor at Dartmouth College. Of the same town was John Stevens, who was Treasurer for the proprietors for several years. Captain Peter Powers was of Hollis; also his son, Rev. Peter Powers, who received the first call from the church at New Ipswich. He was afterwards settled at Haverhill, N. H. Zaceheus and John Lovewell, a brother and son of the famous Indian fighter, were of Dunstable, as well as Robert Fletcher, Jr., a surveyor. Gen. Joseph Blanchard, a son of Col. Blanchard, was of Merrimac, N. H. He was for several years clerk to the proprietors of Dublin. He subsequently removed to Dunstable. Stanton Prentice was a physician of Lancaster, — a brother of Thomas Prentice, Esq., of Lunenburg. Jarahmael Powers and William Spaulding were of Groton, and Major Joseph Jackson was of Boston. He was one of the very few whose residence is made known by the records. The few remaining names were probably from the vicinity of Dunstable.

These persons who received the charter, and became

proprietors of the township, in only a few instances proposed to settle upon their newly acquired possessions, but awaited an opportunity to advantageously dispose of the land which fell to their lot. Many owned shares in several townships in this vicinity. Their traffic was prompted solely by the hope of gain.

The lots were promptly laid out by Lieut. Benjamin Bellows. By this survey the town was divided into ten ranges by east and west lines. Each range was divided into twenty-two lots by north and south lines. It was the intention of the surveyor to have the lots one hundred and sixty rods from north to south, and one hundred rods from east to west. This could have been done with an allowance for error of about one and three-fourths acres to each lot. The plan was generally carried out; yet a few lots exceed one hundred acres, and others are as much too small. The drawing occurred during the summer of 1750. From the charter it will be perceived that eighteen rights, or shares, which was about one-fourth of the township, were reserved by the Masonian proprietors for their own benefit. For the convenience of the reader their names, in the following schedule of lots drawn, are indicated by an asterisk. The others were grantees, and their names are contained in the charter.

<i>Order of drawing.</i>		<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Range.</i>	<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Range.</i>	<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Range.</i>
1	Solomon Stewart, . . . . .	12	6	16	1	15	2
2	* Nathaniel Meserve, . . . . .	12	5	21	1	22	1
3	John Stevens, . . . . .	12	4	21	2	22	2
4	Benjamin Bellows, . . . . .	12	7	1	6	2	6
5	John Combs, . . . . .	13	6	21	3	22	3
6	Samuel Johnson, Jr., . . . . .	6	13	5	21	4	22
7	* George Jaffrey, . . . . .	13	4	21	5	22	5
8	Jonathan Hubbard, Jr., . . . . .	13	7	17	1	18	1
9	Benjamin Bellows, . . . . .	13	3	21	9	22	9
10	Thomas Syms, . . . . .	13	8	20	7	21	7
11	Stanton Prentice, . . . . .	14	3	18	3	19	3
12	* Richard Wibird, . . . . .	14	5	19	5	20	5
13	John Hill, . . . . .	14	6	21	6	22	6
14	Samuel Cummings, . . . . .	14	7	19	6	20	6
15	Thomas Prentice, . . . . .	14	8	15	8	17	8
16	Peter Powers, Jr., . . . . .	14	9	21	8	22	8
17	* Daniel Pierce and * Mary Moor, . . . . .	14	10	17	7	17	6
18	* John Tomlinson and } * John Tufton Mason, }	15	4	18	2	19	2
19	William Spaulding, . . . . .	15	5	17	5	19	1
20	Joseph Blanchard, Jr., . . . . .	15	6	20	3	20	4
21	Joseph French, . . . . .	16	7	18	4	19	4
22	Benjamin Bellows, . . . . .	16	6	18	6	18	5
23	* John Rindge, . . . . .	16	4	20	8	19	8
24	Jonathan Powers, . . . . .	11	4	1	4	2	4
25	Minister, . . . . .	11	5	2	1	3	1
26	Samuel Greele, . . . . .	11	6	2	2	4	2
27	Jonathan Hubbard, . . . . .	11	7	1	7	1	8
28	* John Wentworth, . . . . .	11	9	12	9	12	10
29	* Joshua Peirce, . . . . .	10	6	11	10	5	3
30	Benjamin Bellows, . . . . .	10	9	7	3	6	3
31	* William Parker, . . . . .	9	9	8	3	8	4
32	William Downe, . . . . .	9	7	2	10	3	10
33	* Matthew Livermore, . . . . .	9	10	10	5	7	10
34	Peter Stevens, . . . . .	9	3	10	3	4	10
35	Sampson French, . . . . .	9	1	10	1	9	5
36	Public Lots, . . . . .	13	10	9	6	12	1
37	Public Lots, . . . . .	14	4	20	1	20	2

<i>Order of drawing.</i>		<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Range.</i>	<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Range.</i>	<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Range.</i>
38	James Stewart, . . . . .	8	1	8	2	6	6
39	Robert Fletcher, Jr., . . . . .	8	8	9	8	6	8
40	Eleazer Blanchard, . . . . .	7	4	7	5	1	5
41	David Cheever, . . . . .	7	8	7	9	8	9
42	* John Moffat, . . . . .	6	4	7	2	4	5
43	Samuel Reed, . . . . .	6	7	7	7	8	7
44	Jonathan Whitney, . . . . .	6	9	5	9	8	5
45	* Theodore Atkinson, . . . . .	5	2	5	5	6	5
46	John Hubbard, . . . . .	17	9	13	9	3	9
47	Jacob Gould, . . . . .	18	9	18	8	18	7
48	* March and * Solley, . . . . .	6	2	2	9	10	2
49	* Thomas Packer, . . . . .	6	1	5	1	7	1
50	Nehemiah Gould, . . . . .	4	1	3	4	17	2
51	Robert Melvin, . . . . .	3	4	10	8	22	7
52	Jarahmael Powers, . . . . .	8	10	3	5	5	10
53	Joseph Jackson, . . . . .	10	10	6	10	10	7
54	Samuel Johnson, Jr., . . . . .	10	4	9	4	9	2
55	James Coleman, . . . . .	15	10	15	7	15	1
56	Peter Powers, . . . . .	15	9	16	10	16	5
57	Benjamin Bellows, . . . . .	16	9	16	8	12	3
58	Daniel Taylor, . . . . .	17	10	17	4	17	3
59	Ministry, . . . . .	18	10	11	3	11	2
60	Samuel Greele, Jr., . . . . .	4	4	5	4	3	2
61	Zaccheus Lovewell, . . . . .	3	6	4	6	5	6
62	Stephen Powers, . . . . .	1	1	12	2	11	2
63	John Lovewell, Jr., . . . . .	1	2	13	1	13	2
64	* Thomas Wallingford, . . . . .	1	3	2	3	14	2
65	* Joseph Blanchard, . . . . .	1	9	1	10	8	6
66	* Jotham Odiorne, . . . . .	3	7	4	7	5	7
67	* John H. Wentworth, . . . . .	3	8	4	8	5	8
68	Joseph Winn, . . . . .	20	10	20	9	7	6
69	Nathaniel Page, . . . . .	21	10	22	10	11	8
70	Timothy Taylor, . . . . .	19	10	19	9	16	2
71	School, . . . . .	16	3	2	5	11	1
72	Benjamin Bellows, . . . . .	15	3	4	9	14	1
73	Mill Lots, . . . . .	12	8	2	8	2	7

The owners of sixty-seven shares drew three lots each; four rights, or twelve lots, were reserved for the ministry, schools, and mills; and two rights, or six lots, designated as public lots, were owned in common by the grantees. The whole number of lots was two hundred and twenty, which would leave one lot undrawn. This was lot nineteen in the seventh range. The public lots were sold at vendue, September, 1754, the three former to Jonathan Hubbard, Esq., for ninety-five pounds, and the remaining three to Jonathan Whitney for one hundred and five pounds, old tenor. From the schedule it would appear that Nehemiah Gould and Robert Melvin both drew the third lot in the fourth range, and to the ministry and Stephen Powers is assigned the eleventh lot in the second range; the third lot in the third range, and fourth lot in the third range, are not found in the list. The error probably is a clerical one. The last two lots should be placed in the room of the duplicate numbers.

It was the policy of the Masonians to forward settlements, and thereby enhance the value of the lands which they had reserved unto themselves. The liberal provision made for the benefit of the ministry and the school is evidence that they well knew how their object could be most effectually accomplished. It was many years before these lands were diverted — by sale — from the uses for which they had been reserved, and then their loss was more than supplied by an increasing annual appropriation for the support of the ministry and schools. After the date of the charter the first meeting of the grantees, of which any record is to be found, was held October 29, 1750. It was voted to accept the plan of the township presented by Lieut. Benjamin Bellows. A committee was chosen "to see where it will be most proper to make a road into the centre of

the town," and provision was made for calling future meetings by posting notices in Dunstable, Hollis, Townsend, and Lunenburg. From the conditions of the charter, the owners of forty of the shares were required to clear a certain number of acres, and build a house on some one of the three lots in each of the forty shares within a prescribed time. Forty-nine rights had been drawn by the grantees. To nine of them these provisions of the charter did not apply. At this meeting these nine releases were sold at vendue, and the owners of as many shares purchased an exemption from clearing land and building a house upon lots drawn and owned by them. The amount received from this source was two hundred and sixty-five pounds, old tenor.

The progress of the settlement of the township is not clearly shown by the records. The facts must be gleaned from other sources. It is apparent, however, that at the close of the year 1752 the improvements conditioned in the charter had not been made, and only a few houses had been built. Anticipating this state of affairs, the grantees, at a meeting held at Dunstable, August 4, 1752, requested Joseph Blanchard, Esq., to solicit from the Masonian proprietors an extension of the time in which the conditions of the charter were to be fulfilled. And again, February 23, 1754, a similar request is made, in these words:—

Voted that Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup>. be and hereby is desired, in behalf of the Propriety, to request of the grantors a suspension of the duty conditioned first to be done by charter in consideration of the Law Sutes subsisting in said town, the Tryal whereof is unexpectedly prolonged, and to Solicit in our favor any other reasonable request.

This meeting was adjourned to April 22, 1754, and the record proceeds:—

Then Joseph Blanchard, Esqr. made report of his proceedings

agreeable to the Proprietors directions, for lengthening the time of duty, as follows: That on his application they did grant that the time of the first Entry be suspended unto the first day of June next, and for clearing and inclosing the first three acres and the several other Duties, conditioned to be done by charter, be likewise further suspended the same proportion of Time forward as they were stated in the charter.

The liberality evinced by the Masonians in granting their request, and in securing to them the possession of the township so far as they had the ability to do, relieved the grantees from one embarrassment, and left them at liberty to direct their attention to another source of perplexity. The continued record of this meeting is of interest:—

Also voted that the charge of any law sute that shall be commenced by any of the Grantees ag'nst the claimers of the Lands called Rowley Canada Township shall be borne by the Propriety in proportion to Interest whether thè action be Trespass or Ejectment.

Also voted that Capt. Peter Powers, Robert Fletcher, Junr. and Jacob Gould be a Com<sup>tee</sup> and desired to go to said No. One & examine what Lotts are trespassed upon and by whom and procure proof thereof and that they make Return of such their Enquiry forthwith unto Joseph Blanchard Esqr. in order for Prosecution and yt. they take such assistance with them as they shall need and in case Jacob Gould cannot attend the service that Jonathan Whitney supply his place and if said Whitney cannot go that then Solomon Stewart attend that service.

Also voted that Joseph Blanchard Esqr. be paid all his reasonable charge he shall be at if any in attending the Prosecution of any action and anything he shall do therein.

An earnest purpose pervades these proceedings. No imaginary or supposed grievance would have given occasion for so much uncompromising legislation, for the refer-



ences to the law-suits were no idle threats. The trouble arose from the fact that to several lots of land there were two owners, each claiming two undivided halves. Abel Platts, Joseph Platts, Joel Russell, Nathaniel Russell, Ezekiel Jewett, Jonathan Stanley, and George Hewitt came from Massachusetts, and had settled in the township previous to the date of these proceedings. Abel and Joseph Platts, and perhaps the others, had settled upon land purchased of the Rowley Canada proprietors, and the stubbornness with which they insisted on the validity of their purchase, and resisted the demands of the new proprietors, was the occasion of these warm proceedings.

At a subsequent meeting the committee chosen to ascertain the number and location of the lots which were occupied by the persons who had purchased the land of the Rowley Canada proprietors was paid for this service. Their account, paid in old tenor, was as follows:—

To Capt. Peter Powers	6 days @ 40s	£12— 0—0
“ Jacob Gould	4 “ @ 30s	6— 0—0
“ Sol <sup>o</sup> Stewart	4 “ @ 30s	6— 0—0
“ Samuel Kennedy	4 “ @ 40s	8— 0—0
“ Robert Fletcher, Jun <sup>r</sup>	6 “ @ 60s	18— 0—0
“ Expenses at J. Reids		12— 0—0
“ ditto at Fitches		2— 10—0
“ Mr. Kennedy his expenses at Platts’s		1— 5—0
“ Making return to Coll <sup>o</sup> Blanchard		6— 10—0
“ The plan of lots where settlements are made described by Mr. Fletcher		2— 0—0
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		£74— 5—0

The three, who were paid for four days’ service, resided in Lunenburg, while Capt. Powers came from Hollis, and is



paid for two additional days' attendance. Mr. Kennedy was not one of the persons selected to perform this duty, and perhaps in the language of their instructions the committee took him with them "as such assistance as they may need." The nature of their report to Col. Blanchard, or the plan of Mr. Fletcher, the surveyor, is not preserved upon the records. At this meeting it was also voted to "pay Lieut. James Stevens twenty-five pounds, old tenor, for his extraordinary service in serving an execution on Joseph Platts." Lieut. Stevens resided in Portsmouth, and this service was probably deemed extraordinary on account of the distance traveled, and not from any remarkable event connected with the discharge of his official duty. The committee selected to view the premises, and obtain evidence against the intruding settlers, had but recently returned unharmed; and, without doubt, this officer of the law had courage to venture among the trespassers without the encouraging presence of extraordinary assistance. From the schedule of lots drawn, it will be seen that Samuel Johnson, Jr., drew the ninth and tenth lots in the fourth range. These lots included the original Platts farm upon which Abel Platts first settled. This land he gave to his son Joseph about 1750, and entered upon another tract near Pool Pond. Through the obliging attention of Hon. C. H. Bell, of Exeter, the following Court record is presented:—

SAMUEL JOHNSON appellant vs. JOSEPH PLATTS appellee.

Parties appearing and being fully heard by their Counsell learned in y<sup>e</sup> law, y<sup>e</sup> case was committed to y<sup>e</sup> Jury sworn according to law to try y<sup>e</sup> Issue, who made return of their Verdict upon oath and say Jury find for y<sup>e</sup> ap<sup>t</sup> ten shillings damages and costs of courts.

Judgment and execution were issued on the twenty-fifth

of March, 1754. Without doubt, this was the execution served by Lieut. Stevens.

The following affidavit, copied from the original in the office of the Secretary of State, is a part of these legal proceedings:—

Francis peabody and Huberd Gould boath of lawful age testifyeth and sayth That in y<sup>e</sup> year 1742 we went to work at Rowley Canada and we kept ower horses on Able plats hay in the medo whare y<sup>e</sup> trespas is said to be done & paid him for y<sup>e</sup> same and y<sup>e</sup> said plats hath ben in possession of s<sup>d</sup> meado ever sence till he gave it to his son Joseph y<sup>e</sup> defendant who hath ben in possession ever sence & as to ye upland whare y<sup>e</sup> trespas is s<sup>d</sup> to be Done we se Able plats in y<sup>e</sup> year 1742 y<sup>e</sup> 29 & 30 days of september Cut wood & timber on the lot whare y<sup>e</sup> trespas is said to be Done & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Able plats hath ben in possession ever sence till he gave it to his son Joseph plats the Defendant & he hath ben in possession to this day.

FRANCIS PEABODY.

HUBBARD GOULD.

ESSEX ss. January y<sup>e</sup> twenty seventh Day 1752 then the within named Francis Peabody and Hubard Gould both being strictly cautioned to the truth of what is above written and then made oath to the same the adverce party not Notified living more than thirty [miles] Distance.

Before the subscriber Aug<sup>t</sup> 6.

THOMAS LAMBERT Jus. of Peace.

It is to be regretted that a more extended account of these lawsuits, and information of the result, has not been discovered. It is certain, however, that the Plattses remained in possession of the lands in dispute, but how the controversy was settled or compromised is not known. The only remaining reference to the subject upon the records

occurs in a notice of a meeting to be held in November, 1758, in these words:—

To hear what proposals, the old Proprietary (so called) of the township, have to make to y<sup>e</sup> present Proprietors and act thereon.

The record of the meeting states:—

That after a debate had thereon y<sup>e</sup> question was put whether y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors would act on said Article and it passed in the negative.

The affidavit of Peabody and Gould is of importance beyond the connection in which it has been employed, since it establishes a date previous to which Abel Platts first commenced a clearing in the township. It will be seen that this date is about ten years earlier than has generally been supposed.

In the midst of this controversy concerning titles, the war for the conquest of Canada was begun. The Indians in the French interest again took up the hatchet, and their predatory incursions spread terror and alarm on every side. In the proceedings of a meeting of the proprietors of Monadnock Number One, held in September, 1754, an opinion was expressed that on account of Indian hostilities it would be exceedingly hazardous to build a meeting-house at present. These fears were not altogether imaginary. In the month of May preceding this meeting, Nathaniel Meloon, his wife, and four children were captured by the Indians in Salisbury, and soon after three persons were killed and several persons captured in the same locality. They also broke into the house of James Johnson at Charlestown, and carried the entire family of eight persons into captivity. The following year Benjamin Twitchel was captured at Keene, two men were murdered at Walpole, and at Hinsdale a party of men at work in the woods were attacked, and three of them were

slain. Traces of Indians were also found in Winchendon, and the inhabitants of that town took refuge in the block-houses, which they had previously built; and during their alarm they petitioned the Governor and Legislature for assistance. Exaggerated accounts of these atrocities were swiftly spread by increasing alarm throughout the settlements. A general feeling of insecurity prevailed to such an extent that all progress in the settlements in this vicinity was suspended, and many temporarily left their homes to seek places of greater security. Such being the state of affairs, it is evident that the fears which pervaded the weaker settlements were not groundless. Yet in addition to the sum of all accredited history, every town has its Indian traditions, which should be received with many grains of allowance. If the oral accounts of the number of Indians slain by pioneers were true, the race long since would have been exterminated. It is a fact in history that, about 1723, the governments of Massachusetts and New Hampshire offered a bounty of one hundred pounds, which at that time was equivalent to forty pounds sterling, for every Indian scalp which should be exhibited to the proper authorities. Capt. John Lovewell, with a company of men from Dunstable, Groton, and vicinity, made an excursion into New Hampshire, where they killed one Indian and captured a small lad. So elated were they with their success that they immediately marched to Boston, where they received the stipulated bounty, and a handsome gratuity beside. This incident is related in resistance to those traditions which magnify the exploits of the early settlers in the slaughter of a wary foe.

Previous to the settlements in this vicinity, the Indians, attracted by the number and extent of the ponds in this town, made frequent visits to their shores. A most inter-

esting collection of arrowheads, hatchets, and other implements, has been collected by Hiram Blake, Esq., of Keene. They were found near the southern shore of Long Pond, where they were unearthed by the plow after a repose of more than a century. They are indisputable evidence of the former presence of the Indians in this locality. It is not probable, however, that they ever made any continued residence in this town, nor is it certain that any hostile excursion was ever made within its limits since the advent of the white man. The savages had a wholesome fear of the more populous settlements, and unless they could stealthily approach the defenceless borders they gave them a wide berth. The older and stronger towns of Keene, Charlestown, Lunenburg, Townsend, and Groton were fortifications to the settlements in this vicinity. A retrospect of the fortunes of the settlement to this date exhibits many discouragements. The first charter has been annulled by the location of the province line; the confirmation of the Masonian patent has rendered the deeds acquired of the Rowley Canada proprietors for a season extremely problematical, and finally worthless; the conflict of titles which ensued, and the fear of Indian depredations, has been a most effectual barrier to emigration into the township.

## CHAPTER III.

### *RECORD OF SETTLEMENTS, 1758 — 1768.*

Amended Fortunes. — Retrospect. — Roads Laid Out. — Saw-Mill. — Labor upon Highways. — Severe Drought. — The Common. — Delinquent Tax-payers. — Rev. Seth Dean Ordained. — Incorporation first Proposed. — Census of 1767.

FROM the beginning of the year 1758, the fortunes of the settlement were greatly amended. The emigration hither was much increased and uninterrupted, while a sense of security and exemption from any further suspension, never before enjoyed, was most happy in its results, and encouraged considerable expenditure in the anticipation of the increasing demands of the settlement. The changes which had occurred in the membership of the proprietary were of a fortunate character. The speculators, who had only a selfish interest in the grant, had generally sold their land, and thereby transferred their right to vote in the meetings of the proprietors, to persons who became residents of the township, and had a more lively interest in its affairs. The effect of this new element in the proprietary was soon apparent in more liberal legislation, and in the adoption of several measures which must have sprung from more elevated motives.

The names of only a few of the persons who were resi-

dents of the township, at this date, have been incidentally mentioned. It has been seen that Abel Platts, at this time about fifty-four years of age, had been acquainted with the township not far from twenty years, and during the time he had resided alternately in Lunenburg and in this town. Since 1751 or 1752, his residence in this town was continuous until his death. As previously stated, he first settled upon the farm now owned by Martin L. Goddard. This farm, with many acres adjoining, he gave to his son Joseph previous to 1752, when he commenced another clearing, and built a house a short distance north of Pool Pond. His son Abel, born 1738, remained with him until his death, and received, by bequest, the farm on which he last resided. Joseph Platts was married in 1752, and then became a permanent resident of this town, and had probably been at work upon his land during a portion of several preceding years.

Ezekiel Jewett settled about 1752 upon the farm now owned by Dr. C. E. Ware, where he resided until his death. This land he first purchased of the Rowley Canada grantees. After considerable improvement had been made, and a house had been built, he found that his title was to be disputed. To avoid contention he bought the same land of Thomas Prentice, Esq., who had received it in the distribution of lots among the Masonian grantees. In this manner he was relieved from a law-suit, and perhaps an "extraordinary service" of an execution by Lieut. Stevens. In the preceding chapter, evidence was presented that Mr. Jewett had a nursery growing upon this farm in 1753; and the traditions of his numerous descendants, received from the lips of his widow, who lived until 1830, are clear that before he entered the army, during the last French and Indian war, he had planted an orchard of apple trees from this nursery.



The few remaining fruit trees in this orchard are probably the oldest in town. Mr. Jewett married, June 16, 1759, Hannah, daughter of Abel Platts. A few years later Stephen and Jonathan Jewett, brothers of Ezekiel, settled on adjoining farms, and lying next south of the farm of their brother. Jonathan Stanley, from Topsfield, was an early resident in this town, but the date of his removal is not precisely known. He was taxed in Lunenburg, 1753 and 1754. It is probable that during this time he was clearing land and building a house preparatory to the removal of his family, and that his residence in Lunenburg was only an incident in his removal from Topsfield; and his place of abode in 1754 is made certain in the record of the baptism of a child at Lunenburg, in which his residence in this town is stated. Among his children were Abigail, Samuel, John, and Joseph, to whom further reference will be made. He settled on lot eleven in the ninth range. John Hewitt was among the earliest settlers. He was taxed in Lunenburg, 1750 and 1751, and probably came to this town during the latter year. For several years his name occurs upon the proprietors' records, but none of this name are mentioned after the incorporation of the town. Nothing concerning his family is known. "George Hewitt, of Rowley Canada, and Miss Triphena Hodgskins, of Lunenburg, were married Oct. 21, 1760." This, probably, was a son of John, and removed with him, since a common obscurity surrounds them both.

Joel Russell, with his wife and five children, removed from Littleton in 1752, and settled in the northwest part of the town. After removing several times, he settled upon the farm for many years owned by Benjamin Hastings. His son Silas was married previous to 1767.

During the year 1758 came John Coffeen from Boston,



and his brothers Eleazer and Henry Coffeen from Lunenburg. The former settled on the farm now of Thomas and Charles G. Buswell. Henry married Lucy Hale soon after his arrival, and located near the Jaffrey line, and not far from the clearing of Abel Platts. Eleazer was not married in 1771, and no reference to his house, if he had one, is found upon the records.

William Carlton came from Andover. Two years later he married and settled a short distance south of the Common, where he continued to reside as a farmer and innholder for many years.

The arrival of John Lilly from Lunenburg, with his wife and one child, probably completes the record of the families in the settlement to this date.

**1759.** During this year a road was laid out from Moses Foster's in Dorchester Canada, and another from Aaron Kidder's in New Ipswich, to the centre of Monadnock Number One, and measures were instituted to secure the building of a saw-mill. It was also determined to hold all future meetings of the proprietors at the house of Abel Platts, and that notices thereof should be posted in this town, and in Lunenburg, Dunstable, and Groton. Preaching was enjoyed for the first time during a portion of the year.

The continued record of the early settlers during a few succeeding years will be stated as briefly as possible, since each of them will be more particularly noticed in the second part of this volume.

The arrivals during the year were not numerous. Aaron Taylor, a native of Littleton, removed from Lunenburg, and settled in the northwest part of the town. His family consisted of a wife and three children. And Samuel Hodgskins — who had lived in several places, but last in

Lunenburg, — with his wife and one child, settled near the present residence of Dea. Norcross.

**1760.** The saw-mill was built by the proprietors during the summer of this year. Numerous roads were laid out, the sum of one hundred dollars was raised to secure the public ministrations of the Gospel, and the house of Samuel Hodgskins designated as the place “where the preaching should be.”

The names of Hale and Ingalls appear for the first time upon the records.

Moses Hale removed from Hampstead, N. H., and died in 1762. His grave-stone bears the earliest date in the cemetery. His widow survived him nearly twenty years. Moses Hale, Jr., with his wife and two children, also other sons, Enoch and Nathan, and three daughters, came to this town at the same time. They settled in the north part of the town. James Philbrick, also from Hampstead, settled upon the farm now owned by James P. Clay. He subsequently married a daughter of Moses Hale, senior.

Josiah Ingalls, from Andover, located near Grassy Pond, and soon after acquired possession of the saw-mill which was in the vicinity of his dwelling.

Jonathan Parker came from Groton, and settled near the centre of the town. His wife and two sons composed his family. Samuel Harper also removed into this town during the year. His wife and several children were here soon after, and probably accompanied him.

**1761.** The legislation for the year related mainly to the highways, and provision was made for repairing the roads already built “to make them passable for teams.” Aaron Taylor, Enoch Hale, Joseph Platts, and Jonathan Stanley were chosen highway surveyors, with instructions “to allow each labourer half a dollar for each day’s service

from the first of May until the last of October, and then two pistareens to the first day of May, and for a pair of oxen for each day's service fifteen shillings, old tenor, of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay." Provision was made to secure preaching, and Jonathan Hopkinson was chosen to engage a minister. The continued record of the measures adopted in regard to the meeting-house and the settlement of a minister will be found in subsequent chapters.

The past few years had been seasons of great plenty, which rewarded the labor of the husbandman with abundant harvests. This and the succeeding year were as remarkable for their scarcity. The severe drought which prevailed during the summer months rendered them as memorable in the distress of the settlement as the former had been in abundance. Benjamin Wetherbee, of Lunenburg, who had been here a portion of the time for two or three years, removed his wife and three children to their future home in the southeast part of the town. His younger brothers, John and Abraham, who subsequently settled in this town, were mere lads at this date.

**1762.** From year to year the management of the public affairs was more generally committed to residents of the township than to non-resident owners of land, as formerly had been the prevailing usage. This indicates that the former class of proprietors had become the more numerous and controlling element in the organization, and that a more liberal policy would be pursued. John Lovejoy, who removed into the township early in the year, was chosen proprietors' clerk, in room of Abel Lawrence, of Groton. The preceding year Jonathan Blanchard was excused from further service as treasurer, and Josiah Ingalls was elected as his successor. The boundaries of the twenty acres reserved for a Common

in the centre of the town were defined by marked trees, a few acres were cleared for a "meeting-house place," and the preceding year, one and one-half acres, included within the twenty acres of Common, had been reserved for a cemetery, and a committee chosen to clear one-half of an acre without delay. Through this and the succeeding years the highways continued to be a fruitful subject of legislation, and the numerous measures adopted in relation to them occupy a large share of the records.

Nathaniel Russell, with his wife and three children, removed from Littleton, and settled on the farm now of William E. Robbins; and John Lovejoy, from Lunenburg, settled on the farm now owned by Addison Todd. He was married, and, at the time of removal, had five children. Samuel Larabee, an aged man, and his son Samuel Larabee, Jr., removed from Lunenburg. The latter was accompanied by his wife, five children, and one slave; and Joshua Webster, his wife and four children, came from New Salem in this State. Jonathan Hopkinson came this or the preceding year. He was married, but no further information of his family has been found.

**1763.** For sometime past the records have foreshadowed an increasing embarrassment, arising from the number of delinquent tax-payers. The sums assessed for public uses upon lands owned by non-residents, to a great extent, remained unpaid. Upon many of the lots the accumulation of the whole number of assessments was in arrears. This state of affairs continued to engross the earnest attention of the proprietors, and during the year no less than twelve votes were passed in relation to the subject. Committees were chosen with ample instructions. The lands were advertised for sale to meet the taxes due. But from fear that this measure would not be sustained by the Courts,

such proceedings were generally postponed. A few lots were sold, but not until the proprietors agreed to indemnify the committee chosen for that purpose from any personal loss in case a lawsuit resulted from such sales. All measures relating to this subject appear to have been adopted with extreme caution. Under the cloak of a provision in the charter, the owners of the fifty-four lots reserved by the Masonian grantors refused to pay any taxes upon them until they had been improved. As a means of relief from this dilemma, and to enable them to speedily collect the unpaid taxes on other lands, the proprietors resolved to request the General Court of the province to pass a statute that would authorize them to summarily balance accounts with these delinquent land-owners, and Dr. John Hale, of Hollis, was desired to present their petition. The Masonians possessed an influence in and around the Legislature that could easily defeat any measure hostile to their interests, and the subject continued to season the deliberations of the proprietors with vexation until the township was incorporated, and public affairs were controlled by a more efficient organization.

This year it was agreed that the notices of public meetings of the proprietors should thereafter be posted only in Number One and in Lunenburg. Page Norcross and John Demary removed from Lunenburg. The former was married this year, and settled on the farm owned by Nathan Woodbury. The latter, whose family consisted of a wife and six children, owned and occupied for many years the farm of the late Hubbard Moors. Jacob Gould, his brother Elijah, and his cousin Benjamin Gould, of Lunenburg, had owned and improved land in this town for two or three years. In June of this year, Jacob Gould married a daughter of Moses Hale, and settled in the northwest part

of the town. The other two were soon after married, and became residents of this town.

**1764.** Five meetings of the proprietors were held during the year. The issues which had arisen in the past were repeatedly considered, and few new questions were proposed. The meeting-house was raised and partly finished, and numerous bills for labor and material were paid. Moses Hale was chosen treasurer, which office he held until the organization was dissolved, soon after the incorporation of the town.

The only arrival in town during the year was Silas Dutton, from Lunenburg, and his family was proportionately small, being a wife and an infant.

**1765.** Mr. Dean was ordained, and a church was embodied. A committee was chosen to prevent any encroachment on the Common, and several acres around the meeting-house were cleared and graded. It was also ordered that notices of all future meetings of the proprietors should be posted only in the township. For the first time the question of incorporation was proposed. At these and subsequent meetings, whenever the subject was considered, it was invariably associated with the difficulties the proprietors experienced in collecting the taxes assessed on non-resident owners of land, and the measure appears to have been sustained, not so much as a result to be desired of itself as a means of relief from this embarrassment. The evidence of the records is clear upon this point:—

Voted that Enoch Hale be an agent to go to Portsmouth to get the town Incorporated with the proviso he can get the land taxed. And to see whether there be any other way for our help than to be incorporated, and that there be no other way for to gather the taxes, and voted that Enoch Hale get the town incor-



porated at all events if he can see no other way for to relieve the town.

It was upon the strength of this vote that the town was subsequently incorporated. Rev. Seth Dean's house was near the southern extremity of the Common, and on the lot now owned by A. A. Fowle. His children at this time were a son and two or more daughters. William Stearns, his wife and child were also added to the population of the settlement, while Daniel Harper came to this town in course, having previously resided in nearly all the towns in this vicinity. He hailed from Shirley at this time. His wife and three children came the following year. Evidently they had not been able to keep pace with him in his frequent removals.

**1766.** From this date the public meetings of the proprietors were held in the meeting-house. An article in the warrant for a meeting to be held in August does not represent a very satisfactory state of the treasury. The grief of the proprietors found expression in these words: "To see if the proprietors will choose an agent to hire any sum of money to relieve some difficulties that labor with the proprietors." When the meeting was assembled the article was passed without action, but whether in despair of securing relief, or from some happy change in the condition of their finances, is not made known.

A vote was passed granting Jonathan Stanley, and any others that so desired, the privilege of building stables near the meeting-house and on the land reserved for a Common. The stranger might reasonably inquire if some of the dilapidated horse-sheds, which now shabbily proclaim their great age, were not built at this time. But the facts and appearances are slightly at variance.

The emigration to the town for this as well as the preceding year was not numerous. David Hammond, with his wife and two children, Nathaniel Turner, from Lancaster, with his wife and one child, and Amasa Turner, his father, also from Lancaster, complete the number. The family of the latter consisted of a wife and several children.

**1767.** The usual number of public meetings were held, but the proceedings are unimportant. It was now apparent that the place would soon be incorporated, by which the control of public affairs would be vested in the town instead of the association of proprietors, and for this reason few measures involving any outlay of money were adopted. The town received an addition of eleven families. Daniel Rand, of Shrewsbury, was married in May of this year, and settled in the southwest district. The farm has remained in the possession of his descendants until quite recently. Daniel Lake, his wife and seven children, removed to the north part of the town. They came from Topsfield. Isaac and David Allen, John MacElwain, each of whom were married; Benjamin Davis, from Groton, wife and one child; Abel Stone, also from Groton, wife and three children; Oliver Stevens, who was married in April; Joseph Worcester, wife and one child; Joseph Page, a widower, and his younger children, from Lunenburg; Samuel Sherwin, of Andover, his wife and two children; and Jonathan Sherwin, from Boxford, with his wife and four children, removed to the town during the year.

In September the Provincial Legislature ordered an enumeration of the inhabitants, and an inventory of the ratable estates in each town or place in the province, to be made in December of this year. Any enumeration of the inhabitants of a town or of a State is an important item



in its history. This census being made so near the date of incorporation possesses more than an ordinary interest, and the data are of much service in verifying the record of previous settlements. Previous to this enumeration, the Hewitts and Samuel Hodgskins had removed from the town.

The returns of a few towns in this vicinity in the following table are placed in comparison with the like statistics of this town. The names by which these towns at present are known are here employed. No returns are found with which to fill the blank spaces in the table:—

	Total population.	Number of Polls.	Total value of ratable estate.	Proportion of Province tax to £1,000.
Rindge, . . . . .	298	65	£ 2,200	£ 5 4
Fitzwilliam, . . . . .	93			
Dublin, . . . . .		40	1,000	2 7
Keene, . . . . .	430	106	4,000	9 10
New Ipswich, . . . . .		150	5,000	11 18
Peterborough, . . . . .	443	100	3,715	8 17

The population of each town is arranged in classes. The returns from Rindge were as follows:—

Married men from 16 to 60 years of age, . . . . .	54
Married women, . . . . .	54
Unmarried men from 16 to 60 years of age, . . . . .	18
Men 60 years and above, . . . . .	4
Females unmarried (of all ages), . . . . .	82
Boys of 16 years and under, . . . . .	84
Male slaves, . . . . .	0
Female slaves, . . . . .	1
Widows, . . . . .	1
Total, . . . . .	298

In this classification of the inhabitants there is a manifest error. The number of married men between sixteen and sixty years of age is fifty-four; and the number of men above sixty years is four, two of whom were married; while the number of married women is fifty-four. Either the number of married men between sixteen and sixty years of age should be fifty-two, or else the number of married women should be fifty-six. Probably the latter supposition is correct, and the population of the town was two more than stated, and the number of families was fifty-eight. Or if these married men, to whom the census returns have allotted no wives, were clearing land and building houses, preparatory to the removal of their families, that fact would account for the apparent discrepancy. The following exhibit of the families when the enumeration was made has not been prepared without considerable labor. The number of the children in some of the families has not been ascertained. If the table was complete in this particular, the sum of the two last columns would be one hundred and sixty-six, including others, if any, whose parents were not residents of this town.

<i>Number of the Families.</i>		<i>Age of Husband.</i>	<i>Age of Wife.</i>	<i>No. of Boys under sixteen years of age.</i>	<i>No. of Daughters unmarried.</i>
1	Joseph Page (widower).				1
2	Samuel Larrabee. "				
3	Abel Platts.	63			1
4	Nathaniel Page.		55	3	2
5	David Allen.				
6	Isaac Allen.				
7	John Coffeen.				
8	Henry Coffeen.	29			
9	William Carlton.	32			
10	Rev. Seth Dean.	49		1	4
11	Silas Dutton.			1	1
12	John Demary.			3	4

<i>Number of the Families.</i>		<i>Age of Husband.</i>	<i>Age of Wife.</i>	<i>No. of Boys under sixteen years of age.</i>	<i>No. of Daughters unmarried.</i>
13	Benjamin Davis, . . . . .	23	21	0	1
14	Jacob Gould, . . . . .	30		1	2
15	Benjamin Gould, . . . . .	26		1	1
16	Elijah Gould, . . . . .	24		0	1
17	Stephen Gates, . . . . .				
18	Moses Hale, . . . . .	35		2	1
19	Enoch Hale, . . . . .	34	29	1	1
20	Nathan Hale, . . . . .	24		0	1
21	David Hammond, . . . . .	30		1	1
22	David Harper, . . . . .			1	1
23	Jonathan Hopkinson, . . . . .				
24	Samuel Harper, . . . . .			4	3
25	Caleb Huston, . . . . .	27	25	1	2
26	Josiah Ingalls, . . . . .			2	0
27	Ebenezer Ingalls, . . . . .	22		1	0
28	Ezekiel Jewett, . . . . .	40	26	4	0
29	Stephen Jewett, . . . . .	30		0	1
30	Jonathan Jewett, . . . . .	28		3	0
31	Daniel Lake, . . . . .	41	40	5	1
32	John Lovejoy, . . . . .				
33	Samuel Larrabee, Jr., . . . . .		39	4	1
34	John Lilly, . . . . .				
35	John MacElwain, . . . . .				
36	Page Norcross, . . . . .	29			
37	James Philbrick, . . . . .	28	27	1	2
38	Joseph Platts, . . . . .	41	26	3	3
39	Abel Platts, Jr., . . . . .	29	27	2	2
40	Jonathan Parker, . . . . .	46	49	0	0
41	Joel Russell, . . . . .	51		3	4
42	Nathaniel Russell, . . . . .	34		1	3
43	Silas Russell, . . . . .	25		1	1
44	Daniel Rand, . . . . .	25	21	0	0
45	William Spaulding, . . . . .				
46	Jonathan Sherwin, . . . . .	38	33	3	2
47	Samuel Sherwin, . . . . .	29		1	1
48	William Stearns, . . . . .			2	0
49	Jonathan Stanley, . . . . .	56		1	2
50	John Stanley, . . . . .	22		0	1
51	Abel Stone, . . . . .	25		1	2
52	Oliver Stevens, . . . . .			1	0
53	Amasa Turner, . . . . .				
54	Nathaniel Turner, . . . . .	30			1
55	Aaron Taylor, . . . . .	41	35	3	3
56	Benjamin Wetherbee, . . . . .	39	36	2	3
57	Joshua Webster, . . . . .			2	4
58	Joseph Worcester, . . . . .			1	0
	Children of second wife of J. Platts by a former marriage, . . . . .			1	3
114	Total.				

The four men above sixty years of age were Joseph Page, Samuel Larrabee, Abel Platts, and Nathaniel Page. These names are first upon the foregoing list. Joseph Page and Samuel Larrabee were widowers. Elizabeth (Wheeler) Hale, widow of Moses Hale, was the widow enumerated in the census, and the slave was the property of Samuel Larrabee, Jr. The only remaining class in this enumeration included the unmarried men between sixteen and sixty years of age. They were: Eleazer Coffeen, brother of John and Henry; John, son of Rev. Seth Dean; John Demary, Jr.; Timothy, son of Stephen Gates; Joseph Gillson; Josiah, Simeon, and Nathaniel, sons of Josiah Ingalls; John Lovejoy, Jr.; George, son of Daniel Lake; Stephen, son of Samuel Larrabee, Jr.; Joseph and Abijah, sons of Joseph Page; Jonathan Parker, Jr.; Joel and William, sons of Joel Russell; Samuel, son of Jonathan Stanley; and Thomas Walker.

Such were the inhabitants of the settlement at the close of the year, and within six weeks of the date of the incorporation of the town.

## CHAPTER IV.

### *A RECORD FROM THE INCORPORATION TO THE REVOLUTION.*

Town Incorporated. — Origin of the Name. — The Charter. — Town Meetings. — Warning out of Town. — Settlements. — John Fitch.

**1768.** On the eleventh of February the town was incorporated, and received the name of Rindge. The preliminary proceedings were exceedingly brief, and consisted merely of the votes passed in 1765. Perhaps a petition from the inhabitants was presented by Mr. Hale, but no mention of such a paper is found upon the records. The proprietors expressed a wish that the town be called Providence. This name was proposed by Rev. Seth Dean. In this, as in many other instances, but little consideration was given to the wishes of the people in regard to the names of towns. Personal ends were to be obtained, and friends rewarded. If Mr. Dean displayed the better taste, the name by him suggested was presented as a request from the people, while the name of Rindge was returned as an edict of a royal Governor.

It has been suggested that the town was named in memory of John Rindge, who was the efficient agent of New Hampshire in the controversy with Massachusetts concerning the province lines, and who had been a member

of both branches of the Legislature. Nor should the fact be overlooked that John Wentworth, who was appointed Governor the year previous, and who issued the charter, was a grandson of Mr. Rindge. But when it is remembered that he died in 1740, nearly thirty years previous to the charter, it appears more highly probable that the town was named in honor of Daniel Rindge, who was an active member of the Provincial Council at this time. Daniel Rindge and George Jaffrey were members of the Council when the towns of Rindge and Jaffrey were incorporated. If this town was named in honor of Daniel Rindge, the analogy is clearly seen. But a consideration of still greater weight rests in the custom then prevailing of assigning to the counties and towns in New Hampshire the names of the living rather than of the dead. There was also a John Rindge, who became one of the proprietors of Mason's grant at the time the number of shares was increased and several new members admitted: but no cause appears to warrant the association of his name in this connection.

The charter is here presented as it is found upon the town records:—

#### PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so Forth.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, *Greeting:*

Whereas our Loyal subjects, Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire, aforesaid, known by the name of Monadnock No. 1 lying between Monadnock No. 4 and New Ipswich, on the Province Line, and containing by estimation Thirty-five square miles, Have Humbly Petitioned and Requested us that they may be Erected and Incorporated into a Township and Infranchised with the same powers and privileges, which other Towns in our said province by Law have and Injoy; and it

appearing unto us to be Conduſive to the General Good of our ſaid province, as well as of the ſaid Inhabitants in particular by maintaining Good order and encouraging the Culture of the land that the ſame ſhould be done. KNOW YE THEREFORE that we of our Eſpecial Grace, Certain Knowledge and for the Encouragement and promoting the Good purpoſes and Ends, aforeſaid, By and with the advice of our Trusty John Wentworth, Eſqr, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief, and of our Council for ſaid province of New Hampshire, have Erected and ordained, and by theſe Preſents for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, Do will and ordain That the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land, aforeſaid, and others who ſhall Inhabit and Improve thereon hereafter. The ſame being butted and bounded as follows (viz.): Beginning at the Southwest Corner of New Iſwich then Running on the Province Line Weſt Ten Degrees North Seven miles to the Southeast Corner of No. 4. Then Turning off and Running North by the Needle by No. 4 aforeſaid five miles then Turning off and Running Eaſt Ten Degrees South ſeven miles to New Iſwich, then Turning off again and Running South by the needle by New Iſwich aforeſaid Five miles to the bounds began at. BE AND HEREBY ARE DECLARED AND ORDAINED to be a Town Corporate and are hereby Erected and Incorporated into a Body politick and Corporate, to have Continuance During our pleaſure, by the name of RINDGE with all the powers and authorities, privileges, immunities, and franchises, which any other Towns in ſaid province by Law hold and enjoy to the ſaid Inhabitants or who ſhall hereafter inhabit there and their ſucceſſors for ſaid Term. ALWAYS RESERVING to us our heirs or ſucceſſors ALL WHITE PINE TREES that are or ſhall be growing and being on the ſaid Tract of Land, fit for the uſe of our Royal Navy. Reſerving alſo to us our heirs and ſucceſſors the Power and Right of Dividing the ſaid Town when it ſhall appear Neceſſary and Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof. Provided Nevertheless and it is hereby Declared that this Charter and Grant is not Intended and ſhall not in any manner be Conſtrued to effect the Private Property of the ſoil



within the Limits aforesaid and as the several Towns within our said province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and, by the majority of the voters present, to choose all such officers and Transact such affairs as in the said Laws are Declared. We do by these Presents nominate and appoint Enoch Hale Esqr to call the first meeting, of said Inhabitants, to be held within the said Town at any time within eighty days from the Date hereof, Giving Legal Notice of the Time and Design of holding such meeting. After which the annual meeting in said Town shall be held for the choice of said officers and the purposes aforesaid on the third Thursday in the month of March annually.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander-in-Chief this eleventh day of February in the Eighth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord Christ 1768.

J. WENTWORTH.

By his Excellency's Command,

T. ATKINSON, [Secty.]

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GEO. KING, Dep. Sec'y.

The public interests which had been controlled by the proprietors were now assumed by the town. Hereafter the taxes were levied, not simply upon lands, but upon all estates, both personal and real: and every citizen, without regard to the amount of land in his possession, was permitted to have a voice in the management of public affairs. The public meetings were no longer called at the request of one or more of the principal land-owners, but in response to the voice of the citizen, without regard to the number of his acres or the value of his estate. The incorporation of towns to succeed the more aristocratic organizations of proprietors was simply the founding of

schools for the training of freemen. It was in the town meetings that the American Revolution was inaugurated. Here the situation was debated, the lives and fortunes of the people were pledged to the cause, and the sum of these debates and resolutions formed the public sentiment at large which carried the colonies through the war, and controlled their leaders in the adoption of liberal constitutions as the proper fruits of a successful revolution.

According to the bounds defined in the charter, the town would contain about 22,060 acres. If each corner had been a right angle, the area would have been thirty-five square miles, or 22,400 acres. In Merrill's "Gazetteer of New Hampshire," published in 1817, the area is given as 23,838 acres. The town is more than seven miles from east to west, and more than five miles from north to south, and contains about 24,000 acres. In accordance with a provision of the charter, the first town meeting was called by Enoch Hale, Esq., who had been appointed a Justice of the Peace only a short time previous. At this meeting the town officers for the ensuing year were chosen, but no other business was transacted. The record of the meeting is given entire:—

The Inhabitants of said Town of Rindge being met at the meeting house in said Town upon the seventeenth Day of March A.D. 1768 agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, Proceeded as followeth (viz.)

First Choose Enoch Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator To Govern said meeting.

Secondly made Choice of Nathaniel Russell for Town Clerk.

Thirdly Choose Nathaniel Russell first Selectman, William Carlton second Selectman, and Henry Goddin third Selectman.

Choose Nathan Hale Constable, and Henry Coffeen Town Treasurer, and Aaron Taylor and John Coffeen Tythingmen, and

Samuel Sherwin and Page Norcross fence Viewers, and Joseph Worster and Abel Stone Haywards and field Drivers. And Jacob Gould, Benjamin Davis, Joseph Worster and Jonathan Parker Junr Surveyors of Highways. Choose Enoch Hale Esqr Pound Keeper.

All the above persons except Enoch Hale Esqr were sworn to the faithful Discharge of these Respective offices, by Enoch Hale Esqr, and then the meeting was Dismissed.

By these proceedings the administration of the proprietors was terminated, the outstanding bills were paid, the meeting-house, public land, and highways were subsequently transferred to the town, and their organization was dissolved. Another meeting soon followed. To illustrate the manner of calling meetings at this time the warrant — omitting several articles noticed in another chapter — and the return of the constable are presented: —

#### PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TO MR. NATHAN HALE, Constable for the Town of Rindge in the province aforesaid, *Greeting*:

You are hereby required in his Majesty's name to Notify and Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Rindge Qualified to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the public meeting house in said Rindge upon Monday the Second Day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon of said Day, then and there to Act upon the following Articles.

First to Choose a moderator to Govern said meeting. . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town Will Vote to allow the Swine to Go at Large in said Town for this Present year, they being Yooked and Wringed as the Law Directs.

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Rent out the School Lot in said Town to Mr. William Stearns of said Town for such a number of years as they shall think proper and for such yearly Rent as they

shall think Reasonable, and Give the Selectmen orders to Lease the same to him accordingly. The profitts thereof to be Laid out for Schooling Children in said Town. . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Fix the space for the intermissions between meetings on the Lord's Day.

Hereof fail not to make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon at or before the said Second Day of May.

Given under my hand and seal at Rindge aforesaid the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the Eighth year of his Majesty's Reign A. D. 1768.

By order of the Selectmen of said Rindge.

NATHANIEL RUSSELL, Town Clerk.

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, RINDGE, May the 2<sup>d</sup>, 1768.

In obedience to this Warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants as mentioned herein, to meet at time and place herein mentioned, to act on the within Articles, by posting up an attested Copy hereof, fourteen days before this day, at the meeting house in said Rindge.

NATHAN HALE, Constable of said Rindge.

This form for calling town meetings was continued until the statute of 1773, after which the warrants were signed by the selectmen. Upon the commencement of the war all appearance of reverence for George the Third and the words "In his majesty's name" were studiously omitted, and the word *State* was substituted for *Province* in all official papers. At this meeting, the fourth and fifth articles were acted upon affirmatively; the intermission between services on the Sabbath was changed from two hours to one hour and a half. "Then voted to reconsider their vote to let the swine go at large, and the article was dismissed." The proceedings of this meeting occupy several pages of the

records, and relate mainly to the location and bounds of numerous highways, and to the salary of Rev. Seth Dean.

In January, 1769, occurred the first instance of "warning out," — "a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance," and long since abandoned. It was the practice in all the towns to warn out new arrivals soon after their removal. Although they were commanded in positive terms to depart hence, it was not expected that they would go, and in a majority of cases it was ardently hoped that they would not. This proceeding was had, under the provisions of the statutes, as a safeguard against such persons obtaining a legal settlement in the towns to which they had removed, and in case any of the inhabitants, upon whom a warrant to depart had been legally served, became needy, the town from whence they removed was chargeable for their support. For many years, nearly all who removed hither, without regard to their social or financial standing, were warned out; and very many of those who became prosperous in business, honored as townsmen, and whose descendants have been useful and esteemed citizens, were requested to leave the limits of the town before they had become comfortably settled in their new homes. Not a few of those who were the first to respond to the call of their country during the Revolution were thus inhospitably welcomed to the town; but they doubtless received the summons in the spirit in which it was issued, and justly regarded it as a legal formality in which there was no sincerity. A few extracts selected at random from the records will illustrate more fully the nature of these proceedings. In the preservation of the names of the families, the date of removal to this town, and the place of their former residence, these records incidentally afford much valuable information concerning the emigration to the town.

CHESHIRE, SS.

To Mr. Jonathan Parker Jun<sup>r</sup>, Constable for the Town of Rindge in said County, *Greeting*:

Whereas Sundry Persons of late Came into this Town which may Becom Inhabitants if not warned out and are likely to Becom a Town Charge in any time of sickness or adversity, viz: Silas Whitney and wife Jean and six children, all minors, viz: Love, Oliver, Bartholomew, Jean, Phebe, and Samuel, who came from Winchendon, in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, into this town in the month of February A.D. 1773. And Joseph Willson and wife Hannah and one Child Being a miner, viz: Temperance Robinson, who came from Petersham in said Province into this Town in the month of february 1773, and Isaac Russell who Came from Littleton in said Province into this town in the month of November A. D. 1773. You are therefore Required in his majesty's name to Notify and Warn all and each of said Persons to Depart out of this Town as they will answer there Contempt under ye Penalty of ye Law.

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon as soon as may be.

Dated at Rindge aforesaid this sixteenth day of December in the fourteenth year of his majesty's Reign A.D. 1773.

JONATHAN SHERWIN,	} Selectmen of Rindge.
DANIEL RAND,	
EDWARD JEWETT,	

CHESHIRE, SS. Rindge January ye 1<sup>st</sup> 1774.

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all and each of the within mentioned persons forthwith to Depart out of this Town as the Law directs,

JON<sup>A</sup>. PARKER JUN<sup>R</sup>,  
Constable for said Rindge.

RINDGE June y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Then Rec<sup>d</sup> of Edward Jewett & Abel Stone Selectmen of Rindge Two pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence L. M<sup>o</sup>. in full for warning forty persons out of town.

by me,

JONATHAN SHERWIN.

Former Constable.

RINDGE Oct<sup>br</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Then Rec<sup>d</sup> of Edward Jewett, Mr. Jonathan Sherwin & Lieut. Abel Stone Selectmen of Rindge, Ten shillings and Eight pence L. M<sup>o</sup>. it being in full for warning eight persons out of Town last year.

NATHANIEL PAGE.

In 1772 and 1773, fifty-nine persons were warned out by Jonathan Parker, Jr.

If these proceedings are open to criticism, the error rested in the province laws, since the town, for its own protection, was compelled to adopt a practice which had become universal. And it certainly was more humane than the custom of "riding out of town," which was sometimes tolerated after this regulation had become obsolete. Then for a small amount of money the needy were sometimes hired to leave the town, and perhaps receive a colder charity from other hands: and not infrequently, without regard to their wishes, they were carried by the town authorities, or more frequently by some one hired for that purpose, to the town from whence they came, where they were directed to apply for bread which here had been withheld. This proceeding may possess an appearance of justice as an issue between the towns, but it could not have been remarkably agreeable to the persons most keenly interested in the result. On one occasion the selectmen of Rindge were considerably overreached in an enterprise of



this character. The poverty of an inhabitant of the town had become a most emphatic illustration of the truth of the declaration, "The poor ye have always with you." But the selectmen, failing to comprehend their duty in the premises as clearly as they realized the general truth of the Scripture, employed Israel Divoll to carry the needy individual to his former home in Leominster. In this transaction their faith that he would be properly cared for was more commendable than their works to the same end. For this business the agent was paid the sum of five dollars. Not to be outdone in this species of liberality, the selectmen of Leominster offered Mr. Divoll *six* dollars if he would bring the pauper back. The offer was accepted to the replenishment of his purse with money, and the minds of the Rindge officials with chagrin. At another time, when the population of the town was one more than was thought necessary for its prosperity, the town by vote instructed the selectmen to employ the greatest rogue in the community to carry the supernumerary inhabitant to the town from whence he came. Mr. Divoll was not employed. The selectmen immediately nominated Asa Brocklebank as a proper person for the enterprise, whereupon Mr. Brocklebank, who was better known for his good nature than for any dishonest practices, quickly responded that he would accept the trust if the town would select the next greatest rogue to instruct him how to proceed; and Col. Daniel Rand, a most exemplary and candid-minded citizen, was requested to advise him in the fulfillment of his duty. While these proceedings are sustained by tradition, to the credit of the town they were never entered upon the records; and if any instructions were given they probably did not exceed a caution against taking pay from more than one town.

This treatment of the poor savors of inhumanity, but it was in accordance with the prevailing usage, and the people and their officials suffer in no degree when placed in comparison with those of other places. The method of providing for this unfortunate class has passed through various phases; yet the innovations, which will be noticed in a subsequent chapter, have been more suggestive of benevolence and humanity.

During the seven years that intervened between the date of incorporation and the Revolution, the emigration to the town was both numerous and reputable. A large majority of these settlers were worthy and influential townsmen, and their descendants have been intelligent and valuable citizens. At this time the southwest part of the town was mainly settled, and that locality even to this day is frequently called *Topsfield*, from the name of the town from which many of the people came. Topsfield was also the residence of several of the proprietors of Rowley Canada, which fact is more or less intimately associated with this emigration to the town, and is another illustration of the impress of the Massachusetts grant upon the destiny of the township.

William and David Robbins, of Cambridge, in 1764 purchased Lots Twenty in the first and second ranges. They immediately commenced a clearing, and their names are found upon the highway accounts for 1767, but they did not become permanent residents until the spring of 1768. Ezekiel and Solomon Rand soon after took up farms near the abode of their brother Daniel. Francis Towne, from Topsfield, in 1771 settled upon the farm now owned by his grandson, Joshua C. Towne; also from the same place came Nathaniel Thomas, who settled upon the farm still owned by his descendants; Philip Thomas, who located a

short distance west of Nathaniel; and Othniel Thomas, who settled near Monomonock Lake upon the farm now of Gilman P. Wellington; John Emory, who fixed his abode in the southwest corner of the town; Aaron Easty, who purchased the farm of John Coffeen, and in 1771 sold it to John Buswell, who hailed from Boxford. In addition to these, the town of Topsfield sent Abel and Elisha Perkins, who selected for their future home the farm now of George W. Towne, and Samuel Page, who resided upon the farm now of Willard C. Brigham.

In 1752, Israel Adams, Jr., came from Andover, with a deed from the Rowley Canada proprietors of a tract of land, which is the farm owned by Deacon Howard Gates, of Ashby, and commenced a clearing during the summer of that year. He was promptly notified by Benjamin Bellows that he, too, held possession of the same land under the Masonian charter. Becoming satisfied that he could not read his title clear, Mr. Adams gave Mr. Bellows the benefit of a season's labor, and went back to Andover. Twenty years later, accompanied by his aged father, he returned to Rindge, secured another kind of a deed for the farm still known as the Israel Adams place, and there resided until his death. David Adams, from Boxford, removed to an adjoining lot of land, which remained in the possession of his descendants until a recent date. The families were not related. Samuel and Isaac Adams, brothers of David, also removed to Rindge about the same time. The former removed to Jaffrey in 1780; the latter was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. Daniel Adams, another brother, resided here several years.

Zebulon Converse came from Bedford, Mass., and settled on Lot One in the first range, but soon after removed to the site of the residence of Morton E. Converse.

Jabez and Jeremiah Norcross came in 1771. The former settled nearly opposite the dwelling of his brother, Page Norcross, and the latter on the farm now of his grandson, Joshua Norcross, and a short distance east of him was the abode of Ebenezer Chaplin, who removed from Atkinson. From Lunenburg came Samuel Tarbell, who settled in the west part of the town, and in a district still associated with his name. From the same town was Isaac Wood, who settled upon the farm owned by his grandsons, John E. and Jonas Wood. Lincoln sent Abraham and Benjamin Peirce; the latter located near Francis Towne. Henry Smith was also from Lincoln, and built a house nearly opposite the house of the late Jonathan W. Allen.

Edward Jewett, whose name frequently occurs upon the records, and who resided for many years upon the farm now of Ivers H. Brooks, came from Concord. John and Abraham Wetherbee, brothers of Benjamin, settled in the southeast part of the town, the former on the farm recently of J. S. Wetherbee, his grandson, and the latter where A. J. Converse now resides. Jonathan and his brother Obadiah Sawtell were from Groton, and settled in the east part of the town. From the same town was Salmon Stone, who located upon the "Lord farm" near the centre of the town. Asa Sherwin and John Sherwin were from Boxford; the former lived upon the farm formerly of the late Charles Cutler, and the latter, at a later period, occupied the house previously owned by Philip Thomas. To gain a better idea of the town as it was at the close of these seven years of constant emigration, the reader should locate Benjamin Bancroft, from Groton, near the residence of Col. G. W. Stearns; Henry Godding upon the Dea. Cummings farm; Ebenezer Muzzey near the residence of Ezra Page; Solomon Cutler upon the Dr. Thomas

Jewett place—the last three from Lexington;—Richard Kimball, from Boxford, upon the Gates farm, enjoying the Adams clearing; Levi Mansfield upon the Amos Keyes farm; John Hannaford between the residence of Lyman Bennett and Monomonoek Lake; James Wood, from Boxford, near the residence of B. F. Danforth; John Earl, or Eills, as he spelled the name, upon the Josiah Stratton farm; Ebenezer Davis near the farm of Lyman Stratton; James Crumbie, from Andover, at West Rindge; Samuel Walker, from Weston, upon the farm now of William S. Brooks, which he purchased of William Spaulding, after he had sold his former residence to Philip Thomas; Barnabas Cary, from Attleborough, in the east part of the town; Daniel Gragg near Long Pond; Asa Brocklebank, from Rowley, in the east part of the town, and subsequently on the farm previously occupied by Henry Godding; Paul Fitch, from Ashby, was proprietor of the mill at Converseville; and Ebenezer Lock, from Ervingshire, near Orange, Mass., was the village blacksmith. There were also Moses Whitney, Ezekiel Learned, Obadiah Marsh, and Jeremiah Russell from New Salem; Nehemiah Porter from Weymouth; Thomas Hutchinson from Ashby; Ebenezer Shaw from Abington; John Gray from Wilton, N. H.; Solomon Whitney, Richard, and William Davis from Lincoln; Joseph Wilson from Petersham; and Silas Whitney from Winchendon. Other families removed to this town during this period, and not a few of the sons of the earlier settlers were now married, and occupied houses, which they had erected upon their clearings. With this numerous accession to the population of the town came three physicians, Drs. Morse, Townsend, and Palmer, who will be noticed in another chapter. Many facts contained in this chapter will be repeated elsewhere; but it has been deemed proper

to present this view of the population as it existed at the commencement of the Revolution, since many of these names will frequently appear in the record of that period.

During the seven years included in this chapter the town lost several valuable citizens. In 1769, John Coffeen emigrated to Cavendish, Vt.; Jonathan Stanley, Henry Coffeen, Nathaniel Turner, Jonathan Jewett, David Allen, and Jonathan Hopkinson removed to Jaffrey, and the names of Isaac Allen, John Lilly, Aaron Taylor, Silas Dutton, William Stearns, John MacElwain, Joseph Worcester, Samuel Larrabee, Samuel Larrabee, Jr., David Hammond, Samuel and Daniel Harper disappear from the records.

In 1772, John Fitch, his wife and one daughter removed to this town. With them came Zeno, a negro servant of Mr. Fitch. In 1739, Mr. Fitch, then about thirty years of age, removed from Bradford, Mass., and settled in the south part of Ashby, but then in the town of Lunenburg. His abode was several miles distant from his nearest neighbors, and was described by him as "seven miles and a half above Lunenburg meeting-house, and three miles and a half above any of the inhabitants, on the road leading from Lunenburg to Northfield." The settlers in that vicinity, apprehensive of an attack from the Indians, assisted Mr. Fitch in fortifying his house, and early in the year 1748 four soldiers were stationed within the garrison. Mr. Fitch was a man of considerable distinction. He had traded much with the Indians, and his frontier position was well known to them. It appears that they had resolved upon his capture, and a party of them, not far from eighty in number, stealthily approached his abode during the absence of two of the soldiers, and on the morning of July 5, 1748, suddenly fell upon him and his two remaining companions, who were a short distance from the garrison.



One of the soldiers, named Zaccheus Blodgett, was instantly killed. Mr. Fitch and the other soldier, named Jennings, escaped within the enclosure where they made a stout resistance for an hour and a half, when Jennings received a fatal wound in the neck from a shot through a port-hole. The wife of Mr. Fitch loaded the guns, while her husband continued his efforts to repel the assault. The Indians at last assured him that if he persisted in firing he and his family should perish in the flames of the building; but if he would surrender they promised to spare the lives of all within his house. A surrender was then made, and the house and fences were burned by the Indians, and Mr. Fitch, accompanied by his wife and five children, was conducted to Montreal. The ages of the children were respectively five months, four, five and one-half, eleven, and thirteen years. A company of men from Lunenburg and vicinity, under command of Major Hartwell, started in pursuit early the following morning. The Indians proceeded along the south side of Watatic Mountain, and made their first stop at the meeting-house in Ashburnham, the inhabitants of which town had abandoned their settlement but a short time previous. It is probable that they continued their course through the eastern portion of this town, and thence by way of Spafford Gap in a more northern direction. Somewhere in the township of Ashburnham the pursuing party discovered a piece of paper fastened to a tree containing a few lines written by Fitch, imploring his friends not to attempt his rescue, as the Indians had promised to spare their lives if unmolested, but threatened instant death to himself and family if his friends attempted to deprive them of their captives. The pursuing party then returned. After enduring the severest hardships in their long journey through the wilderness and in captivity, the



family were ransomed by their friends in Bradford. They returned by way of New York, Providence, and Boston. After bravely enduring the perils of captivity the wife of Mr. Fitch sickened while returning, and died in Providence, Dec. 24, 1748, nearly six months after the date of capture. The others returned to their former home in Ashby.

Mr. Fitch used to relate that among the plunder taken from his premises by the Indians was a heavy draft chain, which one of them carried upon his shoulders to Canada, and there bartered it for a quart of rum, which, as Franklin would say, was paying dear for (wetting) his whistle. Paul, one of the children, then between five and six years of age, was strapped upon the back of an Indian, and performed the journey more easily than other members of the family. He lived to an advanced age, and is the one referred to in this chapter as owner, for a short time, of the mill at Converseville. He well remembered this experience of his childhood, and used to say that, brought into such close contact with his animated vehicle, the smell of the Indian made him sick, and that he cried so lustily the savage turned him about and again bound him to his back. With his face towards his former home, and blindly entering the unknown future, the journey was continued. His new position was a truthful symbol of the uncertainty of his fortunes. Jacob, another of the sons of Mr. Fitch, then four years of age, and who subsequently was one of the early school-masters in this town, suffered more severely. Though in other respects well formed, his lower limbs were of dwarfish size, on account of the rigor with which he was bound to the back of his Indian transport. John Fitch was again married in 1751. After residing in Rindge five or six years, he returned to Ashby, where he died April

8, 1795. From him the city of Fitchburg received its name, and a granite monument in his memory has been erected upon the Common in Ashby. As stated, the date of the capture of this family occurred during the summer of 1748. In Whitney's "History of Worcester County," it is stated that it occurred in the summer of 1749, and Torrey's "History of Fitchburg," in an attempt to correct the date given by Whitney, makes an equal error in stating that it was in the summer of 1747. Kidder's "History of New Ipswich," a work of unusual accuracy, has found the golden mean, and gives the true date of the event, and quotes a paragraph from the *Boston Gazette* of that year which confirms the accuracy of the date. In 1749, Mr. Fitch presented a petition to the General Court for relief, in which he gives a full account of his capture and sufferings, and says that the Indians made the attack before noon on the fifth day of July, in the year 1748.

## CHAPTER V.

### *REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY—1775 AND 1776.*

The Prevailing Sentiment of the People.—Census of 1775.—Convention at Keene.—Delegate chosen to attend the Provincial Congress.—Convention at Walpole.—Town-Meeting Warrants.—Minute-Men.—Selectmen and Committee of Safety for 1775.—Battle of Lexington.—Roll of Captain Hale's Company.—Captain Philip Thomas' Company.—Battle of Bunker Hill.—Lovejoy, Adams, and Carleton Killed.—Loss of Arms and Clothing.—The Company Continues in the Service.—Enoch Hale Appointed Colonel of the Fourteenth Regiment.—Training Bands and Alarm Lists.—List of Officers.—Importance given to Military Titles.—Selectmen and Committee of Safety for 1776.—Conventions at Walpole and Hanover.—Association Test.—Captain Parker's Company.—Colonel Baldwin's Regiment.—Other Enlistments.—Scarcity of Salt.

The grievances which led to the Revolutionary War are well known, and are more appropriate topics for general than of local history. It remains for these annals to record the deeds of men, and not of armies, and to portray the sufferings of the individual at the fireside and in the field. As far as possible, this chapter will be the record of the men, and of their families, who composed the population of the town of Rindge during the long and sanguinary struggle. The winter of 1774-5 was a season of doubt and uncertainty. The people were nervously waiting for the clouds to break, or, if need be, for hostilities to commence. Anything

was to be preferred to the state of suspense and anxiety which had fallen upon all the land. This town was in full sympathy with the sentiment that a war was to be deplored, and if possible to be avoided; but that it might and, in certain events, would occur was as freely acknowledged; and early and with remarkable unanimity they were prepared for the issue, whether force would compel submission or resistance would overcome force.

In 1775 an enumeration of the inhabitants of the province of New Hampshire was had. The entire population was eighty-two thousand two hundred; the number in Rindge was five hundred and forty-two. This census being made on the eve of hostilities is of great interest, and presents to our minds a township of less than one-half the number of inhabitants at the present time. Of this number about one hundred and twenty would be males between sixteen and sixty years of age. This number was considerably increased during the progress of the war by the removal of new families into town; and several who removed hither after the war commenced enlisted into the service. The repeated record of warning out newcomers, the fact that the census in 1780 included seven hundred or more, and that a number in excess of one hundred and twenty are found in the army from this town, all prove that in population the town made considerable gain during each year of the war. The comparative population of Rindge at this period will be seen from the returns of a few other towns: Jaffrey, 351; Marlow, 207; Mason, 501; Marlborough, 322; Nelson, 186; Dublin, 305; Peterborough, 549; New Ipswich, 960; Keene, 758; Manchester, 285.

The most careful research has been made to secure a

complete list of all residents of this town who served in the army during the Revolutionary War. It will be perceived that the lists are very nearly complete. The public records contain the names of those who responded to the alarm at Lexington in 1775, and very few other names are found upon any records or papers preserved in this town. The search for the rolls, date of enlistment, duration and nature of the service, has been made elsewhere. The military papers in the office of the Adjutant-General at Concord have been carefully perused. No name has been admitted upon these pages without unquestionable proof that the person was an actual resident of Rindge. Tradition and the records are frequently at variance; in such cases the authority of the record has been recognized. In addition to the rolls hereafter given, it is certain that in 1776 thirteen men, and in 1780 sixty-one men, were in the service for a few days, having enlisted in response to sudden alarms. They soon returned to their homes upon learning that the danger had passed. It would be a source of extreme satisfaction if it could be known that, with this exception, the name of every soldier and every casualty was here recorded; and it is believed that the lists are very nearly complete.

A convention of conference and recommendation was held at Keene, December 28, 1774. An address was issued, earnestly recommending the several towns in the vicinity to perfect measures of preparation, and requesting the several boards of selectmen to call a town-meeting and give the people an opportunity to adopt a by-law which had been prepared and sent with the address. It is to be regretted that no account of this convention has ever been published. The early date at which it was assembled, and the character

of the measures adopted, surround it with an unusual interest. Agreeably to these recommendations a meeting was held in Rindge, January 23, 1775, at which the town voted "to accept of the recommendations adopted at Keene, and chose Lieut. Francis Towne, Ens. Daniel Rand, and Page Norcross a committee to manage the same"; and also "voted to make a BY-LAW as within mentioned, and choose Enoch Hale, Francis Towne, Daniel Rand, Nathaniel Russell, Jonathan Sherwin, Nathan Hale, and Edward Jewett to make and carry the same into execution." The above action of the town at this early date is a safer index of the prevailing sentiment than a vote passed about the same time "to purchase a town stock of ammunition." When the fact is brought into view that, under the statutes of the province, each town was obliged to keep in reserve a prescribed amount of powder and lead, the early measures to procure a public stock of ammunition appear less significant than at first might be supposed. It is apparent, however, that this statute was now obeyed with more alacrity than many others, and its requirements more carefully heeded than had formerly been the case. What was the exact recommendation of the convention at Keene is not definitely known: but the action of the town of Rindge in response to the address makes it apparent that it was of a precautionary character, and in harmony with the serious apprehensions and sentiment of the times.

At this meeting, Enoch Hale was chosen a deputy, or delegate, to attend the second session of the Provincial Congress, which assembled at Exeter on the twenty-third of January. Mr. Hale attended this session, and was also a delegate, and in attendance thirty-one days, at the fourth session of the Provincial Congress, which was convened at

the same place on the seventeenth day of May. It is presumed that he attended other sessions held this year, although no record of the fact has been found. It is certain that he was present to advise and vote upon the greater part of the experimental, yet momentous, proceedings adopted by that body, and while there probably formed acquaintances, and left impressions on the minds of his associates, which led to his many preferments during the succeeding years.

Of the proceedings of this session of Congress, or convention, Dr. Belknap says: "Their first care was to establish post-offices; to appoint a committee of supplies for the army, and a committee of safety. To this last committee the general instruction was similar to that given by the Romans to their dictators, 'to take under consideration all matters in which the welfare of the province in the security of their rights is concerned, and to take the utmost care that the public sustain no damage.'" This is the origin of the efficient committee of safety, which continued to act in the affairs of the province, and soon after of the State, with great boldness and judgment, and, under the leadership of Hon. Meshech Weare, placed New Hampshire in the foremost rank, both in point of influence and achievements. Particular instructions were given them from time to time as occasion required. They were clothed with supreme executive power, and whenever the convention was not in session, the orders and recommendations of this committee were received with as much authority as the acts and resolves of the convention. The continued record of the representation of this town in the Provincial Congress will appear in another chapter. Previous to March, 1775, another County Congress was held at Walpole.



Enoch Hale also represented this town in that convention. But little is known of the proceedings.

The annual town-meeting, which was held March 16, 1775, was the last one warned "in His Majesty's name." This and all former meetings were called in the following manner:—

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CHESHIRE, SS.

TO MR. JONATHAN SHERWIN, Constable for the Town of Rindge in said County, *Greeting*:

In His Majesty's name you are hereby required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Rindge qualified by law to vote in town meetings, to assemble and meet at the meeting house, &c.

Soon after the word "State" was employed instead of "Province," and the phrase, "in His Majesty's name," was invariably omitted, and years of war, with its consequential sorrows, were bravely endured, that these words, with their association of tyranny and oppression, might never be supplied. It was several years before the meetings were called by posting the warrant instead of a personal notice. In this warrant was an article: "To see if the town will vote any encouragement to any number of minute-men that will agree to stand ready on any sudden emergency, and for how many; and what the encouragement shall be, and how they shall be provided for whilst gone on the country's service; and to choose a committee to manage the same if they shall think proper." The measures here proposed were referred to a committee consisting of Enoch Hale, Jonathan Sherwin, Solomon Cutler, Jonathan Sawtell, and Solomon Rand, who were invested with discretionary power. This

was preparation for the worst; the notes of alarm are here sounded, and thus our fathers approach the long and bitter struggle.

For this year the board of selectmen consisted of five members, two more than have been chosen for any other year in the town's history. They were Enoch Hale, Israel Adams, Jr., Nathan Hale, Nathaniel Russell, and Solomon Cutler. A committee of safety, inspection, and correspondence was continued, by annual elections, during the war. Until March, 1776, the persons chosen to carry into effect the recommendations of the Keene convention continued to perform the multifarious duties of this important trust.

The spring of 1775 was unusually forward; the sunny days of mid April, extremely warm and pleasant for the season, had invited the husbandmen to the labors of the field. But in the midst of these peaceful avocations, and attending this external appearance of security and composure, there was a most potent undercurrent of suspense and anxiety. And now, at a season of the year most suggestive of tranquillity and gladness, all doubts were suddenly removed, and all anticipations of an honorable peace dispelled. The harsh notes of war and carnage were resounded over the dying hopes of a peaceful settlement of their grievances. The ominous intelligence first heralded by Paul Revere and William Dawes to towns near Boston, was swiftly borne on the wings of alarm to Southern New Hampshire. The messenger arrived in Rindge late in the afternoon on the day of the engagement at Lexington and Concord. Through the following night the hurried words of alarm were repeated from door to door. It was certain the enemy had commenced an incursion inward, but no

intelligence of actual hostilities had been received. The story of the slaughter of their brethren at Lexington and Concord was not employed to call these men to arms. In the stillness of night the simple words, "The enemy are marching," was all the incentive that was required to assemble on the Common a company of fifty-four men. And there, under the shadow of the meeting-house, in which, from Sabbath to Sabbath, they had devoutly raised their prayers, with the voice of Rev. Seth Dean, for freedom from oppression, where on other days they had often assembled to perfect measures of preparation, and give expression to their desires for freedom, through peace if possible, through war if inevitable, they, with musket in hand, gave evidence of faith by works in a manner that must have gratified the most sturdy theologian. With a hasty farewell, and many thoughts of home and family, in the gray of approaching morning they hastened to the relief of their brethren, and some of them to the scenes of their youth and the threatened homes of their kindred. Their march was as rapid as their preparation had been hasty, and on the twenty-first they were gathered among the assembling forces at Cambridge.

The rapidity with which the alarm was spread over the country on the nineteenth of April has excited surprise. It was not accidental, nor one of those hazard enterprises that sometimes apparently happen in a fortuitous manner. For weeks the committees of safety and correspondence had been preparing for just such an emergency; in many instances it had been arranged who should ride, and to whom deliver the message. At twilight many a vigilant patriot had carefully stabled and fed his fleetest horse, half in expectation that a summons to ride might come before the rising of another sun.

The names of these men, fifty-four in number, are preserved in the following:—

*Pay Roll of the men that went to Cambridge in Capt. Nathan Hale's Company, at the time of the Lexington Fight, April y<sup>e</sup> 19, 1775.*

Nathan Hale, <i>Captain</i> , . . . . .	£	s.	d.				
Francis Towne, <i>Lieutenant</i> , . . . . .	1	10	0				
Daniel Rand, <i>Ensign</i> , . . . . .	1	10	0				
James Crumbie, <i>Clerk</i> , . . . . .	1	10	0				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Page Norcross, <i>Sergeant</i> , . . . . .	1	10	0	Samuel Page, . . . . .	1	10	0
Samuel Stanley, " . . . . .	1	10	0	John Demary, Jr., . . . . .	0	6	6
James Streeter, " . . . . .	1	10	0	Joseph Stanley, . . . . .	1	10	0
Abel Stone, <i>Corporal</i> , . . . . .	1	10	0	Aaron Easty, . . . . .	1	10	0
Benjamin Davis, " . . . . .	0	6	6	William Carlton, . . . . .	1	10	0
Salmon Stone, " . . . . .	0	6	6	James Cutter, . . . . .	1	10	0
Ezekiel Rand, <i>Drummer</i> , . . . . .	0	6	6	Simon Davis, . . . . .	0	6	6
Daniel Lake, Jr., " . . . . .	0	6	6	John Emory, . . . . .	1	10	0
Leme Page, <i>Fifer</i> , . . . . .	0	6	6	Enos Lake, . . . . .	0	6	6
John Hanaford, . . . . .	1	10	0	Jeremiah Russell, . . . . .	1	10	0
Daniel Russell, . . . . .	0	6	6	David Robbins, . . . . .	1	10	0
Nathaniel Ingalls, . . . . .	1	10	0	Nathaniel Thomas, . . . . .	1	10	0
Nehemiah Towne, . . . . .	1	10	0	Oliver Bacon, . . . . .	1	10	0
Jonathan Putnam, . . . . .	1	10	0	Abraham Wetherbee, . . . . .	1	10	0
Samuel Russell, . . . . .	1	10	0	Benjamin Carlton, . . . . .	1	10	0
Jeremiah Norcross, . . . . .	1	10	0	Nathaniel Russell, . . . . .	1	10	0
Joel Russell, . . . . .	0	6	6	Jonathan Lovejoy, . . . . .	0	6	6
John Buswell, . . . . .	1	10	0	Joseph Wilson, . . . . .	1	10	0
Simeon Ingalls, . . . . .	0	6	6	Solomon Rand, . . . . .	1	10	0
Samuel Parker, . . . . .	0	6	6	Daniel Lake, . . . . .	0	6	6
Joseph Platts, . . . . .	1	10	0	Edward Jewett, . . . . .	1	17	4
Asa Brocklebank, . . . . .	1	10	0	Elisha Perkins, . . . . .	1	10	0
Samuel Tarbell, . . . . .	0	6	6	Ezekiel Larned, . . . . .	1	10	0
Reuben Page, . . . . .	0	6	6	Isaac Wood, . . . . .	1	10	0
Abel Platts, Jr., . . . . .	1	10	0	George Carlton, . . . . .	1	10	0

This company marched to Cambridge. Seventeen returned after four days' service, and thirty-seven remained

seventeen days; and it is probable that several of the latter did not return to their homes before joining another company from Rindge, which arrived in the vicinity of Boston about that time. In this company of fifty-four men were twelve who afterwards held commissions in the regiments raised in this State. This pay-roll is found upon the town records, and the payment was made by the town.

Immediately following the alarm at Lexington, several hundred troops from New Hampshire joined the army then assembled near Boston, and among them was a company mainly composed of men from this town. They were enlisted April 23d, and the number from Capt. Hale's company of minute-men who volunteered to continue in the service was considerably increased by fresh arrivals from home. These troops were not organized into regiments for several weeks. On the twentieth of May the Provincial Congress, in session at Exeter, proposed to raise two thousand men to be enlisted to serve until the last day of December of that year; the men already in the field were to be included in this number. These companies, and others which promptly responded to the call, were organized into three regiments under command of Colonels John Stark, Enoch Poor, and James Reed. The regiments of Colonels Stark and Reed were mainly composed of the troops which had previously volunteered, and were filled by others which arrived soon after. The remaining regiment, under Col. Poor, did not leave the State until about the twentieth of June. Capt. Nathan Hale was appointed Major of Col. Reed's regiment, in which was a company, under command of Capt. Philip Thomas, containing fifty-two men, thirty-nine of whom were residents of this town. The names of those who were from other towns are in italics.

*Pay Roll of Capt. Philip Thomas' Company in Col. James Reed's Regiment to August 1, 1775. Time of Entry, April 23, 1775.*

*(Paid to each private £7—2—10.)*

Philip Thomas, Rindge, <i>Captain.</i>	
John Harper,	<i>Lieutenant.</i>
Ezekiel Rand, Rindge, 2d	"
Benj <sup>n</sup> Davis, <i>Sergeant.</i>	<i>Godfrey Richardson.</i>
Ezekiel Learned, "	Jacob Hobbs.
Simon Davis, "	John Thomson.
Jacob Peirce, "	Thomas Hutchinson.
John Demary, <i>Corporal.</i>	Hezekiah Wetherbee.
Simeon Ingalls, "	Caleb Winn.
Jeremiah Russell, "	<i>James Coffering.</i>
Benj <sup>n</sup> Lovering, "	Benjamin Beals.
Daniel Lake, <i>Drummer.</i>	Peter Webster.
Leme Page, <i>Fifer.</i>	<i>Dudley Griffin.</i>
Thomas Emory.	<i>Benjamin Dole.</i>
Daniel Russell.	Isaac Leland.
Obadiah Marsh.	<i>Richard Alexander.</i>
Ezekiel Demary.	Nehemiah Porter.
Enos Lake.	Hugh Gragg.
Reuben Page.	David Hale.
Samuel Parker.	David Davis.
<i>Timothy Rogers.</i>	<i>Henry Davis.</i>
Ebenezer Ingalls.	Jonathan Lovejoy.
<i>Joseph Wright.</i>	George Carlton.
<i>Stephen Adams.</i>	Isaac Adams.
Joel Russell.	Benjamin Burley.
Thomas Henderson.	Simeon Whitcomb.
Benjamin Parker.	<i>Alexander Douglass.</i>
<i>John Dole.</i>	

Capt. Thomas' company was stationed for a season at Medford, and on the twelfth of June the regiment to which the company had been assigned received orders from Gen. Ward to march to Charlestown Neck and guard the ferry at that place, and two days later Col. Reed issued his regimental orders from his new position. From a regimental return made on the same day — three days previous

to the battle of Bunker Hill,—it is seen that Major Hale is reported sick, but appears to have been with the regiment. The return of Capt. Thomas' company reports forty-six effective officers and men; deserters, one; on command, two; not joined, one; sick, one; total, fifty-one. The following letter written by Col. Reed, and addressed to the Committee of Safety, affords a little additional information:—

I repaired to Medford, and there I met with Capt. Hinds, Whitcumbe, Town, Hutchins, Man, Marcy, and Thomas. Whitcumbe and Thomas I took out of Coll. Stark's Regiment for the 2 Companys that was assigned me—then I was informed by Coll. Stark that Medford was so full of soldiers that it was Necessary for some to take some other Quarters—then I aplayed myself to General Ward, and there Received orders in these words:

HEAD QUARTERS, June the 12<sup>th</sup> 1775.

General Orders—That Coll. Reed quarter his Regiment in the houses near Charlestown Neck and keep all necessary Guards between his Barracks and the Ferry and on Bunker Hill.

Signed

J. WARD, Sectary.

Then Sirs on the 13 I marched my Regiment from Medford to Charlestown neck and with the assistance of Mr. Turfts, one of the selectmen of Charlestown, I got my men into good Barracks and then rased my gard, consisting of 1 Capt. 2 Luts. 4 sergeants, 4 corporals and 40 privates. . . . I am, Gentelmen, your obliged servant,

J. REED.

On the seventeenth of June, the New Hampshire troops were stationed behind their hastily constructed breastworks,



between the eminence of Breed's Hill and the Mystic River. Against their line the most furious assault was made by the best disciplined troops in the British army. Their position was stoutly maintained until the further defence of the redoubt had been abandoned. All voices in history affirm their valor, and that they were the last to leave the field. The company of Capt. Philip Thomas suffered the most severely of any in the regiment. Jonathan Lovejoy, Isaac Adams, and George Carlton were killed at their posts; and against their names, on the original rolls of this company, are written the expressive words, "Killed June 17." In the same engagement, John Thomson was severely wounded; two years later he petitioned for relief in the following terms:—

#### COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY SETING AT EXETER IN SAID COLONY:

The Petition of John Thomson of Rindge, in the County of Cheshire, in said Colony, Humbly sheweth: that your petitioner Enlisted into the Country's service in the month of April, 1775, in Capt. Philip Thomas company in Col. Reeds Regiment, and on the seventeenth of June was wounded in battle at Charlestown. (Your) petitioner was afterwards carried into the Country and Provided for with Sergeon, attendance, &c., at his own expense, which expense Together with the loss of my firelock Clothing, &c., amounts to Near as much as I Earnt that year; and was then left a Cripple, and shall Ever be unable to do Business and support myself and family as before.

Your Petitioner Humbly Prays for such a Compensation as your Honors in your great wisdom shall see meet: and your petitioner shall as in duty bound Ever Pray &c.

JOHN THOMSON.

September 7, 1777.

The following are the articles lost, and the amount paid to the several men, in behalf of the colony, by Timothy Walker, Jr., the same person who formerly supplied the pulpit in this town:—

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Lieut. John Harper, . . . . .	12	Benja Dole, . . . . .	6
Ens. Ezekiel Rand, . . . . .	3 16 4	Reuben Page, . . . . .	1 1 2
Benjamin Davis, . . . . .	1 15	Timothy Rogers, . . . . .	15
Benja Lovering, . . . . .	4 6	Richard Alexander, . . . . .	3 8
Daniel Lake, . . . . .	4	Caleb Winn, . . . . .	3 3 8
Leme Page, . . . . .	6 8	David Davis, . . . . .	12
Ezekiel Larned, . . . . .	2 14	Henry Davis, . . . . .	4
Jacob Peirce, . . . . .	1 3 4	Nehemiah Porter, . . . . .	6
Simon Davis, . . . . .	1 4	Peter Webster, . . . . .	1 12 8
John Demerry, . . . . .	7	Benja Parker, . . . . .	2
Simeon Ingolls, . . . . .	2 14 6	Thomas Henderson, . . . . .	2 19
Jeremiah Russell, . . . . .	6 8	John Thompson, . . . . .	2
Obadiah Marsh, . . . . .	6	David Hale, . . . . .	5 6
Benja Beals, . . . . .	12	Isaac Adams, . . . . .	7
Joel Russell, . . . . .	5 4	George Carlton, . . . . .	7
Dudley Griffin, . . . . .	1 8	Jonathan Lovejoy, . . . . .	6
Thomas Emery, . . . . .	1 4	James Coffering, . . . . .	1 4 8
Hugh Gregg, . . . . .	17		59 16 4
Ezekiel Demerry, . . . . .	2		

The articles lost, for which the above sums were allowed, will be seen in —

*A List of Losses sustained in the Batal and Retreat on bunker hill, the 17th of June, 1775, of Capt. Thomas' Company in the New Hampshire Reserves.*

- Lieut. [John Harper] one hat.
- Ens'n [Ezekiel Rand] coat, two shirts one gun, iron strike sword, pr. hose.
- Sarg't Benjamin Davis a blanket, surtout one byanot.
- “ Ezekiel Larned one *gone* [gun] one byanot & belt, one powder horn.
- “ Simon Davis one coat.
- “ Jacob Peirce a coat, a shag great coat & pack.

- Corporal John Demary one blanket, one byanot, one haversack.
- “ Simeon Inglas one Cartridge Box, one gun & byanot,  
one powder horn, one blanket.
- “ Benjamin Lovering, Cadous Box & silke handkerchief.
- Drums & Fifers — Daniel Lake [Jr.] one pair of suse [shoes] one  
blanket.
- Leme Page one shagge great coat.
- Richard Alexender caduse Box and a coate.
- Thomas Hutchinson a pare of trowsors.
- David Davis a fine shirt, & a pare of yarn hose.
- Jonathan Lovejoy a surtout, four shirts, one coat, two waistcoats,  
one gun, three pare of hose, one pouch, neckcloth, one  
pr. of trousers, one cat.-Box, byanot.
- Nehimiah Porter a Byanot.
- Thomas Henderson 2 shirts, 2 pr. hose, coat & wastcoat & a pare  
of Lether breeches.
- James Cochran [Coffering?] blanket, pr. Briches a pr. of hose a  
Rasor, havsack.
- Dudley Griffen a coat & shirt.
- Benjamin Beales, a shirt, two pr. of hose.
- Ezekiel Demary one pr. of hose.
- Reuben Paige a great cote and one shirt, 1 pr of hose, 1 powder  
horn, one cartridge box, one wastcoat.
- Obadiah Marsh one shirt, one pr. of hose, one Havisack.
- Joell Russell 1 coat, 1 pr. Leather-briches, 1 pr. hose, two shirts,  
one hat, one powder horn, havesack.
- Jacob Hobbs one blanket.
- Timothy Rogers one shirt.
- Godfray Richison one pare of suses.
- Henry Davis one pare of trousers.
- Hugh Gregg one shag great coat, 1 shirt, 1 powder horn, Bulet-  
pouch.
- Benjamin Dole lost Comp'ys bread (?)
- Peter Webster a felt hat and coat and 1 pair of Leather-briches,  
one shirt, one havsak and one Belet pouch.

John Thompson one pair suses, one wast-coat, 1 shirt, 2 pr. of trousers, one neck-cloth, one Havesack, 1 pr. of hose, 1 gone & Powder horn.

George Carlton, Isaac Adams, and Jonathan Lovejoy, we the apprisors of this Company comput their loss of guns and other artikals to amount of £18, besid the loss of their lives or in captivity.

PHILIP THOMAS, Captain.

The former list represents the amount allowed to each man, on account of losses sustained; the latter contains a schedule of articles claimed to have been lost, not all of which were allowed. A list of many of the articles which were disallowed has been compiled from the military papers at the State House. Containing few new facts of importance, it is omitted. The greater part of the items enumerated, especially articles of clothing, perhaps were not lost in battle as stated, but consumed in the burning of Charlestown, where, since the thirteenth of June, had been the regimental barracks.

After the Battle of Bunker Hill this company participated, with its regiment, in the investment of Boston until the close of the year, or until the expiration of the term of enlistment. Many of them soon after enlisted into regiments subsequently organized, and the record of other years will continue the history of their service.

That the town was not unmindful of the soldiers in the field will be seen from the following receipts:—

RINDGE, August 29, 1776.

MR. JONATHAN SHERWIN, former Constable.

Please to pay Benjamin Moor seventeen shillings and eight pence, it being for what the Committee of Supply allowed him for

going to Cambridge [1775] to carry Clothes to the Soldiers and the same shall be allowed.

EDWARD JEWETT,	}	Selectmen of Rindge.
ABEL STONE,		

£0—17—8.

RINDGE, October 18, 1775.

MR. JONATHAN SHERWIN, former Constable.

Please to pay Edward Jewett six shillings, L. M. it being for expenses in part for his going to Cambridge, with Lieut. Solomon Cutler, to provide provisions for the men that went to the muster and we will allow the same to you out of the Town Rate in your Hands.

ENOCH HALE,	}	Selectmen of Rindge.
NATHANIEL RUSSELL,		
ISRAEL ADAMS, JR.,		
SOLOMON CUTLER,		

£0—6—0.

The fourth Provincial Congress or Assembly divided the State into seventeen geographical regiments, and a colonel was appointed over each, whose duty it was to see that his proportion of the soldiers required was raised. Many of these officers took command, in person, of regiments raised in their districts, and remained in the field for a longer or shorter period of time. The towns of Rindge, New Ipswich, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Temple, Fitzwilliam, Dublin, Marlborough, Stoddard, Packersfield (Nelson), Washington, and Sliptown (Sharon) constituted the fourteenth regiment, of which Enoch Hale was appointed colonel Nov. 2, 1775. In addition to faithful service in the town, in the assembly, and as sheriff and councillor, Col. Hale performed the duties of this appointment during the war, which included the labor of

paymaster and mustering officer for all the companies raised in the towns comprising the regiment. The term appearing in the company rolls "raised out of Col. Enoch Hale's regiment" refers to the fact that the men were recruited within the towns comprising this regiment.

At the close of the year no State government had been put into operation, and all proceedings in the courts were suspended. A healthy public sentiment and vigilance, tempered with great prudence on the part of the several committees of safety, were the sole protection of the people. The summer of this year had been extremely hot and dry, and the slender harvests occasioned much anxiety and alarm for the future. This condition of affairs, the absence of many of the heads of families in the army, and the extreme solicitude experienced by all concerning the issues of the war, cast a deepening gloom over the trials and anxieties of the closing year.

**1776.** The year 1776 was an eventful one, in which the patriotism and bold faith of the colonists shone forth conspicuously. The war, commencing as a war of defence, now changed to one for independence, and all temporary measures were succeeded by matured preparations for a prolonged and earnest effort to deliver themselves from British tyranny.

The convention at Exeter, of which Enoch Hale was a member, adopted a new form of government for the Province of New Hampshire, reorganized the militia, and took the most efficient measures to prosecute the war to a successful issue. The male population, between sixteen and sixty-five years of age, except Indians, negroes, and a few civil officers, was divided into two classes, — the TRAINING BAND, and ALARM LIST or minute men.

By this act each officer and private soldier of the former

class, composed of men between sixteen and fifty, was required to provide himself with "a good fire arm, good ramrod, a worm, priming wire and brush, and a bayonet fitted to his gun, a scabbard and belt therefor, and a cutting sword or a tomahawk or hatchet, a pouch containing a cartridge box that will hold fifteen rounds of cartridges at least, a hundred buck shot, a jack knife and tow for wadding, six flints, one pound of powder, forty leaden bullets fitted to his gun, a knapsack and blanket, a canteen or wooden bottle sufficient to hold one quart."

One or more companies of men possessing all these credentials were organized in every town, and the companies were required to muster eight times each year.

The alarm list comprised all males between sixteen and sixty-five years of age not included in the training band or in the exceptions already noticed. These comprehensive measures, and the efficient manner in which they were carried out, prepared the towns to furnish men on short notice, and the promptness in which the New Hampshire regiments reinforced the army at several critical stages of the war, are matters of history. The companies of the training band and minute men organized in this town were under the command of efficient officers. Their names and the date of their commissions appear in the following list. The dates are the earliest that can be given with a certainty of accuracy, yet a few of the officers may have been commissioned previous to the date given:—

Solomon Cutler,	Lieut. '75.	Capt. '77.
James Crumbie,	Lieut. '76.	
Daniel Rand,	Ens. '75.	Lieut. '76. Capt. '78.
Francis Towne,	Lieut. '76.	Capt. '76.
Ebenezer Chaplin,	Ens. '76.	
Abel Stones,	Ens. '77.	
Page Norcross,	Lieut. '77.	



Salmon Stone,	Ens. '77.	Capt. '77.
Ebenezer Davis,	Lieut. '78.	
Benjamin Davis,	Ens. '78.	
Jacob Gould,	Lieut. '78.	
Ezekiel Rand,	Ens. '78.	
Asa Sherwin,	Capt. '78.	
Othniel Thomas,	Lieut. '77.	Capt. '82.
Isaac Wood,	Ens. '79.	
Daniel Adams,	Ens. '80.	
Ebenezer Fitch,	Lieut. '80.	
Benjamin Foster,	Lieut. '79.	
Nathaniel Thomas,	Lieut. '79.	
John Stanley,	Lieut. '77.	
Samuel Tarbell,	Lieut. '79.	
John Eills,	Ens. '82.	

Col. Nathan Hale, Col. Enoch Hale, and Capt. Philip Thomas, whose service in the field was conspicuous, are not known to have been in command of the local organizations. No officer was named without mention of his rank in the military service. The titles became a part of the person's name, and are faithfully preserved in the records, and correspond with the date of the commission as far as the latter has been ascertained. From the frequency in which military men were selected for committees and town officers, it should not be presumed that they were thus chosen on account of their rank in the military service. The fact is, their best and most prominent men were selected for their military leaders, and no less care was exercised in the choice of their civil officers. For this reason the captains, lieutenants and ensigns were frequently the selectmen, constables, and tithingmen; and the qualities and ability which fitted them for one line of service were recognized in their election to the other.

At the annual meeting, on the twenty-first day of March, Jonathan Sherwin, Edward Jewett, Abel Stone, Francis Towne, and Daniel Rand were chosen "a committee of

inspection and correspondence." The three first were also selectmen for the year. Two of this committee having proved their efficient service in raising men and joining the forces in the field, and a third being absent a portion of the time in another line of duty, "a new committee of inspection, safety, and correspondence" was chosen in September, consisting of Lieut. Ebenezer Chaplin, Mr. Nathaniel Russell, Mr. Page Norcross, Lieut. James Crum-  
bie, and Mr. Jonathan Sawtell.

In August, a convention of the committees of safety in Cheshire County was held at Walpole, "to act upon such methods as shall be thought necessary for the general good, and for our mutual defence and safety." In this convention Edward Jewett, Esq., represented the town of Rindge, and subsequently received one pound and six shillings for his attendance. Soon after a similar convention, called by the committee of Plainfield, assembled at Hanover, and adjourned to meet again at Lebanon. Previous to adjournment, this convention issued a pamphlet severely criticising the temporary constitution and plan of representation adopted by the Provincial Congress at Exeter. Whether Mr. Jewett approved of the pamphlet is not known. The town evidently took exceptions to the sentiments it contained. A town meeting was called, at which their delegate was requested not to further attend the sessions of the convention; but the town generously voted to allow him four pounds, five shillings, and sixpence for two journeys to Hanover and Lebanon, and thirteen shillings for what he paid towards procuring the printing of the pamphlet.

Previous to the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress sent to each of the colonies a recommendation that all persons be disarmed who are notoriously

disaffected to the cause of the colonies, or who refuse to associate in arms against the British fleets and armies. The efficient committee of safety for New Hampshire, under the leadership of Hon. Meshech Weare, promptly transmitted to the several towns a copy of the resolution of Congress, together with a pledge of loyalty for the citizens of each town to sign. This pledge, which was generally signed by the inhabitants of the several towns in the State, is frequently styled the "Association Test," and all those who did not stand the test, by refusing to sign the paper, were regarded with much suspicion.

The citizens of the town were promptly notified to meet on the thirtieth day of May, "To see if the Town will sign the Declaration that is sent to the selectmen from the Continental Congress," when it was unanimously voted, "To sign the Declaration." The original paper, containing the signatures of one hundred and forty-eight citizens of Rindge, is preserved in the office of the Secretary of State at Concord, from which the following copy is made:—

TO THE SELECTMEN OF RINDGE:

COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY, April 12, 1776.

In order to carry the under written resolve of the Honorable Continental Congress into execution, you are requested to desire all males above twenty one years of age (Lunaticks, Idiots and Negroes excepted) to sign the Declaration on this paper; and when so done to make return hereof together with the name or names of all who shall refuse to sign the same to the General Assembly or Committee of safety of this Colony.

MESHECH WEARE, Chairman.

IN CONGRESS, March 14, 1776.

Resolved That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions and Councils or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed within their respective Colonies who are notoriously disaffected to the cause of America, or who have not associated or refuse to associate, to defend by arms the United Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British Fleets and Armies.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'ry.

In consequence of the above Resolution of the Hon. Continental Congress, and to show our determination in joining our American Brethren in defending the lives, liberties and property of the inhabitants of the United Colonies, we the subscribers do hereby solemnly engage and promise that we will to the utmost of our power at the risque of our lives and fortunes, with Arms oppose the Hostile proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American Colonies: —

Abraham Wetherbee.  
 Jeremiah Towne.  
 William Carlton.  
 Nehemiah Towne.  
 Benjamin Bancroft.  
 Enoch Hale.  
 Seth Dean.  
 Edward Jewett.  
 Jonathan Sherwin.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Russell.  
 Jacob Hobbs.  
 John Dean.  
 Salmon Stone.  
 John Handsome.  
 James Crumbie.  
 Samuel Tarbell.  
 Nathaniel Page.  
 Solomon Cutler.  
 John Demary.  
 John Hannaford.

John Page.  
 John Townsend.  
 Ebenezer Locke.  
 Jeremiah Chapman.  
 Nathaniel Russell.  
 John Simonds.  
 Amasa Turner.  
 Nathan Hubbard.  
 Abel Stone.  
 John Whitaker.  
 James Wood.  
 Ebenezer Chaplin.  
 James Cutter.  
 John Emery.  
 Solomon Rand.  
 Joseph Stanley.  
 Jonathan Sawtell.  
 John Sherwin.  
 Paul Fitch.  
 James Philbrick.

John Wetherbee.	Samuel Sherwin.
Ebenezer Davis.	Richard Kimball.
Daniel Rand.	Benj. Peirce.
Jeremiah Russell.	Samuel Whiting.
Joshua Webster.	Oliver Stevens.
Benjamin Carlton.	Isaac Wood.
Samuel Stanley.	Joseph Platts.
Henry Godding.	Zebulon Convers.
Joel Russell, jun <sup>r</sup> .	Simon Davis.
Daniel Davis.	Jonathan Putnam.
Jonathan Ingalls.	Benjamin Lovering.
Caleb Winn.	Ebenezer Shaw.
Samuel Walker.	Abel Platts.
Ezekiel Learned.	Benjamin Gould.
Daniel Russell.	Elisha Perkins.
Jeremiah Norcross.	Page Norcross.
David Hale.	Aaron Esty.
Richard Tompson.	Richard Kimball, Jr.
Amos Davis.	Stephen Jewett.
George Lake.	Israel Adams, Jr.
James Carlton.	Nathaniel Thomas.
Jeduthan Stanley.	Jonathan Ball.
Nathaniel Ingalls.	Nehemiah Bowers.
Samuel Russell.	Francis Towne.
William Davis.	Moses Hale.
James Streeter.	Richard Davis.
Samuel Paige, Jr.	Deliverance Wilson.
Jacob Gould.	Elijah Rice.
Caleb Huston.	John Gray.
David Robbins.	Oliver Gould.
John Thomson.	Ichabod Thomson.
Eleazer Coffeen.	Jepthah Richardson.
Benjamin Newman.	Barnabas Cary.
Nehemiah Porter.	John Lovejoy, Jr.
Reuben Page.	John Buswell.
John Lovejoy.	Abel Platts, Jr.
Solomon Whitney.	Timothy Wood.
William Robbins.	Simon Davis, Jr.
Samuel Page.	Abel Perkins.
John Eills.	Ezekiel Rand.
Eliakim Darling.	Jonathan Towne.
Jehosaphat Grout.	Israel Adams.
Othniel Thomas.	Jabez Norcross.
Daniel Lake.	Joel Russell.
Jonathan Towne, Jr.	Jonathan Parker, Jr.

John Fitch.	Thomas Hutchinson.
Randall Davis.	Daniel Grag.
Joshua Tyler.	Samuel Parker.
Benjamin Moore.	Ezekiel Jewett.
Daniel Adams.	Henry Smith.
David Adams.	Levi Mansfield.
Samuel Adams.	Asa Tyler.
Jonathan Parker.	Samuel Adams.
Simeon Ingalls.	Abijah Haskell.

## COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

RINDGE, June 1, 1776.

In obedience to the within request, we have desired all mails in this town to sign the written Declaration (except those are excepted) and they have all signed.

EDWARD JEWETT,	} Selectmen of Rindge.
JONATHAN SHERWIN,	
ABEL STONE,	

To the General Assembly  
or the Hon. Committee of Safety  
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

The paper is one of uncommon interest. Besides preserving the names of many residents of the town, it makes known that there were no disloyal or timid men who failed to respond to the test of their patriotism. The proud fact is here recorded "they have all signed," and no comment can render more intelligible this expression of the sentiment of the town on the vital issues of the time. In addition to the names enrolled on this pledge, there were forty-five men in the service, who were not permitted to join their townsmen in signing the test. A few of this number, however, were less than twenty-one years of age, and would not have been requested to sign the paper if they had remained at home. These men not only asserted their patriotism with their signatures, but with equal

alacrity they proved their sincerity by joining the army whenever there was a call for soldiers to fill the ranks. During the year there were ninety-one enlistments by residents of this town. Of this number forty-five enlisted for the year; but the company rolls containing their names have not been discovered, and only a part of their names can be given.

The list includes: Major, and later in the year Lieut.-Col., Nathan Hale, Capt. Philip Thomas, Ezekiel Demary, Daniel Lake, Jr., Benjamin Beals, Isaac Leland, Benjamin Davis, Joseph Wilson, Daniel McCarr, Amos Ingalls, Asa Brocklebank, John Demary, Jr., Josiah Ingalls, Jr., Ebenezer Muzzey, Thomas Emery, Obadiah Marsh, David Davis, Benjamin Burley, Benjamin Parker, Asa Wilkins, Ebenezer Ingalls, Jonathan Sawtell, Jr., Ebenezer Newman, William Davis, and several others, whose names have not been ascertained with sufficient certainty to warrant their mention. After remaining several months with the army near Lake Champlain, they joined the army under Washington in Pennsylvania. A vote of the town, in December, to excuse from a *per capita* tax all those "who enlisted last winter until the first of January next" has reference to these men.

In July of this year, Col. Isaac Wyman's regiment of New Hampshire militia was raised to reinforce the army in Canada, but joined the Northern army, then commanded by Gen. Gates, Gen. Sullivan having made his successful retreat with the broken army of Gen. Montgomery before their arrival. This regiment remained in the vicinity of Ticonderoga about five months, and suffered much from sickness. Capt. Joseph Parker commanded the eighth company in this regiment, of which Daniel Rand, of Rindge,



was first lieutenant. The roll contains fifteen men from this town, including one officer:—

William Russell.	Abel Jewett.
Samuel Parker.	John Handsome.
Reuben Page.	Jeremiah Russell.
David Hale.	Peter Thompson.
John Simonds.	Thomas Emery.
George Clark.	Peter Webster.
John Stanley.	John Townsend.

In September, Col. Nahum Baldwin's regiment was raised to reinforce the army in New York. James Crumbie was lieutenant in the third company, which contained fourteen other men from this town, as follows:—

Benjamin Carlton.	Lemuel Page.
Jonathan Ingalls.	Jonathan Ball.
Caleb Page.	Nathaniel Thomas.
Francis Towne.	James Wood.
Solomon Rand.	Nehemiah Towne.
John Page.	Samuel Chaplin.
Caleb Huston.	Richard Thompson.

This regiment remained with the army, under the immediate command of Gen. Washington, on Long Island and vicinity of New York, until late in the autumn, or the first of December. Nov. 5, 1776, Caleb Huston died at Quaker Ridges, in the State of New York, leaving a wife and six children, who resided in this town many years. This company was commanded by Capt. Abijah Smith, a resident of New Ipswich. He was the carpenter employed to build the first saw-mill in this town, in 1760. Early in December, still another regiment of New Hampshire militia, commanded by Col. David Gilman, was sent to reinforce the disheartened army under Gen. Washington. Francis Towne, of Rindge, was captain of the first company, and Nathaniel Thomas is the only familiar name found upon the roll. They, in connection with the forty-five men who

had enlisted for the year, did good service for their country, participating in the triumph over the Hessians at Trenton, and in the memorable battle of Princeton. Although poorly clad and suffering from the cold of winter, they remained with the army several weeks after their term of enlistment had expired.

In the autumn of this year, thirteen men enlisted in response to a sudden call for assistance at Ticonderoga, and were absent from three to six weeks. Their names have not been ascertained, and perhaps the company to which they belonged was not joined to any regiment.

Nov. 8, John Martin enlisted "for during the war" in a company of rangers, commanded by Capt. Benjamin Whitcomb, which was raised for the defence of the northern frontiers. Martin was in this service in 1781, and probably remained until the close of the war.

During the French and Indian wars the scarcity of salt occasioned considerable suffering. Profiting by former experience, measures were now taken to procure a supply for their future wants before a scarcity began to be experienced. Several of the towns in this vicinity purchased a supply at public expense, and chose a committee to deal it out to the inhabitants under the most rigid regulations. That the town took this precautionary measure, is made known by an article in the warrant for a town-meeting, held in September, "To see whether the Town will pay for that ox that was hurt a going after y<sup>e</sup> Salt, and give the Committee instructions accordingly." The negative of the question prevailed; yet the record reveals the fact that the town employed a committee and secured a supply in anticipation of a season of scarcity.

Early in the year, the Provincial Congress adopted a temporary plan of government, or constitution, which was

to remain in force during the continuance of the war, the courts were again established, and, despite the misfortunes in the field and threatened invasions by hostile armies, the inhabitants began to experience a sense of self-reliance and independence not before enjoyed.

## CHAPTER VI.

### *REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY.—1777.*

Alarm and Defensive Measures.—Report of Col. Hale.—Alarm at Ticonderoga. — Fourteen Men in Capt. Brown's Company. — Capt. Stone's Company. — Capt. Stone's Letter. — Vermont asks for Assistance. — Twenty-four Men in Stark's Brigade. — Capt. Rand's Company. — Casualties. — Sentiment and Votes of the Town. — Small-Pox. — A Season of Sickness.—Col. Nathau Hale.—Charges not Sustained.—Daniel Russell.—Letters of Col. Enoch Hale.

THE spring of 1777 was a season of gloom and depression. Intelligence of the march of the well-equipped and haughty army under Gen. Burgoyne had been received. An invasion of the States was inevitable, and especially were the New England States menaced with instant danger. Immediate measures were taken by the assembly to fill the decimated ranks of the three Continental battalions, and to raise other regiments to coöperate with them. The inhabitants of this town evinced no symptoms of terror or dismay, but calmly proceeded to raise their proportion of men. The number of enlistments in this town during the year was one hundred and eight, as will be seen from the rolls which follow in this chapter. Many of these men were at Bennington, Stillwater, and Saratoga, and actively engaged with the forces under Generals Stark and Gates,

which eventually crushed and annihilated the proud army of Burgoyne, so recently flushed with the hope of spoils and devastation. The latter they realized, but from a stand-point directly opposed to their lofty expectations.

To avoid the inconvenience experienced during the two years past, on account of the short terms of enlistment which had been allowed, orders were given to fill the Continental regiments with men enlisted for three years, or during the war. The quota assigned to Rindge was seventeen, and the men were promptly raised. The number required from the regiment of Col. Enoch Hale was one hundred and nineteen. The following report was made by Col. Hale in regard to the manner in which the towns filled their quota:—

RINDGE, Feb. 4, 1777.

*Sir*

In consequence of orders Rec<sup>d</sup> for Raising 119 men to serve in some one of the three Continental Battallions of this State for three years or during the war, they being proportioned to the several Towns in my Reg<sup>t</sup>, agreeable to some former return which, by there late returns, appeared to be Equal, we have therefore Proportioned them in the following maner.

New Ipswich	to raise	22	Dublin	to raise	8
Rindge	“ “	17	Marlborough	“ “	6
Jaffrey	“ “	14	Stoddard	“ “	6
Peterborough	“ “	14	Packersfield	“ “	5
Temple	“ “	13	Washington	“ “	4
Fitzwilliam	“ “	8	Sliptown	“ “	2

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And after sending to the several Towns for there Quota as

above Proportioned, Rec<sup>d</sup> the following Returns of men Raised on and about the month of April, A. d. 1777.

*New Ipswich returned 20 men.*

Silas Gill.	John Yoman.
John Adams.	Enoch Huse.
Moses Farnorth (Farnsworth).	Eithama Wheelock.
Abner Preston.	Ephraim Foster.
Levi Adams.	Rolins Colburn.
Jacob Potter.	Ephraim Severance.
William Hewett.	William Prichard.

(The foregoing 14) In Gapt. Carr's Company, Col. (Nathan) Hale's Regiment.

Asa Gibbs.	Samuel Foster.
Ebenezer Fletcher.	—Asa Perham.
Daniel Foster.	John Johnson.

(6) In Capt. Farwell's Company, Col. Hale's Regiment.

*Rindge returned 17 men.*

Isaac Leland.	Abijah Haskell.
John Handsome.	Samuel Whiting.
Oliver Bacon.	Thomas Hutchinson.
Daniel Russell.	Daniel McCarr.
Samuel Godding.	

(9) In Blodgett's Company, Col. Hale's Regiment.

Ezekiel Demary, in Carr's Co.	Enoch Dockman, in Drew's Co.
William Kendall.	David Brooks.
Jonathan Lake.	Snow Boynton.

(4) In Cloyes' Company and Hale's Regiment.

Moses Thomas, in the Bay State service.

*Jaffrey returned 16 men in all.*

Francis Mason, in Blodgett's Co.	John Dole, in Scott's Co.
William Redfield.	Michael Silk.
Thomas Wheelock. (?)	

The most of these men were mustered by Richard Varick, Esq.

*(illegible line.)	Isaac Wesson.
Nathan Fish, for one year.	James Turner, in Scott's Co.
Henry Tompson.	Peter Towzer.

(2) In Livermore's Company, Scammell's Regiment.

John Lake, in Frye's Co.	James Reed, in Cloyes' Co.
Stephen Adams.	John Cox.

(2) Enlisted at Ticonderoga when our Committee went up; their officers not known. For three years. All these in State service, except James Turner, in Scott's Company, went in the Bay State service.

*Peterborough returned 22 men.*

James Hunckly.	John Mather.
Isaac Mitchel.	Samuel Lee.
John Taggart.	Joseph Henderson.
Thomas Sanders.	-Titus Willson.
Jona. Wheelock.	William Graham.
Ephraim Stevens.	John Alexander.

(12) In Capt. Scott's Company, Col. Silley's Regiment.

James Taggart.	David Scott.
Randell McAllister.	-John Canada.
John Blair.	Joseph Babb.
Samuel Mitchel.	John Scott.
James Stanford.	Timothy Mixer. (?)

(10) In Capt. Scott's Company, Col. Hendley's Regiment.

*Temple returned 13 men.*

Ebenezer Drury.	Farrar Miller.
Aaron Oliver.	Joseph Stone.
John Drury.	Amos Fuller.
John Hillgrove.	Benjamin Smith.
Elijah Mansfield.	John Millet.
James Hutchinson.	Morris Millet.

In Carr's Company, Hale's Regiment.

*Fitzwilliam returned 8 men.*

Amos Boynton.	Gadock (?) Dodge.
Daniel Squier.	John Dodge.

(4) In Cloyes' Company, Hale's Regiment.

Nathaniel Bates, in Wait's Company, Hale's Regiment.  
 John Howard, in Bigelow's Company, Bay State service.  
 William Bedlam, in Rowell's Company.

Thomas Hardy.	Moses Mason.	Jona. Morse.
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(3) Enlisted for nine months, April, 1778. All of Dublin.

*Marlborough returned 6 men.*

Adino Goodenow.	Timothy Rogers.
Calvin Goodenow.	Jabez McBride.
Frederick Freeman.	Reuben McAllister.

The Captain not returned, but I think they was raised and are in Scammel's Regiment, and mostly in Cloyes' Company.



*Stoddard returned 5 men.*

Nathaniel Richardson. Richard Richardson.

(2) Wait's Company, Silley's Regiment.

Thomas Scott, in Morris' Company, Silley's Regiment.

Samuel Morrison, in Scott's " " "

Nathaniel Emerson, in the Continental.

A part of Stodard refuses to do their part in raising men, they being ordered by our assembly to pay Taxes in Marlborough.

*Packersfield returned 5 men.*

Barker Clark, Farwell's Company, Hale's Regiment.

William Farley, Ellis' Company, Scammel's Regiment.

Michael Torry, Hills' Company, Patterson's Regiment.

Solomon Farley, Wells' Company, Shepard's Regiment.

The other two left in the Bay State [service], they likewise [sent] one man to Exeter last spring for nine months service: George Brintnell.

*Washington returned 4 men.*

William White.

William Mann.

Nathan Man.

Abel Marrel.

In Scott's Company, Silley's Regiment.

*Sliptown returned 2 men.*

William Scott, in Carr's Company, Hale's Regiment.

James Moore, in Scott's " Silley's "

*Sir.*

Your letter of the 9th of January came late to hand, I have sent a return as I received from the several Towns, which is (one word illegible) notwithstanding the utmost of my endeavors used to persuade them that Soldiers in the Bay State service could by no means count in our three Batallions, which we was obliged to raise and see completed as full Batallions. Sir, I shall endeavor to sum up the delinquent with some report given by sending officers and selectmen for their neglect. New Ipswich made no complaint except the loss of one man, Thomas Scott [William] they had hired and afterwards was challenged by Sliptown as one of their Inhabitants and as great a number ingaged in other service as might have been obliged to have sent one man into

the service. Rindge made no complaint. Jaffrey has more than their number with three years men. Peterborough lack 2 in our Batallions, but having 10 men in Col. Hendley's Reg<sup>t</sup>, drawn away by Capt. Scott of their Town and having 4 men more in that different Batallion which number of 14 ought to have made up their deficiency of 2 men, they therefore refuse to send any more on that account. Temple have sent their Quota. Fitzwilliam count 2 men that are in the Bay State service. They plead nothing extraordinary only that every Town has a right to their own men. Dublin complied to make up with nine months men. Marlborough sent their Quota. Stodard lack two except some in other State service, but as our assembly ordered a part of Stodard to pay rates in Marlborough, and do their other duty in Stodard, has occasioned the loss of 2 of their subaltern officers with some soldiers as they refuse to do duty where they pay no Taxes. Packersfield count two men in the same manner as Fitzwilliam has done. Washington send their Quota.

*Sir,*

There is not more than four Towns but what has sent their Quota or given strong reason why they have not. New Ipswich Rindge Fitzwilliam and Packersfield, and two last has already refused for the reasons given, and the other two has not been able to procure any more men at present.

*Sir,*

I am sorry to make such a Broken return, all which was caused by so many of the towns striving to save more than was meet.

I am, sir, your Honors most obd<sup>t</sup> Humble Serv<sup>t</sup> The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Meshech Weare, Esq. ENOCH HALE.

There is a manifest error in the date of this interesting report of Col. Hale. It may have been partly written in February, 1778, but it bears internal evidence of not being completed until April following; and the arrangement of the names in the original report indicates that they were not all inserted at the same time. It is certain that the thirteen

from Rindge first named did not enlist until March, 1777, and Boynton, Brooks, Lake, and Kendall not until March, 1778. The former enlisted for three years, and the latter for two. Moses Thomas, who was in a Massachusetts regiment, was not allowed on the quota of this town. In March a town-meeting was held "To see if the Town will come into some Measures to Raise their proportion of three years men." Before the meeting had assembled, thirteen of the town's quota had been recruited, and no new measures were adopted by the town. These recruits joined their regiments, then under command of Gen. Sullivan at Ticonderoga, where they remained until July.

Rumors of the steady approach of Gen. Burgoyne caused much apprehension, and early in May an alarm was raised that Ticonderoga was in danger. Post riders carried the intelligence with celerity from town to town. The husbandmen, hastily leaving their fields, promptly marched to the relief of their brethren in arms. A company of fifty-one men, under Capt. Josiah Brown, of New Ipswich, was raised in this vicinity. Lieut. Asa Sherwin, of Rindge, was second in command. The company was joined to Col. Samuel Ashley's regiment, and May 6 marched for Ticonderoga, where they remained until all fears of an immediate attack were quieted, when they were ordered home and discharged June 21, after an absence of six weeks. The men from Rindge in this service, fourteen in number, were as follows:—

Asa Sherwin, *First Lieutenant.*

Jonathan Ingalls, *Orderly Sergeant.*

David Adams.

Amos Ingalls.

Samuel Adams.

Jonathan Parker.

Moses Chaplin.

Abel Platts.

Samuel Chaplin.

Joseph Stanley.

John Emery.

William Thompson.

Moses Hale.

Peter Webster.

Scarcely had these men returned to their homes and to the labor of their fields, when another alarm was sounded, more imperative in its call for instant assistance than the former. With this earnest request for reinforcement came the disheartening intelligence of the loss of Crown Point, and the advance of the enemy towards Ticonderoga. Again the yeomanry promptly responded to the call of their brethren, and hastened to save, if possible, the fated fortress from investment. Eight days after the return of the former soldiers, a company of thirty-four men, all from this town, marched for the scene of activities. The company roll has been preserved:—

*Pay Roll of part of Col. Enoch Hale's Regiment which marched from the state of New Hampshire June 29, 1777, under command of Lt. Col. Thomas Heald to reinforce the garrison at Ticonderoga.*

Salmon Stone, *Captain*.  
 Othniel Thomas, *Lieutenant*.  
 Samuel Tarbell, *Ensign*.  
 Thaddeus Fitch, *Quartermaster*.

Edward Jewett, <i>serg't</i> .	Hezekiah Hubbard.
John Demary, "	Enos Lake.
Jonathan Sawtell, "	Simon Davis.
Nathaniel Ingalls, "	Daniel Lake ( <i>Esq</i> ).
Samuel Russell, <i>corp'l</i> .	Jacob Gould ( <i>Licut</i> ).
Ebenezer Newman "	Oliver Gould.
Lemuel Page, <i>fifer</i> .	Samuel Stanley.
Paul Fitch.	Solomon Cutler ( <i>Capt</i> ).
Henry Lake.	John Demary, Jr.
David Robbins.	Samuel Chaplin.
Samuel Walker.	David Hale.
Reuben Russell.	Silas Page.
Joseph Platts, Jr.	Ezekiel Learned.
Samuel Sherwin.	Caleb Page.
Caleb Ingalls.	Abel Platts.

The 29th of June, on which this company marched, was the Sabbath, and a memorable day in the history of this

section of the State. The people were assembled, and a company formed in nearly every town. The apprehension of danger was great, and the promptness with which the minute-men responded to the sudden notes of alarm was wonderful. The earlier call from Concord and Lexington was not more imperative in its tone, or more valorously answered. Referring to the occasion, Col. Enoch Hale subsequently wrote: "The militia in my regiment, with great bravery, turned out to the number of one half that was able for duty."

On the fourth day of their march, they were met with the information that Gen. St. Clair was about to abandon the fortress, and the company was ordered to return. They were immediately disbanded, July 2, and each one was left at liberty to return to his home when and how he pleased. Many other volunteers from this State, hastening to the relief of their brethren, received similar messages, and proceeded no farther. But the energy displayed by Gen. Burgoyne awakened a well-grounded fear that the army would be hotly pursued, and other messengers were sent to recall the returning reinforcements. While on their homeward march, when Capt. Stone and the greater part of his men arrived at Keene, they were overtaken with intelligence of the new and alarming state of affairs, accompanied with the most imperative entreaty "to turn about and march with all speed toward Ticonderoga." Stopping only to write the following letter to the selectmen, he promptly gathered his remaining men, all who had not passed on beyond his recall, and hastened again towards the scene of hostilities. There was no waiting for reinforcements or the needed provisions, nor any words of complaint, but with the spirit of the soldier he writes, "I will march with what men I have."

KEENE, July ye 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1777.*Sirs*

There is an express come to town, from Ticonderoga this morning, that they are in Distress for want of men, the enemy having made their appearance there. My Company being dismissed yesterday, I have not more than about Twenty men, if you think Proper to send more men from Rindge, I should be glad if you would send them on as fast as possible and likewise bring Provision with them, there being no Provision to be had at Charlestown. I will march with what men I have.

I remain your Humble Serv't,

SALMON STONE, Captain.

N.B.—The Men that are going to march from Rindge are the following:—

Salmon Stone, <i>Captain</i> .	Caleb Ingalls.
Othniel Thomas, <i>Lieutenant</i> .	Jonathan Ingalls.
Ensign Tarbell.	Jonathan Sawtell.
Quartermaster Fitch.	John Demary, Jr.
Serg't Jewett.	Ebenezer Newman.
Lemuel Page.	Samuel Walker.
Henry Lake.	Joseph Platts, Jr.
Enos Lake.	Hezekiah Hubbard.
Simon Davis.	Reuben Russell.
Paul Fitch.	Samuel Sherwin.
Samuel Russell.	David Robbins.

Capt. Josiah Brown, of New Ipswich, who commanded the company that responded to the alarm in May, had been home but a few days when the second alarm was given. He immediately raised another company, and by forced marches reached Charlestown the last day of June or the first day of July, where he received orders to return. While passing through Rindge, the third day of July, the date of Capt. Stone's letter, he was overtaken by an express bearing intelligence similar to that received by the other returning companies. Within ten miles of their home, this officer and



twenty-six of his men instantly turned about, and with the company from Rindge soon joined the retreating army near Rutland. They were soon discharged, and returned after an absence of nearly one month. During these rapid and unexpected movements in the field, the town and the patriot cause sustained a severe loss in the capture of Col. Nathan Hale, an account of which will be given in another portion of this chapter. Immediately following the disasters at Crown Point, Ticonderoga, and Hubbardston, and while the patriot army was retreating before a superior force, the committees of safety in the towns which subsequently constituted the State of Vermont sent the most urgent appeals for assistance to the neighboring States. They wrote the committee of safety at Exeter that if no aid was sent them "they should be obliged to retreat to the New England States for safety." Many of these towns were originally granted by this province, and were styled the New Hampshire grants, and the inhabitants were closely allied by many ties of kindred and friendship, which added much force to their appeal for assistance. The Assembly of New Hampshire was called together, and efficient measures were promptly adopted. The militia of the State was formed into two brigades commanded by Generals Stark and Whipple. Gen. Stark's brigade was soon filled and marched to Vermont, with instructions "to act in conjunction with the troops of the new State, or any other of the States, or the United States, or separately, as it should appear expedient to him, for the protection of the people and the annoyance of the enemy."

For this brigade, Capt. Stone, who had scarce returned from his hurried marches in response to the recent tantalizing alarms, raised another company of sixty-five men, which was joined to Col. Moses Nichols' regiment. The



following roll contains the men from Rindge, the residents of other towns being omitted:—

*Pay Roll of Capt. Salmon Stone's Company in Col. Nichols' Regiment, Gen'l Stark's Brigade raised out of the 14 Regiment of New Hampshire Militia, Enoch Hale, Colonel, which company marched from Rindge in said state July 1777 and joined the Northern Continental Army at Bennington and Stillwater.*

Thaddeus Fitch, *quartermaster of the regiment.*  
 Salmon Stone, *Capt.*  
 John Stanley, *second Lieut.*  
 Abel Stone, *sergeant advanced to ensign.*

John Dean.	Daniel Adams.
William Davis.	Benjamin Beals.
Eliakim Darling.	Amos Ingalls.
Moses Hale, Jr.	Henry Lake.
Ebenezer Ingalls.	Joseph Platts.
Elisha Perkins.	Reuben Page.
David Robinson.	Jonathan Sawtell, Jr.
Reuben Russell.	Peter Webster.
David Sherwin.	Joseph Wilson.
Henry Smith.	

These men shared the brilliant honors of Bennington, where Abel Perkins, overcome with the heat of the day, died a few days subsequently. It was Col. Nichols' regiment, to which the Rindge belonged, that made the furious attack in the rear of the enemy, greatly to the surprise and discomfiture of Col. Baum. Of the enemy, two hundred and seven were killed; the loss of the patriots was thirty killed, and forty wounded. The brigade soon after joined Gen. Gates in New York. The fortunate result of the engagement at Bennington infused a new hope and courage into the Northern army, and especially imparted the character and bearing of the soldier to the raw and undisciplined troops whose valor had decided the fortunes of the day. It also gave confidence and great satisfaction to

the patriots at home, who, after the gloom and depression of the past few months, were now animated with the brightening prospects which had suddenly burst upon them. If they had planted and tilled their fields, disheartened with rumors of disaster and defeat, the harvests of autumn were gathered amid joyous acclamations and thanksgiving for victory.

In September another company was raised in this vicinity to assist "in driving the Hessians into the woods," and placed under the command of Capt. Daniel Rand. Being recruited immediately after the Battle of Bennington, the soldiers were easily and quickly procured, although it swelled the number of men from this town then in the field, casualties excepted, to sixty-four, as follows: John Martin, who enlisted the previous year in the ranger service, Moses Thomas in a Massachusetts regiment, fourteen in the Continental regiments, twenty-four in Stark's brigade, and twenty-four in Capt. Rand's company. The names of several soldiers belonging to the neighboring towns, who were members of this company, are omitted in the following:—

*Pay Roll of Captain Daniel Rand's Company in Col<sup>o</sup> Daniel Moore's Regiment of Volunteers in the state of New Hampshire, joined the Northern Continental Army under General Gates. Discharged at Saratoga October 18 1777 and allowed eight days to travel home, the distance being one hundred and sixty miles.*

Daniel Rand, *Captain.*

Nathaniel Thomas, <i>serg't.</i>	Henry Lake.
John Demary           "	Jonathan Lake.
Benjamin Beals, <i>corp'l.</i>	Samuel Chaplin.
Enos Lake,               "	Reuben Russell.
Daniel Lake, Jr., <i>drummer.</i>	Ebenezer Shaw.
Lemuel Page, <i>fifer.</i>	Joshua Tyler.
Jacob Gould.	Amos Towne.
Caleb Page.	Asa Wilkins.
Jeremiah Russell.	William Robbins.
Solomon Rand.	Hezekiah Wetherbee.
Caleb Winn.	

Joel Russell and James Philbrick were in another company in the same regiment. These men were in Gen. Whipple's brigade, and were mustered into service Sept. 27, which, with eight days allowed for travel home, made one month's service. The soldiers in the Continental service were with the army of Gen. St. Clair in the humiliating retreat from Ticonderoga to the State of New York, where Gen. Gates succeeded to the command. Here their friends and neighbors in Capt. Stone's company, rejoicing in the laurels of Bennington, joined them, and together they shared the dangers and glory of Stillwater and Saratoga. And now came Capt. Rand's company, with fresher tidings from home, and all were permitted to witness the crowning honors resting upon the American arms and the capitulation of the army of Gen. Burgoyne, whose visions of conquest and glory had faded into the realities of defeat and surrender. The two companies of militia soon after returned to their homes. On the third of August, John Handsome was killed at the outposts of the army, and Isaac Leland died on the third of the following month. The former was thirty-four and the latter forty years of age. Daniel Russell, another Continental soldier, was wounded severely at the battle of Stillwater, from which he did not recover sufficiently to be able to return to his company.

James Crumbie was appointed lieutenant, and assigned to Capt. Blodget's company in the second Continental or Col. Nathan Hale's regiment in the autumn of 1776, or early in the following year. He continued with his regiment until Sept. 1, when he received an injury from a fall from his horse. After remaining nearly two months in a hospital, he returned to his home on the strength of the following furlough:—

The bearer, Lieut. James Crumbie, of Col. Hale's regiment, Capt. Blodget's company, having a rupture in the groin, which prevents his walking or using any severe exercise, has a Permit to return Home and there remain untill he is recovered which, if at all, will be in two months.

M. TREAT, } Phys. Gen'l  
Northern Depart.

GENERAL HOSPITAL,

ALBANY, Oct. 23, 1777.

At this time there were no pension laws, and each person petitioned the Legislature for assistance. Subsequently the United States reimbursed the State for the money thus paid. In answer to his petition, Lieut. Crumbie drew half pay from the State, until March, 1782. The following certificate of the selectmen, found among the military papers at Concord, was undoubtedly given to aid him in securing or continuing his pay from the State.

RINDGE, March y<sup>e</sup> 6, 1779.

This may certify whom it may concern that Lieut. James Crumbie returned home to this Town from the Continental Army on furlo, having met with a hurt, by a fall from his horse, as we understand, and has continued ever since in our opinion unable to perform his necessary Business for the support of himself and family.

ENOCH HALE, }  
EDWARD JEWETT, } Selectmen  
FRANCIS TOWNE, } of  
Rindge.

Later in the autumn, the nine Continental soldiers remaining in the service, with other troops from New Hampshire, in the space of fifteen hours, performed a forced march of forty miles, and forded the Mohawk River below the falls. This rapid movement checked the pro-

gress of Gen. Clinton, who was threatening Albany with the same destruction with which he had wasted the country below. Immediately after they marched to Pennsylvania, and, joining the army of Gen. Washington, where they endured through the severe winter that followed the cold and sufferings of Valley Forge.

While these stirring events were in progress in the field, neither amid the gloom and disasters of the spring and early summer, nor when hope grew out of despondency with the triumphs of victory, did the town by any vote or measure give expression to feelings of despair or elation. Every vote was for a purpose, and to the end that measures be adopted and money and men raised to carry on the war. Solomon Cutler, Salmon Stone, and Page Norcross were the selectmen for this eventful year. The committee of inspection and safety were Daniel Lake, Jonathan Sawtell, Page Norcross, Richard Kimball, and Ebenezer Chaplin. Many measures were adopted to procure recruits for the army, and the large number who volunteered was due, in a great measure, to the prompt and generous action of the town. The record of a meeting, held April 3, was as follows:—

Chose Richard Kimball moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted, to Raise the men, by a Rate, also to make an allowance to those that have done anything in the war and the allowance shall be as follows; viz:

All those that have served in the army as long as may be thought to be their proportion for past service and for the present draught for three years, in the judgment of a Committee shall be excluded out of the rate.

Voted for the present Draught & all others that have done any part of a Turn shall be allowed Credit as much to each months service as it shall cost per month for the seventeen men

now to be raised or such of them as we shall hire for thirty six months, which shall be made in the same Rate and the Credit deducted accordingly.

Also Voted to choose a Committee Of seven men to manage the same.

Chose Capt Solomon Cutler, Ens. Salmon Stone, Page Norcross, Enoch Hale, Esqr., Capt. Francis Towne, Lieut. Daniel Rand & Edward Jewett, Committee as afores<sup>d</sup>.

The mention of seventeen men in these votes refers to the quota mentioned in Col. Enoch Hale's report. It is certain that twelve had enlisted and been credited on this quota previous to this meeting, and the record refers only to the remainder. Perhaps on account of the large number of militia furnished by the town, no additional three years' men were raised during the year. Soon after, the town "voted to allow the militia four pounds and ten shillings per month, with what the Continent or State pay them," and "to allow them what time they was gone, for their turn, upon their relinquishing the money voted them by the town." It was also voted that if any person hired a man to serve in the army, he should receive the same from the town as for personal service. Each time a citizen was in the service was styled a turn, and after the date of these votes, an account was kept of the number of months each man was in the service, and whenever any one had been in the army, or had hired a substitute for more than his proportion of time, he was credited on the war tax-list in proportion to his excess of service. Nor did the town fail to provide for the families of the volunteers as occasion required. In times of the greatest depression, and in the midst of these unflinching efforts to recruit the army, appears the record of



many attentions to the sick and destitute. Now the stout-hearted patriots are devising measures to prosecute the war, and now charitably instructing the selectmen to procure provision and fuel for Widow Leland, whose husband had been killed in the service, and to provide for her children.

While the army was retreating from Canada in 1776, the troops became affected with the small-pox. Soon after, the returning soldiers introduced the disease into this town, but it did not prevail to any extent until the spring and summer of 1777. No record of mortality can be found, but tradition narrates that several died of this disease. Ensign Benjamin Davis was paid by the town "for nursing Joseph Stanley while he had the small-pox," and this is the only personal item which the records have preserved. It is said that a member of the family of Oliver Stevens, who lived on the "Bixby place," died of this disease, and was buried between the house and Monomonock Lake. The town adopted early measures to prevent contagion, and several votes were passed concerning the building and management of a pest-house. A committee was also chosen to cleanse the houses in which the disease had been; but in October a more cheerful vote, to sell the pest-house at vendue, was passed, from which it is presumed all occasion for its use had ceased. The pest-house was located in the forest, on the north side of the Converse reservoir, and about sixty rods above the dam, where the remains of the stone chimney are still to be seen. There remains one vote in this connection which would not escape the notice of the most careless reader. In the spring, when the policy of building a pest-house was proposed, it occurred in these words, "To see if the town will prepare a house to have



the small-pox in." The municipality was alarmed, and evidently expected the disease in its corporate capacity. If the preventive effect of Dr. Jenner's discovery had been known at that time, they, perhaps, would have ordered the village doctor to vaccinate the constable to protect the town from a threatened dispensation. And, again, it was voted "to pay the charges of fixing the house that is prepared for the small-pox." The records of Rindge compare favorably with those of any town; but when the small-pox is the subject of record, the language becomes strangely inoculated with the virus of false syntax.

The ravages of this contagious disease, and the casualties of war, caused but a tithe of the mourning and sorrows of the people during this period of the war. A great amount of sickness had prevailed. Abel Platts, the sturdy pioneer and valued citizen, John Pritchard, and Elijah Rice had died. During the summers of 1776 and 1777, there had been an unprecedented mortality among the children. Within a single month, three little ones were carried to the grave from the home of Benjamin Gould; as many more from others; and, in a few instances, the only child, while the father was braving the dangers of the battle-field that his offspring might enjoy a freedom which had been denied to himself, was taken from the embrace of the weeping mother. The spade of the sexton grew bright from frequent use, and the new-made graves told the number of the dead. The husband absent in the war, the mother hastening from the burial of her child, which, sorrowing, she has consigned to the grave, that she may minister to the sufferings of another of her offspring whose cheeks are paling beneath the touch of death; then was heard the voice of lamentation in Ramah, and comfortless Rachel weeping for her chil-

dren. The cooler air of autumn put an end to the sickly season. Nearly all the soldiers returned to their homes before the close of the year, and all awaited the experiences of the future, perhaps with hope, but certainly with no little solicitude.

In connection with the stirring events that were transpiring in the field during the summer of this year, the battle of Hubbardston and the capture of Col. Hale was mentioned. By this event the town lost an honored citizen, and the service an efficient officer. It cannot be overlooked that a charge of unbecoming conduct during this brief engagement has rested injuriously upon the memory of Col. Hale; but it is equally certain that such charge has never been sustained, nor has a word of evidence been produced to give it weight or character. The successive promotion of Nathan Hale from a captain of a company of minute-men in April, 1775, to the command of one of the three Continental battalions, raised in this State, is a positive recognition of his soldierly qualifications and ability. The several promotions had been earned by previous service, and his appointment of colonel with the gallant Cilley and lamented Scammel was not based upon any supposed merit. In the organization of the three New Hampshire regiments in May, 1775, he was appointed major of the third, of which James Reed, of Fitzwilliam, was colonel. He remained with his regiment participating in the siege of Boston, until March, 1776. The British army having retired, he repaired, with the patriot army, to New York. Soon after, his regiment, then in the brigade of General Sullivan, was ordered up the Hudson to the relief of the forces retreating from Canada. This movement was performed with celerity, and, meeting the disheartened army near the Sorel, the combined armies reached Ticonderoga about the first of

July, where Major Hale, with the regiment, remained until the following summer. While at this post he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel in November, 1776, and colonel in April following. The latter appointment was made in February, but the commission was dated in April.

In the retreat of the army from Ticonderoga, Col. Hale was ordered, with his regiment, to cover the rear of the invalids, which fell several miles behind the main army. In close vicinity were two Vermont regiments, commanded by Colonels Warner and Francis. At Hubbardston, on the morning of the seventh of July, these regiments were suddenly and furiously attacked by the advance of the enemy in force superior to their own. The action was brief but sharp, and each regiment suffered severely. Col. Hale, four of his captains, and nearly one hundred men were captured, and his major, the gallant Benjamin Titcomb, was severely wounded. Subsequently Col. Hale was permitted to visit his family for several months. Returning, at the expiration of his parole, he died within the enemies' lines at New Utrecht, Long Island, September 23, 1780.

In the midst of the reverses, during the earlier months of this year, there was a strong popular feeling against not a few of the persons in command. The memories of Generals Schuyler and St. Clair were only wrested from obliquity through the findings of a court martial. The patriots, chagrined at the abandonment of Ticonderoga, and witnessing with vexation the retreat of their army, were in no very complimentary frame of mind when the disaster at Hubbardston served to invigorate a spirit of severe and, possibly, unwarranted criticism. A charge that Col. Hale and his command did not properly cooperate with the regiments of Colonels Warner and Francis, and that he too easily suffered himself to be

captured, was raised. The swiftest refutation of such an accusation appears in the fact that it was never entertained by his townsmen. At a time of general proscription, when any and every act of cowardice or disloyalty was promptly rebuked, when ties of kindred and of friendship were subordinated to the brotherhood of patriotism and courage, the conduct of Col. Hale was never questioned at his home.

While visiting his family on parole he was received with kindness and honor by his neighbors and acquaintances. He was not only a participant in the town-meetings held during the continuance of his parole, but on two occasions he was appointed on important committees. Without the concurring testimony of tradition, this fact is convincing evidence that his townsmen saw nothing in his conduct to question or condemn. It is not to be presumed that in a town-meeting they would have recognized with favor any citizen who had been guilty of unbecoming conduct in presence of the enemy, except through ignorance, and this they could not plead, since Lieut. James Crumbie, an officer in Hale's regiment, and present at the battle of Hubbardston, had been at home several months before these meetings were held; and many others had returned from a service in which they were associated with the men in Hale's battalion, and could not have failed in a knowledge of his misconduct, if such had been current in the regiment.

These charges against Col. Hale were originally advanced by Ethan Allen, whose breath was the whirlwind, and who used either the pen or the sword with equal impetuosity and fearlessness. Allen was not in the country when the battle occurred. His informants, irritated at the event, and grieved at the loss of Francis and many brave

men, presumably tempered the criticisms proffered to Allen, which he accepted as verities, with little charity. Nearly all the writers who have repeated these accusations refer to Allen as their authority. Being founded upon the same evidence as the original charges, they add no additional testimony concerning the truth of the accusation. By withdrawing the New Hampshire regiment from the contest, the gallantry of the commands of Warner and Francis is rendered, by these historians, the more conspicuous. This was not demanded. The courage and bravery of the Green Mountain boys is proudly and universally recognized. Their honors can never be reared to a higher fame through the detraction of others perhaps equally brave and meritorious. The generosity of Allen was as prominent as the keenness of his criticisms, and had he written with a full knowledge of the facts, it is probable the former quality of the man would have dictated a statement essentially different in character.

In this engagement, the enemy in superior force fell upon the Americans in an unexpected moment. All writers are agreed that the action was not over thirty minutes in duration. The object of resistance on the part of the pursued was not victory, but a safe retreat. Nor should it be overlooked that after the fall of Francis his regiment broke and fled in disorder, and after a most valiant resistance the regiment of Warner was dispersed, and gathered at Manchester, a distance of many miles from the scene of the encounter. Dr. Belknap, who must have been familiar with the conduct of the officers of this State, makes no accusation against Col. Hale. His account of this affair is in these words: "On the retreat, Col. Hale's battalion was ordered to cover the rear of the invalids, by which means he was seven miles behind the main body.

The next morning he was attacked by an advanced guard of the enemy at Hubbardston. In this engagement Major Titcomb, of the New Hampshire troops, and Col. Hale, Captains Robertson, Carr, and Norris, Adjutant Elliot, and two other officers, were taken prisoners." Ebenezer Fletcher, of New Ipswich, who belonged to Col. Hale's regiment, was wounded and captured in this engagement. A narrative of his captivity, written with a candor and directness that assert his accuracy, contains no intimation that any officer in his regiment failed in courage, or hesitated in the discharge of his duty. On the contrary, he says: "Just as the sun rose there was a cry, '*the enemy are upon us.*' Looking around, I saw the enemy in line of battle. Orders came to lay down our packs and be ready for action. The fire instantly began. We were but few in number compared with the enemy. Capt. Carr came up and says, 'My lads, advance; we shall beat them yet.'" The fact here appears that Hale's battalion received the first assault of the enemy, and that the engagement was warm from the first. Even before the Vermont troops were engaged, there was a foretaste of the scene described by Allen: "It was by this time dangerous for those of both sides who were not prepared for the world to come." Other authorities, to prove that the New Hampshire troops were not merely spectators during this engagement, might be cited.

A letter written July 17, ten days after the engagement, by one of the officers present in the action, which appeared in the Pennsylvania *Evening Post* of August 19, 1777, says that a detachment of at least two thousand of the British army was sent to harass the rear of the American forces; that at Hubbardston "Our little army formed and gave them battle, which continued about twenty-five minutes very severe, when our party were overpowered with numbers and



gave way." No one is here charged with unbecoming conduct. The omission is no oversight, for the letter states that "Col. Hale is missing."

An able article, prepared by Hon. Winslow C. Watson, recently appeared in *The Historical Record*, and is a most satisfactory vindication of the conduct of Col. Hale. To this paper, the editor of the *Record*, Benson J. Lossing, LL.D., referring to former conclusions expressed in "The Field Book of the Revolution," has volunteered the following generous and emphatic endorsement: "Subsequent investigations have confirmed the opinion then formed of the conduct of Col. Hale. Mr. Watson's views are undoubtedly correct. He has served the cause of truth in this vindication of the character of a brave but unfortunate officer." Mr. Watson effectively contends: "The silence of a long array of writers, some of whom were contemporaneous with these events, and most of whom are distinguished for profound and careful investigation, must be accepted as strong negative testimony in the exoneration of Col. Hale. Had an act tainted with cowardice so marked, if not treachery, been perpetrated by an officer occupying a position of such prominence, it could not have escaped their attention, and would have demanded, as it must have received, their deepest denunciation. Marshall, whose 'Life of Washington' embraces an elaborate and minute narrative of all the events of the Revolution, and who enjoyed access to every authority, both documentary and oral, that elucidated his subject; Andrews, a British writer, who lived at the period; Steadman, an officer in the British army, who wrote a carefully arranged history of the war in which he served in several campaigns; Botta, who scrutinized every point with a conscientiousness that seemed to detect every detail, and



impressed the spirit of accuracy on every page;—these authors, each and all of them, are silent in reference to any misconduct of Col. Hale, and utter no reproaches upon his conduct. In Botta there could have been no ignorance of the name of Hale, for he distinctly mentions his capture. . . . When the views of Col. Hale's friends were submitted to Mr. Irving after the appearance of the first edition of his 'Washington,' he deemed them so forcible that in the generous and conscientious spirit which controlled all his acts he caused the stereotyped plates of his work, in which he had adopted the language of Allen, to be broken up, and again referred to the subject of Hale's conduct in a very modified tone."

As soon as Col. Hale was apprized of these charges, he firmly invited the most rigid examination of his conduct, and made an instant appeal to General Washington for an exchange and an opportunity of vindicating his character before a court martial, affirming, in the language of presumptive innocence, his ability to successfully defend himself against any charges that could be made against him. His early death arrested all proceedings in answer to his appeal. It should not be forgotten that, dying within the enemy's lines, he never had an opportunity of vindicating his conduct before his countrymen or a military tribunal, or to refute an *ex parte* charge concerning which his lips were sealed. The animus of the attack upon Col. Hale is not clearly discerned through the accumulating mist of a century; but no evidence appears except his own conjecture in his appeal to Washington, that it originated in the jealousy of his inferior officers. It is certain that the accusation, whatever may have been its source, has never been sustained by the production, or even promise, of evidence, and in the light of to-day appears wholly without

foundation. The inferences and the unanimous voice of tradition are admissible witnesses in the defence of Col. Hale, and in the absence of other testimony will be generally accepted as conclusive. That Col. Hale was a man of unusual ability is universally conceded; that he served his country with distinction and honor cannot be denied.

The following letter of Col. Hale to his wife refers to his desire to be exchanged, but contains no specific reference to this passage in his experience:—

LONG ISLAND, New Utrecht, May 1, 1780.

*My Dear,*

I rec<sup>d</sup> your favor of the third of March the Twelfth of April. By which you informed me of the Death of my Mother, & further of the Bearth of a young son. I am exceedingly much Rejoyst to learn you were so comfortable at that time & wish you much joy with your young son. I have the Pleshure to inform you that I am well at this time & hope you and my family enjoy the same blessing. We have had the slightest expectations of a general exchange of Prisoners of war the Winter past. But our expectations are all Blasted for what reason we are unabel to tell. About three weeks ago I had a very flattering expectation of going home on Parole for a short time, but I was not able to get it accomplisht. It seems the General is determind not to let any officers go out on Parole at present. How soon I shall be exchanged is unknown to me. You are as good a Judge of the matter as myself. I still Remain at my old quarters. The people are very clever &c. I am not unthoughtful of the Grate burden you labor under with a large family of Rude children, and with so much care of my other Domestick affairs as you must occasionally inspect. I hope sooner or later to get home to make your ciation more agreeable than it is at present. But how soon that will be God only knows, but I shall endeavor to await his time with as much patience as possible. You informed me that my

tenants were agoing to leave my farms this spring, I suppose on account of the very heavy taxes. I am unable to advise you in the matter. I hope my Brother or some other friend will not be wanting to lend you that assistance in these affairs, as I think I should not to them, were our circumstances Reverst. As I have nothing more of moment shall conclude for this time wishing you and my children, with all friends, the Best of Heaven's Blessings and Subscribe my self your Husband,

NATHAN HALE.

Mrs. Abigail Hale.

Appended to this letter is a note in the handwriting of Hon. Abel Wilder, of Winchendon, whose son, Abel Wilder, Jr., married Eunice, daughter of Moses Hale, a second cousin of Col. Hale, as follows:—

*Dear Ma'm,*

I received this Letter Inclosed in one to me Last Wednesday at Worcester. I Paid 30 Dollars for Postage. You may send me Ten if you have an opportunity.

ABEL WILDER.

Winchendon, Dec<sup>r</sup> 15, 1780.

The postage, of course, was paid in Continental currency. The fact that the letter had been written about eight months, and Col. Hale had been dead nearly three months before it was received, is suggestive of the lives that were led in those days.

Daniel Russell, who was wounded at the battle of Stillwater, was a son of Joel Russell. He was mustered into the Continental service March 20, 1777, at seventeen years of age. In the following petition an account of his wounds and suffering is given in his own words:—

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Great and Honorable Council & House of Representatives of said state convened at Exeter.

The Petition of Daniel Russell humbly sheweth, whereas your poor Petitioner has in time past been able to undergo hardships and fatigues, Inlisted into the Continental army March 5, 1777, and was shot through the side of the Back while Fighting with the Enemy near Stillwater, Sept. 19, 1777, which disabled him from fighting. from thence he was carried to Albany, and about the 20th of October Received a furlough and was Eleven Days in getting to Rindge in great pain by Reason of said wound, he Immediately put himself under the care of Doctor John Young of Peterborough, where he staid till March the 5th 1778. Then went under the care of Doctor Jonas Prescott of Rindge, where he staid till October following. then when he recovered his health so he was able to Ride to Boston and the fifth of November took a furlough of the Honorable Major-General Gates, and returned to Rindge and was in a prospect of Recovering his health. but his said wound not being internally healed, as the Bone was Fractured, it bealed again and was necessitated to have it laid open again. He soon put himself under the Care of Doctor Howe of Jaffrey, where he staid till the first of August, 1779, which cost him thirty pounds Besides bord and other Necessary Charges. and not being able to Return to his Regiment or any Corps of invalids went under the care of Doctor Young of Peterborough again and staid till the 13th of October which Cost him forty pounds to the Doctor. When he recovered his health so he was able to go to Boston and was found not fit for any kind of Duty, and Rec'd a furlough for two months and at the end of two months Rec'd a furlough the same as a discharge till the time of his enlistment was expired and returned to Peterborough under the Care of Doctor Young, and is utterly unable to Earn his own Support and is reduced to low and miserable

Condition of Life and must throw himself upon the Charity of the people, unless some Releaf can be granted. He humbly beseeches therefore your honors to take his Case under your wise and humane consideration, and grant him such Releaf as you in your Wisdom shall think needful, and he as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

June 2, 1780.

Russell received from the State forty-two pounds and thirteen shillings "for extra charges," and half pay for several years. The town also voted him substantial assistance "on account of his extraordinary expenses."

Previous to the alarms in the early part of the summer, Col. Enoch Hale appears to have been apprehensive that at no distant day there would be a demand for fire-arms, and seasonably wrote the committee of safety at Exeter in regard to a supply:—

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

RINDGE, May y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 1777.

To the Honorable Committee of Safety seting at Exeter in said State.

*Gentlemen,*

The many appearances of the danger of our being guarded by our enemies on all quarters, gives me great concern, when I consider that notwithstanding the respected orders received from the Hon. General Folsom for keeping my Regiment well equipt and ready to march at a minutes warning and so many of them destitute of Fire Arms and not in their power to provide themselves with arms. From these considerations I thought it to be my duty to apply to your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. for a part of the State Arms to be stored in some safe place in our Regiment, to be delivered out if so many of the Militia should be called for as could not

otherwise be provided for, if any there be that are not otherwise to be delivered out. And whether a part of them might not be as safe to be carried further into the Country, I must submit to your Honors' wisdom trusting that may direct you.

Mr. Gould and Mr. Davis, the bearers, will be able to bring me word, who are sent by our Town for Powder and will apply to your Honors, if it cannot be provided at the Powder Mill.

I am Gentlemen, your most obed<sup>t</sup>. Humble Servant

ENOCH HALE.

After the abandonment of the fortress of Ticonderoga, and the return of many of the minute-men, Col. Hale wrote the following letter while on his return from Charlestown, which incidentally represents that a hopeful public sentiment prevailed:—

KEENE July ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1777.

HONORABLE MESHECH WEARE ESQ.

*Worthy Sir.*

I take this opportunity to inform the Honorable Committee of Safety, that I have not been fully able to obey their orders with regard to the prisoners at Charlestown, although I used the utmost of my endeavors. The great surprise the people had at Charlestown respecting the news from Ticonderoga, made it impossible for me, at that time, to procure a suitable Person for a jaol keeper and the jaol wholly deficient and not fit to hold any person without a gard and the gard being dismiss; under these circumstances I ventured to take bonds in two sureties in five hundred Pounds each for their abiding the limits of the Jaol, Excepting Abner Sanger which being very Poor and of a lo mark could not Possibly obtain surety, in which case by advice, Col. Hunt of Charlestown took him under his care on his own farm—Sangers promising obedience. In all which I pray for your Honors most favorable approbation.

Gentlemen, I would just mention that Simon Baxter and Butler slipt the gard the evening of the eleventh instant, being the day the Justices arrived there before there was an opportunity to settle matters agreeable to your orders. With submission I would further ad with respect to our affairs at the Westward, I have been informed of a requisition to your honors for a number of Troops more to be raised. if so I beg leave to mention that the militia in my Regiment and others above have been much fatigued by the alarms, and with grate Bravery turned out to the amount of one half that was able for duty within two months, and at the same time the militia in the Massachusetts state in Towns adjoining to us Rested quiet in their field, which our men are unwilling to believe is equal, although they remain firm in the cause and dont think the loss of a little spot of ground is to determine the fate of America.

I am Gentlemen, your Hon<sup>s</sup>. most obedient Humble sev't

ENOCH HALE.



## CHAPTER VII.

### *REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY. — 1778 — 1781.*

Anspicious Omens. — Depreciation of Currency. — New Recruits. — Casualties. — Expedition to Rhode Island. — Col. Enoch Hale's Regiment. — Taxation. — Powder. — Selectmen and Committee of Safety for 1778 and 1779. — Enlistments. — Record of Soldiers. — Capt. Othniel Thomas. — Tobe Cutler. — Bounties paid by the Town. — Other Soldiers from Rindge. — Selectmen for 1781. — Scale of Depreciation. — Beef and Rum Tax. — Money Tax Paid to the State. — Contention between New Hampshire and Vermont.

**1778.** With another year came assurances of amended fortunes. During the past few months a disheartened and retreating army, receiving timely reinforcement, had fought several successful battles which had completely annihilated a proud and invading army. The patriots had taught the disciplined and well-equipped soldiery of Europe that they were their equals, both in the open field and in the stratagems of war. They had awakened a renewed confidence in themselves which imparted the strength of cohesion and of discipline to the patriot army. The seat of war was removed to the South, and the calls for troops were less frequent and imperative. The sudden and tantalizing alarms which had characterized the past season, giving the minute-men but little freedom from actual service or solicitude when at home, for many months

were not repeated. In addition to all these flattering omens, which encouraged hope to triumph over despondency, the most enlivening hopes were associated with the alliance with France, and her proffers of assistance in the prosecution of the war. A firmer faith in the success of their cause was everywhere manifested, until many were persuaded to believe that the war was substantially at an end. And yet amid these cheering omens another vial was being opened whose bitterness soon drenched the land; only an oasis had been reached, and not the fruitful soil beyond the desert sands; the clouds were not breaking, but only shifting into new shapes, to again inundate the land with darker days and greater trials.

The currency depreciated in value so rapidly that financial ruin appeared inevitable. During the year 1778 the equivalent of a unit of money decreased from one-third to less than one-sixth of its nominal value. One assessment of taxes followed another in rapid succession, until the constable, who was also collector of taxes, had scarcely left the door of the impoverished citizen before he returned again with renewed demands for money to carry on the war. Creditors, beholding each dollar of their dues fade in value from month to month, were importunate and peremptory in their demands for immediate payment.

The close of the previous year left the New Hampshire regiments at Valley Forge. Of the twelve men who had previously joined the Continental service, Haskell, Whiting, Bacon, Hutchinson, Godding, Demary, Dockman, and William Russell remained with the regiment. Daniel McCarr died Jan. 1, 1778, aged 38 years. Leland and Handsome died as previously stated, and Daniel Russell was absent on account of wounds.

In March, Jonathan Lake, David Brooks, Snow Boynton, and William Kendall joined the same regiment for two years. During the campaign of 1778 these men were in the New Hampshire Brigade, participating in the battle of Monmouth, and passed the succeeding winter at Reading. July 26, Abijah Haskell died, aged twenty-five years. At the time of his enlistment, Jonathan Lake was seventeen years of age. He was born March 18, 1761, and enlisted March 20, 1778. By two subsequent enlistments he remained in the army until the close of the war. In other instances youths of fifteen or sixteen years of age were found in the service.

In the summer of this year, a combined attack, by land and water, upon the British army at Newport, in Rhode Island, was projected. An army raised from the militia of New England was sent to reinforce Gen. Sullivan, and to coöperate with the French fleet. For this service Col. Enoch Hale raised a regiment in this vicinity and took command in person. The fleet failing to attack the enemy as had been expected, the militia was dismissed after a service of nearly nine weeks.

*Staff Roll of Col. Enoch Hale's regiment of volunteers, which regiment marched from the State of New Hampshire, and joined the Continental Army in Rhode Island, August, 1778. Two days are added to the time in service for travel home after discharge at Rhode Island.*

	£	s.	d.
Enoch Hale, Colonel, . . . . .	36	1	8
Joseph Parker, Major, . . . . .	25	6	8
Isaac Howe, Adjutant, . . . . .	20	14	8
John Mellen, Quartermaster, . . . . .	15	15	4
Jonas Prescott, Surgeon, . . . . .	28	0	8
Simeon Gould, Sergeant Major, . . . . .	10	15	8

Dr. Prescott had recently settled in Rindge. Subsequently he removed to Templeton, Mass., where he died,

after a successful practice of many years. In this regiment were thirty-three men from Rindge, including officers:—

Lieut. Samuel Tarbell, in Capt. Cunningham's Company.	
Ensign Ezekiel Rand, " " " "	
Ensign John Stanley, " " Twitchell's "	
Jonathan Sawtell, <i>Sergeant</i> .	Solomon Rand.
Nathaniel Thomas, <i>Corporal</i> .	William Russell.
Lemuel Page, <i>Fifer</i> .	Hezekiah Sawtell.
John Simonds.	John Demary.
John Gray.	Joseph Platts.
Ezekiel Learned.	Samuel Stanley.
Samuel Russell.	William Carlton.
Samuel Page.	Ebenezer Platts.
David Robbins.	Thaddeus Fitch.
Samuel Walker.	Joseph Stanley.
Benjamin Carlton.	Henry Lake.
Reuben Page.	Amos Towne.
Timothy Wood.	John Emery.
Jeremiah Norcross.	Ephraim Holden.

The privates received £10 10s., at the rate of £5 per month.

Another regiment in this expedition, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Stephen Peabody, which remained in the service until the following December, included three soldiers, Abel Platts, Jr., and two others, from this town.

While these events were transpiring in the field, the citizens of the town were often called together to raise money with which to pay the militia while in the service, and larger sums for the Continental soldiers. Six distinct tax-lists were made and collected during the year, which must have placed the tax-gatherers on the most intimate terms with the inhabitants of the town. Lieut. Ebenezer Davis and Oliver Gould were paid £5 "for bringing up Powder from Exeter for the use of the town," and soon after an article appeared in the warrant "To see if the Town will Dispose of the Powder and how it shall be

Disposed of and what price shall be taken for the same." Their unfailing confidence in one of their citizens is seen in the vote "That Enoch Hale Esq. Dispose of the Powder as he pleases and when he pleases."

The selectmen for the year were Enoch Hale, Esq., Deacon Francis Towne, and Edward Jewett; and the committee of safety, inspection, and correspondence consisted of Daniel Lake, Esq., Capt. Daniel Rand, Lieut. Page Norcross, Capt. Solomon Cutler, and Lieut. Othniel Thomas. The names and titles are given as they appear upon the records, in which the rank of an individual is noted with much precision. Whenever one advanced from the plane of a private to that of an ensign, his name subsequently appeared with a proper acknowledgment of his military honors. Sometimes a nice distinction was made. Capt. Francis Towne was also a deacon, and had rendered good service in both capacities. Military and ecclesiastical honors were at issue; the latter prevailed, and the deacon triumphed in rank over a captain. Edward Jewett, also a deacon, in the omission of the title in connection with his name, modestly makes known that he was the town clerk, who made the record.

**1779.** The selectmen for this year were Edward Jewett, Capt. Daniel Rand, and Mr. James Philbrick. The committee of safety, inspection, and correspondence were Mr. Nathaniel Russell, Lieut. Othniel Thomas, Ensign Benjamin Davis, Mr. John Buswell, and Lieut. Page Norcross.

A requisition from the State authorities for about five hundred men to fill up the three Continental battalions proclaims a sad loss during the past year. The quota of this town was four, and prompt action was taken to raise the men. Forty shillings per month was voted to

each man who would enlist into the service, and, to compensate for the depreciation of the currency, this amount was to be paid in beef at twenty shillings per hundred weight, or in rye at four shillings per bushel. This action was soon followed by a vote "to leave it in the breast of the committee to hire the men as cheap as they can."

Abel Jewett, Peter Webster, David Robinson, and Jonathan Sawtell, Jr., enlisted for one year, and were assigned to the second Continental regiment. They, and the soldiers from this town who had previously joined the same regiment, were in the army under Gen. Sullivan, which made the famous expedition into the Indian country, and passed the succeeding winter in Connecticut.

In July, Abel Kimball and Simeon Bruce enlisted into Col. Mooney's regiment for six months, and were ordered to Rhode Island, where they remained until the expiration of the term of enlistment. In December, Jonathan Sawtell, Jr., hired a substitute and was honorably discharged. He enlisted again, however, into the same regiment, after he had remained at home about a year.

**1780.** The record of death continues. Again the open ranks of the Continental battalions are the oracles of their valor. The town is required to furnish four additional men. Jonathan Lake, Bartholomew Dwinnel, Thomas Demary, and Ebenezer Platts enlisted in July, and were assigned to the second regiment. The men raised in the State at this time were styled "new levies," and were enlisted for six months. Lake had been recently discharged from the same regiment on account of the expiration of his previous enlistment of two years. The New Hampshire troops remained several months with the Northern Army at West Point. While there they were joined by Col. Nichols' regiment of militia, which contained



seven men from Rindge: Ensign Daniel Adams, Barnabas Cary, John Buswell, James Philbrick, Amos Ingalls, Joshua Hale, and Samuel Walker, who were in the service nearly four months. In the autumn of this year the other regiments marched into New Jersey, and went into winter quarters near the Hudson River. Two other men entered the service. Benjamin Beals and Caleb Page were sent to the "frontiers at Coos," and were in Capt. Stone's company, in Major Whitcomb's battalion.

In the autumn of this year the town of Royalton, in Vermont, was burned by the Tories and Indians. The militia in the western part of New Hampshire were called out, but few reached the place before the hasty retreat of the enemy was announced, and the minute-men were ordered home. An entire company of sixty-one men from this town responded to the alarm, but were absent only four days.

Edward Jewett, Lieut. Jacob Gould, and Lieut. Othniel Thomas were the selectmen for this year. The committee of safety and correspondence were: Deacon Francis Towne, Capt. Daniel Rand, Mr. Jonathan Sawtell, Mr. Samuel Page, and Mr. James Philbrick. While actively engaged in prosecuting the contest with England, in March of this year, the town declared war against another enemy by offering a bounty of three hundred pounds currency, equivalent to about eight pounds specie, for every old wolf killed in the town, and one-half as much for every "wolf's whelp" thus destroyed, to be paid by the selectmen "on the persons presenting the head [the wolf's head, of course] and having the ears cut as prescribed by the laws of this State." This hostile measure proving effectual, the warriors soon after submitted the proposition "To see if the town will raise a Bounty on Crows, Black Birds, Jay Birds, Squirrels or



either of them or any other such vermin." No bounty was voted. Perhaps the language employed was a sufficient admonition.

**1781.** In the New Hampshire regiments in the field the losses had been considerable, and the ranks were also depleted at the expiration of the term of enlistment of many of the men. William Russell, whose term of service expired in March, 1780, was honorably discharged in the State of New Jersey, and, without visiting his home, he immediately enlisted into a Connecticut regiment, and served until the close of the war. Oliver Bacon enlisted at the first for during the war, and in March, 1781, was promoted to ensign in Capt. Dustan's company. Enoch Dockman and Ezekiel Demary also reënlisted, and continued with the same regiment. Dockman deserted, but was apprehended after he had enjoyed a rest of six months; he was finally discharged, Oct. 20, 1781. Moses Thomas, who had been three years in a Massachusetts regiment, enlisted into the New Hampshire line in September, as did Aaron Potter, a new recruit, who enlisted for six months.

Others also volunteered to fill the decimated ranks of the second regiment. Eight additional men enlisted for three years. The honored roll is as follows: Jonathan Sawtell, Jr., John Demary, Jr., John Hamilton, Jonathan Lake, Abel Platts, Jr., Preston Buffington, Robert Fields, and Tobe Cutler. John Demary, Jr., was killed Nov. 1, 1781, aged 30 years. The others remained in the regiment until the close of the war.

And now the end of the prolonged and exhaustive war begins to be foreshadowed. Othniel Thomas was appointed captain in Col. Reynolds' regiment, and four men were recruited from this town. The rolls cannot be found,

and it is presumed the organization was never completed, and that the regiment was not called into service. In 1782, a list of the deficiencies of the several towns was made by the State officials. Rindge was only one man in arrears, and Aaron Potter promptly balanced the account by enlisting into the service. Many of the towns in the State were required at this time to furnish several men to compensate for former delinquencies.

Tobe Cutler, one of the volunteers in 1781, was a negro slave of Col. Enoch Hale. The following significant vote in relation to his enlistment is the last reference to slavery found upon the records:—

After hearing the Report of the Committee appointed to raise the Continental Soldiers and finding that they had Inlisted Tobe Cutler, servant to Enoch Hale Esqr., by the free consent of his master, who had Ingaged to free the said Tobe at the age of twenty-one years: Then voted that the said Tobe be Received & Deemed a Legal Inhabitant of said Rindge, Provided that the said Tobe shall have his freedom according to the agreement of his said master, made and to be Lodged with the Selectmen of said Town.

It is to be regretted that the town records have not preserved the names of the officers and soldiers in the war of the Revolution. The lists given in this connection, however, are mainly complete, and have not been compiled without considerable labor and research. The State archives should be credited for much valuable information, and a record of the expenses of the town hereafter presented, which was not discovered until these lists had been made, verifies the number of volunteers for each year in a most happy manner.

On the adoption of the Federal Constitution the war-indebtedness of the several States was assumed by the

general government. For this purpose the accounts of the several towns were audited. The account of Rindge for bounties and advances to soldiers was as follows:—

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Town of Rindge, *Dr.*

To account for bounties, &amp;c.

		£	s.	d.
1775	Lexington, 54 men, 607 days in all, . . . . .	61	5	4
1775	Winter Hill, 39 men, 8 months each, . . . . .	524		
1776	Alarm at Ticonderoga, 13 men, . . . . .	26		
1776	Baldwin's and Gilman's Regiments, 17 men, . . . . .	103	10	
1776	Wyman's Regiment, 15 men, . . . . .	225		
1776	Militia, 45 men for the year, . . . . .	620		
1777	Alarm at Ticonderoga, 48 men, . . . . .	62	16	
1777	Stark's Brigade, 24 men, . . . . .	84		
1777	Saratoga Volunteers, 24 men. Specie, . . . . .	48		
1777	Continental, 12 men, . . . . .	325	15	
1778	Rhode Island Volunteers, 33 men. Specie, . . . . .	50	12	
1778	Peabody's Regiment, 3 men. Specie, . . . . .	36		
1778	Continental, 4 men, £321 18s. 4d., . . . . .	141	10	
1779	Mooney's Regiment, 2 men. Specie, . . . . .	24		
1779	Continental, 4 men, £1,200, . . . . .	85	10	
	and £20 specie, . . . . .	20		
1780	New levies, 4 men, £2,800, . . . . .	48	10	
	and 160 bushels corn, at 6s. per bushel, . . . . .	48		
1780	Nichols' Regiment, 7 men, 280 bushels corn, at 6s. per bushel, . . . . .	84		
1780	Frontiers at Coos, 2 men, £2,800, . . . . .	48	10	
1780	Alarm at Royalston, 61 men, . . . . .	38	18	9
1781	Continental, 8 men, . . . . .	720		
1781	Reynolds' Regiment, 4 men, . . . . .	30		
1782	Continental, 1 man, . . . . .	60		
	Total, 424 men, . . . . .	3515	17	1

It appears that the town was credited for four hundred and twenty-four enlistments during the war, but not a few enlisted several times, which reduces the number of individuals actually in the service. In addition to the soldiers already named and included in the foregoing account, several other residents of this town were in the service.

It is probable that they received bounties from, and were counted on the quotas of, other towns. John Gibson enlisted in June, 1779, for the war. Benjamin Parker, a brother of Jonathan Parker, Jr., was in the army ten months. Both of them were in the Continental service, and were paid by the town, but for some unknown cause they were not included in the foregoing account. Joseph Wilson, who was a member of the Rindge company, and credited to this town in the Lexington alarm in April, 1775, subsequently enlisted into the Continental service, but was successfully challenged by Amherst, and finally allowed on the quota of that town. He came from Petersham to Rindge, which does not explain the ground on which he was claimed by Amherst. Hezekiah Sawtell, Hezekiah Wetherbee, and Jacob Gould, Jr., enlisted into the Continental service in 1779. The two former are included in a list of New Ipswich soldiers in "Kidder's History." They were possibly hired by and credited on the quota of that town, but were residents of Rindge. Benjamin Wetherbee (son of Benjamin) also enlisted, and died of the small-pox while in the service.

The selectmen for 1781 were Edward Jewett, Lieut. Ebenezer Davis, and Mr. John Buswell; and for 1782, Edward Jewett, Mr. Benjamin Bancroft, and Mr. Solomon Rand were chosen. There is no record of an election of a committee of safety and correspondence for these years. The rapid depreciation of the currency was the occasion of much loss and great embarrassment, and many attempts were made to fix some value to it. In September, 1779, a convention composed of delegates from the several towns assembled at Concord. The recommendations proposed by this convention were adopted by the town, and a committee of nine was chosen to state the price at which "all foreign

and domestic produce and other articles" should be sold. This measure afforded no relief. The money voted by the town for specific purposes so rapidly decreased in value, that before the assessment could be made and the amount collected, the appropriation became inadequate for the purpose for which the money had been raised. The value of the currency soon became too uncertain to be employed as a medium of circulation, and frequent disputes arose concerning the amount due from one to another. Finally the Legislature in 1781 issued what was called "the authorized scale of depreciation," by which contracts made at different times might be adjusted. The scale indicated the number of pounds of currency which should be an equivalent at different dates to the par value of £100:—

	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781
January, . . . . .	100	325	742	2934	7500
February, . . . . .	104	350	868	3322	7500
March, . . . . .	106	375	1000	3736	7500
April, . . . . .	110	400	1104	4000	7500
May, . . . . .	114	400	1215	4800	7500
June, . . . . .	120	400	1342	5700	12000
July, . . . . .	125	425	1477	6000	
August, . . . . .	150	450	1630	6300	
September, . . . . .	175	475	1800	6500	
October, . . . . .	275	500	2030	6700	
November, . . . . .	300	545	2308	7000	
December, . . . . .	310	634	2393	7300	

The burden of taxation is seen in the following votes:—

March, 1781.—"Voted Three Thousand hard dollars or money & stock equivalent thereto, to pay the hire of the Soldiers for the first year."

September, 1781.—"Voted to proceed immediately to hire said men and that the town pay the same."

November, 1781.—"Voted to Raise 3000 Hard dollars to

pay the second years hire of the Soldiers, that was hired for three years, and also to pay the hire of other Soldiers."

And the following year two thousand hard dollars were raised "to pay the last year's hire of the three years men." And hard dollars they must have been to gather from the people.

In 1781, after paper money had become nearly worthless, the State made a requisition for a large quantity of beef for the army, and proportioned the amount among the several towns in the State. The first information of this tax gleaned from the records is a vote "to leave it in the breast of the selectmen how much the rate shall be to buy the beef this town is called upon for to supply the army." Live beeves which the selectmen purchased were legal tender in the payment of this tax. The following receipts represent the amount furnished by this town:—

RINDGE July 17, 1781.

Received of the Selectmen of Rindge seven Beef Cattle weighing by estimation Three Thousand Two Hundred and fifty five pounds for the use of the state of New Hampshire it being in part of the Towns proportion of Beef the current year.

FRANCIS BLOOD

Collector ye Beef Cattle.

Received August ye 6 1781 of the Selectmen of Rindge, seven Beef Cattle, weighing by estimation Three Thousand Six Hundred and thirty-five Pounds, it being in part of the Town of Rindge proportion of Beef the current year.

FRANCIS BLOOD

Collector of Beef, Western Destrict.

TEMPLE October 24 1781

Received Of Rindge by Deacon Edward Jewett eleven Beef Cattle for the use of the Continental Army, weight by estimation

Six Thousand & Two Hundred pounds, in part of the proportion of said Town for the present year Agreeable to the Act of the General Court Of the 27 of Jan<sup>ry</sup>. last.

FRANCIS BLOOD

Collector of Beef Cattle in W<sup>n</sup> Destrict

The following year the town is credited with three pounds and sixteen shillings on account of an overpayment of the beef tax. A former assessment of this character was paid the previous year:—

KEENE September 25, 1780.

Received of the Selectmen of Rindge eleven thousand and thirty pounds of Beef Cattle for the use of the Continent.

JOHN MILLER Dep't Com<sup>ry</sup>.

Also, in 1781, an act was added to the laws of the State with the following title: "An Act for supplying the Continental Army with ten thousand gallons of West India Rum." The proportion for Rindge was ninety-eight gallons. The several towns were permitted, if they chose, to furnish six quarts of New England rum as a substitute for each gallon of West India. This tax was promptly paid as appears from the receipt:—

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

October 16 1781.

Received of Mr. James Walker one hundred and forty seven gallons New England Rum being a tax on the Town of Rindge in the County of Cheshire Agreeable to an Act of s<sup>d</sup> State passed the 31 of August last past. Rec'd at Boston.

JOSH. WENTWORTH.

The above Rum cost twenty seven pounds ten shillings and three pence in Beef at two silver dollars per hundred weight



and twenty four shillings for the casks in Money. The whole being twenty eight pounds fourteen shillings and three pence.

In addition to these demands, the money tax paid to the State was of itself a heavy burden upon the people. In the experience of the present the amount paid cannot be easily realized. The record of a few years will suffice. In 1779, the State raised £2,500,000, or about one-tenth this sum at par value. The proportion of Rindge was £1,947 18s. 4d., and was paid within the prescribed time in eight instalments, three each by John Eills and James Carlton, collectors, and two by the selectmen. In 1780, the town is found for the first time among the delinquent tax-payers, but the amount was paid over to the State with little delay by Abel Perkins and Nathan Hubbard, collectors. The amount raised was £2,160,000, of which Rindge was required to pay £21,210 15s. 0d., or about one-hundredth of the whole tax. In 1781, still larger demands were made by the State, and the collections were made by Jeremiah Norcross and James Streeter. The experience of the patriot at home, oppressed with poverty, compelled in many instances to allow the oft-returning tax-gatherer to take his only remaining cow, or the product of his fields whenever ripened for harvest, proclaims that the brave men in the field did not suffer alone in the cause of independence. Ever prominent in the annals of the Revolution will be the bitterness of the home experience of the citizen and the family. In the midst of times like these, it excites little surprise to find an article in a warrant for a town-meeting "To see if the Town will choose a committee to treat with other [committees] and see what method can be agreed to, as to the present grievances, now hanging over our heads, and threatening us with utter Destruction if not

prevented." That our fathers were apprehensive that "utter destruction" might be averted, and that they had interests still worth preserving, is seen in the succeeding article in the warrant "To see if the Town will sue Tarbell for Trespass for flowing the road in this Town." Either the former article did not represent the prevailing sentiment of the people, or else its authors were determined that Lieut. Tarbell should not be left behind if they were to visit the regions of destruction. The former conjecture is probably correct, since no action was taken in the premises.

The contention between New Hampshire and Vermont occurring during the progress of the Revolution, and the numerous projects of union proposed by the inhabitants of the border townships, caused considerable excitement and discussion in several towns in the western part of this State. The town of Rindge, then supposed to be wholly within the limits of the Masonian patent, and consequently bound by the conditions of their early charter, did not sympathize with those who advocated a union with the towns on the western side of the Connecticut River. In 1776, sixteen towns in the present County of Grafton were received into the union of the Vermont grants, and were represented in their assembly. A claim was advanced by Vermont to other towns on the east of the Connecticut. The Vermont courts also claimed jurisdiction over the disputed territory, and the sheriffs began to serve writs upon the inhabitants of several New Hampshire towns. Finally two citizens were arrested by the Vermont officers, and confined in the jail at Charlestown. They forwarded a petition to the New Hampshire assembly for relief, and Col. Enoch Hale, who was then High Sheriff of Cheshire County, including at that time the present County of Sullivan, was promptly ordered to release the prisoners. In the discharge

of this duty, December 6, 1781, Col. Hale was arrested by the Vermont officials, and thrown in the jail over which he had the legal control. A sheriff confined in his own jail by the officers of another State was a state of affairs that was at once resented by the assembly. Cols. Benjamin Bellows, of Walpole, and Moses Nichols, of Amherst, were ordered to call out the militia in their regiments and release the imprisoned sheriff. Francis Blood, Esq., of Temple, was ordered to supply the troops while in arms with provisions. Alarmed at the decisive measures adopted by New Hampshire, the Vermont authorities sent a committee to Exeter "to agree on measures to prevent hostilities." One of this committee was the sheriff who had imprisoned Col. Hale. He was immediately arrested, and thrown into prison at Exeter, and held as a hostage for the release of Col. Hale. Wise counsels soon prevailed, and all the prisoners were released without a collision of the military forces.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATURE.—ADOPTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS.*

Rindge Classed with Jaffrey and Sharon. — Representatives not Allowed Seats in the Assembly, 1775. — Enoch Hale and William Smiley. — First Constitution Rejected, 1779. — Second Constitution Adopted, 1783. — Amendments, 1792. — Federal Constitution. — Removal of Col. Enoch Hale.

REFERENCE was made in Chapter IV. to the sessions of the conventions, or Provincial Congress, in 1775, in which the town of Rindge was represented by Enoch Hale, Esq. For the fifth Congress, which assembled in December, a plan of representation had been adopted, by which Rindge, Jaffrey, and Peterborough Slip (Sharon) were classed, and entitled to send one representative. To this arrangement both Rindge and Jaffrey demurred, each town claiming to be entitled to a representative. The question was soon brought to an issue. When the Congress assembled, Enoch Hale, of Rindge, and William Smiley, of Jaffrey, both appeared and demanded seats in the assembly. Their demand was endorsed by a petition of their own and neighboring towns to allow their admission. The journal of the convention, under date of December 21, 1775, announces their discomfiture.

The Petition of the Committee of Safety of the Towns of New Ipswich, Rindge, Fitzwilliam & Jaffrey, Praying to have Enoch Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> & William Smiley admitted to sit in this Congress, And also the return made on the Precept, which issued to the Towns of Rindge, Jaffrey and Peterborough Slip, being read & considered,

Voted that Neither of the said Gentlemen shall have a seat in this Congress, They being chosen contrary to the Direction in the Precept from the late Congress.

It appears that "neither of said gentlemen" long insisted on his right to a seat in the convention, and the same day a new election of a representative from these towns was ordered, and soon after Mr. Hale was chosen to represent the district. In this election the inhabitants of Jaffrey were dissatisfied, and petitioned the town of Rindge to be "excused from paying their part in sending a Representative." This the town of Rindge refused to do, but made ample amends the following year in joining with them in the election of Mr. Smiley to succeed Mr. Hale. Under the temporary constitution of the State, which was adopted in January, 1776, and continued until June, 1784, the superior branch of the legislature consisted of twelve members, and was styled the Council. The five counties constituted the councillor districts, Cheshire County being entitled to two members. To this honorable body Enoch Hale was three times elected. The legislative years of his service commenced December 15, 1779, December 20, 1780, and December 19, 1783. The last session expired with the suspension of the temporary constitution. Under the new constitution this branch of the legislature became known as the Senate; in this body Mr. Hale held a seat for the legislative year, beginning June 2, 1784, by virtue of an election the previous March.

The new constitution, which was adopted in 1784, was the result of much discussion and deliberation. A convention, to "frame a plan of Government for the future happiness and well-being of the good people of the State," assembled in Concord, June 10, 1778. In this convention the town of Rindge was represented by Enoch Hale. A plan of government was prepared by the convention, and submitted to the people for their approval. The town of Rindge assembled August 10, 1779, and "voted to Reject the Declaration of Rights & Plan of Government," and a committee was chosen to instruct their delegate in regard to the important questions that remained for the consideration of the convention. This proposed constitution having met a similar fate in a majority of the towns in the State, another convention assembled in June, 1781, and continued by several adjournments until October, 1783. To this convention the town of Rindge voted not to send a delegate. The body, comprising the ablest men in the State, proceeded cautiously and deliberately, and yet were obliged to submit their work to the people three times before it was accepted. In the mean time the constitution then in force, which had been adopted to continue during the war, was about to expire by limitation. The legislature recommended the several towns to revive and continue in force the temporary constitution until another should be adopted; consequently the town voted "to accept the resolve of the General Court," and thereby consented to the recommendation. Without explanation this passage of the records would not be intelligible.

A Bill of Rights and Constitution was adopted by the second convention, and sent to the several towns for their approval in the autumn of 1781. That the town of Rindge gave the instrument attentive consideration is attested in the records:—

After hearing the Address of the convention, voted to choose a Committee to examine the Bill of Rights and Constitution & make report to the Town.

Chose, Mr. Richard Kimball, Daniel Lake Esqr. Mr. Nathaniel Russell, Lt. James Crombie, Maj. Daniel Rand, Edward Jewett, Mr. Jonathan Sawtell, Mr. Jeremiah Chapman, Lt. Benjamin Foster, Ens. Ebenezer Chaplin & Dea. Francis Towne, a committee as aforesaid.

Then voted to adjourn the present meeting to Tuesday the first day of January next, then to be held at the public Meeting house in Rindge at one o'clock P.M.

RINDGE January 1, 1782.

Met according to Adjournment. Then voted to adjourn the present meeting to Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant then to be held at the public Meeting house in Rindge at nine o'clock A.M.

RINDGE January ye 4 1782.

Met according to Adjournment. After hearing the Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> & the Bill of Rights & Constitution, article by article, & Rejecting some clauses and Accepting some & making such Alterations as the Town thought Proper, then voted to choose a Committee of three men to draw up the Reasons of Rejection and Alteration. Chose Edward Jewett, Dea. Francis Towne and Major Daniel Rand for s<sup>d</sup> Committee.

The meeting was one of unusual interest. A year had passed since the surrender of the British army at Yorktown. Peace, crowned with freedom, had been made secure. The abstract right of self-government had been purchased at great cost. In the application of that right were balanced all the fruits of the war. Our fathers were equal to the occasion. Even in the flush of victory they proceeded to consider the plan of government "article by article," realizing that a hasty misapplication of their newly secured



rights and privileges might breed an anarchy more intolerable than foreign oppression. Thus in an unwarmed house, in the cold of mid-winter, our fathers assembled to discuss those measures that should preserve and perpetuate, in their form of government, the fruits of the victory which their valor had won. When the returns from the towns were received by the convention, it was found that the objections to some of the provisions were so numerous that a thorough revision was demanded by the people. The second draft was submitted to the action of the several towns, and was more generally approved, the town of Rindge voting to accept it. But it was again revised and sent to the people for ratification in the autumn of 1783, and the action of this town is briefly recorded: "Gave in their votes for the Plan of Government." It is presumed that these voters "gave in," without reservation. Their past experience had fostered no spirit of compromise. This tinsel cover for wrong is of more recent introduction into American politics. The action of nearly all the towns in the State being also in the affirmative, this plan became the adopted constitution, and remained unchanged until 1792. A convention for revision was assembled at Concord, 1791, in which this town was represented by Col. Daniel Rand. On the first revision, the town, in May, 1792, passed sixty-four votes on as many sections of the amended constitution. A majority of the votes were against the proposed revision. In August following, the town unanimously voted to accept the amendments as then presented by the convention. In 1783 the Continental Congress proposed to amend the eighth article of confederation, so as to make the population of the States the basis of representation instead of the area of granted lands. This proposition was to be submitted to the legislatures of the

States, and the inhabitants of Rindge were called together to instruct their representative how he should act when the question was presented for his consideration, and Enoch Hale, Deacon Edward Jewett, Lieut. Jacob Gould, and Mr. Nathaniel Russell were chosen "to instruct their representative." It will be noticed that Mr. Hale has no title in this record, which is accounted for by the statement that he was the town clerk who made the record, while Deacon Jewett receives the full renown of his ecclesiastical honors.

Another question of great moment remained. To Capt. Othniel Thomas fell the honor of representing the town in the convention, in 1788, that adopted the Federal Constitution. This being the ninth State that assented to the Constitution of the United States, and nine States being the number required, "New Hampshire," in the language of a writer of that period, "set in motion the political machine."

Conspicuous among those who were prominent in the affairs of the town during the Revolution and the succeeding years, who rendered faithful and untiring service in the cause of popular government, and who exercised the power of official position without ostentation, is the name of Enoch Hale. He was a brother of Col. Nathan Hale, and was born in Rowley, Massachusetts, November 28, 1733. When a child, his parents removed to Hampstead. During the French and Indian wars he served in Capt. Allcock's company, Gilman's regiment, from September 22, to November 14, 1755; in Captain Bailey's company, Meserve's regiment, from May 5, to November 5, 1757; and in Capt. Hazen's company, Hart's regiment, from April 27, to October 31, 1758. In 1760, he removed to Rindge, and at once became prominent in public affairs.

He was chosen by the proprietors to secure the incorporation of the town, and was authorized to call the first town-meeting.

In 1768, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace, being the first magistrate in this town. The same year, Col. Hale removed to Jaffrey, and returned to Rindge the following year. His varied and efficient service during the war as a town officer, delegate to conventions, representative, councillor, and senator in the councils of the State, high sheriff of Cheshire County from 1778 to 1783, colonel of a regimental district, and commander of a regiment in the field, need not be repeated in this connection. The history of the town for these years is the most faithful record that can be given of the services of Col. Hale. With the exception of a brief residence in Jaffrey, in 1768 and 1769, he resided in Rindge until the spring or summer of 1784. He was town clerk for the year ending March, 1784. At the annual meeting of that year he was present and made the record of the proceedings. He soon after removed to Walpole, New Hampshire. The statement of Farmer and others that Col. Enoch Hale resided in Walpole at an earlier date, is incorrect. Finding him a resident of that town in the summer of that year, while a member of the Senate under the new constitution, these writers too hastily presumed that he had resided there for a term of years.

In 1785, Col. Hale built the first bridge at that place across the Connecticut River, and subsequently removed to Grafton, Vermont, where he died April 9, 1813.

## CHAPTER IX.

### *ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.*

Early Efforts to Secure Preaching. — Mr. Swan. — The Call Extended to Timothy Walker Declined. — Rev. Seth Dean Settled. — Church Embodied. — Withdrawal and Discipline of the Baptists. — Mr. Dean's Salary. — Loss Sustained by Depreciation of the Currency. — His Dismissal and Character. — Seth Payson Called. — Letter of Acceptance. — Ordination. — Owning the Covenant. — Successful Ministry of Dr. Payson. — His Salary. — Death of Dr. Payson. — His Character. — Call extended to Mr. Demond and to Mr. Goodell. — Mr. Burnham preaches in Rindge. — Accepts a Call. — Ordination. — His Prolonged Ministry. — Personal Notice. — Era of Supplies. — Installation of Mr. Clark.

VERY early in the history of this town efforts were made to secure the public ministrations of the Gospel. Many of the first settlers were members of the churches in the towns where they had formerly resided. As soon as they had reared a shelter for their families, and witnessed the promise of daily food in their little fields of grain, their desire of uniting in the public worship of God was manifested. Whatever may be said of the religion of the period, their sense of duty in sustaining stated preaching, and the observance of the ordinances, was a prominent characteristic of their unyielding faith. The proprietors' charter reserved one right of land — about three hundred acres — for the ministry, and another right

for the first settled minister. This slender assistance was unavailable until a minister was settled. In November, 1758, it was ordered "that twelve pounds be laid out in preaching in said Township. No comttee was chosen for y<sup>t</sup> purpose, because Mr. Swan appeared and undertook for y<sup>t</sup> sum to preach three days in s<sup>d</sup> Township." Abel Platts was afterwards paid two pounds and eight shillings "for entertaining Mr. Swan and his horse four nights." This was probably Rev. Josiah Swan, of Dunstable. In 1759, upon an article "To see if the Proprietors will provide a minister to preach y<sup>e</sup> gospel in said town," the sum of thirty-five dollars was raised, and Abel Platts was chosen "to provide y<sup>e</sup> minister." Subsequently a sum of money for this purpose was raised from time to time with so much regularity that it amounted substantially to an annual appropriation, and in amount sufficient to assure us that our fathers were "hearers of the word" during a considerable portion of each year.

Undoubtedly with a view to a more permanent supply, in 1762, it was "voted that the propriety will hire a minister on probation to preach the gospill on probation in order for seteling." "Voted that Josiah Ingalls be a committee to look out a man for that purpose." In the warrant for this meeting, an article in regard to raising money for this purpose reads as follows: "To sea if the proprietary will grant any sum of money and how much to lay out the gospill." This record was made by John Lovejoy, afterwards Deacon John Lovejoy, of pleasant memory, who never desired the gospel laid out in any improper manner, and in intention might be held as innocent as another more recently deceased, who prayed that "the gospel might be dispensed *with*, and enjoyed all over the earth." Mr. Farrand, perhaps Farrar, and Mr. Apple-

ton preached here a few Sabbaths, and a Mr. Harvey, probably the same who was in Winchendon the previous year, was here a short time in 1760. It is tradition that Mr. Timothy Walker received the first call extended by the settlers of this town, but it is not so generally known that he preached to our fathers for a considerable length of time, as the following extracts from the records abundantly prove:—

- Oct. 21, 1761. Paid Josiah Ingalls for boarding Mr. Walker,  
£12 0s 0d
- June 13, 1762. Voted to allow Mr. Jonathan Hopkinson £4  
0s., 0d. old Tenour Massachusitts for his  
trouble getting Mr. Walker to preach for  
the Propriaty.
- Oct. 19, 1762. Paid William Carlton for boarding Mr. Walker  
£3 0s 0d
- January 11, 1763. Voted and allowed to William Carlton for  
boarding Mr. Walker and keeping his  
horse £6 0s 0d Massachusetts old tenor.
- July 13, 1763. Paid Josiah Ingalls for boarding Mr. Walker  
two days £1 10s 0d
- February 7, 1764. Voted Mr. Josiah Ingalls his account for  
boarding Mr. Walker which is £3 0s 0d
- July 25, 1764. Voted Mr. Josiah Ingalls £2 5s 0d for  
boarding Mr. Walker six days.

During this time nearly as much more was paid by the proprietors for the entertainment of “the minister,” without indicating the name of the individual.

That Mr. Walker received a call to settle is made certain by the following action of the proprietors under date of January 11, 1763:—

Unanimously voted to give Mr. Timothy Walker Junr. a call to setle with them in the gospill ministry amongst them in said township if he seeth fit.

Voted to give Mr. Timothy Walker Junr. one right of land Alowed for the ministers right and forty pounds sterling for a settlement with them in said Township.

Voted to give Mr. Timothy Walker Junr. forty pounds sterling a year for his salary, until the number of families amount to eighty, and after eighty to an hundred families forty-five pounds, and after an hundred families fifty pounds sterling annually, and Thirty Cords of wood at his Door yearly when called for.

Voted and chose John Lovejoy, Jonathan Stanley and Enoch Hale a committee to carry Mr. Timothy Walker Junr. there call, one of the three.

July 13, 1763. Voted John Lovejoy ten pounds Massachu-  
setts old tenor for going to penicook [now  
Concord] for to carry there call to Mr.  
Walker.

These items indicate that Mr. Walker preached here much of the time preceding the advent of Mr. Dean. The reasons of his refusal to accept the call are unknown, but may be more or less intimately connected and represented by the records, November 27, 1764, when it was voted to raise the money forthwith to pay the balance due Mr. Walker *to save trouble*, "and that it be paid by the first day of February next without fail." Mr. Walker, who received the first call to settle in Rindge, was a son of Rev. Timothy Walker, the first settled minister at Concord, then called Penacook. He was born at that place, June 27, 1737, was graduated at Harvard University, 1756. He preached about six years, when he relinquished the profession for an honored career in civil life. He was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1777,



and was Chief-Justice of that Court, 1804 to 1809. He died May 5, 1822.

The first settled minister was Rev. Seth Dean, who was ordained November 6, 1765, and remained until 1780,—about fifteen years. The first mention of Mr. Dean in the records occurs May 30, 1765, when it was decided “to hire him on probation to settle with them in the Gospel ministry,” and Nathaniel Page was selected “to agree with Mr. Dean, and to prepare a place for to board him at.”

It is probable that Mr. Dean was well received. A call was issued July 18, 1765, with the same settlement as voted Mr. Walker, and an annual salary of forty pounds sterling; but there was no pledge of like additions to correspond with the increase in the number of families, nor a promise of the thirty cords of wood. After the customary delay, the call was accepted. The following article is found in the warrant for a meeting of the proprietors convened October 1, 1765: “To see if the proprietors will agree on a day for the Ordination of Mr. Seth Dean for he hath given his Answer in the affirmative and to see if the proprietors will agree with Mr. Dean in choosing a council and to choose a committee to send out their letters misive in order for his ordanation on the day which they shall pitch upon, to the several churches they agree on to send to and also to provide a place to entertain the council convenient and handy to the meeting house.” November 6, 1765, was selected as the day of ordination, and Jonathan Stanley, Josiah Ingalls, and John Lovejoy were selected “to agree with Mr. Dean in ehusing the council and to send out letters misive to the several churches.”

Previous to his ordination, Mr. Dean received a payment for supplying the pulpit. October 1, 1765, “voted to give Mr. Seth Dean twenty shillings lawful money per day for

preaching and he bringeth in seventeen days." And at the same time Abel Platts was paid twenty-six pounds and five shillings "for boarding Mr. Dean and his horse keeping," which indicates that there had been ample time for mutual acquaintance and intelligent action.

Subsequently Abel Platts received four pounds for entertaining the council, and James Philbrick was paid two pounds and five shillings "for going to hamstid to company the minister to town." There is no such place on the map. Probably Hampstead, New Hampshire, is the town from which Mr. Philbrick escorted the minister. Moses Hale, senior, and his sons, Moses, Enoch, and Nathan, as well as his son-in-law, James Philbrick, came from that town to Rindge, and perhaps had enjoyed an earlier acquaintance with Mr. Dean, and proposed his settlement in this place. The churches represented at the ordination of Mr. Dean, and the clergy who participated in the proceedings, have eluded all research. At this time the church at Peterborough had been embodied six years, New Ipswich five years, Winchendon three years, Ashburnham five years. It is probable that some of these and others at a greater distance were represented. There were no church organizations in Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey, Temple, Mason, or Fitchburg, at this date.

The church was embodied in the autumn of 1765, and probably on the day of the ordination of the first settled minister. The records of the first fifteen years are very fragmentary. To Dr. Payson, who gathered and transcribed the memoranda left by Mr. Dean, the church is much indebted; no record book had previously been used. The first meeting of which we have any account was held January 1, 1766. Other meetings must have occurred during the autumn of the preceding year. The records

give the names of only five members at this date. There must have been more, and probably all who became members at the organization of the church are not given in the list. The names of John Lovejoy, Enoch Hale, Nathaniel Page, Jonathan Sherwin, and others, who certainly were members, are omitted. They probably were original members, and the list without doubt commences with the subsequent additions. During the first fourteen months of the ministry of Mr. Dean, or previous to January 1, 1767, twenty-two were added to the original organization; ten on profession, and twelve by letters of recommendation from the churches to which they had previously belonged, and fifteen owned the half-way covenant. During the remainder of his ministry, sixty-five additional members were received, and fifty more confessed the covenant, and were permitted to present their children for baptism. Seven of these subsequently became full members of the church, and are included in the former numbers. The letters of recommendation, by which members were received during Mr. Dean's ministry, were from the churches in Lunenburg, Topsfield, Boxford, Ipswich, Andover, Littleton, Lexington, Groton, Shirley, Scituate, Concord, Weymouth, Lincoln, and Ashburnham, in Massachusetts, and Hampstead, Mason, and New Ipswich, in New Hampshire. Many long and tiresome journeys over rude highways must have been made to procure these letters, which were their credentials of a good character borne in other places, and may have been presented with a reasonable pride. Yet in all their transactions relating to the church and the town, there are abundant evidences of sincerity, and a deep reverence for religious concerns. There were a few families whose religious opinions were not in harmony with the views entertained by a large majority of the inhabitants. They

were advocates of immersion, and ignored the efficacy of sprinkling as practiced in the newly embodied church. They also professed to believe that it was wrong and unscriptural to maintain a salaried clergy, or, in their own language, "to preach for hire." While they claimed to be Baptists, and are so styled upon the records, their position in regard to the salary of ministers was not in harmony with the Baptist Church at that period. At one time, in justification of their position, they requested the town to take notice of these passages of Scripture: "And the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money; yet will they lean upon the Lord and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us." "Who is there among you that would shut the doors for naught! Neither do ye kindle fire upon mine altar for naught. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts."

They probably contemplated, at one time, a permanent organization, and perhaps were associated in some bond of union, for they petitioned the proprietors for the privilege of building a meeting-house upon the Common. Their petition was not received until the control of public affairs had passed from that body, and their request was never presented to the town. They were few in numbers, but were men of ability and influence. There are good reasons for supposing that they occasionally had preaching of their own. And perhaps John Coffeen, one of their number, who sometimes preached after his removal from Rindge, officiated in that capacity while a resident of this town. Judging from their creed, public ministrations were not an expensive enjoyment, and may have been maintained for several years.

The creed of the church under Mr. Dean was much more generally accepted, and nearly the entire population

was included in his congregation. The proprietors constituted his parish, and after three years were succeeded by the town, which continued in this capacity for more than fifty years. While nearly all belonging to the church were citizens of the town, they were distinct organizations. In all matters of faith and observance of ceremonies, the church was independent of the town, and in the choice of officers and requisites of membership was subject to no external control. In the choice and settlement of ministers they acted in concurrence, and in the payment of the minister's salary, in building and repairing meeting-houses, the burden fell entirely upon the town. The money raised for these purposes was voted in town-meeting, and was assessed upon all in the same manner as a tax for highways, or for other public purposes. While parishes of this kind were generally efficient, and were certainly stable, they lacked one most important qualification — they were not voluntary, since all, without regard to creed, or their consent being had, were obliged to contribute to the support of the prevailing church. This system soon led to an issue. The men who settled Rindge never grumbled so long as they were suited; but whenever there was an occasion, wherever they thought their rights were not properly regarded, their voices were plainly heard. Among the early residents, John Coffeen, Henry Coffeen, Eleazer Coffeen, Stephen Jewett, Jonathan Jewett, Nathaniel Turner, and Joseph Gilson did not join the church, for one reason, at least, that they professed to be Baptists, and consequently were not in sympathy with the doctrines preached. These were soon joined by Ezekiel Jewett and Henry Godding, who recently had been brought under discipline, and soon after were excommunicated from the church for want of sympathy with the creed, and a failure to observe the ordinances, — or in other words

because they had embraced the Baptist creed. Their personal characters were unquestioned. These were among the most influential men in the town. Either of them was able to plead his own cause, and united they made a most formidable minority.

The Coffeens, sons of an Irish emigrant, were born in Massachusetts, and came from Lunenburg to Rindge; the Jewetts were also brothers and grandsons of a Congregational deacon, and came from Boxford; Nathaniel Turner was from Lancaster, and Joseph Gilson from Lunenburg; Henry Godding came from Lexington, and was a member of the church there. The settlement of these men in this town was no concerted act, and two of them at least, who joined the church when it was organized, could not have embraced this faith for some time after their residence here began. To such men it promptly occurred to ask the town to be excused from paying money from which they asked no benefit. Their petitions were received with that extreme kindness which often accompanies a denial. It was many years before any were excused from this tax. Their love of law and order manifested in the payment of the money when they had failed in their petitions, is fully equalled by the force of their protests. A few extracts from the records will more clearly define their position. In 1769 appears an article in a warrant for a town-meeting to see if the town will excuse any persons from paying their part of Mr. Dean's salary for reasons which may be offered. The records proceed as follows:—

The Question was put by the moderator whether the Town Would Hear those person's reasons, mentioned in the Warrant? Voted in the Affirmative; then the reasons were offered as following:



RINDGE January 3 1769

To the Gentlemen Selectmen and to the Town of Rindge. —  
The reasons of our not meeting with you were these — we are (1<sup>ly</sup>)  
against those that Preach for money or those that ask pay for  
kindling a Fire on Gods alter.

2<sup>ly</sup> We believe that Baptism is Rightly administered By Immer-  
sion only of Diping y<sup>e</sup> whole Body of the party in Water into the  
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
According to Christs Institution and the practice of the Apostles,  
and not by Sprinkling or Pouring of Water or Diping some part  
of the Body After the Tradition of men.

These reasons were signed by Ezekiel Jewett, Stephen  
Jewett, Jonathan Jewett, Henry Godding, Henry Coffeen,  
Joseph Gilson, Nathaniel Turner, John Coffeen, Eleazer  
Coffeen.

And on the back of said Reasons were writ Malachi Chapter 1  
Verse 10. Micah Chapter 3 Verse 11. The Reasons being Read  
And the Signers Heard thereon. The Question was put by the  
moderator — to see if the Town would Discharge those Signers  
from paying any Salary to the Reverend Mr. Seth Dean on those  
Reasons hear offered and Voted in the negative.

When the salary question was under consideration at the  
next meeting, they do not again ask to be excused, but  
entered their protest for conscience' sake: —

To the Gentlemen Selectmen and Inhabitants of Rindge. — We  
the Subscribers and others who at a former Town meeting Gave  
the town to know what our principles were do now Inform the  
Town that the Article Concerning the Minister Doth not Concern  
us in no Respect. Ezekiel Jewett, Henry Coffeen, John Coffeen,  
Henry Godding.



This paper was presented in open meeting by John Coffeen, and the clerk adds the statement: "After it was read the signers withdrew." Their next protest, dated March 15, 1770, was in these words: "We have nothing to Act on the Article concerning Mr. Seth Dean's Salary. We being of the Baptist profession."

In the year 1769, John Coffeen removed to Cavendish, Vt. His signature is not found on the last paper. In 1770, Henry Coffeen was one of the selectmen, and also Henry Godding in 1768. They assisted in the transaction of all town business and signed the official papers, except the minister's rate. In this tax they consistently refused their aid. Soon after, Jonathan Jewett, Henry Coffeen, and Nathaniel Turner removed to Jaffrey, where, for several years, there was no minister to support. Joseph Gilson and David Allen—a recent addition to their number—left town about this time, and, in 1777, Eleazer Coffeen joined his brother in Vermont. The others continued their residence, and died here. Their descendants are numerous.

It has been stated that Ezekiel Jewett and Henry Godding were once members of Mr. Dean's church, and there this failure of harmony in religious belief assumed a different aspect. Professing allegiance to a new doctrine, they gradually became less attentive to the ministrations and requirements of the old. In about two years from their admission, their position was called into question. The records introduce the controversy under date of April 24, 1768:—

The Church then met and after fervent Prayer to Almighty God for Direction a complaint was then made against Ezekiel Jewett, a member of s<sup>d</sup> church for his withdrawing himself from

public worship & turning his Back upon y<sup>e</sup> ordinance of y<sup>e</sup> Lords Supper which conduct of his was inquired into whether his withdrawing was sinful and unscriptural, after his Defence was made and heard, y<sup>e</sup> church tho<sup>t</sup> proper to adjourn s<sup>d</sup> meeting untill Thursday, y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> of June Next. to hear further and make further inquiry into s<sup>d</sup> case and y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> Jewett was then notified of s<sup>d</sup> meeting.

The case was adjourned from time to time, covering four meetings, without definite action. On the twelfth of December this record was made: "At a church meeting held by adjournment on the case of Ezekiel Jewett who had for a long time absented himself from y<sup>e</sup> word preached, and from special ordinances, concerning which conduct of said Jewett by a vote of y<sup>e</sup> church counsel was asked of an association." By a letter dated "New Ipswich, Nov. 9, 1769," their advice was "to treat y<sup>e</sup> case with much Tenderness and at present omit church discipline. We promise by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, for y<sup>e</sup> present, to Treat him with all Tenderness—but this we say in honor to Christs Church of which we are members and in faithfulness to our souls that ye above s<sup>d</sup> withdraw of s<sup>d</sup> Jewett, from special ordinances, is unscriptural and Sinful."

After putting themselves so squarely upon record, the case was suffered to rest until January 31 of the following year. A committee was then chosen, consisting of Amasa Turner, Deacon Josiah Ingalls, and Page Norcross, "to treat once more with said Jewett respecting his sinful withdraw, and to notify him that his case would be further considered October 31 next, and for him to attend s<sup>d</sup> chh. Meeting if he pleased & for s<sup>d</sup> com<sup>ttee</sup> to get all y<sup>e</sup> Light respecting his conduct against s<sup>d</sup> meeting; and also to treat with Henry Godding and Sarah Godding [his wife] and Mary Hammond respecting their withdraw from public

worship and special ordinances." Five more meetings were now held without action, except to add Rev. Seth Dean, Dea. John Lovejoy and Nathaniel Page to the committee to further treat with the absenting brothers and sisters. July 4, 1770, more than two years after the case was begun, it was finally voted "as to y<sup>e</sup> case of y<sup>e</sup> absenting brethren Ezekiel Jewett and Henry Godding y<sup>e</sup> church unanimously voted, for their long absenting themselves from public Worship and special ordinances and for their renouncing their infant Baptisms by being plunged into y<sup>e</sup> Water by a pretended minister and for their hard speeches respecting this church and y<sup>e</sup> church universal, and declared non communion with y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid Brethren and do abridge them all special church Privileges and ordered it to be committed to Record. As to y<sup>e</sup> absenting sisters their conduct in long withdrawing is at present bore with."

Mrs. Hammond soon removed from town. Twenty years later, at her request, Sarah Godding was restored to her former relations with the church. This feature of the early history of the church is passed without comment. The record is so plain that no one can fail to comprehend the animus and results of the proceedings. The church was united in the course pursued, and was left in a condition to enjoy and improve many years of peace and prosperity. Between the church and their pastor there is no evidence of discord or contention. The causes which led to his dismissal appear to be wholly connected with the town. The salary of Mr. Dean in the terms of the contract with the proprietors, in addition to a settlement of forty pounds sterling and the benefit of the ministerial lands, was "forty pounds sterling each year so long as he stands their minister and carrieth on

the gospel ministry among them." When the town succeeded to the management of public affairs, a proposition was made to him to release the proprietors from the former contract, and accept an annual payment from the town. The sum of fifty-three and one-third pounds lawful money was proposed, which was a fair equivalent to the forty pounds sterling named in the contract, but no definite time of payment was specified. The selectmen presented Mr. Dean with a copy of the vote:—

*Reverend Sir.*

We present the above Cobby of the Towns Vote For your Salery to you and Desire you Would Consider the Same and Give us an Answer in Writing as soon as Conveniently you Can, Whither the same is satisfactory to you And Whither you Will thereupon Release the said proprietors From their Vote and Contract that so We may be Enabled to make a Rate for your Salery for this Present year.

NATHANIEL RUSSELL } Selectmen  
WILLIAM CARLTON } of said Rindge.

To the Reverend Mr. Seth Dean.

The following curt reply immediately followed:—

*Gentlemen.*

Rec'd this proposal and considered the same and answered in the negative. Negatived for reasons which I am prepared to give when desired.

From Gentlemen Yours to serve  
SETH DEAN, Clerk.

To Nathaniel Russell and others selectmen.

August 12 1768.

In deeds and other legal papers the term "clerk" was formerly applied to the clergy to signify their profession, and official papers by them signed generally retained this

designation. Mr. Dean appears to have been satisfied with the amount, but he was not slow to perceive that a proposal of so much "a year," with no guarantee when the sum was to be paid, might reduce his cash on hand, and increase the balance due from the town in a very unsatisfactory manner. The town soon after paid him the amount for the first year and a half with a promptness that was acceptable to their pastor; but no permanent agreement had been made. To this end the town proposed "to give their Reverend Pausture the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Seth Dean a yearly Salary of fifty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Lawful Money so long as he shall continue to Supply the Pulpit in said town. And to give the said Reverend Mr. Dean liberty to be absent four Sabbaths in each year, if occasion calls him away or through sickness, without taking any thing from his salary." A committee waited upon Mr. Dean and brought back his reply:—

The above is negatived by me for reasons why when requested.

SETH DEAN, Clerk.

Perhaps at the request of the committee, or as the result of a second thought, a postscript is added:—

The reasons why the above is not complied with are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> It is foreign from the covenant that is already made with me.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Neither is it agreeable with my ordination charges.

SETH DEAN, Clerk.

RINDGE September y<sup>e</sup> 24 1770.

No specific contract was ever made between Mr. Dean and the town. The proposed sum was voted each year, and paid with reasonable promptness and regularity, and apparently to his acceptance, until during the war, when

the value of the currency began rapidly to decline, but a disposition to make up this loss was manifested. In the month of October, 1777, thirty pounds additional compensation was voted to make good the depreciation for that year, which appears to have been satisfactory to Mr. Dean. The following year a grant of one hundred and six and two-thirds pounds, paper money, was made. This sum was far from an equivalent to his original salary; and Mr. Dean soon reminded the town of the fact by refusing to receive any part of it. Another meeting was called, and the town adhered to their former vote, but acknowledged their inconsistency by proceeding to pledge themselves to raise three hundred pounds for the ensuing year if that sum would be accepted. The selectmen were requested "to wait upon Mr. Dean for his acceptance or non-acceptance." The dismissal of Mr. Dean, although two years deferred, is now plainly foreshadowed, and the cause—probably the only one—of the separation is made intelligible.

The selectmen reported that he refused to accept of that sum, whereupon the town immediately issued the following manifesto:—

In consideration of not having obtained the most distant hope of a peaceful settlement with the Rev. Mr. Dean for his late services although the same being sought for by our Selectmen and otherways both for the last as well as for the present year & to prevent any further difficulty or dispute in law or otherwise with the said Rev. Mr. Dean, (as in such case he could by no means be serviceable to this church and people) it is voted to chuse a Committee to treat with the Rev. Mr. Seth Dean in the name & behalf of the Town upon a final Separation & to agree with him for the time past of the present year, in such a sum as they shall think proper.—chose Enoch Hale Esqr. Dea. Francis Towne,



Edward Jewett, Mr. Jonathan Sherwin, Mr. Richard Kimball, Col<sup>o</sup>. Nathan Hale & Capt. Daniel Rand — a Committee aforesaid.

The meeting was adjourned for the purpose of hearing the report of this committee, who made known to the town that Mr. Dean accepted the proposed terms, and the town, according to the promise recently made, voted to raise the three hundred pounds, and the separation was deferred. When the time came to make a grant for another year, the sum of nine hundred pounds was voted. In the autumn of 1779, when this sum was proposed, it was a reasonable substitute for his original salary; but such was the rapid decrease in value, that by the time the payment was to be made it failed to be a fair remuneration for his services, and in March following the town proposed to grant in room of this sum his old salary of fifty-three and one-third pounds to be paid in commodities at their nominal value, "stating rye at four shillings, Indian corn at three shillings and four pence per bushel, beef at twenty shillings per hundred weight, and other things in proportion." This proposition possessed an air of substance and stability that must have been refreshing after his experience for the past two years. But he was not suffered to taste the fat of the land, for his dismissal occurred before the corn and the rye were brought to his granary, or the beef added to his store, to say nothing of his anticipations of "other things in proportion." The salary for this year, concerning which there had been so much legislation, was finally paid with paper money, and forty-eight hundred pounds was given as the salary of a single year, which is suggestive of the fleeting value of the currency during the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Dean, anticipating that a future support was uncertain, and in consideration of the great hardships and the



burdens of general taxation which rested upon the people, perhaps impossible, now asks for a dismissal. At a meeting held August 28, 1780, the town at first voted in the negative; but during the meeting, Mr. Dean sent in a communication, stating that the article was inserted in the warrant at his request, and subsequently came personally before the town and gave his reasons for such a course, whereupon the town "Voted at the request of Mr. Dean to dismiss him from his Pastoral Office in the Town of Rindge." The church concurred in this action of the town on the seventh of September, when it was also voted "to recommend their Reverend Pastor as a minister in regular standing, and continueing in the administration of special ordinances." A committee was chosen, at this meeting of the church, to prepare and sign a letter of recommendation to be delivered to him on Monday, September 11, 1780, when the connection between the pastor and the church would be dissolved.

Rev. Seth Dean, son of William and Sarah (Olcott?) Dean, was born in Plainfield, Connecticut, August 7, 1715; was graduated at Yale College in the class of 1738, and licensed to preach by the Windham County Association of Congregational Ministers August 28, 1739, and was therefore fifty years of age when he entered upon his labors in this town.

Mr. Dean married, about 1745, Mercy Fenner, of Providence, Rhode Island, by whom he had several children. She died in Rindge about 1776, and he married, second, Widow Allen, of Brookline, Connecticut. Additional information of this family will be found in the second part of this volume.

Where Mr. Dean had preached previous to his settlement in Rindge is unknown. The fact that he was

invariably referred to as *Mr.* Seth Dean previous to his ordination, and as *Rev.* Seth Dean after that event, is conclusive that this was his first settlement. Upon his dismissal from the church in this town, he removed to Connecticut, and supplied the pulpit in North Killingly—now East Putnam,—where he died April, 1782, a few months previous to the ordination of his successor.

The records of the church afford little information concerning the characteristics of the man. It is reasonably certain that during these fifteen years the affairs of the church were prudently and successfully managed. The very few and faint personal references to him that are to be found, are more suggestive of a successful ministry, and the preservation of a quiet and peaceful temper, than a greater notoriety which would have resulted from discord and contention.

In his intercourse with the town, he appears as an exact, dignified, and courteous gentleman, tenacious of his rights, yielding only for the sake of harmony, yet at all times ready to meet the inhabitants or their committees in friendly conference regarding questions that arose from time to time. Whenever his salary fell in arrears, the town was courteously reminded of its delinquency, and always in those well-chosen terms from which no offence could be drawn.

The duty of supplying the pulpit, until a call was to be issued, now fell entirely upon the town. Within a month after Mr. Dean's dismissal, Dea. Francis Towne, Captain Solomon Cutler, and Mr. Richard Kimball were chosen "to hire preaching for four Sabbaths at a time," and in December following, two thousand pounds were appropriated for this purpose, "including the last eight Sabbaths that is hired." This sum of money was equivalent to about one-half of Mr. Dean's annual salary, and would

secure preaching for several months. In March, 1781, two thousand pounds more was raised, and the same committee selected to supply the pulpit. Mr. Joseph Emerson was engaged by the committee, and continued to preach until near the date of his death, and was succeeded by Mr. Brown Emerson, who remained several months. Neither of them received a call.

Mr. Seth Payson, then a young man nearly twenty-three years of age, supplied the pulpit a few Sabbaths, when he received a call to settle. The votes of the church and of the town were as follows:—

July 9, 1781. “The church voted that Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> instant be appointed as a day of Fasting and Prayer in this town, to look to Almighty God for his Blessing and Direction, in particular for y<sup>e</sup> settlement of a gospel Minister in this town.

Also chose Messrs. Benj<sup>n</sup> Bancroft, Barnabas Barker, and Edward Jewett, a committee to desire them to attend on s<sup>d</sup> Day & join in Fasting & Prayer. viz: Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Farrar of New Ipswich, Payson of Fitchburg, Lee of Royalston, Cushing of Ashburnham, Brown of Winchendon, Brigham of Fitz William, and Fisk of Wilton.”

July 18. “The above mentioned Ministers all attended and this day was held by y<sup>e</sup> chh. and congregation in Rindge as a Day of Fasting & Prayer.”

July 24. “At a church Meeting in said Rindge y<sup>e</sup> chh. voted to give Seth Payson a call to Settle in this town as a Minister of y<sup>e</sup> gospel. Also Chose Messrs. John Lovejoy, Amasa Turner, Richard Kimball, Francis Towne & Edward Jewett, a committee to wait on said Payson & acquaint him of what the church had done. & if the town concur to present him with a copy of their vote.”

On the same day, the selectmen issued a warrant for a town-meeting, to be held on the seventh of August, at

which it was voted unanimously to second the call of the church, and a settlement of two hundred pounds was voted in case he accepted the invitation. This was to be paid in silver, at six shillings and eight pence per ounce, which gave it a definite value. This gratuity, as a settlement, in addition to the stated salary, was a common practice in the settlement of ministers at this date. It was also ordered that the salary be paid annually, but the amount was not named in the record of this meeting. Enoch Hale, Esq., Deacon John Lovejoy, Deacon Francis Towne, Edward Jewett, Mr. Jonathan Sherwin, Mr. Richard Kimball, and Mr. Ephraim Hunt were instructed to present Mr. Payson with a copy of the vote of the town. There is no record of his answer. The call was declined. Mr. Payson, however, continued to supply the pulpit; and, with occasional assistance in the administration of the ordinances in which he was not qualified until he had been ordained, it is probable he remained in this capacity until his ordination. The next year the call was renewed; or, more accurately, at the unanimous request of both church and town he withdrew his former answer, and accepted the original invitation. The action of the church was on the fifth of September, and two days later, at a meeting previously called, evidently in anticipation of this event, the town concurred in the request of the church. Both bodies chose the same committees that presented the call, to communicate to Mr. Payson their continued desires. Mr. Payson's letter of acceptance is dated October 17, and his ordination occurred December 4, 1782. The church and pastor-elect joined in invitations to the churches in Chelsea, Dedham, Fitchburg, New Ipswich, Wilton, Ashburnham, Winchendon, Royalston, and Fitzwilliam. With the exception of the church at Dedham, the pastors of these

churches were present. The church records furnish no information of the parts assigned to each; yet the "History of New Ipswich" preserves the fact that the charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Stephen Farrar, of that place, and another record announces that the sermon was preached by Rev. Phillips Payson, of Chelsea.

The town selected the day of the ordination, and made ample arrangements for the occasion. In the true democratic spirit, a town-meeting was called to give all a voice in these preliminaries, when it was "voted that the first Wednesday of December next be the day for the ordination of Mr. Seth Payson; also voted to choose a Committee of five men to provide for the Council, chose Capt. Solomon Cutler, Mr. Richard Kimball, Enoch Hale, Esqr., Mr. Jonathan Sherwin, and Mr. Benjamin Bancroft for said committee; also chose Capt. Othniel Thomas, Capt. Philip Thomas, Lieut. King Lapham, Lieut. Jacob Gould and Mr. Abel Perkins a committee to prop up the gallery & take care of the meeting house on s<sup>d</sup> day."

Lieut. Ebenezer Fitch was paid thirteen pounds and ten shillings "for entertaining the venerable council," and "Major Leme Page received three pounds for keeping forty horses one night for the council." It appears to have been a council of forty-horse power that ordained Dr. Payson. In those days such occasions were well attended, and called in many from the surrounding towns, who cheerfully braved the cold of December, and, without fire, endured the frosty air through the prolonged session, warmed only by their contemplation of the doctrinal questions proposed by the learned divines, or by an occasional speculation concerning the soundness of the views of the candidate.

At this late day it would be difficult to ascertain, with absolute certainty, the causes which prevented Mr. Payson

from accepting the call when first issued. His refusal to settle may have been intimately connected with the practice of owning the covenant, which the church at this time tolerated, and of which he never approved; and it is certain that when he finally accepted their invitation, it was with the agreement that this practice should no longer prevail. The church may have hesitated the entire year between their preference for Mr. Payson and their desire to retain the covenant privileges before they consented to discard the latter, and open the way for an acceptance of the call.

The practice of "owning the covenant," which has been mentioned in connection with Mr. Dean's ministry, and with the settlement of Dr. Payson, consisted in permitting parents publicly to give their assent to the creed of the church, or "own the covenant" as it was styled, which gave them the privilege of presenting their children for baptism, but not of communion. These persons did not necessarily profess any moral qualifications of membership, but simply an intellectual assent to the creed, and were generally styled "half way members." They were not amenable to church discipline, but sometimes, when received to these limited privileges, were required to confess any open fault or offence. Such confessions upon ancient church records do not prove full membership as many have supposed, and are quite as likely to refer to the one as the other class of admissions. This custom was nearly or quite universally accepted until near the close of the past century, and from this practice springs another term of similar origin, "admitted to full communion," as formerly used in distinction from those admitted to the rites of baptism only.

During the ministry of Mr. Payson, the church was materially increased in membership. During the early



period of his labors there were no revivals, and the apparent results of his preaching and influence are manifested in a constant and uniform growth, in an entire freedom from internal disturbance, and in overcoming a tendency of the times for new creeds and doctrines. From 1780 until 1790, the smallest number of additions in any year was four, and the largest was ten; during the second ten years, the aggregate was nearly the same. In 1797 there is no record of any admission, and this is the only year in which no new members were received. Through the first decade of the present century the average number is slightly increased, but the greatest numbers are recorded during the later years of his ministry. In 1812, there were twenty-seven; in 1816, there were twelve. The whole number of members added to the church in the term of his pastorate of thirty-seven years, was two hundred and thirty-one, and about four hundred and fifty children were baptized.

The salary of Dr. Payson for several years was eighty-five pounds. This sum he continued to receive until 1795, when his salary was paid, for the first time, in Federal money. At this time, \$283.33 was paid as a substitute for the former amount. Before another payment fell due, his salary, by vote of the town, had been increased to \$333.33, which sum was paid him until 1816, when it was again increased, and from this date \$500 was paid to the close of his pastorate, and was continued, in fact, several months beyond his death. The payment for the last year was made to his widow. The salary of Dr. Payson should be brought into comparison with the salaries of the clergymen of his time rather than of the present. If the amount was not large, it was paid with unusual regularity, and during his prolonged ministry was never



suffered to fall in arrears. Dr. Payson built and owned the house in which he resided. After his death, his son, Henry Payson, as administrator of the estate, sold the house and thirty acres of land to the town, which soon after became the property of the society connected with the Congregational Church, and has been retained as a parsonage to the present day.

Rev. Seth Payson, D. D., was the youngest son of Rev. Phillips Payson, of Walpole, Massachusetts. Rev. Phillips Payson, a son of Samuel and Mary Payson, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was born in February, 1705, graduated at Harvard University 1724, and was ordained over the church at Walpole September 16, 1730. He married, December 5, 1733, Anne Swift, daughter of Rev. John and Sarah (Tileston) Swift, of Framingham, and sister of Rev. John Swift, of Acton. She died about 1756, and Mr. Payson married October, 1757, Kezia (Bullen) Morse, widow of Deacon Seth Morse, of Medfield, and daughter of John and Mehitabel (Fisher) Bullen. Four of the sons of Rev. Phillips Payson were ministers. Rev. Phillips Payson, born January 18, 1736, graduated at Harvard 1754, ordained over the church at Chelsea, Massachusetts, October 26, 1757, and died January 11, 1801. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Rev. Samuel Payson, born April 26, 1738, graduated at Harvard 1758, ordained over the church at Lunenburg, Massachusetts, September 8, 1762, and died February 14, 1763. Rev. John Payson, born January 6, 1746, graduated at Harvard 1764, ordained over the church at Fitchburg, Massachusetts—the first settled minister in that town,—January 16, 1768, was dismissed by a mutual council on account of his infirmities May 2, 1794, and died May 21, 1804. Rev. Seth Payson, only child of the second wife, was born September 30, 1758, graduated at Harvard

1777, ordained at Rindge December 4, 1782, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Dartmouth College 1809, and died February 26, 1820.

The father and his sons were able ministers and excellent men. Eminently successful in their profession, they also evinced a lively interest and exerted a great influence in civil affairs. Of that member of this illustrious family, who labored so many years in Rindge, Rev. Isaac Robinson, D.D., has written:—

Little is now known respecting his early youth except that he had a feeble constitution and was subject to epilepsy, which threatened him with loss of reason and premature death. He was, however, free from that malady during the greater part of his life, and enjoyed vigorous health till within less than a year of his death. In 1773 he entered Harvard College, where he enjoyed the esteem and affection of both his instructors and fellow students. Possessed of a versatile and comprehensive mind, and a habit of intense application, he made rapid progress in the acquisition of knowledge; and when he graduated in 1777, he received one of the highest honors of his class.

It is universally conceded that Dr. Payson possessed much more than common abilities. His intellect was sharp and vigorous, his imagination lively, and his memory highly retentive. His acquisitions were extensive and varied; and there were few subjects on which he could not converse with intelligence, and no class of men that were not interested in listening to him. He was known as a distinguished civilian in New Hampshire, and held a seat in the Senate of that State, and was regarded as one of its ablest members. But, though he paid considerable attention to political economy, and was somewhat in political life, yet theology was his favorite study, and the ministry his favorite work. As his ideas were all admirably arranged in his own mind, so he was able to communicate them to others with great clearness and force. His brethren in the ministry were always gratified and edified by

his conversation. As a preacher his reputation was deservedly high. His sermons were plain, luminous expositions of Divine truth, fitted at once to secure attention, to awaken the conscience, and impress the heart. He excelled especially in devotional exercises. Free alike from affectation, uniformity, and tedious repetition, his prayers were appropriate and impressive to a degree rarely surpassed. He was laborious and faithful, and possessed in a high degree the esteem of his flock. But it was not by them alone that he was held in high estimation. He had a reputation that was far from being confined even to his own State. He was frequently called to preach on important occasions, and I believe he never failed to satisfy public expectation.

These testimonies of Dr. Robinson, who was thoroughly acquainted with Mr. Payson, and who carefully penned this tribute, nearly thirty years after the death of his friend and former associate in the ministry, possess an authority which no present writer could sustain. The labors of Dr. Payson were early extended beyond the limits of his parish. As a councillor and arbitrator, his advice and assistance were extensively sought and cheerfully afforded. Very few have been more frequently called to meet in council or assist at ordinations, and several discourses on these occasions were printed. In 1799, he preached the annual sermon before the legislature of New Hampshire, from the text, "One sinner destroyeth much good." The discourse was well received, and is said to have had no small influence in leading the General Court to revise and strengthen the statutes for the observance of the Sabbath. If men of his boldness and plainness of speech were to preach before the legislatures of modern times, it is highly probable that a unit of sinners would be found entirely too limited for a theme of their discourses.

In 1802, Dr. Payson published a duodecimo volume of 290 pages, entitled: "Proofs of the Real Existence and Dangerous Tendencies of Illuminism." The work could easily be misunderstood at the present day. The argument is mainly directed against certain French and German societies, the members of which were styled "The Illuminati," and contained many vigorous protests against their influence in this country. It was believed and pretty thoroughly proved by the author that these societies were aiming at the overthrow of Christianity, and were destined to threaten the safety of the institutions of the American Republic. It is not an argument against secret societies in general, but a most bitter invective against this particular organization. The book was extensively read, and the flattering notices which it attracted are conclusive that the argument was better understood than is possible at the present day.

Several occasional sermons by Dr. Payson were printed. The following list is believed to be complete: A Sermon at the Ordination of Ebenezer Hill, at Mason, 1790; A Sermon at the Ordination of Joseph Brown, 1795; A Sermon at the Consecration of the Social Lodge in Ashby, 1799; New Hampshire Election Sermon, 1799; A Sermon at the Interment of Mrs. Sybel Waters, wife of Rev. Cornelius Waters, of Ashby, 1802; An Abridgment of two Fast Sermons at Rindge, 1805; A Sermon at the Interment of John Cushing, 1806; A Sermon at the Ordination of Edward Payson, 1808; A Sermon at the Interment of Rev. Stephen Farrar at New Ipswich, 1809; A Sermon at the Ordination of Joel Wright, 1812; An Abridgment of two Sermons at Rindge, 1815; A Sermon at the Funeral of Rev. Levi Pillsbury, at Winchendon, 1819.

In 1802-3 and 4, Dr. Payson was a member of the Senate of this State, and was at once recognized as an able

and efficient member. The journals of those sessions, with the frequent assignment of Mr. Payson to draft important reports, and the merit of many papers of his authorship, are enduring monuments to his memory. He was one of the founders of the academy at New Ipswich, and a trustee of that institution for more than thirty years.

In 1813 he was elected a trustee of Dartmouth College, and ably filled the position until his death. During the unhappy controversy between the College and the Legislature, he took a decided position for the maintenance of the chartered rights of that institution, and lived to see his opinions sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1815 he represented the General Association of New Hampshire in an important Ecclesiastical Convention held at Philadelphia. For several years he was Vice-President of the New Hampshire Bible Society, and also a member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

In 1819, an effort was made to change the location of Williams College. Many towns made liberal propositions to secure its location in their midst. These rival claims were so vigorously presented that the question was mutually referred to Mr. Payson, Chancellor Kent, of New York, and Governor Smith, of Connecticut. He performed the duties of this appointment. Immediately following these labors he had an epileptic fit, and returned to his home much debilitated. He soon apparently rallied, and was able to resume his pastoral labors, but failed to regain his accustomed strength and vigor. He had previously received the appointment to preach the annual sermon before the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in September of that year. This appointment, at a late day, he was obliged to decline.

The first evidence manifested of a permanent mental infirmity occurred on the occasion of a Thanksgiving discourse, from which it was clearly seen that his mind was disordered, and his intellect was suffering even more extremely than his general health. He remained in an inanimate state of mind, with many lucid intervals, until his death; and, whenever reason returned, his great solicitude, which found earnest expression, was for the future welfare of his parish and family.

Dr. Payson died February 26, 1820. The funeral discourse, which was afterwards printed, was preached by Rev. Isaac Robinson, of Stoddard, from the text, "For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

In accordance with a custom then prevailing, and affording a very proper expression of sympathy for a bereaved congregation, the pulpit was supplied for several Sabbaths, after the death of Dr. Payson, by the ministers of the neighboring churches. Subsequently Mr. Wright was engaged to preach three Sabbaths, and soon after Mr. Goddard preached for an equal length of time. Neither of them was a candidate for settlement. Late in the autumn, Mr. Elijah Demond supplied the pulpit five weeks, and in January, 1821, received a call. Almost simultaneously he received an invitation from the church in West Newbury, Massachusetts, to which he gave preference. Mr. Demond was born at Rutland, Massachusetts, November 1, 1790; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1816; at Andover, 1820. He was preceptor of New Ipswich Academy for a short time, and after a dismissal from West Newbury he



was settled over the churches at Lincoln, Holliston, and Princeton, Massachusetts.

When no clergyman was secured to preach, Deacon Benjamin Kingsbury occupied the pulpit. He had studied theology with Dr. Payson, but had never formally entered the ministry. He labored for half price, and in this way he preached a continuous sermon on the subject of frugality. His discourses are said to have been of respectable merit, yet fearfully long, as if he mistrusted their quality and was anxious to compensate in measure. Early in this year Rev. Mr. Kendrick preached two, and Rev. William Goodell nine, Sabbaths. In May, a call was extended to the latter, which was declined on account of the proposed salary, which, for some unexplained reason, was less than the sum offered to Mr. Demond. Mr. Goodell graduated at Dartmouth College 1816, at Andover 1820, and was the well known missionary at Constantinople from 1822 to 1865. He died in Philadelphia, February 18, 1867. It will be perceived that Mr. Goodell and Mr. Demond were contemporary with Dr. Burnham at Dartmouth, and at the Seminary.

About the first of August, Mr. Burnham visited Rindge for the first time, while journeying from Andover to Vermont, where a field of labor was inviting him, and, at the suggestion of Dr. Leonard Wood, he called at Rindge and accepted an invitation to preach on the following Sabbath. Dr. Wood was one of the instructors in the Theological Seminary at Andover, where Mr. Burnham had recently completed the prescribed course of study, and knowing that the church was destitute of a pastor, he wrote to Deacon Brown, recommending that Mr. Burnham be invited to remain. Happily the letter is preserved. A brief extract, truthful in a high degree, will be approvingly



read by the many who cherish the memory of Dr. Burnham, and, in connection with his blameless life, will be seen in the light of the fulfillment of a prophecy: "We consider him a young man of sterling worth; though he makes no display he has solid talents and a very blameless character, and is a remarkably sincere, honest, plain-hearted man." Mr. Burnham had not passed his student life unobserved. With such gifts of intellect and heart he approached the pulpit vacated by the death of Dr. Payson. It was soon apparent that his contemplated mission to Vermont was to be deferred. The labor of a life-time had met him on the way. On the sixth of September the church unanimously invited him to remain. In this action the society concurred by a vote of eighty-three, and none in the negative. His letter of acceptance was dated October 13, and his ordination occurred November 14, 1821, having supplied the pulpit continuously since his arrival in town. The church chose Deacon Hubbard, Deacon Brown, and John Perry; to this number the society joined Ezra Thomas and Samuel L. Wilder, Esqs., to communicate the call to Mr. Burnham. The society also chose William Sherwin, Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., Capt. Joel Raymond, and Deacons Hubbard and Brown, to make arrangements for the entertainment of the council.

The clergymen who composed the council, and took part in the ordination, were Rev. Laban Ainsworth, of Jaffrey, who was moderator, and gave the Ordaining Prayer; Rev. Eber L. Clark, of Winchendon, Scribe; Rev. Richard Hall, of New Ipswich, Introductory Prayer; Rev. Abraham Burnham, of Pembroke, Sermon from the text, "For we are laborers together with God"; Rev. John Cushing, D. D., of Ashburnham, Charge; Rev. John M. Putnam, of Ashby, Right Hand of Fellowship; Rev. John Sabin, of Fitzwilliam,

Concluding Prayer. The council was feasted by Deacon Brown, and at a moderate expense, which indicates considerable change in the custom of the times, on such occasions, since the ordination of Dr. Payson.

The pastorate of Dr. Burnham was a continued era of concord. Forty-six years were added to the registers of the church and of the society, without occasion to record the existence of any serious contention. Within a year from his ordination, forty-eight persons were added to the membership of the church, and during his ministry five hundred and sixteen admissions are recorded, and almost an equal number were baptized, while the aggregate of his parochial labors is beyond computation. Much of the history of this period, which is associated with other events, will be found elsewhere.

The salary of Dr. Payson was paid throughout by the town; that of Dr. Burnham was paid by the society, which succeeded the town as a parish. The amount of Dr. Burnham's nominal salary was never changed during his entire ministry, and was four hundred dollars and the use of the parsonage, which was kept in repair by the society. During the later years of his ministry, the donation visits became more frequent, and the amount of the grateful offerings of his parish more considerable, and many supplies of wood were left at his door and fitted for the stove by cheerful labor. Concerning the promptness with which his salary was paid during his long ministry, Dr. Burnham has written: "The salary has been paid in one sum, and for twenty or more years by one individual — Jason B. Perry, Esq., — and on the very day specified in the contract, excepting the years when the day of payment has fallen on the Sabbath; then the money has been paid on the preceding day; and this admirable habit, so excellent in its influence on pastor

and people, has produced such confidence that the pastor feels about as sure that his salary will be paid at the appointed time as that the sun will rise that day."

Rev. Amos Wood Burnham, D. D., was a son of Deacon Samuel and Mary (Perkins) Burnham, and was born in Dunbarton, New Hampshire, August 1, 1791. He entered Dartmouth College 1811, and, having maintained an honorable standing, was graduated 1815. He pursued the study of theology at Andover, and in 1818 was licensed to preach. Previous to his ordination at Rindge, he was preceptor of the Blanchard Academy at Pembroke, New Hampshire, an institution which owed its origin to his brother, Rev. Dr. Abraham Burnham, and whose society and instructions he enjoyed during his residence at that place.

Mr. Burnham was of small yet not diminutive stature, of light complexion, with a clear blue eye, expressive of unalloyed kindness and sensibility. The briefest acquaintance would recognize his sincerity, while a prolonged observation would lead to no discoveries, for he was without guile. The fact of his lameness, and that from his youth he walked with a cane, might easily escape mention. His body swayed in his walk, but he did not limp. There were no angles in his movements, and no infirmity could rob him of his native comeliness. An unassuming and courteous demeanor marked his intercourse with his fellow-men. In all his social sympathies his heart was fresh and young to the last, and continually beamed from a countenance that was never clouded with severity. Possessing no common degree of amiability and kindness, he failed not of a full measure of rational courage and an unhesitating decision of purpose, which suffered the evasion of no truth that appealed to the conscience of men. With him there was no affectation. He was a minister in the pulpit and out of it. He

would unbend at times, and always enjoyed innocent humor with keen relish, but never lowered himself beneath the line of a graceful and serene dignity. His opinions were so moulded into his life, and wrought into the texture of his character, that all his works were the pure waters from the fountain of his religion; and he lived so thoroughly the doctrines of his faith, that his life was one continuous sermon.

In expressing his opinions on questions of moment, he was considerate and guarded, and met new problems with great caution; but when his purposes were once formed, and his opinions moulded, he was tenacious of his conclusions, and unyielding in their maintenance; and while he sometimes shrewdly evaded collisions, he never failed in courage to express his sentiments and openly meet the issue whenever the occasion demanded it. The manner and method were so consistent and uniform, that with him and his labors there were no reactions. Everything grew, and nothing sprang into existence. Each step was a permanent advance, and every new position gained became a base for continued progress.

In theological views he was of the old-school New England stamp, clear and steadfast, yet candid and consistent. While he was fond of "holding on," as he was accustomed to say, he was not illiberal, and when compared with others of the same school of theology, his views were marked with the full progress of the age in which he lived.

He was remarkable for his thorough and familiar knowledge of the Scriptures, and was never at a loss for an appropriate quotation on any occasion. From his extensive theological knowledge and direct methods of reasoning, Dr. Burnham might have been an able controversial exponent of

the church, but he was an ardent lover of peace, and more frequently sought those fields wherein evangelical men were in harmony, than those in which they differed; and was always sensible to the evils of partisan and heated discussion, and earnestly endeavored to avoid the danger of unnecessary controversy.

As a preacher, he was eminently scriptural and instructive. The plan of his discourse was never complex, and the arrangement of thought was so logical and chastely rendered, that the most cultivated listened with delight, and yet so lucid and natural that all could follow him understandingly. His sermons were always constructed with care, and his thoughts so aptly expressed, that little was left for inference. He read his sermons closely and without action, yet with considerable emphasis, and in a manner of such sincerity and earnestness, that they seldom were carelessly received. He did not rely upon an extreme imagination, nor upon an excitement of the natural sympathies, but upon a full and clear presentation of truth in its immediate and practical relations to the lives of men. He generally sought to fix a few thoughts in one discourse, and for this purpose often repeated the prominent ideas until they were deeply rooted in the minds of his hearers. His voice was clear, pleasant, and well modulated; his manner of preaching earnest and solemn. If he did not rise to lofty strains of pathos and fervency, he possessed much of the eloquence of sincerity, simplicity, and earnestness.

In other labors he was no less distinguished. Rev. Dr. Barstow has paid this fitting tribute to the memory of his friend and fellow-laborer:—

In thorough and practical knowledge of theology, in ecclesiastical law and usages of the church, he was well skilled. His counsel was widely sought, and he was much esteemed for his wisdom, judgment, and impartial decisions. He was always prominent in all measures pertaining to the welfare of society; and the town of Rindge owes much of its good name to the influence of his faithful labors.

Dr. Burnham was a frequent contributor to the religious press. The tract prepared by him, "The Infidel Reclaimed," has been translated into several languages, and widely circulated. A discourse, delivered November 14, 1861, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his pastorate, is a model historical production. This was published, as was also sermons on the life and character of Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., 1863, and of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, of Mason, 1858.

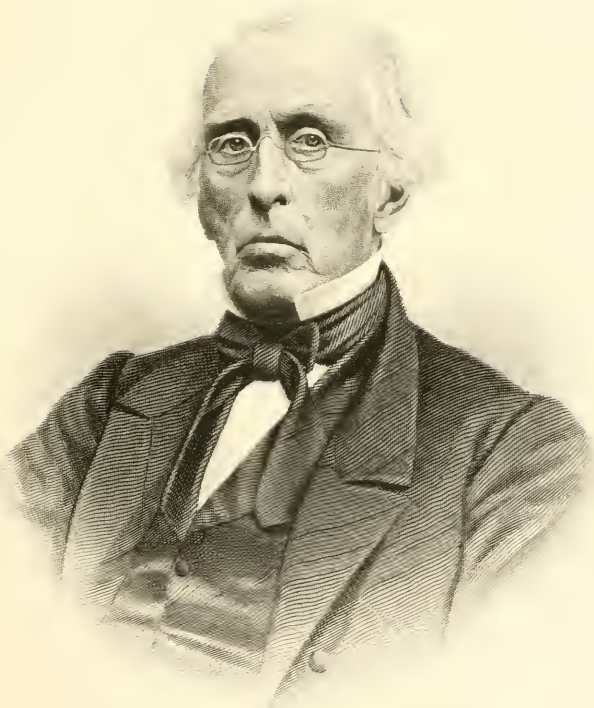
Dr. Burnham represented the town in the Legislature 1854 and 1855. In 1858, the trustees of Dartmouth College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity; and for more than thirty years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy at New Ipswich.

At the close of forty-five years of constant and uninterrupted ministrations, Dr. Burnham presented a written communication, requesting a release from active pastoral labor. A mutual council was convened November 14, 1867, the forty-sixth anniversary of his settlement, when the connection so happily existing for nearly fifty years was dissolved.

The labor of these many years was rendered without parade or high pretension. He never recounted his trials, nor seemed to realize the amount of work he had performed.

In the following words, written of another, many will recognize a similitude of their former pastor: "That which was most admirable about him was not his doing so much,





*A. W. Burnham*





but that having done so much he seemed to think he had done nothing. With him it seemed to be an instinctive impulse to esteem others above himself. Few men have ever had more of the spirit of the disciple whom Jesus loved. Whithersoever he came he said, 'Little children, love one another,' not indeed always in so many words, but all his words seemed to say this. It was scarcely possible to fix one's eyes on his mild, calm, benevolent countenance without feeling one's heart softened, without feeling something of an answering kindness of a like good will towards men."

Rev. Amos Wood Burnham, D.D., died at the residence of his daughter in Keene, April 9, 1871. His funeral sermon was preached by his life-long friend, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D.D., of Keene. A memorial discourse, containing many passages of rare beauty and chaste expression, was delivered by Rev. Dennis Powers, the acting pastor of the church at Rindge. The discourses were printed, and are grateful tributes to the memory of a faithful pastor and an upright man.

From November 14, 1867, until June 3, 1873, was an era of supplies; the events are so recent and so carefully preserved in the records, that no extended account is here given. It was a period in which many were called and few chosen. Rev. Lysander Dickerman supplied the pulpit for several months during this period, and such were his fraternal sympathies and natural kindness of heart, that it took but little time or proximity to know him well. Of superior intellectual strength and cultivation, his sermons were uniformly thoughtful and attractive. He received a call, which was declined. Subsequently Rev. Dennis Powers was engaged, from time to time, as acting pastor, until the connection was severed by a long and severe

sickness. He remained nearly three years, but was unwilling to be considered a candidate for settlement, and for this reason no call was extended. As a preacher, Mr. Powers was always interesting, instructive, and impressive. He has a voice of rare compass, and modulated with uncommon effect. His sermons were elaborately and carefully composed, and replete with beauty of thought and expression. During his residence in Rindge he was twice elected Chaplain of the New Hampshire Legislature, where his cultivated manners and social qualities surrounded him with flattering attention.

In March, 1873, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Frank G. Clark, which was accepted. He was ordained June 3, 1873.

The clergymen who composed the council and took part in the installation services were: Rev. F. J. Fairbanks, Ayer, Massachusetts, Invocation; Rev. W. J. Tucker, Manchester, New Hampshire, Sermon, from the text, "But faith which worketh by love"; Rev. R. Case, Jaffrey, Prayer of Installation; Rev. D. Foster, Winchendon, Charge; Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough, Right Hand of Fellowship; Rev. C. W. Wallace, D.D., Manchester, Charge to the People.

Rev. Frank Gray Clark, son of James L. and Hannah (Baldwin) Clark, was born in Francestown, New Hampshire, February 22, 1838. He pursued a preparatory course of study at Appleton Academy, Mount Vernon, and was graduated at Amherst College 1862. During the succeeding five years he was principal of the Francestown Academy. In this position he was highly successful, and enjoyed the unqualified respect of his pupils and of the community. Subsequently he pursued a course of study at Andover Theological Seminary, and graduated 1869; was ordained

in September of that year, and entered upon the labors of his calling, as city missionary in Manchester, on the first of the following October. In this work he was earnestly engaged until April 1, 1873, when he resigned upon his acceptance of the call from the church and society in Rindge. Mr. Clark has zealously entered upon his labors under favorable auspices, and in the lives of his predecessors he has worthy patterns for imitation.

Since the organization of the church, fourteen persons have officiated as deacons. The list gives the date of each election, and all present incumbents excepted, have held the office until their death or removal from the town:—

John Lovejoy,	1767, died	1795
Josiah Ingalls,	1767, “ about	1774
Francis Towne,	1776, “	Aug. 11, 1811
Edward Jewett,	1780, “	Jan. 12, 1825
Eleazer Blake,	1801, “	Sept. 27, 1852
David Barker,	1812, “	June 16, 1816
Hezekiah Hubbard,	1804 or earlier,—died	April 22, 1822
Ebenezer Brown,	1817, died	Aug. 4, 1849
Benjamin Eddy,	1823, removed to Newton, Mass.,	1827
Adin Cummings,	1830, “ “ Jaffrey,	1855
Luther Goddard,	1830, died	April 26, 1858
Joseph B. Breed,	1851, “	Sept. 23, 1864
Omar D. Converse,	1856.	
Jeremiah Norcross,	1864.	

The following have also been chosen by the church, but declined to be qualified: Jonathan Sherwin, 1776; Ezra Thomas, 1823; Enos Blake, 1830; and Thomas Jewett, 1864. Deacon Benjamin Kingsbury, Deacon James Bancroft, and Deacon William M. Lamb, whose names occur upon our records, were officers of other churches previous to their removal to Rindge.

For nearly a century there has been what is styled a “standing committee” connected with the church, whose duty has been such as is usual in similar organizations. In earlier times each committee was chosen for a special

purpose, and was discharged as soon as that duty was performed. February 10, 1786, the first committee to serve for an unlimited time was chosen, and for the next seven years Deacon Lovejoy, Deacon Towne, Deacon Jewett, Barnabas Barker, Ephraim Hunt, Samuel Page, and David Adams served upon this committee. February 1, 1793, the committee was reorganized, and their particular duties defined to be "to inquire into the qualifications of such as desire to unite with the church, and to take notice of the improper conduct of any member." From this date the committee has been continuous. The list gives the order of election and duration of service:—

Dea. Francis Towne,	1793,	died Aug. 11, 1811
Dea. John Lovejoy,	1793,	" 1795
Dea. Edward Jewett,	1793,	" Jan. 12, 1825
Jonathan Sherwin,	1793,	" Feb. 23, 1804
Benjamin Kingsbury,	1793,	" June 10, 1827
Dea. Hezekiah Hubbard,	1793,	" April 22, 1822
Dea. David Barker,	1793,	" June 16, 1816
Thomas Wetherbee,	1793, removed 1800.	
Eliphaz Allen,	1812, resigned 1838,	" Oct. 24, 1846
William Barker,	1823,	" Oct. 25, 1830
Ezra Thomas,	1823,	" April 5, 1855
John Perry,	1823, resigned 1832,	" Aug. 7, 1834
Dea. Benjamin Eddy,	1823, removed 1827,	" 1852
Gates Rand,	1823, resigned 1830,	" Jan. 21, 1858
Enos Blake,	1832,	" Dec. 3, 1867
James Robbins,	1832,	" Nov. 27, 1859
Samuel Stearns,	1838,	" April 6, 1871
Dea. Joseph B. Breed,	1838,	" Sept. 23, 1864
Dea. Jeremiah Norcross,	1851.	
Dea. Omar D. Converse,	1856.	
Jason B. Perry,	1858.	
Thomas Jewett,	1858, removed 1865.	
James Ramsdell,	1864,	" Sept. 20, 1873
Otis Hubbard,	1864.	
Stephen Hale,	1872.	
Ivers H. Brooks,	1872.	
Martin L. Goddard,	1872.	
George R. Thomas,	1872,	" May 20, 1873

## CHAPTER X.

### *ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY CONTINUED.*

Charter Stipulations Concerning Meeting-Houses.—The Common.—Fears of the Indians.—Voted to Build a Meeting-House.—Building Raised.—Cost of First Meeting-House.—House Occupied.—Seating of the Meeting-House.—Second Meeting-House Built.—Cost of Building.—Preparations for the Raising.—Dedication.—Members of other Denominations Excused from the Ministerial Tax.—Religious Society Organized.—The Methodists ask for Privileges in the Meeting-House.—Town Grants the Society Liberty to Remodel the Meeting-House.—Extensive Repairs Made.—Internal Arrangement.—Repairs made in 1870.—Reduction of Society Debt.

A CLAUSE in all the charters granted by the Masonian proprietors required the grantees to build a convenient meeting-house in each grant within five years from the date of their charter, provided they were not prevented by Indian hostilities.

At the first meeting of the proprietors or grantees of Monadnock Number One, under date of February 13, 1750, it was voted “that in four years from October last past there be a meeting-house built in said Town at y<sup>e</sup> charge of y<sup>e</sup> proprietors.” But this early promise was for several years delayed, although in the meantime twenty acres in the exact centre of the town had been reserved for a site for the edifice, and was frequently referred to as the “meeting-house place,” and occasionally as the “training

ground." This common of spacious proportions included the present common, the cemetery, and extended as far south as the residence of Miss Sarah Shurtleff, and was there bounded by an east and west line of about fifty-six and one-half rods. The opposite boundary of equal width was north of the Methodist parsonage.

When the prescribed time in which the proprietors had voted to build had almost expired, and no progress being made, the records under date of September 24, 1754, give the following reasons for the failure: "Whereas, this Propriety are enjoined by Charter to build a Meeting-House in said tract amongst other things conditioned in order for compliance with the Grant, under Reservation of their being no Indian Warr within the time limited for doing the said duty and Inasmuch as at present the Indians have made devastation and committed Hostilities on our Frontiers That we esteem it Hazardous both as to our lives in performing said work as well as the Indians consuming it when done. Therefore Voted that we do not at present proceed to build said House."

Evidently satisfied with the manner in which they had put themselves on record, and substantial reasons did exist to give force to this expression, they took no further action for some time, and nothing is heard of this important enterprise until 1759, when it was "voted not to build at present." This action was soon followed by two others of like import; but in 1761 the time for action came. May 28, "The question being put to see if y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors will proceed to build a meeting-house in said Township for y<sup>e</sup> public worship of God and it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative. Then voted that y<sup>e</sup> length of said house be fifty feet and forty feet in breadth and that y<sup>e</sup> posts and all the timber of said house be cut proportionable thereto, in the judgment



of y<sup>e</sup> committee; and y<sup>e</sup> committee are to provide timber boards shingles and all other necessaries for to build said house and to proceed so far in finishing said house as to close in the same to lay y<sup>e</sup> lower floor and make and hang y<sup>e</sup> doors and that y<sup>e</sup> same be done by y<sup>e</sup> last of August 1762. Then chose Moses Hale Abel Platts and Jonathan Stanley, a committee and they are fully empowered for y<sup>e</sup> purpose aforesaid. Voted that y<sup>e</sup> cost of building the meeting-house be borne by the whole propriety."

At the same meeting, Josiah Ingalls, Moses Hale, and Abel Platts were empowered to lay out the twenty acres of land that previously had been reserved for a common and "meeting-house place." The second prescribed time in which the house was to be completed had nearly expired, and another year was added, and subsequently the delay until 1764 was ratified by vote of the proprietors.

The legislation on the subject now began to evince an earnestness of purpose that contemplated no future delay.

In the summer of 1764 the building was raised, and frequent votes of instruction to committees, and for raising money, followed, all of which were expressions of a determination to speedily complete the edifice. Enoch Hale, William Carlton, and Aaron Taylor were to clear the common, and several roads centering towards the place were laid out, and ample provisions were made for the raising.

Every man owning an improved lot of land was to provide dinner for two men, and that there was purchased the conventional barrel of rum is of course expected, and the fact well established by the records. It is well known that such entertainment was a feature of the times, and consequently demands no extended notice here. We have no doubt it was used prudently, and with our knowledge

of the frugal habits of our fathers, it would be safe to infer that none was wasted.

The fact that a motion to furnish liquor to the workmen while the building was being framed was voted down, might call forth some complimentary remarks if it was certain that the voters and the workmen were one and the same body of men, and if the following votes concerning a supply for the raising had not been so emphatic, and displaying an unusual unanimity and anxiety while the proposition was being acted upon.

First, with commendable prudence, it was voted to invite the non-resident proprietors "to furnish a supply of liquor for the raising." This vote was altogether too uncertain. At the same meeting it was ordered that Jonathan Stanley, Abel Platts, and Nathaniel Page — three of their eldest and most reliable men, — procure the liquor, if the non-residents do not; and lest there should be any remaining doubt about the supply, in the true spirit of "whether or no" it was immediately agreed "to provide one barrel of rum for the raising." After this cumulative action the intention of the meeting will never be misunderstood. These votes, like many others, were never reconsidered, nor the time for their fulfillment lengthened out. It was a meeting of rare unanimity. With this question so happily settled to the satisfaction of all present, it passes with alacrity to the remaining article in the warrant, and voted to have as much preaching this summer as will expend the *half dollar*. Let no one presume that an expenditure of this amount for rum, and half a dollar for preaching were unequitable appropriations for their spiritual wants, until he has been informed that the sum really was half a dollar on each right of land, as shown by the record of the meeting at which the money was raised for this purpose.

The meeting-house was partially completed in the summer of 1764, and meetings were probably held within during the season. It is certain, however, that in the following year, at the advent of Rev. Seth Dean, the house was occupied from Sabbath to Sabbath. Considerable sums of money were expended at this time in clearing and grading the common. The following spring it was ordered "to finish the meeting-house fit for comfortable meeting," and in 1766 the proprietors' meetings were called to assemble in the meeting-house. These, as well as the town-meetings which superseded them, were subsequently held therein. Thomas Peabody, of Lunenburg, was the master carpenter, and had with him as experienced workmen Capt. Jacob Gould, of Lunenburg, Jonathan Hopkinson and Henry Coffeen, of Monadnock Number One. In addition to these, nearly every resident of the place was paid for labor, and very many for materials furnished.

Thomas Peabody and Capt. Gould owned land and paid taxes here, but it is not probable that either were ever permanent residents. Jacob Gould, who settled in Rindge, was a son of Capt. Gould. Henry Coffeen and Jonathan Hopkinson resided here several years, and subsequently removed to Jaffrey.

A noticeable feature at this day is the decree "any of the inhabitants shall have the liberty to work at cutting the timber for the meeting-house and to score in and but of for the huers for common wages, that is such hands as the committee shall think proper to employ." The payroll can be found on the proprietors' book of records. It affords valuable information concerning who were residents at this date. Very few are now living who remember the first meeting-house in Rindge, and, with the exception of

a primitive and temporary structure in New Ipswich, the first in this immediate portion of the State.

All descriptions which have been preserved agree in representing it of plain exterior, without steeple or cupola, while the internal arrangements were so frequently amended to meet the increasing demands for additional accommodation that any general description would be impossible. It possessed neither fire-place nor chimney. And there, in the cold of winter, from Sabbath to Sabbath, were assembled many devout worshipers, little dreaming of the comforts and changes of the coming years. Truly "our fathers did worship God in the wilderness, and are dead."

The materials furnished for the structure are entered at length upon the records. About one hundred and fifty pounds were paid for boards and plank; twenty-two thousand shingles were purchased for sixty-six pounds, and twenty pounds were paid for clapboards; the slit work cost about sixty pounds, which was purchased, as well as a greater part of the boards and plank, at the mill of Josiah Ingalls, and the remainder at the mill of Jonathan Hopkinson; the nails and spikes were furnished by the carpenters at an expense of fifty pounds; the underpinning, which was set under the direction of Enoch Hale, cost eleven pounds, and numerous items for labor amount to four hundred and eighty pounds. In addition to these sums, two hundred pounds were raised which probably covered the expense for glass and other material which are not mentioned upon the records.

After the edifice had thus been made "fit for comfortable meeting," the proposition to more completely finish the house was several times proposed, but no positive measures were adopted. Soon after the incorporation of the town the meeting-house was turned over to the new

organization. Without doubt, the anticipation of this event on the part of the proprietors was the occasion of their neglect to improve the appearance and convenience of the house.

After the ordination of Mr. Dean, the proprietors voted that the annual rental of the pews should be sold to the highest bidder; but before any progress was made another meeting was held at which it was voted:—

To Lay the sum of five hundred pounds, masachusetts old tenor, on the pue ground, and to Chuse a commitee to dignify the pue ground in the meeting-house and prize them according to their judgment, Chose namely Nathaniel Page, John Coffeen and Page Norcross who are to have their pues from three other Commitee namely Enoch Hale, Esq'r, Samuel Sherwin and Elezer Coffeen.

Voted to give the highest [tax] payers the first Choice of the pues, and so on till they are Disposed of, they paying the price set on the pue and they taking them for their seats.

The following article and vote indicate that, under this arrangement, a few of the pews were not rented:—

To sea if the propriety will say what the Commitee for the Disposing of the pue ground [shall do] whether they shall sell them at Vandoe or what they shall Doe with them, whether they shall sell them to the highest Bider or whether they shall sell them to such as have Land in the town or to such as Live handy to our meeting-House.

This article was broad enough to admit of any action, provided it related to the sale of the pews. By the term so often employed *to sell the pews* was meant to sell a yearly rental. Other references to this subject upon the records make it evident that such was the idea intended to be conveyed. The proprietors when assembled made

known their choice of the numerous propositions contained in the article by voting "to Dispose of the three pews on sold By public Vandoe, namely, the Northeast. Corner Pue, and the pue on the Left hand of the west Dore, and the Left hand pue on the body."

The committee chosen to *dignify* the pews were expected to determine, by their edict, which should be the more honorable seats in the meeting-house, and it was their especial duty to carefully estimate the dignity of each individual, and assign to him a seat sufficiently exalted to meet the demand of each particular case. It was a grave responsibility, and one requiring the exercise of great wisdom and prudence. In this light it was regarded by our fathers; and from fear the committee would secure for themselves seats too exalted, they chose a second committee to curb the self-esteem of the first. If any think we are wiser and less pretentious to-day, let them remember that vanity is an inheritance that seldom suffers in transmission. If our fathers coveted the highest seats in the synagogue, the same conceit has become intensified with each succeeding generation. The comparison is not in our favor. Then a committee was chosen to gauge the dignity of the individual, now he complacently estimates it for himself; then the person's age and worth were taken into consideration, now his seat in the synagogue is graduated by his purse; then one could gain refreshing glimpses of himself as others saw him, now he blinds himself with pride, and overestimates his real worth. The rivalry in the sale of pews, at the present time, and the stately pride that occupies the broad aisle, are evidences that we are as unmindful as were our fathers that the incense of acceptable worship must arise from the altars of humility and humbleness of heart.



The meeting-house was also seated by a committee in 1771, and again in 1780. The names of the inhabitants, with the pew which each was expected to occupy, were entered at length upon the records. On these occasions no rents were paid, and the committee were instructed, in the assignment of the seats, to take into consideration the age and amount of taxes paid by each individual, and grade his position accordingly.

In 1773, the town "voted to finish y<sup>e</sup> meeting house in Rindge by pitching and sanding y<sup>e</sup> Roof, plastering y<sup>e</sup> inside of y<sup>e</sup> house, and building y<sup>e</sup> Galleries, with allowance for pews in y<sup>e</sup> same, and Chose Mr. Solomon Cutler, Mr. William Carlton, and Mr. Nathan Hale to see said work performed." In 1779, one hundred pounds were also expended for additional repairs.

The increase in population soon began to demand a new and more commodious house. This movement was perhaps hastened by an offer from Dr. Payson to give the town a bell if a new meeting-house was built within a prescribed term. The town promptly passed "a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Payson for his generous offer respecting the meeting house," and a committee was chosen "to propose a plan to lay before the town." This committee reported without delay, but this hopeful action found an untimely grave in a vote "not to build at present." But the existing inconveniences of the old house, and an increasing demand for more ample accommodations, were not buried with it, and were again represented in the warrant for a town-meeting, held June 2, 1794. At this time it was voted to build a new meeting-house, and the meetings continued by adjournment until the following March, and six subsequent meetings followed. There was in all no less than sixteen meetings of the town to consider



and adopt measures in relation to the undertaking. At each some progress was made, and the proceedings are carefully presented in the following statement.

The opposition to the undertaking had mainly come from a few owners of pews in the old house. To avoid all contention and continued opposition from this quarter, the old house was granted to the proprietors of pews, and the building ordered to a new location beside the old pound, which stood partly beneath a large oak tree, where the dwelling house of Daniel H. Sargent now stands. And thus the owners were undisturbed in the possession of their property. But having carried their point with very unsatisfactory results, and having no immediate use for the bone of contention, it was subsequently sold, not on account of the doctrines that had been taught within the walls, but rather on account of the soundness of the timber that composed the frame. The curious can now find many of the timbers once in this ancient structure, and which were hewn from the native forests one hundred and twelve years ago, reframed in the barn of Charles A. Wilder, who is ever happy in pointing out to the visitor these Orthodox oak. A committee of eleven was also chosen "to talk with the proprietors of the pews and see what will content them." But no report of the result of these conferences appears upon the record. And the unanimity with which the results were reached would indicate that nearly all opposition had disappeared.

A committee, consisting of Lieut. James Crumbie, Edward Jewett, Esq., Dea. Francis Towne, Dea. Benjamin Kingsbury, Daniel Rand, Esq., Lieut. John Barker, Mr. David Barker, Capt. Solomon Rand, Mr. Eliphalet Wood, Lieut. Joseph Mullikin, and Mr. Joseph Barker was chosen to prepare a plan for a new meeting-house. This committee

soon reported, and the proposed plan was adopted, "except the color of the doors them to be mahogany."

The accepted plan contemplated a building sixty-six feet long and fifty-two feet wide, and defined the number and arrangement of the pews. Then a committee of three, Daniel Rand, Esq., Edward Jewett, Esq., and Mr. Jonathan Ingalls, was impowered "to let out the meeting-house to build," with instructions to sell the pews from the plan in advance, and apply the proceeds in payment of the contractors; while the credit of the town was pledged to make up any deficiency if the sale of pews did not amount to a sufficient sum. A contract for building according to the plan was made with John and David Barker, who performed the work to the acceptance of all concerned. There had been several decisions and as many reconsiderations concerning the location of the new building, until it was finally agreed "to set the house so far Northerly of the spot of ground where the old house stood as the graves in the burying yard will admit of without interrupting them."

None of the former locations were more than a few feet from the site finally selected. Deacon John Lovejoy, an early settler, an influential man, and for many years a deacon of the church, had been buried only a few months. His new-made grave fell within the boundaries marked out for the location; yet, in disobedience of the town's vote, the meeting-house to-day covers his remains, a proud monument to the memory of one who gave the years of his life to the cause of Him for whose worship the house was reared.

At this time the crown of the hill where the meeting-house stands was carted into a basin between the eminence and the residence of George A. Whitney, Esq., and the bank wall east of the edifice was built.

There had been several votes, each rescinding the former, before it was decided what should be the form and height of the steeple. Finally David Barker was requested to present a plan, which was at once accepted, and the contract for building was offered to the lowest bidder. The records award the work to John Priest for \$330, but subsequently the contract was executed between the town and the Barkers, and the money was paid to them.

There were fifty-eight pews on the ground floor, of oblong shape, and seats upon opposite sides, and twenty-eight similar ones in the galleries. One was reserved, and stands upon the plan as the "Town's Pew," and another, the most desirable one, was presented to Rev. Dr. Payson. The remaining eighty were sold for sums ranging from \$91 to \$30. The amount received from the sale of pews amounted to \$3,448. The items of expense were as follows:—

To John and David Barker, contractors, . . . .	\$3,316.33
To John and David Barker for steeple, . . . .	330.00
To Committees for removing old house, grading the Com- mon, and underpinning, . . . . .	680.54
To expenses of the raising, . . . . .	268.13

Deacon Edward Jewett, Capt. Solomon Rand, and Capt. Salmon Stone were chosen "a committee to raise the meeting-house," which business was probably managed to the acceptance of all interested. Their report, made to the town November 7, 1796, is as follows:—

The subscribers being appointed a committee to provide for, and raise Rindge Meeting House beg leave to report as followeth:

	£	s.	d.
That they let out the raising at . . . . .	18	0	0
The victualling at . . . . .	31	4	0
Liquor and other stores of Mr. Wilder . . . . .	25	10	7
Paid sundry persons for Lemons Cider and other articles and expenses . . . . .	1	5	7 1-2
The committee spent 5 days each and Capt Stone 1-2 a Day more exclusive of the time of raising at 6s. per Day each . . . . .	4	13	0
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	80	13	2 1-2
The Rum Barrel sold at 4s. 9d. . . . .	4	9	
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	80	8	5 1-2

All of which is humbly submitted by

EDWARD JEWETT,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
SOLOMON RAND,		
SALMON STONE,		

Rindge Aug. 29 1796.

Let any one examine the timbers in the frame of this building, and he will comprehend that the raising was no ordinary undertaking. The town do not give evidence of being unmindful of the difficulty of the task, nor were proper preparations overlooked. Reference has been made to the committee elected to superintend the work of the day, and to provide all necessary comforts. In addition, Major William Gardner, Major Benjamin Davis, Deacon Benjamin Kingsbury, Mr. Thomas Todd, Deacon Francis Towne, Dr. Ebenezer Hartshorn, Ensign Joseph Platts, Lieut. Ebenezer Davis, and Mr. Samuel Page, were delegated "to clear the ground of all idle spectators where they are in the way of the workmen." Who could have had the audacity to disobey the commands of this rare combination of military, ecclesiastical, and professional dignitaries, not omitting the humble citizens who were sifted into the committee in proper proportions to preserve them from an untimely burial beneath the weight of their own honors!

When the meeting-house in a neighboring town was raised, the deacons were selected to mix and distribute the grog. If a similar duty fell to the lot of the above committee, it must have been a memorable sight to have seen the deacons decanting into those huge reservoirs the soul of the beverage; the majors—next in rank—adding the proper amount of sugar; Ensign Platts vigorously squeezing the lemons; Dr. Hartshorn, with professional exactness, adding the modicum of nutmeg; while Lieut. Davis is agitating the materials into a chemical union, and the humble, yet useful, citizens are hastening each with a pail of water to temper the whole to an approved point of combination. It has been shown that *one* empty barrel was sold after the raising. The ruse is too thin. The faithful historian must declare that at current prices of the time the amount paid for liquor would have purchased, and without doubt did purchase, several barrels for the occasion. And seldom has the town had the honor of welcoming so many strangers within her borders as were then assembled in honor of her hospitality.

The house was dedicated, with appropriate ceremonies, January 11, 1797, about two and one-half years from the vote of the town to build the same. The sermon was preached by Dr. Payson, and the following hymn, written for the occasion, was sung:—

“Blessings unnumbered claim our praise,  
Blessings of Nature and of Grace;  
For comforts here and hopes above,  
Praise to the eternal source of love.

“That we have leave to serve the Lord,  
To pray, to praise, and read His word,  
To hear the Gospel’s joyful sound,  
Let glory to His name redound.



A. C. CONVERSE, DEL.

SECOND MEETING HOUSE IN RINDGE. BUILT. 1796.  
REMODELLED, 1839 AND 1871.





- “Free from restraints imposed by men,  
From Persecution’s hateful reign,  
Duty and Love our worship guide,  
We walk secure where conscience leads.
- “We thank thee, Lord, that through our land  
Thy sacred temples frequent stand,  
Where gracious souls their love proclaim,  
And learn the glories of Thy name.
- “For this fair house unstained with blood,  
We thank the bounty of our God.  
’Twas He who raised these walls in peace,  
And brought the top stone forth with grace.
- “Here let Thy power and glory shine;  
Here, Lord, let fellowship divine  
Bless the attendants at Thy gate,  
Who for Thy holy teachings wait.
- “To humble souls these blessings yield,  
Which Jacob found in Bethel’s field.  
May they, by gracious visits given,  
Own their God’s house, the gate of heaven.
- “Oh! Hasten, Lord, this happy hour,  
When all shall feel Thy gracious power,  
And the wide world a temple be,  
Where all shall join in praising Thee.”

This was the last time the town as a parish assumed any considerable expense in regard to the meeting-house, and in this instance the burden was not onerous, since the proceeds of the sale of the pews were sufficient to cover about three-fourths of the whole expense.

In 1817, four additional pews were built upon each side of the central aisle; two were reserved for public uses, and the remaining six were sold for sums which added above three hundred dollars to the public treasury. With the exception of paint and shingles, to make good the wear of

years, no repairs of importance were made until 1839, when the house was thoroughly remodelled, and the interior so changed as to lose its former identity. These repairs were made by the new parish, the town being relieved from all liability or expense.

In the early history of the town as a parish, reference was made to several petitions and protests of persons entertaining different religious opinions, and seeking a release from the ministerial tax. Nothing more is heard upon this subject for more than thirty years. Near the close of the past century, by virtue of laws then enacted, any person belonging to some other society, and regularly contributing to the support of the minister thereof, was excused by the town from this tax, on the presentation of a proper certificate making the fact known to the town. These certificates were substantially like the specimens transcribed:—

This is to certify that George Metcalf of Rindge attends public worship with the Methodists in Rindge and freely contributes to the support of their ministry.

JESSE LEE, Elder.

Rindge, Feb. 18, 1796.

The following locates Mr. Page at a considerable distance from the society with which he was connected:—

ROCKINGHAM [Vt] March 2 1797.

This may certify whom it may concern that Daniel Page of Rindge belongeth to the Universalists society in this town and contributes to the support of the same.

SOLOMON WRIGHT, Moderator.

These certificates were not numerous. Seventeen were excused from the assessment of 1800; in 1810 there were nine; and in 1819, the last time a tax for this purpose was

assessed under the authority of the town, the number was increased to twenty-five. During this time the number of resident tax-payers was about two hundred and fifty, which represents the existence of an unusual unanimity in religious sentiment.

A majority of the persons presenting certificates were Methodists. This little band of Christians, whose activity was crowned with many blessings, will be noticed in connection with an account of the organization and growth of that society. Another person not taxed was Ebenezer Stratton, who was prominently connected with an association of Baptists, residing mainly in the adjoining towns. Meetings were sometimes held at his house in the north part of the town, and Elder Elliot preached there on several occasions. These persons were afterwards included in the churches of this denomination gathered at New Ipswich and Jaffrey.

Although in the enjoyment of rare concord and agreement in opinion, this town is found prepared, several years in advance of its neighbors, to sever the existing connection between the church and the town. Rindge was among the first, if not the first town, in the State to acknowledge a violation of individual rights in the maintenance of a municipal parish. Such a system was not in harmony with the prevailing theory of government. The laws of the State had opened the way for a more satisfactory method, and important changes were immediately made. In the language of a statute, approved July 1, 1819: "Each sect or denomination of Christians in this State may associate and form societies, may admit members, may establish rules and by-laws for their regulation and government, and shall have all the corporate powers which may be necessary to assess and raise money by taxes upon the polls and ratable

estates of the members of such associations, and to collect and appropriate the same for the purpose of building and repairing houses of public worship, and for the support of the ministry." There was also a tolerant provision that no person should be taxed by such society, or be considered a member thereof, without "his consent was first had and obtained," and any person having voluntarily become a member of an association of this character was at liberty to withdraw at any time, and be no longer liable for any part of the expenses of the society.

Immediately advantage was taken of the liberal provisions of the new statute. Rev. Dr. Burnham, in a discourse delivered on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his pastorate in this town, makes the following accurate and happy statement concerning the association then formed: "The society was constituted in March, 1820," and is believed to be the first that was formed in this State under what was denominated the 'Toleration Act' of 1819. Such an organization was, at that time, a new thing. Questions, doubts, and difficulties were felt and foreseen; but, 'moved by a desire,' as the founders say, 'of enjoying among ourselves, and of transmitting to our posterity the enjoyment and benefits accruing from the public worship of God, and the ordinances of the Gospel,' these 'good men and true' organized the Association known then, and ever since, by the name and style of 'The First Congregational Church and Society in Rindge.' Eighty-one persons, it is supposed, affixed their names to the Constitution at the organization of the society."

The constitution then adopted, a model of clear statement, was the result of much debate and deliberation. Its general provisions were determined during the last months of the life of Rev. Dr. Payson, and, whenever he was able

to confer with the members of his parish, the benefit of his opinions was received. It fell to the lot of William B. Calhoun to clothe in words the result of these deliberations. The instrument reflects credit upon the ability of the author and the wisdom of his sage advisers. Noah R. Cook, Esq., had, at this time, an office in Rindge, and Mr. Calhoun was pursuing his legal studies under his direction. He soon after left the home of his youth to enter upon the duties of an honored and successful life. Since the organization of the society more than four hundred different persons have been members. The whole number of signatures is four hundred and sixty-six, but a few names of persons who have withdrawn and again joined are more than once subscribed. The whole number whose names appear on the first tax-list is one hundred and thirty-two; these may properly be considered as original members of the society.

The only persons living who became members at the time the society was constituted are Joseph Page, Luke Rugg, and Lovell Whitney, of Rindge, Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, of Boston, and Col. Ezekiel Jewett, of Lockport, New York. The town, being no longer a parish, still nominally owned the meeting-house which was occupied by the society recently formed. The Methodists, at a town-meeting held in 1826, made a request that the meeting-house be at their disposal a part of the time in proportion to their interest as citizens in the same. Their request was answered by a report of a committee, to whom their petition had been referred, "that it was the intention of the town when the meeting-house was built, and the expectation of the individuals who purchased the pews therein, that it should be used by that denomination of Christians only which then composed almost exclusively the inhabitants of the town." It was also answered, and more con-

vincingly, that the town had been at small expense in building the house, since the moneys received from the sale of the pews had been nearly or quite sufficient to meet the expense. And in remuneration for its agency in building, the town had enjoyed the privilege of holding town-meetings and transacting other public business in the house, and in this manner had been satisfactorily compensated for all it had done; and, finally, that it would be an act of injustice to the owners of the pews to bar them the free use, or grant others the use, of the same. In connection with this position some important concessions were made. In the further language of the report a desire was expressed "that a liberal and conciliatory course should be pursued by the town." It was then agreed that persons belonging to other denominations should be excused from the expense of keeping the house in repair, and all other expense, "except sweeping the meeting-house immediately after town-meetings." This arrangement appears to have been accepted as final. If the town had been more equally divided, the question might have been the occasion of considerable strife. The freedom which was secured from future expense of repairing the house may have been the main result which the Methodist society had in view, since at this time they had a meeting-house of their own. The animus of their request is not otherwise easily explained. The prevailing denomination, having thus retained possession of the meeting-house, were not generous in requiring their guests, on town-meeting days, to sweep out their proportion of the dust. It was a sad breach of the laws of hospitality. The issue, however, was between the town and the petitioners, and not between the two religious societies; and while it was the town that determined the result, the Congregational society was a controlling element



in this action, and must be held responsible for the vote of the town. The subject was never revived, and several years later when, with certain reservations, the meeting-house was more formally ceded to the Congregational society, it was done with little, if any, earnest opposition. During eighteen years after the town ceased to constitute an active parish, the entire meeting-house was under its control. It gave permission to introduce a stove; it voted repairs; it ordered the ringing of the bell, but justly excused all persons belonging to other denominations from paying their proportion of the taxes assessed for these purposes. This condition of affairs could not long continue. One corporation was ordering and conducting the prudential affairs, while persons mainly belonging to another were taxed to pay the cost.

The Congregational society, which was organized at the commencement of this era, had been favored with concord and prosperity. The annual assessments for current expenses were promptly paid, and the burden of sustaining the public ministrations of the gospel had fallen heavily upon no one. When the wear of forty years and the increasing demand of the times for more commodious and expensive houses of worship began to be felt, it was plainly apparent that the town, reluctantly, if at all, would propose any substantial improvements. The society, however, is found ready for an undertaking of considerable magnitude. The town had no other than a secular use for the meeting-house, and apparently was quite ready to grant the society more extended privileges therein than it had formerly enjoyed, especially the privilege of keeping the house in repair, and of making any desired improvements it might elect. In March, 1839, a mutual agreement was made between the two corporations concerning their separate future rights and



obligations for all time to come. The town proposed and the society adopted the following:— .

“ If said society will agree that the town may have that part of the ground floor which is East of the West side of the center aisle as the house now stands for a Town Hall and Committee Room and that the Town and Society shall have equal right to pass in & out of the front door of the house and will agree that the town have the privilege of occupying said Hall & Committee Room at all times except Sundays for the following purposes in addition to that of the town business, viz: for an academy or high school; for Lectures of various Kinds such as Astronemy &c. and all other equally still and civil purposes, (Religious meetings excepted) also for singing schools and any other purposes which the Town may wish to occupy the same for on Tuesdays Wednesdays Fridays and Saturdays and all other such times and such only as will not disturb or annoy the said society in the free use of the other parts of the house; and also agree that the town may have the lumber which is now in the free seats in the galleries, THEN the town will for these privileges finish the hall and committee room or finish it all for a hall as the town may think proper, and will build a fire-place in the Hall also one in the committee room and will carry the chimneys to the floor of the Meeting room above the same, to correspond with the societys plan for the same whenever the society wishes to have them built, Provided, the society will have the funnel from a stove in the Vestry pass through the hall to one of the chimneys in such a manner that it will be convenient to have the funnel from a stove in the hall go into it. And the Town further agree that the Congregational Society and Methodist Society may have the free use of the Bell for their respective purposes. It is to be understood that each society are to use due care in ringing the bell so as not to interrupt each other in their public worship. Reserving to the town the free use of the same at all times for all town purposes with free access thereto, and the town will keep

the bell and its appendages in repair and also build a new cupola above it whenever it is deemed expedient and likewise the town will agree that the said society shall have the full control and exclusive right of the contemplated meeting room and vestry at all times ; it is expected that the society will keep the outside of the house in repair.

The society proceeded at once to remodel their new possessions. The galleries were removed, a partition floor was laid, and an entirely new audience-room fitted up upon it and over the Town Hall, and the space assigned for a vestry. The porch, which was built at the east end of the meeting-house as a means of access to the galleries, was removed, while the porch at the west end, which also formed the base of the bell deck, was filled out on each side to complete the regular outline of the building ; and this also added several feet to its length. The steeple was rebuilt, and reduced about twelve feet in height. It is supposed by many that this humiliating plan was carried into execution in order to afford the Rindge Engine Company the satisfaction of raising a stream of water above its summit. Their grandest efforts had failed to rival the old steeple, and now, alas, the spire must be reduced to the plane of their abilities. It should here be stated that the society previously had voted to make these repairs, provided the town will consent. This consent being had, as already shown, the work was pressed forward with energy, but not without considerable legislation and efficient committees.

Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., Col. Jason B. Perry, Oratio P. Allen, Levi Hubbard, and Joseph Brooks had the honor of presenting the general recommendations concerning the amount and nature of the repairs. Another committee, composed of Oratio P. Allen, David Hale, Luke Rugg, Joshua Converse, Esq., and Levi Hubbard, reported that

they had consulted the pew-owners as requested by the society, and that a large majority are in favor of the proposed alteration. They also recommended that the pews in the old house be appraised by a disinterested committee, and, after the audience-room is completed, the new pews be appraised for an amount sufficient to pay for the old pews, and the cost of all the repairs. These recommendations were adopted, and Capt. Zachariah Sheldon and John Prichard, of Fitchburg, and E. Murdock, Esq., of Winchendon, were requested to estimate the value of the old pews. The appraisal of this committee ranged from \$13 to \$2.50, and the aggregate was less than one-eighth of the amount originally paid to the town for the same pews. A few were dissatisfied with this award; but, in the language of the report of one of the committees, "a large majority are in favor of the proposed repairs." These accepted the amount of the appraisal as one of the necessary sacrifices of the undertaking. The few remaining, as is usual in such cases, were powerless in opposing a measure introduced by a majority for the public good.

Capt. Luke Rugg, Oratio P. Allen, Esq., and Col. Jason B. Perry were selected "to prepare a plan embracing the general outlines of the repairs to be made." To this committee belongs the credit of the many conveniences connected with the remodelled house, even to the present time, since the general features embraced in their report are still preserved. The audience-room as then constructed will be easily represented by comparison with the present, and while the repairs and changes made in 1871 are being noticed, the arrangement of the interior will be more particularly brought to view.

The committee under whose supervision the house was remodelled was chosen in November, 1838, and consisted of

Oratio P. Allen, Jason B. Perry, and Levi Howe. These, with Luke Rugg and Levi Hubbard, were also selected to appraise the pews in the new audience-room. One of the most eligible was selected for the use of the family of the pastor, several as free slips, and the remainder sold for \$3773.25.

A subscription of \$400 was raised to defray the expense of the repairs upon the steeple, and about \$150 received for materials sold. The cost of the repairs amounted to \$3,645.95. After paying for the old pews and interest on the money advanced, a balance of about \$130 was still on hand, which was subsequently expended in minor repairs upon the meeting-house and parsonage.

The dedication occurred December 25, 1839. Rev. Messrs. Sabin, of Fitzwilliam, Wood, of Ashby, and Morton, of Winchendon, assisted in the exercises. The sermon was preached by Mr. Burnham, from the text: "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years." An event occurred during the progress of the repairs which will find few parallels, and should be noticed. Mr. Erastus Spaulding, of Jaffrey, one of the carpenters, fell from a staging around the bell deck to the ground, a distance of more than fifty feet, but received no permanent or serious injury. Many said it was providential, while others styled it a lucky escape; but without disputing the point, Mr. Spaulding arose from the ground, and said he was satisfied with the result, and did not care to try it again. Mr. Spaulding resided subsequently in Troy, New Hampshire, where his wife, Mahala (Baker) Spaulding, was fatally burned by the firing of a kettle of varnish that was upon a stove in the room where she was sitting. Afterwards he removed to Keene, and died in that place.

When the town ceded the meeting-house to the society, a little more than one-half of the ground floor, as then existing, was reserved for a town hall and committee room; but the entire space was included in the hall, and the committee room never had an existence except on paper. The walls as then finished remain unchanged to the present day. The settees in present use were purchased in 1859, when the last of the ancient pews were removed.

The bell has ever been the property of the town. The first was purchased in 1817. Two, after several years of service, have become worthless, and their places supplied by a new purchase. The present bell was procured in 1856; its weight is fifteen hundred and seventy-four pounds, and few in quality of tone are its superiors. The ancient custom of ringing the bell at noon and nine in the evening is still preserved. The space reserved in 1839 for a vestry was unemployed for several years. It was finally finished, and furnished with settees, about 1855, and has since been used as a lecture-room.

For thirty years the sound of the hammer is unheard. A convenient and substantial church edifice was fully appreciated and enjoyed; and through these years the pages of the records are the simple annals of the choice of the customary officers and of uniform expenditures.

The first note of renovation is heard early in the year 1871. Through the untiring and earnest efforts of very many, an expensive pipe organ had been secured. Several society meetings were held, in January and February of this year, to decide upon some alterations to accommodate the instrument when it was ready to be placed in position. It is reasonably certain that no very extensive repairs were at first contemplated. The audience room was more commodious and inviting in appearance than was generally

found in rural towns. With the exception of the organ room, the contour and size of the room were the same as at present. The vestibules and entrances are unchanged. The floor was an inclined plane. As it was once described, it inclined up as you went in, and inclined down as you came out. The east end of the floor was about two feet higher than at the entrance; and as one proceeded from the pulpit, which was between the doors, each pew was slightly raised above the one before it; and the last six rows of seats were abruptly raised several feet, and were approached by a series of steps corresponding with each aisle. Of these the central seats were for the choir, and nearly all of the remainder, styled the galleries, were free seats. The audience was seated facing the entrances. That several expensive church edifices of this period were constructed on the same plan, is recorded as a fact worthy of mention, and with a hope of justifying our fathers in adopting a style now quite obsolete. This construction of the audience-room was the occasion of some well remembered incidents. It several times happened that when a stranger was to preach, he would pass the pulpit in ignorance of its location, until faithful Deacon Breed would arise from his seat, and point out to him the narrow path that led to the sacred desk. Whatever may have been the most weighty reasons that led to the adoption of an unfashionable arrangement of the pews, it has often been seriously asserted that it was for the relief of any who desired to witness each arrival, and otherwise whose revolving heads would keep the score of assembling attendants. It is highly probable that it was more especially for the mutual satisfaction of the entire congregation, and those persons who "came out bride," — a peculiar phrase which has a clearly defined meaning. It is remembered that the attendance at church of a newly



wedded pair, for the first time after the marriage ceremony, was awaited on the Sabbath morning with a peculiar expectation, accompanied by many sly glances at the door until the entrance of the expected twain. The groom comes with an important air and a new found dignity; and timidly beside him, arm-in-arm for this occasion only, is the blushing bride, with her downcast eyes, keeping abreast with five steps to every three proclamations of progress from the vociferous boots of her spouse, which proclaim their master's happiness in well modulated squeaks and joyful cadences. As they approach the pew, the groom, with a dexterous sweep of the hand, throws aside the twin appendages of his swallow-tailed coat, disposes of his hat, and triumphantly seats himself with one masterly contortion. The audience, radiant with satisfaction and approbation, at once direct their attention to the sacred desk, as if willing the services should now commence, leaving the groom to profound contemplation of himself and of his wife, and the accompanying enjoyment of a reasonable measure of happiness, still expressing in every movement an earnest solicitude that no wrinkles be untimely added to his new attire,—for that must serve on important occasions for many years to come.

Ah, Jonathan, happy art thou, if, through the coming vexations and trials of life, thou canst be as solicitous concerning the wrinkles in thy temper as thou art now in thy apparel! And if those trusting, confiding eyes, which timidly caress thee, beaming with a new-found satisfaction and devotion, are never to be blinded with bitter tears of sorrow, thy walk in life must ever be as circumspect and considerate as when we saw thee, on this Sabbath morning, proudly leading thy bride before the gaze of an approving congregation.



The walls and ceiling were indebted for their color to the useful and wholesome material known as whitewash. Yet in our earliest recollections of the room, nothing remains so vivid as our impressions of the cushions during the long sermons. The patterns of color were evidently selected from Joseph's coat to suit the taste or caprice of the owner. If there were two of the same shade, they were so far removed from each other the similarity was overlooked. Our youthful fancies gave a character to each. The rich sat on purple and crimson; the pious on brown; the plain, honest, every-day people had cushions of drab; while the cold and unsympathetic were sure to be frozen to a gray. And some there were of different colors woven into the fabric; the owners of these sometimes went to the Methodist Church, and oftener staid at home. And one there was of changeable hues, which was always tenanted in times of revivals, but was little used meanwhile.

The pulpit, located between the two entrances, was a solid looking structure,—a sort of breastwork for theological artillery. The front and sides were about seven feet high; the floor within was three feet less in height, and had upon it a sofa and two chairs, for the accommodation of the minister and his guests. The pulpit cushion and upholstery were of damask velvet, and the woodwork painted after the color of the meeting-house doors, in accordance with the decree made fifty years earlier, "them to be mahogany." Such was the condition of affairs when, in March, 1871, immediately after the meetings in January and February, to which reference has been made, and at which no decided measures were proposed, it was decided, by a vote of forty-five to eight, to make extensive repairs upon the audience-room. This action, in some measure, may have been hastened by a pledge, made by several

citizens, that the sum of one thousand dollars should be presented the society, to aid in defraying the expense if certain repairs were made. Additional betterments were subsequently ordered, and the superintendence of the work was committed to Messrs. Orlando J. Raymond, James B. Robbins, Martin L. Goddard, Arba S. Coffin, and John E. Wood.

The pews were appraised by Bethuel Ellis, of Winchendon, Peter Upton, of Jaffrey, and Reuben Puffer, of Ashburnham, who estimated all at ninety per cent. of the amount received for them in 1839. The society promptly settled with the proprietors on this basis, two owners only refusing to receive compensation and come into the arrangement.

An addition was built upon the east end of the building to receive the organ. The floor was reduced to a level, a modern pulpit erected at the east end, and the pews were turned around, to conform with prevailing custom. Possibly the congregation, with their faces turned to the rising sun, may here read an omen of renewed progress and elevation. The walls and ceiling were newly plastered and frescoed, the halls and vestry thoroughly renovated, and the interior tastefully painted. By additional votes of the society, adopted while the former repairs were being made, new windows were procured for the audience-room; two coal-burning furnaces were placed in the vestry, which warm the entire house in a comfortable manner; the exterior of the house was also painted, and one side of the roof was shingled.

In addition to these substantial repairs, the pews were uniformly cushioned, at an expense of more than six hundred dollars. The Ladies' Vestry Association generously contributed two hundred dollars for this purpose. The

ladies of the congregation, encouraged by the earnest efforts of Mrs. Powers, raised above five hundred dollars by subscription, which purchased a suitable carpet for the audience-room. The total expense of these repairs, and of furnishing, was little less than seven thousand dollars, which, in addition to the expense of the organ, procured while the repairs were in progress, has been mainly paid by voluntary subscriptions from the members of the society, aided in no small degree by several generous donations from natives of Rindge, who have thus appropriately expressed a remembrance of the home of their youth. It is believed that the debt of the society will be wholly paid, or reduced to a nominal sum, during another year.

## CHAPTER XI.

### *THE METHODIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.*

Early Preachers.—Lorenzo Dow.—Father Taylor.—First Meeting-House.—Society Organized.—Second Meeting-House.—New Constitutions of the Society.—Early Members.—Ministerial Fund.—Peterborough and Rindge Circuit.—Rindge and Richmond Circuit. Rindge made a Station.—The Clergy.

THE METHODIST CHURCH has had adherents in this town from an early date. They have never been strong in numbers, and at first comprised only a few families. Yet they have ever been a hopeful people, and, under many discouraging circumstances, have met and surmounted difficulties which many more populous societies would have failed, in courage and in heart, to attack. Two meeting-houses have been built, and for many years stated preaching has been maintained, with little, if any, assistance from the General Conference.

It has been found impossible to give the names of the earlier preachers. They were not fixed in their fields of labor, but were transferred so rapidly from one station to another, that we gain but glimpses of their approaching or retiring presence. When assembled for worship, mysteriously there came a minister to preach to them; from whence he came, or where he went, or the name of the roving preacher, is difficult to determine.

In the autumn of 1796, Rev. Lorenzo Dow preached to the Methodists in this town. The tradition that this celebrated preacher was here, on one or more occasions, is unimpeachable. A few aged persons have but recently died who were among his congregation. They were ever fond of describing the deep impression the youthful preacher made upon the minds of his hearers. This corresponds with Mr. Dow's journal. Under date of November 21, 1796, he records: "I preached in Rindge." Mr. Dow was born October 16, 1777, and consequently was but nineteen years of age when he preached in this town. Those who will take the trouble to ascertain will find that Mr. Dow preached in Rindge on Monday, and perhaps embraced Dr. Payson and many of his flock among his congregation.

Several years later a stranger came, and preached with much earnestness and simplicity. In an unusual degree he won the attention of all his hearers. He had then but just begun his useful mission. Uneducated, he called upon one of his congregation to read the hymn, but in his discourse he asked no assistance. In later years, Father Taylor has often preached to larger congregations, and has won the esteem and gratitude of a multitude of men. For many years, the place of meeting on the Sabbath was in some dwelling or school-house, and generally in the northwest part of the town. In 1824 their first meeting-house was erected. The site was purchased of Moses Garfield, and was situated in the northwest corner of the town, nearly opposite the school-house, and in lot twenty or twenty-one in the tenth range. The conveyance was made to Zimri Whitney, Elijah P. Smith, Charles Mavery, Isaac Colburn, and Nathan Upton, trustees, and was dated March 16, 1824.

This location was selected to accommodate the persons in Jaffrey and Fitzwilliam who desired to worship with

them. Here, for more than a decade, were assembled from Sabbath to Sabbath a respectable number of worshippers.

There were Methodists in other portions of the town who soon felt this location to be a burden, and a more central point was decided upon. Under the provisions of a statute of 1827, authorizing religious bodies to form societies, the Methodists of this town were more formally organized than they had been in the past. In 1834, a society, known as the Methodist Episcopal Society of Rindge, was formed. The preamble to a constitution then adopted is in these words: "Believing in the authenticity of the Christian religion, and feeling ourselves under the most imperative obligations, not only from express command of the Author of our holy religion, but also for the well-being of society, to contribute of our abilities to the promotion of the same, therefore, looking to the Great Head of the Church for aid and direction, we do form ourselves into a society, and agree to be governed by the following constitution." Having thus become organized, and clothed with corporate power, with the right to own lands and buildings, the present meeting-house in the centre of the town was soon erected. The site, purchased of Captain Joel Raymond, was conveyed to Isaac Colburn, John P. Symonds, Richard Kimball, Benjamin Stowe, and Joel Raymond, trustees. Evincing a sanguine spirit, which has never forsaken them, as well as a commendable foresight for the demands of the future, they secured by this deed a privilege of enlarging their house, whenever it was found necessary, without any additional purchase of land.

The house was built during the summer and autumn of 1835; the frame was raised on the ninth of September. The exact date of the dedication has not been ascertained, but David Poland, Joseph Robbins, and Edward Loud,

were paid November 6, 1835, "for their services in appraising slips in the Methodist house in Rindge"; from which it may be inferred the house at this date was substantially finished. The expense of the building when fully completed was \$1907.53. The carpenters were Abel Marshall and Porter Hartwell, of Winchendon, and the stone work was done by John E. Lake and William Cutler, of this town. The house has been well preserved by paint and general repairs, the most thorough renovation occurring in 1867, under the direction of a committee, consisting of Oliver Hale, Z. F. Whitney, John Smith, Ezra Page, and H. G. Rice. The parsonage was purchased in 1840, and, as far as known, it has been occupied by the pastor in charge, without interruption, to the present time. The house was repaired in 1858, at an expense of about \$325.

In 1842, a revised constitution, drafted by David Stowe, Gilman Bowers, and David Adams, was adopted, the organization having been lost through some informality, in which lawyers very much delight. A third constitution was drafted by Elijah Bemis, George A. Whitney, and Joel Wellington, and adopted May 12, 1864. To the first constitution twenty-five names were subscribed, during the eight years of its continuance. They were:—

John P. Symonds.  
James C. Chadwick.  
Lovell Whitney.  
John E. Lake.  
Benjamin Stowe.  
James Bennett.  
Benjamin Davidson.  
Amos Ramsdell.  
Samuel Tarbell.  
David Stowe.  
Servetus Metcalf.  
David Adams.  
Amos B. Russell.

Lucius Streeter.  
Asa Stickney.  
Asa Brewer.  
Thomas Crumbie.  
Apollos Griswold.  
Henry Clark.  
Gilman Bowers.  
Charles M. Smiley.  
Sylvester T. Symonds.  
Charles Cutler.  
Jonas Munroe.  
B. B. Davidson.



The present constitution, since its adoption (1864), has received thirty-six signatures. Deducting deaths and removals, there now remain less than twenty active members. On several occasions the question of raising the salary of the pastor by taxation has been proposed, but never adopted. The society has succeeded in raising the required amount by subscription. A ministerial fund was created in 1837, by Capt. Joel Raymond, who presented the trustees the sum of four hundred dollars, and seventeen pews, which he owned in the meeting-house. The pews, by the conditions of the donation, were to be rented for the support of the ministry, or, if sold, the amount received in payment was to be added to the four hundred dollars, and the interest was to be used for the same object. The only conditions of the gift obligated the recipients to "raise at least sixty dollars annually, to be applied to the support of preachers of the order of said church." At present this fund is invested in the parsonage.

At the time the society was formed and the new meeting-house was built, the church belonged to the Peterborough and Rindge circuit, and the records, for this period, are preserved by the officers of the Methodist Church in Peterborough. At a meeting held in this circuit, December 20, 1834, "John P. Symonds, John Whitney, Richard Kimball, Ebenezer Kimball, and Jonas Munroe, were chosen trustees, and John P. Symonds, Joel Raymond, and Jonas Munroe, a committee, to build a meeting-house in Rindge." For several years Richard Kimball was voted a license to preach. The renewal of the license appears upon the records under several dates.

In June, 1840, the Rindge and Richmond circuit was instituted, embracing the towns of Rindge, Fitzwilliam, Richmond, and a part of Jaffrey. At this date the member-

ship of the church in Rindge was forty-three. To this circuit were assigned Reverends J. C. Cromack and Hubbard Eastman. The latter was more intimately connected with the church in this town. Two years later, Rindge was made a full station, to which Rev. Converse L. McCurdy was assigned. Not a few who read his name will be reminded of his earnest, loving words, and of the entreaties and tears with which he appealed to the hearts of his hearers. Perhaps the impression he made upon the emotions was often as enduring as the appeals of abler men to the intellect. Very few of the Methodists who have labored in this town will be longer remembered than this zealous preacher. It would be a pleasing task to include a paragraph concerning each of the pastors who have been stationed in this town, but the number is too large, and the material at ready command is too limited. They have been faithful laborers in their own parish, and generally on fraternal relations with the pastors of the Congregational Church. Especially has this been the case in later years. Several have taken an active and efficient interest in the schools and other public affairs, and one has represented the town in the Legislature.

## CHAPTER XII.

### *SACRED MUSIC.*

Attention Early Paid to this Subject.—First Choristers.—Lining the Hymn.—Fugues.—Instruments and Players.—Anecdote.—Singing Schools.—Other Choristers.—New Organ.

THE references to this subject, left upon the records, indicate that considerable attention was seasonably paid to the encouragement of church music, and that at a very early date a few at least “had learned to sing by rule.” The town, acting as a parish, gravely passed several votes about “setting the psalm” and “raising the hymn,” without suspicion that such subjects of legislation would soon pass beyond its control. The date of several votes hereafter given indicates that the people were less hostile to innovation than the inhabitants of many towns in this vicinity. It is certain at least that these measures were entertained at a comparatively early date. In 1782, a request was made for the assignment of “some particular part of the meeting-house for those persons to set that have learned to sing by rule,” and, with commendable liberality, the town granted them “The two hind seats in the mens side and Two in the womens side below.” A few years later the singers were promoted to seats in the galleries, and from the first were often styled “the choir.” Also in 1782 the

town chose "Nathaniel Ingalls, David Adams, and David Sherwin to assist Deacon Towne in setting the Psalm," and seven years later the church requested "William Gardner, Eliphalet Wood, Joseph Crumbie, and William Sherwin to officiate as choristers." The small number of hymn-books to be found in the congregations had led to the practice of "lining," or "deaconing," the hymns. The hymn was first read throughout by the minister; then some person, generally one of the deacons—hence the term of "deaconing the hymn,"—would read one line, and those in the congregation who could sing, and many who thought they could, would render that line with much animation, and with such taste and precision as they were able. Another line was read and then sung, and the process repeated until the last line had been rendered. In this manner one hymn-book would answer for an entire congregation. Near the close of the past century the better verse of Dr. Watts was introduced, and the number of books is said to have been much increased. and the constant repetition of St. Martin's, Mear, York, St. Ann's, Windham, and a few other tunes, which gave little choice between the bold and cheerful major and the mournful and pathetic minor, was relieved by the introduction of many new musical compositions.

The introduction of this new music, more than any other cause, brought the practice of lining the hymns into disuse. Many of the new selections were more intricate in structure, and among them was a class of tunes, difficult of description, called fugues. These pieces were very popular for a time, but are seldom heard at the present day. One of the parts would lead, and the others follow in a kind of systematized hubbub, and each part singing different words were wont to "fly swifter round the wheel of time," until all were in a perfect *melée*, and then out of the direst confusion

would miraculously approach a period in sudden peace and order and apparent good will, as if they had forgotten and forgiven all cause of their recent contention. The introduction of musical instruments as an accompaniment to church music, if ever seriously opposed, as in many places, has left no traces of contention upon the records. And little of interest on this point has been preserved by tradition beyond the fact that the pitch-pipe, violin, bass viol, bassoon, and the usual variety of wind instruments, have each had their day, and were sounded by skillful players. It is equally certain that their use was accompanied by the well-remembered tunings during the reading of the hymn, as if either the instruments were impatient to be played upon, or the musicians unduly anxious to begin. The Townes, the Sherwins, the Carltons, whose mother was Elizabeth Sherwin, the Cutlers, her grandchildren, and several other families, were early and prominently connected with the choir. Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, whose mother was also a member of the Sherwin family, in his youth was a player upon the bass viol. The instrument used by him was made by Mr. Braddyll Smith, and is said to have been of superior quality, and to have been played in a masterly manner. Mr. Wilder for a season was the chorister, and officiated in that capacity on the occasion of the ordination of Rev. Dr. Burnham.

On an occasion during the later use of these instruments, and while Mr. Amos Cutler's violin was the centre of attraction, when Dr. Burnham had given out the hymn, containing the lines,

"Oh, may my heart in tune be found,  
Like David's harp of solemn sound,"

one of the younger members of the choir, whose name is associated with many pleasantries, could not resist the

temptation to paraphrase the lines, and sing for the edification of those near him:—

“Oh, may my heart be tuned within,  
Like Cutler’s solemn violin.”

Those who heard it say it was done *Brown*.

If Dr. Payson was little annoyed by contention and opposition to innovations in church music in his own parish, he saw one exhibition of this spirit in another place. He was preaching one Sabbath in exchange at Peterborough. In the congregation sat Matthew Templeton, stern and austere, and opposing with much bitterness all innovations. He called the bass viol “dagon,” and the pitch-pipe with equal contempt he denominated “the whistle.” On this occasion the hymn had been read by Dr. Payson, the chorister, Mr. Smith, had sounded the pitch-pipe, and the choir began to sing, but soon became confused and stopped, when Mr. Templeton, who occupied a conspicuous seat among the congregation, cried out, in his broad Scotch accent, with much derision: “Mr. Johnny Smith, ye must blaw your whostle agaien.”

While the meeting-house was being built in 1796, the town chose a committee to confer with the singers, and ascertain what accommodations they desired in the new house, and instructed them to grant all reasonable requests made by the choir concerning the arrangement of seats for their use. The favor in which the choir was held was also manifested by several appropriations of money for their benefit, which were expended in the maintenance of singing-schools. The earlier musical instruction in this town was conducted solely to increase the efficiency of the choir, and all other styles of music were ignored. The town, in its capacity of parish, made frequent appropriations for this purpose, and, in accordance with precedent,

all persons belonging to other religious denominations were excused from paying any part of the money raised to meet this expense. The name of the first music-teacher of whom any reference can be found is Ichabod Johnson, who conducted a school in this town in 1801, and several other schools during the succeeding years. Mr. Johnson also taught a singing-school in New Ipswich, and Kidder's excellent history of that town pays him the following doubtful compliment: "In 1805 or 6, Ichabod Johnson kept a school, and introduced a lighter kind of music. He could not sing himself, but with a good faculty at teaching, and the help of his violin (when he was sober), and assisted by one or two reliable persons on each part, he succeeded in collecting a large school, was popular, and, on the whole, gave an impulse to music generally."

Other instruction in vocal music, which followed in the course of years, was given by Mr. Miller, Dea. Clark, Rev. Mr. Willey, and Mr. Hutchins, from abroad, and Obadiah Carlton, Joseph Davis, George Robbins, and Stephen B. Sherwin, of this town. Rev. Isaac Willey will be remembered, in later years, as the efficient agent for Home Missions. The later instructors have been Peter Clark, Prof. C. M. Wyman, Mr. E. B. Barrett, and Prof. G. W. Foster. In the winter of 1819-20, Marshall P. Wilder gave a course of instruction in vocal music. The tuition was free, and the course ended with a grand exhibition, which is vividly and pleasantly remembered by many still living. Among the pieces rendered on this occasion were "Hail-stone Chorus," and "Strike the Cymbals." They did strike them, and in a manner that awoke the amazement of the audience. "The Horse and his Rider," and other selections, which at that time were regarded as difficult pieces of music, were also rendered. All the aged people, "with an



ear for music," describe this as a little the best entertainment ever enjoyed in Rindge.

A new interest in sacred music was awakened soon after the settlement of Dr. Burnham. He possessed fine musical talents, and a sweet, melodious voice, and had made himself an efficient reader of this class of music, which he exceedingly enjoyed, during his connection with the Handel Society at Dartmouth, and the Lockhart Society at the Seminary.

Of the latter society, which was widely known, he was one of the founders, and among the most active and proficient members, and was selected to purchase the instruments for its use. A few years since, an article which appeared in the "Congregational Quarterly," from the pen of Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., who was cotemporary with Dr. Burnham at the Seminary, refers to his connection with this society in these appropriate terms: "Amos W. Burnham, additional to a rich tenor voice, brought with him from the Handel Society in Dartmouth a skill and taste for expressive reading of the music of the old composers, which rendered him an efficient helper from the outset of the society."

The choir has generally been large in numbers, and at all times has contained considerable musical talent, which was fully appreciated by Dr. Burnham. William Sherwin was chorister much of the time during the ministry of Dr. Payson, and later his son, Stephen B. Sherwin, Esq., efficiently conducted this part of the service for many years. Other choristers were William Rugg, Col. M. P. Wilder, Joshua C. Towne, Josiah Stratton, Arba S. Coffin, David Stowe, and J. A. Stearns, whose pleasing voice has "set the psalm" for several years. And now the days of the pitch-pipe are over; the bass viol and the violin are

unheard in the choirs; the bassoons are hoarse with age, and the sacred use of the trombone and the post-horn is counted with the customs of other days. The innovations of the new years have driven them from their accustomed places in the choirs, but not from the memory of those who were accustomed to hear them lead the voices in sacred song. . While any of that generation remain, these ancient instruments and the tunes of their times will never be forgotten. Around them the recollection of the aged is wont to linger until again the praise of song is borne on the wings of such memories to the God of all generations. The following selection from the poem, read by Samuel Burnham, at the centennial celebration of Rindge, pleasantly refers to the music of this period, as well as to the meeting-house at that time:—

“ How oft, before improvement came  
And changed the building all save name,  
In those far-off and childish days,  
My wondering eye-balls I did raise,  
To that red pulpit, and the door,  
Which swung upon the sacred floor.  
And how I thought the parson fled,  
Until I saw his reverent head  
Up in the dizzy height appear,  
To send theology far and near.  
And how I dreaded the long prayer,  
And stood in restless misery there,  
Within the high-railed, pound-like pew,  
Peering between the seats for view  
Of Deacon Blake and Deacon Brown,  
And other worthies of the town,  
Who sat close by with sober face,  
The wardens of the sacred place.  
And when, at last, the loud Amen  
Fell from aloft, how quickly then,

The seats came down with heavy rattle,  
Like musketry in fiercest battle.  
And farther off, and higher yet,  
The singers and the players sat.  
Oh, what a deluge of sweet sound!  
Northfield came flying swiftly round;  
The New Jerusalem came down  
On slippery catgut on the town;  
To old St. Martin's air so light,  
The shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
And all our hearts were tuned within  
To Amos Cutler's violin.  
How those old tunes call up the past,  
And memories throng both thick and fast;  
Old Majesty in sad complaints,  
And wailing China for dead saints,  
And Lenox, Duke Street, and the rest  
That to the service added zest.  
But songs and songsters now are dead;  
Those Sabbath days have long since fled;  
The strings are broken, mute the tongue,  
That then God's praises sweetly sung."

In 1850, a small reed organ was procured. In its best days it could a little more than fill with sound the roomy case in which it was enclosed. It was tenderly borne with for several years after its natural powers had much abated. For some time the question of a better instrument was being considered, and about three hundred dollars was raised for that purpose. In 1870, the effort was renewed with much earnestness. An organization, with Josiah Stratton for President, and Anson A. Platts for Secretary, was formed, and frequent meetings were held.

This effort was efficiently aided by Rev. Dennis Powers, the acting pastor, who ever took a lively interest in all matters of progress and laudable enterprise. To him and

to his judicious and untiring efforts the society is much indebted, in the procurement of an elegant organ, and also in the improvements made at this time in the church edifice. Under these favoring auspices a sum of money was soon pledged, which encouraged the members of the organization to contract for a superior pipe organ. The instrument is from the manufactory of Mr. George Stevens, of Cambridge, and was placed in position in the autumn of 1871. It contains fifteen hundred pipes, and is of excellent tone. The cost was about \$2,500. For labor in the collections, and for generous subscriptions, both by residents of this town and others from abroad, many are deserving especial commendation. To A. S. Coffin, N. A. Hale, S. J. Hardison, Deacon Jeremiah Norcross, James B. Robbins, and Charles E. Stickney, who assumed the pecuniary responsibility until the last of the money could be raised, the enterprise is much indebted.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### *SCHOOLS.*

Home Instruction. — The First Appropriation for Schools. — Five School Districts. — Early Instructors. — Wages of Teachers. — A New Era. Text Books. — Organization of Districts. — Boundaries Defined. — Prudential Committees. — Supervision. — Private Schools. — Exhibitions. — Names of School Committees.

THE earliest settlers resided in this town twenty years before there were any public schools; yet the youth who advanced to manhood at the close of this period were not uneducated. The parents were people of intelligence, often of considerable culture, and personally attended to the education of their own children; and there were as many schools in town as there were families. The faithful instruction of parents to their children at the fireside must have been a pleasing feature of their home experience. Their school-books could not have been numerous, and probably their exchanges of readers less frequent than at present. Here in the wilderness these primitive instructors enjoyed an entire freedom from the importunities of book agents, and pupils conned their lessons from well-worn pages, and often from borrowed volumes.

Children, with their love of companionship, may have assembled at the house of some hospitable neighbor, whose ability to instruct would soon be recognized, and command

remuneration; and private schools may have sprung from these informal gatherings.

Whatever may have been the system of instruction, the results are unmistakable. None were suffered to grow up in ignorance, and the many evidences of culture, made known in the lives of those whose only schooling was received at this time, are the substance of our knowledge of the education of that period.

William Russell, an infant when his parents removed to Rindge, was twenty years of age when the first public schools were instituted; yet he was among the earliest of grammar-school teachers. Many instances of this character, too numerous and apparent to escape observation, might be cited. The "Association Test" was signed by all the citizens of this town that were not in the army. Their names are written in fair characters, in some instances with great elegance. Those who examine the original paper will find but one signature not plainly written; but long before the name of Deliverance Wilson is made out, the practiced eye will discover that the illegibility arose from an unsteady nerve, rather than inexperience in the use of the pen. Among those in the army who did not here present a specimen of their handwriting, I know of but one who could not write his name. Asa Wilkins' middle name began with X, to which some friend would write "his mark." The wife of Joel Russell wrote her name in the same brief manner. Previous to the close of the century, no others have been found who could not write their names.

It is clearly evident that the education of the youth was not neglected through a failure of public support. There is no record of public schools previous to 1771, when eleven pounds was appropriated for this purpose; and the same

year Nathaniel Russell was paid five pounds and twelve shillings "for keeping his school for the town," which sustains the tradition that he had previously maintained a school without assistance from the public treasury. The school was at his dwelling-house, on the farm now owned by William E. Robbins. This certainly was not a central point; but in those days the advantages enjoyed by the people were not altogether "convenient and handy to the meeting-house," like the entertainment provided for the council when Dr. Payson was ordained. Within a year from this time schools were taught in the southeast part, probably in the house of Oliver Stevens, at the house of Abel Platts, in the northwest part, where Joshua Fletcher now resides, and at Daniel Rand's, in the southwest part of the town. Previous to the Revolution, schools were also assembled at the residence of Francis Towne, Nathaniel Thomas, and in a building belonging to James Carlton, on the farm now owned by Albert Adams, and he received two dollars for rent, which was paid out of the school money. Since the first sum was voted in the year 1771, there has been an annual appropriation for the schools, and one term or more has been enjoyed by each district in the town. At the meeting at which the first appropriation for schools was made, a new town clerk was chosen, who served one year. During the short term of his official career he made an intelligible record, but his style of spelling was simple, frequently ornate, and gave unmistakable proof of great inventive genius. In this particular he labored with great assiduity to demonstrate that the appropriation for schools had not been prematurely made. His efforts were successful. A perusal of the record for the year will suggest the remark of Christopher Sly, "'Tis a very excellent piece of work; would 'twere done."



The first action of the town in behalf of education is recorded in these words: "Voted to Raise eleven Pounds Lawful money for the use of the School, Also Mr. Nathl. Russell, Mr. Joseph Plats, Mr. Nathl. Page, and Mr. Olover Gould to Bee a Committee to suply the Town with a School the Insuing year and to be Cept in the Severl Parts of the Town as may be for the Advantedge of said Town."

This committee, which continued in office several years, established five schools in the different parts of the town, which was the origin of the first school districts. These soon became known as the Centre, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and Northwest Districts; but their boundaries were not clearly defined, and it was many years before there were any legal school districts.

There was an article in the warrant for a town-meeting in 1772, "To see if the town will build a school house this year." The subject was postponed, and very soon the burdens of the war prevented any further efforts in this direction, and schools continued to be assembled in dwelling-houses at convenient points. It was not many years, however, before several neighborhoods built school-houses for their convenience without assistance from the town, but no record of the building of these first school-houses can be found.

Probably Nathaniel Russell was the first public school-teacher; within a year from the first mention of him as a teacher, Isaac Russell, from Littleton, was also employed, and taught several terms in as many districts. William Russell, son of Joel and cousin of Nathaniel Russell, was soon added to the faculty, and was employed for several terms in the Centre and Northwest Districts. In 1774, Jacob Fitch taught nine weeks. He was the crippled son of John Fitch, to whom reference was made in another

chapter. Dr. John Townsend, a resident physician, was employed for one term, at least, in 1773, and during the next succeeding years his professional rival, Dr. William Swan, taught very many terms. He seemed to have a preference, or the people for him, in the Southeast, where he resided, and in the Southwest Districts. Edward Jewett was very often employed, and taught in all the districts, but mainly in the Centre and Northeast Districts. He resided in the latter district. In 1774, female teachers were paid, and perhaps, in some instances, for schools taught the previous year. First upon this list are the names of Mrs. Jonathan Stanley, Martha Hovey, Eunice Thomas, and Mrs. John Demary. Mrs. Demary brought to the school-room more than a usual experience in the training of youth, having ten children of her own, and two grandchildren. She enjoyed no vacation between terms. Mrs. James Carlton and Mrs. Ephraim Hunt were employed previous to the close of 1774; and the next year, in addition to some of the names already mentioned, a daughter of Jonathan Sawtell taught two terms in the Southeast District. The money was paid to Mr. Sawtell, as the wages of his daughter for keeping school. It was probably Mary, afterwards the wife of Abijah Page. Her son, Joseph Page, nearly ninety years of age, resides in Rindge. A few years later, Meriah, a younger sister of Mary, and subsequently the wife of Thomas Wetherbee, Jr., was employed many terms. Mrs. Sarah Chaplin, Mrs. Gray, probably the widow of John Gray, Mrs. Sarah Wood, the wife of James Wood, of Boxford, and subsequently of Rindge, are also found upon the list of early instructors.

The wages paid at this time was about ten shillings per week for male, and two to three shillings for female teachers. The usual price paid for board, in addition to these sums,

was four shillings for the former, and two shillings per week for the latter. The schools taught by the male teachers were styled the grammar school, and about one-half of the school money was appropriated for its use. Frequently a male teacher was employed for several months, and sent from place to place, until each district had received its proportion of this class of instruction. The amount of money raised for the support of schools was increased from year to year with the growth of the town; and, in acknowledgment of their importance and success, in 1775 twenty pounds, in 1783 eighty pounds, in 1795 one hundred pounds were raised for this purpose.

As yet there had been but five districts; when and in what manner the number was increased does not appear upon the records. Whenever any portion of the town asked leave to join other districts, or to expend their proportion of the school money in their own neighborhood, the request was always granted. In 1789, it was voted to choose as many for school committee as there were districts. At this time eight were chosen, and two years later there was a committee of ten, which is all the information that can be gained of the number of schools at this date. It is plain that the town took little action concerning the boundaries of districts, and assumed no arbitrary control in these affairs, but permitted the several neighborhoods to arrange themselves into districts or societies, as inclination and convenience prompted. Each district had the benefit of their own school-tax. The division was based upon the wealth, and not the number, of scholars in each district, and for many years the committee collected the school-tax in their respective districts. It was not until near the close of the century that the present system of collection was adopted. When the first school-houses were

built is quite uncertain. In 1794, the town voted to build them where they were needed, and to excuse those districts from the tax for this purpose that had already built school-houses. At this date, it would be expected that some had been built; but this is the first record of the fact, and is important so far as it represents that the first school-houses were built by the communities, and not by the town. The amount of school money to be raised was determined by the town, but these votes were only the united voice of the districts. The tax was assessed by the selectmen, who could proportion more accurately and justly the amount each individual should pay. Beyond this slender assistance, the schools were not the growth of public support, nor the creation of public legislation, but were spontaneous in the several communities, to meet the demands of each. They clearly sprang from the people, and in advance of those statutes, which, with wise forethought, required each town to make certain provision for schools. These requirements have almost invariably been exceeded. The districts or societies built the houses, and secured the teachers, and cheerfully paid their proportion of the expense, that their children might enjoy advantages which had been denied to themselves. While the agent for each district was chosen by the town, his official duty was confined to the district in which he resided, and no town record of the proceedings was had. During one year no committee was chosen, and occasionally a member of the committee would resign. In these cases, by vote of the town, the duty was performed by the selectmen. The transactions then became a matter of record, and the names of several teachers are preserved with the receipts; but the names of very many of the early teachers are lost beyond recovery. Some of those who taught between 1780 and 1800 are Susannah Rand, wife of

Col. Daniel Rand; Sarah Rand, wife of Capt. Solomon Rand; Sarah Towne, daughter of Dea. Francis Towne, afterwards the wife of Simeon Whitcomb; Esther Ames; Esther Cutter, afterwards Mrs. John Carlton; Persis Hardy, afterwards the wife of Rev. Reuben Brown; Sarah Payson, afterwards the wife of William Barker, and mother of Hon. George P. Barker; Rebecca Buswell, daughter of John Buswell, and afterwards the wife of Asa Platts; Mrs. Tabitha Hunt, wife of Ephraim Hunt; Mrs. Phebe Peirce, wife of Abraham Peirce; Meriah Sawtell; Phebe Gray; Esther Adams, daughter of Israel Adams; Levi Rugg; Enoch Wood; Col. Josiah Wilder; William Sherwin; Nathaniel Ingalls; Dea. Edward Jewett; Lieut. Benjamin Foster; Ensign Richard Kimball; Eliphalet Wood; Oliver Adams; Dr. Elijah Norcross; and Gardner Kellogg.

The commencement of the present century is the beginning of a new era in the cause of popular education. The efforts of the past had taken root for a more vigorous growth, and many happy changes occurred within a few years. In most cases, to learn to read, write, and spell, with some knowledge of the rules of arithmetic, was all that had been attempted. The text-books in use previous to 1800 were not numerous, and of a most primitive character. Dilworth's and Perry's Spelling-Book, and Pike's Arithmetic would cut a sorry figure in the school-room, at the present time. Late in the past century, Webster's Reader found its way into the school-room, as well as a small abridgement of Morse's Geography, which gave the briefest description of the earth's surface, and contained many startling facts. Alexander's Grammar was in the hands of only the most advanced and ambitious pupils. In any mention of the books of the period, the New England Primer must not be omitted. This volume of

diminutive size, filled with wholesome truths, was found at every fireside, and was received in the school-room as a reading-book and safe counsellor. Every Saturday, and sometimes more frequently, the entire school was required to "say the catechism," as found in this little volume. These exercises, and the truths inculcated, are not forgotten by the aged among us, but are shining brightly in their waning years. To them education, in an intellectual sense, was simply the measure of mental force, furnishing facilities to action, while these moral instructions were seized upon to direct and be the guiding principle of their lives. Until the present century the boundaries of the districts had not been defined. The former arrangement was temporary, and subject to all the changes incident to sudden likes and dislikes of the people, who were at liberty to sever existing connections, and join other districts, whenever and as often as any caprice or supposed interest prompted. In 1804, the first steps were taken to give the districts a permanent character. Individuals were the first to move in this direction, by asking the town for authority to become permanently associated in organized districts. The consent of the town was immediately granted, and with a very wise provision, which required these voluntary societies to present the town clerk with a description of each district, which was to be recorded. While they were at full liberty to arrange the boundaries of each district without restraint, all subsequent change was subject to the action of the town. The inhabitants immediately consented to this proposition, and the town was soon districted.

The FIRST DISTRICT comprised the central village, and extended from the Common a mile or more, in all directions. On the Jaffrey road was included, as at present, the farms



now owned by Deacon Norcross and C. E. Stickney; on the north it included the Mulliken place, near the residence of M. W. Hale, and the bounds in this direction remain unchanged to the present time; towards the east were included all the residences at the Corner, the farms of David and John Barker, now owned by Deacon Bancroft and Stephen Hale, and extended on the old turnpike to near the present Corner school-house; on the south it included the farms now of Martin L. Goddard, of Henry E. Burritt, and of Thomas and Charles G. Buswell; and on the west the Moors farm, the Stratton farm, and considerable territory at present in the district. The present school-house was built, at this time, on land borrowed of the town for that purpose for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, and bids fair to survive the lease. The first school-house in this district was also on the Common, and was situated west of the meeting-house, not far from the residence of A. S. Coffin, Esq. When the present house was built it was sold, and still forms a part of the dwelling-house of Lovell Whitney.

The SECOND DISTRICT was in the southwest part of the town, and, in addition to the area of District Number Ten as now constituted, it included the farms of John Lovejoy, unoccupied at present, of Ezekiel Demary, now of James Damon, and of Abiel Holt, now of Charles H. Danforth. The first school-house was situated a few rods north of the present house. The second house was built in 1829. In 1859 it was thoroughly remodelled, and moved a few rods south of its former location.

The THIRD DISTRICT included lots three to twelve in the first range, three to eleven in the second, four to eleven in the third, four to eight in the fourth, and seven in the fifth. This was a large district. With the exception of a



few farms on New Ipswich line, which then, as now, were a distinct organization, it comprised the southeast part of the town, or the district now known as Number Eight, Converseville, Hubbard Hill, and the farms of Gilman P. Wellington and George Wilson. The school-house was situated about one-fourth mile south from the residence of Lyman Bennett, near Monomonock Lake.

The FOURTH DISTRICT was situated south and west of Pool Pond, and was a portion of the present Blakeville district, with several farms now included in the Tarbell district. The school-house was situated north of the residence of Joshua Fletcher, near the Munroe farm. This and the Ninth District, whose school-houses were in close proximity, seldom maintained schools at the same time; and each school, when in session, freely received pupils from the other district.

The FIFTH DISTRICT comprised lot nine in the seventh range, seven to eleven in the eighth range, and six to eleven in the ninth and tenth ranges. This district, now known as Number Two, also includes lots twelve in the eighth, ninth, and tenth ranges, and lots eight and ten in the seventh range, beside a more recent addition from Number One. The first school-house in this district was occupied until it was burned, with little loss, in May, 1842. Another was burned in December, 1859. The present house was then built, and, unless destroyed by fire, will conveniently accommodate the district for several years. The location of the first school-house was about twenty rods west from the site of the second and of the present building.

The SIXTH DISTRICT was substantially the same as the present Number Seven. Lots one to three in the fourth

range have been taken from it, and added to the East Rindge district, but it has been compensated by the addition of the south half of lots three to six in the seventh range. This territory being pasture and wood land, the changes did not affect the population of the district. A portion of Number One was more recently added. The first school-house, built about 1795, was situated a short distance west from the residence of Wm. M. Hunttee. The present house was built in 1833, and has been well preserved.

THE SEVENTH DISTRICT comprised lots three to seven in the seventh range, one to six in the eighth range, and one to five in the ninth and tenth ranges. Its southwest limit was the farm of Dea. Jewett, now of Ivers H. Brooks, and was more recently known as Number One. A few years since this district, like Poland, was partitioned, and divided among the surrounding kingdoms. The records, tradition, and the numerous sites of former dwellings, all testify that this was once a populous district. The only school-house built in this part of the town still remains, but since the dissolution of the district has not been used.

The EIGHTH DISTRICT was in the northwest corner of the town, and included lots nineteen to twenty-two in the eighth and ninth ranges, and eighteen to twenty-two in the tenth range. At this time it contained fifteen farms, and as many families. The school-house was near the site of the old Methodist meeting-house.

The NINTH DISTRICT was neither large nor populous. At the date of its organization there were only seven families within its limits. It comprised lots twelve to seventeen on the Jaffrey line, and lots twelve to the middle of fifteen in the eighth and ninth ranges. Its southern

boundary included the farms of Deacon Blake and Dr. Stephen Jewett, now of Samuel Martin and Dr. C. E. Ware. The school-house was near the outlet of Pool Pond, a short distance on the old road to Jaffrey Centre. In 1848, this district was united with the fourth district, and they have been known since then as Number Three. The present school-house was built soon after the union of the two districts.

The TENTH DISTRICT comprised lots fourteen to eighteen on the Massachusetts line, fourteen to seventeen in the second range, and fourteen and fifteen in the third. The school-house was nearly opposite the residence of James Wood, now of B. F. Danforth. It received, in 1848, substantial additions from the centre and southwest districts, including the farms of Thomas and C. G. Buswell, W. C. Brigham, the Moors, Stratton, and Lovejoy farms, and the farms of Charles H. Danforth and James Damon. The present school-house was built in 1850.

The ELEVENTH DISTRICT was in the southeast part of the town, and associated with families in New Ipswich. For several years before its organization, Lieut. Isaac Wood, who lived where his grandsons John and Jonas Wood now reside, James Reed, Ebenezer Muzzy, Aaron Brooks, and Stephen Brooks, were permitted to expend their school-tax in their own neighborhood. At this time they organized a district, and, in connection with families in New Ipswich, their successors have maintained a school until the present time. The school-house, an example of exact justice, is divided equally by the town line; but the pupils from Rindge or New Ipswich occupy either portion, and allow no geographical prejudices to interrupt their progress.

The organization of the Tarbell and the Corner Districts will be hereafter noticed. They were subsequently formed from other districts. The entire town was included in the limits of the eleven districts already described, and with these boundaries the schools were successfully conducted for nearly twenty years. The districts were not organized in the order here given. These are the numbers by which they were known. They were numbered on the basis of the amount of school-tax paid by each at the time of their organization. These numbers, at a glance, will indicate the comparative wealth of each district at that time. Not until a recent date was any portion of the school money distributed among the districts on the basis of the number of scholars. Each district then received the amount of school-tax paid by that district. This method was accepted, perhaps in the belief that it was just and honorable. But partially ignoring the fact that the public schools were established for the equal benefit of all, it extended public privileges to the rich, which, in a measure, were denied to the poor. The childless tax-payer was required, as now, to pay his proportion to educate the children of others, and there can be no good reason why his tax should be employed for the exclusive benefit of a section.

The following table represents the amount of school money assigned to, and the comparative wealth of, each district, for a term of years. The right hand column shows the amount of money appropriated for schools for each year. The comparative wealth of the same areas at the present time suggests many lessons. The growth of several districts has been almost equalled by the depreciation of others. The districts near the borders of the town have sustained considerable loss, while the reverse is generally true of the others.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total.
1805	90.42	57.46	51.01	47.94	40.15	29.52	28.02	23.84	21.99	18.01	9.45	418.31
1806	86.09	56.51	50.22	42.93	39.20	22.41	29.43	16.19	29.40	23.77	7.99	404.14
1808	91.29	58.42	48.48	47.07	37.40	31.04	32.83	24.98	24.08	20.12	9.91	425.62
1810	94.04	50.87	44.67	42.03	38.50	27.78	27.33	23.39	24.83	16.88	9.68	400.00
1812	91.72	51.04	47.51	40.44	38.99	27.16	29.46	25.38	25.22	17.40	9.47	403.79
1814	105.40	58.20	47.08	39.33	41.48	27.89	26.83	26.66	29.28	17.51	10.26	429.92
1816	104.04	56.25	50.35	37.39	43.81	32.00	28.30	28.13	30.59	15.27	11.08	437.17
1818	119.85	51.90	51.44	43.76	43.30	31.88	26.14	27.83	30.29	13.04	8.94	449.33
1820	131.12	71.18	63.01	54.63	52.59	38.57	35.40	34.11	30.06	19.86	13.14	543.67

The TWELFTH DISTRICT was not organized until 1821, when portions of the fourth and eighth districts were set off for this purpose. The citizens of the new district were Eliphaz Allen, Nathan Underwood, Peter Howe, Samuel Tarbell, Thomas Tarbell, Isaac Learned, John Richards, Jr., Josiah Peirce, Nahum Peirce, and Nathan Derby, Jr. The school-house near Monomonock Lake, in the old third district, was burned in the winter of 1824-5. This event immediately led to some changes in the district boundaries in that vicinity.

The THIRTEENTH, or CORNER, DISTRICT was then organized, and was formed from the first or centre, and the third districts. It extended west on the turnpike, to include the farm of Stephen Emory, recently deceased; and east to include the farm of Thaddeus Richards, now of Stephen Hale; and in the third district it included Converseville and the farm of Capt. Wellington, now of his son Gilman P. Wellington; while the Jones farm and the farms on Hubbard Hill were added to the centre district. The new school-house in the third district was built at the foot of the hill, west of the dwelling-house of Abraham J. Converse, which in 1849 was burned, when the present house was built in a more central location. The school-house in the Corner District was built at the foot of the hill, about forty rods east of Mr. Cutter's wheelwright shop. The present house, still farther east, was built in 1858, and is excelled by none in town.

In 1848, the town was new districted, and the former boundaries considerably disturbed, and some of the inhabitants also. The numbers of the districts were also changed. The first became the fifth; the second the tenth; the third the eighth; the fourth and ninth were united and styled the third; the fifth became the second; the sixth the seventh; the seventh the first; the eighth the twelfth; the tenth the ninth; the twelfth the fourth; the thirteenth the sixth; while the eleventh retained its former number. This explanation is not very euphonic, but it briefly expresses a fact which should not be omitted in an account of the school districts. In 1869, District Number One became extinct. The extreme northeast portion and a part of Sharon formed a union district. During the same year District Number Twelve, which was lessened in area in 1848, was annexed to Numbers Three and Four. This leaves a present number of nine districts, besides portions of the former districts Number One and Number Eleven, which are joined with sections of other towns.

Within twenty-five years, eight new school-houses have been built, which will compare favorably with those in a majority of rural towns. Of the remaining houses, the poorest is in the centre district, whose inhabitants are abundantly able to have a more convenient and comfortable house. It could not be fully described without the use of many depreciating adjectives. It is hoped that the apparent veneration of the district for this ancient structure will soon yield to the increasing demands for a more suitable building. The annual appropriation for the support of schools has been constantly increasing for many years. About fourteen hundred dollars is now raised by a tax upon the inhabitants, and, in addition, an average of about one hundred and twenty-five dollars is received from the



two sources of literary fund, which is considerably in excess of the average of other towns in the State.

Space will not admit of a continuation of the list of teachers. Only those who taught early in the period are here noticed. When nineteen years of age, and while a student at college, Edward Payson taught the centre school, and a few years later his brother Phillips was employed several terms.

Gates Rand, Liberty Rand, Simon Davis, Abel Shedd, Josiah Shedd, Eliphalet Sawtell, Thomas Ingalls, Greene Towne, Warham Rand, Jonathan Sawtell, Amos Keyes, Rev. Joseph Brown, Hubbard Moors, Warham R. Platts, Samuel Steele, are still remembered as teachers of that period. Some of them were teachers many years. Jonathan Sawtell was fond of stating that he had stood in the desk five and twenty terms. Perhaps Simon Davis and Amos Keyes were as constantly employed, and later, Jason B. Perry taught many terms, and was associated with some of these in their later labors in the school-room. The summer schools were very frequently committed to the care of Polly Bowers, who died unmarried at an advanced age; Catherine Johnson, afterwards the wife of John Demary, Jr.; Mary Colburn, afterwards Mrs. Talmon Jennings; Polly Kimball, later Mrs. Joshua Converse; Hannah Adams; Hepsibah Cutler, later Mrs. John Townsend; Polly Davis; Naomi Adams, wife of Isaac Spofford; Maria Hunt, afterwards the wife of Rev. Joseph Brown; Matilda Rand, later the wife of Timothy Bancroft; Sophia Sawyer, the missionary; Fanny Demary, daughter of Ezekiel Demary; Abigail Stearns, later Mrs. Chauncey Perry; and very many others, which space will not admit.

The town continued to choose a prudential committee of one for each district until 1809, when Edward Jewett, Esq.,



introduced the following motion, which was adopted: "That the inhabitants of each school district in the town meet in their respective districts, on the last Tuesday of March, at three o'clock, P.M., and choose a moderator and clerk for their district. Also to choose an agent for their own district to provide teachers for their respective districts. That each moderator and clerk certify in writing to the selectmen the person chosen. That the selectmen certify to said agent the proportion of school money for his particular district. That said agents seasonably provide such teachers for their respective districts as are qualified, as the law directs." The remainder of this vote provided that the selectmen should pay the teachers out of the school money, on orders given by the prudential committees. This plan was followed five years, when the former method was resumed. No reason for its abandonment is apparent, unless it was presumed that a choice by the districts would not be sustained by the existing laws of the State. With the exception of two other years, the town annually chose the prudential committees, until a plan very similar to the one introduced twenty years earlier by Mr. Jewett became the law of the State, and since 1830, under the provisions of this statute, the districts have continued to elect their prudential committees, who are qualified to draw the school money from the town treasury for their respective districts, instead of paying the teachers by an order, as was the practice under the plan of Mr. Jewett.

The question of supervision of the schools, for the first time, was favorably entertained by the town in March, 1810. The following report of a committee, consisting of Gates Rand, David Barker, and Jonathan Ingalls, chosen to make some recommendation on that subject, was then presented: "In our opinion, it will be expedient to choose a committee

of three persons to examine the schools, and that no agent for any district shall set up any Master, who has never taught school before, until he has been examined by said committee, and received their approbation. And that the agent for said district shall notify said committee of the time when it will be most agreeable to his district to have the school examined, and that each district shall choose one or more persons to meet with said committee." This report was made the same day the committee was chosen, which gave them little time for its preparation. Yet it is presumed that its brevity is more particularly the result of good judgment on the part of its authors, who expressed their opinions in very proper terms, and, with a rare display of good sense, withheld all needless comment. The report was adopted, and a committee chosen. Rev. Seth Payson, Col. Josiah Wilder, and Thomas Ingalls, constituted the first superintending school committee in this town; and during the years immediately following, Simon Davis, William Sherwin, Samuel L. Wilder, Gates Rand, and Amos Keyes, were also chosen. The committee was variously selected from the eight persons just named, until the year 1820, when the town, for the succeeding seven years, either neglected to choose any one, or else chose one from each district to superintend his respective school. In 1827, a more select number was chosen, and either by an election, or appointment by the selectmen, a committee, generally of three, has been annually chosen, until the present system of electing one each year, to serve three years, was adopted a few years since. At this date, Rev. Mr. Burnham was chosen, who continued faithfully to serve the town in this capacity, almost without interruption, for more than thirty years. He at once evinced a lively interest in the schools of this town, and the cause of popular education is much

indebted to his wise counsels and faithful labors in its behalf. The first written report of the school committee was for the year 1828, and was drafted by Mr. Burnham. Since then an annual report has been made without interruption, which, for the past twenty-five years, has been printed at the expense of the town.

In addition to the public schools, sustained by the town, a private school, supported by tuition, has been enjoyed for about three months in the year, during a considerable portion of the time, for the past sixty years. These terms generally have been well attended, and the exhibition given by the students at the close of the term has been a prominent feature of these enterprises. In these exhibitions, George P. Barker began to exercise his wonderful power over an audience, and in these juvenile efforts, while declaiming the words of another, a prophecy of his rare oratorical powers was proclaimed by the tears he called from the eyes of many unused to weep.

In those palmy days of the town, when almost every conceivable topic was a fit subject for legislation, when the meeting-house, the length of intermission between the services on the Sabbath, the salary of the minister, the exclusion of dogs from the doors of the sanctuary, were fruitful themes for public discussion and decision, the students were obliged to secure the consent of the town before they were permitted to hold their exhibitions in the meeting-house. Nearly seventy years ago, when such a request was made, the town, with an air of great prudence, voted that "the young people have liberty to hold a public exhibition in the meeting-house, provided the pieces to be exhibited be first presented for the inspection of Rev. Mr. Payson and the selectmen." Thus, with the approval of the minister and the town officials, the students were instructed to speak

the speech trippingly on the tongue, or to announce to their friends that they came not here to talk. For the hundredth time, the old Peruvian was discovered among the palm-trees, and Cæsar was buried with little praise. With great boldness, they condemned and noted Lucius Pella, or sounded a prophetic warning in the ears of Lochiel, with an assurance that it must be so, for Plato reasoned well. Again was Cromwell charged to throw away ambition, while the younger orators continued to harrow the sympathies of their hearers with their appeals for pity for the sorrows of the poor old man, whose name and residence have never been disclosed.

In many instances the committee of supervision has been appointed by the selectmen instead of being elected by the town. For several years the record of appointment has not been discovered. The following list presents the date of the first election, and, as far as has been ascertained, gives the number of years each individual named has served upon the school committee: Rev. Seth Payson, 1810, (2); Josiah Wilder, 1810, (3); Thomas Ingalls, 1810, (7); Simon Davis, 1811, (7); William Sherwin, 1811, (5); Samuel L. Wilder, 1811, (5); Gates Rand, 1812, (4); Amos Keyes, 1813, (5); Rev. A. W. Burnham, 1827, and almost continuously until 1857; Benjamin Ward, Esq., 1827, (1); Jason B. Perry, 1827, (6 or more); Dr. A. D. Shurtleff, 1829, (2); S. B. Sherwin, 1829, (9); Dr. Nathaniel Kingsbury, 1833, (2); Dr. E. D. Abell, 1843, (5 or more); Dr. Josiah Abbott, 1845, (10 or more); W. C. Brigham, 1847, (6 or more); David Stowe, 1854, (6 or more); Rev. A. M. Osgood, 1853, (1); Rev. Silas Cummings, 1857, (1); Rev. C. H. Chase, 1858, (1); George W. Todd, Jr., 1858, (1); James B. Perry, 1862, (1); Amos J. Blake, 1862, (2); Ezra S. Stearns, 1863, (2); George A. Whitney, 1864, (1). For several years,

from 1865, only one person was chosen. Ezra S. Stearns, 1865, (1); Rev. Henry Chandler, 1866, (2); George A. Whitney, 1868, (2); W. C. Brigham, 1870, (1); Rev. A. L. Kendall, 1871, (1); A. S. Coffin, 1872, (1). Since 1872, a board of education has been elected for the term of three years, and has included A. S. Coffin, (2), Rev. William H. Stuart, (1), Anson A. Platts, (1), Joseph F. Wetherbee, (1).

## CHAPTER XIV.

### *MILLS AND MANUFACTURES.*

Inconveniences Experienced by the Early Settlers.—The First Saw-Mill.—Grist-Mill.—Hopkinson's Mill.—Robbins' Mill.—Tarbell Mill.—Platts' Mill.—Asa Cole.—Tanneries.—Shoes.—Clothes-Pins.—Nest Boxes.—Pails.—Clothiers.—Bobbins and Spools.—Miscellaneous.

TO CONQUER a wilderness, and surround themselves with the necessities of life, was the mission of the early settlers; and this required the exercise of labor and endurance. For several years the grain was carried to the older towns to be ground, and the lumber used in the first dwellings was transported over the rudest highways from the mills in other places. In midwinter the journey was not infrequently made upon snow-shoes, and a bushel of corn or of rye was borne upon the shoulders of the sturdy father, that his family might be supplied with their homely fare. The boards that were used for the doors and interior of the first log-houses were brought from the mill in Townsend, and later from New Ipswich. These inconveniences, and the numerous water-courses in the settlement, were constantly inviting them to construct mills of their own; and, when once the measure was proposed, few enterprises were conducted with as much success and as little delay.

The proposition to build a saw-mill in this town was first made at a meeting of the proprietors, held at Groton, in February, 1759, when a committee was chosen "to look out a convenient place for a saw-mill." In September of the same year, Lieut. Samuel Reed, of Lunenburg, Joseph Platts, and Jonathan Parker, of Monadnock Number One, were instructed to "employ a proper experienced mill-wright to go to said Number One and look out y<sup>e</sup> best mill place." At the same time it was agreed to sell so much of the three mill lots as might be needed to encourage some person to build a saw-mill on the selected site. The proprietors did not desire to own, or wholly to control, the mill, but proposed to make this gratuity as an encouragement to any one who would build, and agree to saw lumber for the settlers at reasonable prices. The records express a determination that there should be no delay, and, unlike the approach to many other enterprises, there were no postponements or motions of reconsideration. In this particular their votes are in marked contrast with those concerning the meeting-house, since no fear of Indian hostilities is mentioned in this connection.

On the twenty-fourth of the following month, Abel Platts, of Number One, Lieut. Samuel Reed, and Capt. Jacob Gould, of Lunenburg, were chosen to build the mill, with authority "to contract with an experienced workman, and to conduct the whole affair at y<sup>e</sup> expense of the Proprietors, and that the undertaker give bond for y<sup>e</sup> true performance of y<sup>e</sup> work." At this meeting it was decided to build the mill upon the twelfth lot in the third range. In 1760, the records indicate that the mill lots had been sold, but no mention is made of the purchasers, or to whom a part or the whole of the proceeds was paid for building the mill. It is reasonably certain that it was completed



during the year. The mill was built by Abijah Smith, of Leominster, afterwards a resident of New Ipswich. He also resided for a few years in Winchendon, but was never a resident of this town. Henry Coffeen was also employed as a carpenter or mill-wright, and twenty-five years later he owned a mill in Acworth, in which he lost his life. Very soon, if not immediately, after its completion, the mill passed into the possession of Josiah Ingalls, who gave bonds to the proprietors of the township that he would saw all the logs delivered at the mill by the residents of the township at a stated price. This bond was given in consideration of the money granted by the proprietors to aid in defraying the expense of the building. In this mill was sawed the material for the meeting-house, which was built soon after, and the name of the owner frequently occurs in connection with the expense of boards and other material for this purpose. Mr. Ingalls was succeeded by James Philbrick.

The site of this mill is clearly traceable near the outlet of Grassy Pond. It was not an enduring structure, and was early referred to as the old mill, for better ones were soon after built. The site, once a place of great importance in the town, was soon abandoned. It is now many yards from any traveled highway, and the fact that there was ever a mill in that locality is fast fading from the memory of men. As will be noticed elsewhere, the course of this stream has been diverted from its original channel.

As soon as the erection of a saw-mill was made certain, the proprietors, with renewed confidence, proceeded to consider and act upon the usual preliminary measures about building a grist-mill. After the choice of several committees, they had proceeded so far as to determine, in 1760, that it should be built near the saw-mill. While these measures were being discussed, the undertaking was suddenly

suspended by the enterprise of Jonathan Hopkinson, who had built such a mill without assistance, while the proprietors had been clearing the decks for action. In 1762, he solicits their "assistance in repairing his grist-mill." The warrant containing this request is preserved, but no record of this meeting can be found, and the result is unknown.

Mr. Hopkinson soon after removed to Jaffrey. The location of his mill is not certainly known, but it was probably on the site of the present mill of O. D. Converse & Son, for a saw-mill and grist-mill under the same roof upon this site were sold in 1775 by James Streeter to Jacob Fitch. The same year Mr. Fitch sold the mills to his brother, Paul Fitch, who sold the property soon after to William Farwell. During the ownership of Mr. Farwell, the town, in 1779, built an expensive bridge across the stream below the mill.

The mill was afterwards owned by Capt. Benjamin Lapham and by his brother, Lieut. King Lapham, who conveyed the premises, in 1784, to the Kimballs, in whose possession they remained until 1845, when they were purchased by Joshua Converse, Esq., and have since continued in the possession of members of this family. The present owners are O. D. Converse & Son.

For more than one hundred years, a saw-mill and a grist-mill have been continued on this site. At present there is no other grist-mill in town.

Previous to 1769, David and William Robbins, who resided in the southwest part of the town, built a mill just over the line in Winchendon, which is early referred to upon the records. The owners supposed the mill was within the limits of the town, and were thus taxed for several years. A better knowledge of the location of the State line revealed the fact that the mill was in Royalston

Leg, as it was styled, — a tract of land which, in 1780, was joined to Winchendon.

Previous to the Revolution, Lieut. Samuel Tarbell built a mill in the west part of the town, on the stream leading from Pearly Pond.

In 1780, the town voted not “to Build a bridge over the stream that [flows] from Lieut. Tarballs mill across the Road that leads to Fitzwilliam.” This refusal on the part of the town to build a bridge arose from the presumption that if there was no dam across the stream there would be no necessity for a bridge; and the next year the town noticed this encroachment upon their highways in these hot words: “That the Selectmen and Surveyors Proceed with Tarball according to law.” Having summoned to their aid the strong arm of the law, and committed the management of the affair to fifteen men, it is highly probable that the public interests suffered no detriment.

For several years another saw-mill was in operation on the Emerson Pond stream, just as it falls into Monomonock Lake. It was owned for several years by Eben Platts. These mills were wholly employed in grinding grain, and in sawing boards, and other coarse lumber, for the buildings erected by the inhabitants.

Probably there were no other mills until near the close of the century, when several new enterprises were inaugurated, which will be mentioned in topics without an attempt to preserve the order of date of each enterprise.

The stream from Grassy Pond, following its natural channel, flowed directly into Long Pond, without taking its present circuitous course through Pool Pond, before its waters mingle with those of its former receptacle. About 1800, Asa Cole constructed the canal which is the present bed of the stream. Several mill privileges were found

upon the stream at West Rindge, which were soon occupied. Mr. Cole built a mill where stands the residence of Samuel W. Fletcher, which soon after came into the possession of William Rugg, who had a grist-mill and some other machinery within it. Later, Mr. Rugg removed the grist-mill into a new building where the pail-shop now stands.

THE FIRST TANNERY was erected by Benjamin Bancroft, who came from Groton about 1773, and built a house a short distance east of the residence of Col. Stearns. His vats for tanning were west of his residence. Mr. Bancroft sold the property, and removed to Grafton, Vermont, about 1813. The business was subsequently conducted, for a short time, by John Demary, son of Ezekiel Demary, assisted by the father of his wife — Mr. Nathan Johnson. No business has been done at this place for more than fifty years, and all traces of the yard are now obliterated.

There was a tannery on the low ground north of the highway, between the residences of Addison Todd and Joshua T. Hunt, which was put into operation about 1800, and in a few years the business was suspended. It was under the management of Wallingford Todd.

At West Rindge, between the two roads south of the residence of Oratio P. Allen, Joseph Crumbie had another yard. It was established several years before the canal conveyed the water from Grassy Pond. Mr. Crumbie suspended business a few years previous to his death in 1846.

Sumner Raymond erected a yard, with convenient buildings, near the brook east of the residence of Charles F. Stearns, about 1820. The business was carried on at this place by Mr. Raymond until 1839, when Charles Mixer bought the main building, and removed it to the yard owned by him.

About 1798, William Barker purchased the site upon which the saw-mill of A. S. Coffin now stands, and established a capacious yard. Mr. Barker was the first who introduced machinery, and employed water power to assist in the various operations connected with the business. In the other establishments the motive power for grinding bark was a horse, whose hide was generally well tanned before the animal died. Mr. Barker sold the establishment to Charles Mixer, in 1820, who conducted the business until his death, in 1841. He was succeeded by George D. Hapgood, who remained in the business at this place until the buildings were entirely destroyed by fire, in May, 1855. During thirteen years of successful management, Mr. Hapgood was in partnership with Amos Knowlton one year, with Charles S. Mixer two, and later with William Merriam four years.

In the early history of the town, and even within the memory of many living, much of the custom shoe-making was done at the home of the families in need of such work. Many of the shoe-makers went from house to house, and remained at each until their services were no longer required. These workmen were generally styled cordwainers, and were numerous, generally having some other occupation to employ them when not thus engaged. At this time but little of what is styled sale work was found at the stores. About forty years ago Amos Cutler and Sylvester Wood entered upon the manufacture of kid and cloth shoes, which were sold in the market and distributed among the retail traders, where they awaited purchasers. At times, when the business was promising, twenty-five men were employed, besides affording employment to many women who bound the shoes. They had two shops. One at present is occupied by Abner F. Chadwick, in the

manufacture of matrices for casting type; the other, and larger, building, was near by, and nearer the highway. They also had a shop in a portion of the house now known as the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Wood died 1841, and Mr. Cutler formed a partnership with William S. Humphrey. In 1846, John S. Fenno bought the stock and tools, but soon reduced the business to a class of custom work. In addition to his general business of tanning, Charles Mixer was engaged for several years in the manufacture of sale work.

CLOTHES-PINS, which for many years were extensively manufactured in this town, were first made by Richard Kimball. For several years he had no associates in the business. His only tools were a knife and a hand-saw. With genuine Yankee ingenuity he patiently whittled the pins into a desired shape, and made the wedge-shaped opening with his saw. The small number made by this slow process of manufacture was sold by Mr. Kimball during his accustomed travels in this and the neighboring states in quest of customers. The increasing demand for these useful articles soon induced others to engage in the business. Many of the most important manufactures in our country have sprung from the most humble beginning. The pioneers are worthy of remembrance. Richard Stewart, of Winchendon, was the first who employed machinery in the manufacture of clothes-pins, and very soon after Aaron Sawtell and Servetus Metcalf engaged in the business in this town. Their mill was on the stream flowing from Pearly Pond, and was more recently owned by Timothy Metcalf. The early manufacture of these useful articles, compared with later years, was a slow process. The log was sawed in proper lengths with a cross-cut saw drawn by two men; the blocks were then split into square pieces of



suitable dimensions, which were shaved into uniform size, and turned with a gouge and chisel. It is said that twenty to twenty-five gross was a day's work for one turner. At first the pins were held in a vise, and the opening cut out with a hand-saw. In the progress of a few years they were sawed into squares and cut into suitable lengths by circular saws, were turned in lathes designed and made especially for their manufacture, and the opening cut with a saw, which gave the desired fashion by means of knives either attached to or formed by cutting the saw and turning out a sharpened edge. This device was patented by Oratio P. Allen, of this town, who received a royalty from those who made use of it.

It is estimated that for several years more of these convenient articles were manufactured in Rindge than in all other places combined, and many were exported to other countries. N. C. Russell, Joshua Converse & Co.—the partners were his sons Zebulon and Omar D. Converse,—Oratio P. Allen, Timothy Metcalf, Eliakim Russell and Jabez Butler, A. S. Sawtell, Henry Russell and Hiram Robinson, Asaph W. Goodridge, Dr. Stephen Jewett, and Dennis Howe, for several years were engaged in this manufacture.

But few of these articles have been made in Rindge since 1858, and none for the past ten years.

This enterprise was much facilitated by the lathes for turning, already referred to, which were mainly designed and constructed by John Emory, an ingenious machinist, to whom the manufacturers of many kinds of wooden ware were much indebted.

Several residents of this town were formerly engaged in the manufacture of oval and round spice-boxes, of which several sizes were made, admitting one within another; for



this reason they were early styled "nest-boxes." Their construction was laborious and slow. The rims were split with a frow, and shaved to a desired and uniform thickness; the heads were also split and shaved in the same tedious manner, and, after they were marked from a pattern, were cut with knives in the hands of the workmen into a desired shape. These patient toilers had little time to imagine that their sons, with the aid of machinery, would make a dozen or a score while they were engaged upon a single one. The few of these mechanics who are living admit that the modern machine-box is more quickly and cheaply made, but insist that theirs were more durable and more carefully constructed.

Daniel Emory, Stephen Emory, Isaac and Addison M. Wood, Braddyll Smith, James Bennett, Amos B. Harris, Benjamin and J. Warren Stowe, were engaged in this business.

This class of workmen, perhaps on account of the similarity of the tools employed, were frequently coopers as well as box-makers, and some of them also made wooden measures. In this connection mention should be made of the drums which were made in two of these shops. During the war of 1812, many were sold to the government, which were sounded in measuring the march of the troops during the campaigns that ensued. The enormous drum, which for many years was so accurately and soundly beaten by Elbridge Wood on training and muster days, was made by Capt. Stephen Emory. But the drummer and the maker are dead, the training and the muster days are almost forgot, and a new era in the manufacture of this class of ware has come and gone. The slow, laborious process of hand-labor can never successfully compete with the swifter and more accurate evolutions of ingeniously contrived machines in cutting and fashioning wood.

The introduction of machinery driven by power soon put an end to this business. The implements of hand-labor, with their smoothly worn handles, are laid aside, and the little shops are closed. A few still remain, as monuments of the industry and patient toil of our fathers. For a long time, we trust, those near the residences of the late Stephen Emory and J. A. Gibson, of A. M. Wood and J. F. Hale, will remain, to proclaim the example of the uncomplaining labor of their former occupants.

In 1848, Samuel Page, of Winchendon, moved to Rindge, and introduced the first power machines for the manufacture of nest and bail-boxes. He occupied the mill which stood upon the site of E. B. Cutter's wheelwright shop.

In 1850, he sold his machinery to Reuben Ramsdell, who removed it to his mill in East Rindge. Mr. Ramsdell has continued the business with success, and has introduced many valuable improvements. He has had two mills burned, but each time he built larger. In 1870, he sold the mill and surrounding property to the Union Box and Lumber Company, of which Joel Wellington is the manager and principal owner. This company continue the business on an extensive scale, making also a large number of boxes for fruit and figs. In 1852, Henry Russell, who owned a mill about one-fourth of a mile below on the stream, began to make the same kind of boxes. Several years later he sold out to O. J. and A. S. Raymond, who enlarged the mill, and did an extensive business until 1871, when R. Ramsdell & Co. purchased the property, and continue the business. The other partners of the firm are Zebulon and Clovis M. Converse.

At each of the box manufactories is a saw-mill, in which a considerable amount of coarse lumber is annually cut out.

Steam is also employed by both in connection with water-power.

In 1871, Morton E. Converse commenced the manufacture of a box, alike in material to the nest-box, but either of a square or oblong form. The process of turning a corner in the rim without breaking the wood, and the machine for doing the work originated with him. His mill, with the saw-mill connected, are on the same stream, and a few rods below the mill of O. D. Converse & Son. A mill upon the same site, which was built by William Kimball forty years ago, was burned in 1843. The present mill was built by Joshua Converse in 1845.

PAILS were first made in town by Dr. Stephen Jewett and Dennis Howe. They built a mill for that purpose in the west part of the town, on the Pearly Pond stream, about forty years ago. This was among the first power mills in the country for the manufacture of pails. Although not of greater dimensions than some other mills in town, it was not styled the mill, or shop, but received no small distinction from the designation of "The Pail Factory." Mr. Howe soon sold his interest, and was succeeded by Levi Howe, Esq., Harvey Platts, and Capt. C. H. Cole, as partners of Dr. Jewett. The mill was burned in 1853, and was not rebuilt.

About ten years since, Charles A. and George A. Whitney bought the mill formerly owned by George E. Smith, at West Rindge, and commenced the manufacture of pails. Their mill has been burned, but was promptly rebuilt, upon an enlarged and commodious plan. A saw-mill has been added, and steam is employed to drive their machinery whenever the stream fails to afford sufficient power.

As clearly seen from the formation of the surrounding land, the natural outlet of Emerson Pond was at the east

end, between the farms of Stephen Hale and Ivers H. Brooks. Nearly a century ago, a canal was made through a small ridge of land, at the western end of the pond, which was reduced to a lower plane than the eastern outlet, and which diverted the water from this pond through the Emory meadow, and by the mills below. By the original channel, the water crossed the highway, about sixty rods east of the residence of Stephen Hale, and was emptied into the Converse reservoir, about one-fourth of a mile above the Converse mills. Although diverted its entire length from its natural channel, the stream empties into the Monomonock Lake, within a short distance from the mouth of the former brook. Many years ago, legal proceedings were had in regard to the natural channel of the stream, and the interests of the western or present outlet secured the verdict, apparently in opposition to the decrees of Nature.

About the time Mr. Barker established the tan-yard, on the Emerson Pond stream, Ebenezer Brown, more familiarly known, in later years, as Deacon Brown, purchased the mills immediately above, and began business as a clothier. One of his mills is now occupied by A. S. Coffin, and the other was burned, when the buildings connected with the tannery were destroyed. The main part of his business was dressing cloth that had been woven in the hand-looms. In 1822, he was succeeded in the business by his son, Capt. E. W. Brown, who did not continue the manufacture of cloth, but wholly engaged in wool-carding and cloth-dressing. This business was not continued after the death of Mr. Brown, which occurred in 1839. In the same building a machine for carding rolls, for the few who can spin, has been maintained by Mr. Coffin to the present time.

Dr. Stephen Jewett, senior, owned, for several years, a small carding establishment on the West Rindge stream,

near Pool Pond. It has not been in operation for many years.

The mills formerly owned by Mr. Brown were purchased, about 1840, by Silas Coffin, who immediately commenced the manufacture of bobbins and spools. Mr. Coffin introduced many valuable improvements in the machinery employed in the manufacture of these wares. He also built the mill upon the site of the tan-yard. This building was occupied by George S. Coffin, for a short time, in cleansing wool, a business in which he was extensively engaged. Since his removal to Winchendon, in 1864, A. S. Coffin has employed the power in driving a saw-mill. The latter also succeeded his father in the manufacture of bobbins and spools, and has successfully conducted the business for the past fifteen or more years. The wares manufactured by Mr. Coffin are used wholly by the manufacturers of woolen fabrics, and maintain a reputation excelled by none.

From sixty to eighty years ago, there were several hatters' shops in this town. The dwelling-house of the late Mary Davis, and one or two other buildings, were occupied by Col. William Gardner, in this business. Capt. Leonard Wellington was also engaged in the business, and had a shop in his dwelling-house, now owned by Dr. Josiah Abbott. The sign which was suspended over his door proclaiming his occupation, is in the possession of his son, Joel Wellington.

BRUSHES of many styles were formerly made by Seth Whiting. He commenced the manufacture in the building connected with the dwelling-house of Miss Millie Walker, and subsequently built a large shop on the site of the wheelwright shop of E. B. Cutter. He removed from

town about 1836, and the business was not continued by other parties.

O. P. Allen formerly employed several hands in splitting palm-leaf, and subsequently owned a saw-mill, in which he also manufactured wooden-ware. This mill, situated near his residence in West Rindge, was burned in 1867, and has not been rebuilt. Moses W. and Hudson D. Hale have manufactured a large number of corn-brooms, and a variety of wooden-ware at times has been sent to the market from this town. Ten years ago, M. E. Converse began the manufacture of pyroligneous acid, and is still engaged in the business.

At present, in addition to a large amount of coarse lumber annually cut out at the several manufactories, the chief products of the mills are nest-boxes, by Joel Wellington, and R. Ramsdell & Co.; the square box, by M. E. Converse; bobbins and spools, by A. S. Coffin; pails, by the Whitney Brothers; saw-horses, by A. S. Sawtell; a variety of wooden-ware, by E. S. Kimball, Elijah Bemis, and Warren Sawtell; and toys, ingeniously fashioned, by Otis P. Butler.



## CHAPTER XV.

### *THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.*

Prevailing Sentiment of the People. — Importance of Town Meetings. — Resolutions Adopted. — Spontaneous Meetings. — War Committee Chosen. — Presentation of a Sword to Capt. Converse. — Sudden Death of Stephen B. Sherwin, Esq. — Names and Character of the Soldiers. — Record of Sixth Regiment, 1862. — Additional Bounties Offered. — Soldiers in the Ninth, Fourteenth, and Sixteenth Regiments. — Record, 1863. — Draft. — Regiment of Cavalry. — Substitutes for Enrolled Men. — Last Quota Filled. — Surgeons Darling, Abbott, and Norcross. — Others in the Service. — Payments by the War Committee, and for Bounties. — List of Selectmen. — Soldiers' Aid Society. — Tablets.

THE general feeling of solicitude and alarm which pervaded the loyal North, during the winter and early spring of 1861, while several of the Southern States were openly declaring for treason, was fully shared by the people of this town. Unanimity of sentiment was nowhere more complete. A determined spirit of loyalty was universally manifested, and early found expression in unqualified terms. In the retirement of home, upon the streets, in public assemblages, and lastly in the town-meetings, the paramount question of the hour was the preservation of the union of the States.



In public assemblages of the people, the American Revolution was inaugurated, and the crowning result of the Revolution was the right secured by the people to control the government by the means of the pure democracy of town-meetings. And when the government was assailed by the treason of the South, it was equally significant and fitting that the voice of loyalty and patriotism should be heard in these primary assemblages. In no other manner could the will and popular sentiment of the people be so clearly made known. In this town the people secured an early opportunity to give such expression of their love for the Union, and their determination that it be sustained.

At a meeting held on the twelfth of March, under an article in the warrant inviting the citizens, in the capacity of a town, to express their opinions on national affairs, a written preamble and resolutions were presented by Col. Jason B. Perry. The date of this action, a month previous to the great uprising of the North at the attack on Fort Sumter, surrounds it with peculiar interest. "Whereas a crisis now exists, hitherto unknown in the history of our country, we, the citizens of Rindge, in legal town-meeting assembled, desire to express and record our sentiments on the present condition of national affairs: Therefore, resolved, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, of July 4, 1776, 'we hold that all men are created equal, and have an inalienable Right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We hold that Governments are instituted for the Good of the whole People, and not for the Benefit of any Clique, Sect, or Party, whatsoever.' We believe that the Government of the United States was intended by its framers to be perpetual; that the Constitution is self-sustaining, when rightly administered, and, to use its own words, is the supreme law of the land, anything

in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary, notwithstanding. We believe that no State of this Union has the right to secede therefrom, and set up an independent government of its own, any more than the town of Rindge has a right to secede from the State of New Hampshire, or any individual to cut loose from all society, and act according to his own will, independently of all other human beings. We therefore still abide by the Constitution and the laws, believing that those individuals and States which disregard and disobey them will, sooner or later, feel the bitter effects of their own rashness, folly, and madness." The record proceeds: "The foregoing Preamble and Resolution, after being fully considered, were adopted by a unanimous vote, excepting one voice in the negative."

The one voice in the negative represents the inalienable right of a minority, proves a tolerance of opinion, gives force to the vote as an unbiased expression of the people, and crowns the record with completeness. It is presumed that no assemblage of loyal citizens would have objected to these sentiments. The record has been cited rather as an early expression of the opinions of citizens, who were soon to be called upon for the proof of their sincerity. The following pages will record the manner in which that proof was rendered. It will be attempted only to narrate, in the plainest language, the manner in which the town of Rindge performed its part during the war. A plain record of events will present the patriotism of the inhabitants in the clearest possible light. The many self-denying, patriotic deeds, the magnitude of the many sacrifices made, and the sorrows of the bereaved, are natural deductions from such a narrative.

When the intelligence of the surrender of Fort Sumter electrified the entire people of the North, the inhabitants

of the town of Rindge were prompt to respond; not in defiance, not with expressions of hatred, but with unequivocal evidence of an unalterable determination that such treason should be met with force and arms. On the evening of Monday, April 14, a spontaneous meeting of the citizens filled the Town Hall to overflowing, at an early hour. Stephen B. Sherwin, Esq., presided. Earnest speeches were made by the Chairman, Ebenezer Blake, Samuel Henry Stearns, George A. Whitney, Benjamin Hale, and others, each expressing the universal sentiment of the assembled citizens, that any attempt to sever the union of the States was treason, and that the attack which had been made upon one of the forts of the general Government was treason that should be met at the bayonet's point. It was the voice of all the speakers, that the people of this town would not fail to perform their duty in the hour of danger. To this sentiment there was a most hearty approval manifested by all present.

A town-meeting was promptly called, which gave a more deliberate expression of the state of the public mind. This meeting was held on the eleventh of May. The records state that the following resolution was read, candidly considered, and adopted by a unanimous vote: "Resolved, that a civil war now exists in this country, and as it is the most solemn duty of every citizen to support the Government which protects his property, his liberty, and his life, and to go to the utmost extent of his means to enable the lawful Government effectually to suppress and punish treason, insurrection, and rebellion, and sustain the laws,—we, the inhabitants of the town of Rindge, in legal town-meeting assembled, hereby pledge ourselves to those who have or may hereafter enlist into the service of their country, from this town, as soldiers, that we will provide them with such

necessary arms and clothing as may not be furnished by the Government, and that the families of those who have them shall be well provided for; and to carry out the foregoing pledge, we will choose a committee of five men, to be known as the War Committee, whose duty it shall be to borrow from time to time, on the credit of the town, such sums of money, not exceeding \$3,000, as may be needed to carry out said pledge, in the true intent and meaning thereof; and to appropriate said money to said purposes, according to the best of their ability."

In accordance with the provisions of this vote, a committee of five was chosen, who performed their duties with great faithfulness, and fully carried out the foregoing pledge of the town. Their labors will be referred to in another section of this chapter.

Previous to this meeting, eight young men, without waiting for any promises of assistance from the town, had enlisted into the First New Hampshire Regiment, which was raised for three months. They were honorably discharged with their regiment, on the ninth of August. They were: George W. Cragin, Henry E. Burritt, Henry E. Ballou, Oliver S. White, Albert S. Murphy, Hercules W. Raymond, Charles Brown, and Otave Demone. The service which they were called upon to perform was not extremely arduous, nor were their experiences in any manner remarkable; but as the first to enlist, who were soon to be followed by many others of equal courage, they merit especial mention.

The enlistments of three years' men during the year were numerous, and included many who had families dependent upon them for support. These they confidently left to the generous care of the town, and joined the grand army, hastening to the scene of activities. Several of the

men in the First Regiment immediately reënlisted, from this and other towns.

In the first New Hampshire Battery were Horace C. Bennett, Oscar I. Converse, George W. Cragin, and Andrew S. Ballou. They were mustered into service for three years, September 26, 1861, and remained in service until the expiration of the term of enlistment, except Oscar I. Converse, who was discharged, on account of disability contracted in the service, May 26, 1863. George W. Cragin reënlisted, December 26, 1863, and remained in the service until the close of the war. The battery was continuously with the army in Virginia and in Maryland, and rendered good service, participating in many battles, and sharing the hardships of several campaigns.

The Sixth Regiment was raised in the autumn of this year, and contained thirty-six men from this town, thirty-four of whom were in Company K, which was recruited from this vicinity. Ebenezer H. Converse, who had rendered active and efficient service in raising a company, and under whose leadership the volunteers were promptly enrolled, was commissioned captain of the company in which this town was so fully and honorably represented. He accompanied the regiment to the seat of war, and continued in command of his company until his resignation, which occurred in April following.

A few days before the regiment left the State, a large number of the citizens of Rindge were assembled in the Town Hall, to witness the presentation of a sword to Capt. Converse. On the eve of the departure of so many citizens of the town, and in the midst of many solicitous prayers for their personal safety, the occasion was memorable. Stephen B. Sherwin, Esq., who was present with words of unqualified patriotism whenever his townsmen were assem-

bled to discuss the grave issues of the times, while presiding at this meeting suddenly expired in his chair. The event cast an additional shadow over the sadness of the hour.

These volunteers joined the regiment at Keene, November 28, 1861. By anticipating other events, considerable repetition will be avoided by giving some account of their service in this connection.

Ambrose Butler.	Promoted sergeant; wounded at Petersburg, June 17, 1864, and discharged on account of disability, Dec. 17, 1864.
Henry E. Burritt.	Deserted.
Morton E. Converse.	Promoted sergeant, June, 1863, and detailed as commissary of the Ambulance Corps. Mustered out at end of three years.
Cyrus J. Clapp.	Killed at Bull Run, Va., Aug. 29, 1862.
George M. Cram.	Wounded at Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged on account of wounds, Dec. 1, 1862. Gunshot wound in the face.
Augustus A. Chamberlain.	Discharged for disability, June 18, 1862.
Henry H. Davis.	Discharged for disability, March 24, 1863.
John A. Durant.	Discharged for disability, April 1, 1863. Reënlisted into Veteran Reserve Corps, Jan. 1, 1864.
Christopher C. Demary.	Received a gunshot wound in the hand, at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. Discharged on account of wounds, March 17, 1863.
James Fitz.	Reënlisted for the war, Dec. 30, 1863. Mustered out with the regiment, July 17, 1865.
Charles F. Gibson.	Mustered out at the end of three years.



Paul Greenleaf.	Accidentally wounded. Discharged on account of wounds, Sept. 26, 1864.
John Hecker.	Mustered out at the end of three years.
Erastus D. Hall.	Discharged for disability, June 16, 1863.
John W. Hastings.	Killed at Bull Run, Va., Aug. 29, 1862.
Joshua T. Hunt.	Discharged for disability, Oct. 25, 1862.
Jairus W. Hodge.	Discharged for disability, Jan. 29, 1863.
George S. Kimball.	Died of disease at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 17, 1862.
Howard Rand.	Promoted to sergeant. Killed at Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.
William H. Rugg.	Died of disease at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 20, 1862.
John I. Reynolds.	Killed at Bull Run, Va., Aug. 29, 1862.
James E. Richardson.	Reënlisted, Jan. 4, 1864, for the war. Promoted to first sergeant. Received a gunshot wound in the face at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864. Transferred, on account of wounds, to Veteran Reserve Corps, Jan. 20, 1865, and mustered out, July 15, 1865.
Justin S. Richardson.	Reënlisted for the war, Jan. 4, 1864. Taken prisoner at Poplar Grove, Va., Oct. 1, 1864. Soon after released, promoted to corporal, June 1, 1865; sergeant, July 1, 1865. Mustered out, July 17, 1865.
Henry H. Sherwin.	Discharged for disability, April 10, 1862.



Nathan Smith.	Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864. Taken prisoner at Poplar Grove, Va., Sept. 30, 1864, and died within the rebel lines, at Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 7, 1865.
Walter W. Smith.	Reënlisted, Jan. 4, 1864. Taken prisoner, May 6, 1864. It is supposed that he was exchanged, and that he was lost at sea, on the voyage to the Union lines.
Willard Simonds.	Deserted at Newbern, N. C., July 21, 1862.
Edward P. Stratton.	Died of disease at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 13, 1862.
David Stowe.	Discharged for disability, Sept. 27, 1862.
Josep Shaffee.	(Generally spelled Chaffee on Rindge records.) Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864. Promoted to corporal. Killed near Petersburg, Va., July 21, 1864.
Thomas R. Todd.	Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864. Died of wounds received near Bethesda Church, Va., June 3, 1864.
George A. Whitney.	Received a gunshot wound in the hip, at Bull Run, Va., Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged, on account of wounds, Oct. 31, 1862.
Thomas S. Whitney.	Wounded May 6, 1864. Mustered out at end of three years.
William L. Whitney.	Discharged for disability, Dec. 26, 1862.
Leonard P. Wellington.	Discharged for disability, Feb. 23, 1863.

Two others were members of Company E, in the same regiment: Almon F. Nutting was wounded at Bull Run, Virginia, August 29, 1862, and discharged on account of the wounds received January 21, 1863; and James W. Russell, who reënlisted for the war, February 11, 1864, and was mustered out with his regiment July 17, 1865.

These men enlisted from lofty motives, rather than for bounties, and at a time when their country needed precisely such service as they cheerfully and heroically rendered. The foregoing record of death and of wounds most eloquently proclaims their valor. They left the State on the twenty-fifth of December, a day in the Christian calendar crowned with memories of peace and brotherhood, rather than of the stern realities of war. Soon after their arrival at Washington, their regiment was assigned to Burnside's expedition, and on the ninth of January embarked for Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina. Meanwhile there had been considerable sickness among them, and three of their number were left at Annapolis, where they died soon after. Before their return from North Carolina, their regiment was several times engaged in action, and Camden was early inscribed upon their colors. In July, 1862, they were ordered to scenes of greater activity and danger, and with deplorable loss they shared the fortunes of the memorable battleground of Bull Run, three of their number being killed, and several severely wounded. Three days later, they more successfully met the enemy, at Chantilly, and soon after were ordered to the defence of Washington. They were at South Mountain, and again their ranks were depleted at Antietam. The campaign in Virginia and Maryland proved the qualities of the regiment, and the men from Rindge won equal honors with their comrades. The record of the military service of these men will be continued in a subsequent portion of this chapter.

The year of 1861 was one of disappointment and disaster. The reverses in the field, however, only served to awaken renewed zeal, and to provoke a firmer determination in the minds of the people that the rebellion should be suppressed, and that order and law should again be

supreme. The town, having sent more than its proportion of men to the war, was now at liberty to fulfill its pledge to support the families of the soldiers. Near the close of the year, the citizens again assembled in legal meeting. Having heard the report of the war committee, they accepted of all that had been done, and instructed the committee to proceed in the further relief of the families of the volunteers. The number who had enlisted from this town into New Hampshire regiments, during the year, was forty-eight, and that number was credited to the town on a subsequent adjustment of the quota. In addition, several had enlisted in regiments raised in other States, and Samuel Henry Stearns, in September, had entered the Sixth United States Cavalry for three years. He was with his regiment, participating in many battles, until in an engagement with the enemy, a few days after the battle of Gettysburg, he was wounded and made prisoner. He remained within the rebel lines until the thirtieth of August, when he was exchanged. Soon after, he was detailed as general clerk in the hospital at Annapolis, where he remained until the expiration of the term of enlistment. A journal kept by him while in a rebel prison, is a most thrilling story of hunger and suffering. A few others from this town experienced the same inhuman treatment while in the hands of the enemy.

The number of men from which additional recruits were to be raised had been greatly reduced during the eventful year already passed; the price of wages materially increased; and the reverses in the field, no doubt, had some influence on the minds of the people. Whatever may have been the prevailing cause, it was soon evident that volunteers to fill renewed calls for men were not so promptly at hand. As in other towns, the policy of paying bounties was now proposed. In August of this year the town voted to give

each volunteer for three years, who should count on the town's quota, the sum of one hundred dollars, in addition to the State bounty, and one hundred and fifty dollars, including the State bounty, if any was thus paid, to each volunteer for nine months. The quota of the town was soon filled, and perhaps if no bounty had been offered there would have been no lack of volunteers. In either event no regret has ever been expressed that the town was permitted to make this poor return to the men who offered their services, and in many instances gave their lives, in the defence of an imperiled nation.

The Ninth New Hampshire Regiment was recruited for three years, in the summer of this year. The names of nine from Rindge were entered upon the rolls. They were in Company I, and were mustered on the fifteenth of August.

George J. Allen.	Wounded severely, June 2, 1864, and subsequently discharged.
Charles B. Brooks.	Discharged for disability, May 21, 1863.
Samuel W. Fletcher.	Promoted sergeant. Accidentally wounded in camp. Discharged on account of wounds, Jan. 1, 1863.
William A. Kemp.	Died of disease, at Camp Nelson, Ky., Feb. 29, 1864.
George F. Gilmore.	Mustered out at end of three years.
George Stearns.	Promoted corporal. Died of disease, at West Philadelphia Hospital, Dec. 24, 1862.
Julius Stratton.	Died of disease, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1863.
Charles W. Symonds.	Wounded at Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864. Taken prisoner, and, after exchange, was mustered out at expiration of term of service.
Marshall P. Wood.	Mustered out at end of three years.

There were three from this town in the Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment who were mustered for three years, on the twenty-third of September. Of these, Henry A. Smith died at Poolsville, Maryland, January 7, 1863, and his brother Charles M. Smith, January 12, 1863. The remaining soldier in this regiment was Flavel L. Tolman. From first sergeant he was promoted to second lieutenant, March, 1863; to first lieutenant in October following; to captain in January, 1864; and to major in December of the same year, and was discharged with his regiment, July 26, 1865. His promotion was rapid, but not unmerited.

In the Sixteenth, a nine months' regiment, were James B. Perry and Marion W. Converse. They enlisted October 23. Their regiment was ordered to New Orleans, where the men suffered very much from diseases incident to the climate. Marion W. Converse was promoted to corporal, and died June 4, 1863. James B. Perry was promoted to first sergeant, suffered considerably from sickness, and was mustered out with his regiment, August 20, 1863.

Those in the Ninth Regiment, previously named, were early called into action. They arrived at Arlington Heights on the twenty-eighth of August, and with little opportunity for drill and discipline they gallantly met the enemy at South Mountain, on the fourteenth of September, and at Antietam a few days later. On both of these occasions they acquitted themselves with credit, and their coolness and steadiness under fire was like that of veterans. Much of the time, during the remainder of the war, they were in the same brigade with the Sixth Regiment. Together they shared the fall campaign in Virginia, and the disastrous fortunes of the battle of Fredericksburg.

In the spring of 1863, those that remained — thirteen in the Sixth, and six in the Ninth — accompanied their regi-

ments to Kentucky, and in June they joined the army, under General Grant, in the operations against Vicksburg. In this vicinity, they were in several engagements, and endured, uncomplainingly, the heat of the climate, and, at times, the malaria of the locality in which they were stationed. In August, they proceeded to Tennessee and Kentucky, to close the arduous campaigns and toilsome marches of the year. Seldom have any soldiers performed greater service in the same length of time. In the spring of 1864, their regiments were transferred to the army in Virginia. Their decimated number participated in the battle of the Wilderness, and in the severe service which immediately followed. In November, the term of enlistment of the men in the Sixth expired. At this time, of thirty-six who joined the regiment only eight remained, four of whom had reënlisted for the war, and remained in service, while four returned to their homes. There were seven reënlistments, but previous to this date two had been killed, and one was a prisoner within the rebel lines, where he soon after died. The names of the persons in these classes can be found in the individual account of each man from Rindge in this regiment, which has already been given. In the Ninth, but two from this town were left in the ranks. It will be seen that, in these regiments, of forty-five men, four had been honorably discharged for other than physical causes, two had deserted, and but six remained in the service, and of these, one was transferred soon after to the Veteran Reserve Corps, on account of wounds previously received. A sad story of wounds, of sickness, and of death, has been their history. This little remnant, all that was spared from so many stalwart forms, together shared the fortunes of the siege of Richmond and the subsequent successful movements, until, amidst thoughts of home and



a speedy return to their families, they were permitted to behold the final overthrow of the rebellion.

The quota for 1863 was not so promptly filled, and a draft was resorted to. This peremptory method of filling quotas had thus far been avoided. There were very few towns whose quota was filled at this time. The draft was general throughout the State, and this town proved to be no exception. Fifteen were thus selected and held for service, although others were drawn who were discharged upon an examination. Each of the drafted men held for service furnished a substitute, except one, who, under a provision of the laws, paid three hundred dollars as commutation. The town, however, during the year, voted to pay three hundred dollars to each volunteer, or to each man who furnished a substitute, and thus the drafted men suffered little, if any, pecuniary loss. The names of the men who furnished substitutes are as follows:—

Clovis M. Converse.  
 Conrad R. Converse.  
 Eben B. Cutter.  
 Henry S. Drury.  
 William A. Hale.  
 Lyman Hall.  
 David L. Hubbard.

Willard G. Jones.  
 Prucius W. Manley.  
 Augustus F. Symonds.  
 Albert H. Thomas.  
 J. Warren Wilder.  
 John A. White.  
 Henry C. Whitcomb.

James B. Robbins paid commutation. A few months later, Lyman Hale was drafted, and furnished a substitute. None of these substitutes were from Rindge, and their names are omitted.

Still the devouring vortex of war was unsatiated, and the cry for men to fill the decimated ranks was continued. In July, 1864, Oscar I. Converse was commissioned second lieutenant, and was assigned to Troop G, in the First New Hampshire Cavalry. In the same regiment were four soldiers from Rindge: Elmer F. Rice, enlisted in March,



and died at Camp Stoneman, May 16, 1864; Darwin A. Smith, enlisted in April, was made prisoner at Ream's Station, June 22, and, after exchange, died from the effects of prison fare, at Annapolis, Maryland, September 18, 1864; John L. Webster, and Sargent A. Webster, enlisted in March, and were mustered out, July 15, 1865. The regiment served in Maryland and Virginia, and won an enviable record. Lieut. Converse was promoted first lieutenant, June 10, 1865, and mustered out with the regiment. In February following, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the regular army, being one of the five appointments to the army, upon its reorganization, accredited to New Hampshire. He was assigned to the Fourteenth United States Infantry, and in May was promoted to first lieutenant. While upon service in Arizona, he was severely wounded, in an engagement with the Indians, and for meritorious conduct on the occasion was breveted captain. October 19, 1868, he was retired from active service, on account of wounds received in action.

Reuben A. Buzzell, who had been in the service previous to his removal to Rindge, enlisted in August of this year into the Veteran Reserve Corps. The six volunteers last named received from the town a bounty of three hundred dollars each.

During the autumn, and in January, 1865, the town also furnished twenty-four substitutes for enrolled men, and twelve hired recruits. To each of these a town bounty, ranging from three hundred dollars to seven hundred and twenty-five dollars, was paid. The names of these soldiers are omitted, for the reason that none of them were citizens of Rindge, or in any other manner associated with the history of the town. To say that they were elevated to

the average standard of "bounty jumpers," that haunted recruiting offices during the last year of the war, leaves no possibility of derogation. With little exception, the town has no pride in their military career.

In March, 1865, the last quota of the town was filled, by the enlistment of George W. Lawrence and William H. Parsons. They were assigned to the Eighteenth Regiment, and were mustered out, with a portion of their regiment, July 29, 1865. To these a bounty of one thousand dollars was paid. At this time towns were paying extravagant bounties to volunteers. In some instances fifteen hundred dollars were paid to men who fortunately arrived at the seat of war in season to return, as a kind of citizen escort to the war-worn veterans.

Three surgeons from this town were in the service. Dr. J. Homer Darling, for a few years a resident physician of Rindge, was appointed assistant-surgeon of the Fifty-first Massachusetts Regiment, and was mustered into the service November 2, 1862. He served in that capacity in Virginia and in North Carolina, until the summer of 1863, when he joined the Army of the Potomac, where he remained until his regiment was mustered out, at the expiration of term of service, in July of this year. Of this regiment, Dr. George B. Jewett, a native of Rindge, was surgeon. While in the service, Dr. Darling was present at the battles of Kinston, Whitehall, and Goldsborough. Soon after his return from the army, he was tendered an appointment of assistant-surgeon in the navy. The appointment was accepted, December 3, 1863. He was immediately ordered to the United States steamer "Clyde," then cruising in the Gulf of Mexico. After fifteen months' service he was transferred, at his request, to the United States bark "Pursuit," and was honorably

discharged, with the thanks of the Navy Department, in December, 1865.

Dr. Josiah Abbot, for more than twenty years a physician in this town, was appointed, October 24, 1864, assistant-surgeon of the Thirteenth Regiment United States Heavy Artillery, then stationed at Smithfield, Kentucky. In this capacity he served, being much of the time on detached duty, until the following spring. In April, he was promoted to surgeon of the 119th United States Colored Troops, stationed at Camp Nelson, Kentucky. He immediately joined his regiment, where he remained, witnessing much of sickness and disease, until honorably discharged, on resignation, in September, 1865.

Dr. George J. Norcross, who had but recently received his diploma, in 1865 was appointed assistant-surgeon of the 99th United States Colored Troops. He immediately joined his regiment, at Tallahassee, Florida. In November, he voluntarily went to the town of Marianna, to visit an officer who requested medical attendance. While there he was prostrated with pneumonia, and ended his brief but honorable career, December 5, 1865.

Not a few of the young men of this town were absent at the time the first calls for soldiers were issued. Without returning to their homes, in many instances they promptly enlisted into the service from the place of their temporary abode. The information has not been secured to insure a complete list, or to furnish particulars, of the service performed. Of these, George W. Bradish and Amos S. Metcalf were killed; Jonas W. Sawtell, William A. Withington, and Daniel W. Allen died of disease; and Charles I. Chadwick, Amaziah Sawtell, George H. Sherwin, Daniel H. Lovejoy, Hubbard M. Lovejoy, Ivers E. Pollard, Osborne A. Whitney, John H. Moors, Alvin Gardner, Mortimer

M. Stowe, and John H. Harwood, were also in the service. From the first, the town was prompt in making liberal appropriations for bounties, and for the relief of families. The people at no time grumbled over the sacrifice which was made, and all were united in an earnest effort that men and means might not be withheld, and that the war be prosecuted to a successful issue. The war committee, chosen in May, 1861, consisted of Jason B. Perry, Reuben Ramsdell, Alison Lake, John P. Symonds, and James B. Robbins. They paid to the families of volunteers above four thousand dollars, and the sum of six hundred dollars to several persons discharged from the service on account of disability. In the end, the State reimbursed the town for a considerable portion of this amount, but the system was inaugurated, and a large sum was paid, before the State made any proposition to assume the payments made by the town. After two years of service, Mr. Ramsdell resigned; Mr. Symonds died in December, 1863, and Mr. Lake in November, 1864. The final report of the committee was made to the town, by Col. Perry and Mr. Robbins, in March, 1866.

The town paid more than \$30,000 for bounties, beside the increased incidental expenses of the period, and upwards of \$1,000, disbursed by the war committee, which was not assumed by the State. The selectmen, during this important period in the town's history, were:—

Martin L. Goddard, '61.	Jason B. Perry, '63, '64, '65.
Benjamin Hale, '61, '62.	Joseph S. Wetherbee, '63, '64.
Zachariah F. Whitney, '61, '62, '63.	Ezekiel Cudworth, '64, '65.
Rodney A. Hubbard, '62.	Josiah Stratton, '65.

It is regretted that the space which remained for this chapter has forbidden a more extended account of the volunteers, and of the patriotic action of the town; and if

little is said of generous acts and patriotic words of the citizens who remained at home, the limits of this chapter must plead excuse. There remains one class of patient toilers whose untiring efforts conferred lasting honor upon themselves. The contributions to the great cause by the ladies of Rindge cannot properly be overlooked. A Soldiers' Aid Society was promptly organized, in May, 1861, and continued in active operation during the war. The officers were chosen annually, and, in many instances, were reëlected. They were: Mrs. S. W. Brown, Miss Cordelia Daggett, and Mrs. George S. Coffin, Presidents; Miss Cordelia Daggett, Miss Carrie M. Burnham, and Mrs. Warren W. Emory, Vice-Presidents; Miss E. Augusta Wilder, Miss H. A. Walcott, and Miss Sarah R. Hubbard, Secretaries and Treasurers; Mrs. Reuben Ramsdell, Mrs. A. S. Coffin, Mrs. Alison Lake, Mrs. W. H. Rugg, Mrs. J. B. Breed, Miss H. A. Walcott, Mrs. William Lawrence, Mrs. G. W. Stearns, Mrs. F. A. Wilder, Mrs. W. A. Sherwin, and Mrs. George S. Kimball, Directors.

The society held no less than from eighty to one hundred sessions, which were devoted to industrious efforts in fashioning articles of comfort and of clothing for the volunteers. At each of these gatherings much actual labor was performed. Nor should we forget the many busy hands which were similarly employed in the home circle. The fruit of this toil was either sent directly to the soldier, or was left with the society, to be forwarded to its destination. The intrinsic value of the articles sent by the society, was no less than six hundred and fifty dollars; but when it is realized that many of the stores of lint, of bandages, of comfortable bedding and clothing for the wounded and the sick in the hospitals were received at a time when the demand was great and the supply limited,

the value of these articles was incalculable. These efforts were prompted by a true womanly sympathy for suffering and love of country, from which the bravest of men could read living lessons of faith, devotion, and patriotism.

At the close of the war, after this thoughtful care for the living, an immediate and successful effort was made, by the members of this society, to raise money to procure some fitting inscription which should perpetuate the memory of the dead. At first a monument was proposed, but it was finally decided to procure four marble tablets containing the names of those from Rindge who died in the service. The names of those who were natives and had removed from town but a short time previous to the war, were also included. For this purpose the Soldiers' Aid Society was reorganized, and assumed the name of the Ladies' Monument Association. Of the new organization, Mrs. W. H. Rugg was President, and Miss Sarah R. Hubbard was Secretary and Treasurer; the Directors were Mrs. William Lawrence, Mrs. F. A. Wilder, Mrs. W. A. Sherwin, Mrs. N. H. Eastman, and Mrs. M. W. Hale.

The money raised for this laudable object was mostly the proceeds of several levees, which occasioned much labor on the part of willing hands. The tablets, which now are found in the Town Hall, were procured at an expense of three hundred and sixty-two dollars. They were dedicated on the twenty-ninth of May, 1869. The address on the occasion was delivered by Ezra S. Stearns, and poems were furnished by Samuel Burnham and Herbert Ingalls.

These inscriptions reflect credit upon those who were instrumental in their erection, and will be treasured by succeeding generations as a solemn trust committed to their care.



## CHAPTER XVI.

### *SKETCHES OF PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS, AND A LIST OF COLLEGE GRADUATES.*

Edward Payson.—Asa Rand.—Marshall P. Wilder.—Ezekiel Jewett.  
George P. Barker.—Amasa Norcross.—Ira Russell.—Samuel  
Burnham.—Albert S. Ingalls.—Lake Coffeen.—James Milliken.  
James Walker.—Isaac Kimball.—Silas Wilder.—Charles Walker.  
Charles Shedd.—William C. Richards.—George Shedd.—John P.  
Perry.—Joseph Brownlee Brown.—Charles W. Kimball.—Howard  
Rand.—Frank H. Hardison.—Albert F. Norcross.

REV. EDWARD PAYSON, D.D., son of Rev. Dr. Seth and Grata (Payson) Payson, was born in Rindge, July 25, 1783. He received his preparatory education in the public schools, at the academy in New Ipswich, and under the efficient tuition of his parents. Entering Harvard University in sophomore year, he graduated in the class of 1803. In the winter of junior year he taught a term of eleven weeks, in the schools of this town. At other times, during his student life, he was a favorite teacher in the neighboring town of Winchendon. "Marvin's History" preserves the testimony of Dr. Whiton, in these words: "The first winter of this century—that of 1800-1—an excellent school was taught at the Centre, by a son of Rev. Dr. Payson, of Rindge—Edward Payson, then a member of Cambridge College; afterwards the distinguished Rev. Dr. Payson, of



Portland, Maine, a name known and honored on both sides the Atlantic. I think his school gave a new impulse to educational interests."

It is a most difficult task to write with the certainty that nothing not already known to the reader can be communicated. Few names, if any, are as familiar in this country, and in Christian circles abroad, as that of Edward Payson.

The outlines of his life, the fervency of his piety, the weight of his character, and the eloquence of his lips, are familiar to all; his memoirs have been extensively read, and tradition has frequently rehearsed the story of his life.

Upon the completion of his collegiate course at Harvard, with the most complimentary recommendations from members of the faculty of that institution, he went to Portland, Maine, and took charge of an academy recently founded in that place. Here he remained for three years, having meanwhile connected himself with the church in Rindge; the entry of his admission is in the handwriting of his father, under date of September 1, 1805. In August, 1806, he resigned his charge at Portland, and returned to Rindge for the purpose of pursuing the study of theology, under the direction of his father. He was licensed to preach May 20, 1807, and on the following Sabbath preached his first sermon, in Marlborough, New Hampshire, where he continued in the ministry about three months. Late in August, he proceeded to Portland, which was destined to be the scene of his remarkable career. He was received in a most flattering manner, and numerous overtures were made to him. He finally accepted a call from the Second Church, in Portland, and was ordained as colleague to Rev. E. Kellogg, December 16, 1807. The sermon was preached by his venerable father, from the text: "Lay hands suddenly on no man; neither be partaker of other men's sins."

The discourse was printed. Four years later, Mr. Kellogg was dismissed, and he continued the sole pastor of the church until his death, October 22, 1827. The record of these twenty years is carefully preserved, in a Memoir, by Rev. Asa Cummings, D.D., and in a volume of Reminiscences, more recently published. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Bowdoin College, 1821. During his life, the following discourses were printed: A Discourse before the Bible Society of Maine, 1814; A Thanksgiving Sermon, 1820; An Address to Seamen, 1821; A Sermon before the Marine Bible Society of Boston, 1824; A Sermon in behalf of the American Education Society, published in the *National Preacher* after his death, but prepared for publication by himself. Since his death, a large number of his sermons have been published, and his collected writings appear in the second and third volumes, compiled by Dr. Cummings.

Dr. Payson is represented, by those who remember his personal appearance, to have been of medium height, of compact form, and fair proportions. In these particulars he resembled his father in a striking manner. His hair was black, as were his eyes, which were of singular fullness, and somewhat retired under a prominent forehead. His expression was placid and benignant, melting into looks of extreme kindness. In silence, his countenance was thoughtful and serious, but in conversation it was enlivened by the most vivid flashes of keen intelligence and emotion. In the expression of his eyes, there is said to have been a most singular eloquence, placid and downcast when at rest, but keen and scrutinizing when fixed upon any object, and when engaged in conversation, particularly when speaking to the multitude, they became the mirror of his deepest emotion, melting in pity, suffused with tears, or glowing

with the fire of his fervent nature, they continually appealed to the hearts of men, even while his tongue was directing and convincing the intellect.

His style of preaching was as simple as his nature, but effective and earnest, and marked by the power of his appeals and entreaty. So impassioned, so earnest, and so solemn was his manner, so anxious and solicitous his countenance, the little child, who understood not the weight of his words, nor comprehended the solemn duties enjoined, was lost in wonder that his hearers did not perform some incomprehensible act for which the eloquent preacher was so earnestly pleading. It would be extremely difficult to define the character of his eloquence, but it is safe to pronounce him among the greatest and most eloquent pulpit orators this country has produced. Simplicity was so blended with the profound, earnestness with tenderness, fervency with mildness, and all clothed in such matchless imagery, that none listened unmoved, and all keenly felt the power of rebuke, clothed in language of affection and entreaty, melting into love and tenderness.

REV. ASA RAND, son of Col. Daniel and Susannah (Hemenway) Rand, was born in Rindge, August 6, 1783, and was only a few days younger than Rev. Dr. Edward Payson. Labor upon the extensive farm of his father, and diligent study whenever opportunity was presented, gave full exercise to his physical and mental powers, until he entered Dartmouth College, where he graduated, 1806. Having prepared for the ministry, he was ordained over the Congregational Church in Gorham, Me., in 1808 or 9. He married for his first wife a sister of Edward Payson, a lady of unflinching piety and superior mental endowments, and between Mr. Payson and himself there existed the most indissoluble friendship. It has been said, by a member

of Mr. Payson's congregation, that he exchanged with Mr. Rand more frequently than with any other clergyman, "and he gave us on these occasions finely written, strongly indoctrinated, choice sermons."

In 1822, on account of failing health, he resigned his charge in Gorham, and removed to Boston, where he engaged in efficient editorial labor of a denominational character. From 1835 to 1855, he preached in several places, as acting pastor and stated supply, and, soon after retiring from active labor, ripe in years, and enjoying the retrospect of a prolonged and useful life, he removed to Ashburnham, where he passed the remainder of his earthly life. He died, August 27, 1871, at the venerable age of eighty-eight. In his disposition he was cheerful and social, in manner dignified but not austere. He was a ready writer, and all his composition is marked with careful thought and logical arrangement. In theology, he belonged to the old school; but his conservative tendency preserved him from extreme views and opinions. Though gifted with less imagination than many, he presented his argument with ability. His mental faculties were strong and well balanced, and developed by liberal study. He was characterized by substantial attainments and well matured opinions, rather than by brilliancy of qualities and fervency of manner, and as a preacher, if he did not captivate his hearers by vivid play of the imagination, or remarkable exhibition of eloquence, he secured their favorable attention and regard by his wisdom and force of argument.

HON. MARSHALL PINCKNEY WILDER, son of Samuel L. (Esq.) and Anna (Sherwin) Wilder, was born in Rindge, September 22, 1798. Having been a pupil in the public schools of this town, at twelve years of age he entered the Academy at New Ipswich, of which Oliver Swain Taylor

was then preceptor. He pursued his studies at this institution, and under the tuition of Rev. Joseph Brown, until, at an early age, he was prepared to enter upon a collegiate course of study, which, whatever may have been his youthful plans, he voluntarily relinquished for a more active life than could be enjoyed in a professional career. At the age of sixteen, his father gave him the choice to qualify himself for a farmer or merchant, or to fit for college. He chose the first, having had from his youth a love for the cultivation of the soil. In his student life, he was healthful and athletic, and possessed no ordinary measure of life and activity, — ready at all times to fully enjoy the sports and pastimes of youth, but always restrained from any excess by a fine sense of honor and the proprieties of life. In the treatment of his associates, his kindness and generous sympathies were as conspicuous as they have subsequently appeared in his intercourse with his fellow-men, or in philanthropic efforts for his race. The business of his father having increased largely, Marshall was required to enter the store, and, upon reaching his majority, he became a partner in the firm of S. L. Wilder & Son, and, in 1821, was appointed postmaster, which position he held until his removal from this town.

In military affairs, he always evinced a lively interest, and was, at the age of twenty-one, commissioned as adjutant of the Twelfth Regiment of New Hampshire militia. His efforts in the organization and equipment of the Rindge Light Infantry were conspicuous. This, however, was not effected without strenuous opposition on the part of several men of influence who encouraged a continuance of the old companies of militia. Of this company, which enjoyed no small measure of celebrity, and in which the citizens of the town manifested considerable pride, Mr. Wilder



was the first commander. In 1823, he was made lieutenant-colonel, and in 1824 was commissioned colonel of the Twelfth Regiment. Of commanding personal appearance, perfectly familiar with the military tactics then employed, prompt and efficient in command, Col. Wilder enjoyed unbounded personal popularity, and was in the line of rapid promotion, which was only prevented by his removal from the State. Since his removal to Boston, he has been a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the oldest military organization in this country, having been chartered in 1638, which company he commanded in 1857. Leaving his native town at the age of twenty-seven, Col. Wilder has left upon the minds of his cotemporaries the impress of mature manhood. His influence was great, but he was never an unwise or unsafe counsellor; and if he had found no other fields of achievement, he would be gratefully and honorably remembered by the townsmen with whom he was early associated. During his residence in this town, he was cotemporary with Col. Ezekiel Jewett, brother of his first wife, who is a few years his senior, an associate of the Calhouns, and at the time of his removal Hon. George P. Barker was a student at college, while Edward Payson, D.D., and Rev. Asa Rand, scarce belonged to an earlier generation. Few towns can present a more brilliant constellation of intellect, virtue, scholarly attainment, and philanthropy.

In 1825, Mr. Wilder, seeking a wider field of labor and usefulness, removed to Boston, and engaged in the wholesale West India goods trade, under the firm of Wilder & Payson, his partner being Henry Payson, Esq., a son of Rev. Dr. Payson, of this town. The same business was subsequently pursued under the firm of Wilder & Smith, until, in 1837, he became a partner in the commission

house of Parker, Blanchard & Wilder—at present known as Parker, Wilder & Co.,—of which he is the senior member, who conduct an extensive commission business, for the sale of domestic fabrics, in Boston, and have a branch house in New York. In business, Mr. Wilder has been successful, never failing to meet his obligations, nor to maintain an honorable reputation.

In affairs of a monetary character, he has filled many positions of trust and responsibility. He was an original director in the Hamilton Bank and in the National Insurance Company, both which positions he has held for forty years. For twenty-six years, he has been a director in the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, and several other similar institutions are indebted to his direction and counsels.

But in other fields of effort the services of Col. Wilder are even more conspicuous. Of himself he says, in one of his admirable addresses: “Endowed from my youth with a love for rural life and rural taste, I have but obeyed the instincts of my nature in devoting such time, ability, and means as I could command to the cultivation of the earth.” With these proclivities, united with talent and an indomitable perseverance, in his favorite pursuits he has accomplished an incalculable labor. He has devoted much time to the theoretical and practical study of agriculture and horticulture, and has spared no effort in instilling into the public mind a knowledge and love of the same pursuits. In the formation of societies for these purposes, and in the careful cultivation of his own grounds at Dorchester, in the extensive importation of trees and plants, by his numerous addresses and fruitful example, he has done much for the benefit and encouragement of the tiller of the soil.



Col. Wilder was early associated with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and in 1840 was chosen its president, which office he resigned after an efficient service of eight years. To the wise forethought and judicious counsels of Mr. Wilder, the Society is indebted in a most unmistakable manner, and many of the measures which have been successfully carried into execution, and upon which the flattering prosperity of the Society is based, originated with him. To his influence the Society is largely indebted for that amicable settlement with the Mount Auburn Cemetery Corporation, from which a large income has already been received, and by which a perpetual revenue is to accrue to its funds. As a memorial of his services, the Society has placed in its halls a life-like portrait and a fine marble bust. His name stood at the head of the circular which resulted in the organization of the American Congress of Fruit Growers, at present styled the American Pomological Society, a national institution. He was chosen its president, which position he still occupies. Under his direction, the Society has held biennial sessions in different parts of the Union, at which he has made appropriate addresses. These are published with the proceedings of the Society. For twenty successive years, he was president of the Norfolk Agricultural Society. This organization is one of the first of its character in this country. Col. Wilder delivered the address at its inauguration, in 1848, and was honored by the presence of Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, Josiah Quincy, Horace Mann, Charles Francis Adams, Robert C. Winthrop, and others equally respected in the various walks of life. It was here that he advocated the importance of agricultural education, which culminated in the establishment of the Massachusetts, and aided much the other agricultural colleges of our Union.

He has been a leader in all movements on the part of the State to promote the interests of agriculture, and was chairman of the Massachusetts Central Board of Agriculture until the Board became a department of State.

Col. Wilder was mainly instrumental in the organization of the United States Agricultural Society. In 1852, he was chosen the first president, and during his official service of six years the society held exhibitions in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Kentucky. His addresses and speeches on these occasions are published in the transactions of the Society.

Concerning his labors and scholarly acquirements in horticultural matters, a recent number of the *London Gardeners' Chronicle* pronounces him "one of the most distinguished of transatlantic horticulturists, and one who, by his zeal, industry, and determination, has not only conferred lasting benefits on his native country, but has, by his careful experiments in hybridization and fruit culture, laid the horticulturists of all nations under heavy obligations to him. The name and reputation of Marshall P. Wilder are as highly esteemed in Great Britain as they are in America."

In January, 1868, Col. Wilder was solicited to accept the office of president of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, vacated by the death of Gov. John A. Andrew. He was unanimously elected, and still holds the office. His untiring efforts in securing funds, and in the erection of the society's convenient and handsome building, on Somerset Street, have demonstrated the wisdom of the choice.

In 1839, he represented the town of Dorchester in the Legislature; ten years later he was a member of Gov. Briggs' Council; the following year he was elected to the



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Senate, and of this body he was chosen president; and when the "Constitutional Union Party" was formed, at Washington, in 1860, he was the member selected for New England.

In 1867, Mr. Wilder visited Europe, and was one of the United States Commissioners at the Paris Exposition, where he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Horticulture and the Cultivation and Products of the Vine. In 1869, with a select party of horticulturists, for the purpose of learning its agricultural resources, he made a tour at the South; and for the same purpose, in 1871, he visited California and the Pacific Coast. The result of his observation has been given to the public in several comprehensive addresses. Although advanced in years, the energy and ability which has secured these manifold results is undimmed. In addition to the many honors and services named, he is the senior member of the State Board of Agriculture, senior trustee of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, a member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and of the Government of the Institute of Technology, of which he has been vice-president for many years, and chairman of the Society of Arts. Among his many qualifications for usefulness, his executive ability is prominent, both in the accomplishment of herculean tasks, and in the presidency over deliberate assemblies. Mr. Wilder was vice-president at the famous festival in Boston, in 1844, when fifteen hundred sons of New Hampshire were present, and Mr. Webster presided; and on their second festival, November, 1853, Mr. Wilder was president, and delivered one of his most eloquent and touching speeches. Few gentlemen have been so frequently called upon, and on such varied occasions, to preside over conventions and societies, and very

few have acquitted themselves so happily, "whether dignity of presence, amenity of address, fluency of speech, or dispatch of business, be taken into consideration." "Boston Past and Present," an elegant folio volume recently published, contains a carefully prepared sketch of Mr. Wilder, which closes with the following merited tribute: "Mr. Wilder has excelled in all that he undertook, because he knew the measure of his own abilities. His plans and experiments appertaining to the grand object of his pursuits—the cultivation of fields, fruit, and flowers—were matured with deep thought, and executed with zeal, resulting from a clear, practical head. Look at the prospective of a long and vigorous life consecrated to the public, in which every step he advanced became a fulcrum on which to start some greater and higher movement. From the stand-point of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, he originated the American Pomological Society; then the Norfolk Agricultural Society; then the State Board of Agriculture, the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and the United States Agricultural Society. As the zealous patron and promoter of the noblest of all sciences, his name will fill a luminous page in the history of human progress and improvement,—a page which will suffer no deterioration by the lapse of years, and which will have its interpreter on every hillside, and in every valley, where rural taste and refinement are found. Well did Gov. Bullock, on a late public occasion, allude to Mr. Wilder as 'one who has applied the results of a well-earned commercial fortune so liberally that in every household, and at every fireside in America, where the golden fruit of summer and autumn gladdens the sideboard or the hearthstone, his name, his generosity, and his labors, are known and honored.'"



COL. EZEKIEL JEWETT, son of Dr. Stephen and Nancy (Colburn) Jewett, was born in Rindge, October 16, 1791. He fitted for college in the schools of this town and in Jaffrey, and upon being encouraged to pursue a collegiate course of study, on condition that he followed the profession of his father, he promptly chose to abandon the plan altogether, rather than be placed under such restriction. It was apparently outside his plans for life to settle down in the quiet routine of professional labor. The war of 1812 soon presented an opportunity for the exercise of his ambition and youthful energies. Having been an officer in the militia, in which he participated with enthusiasm, in the spring of 1812, he was appointed ensign in the Eleventh Infantry, then commanded by Col. Isaac Clark, but consolidated the following year with the Twenty-first Regiment, under the more efficient command of Col. Smith, and, soon after, of Col. Ripley. After an engagement of a few weeks in the recruiting service, he joined his regiment in July, and continued in active service until the close of the war, without an absence, from any cause, of a single day. Sharing the fortunes of his regiment, he was early inured to the hardships of a most severe service, which characterized the campaigns that ensued. In 1814, he was in Scott's Brigade, and participated in the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, and in the siege of Fort Erie.

At the close of the war, the love of adventure invited him to new fields of exploit and danger. Espousing the cause of Gen. Carera, the Chilian leader of a revolt against the oppressive dominion of Spain, he accompanied him to South America, and, after a long and tedious voyage, landed at Buenos Ayres, where he served two months as Major of the "Director's Guard"; and subsequently, with only three companions, he crossed the country to Chili, over the rudest



highway, which had been built by the Aborigines, previous to the advent of the Spaniards. The first nine hundred miles, with relays of horses, was performed in eleven and one-half days; but this celerity was equaled by the slow and perilous journey across the Andes. One who has heard the thrilling story of this exploit from the lips of the gallant and intrepid adventurer, has kindly written an account of the daring feat. "When arrived at Mendoza, he was told that to cross the mountains at that season would be impossible; but he was determined at least to make an attempt. Starting upon mules, they slowly proceeded within four miles of the summit, when there came a snow-storm, which continued four days. They were sheltered, during that time, in an ancient stone building, erected by the Indians many years before for that purpose. Snow fell to the depth of four feet, and they were obliged to continue their journey on foot. In the afternoon they reached the base of the summit, or within a half mile of the height of elevation, which was thirteen hundred feet above the level of the sea. About sunset they fortunately reached another building, but the intense cold compelled them to continue exercise within the house, to keep from freezing. The following day, their descent, by sliding and tumbling through the snow, was rapidly performed. About noon they arrived at a place where cattle were driven for pasture, and there obtained provision and mules for the remainder of the journey. After an experience of many vicissitudes, occupying eleven days, a few hours past midnight they reached a village at the foot of the mountain, as much to the surprise of the inhabitants as if they had fallen from the sky. The most dangerous point was at the *rincon*, or corner, where the road was cut into a mountain of conglomerate, four hundred feet above, and nearly perpendicular to, the river. The

action of the frost had filled the roadway, until it became an angle of thirty or forty degrees. Parties were sent out each spring to clear it; but at that season it was in its worst state. His men, being devout Catholics, slid off their mules, and repeated their prayers; again mounting, they passed over in safety. He followed, but with feelings more intense than those experienced on many fields of battle. Giving loose rein to his mule, he turned his face towards the mountain. The animal slowly proceeded, trembling at every cautious step, like a leaf in the wind. The passage occupied perhaps ten minutes, but it seemed an hour; and he has frequently said he was truly grateful when he was safely over."

Arriving in Chili, Col. Jewett served with distinction in the cavalry until the successful close of the war, when he sailed, by way of Cape Horn, for Rio Janeiro, where he remained two months, but not in idleness. He soon procured guides, and started for the diamond mines in the interior. Proceeding about three hundred miles, his chief man, or guide, fell over a precipice, and was instantly killed, which compelled him to abandon the enterprise; but he still vividly remembers the beautiful and grand scenery of that tropical country. In 1818, Col. Jewett returned to Rindge, and, soon after, he married Elizabeth Arnold, of Westmoreland, N. H., a lady of many attractions and unusual loveliness of character, who was his cheerful companion in the journey of life for forty-four years, remaining ever constant in her sympathies, and an unfailing helper in the noble pursuits which have characterized his life of scientific labor and usefulness. Mr. Jewett remained in this town, residing upon the farm formerly of his father, until 1823, when he removed to Sacket's Harbor, New York, and, three years later, to Fort Niagara, of which he remained in

charge during seventeen years. While at this place, he devoted much time to the study of the natural sciences, — a field of investigation and research in which he has won great renown. In 1843, he removed to Lockport, and devoted his undivided time to the study of geology, traveling meanwhile in nearly every State in the Union, in tours of collection and investigation. After a residence of four years in Utica, he was appointed, in 1856, to the sole charge of the Department of Natural History, at Albany, a position which he filled, with great credit to himself and incalculable benefit to science, for nearly ten years. Soon after the death of his wife, a loss which so changed his aspirations that he no longer desired to remain where her companionship had given zest to his favorite pursuits, he found a home in the family of his daughter, at Utica. Here he became interested in a collection of shells in the possession of his daughter, who is an intelligent and proficient student of the science of conchology. With him, the purpose once formed, the deed was certain of accomplishment. He at once made two journeys to the Pacific, and spent four winters upon the Gulf of Mexico, collecting an incredible number and variety of shells, which were a most valuable acquisition to the science of conchology. By numerous exchanges with students in this and other countries, he has now a collection of twelve thousand species, named, and many others known to the *savants* of the science. During these many years of scientific exploration and study, he has enjoyed a friendly correspondence and acquaintance with Agassiz, De Vernueil, and other distinguished scientists.

Col. Jewett is tall, and of a commanding personal appearance. His features are regular and attractive, and his manner dignified and courteous. The daring adventures



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of his youth attest his courage as fully as his varied attainments assert his ability. Unbent with years, and unwearied with prolonged study and labor, he still pursues his favorite pursuits with all the zeal of youth. His enthusiasm and activity, his well-preserved physical and mental powers, are remarkable, which he ascribes to his out-door life and busy interest in studies, so free from the excitement and corroding care inseparable from professional and business careers.

GEORGE PAYSON BARKER was born in Rindge, October 25, 1807. He was the youngest of the four children of William and Sarah (Payson) Barker, and the only one who lived beyond the age of youth. He is well remembered by many in this town as a bold and restless boy, who gave early indications of the rare genius and qualities of mind and of heart for which he was eminently distinguished in his subsequent career. Foremost in study, he maintained an equal supremacy in the pastimes and hilarities of youth. Popularity was his birthright, and he early won the honors of the school-room and the play-ground. Having pursued a preparatory course of study in the public schools, and under the tuition of Rev. Dr. Seth Payson, a cousin of his mother, he entered Amherst College a few months before he was sixteen years of age, and immediately won considerable distinction as a student. He left Amherst before the completion of the prescribed course of study, and, entering Union College in 1826, he graduated with honor the following year, in the class with Hon. Preston King, and several other men of note. While at this institution, he was often engaged in trying cases in the minor courts in the surrounding towns. In these early efforts, the genius of this remarkable man, his fluency of speech, his bold yet polished address, were unmistakably asserted. Upon leaving college, he entered his name as a student of law,

in the office of Stephen G. Austin, Esq., of Buffalo, New York. While a student, he was frequently found in the minor courts, and on many occasions was opposed to Millard Fillmore, who was a few years his senior. He was admitted to the bar in 1830, and rapidly rose to the foremost rank in his profession.

With a tall, commanding form, a bold, firm countenance, and an eye in which burned the deepest fervency, he united the most polished manners, a melodious voice of rare compass and flexibility, and a wonderful command of language. In attack or defence, in irony or impassioned pleading, in fiery denunciation or in fervid entreaty, he was master of the manner or the argument which was most effectual in securing the verdict of a jury or the approval of a general audience. As a lawyer he was well read and attentive to the interests of his clients, and as an advocate he found few equals and no superiors.

The qualities of Mr. Barker eminently fitted him for political service. Popular with the masses, and respected by all for superior ability, his record is one of brilliant achievements and accumulating honors. He early enrolled himself with the Democratic party, which was then, in his vicinity, in an apparently hopeless minority. When twenty-four years of age, and about a year after his admission to the bar, he was nominated by his party for the assembly, and received fourteen hundred and fifty-nine votes, which was considerably more than the strength of his party, but insufficient to insure his election. In the autumn of 1835, he was elected to that body by more than one thousand majority, while his party was in a minority, and his associates on the same ticket were defeated. In the halls of legislation, his lofty genius did not forsake him. He was at once recognized as an able legislator, and a ready



debater. Abounding in thought, clear, courteous, and at times vehement in expression, there was an irresistible force, both in the matter and the manner of his speeches, that won the admiration and respect of his associates.

In 1834, Mr. Barker was nominated by his party for Congress. Although he received a more generous support than the other candidates on the same ticket, the majority against his party, in the district, was not overcome. Two years later, he was again put in nomination, but declined.

When thirty-one years of age, he accepted a commission of captain in the militia. As in other pursuits, he entered upon his military career with a characteristic enthusiasm, and in less than two years he rose to the rank of brigadier-general, having held, in this short time, all the intermediate commissions.

In 1842, Gen. Barker was elected, by the Legislature, Attorney-General of the State of New York. At the close of his term of three years, he declined a reëlection. The manner in which he performed the duties of this important trust, is given in Bryan's "Life of Barker," as follows: "It is conceded that he exhibited, in a preëminent degree, those qualities for which he was noted. In many important trials he acquitted himself with distinguished credit, and some of his forensic efforts are acknowledged to have been among the noblest emanations from the American bar. He was brought into competition with men of the highest legal attainments, but on all occasions he sustained himself with honor. His intellect seemed to brighten by the contests, and each encounter added to his fame." The following passage from a funeral sermon, preached by Rev. John C. Lord, D.D., will be approvingly received: "A young man, called from the western and comparatively obscure and neglected portion of this great commonwealth, to take the official

place of chief among the old lawyers at the capital who were giants in their profession, Gen. Barker so discharged the duties of his office, and so won the esteem and affection of the bar, the legislature, and the people, that his reelection at the close of his term was only prevented by his positive declinature."

"Gen. Barker was distinguished by a commanding person and a most winning and courteous manner. In personal popularity, he was without a rival in this part of the State. He had a hand and heart open as day to melting charity. There were none so poor or so lowly as to be denied his attention, or refused his sympathy. He was a ready and eloquent speaker, who felt, and made others feel, what he said. He had an instant command of his resources, yet was none the less a well-read lawyer, and an able and judicious counselor."

HON. AMASA NORCROSS, son of Daniel and Polly (Jones) Norcross, was born in Rindge, January 26, 1824. At twenty years of age he commenced the study of law, in the office of Torrey & Wood, Esqs., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Upon his admission to the bar, he opened a law-office in that place, in September, 1847. In his profession, Mr. Norcross has been industrious and successful. His cases are always well prepared, and ably conducted. In presenting evidence, in calling truth from a reluctant, or in crossing and confounding a prevaricating witness, he has few superiors. His business is large, and includes many important cases. He was a member of the House of Representatives for the years 1858, 1859, and 1862, and of the Senate in 1874, and was honored with an appointment upon several important committees, including that of the Codification and Revision of the Statutes, of which Hon. Caleb Cushing and Gen. Benjamin F. Butler





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were members; of Probate and Chancery, of which Hon. John A. Andrew was a member; and of the Judiciary. While a senator, he was Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and of the Committee on Federal Relations.

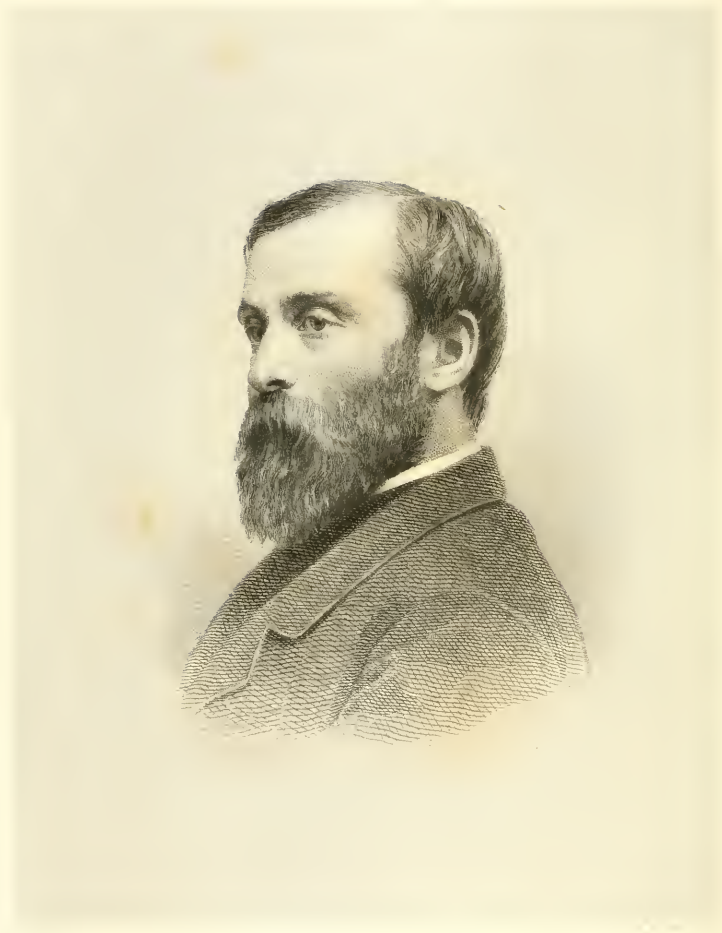
In August, 1862, Mr. Norcross was appointed assessor of Internal Revenue for the Ninth District of Massachusetts, comprising twenty-two towns. This position, involving great labor and responsibility, he held during ten years, discharging its onerous duties to the acceptance of the government and of the people. Upon the adoption of a city charter, by the town of Fitchburg, he was elected Mayor of the new city, and reëlected for the succeeding year. In the organization of a new form of government, in the completion of several public improvements, in the management of the financial affairs, and in presenting new measures to meet new demands, the executive abilities of Mr. Norcross were conspicuous. As a director of the Rollstone National Bank, of the Fitchburg Fire Insurance Company, of the Worcester North Savings Institution, and of several institutions of learning, he has proved a safe counsellor and a judicious manager.

DR. IRA RUSSELL, son of Eliakim and Sarah (Converse) Russell, was born in Rindge, November 9, 1814, and graduated at Dartmouth College, 1841. His education was emphatically the result of his own industry and perseverance. He studied medicine, under the direction of Dr. Dixi Crosby, of Hanover, New Hampshire, with Dr. Abell, of Rindge, and Dr. Godding, of Winchendon. While attending lectures, at the University of New York, he received an appointment of district physician, and was connected, for several months, with one of the city hospitals. Receiving his degree, in 1844, he immediately formed a partnership with Dr. Godding, his former instructor. He

continued in active practice, in Winchendon, about nine years, when he removed to Natick, Massachusetts. In 1861, Dr. Russell relinquished a lucrative practice, and accepted an appointment of surgeon of the Eleventh Massachusetts Regiment. A few months later, he was promoted to brigade-surgeon, and assigned to Gen Grover's Brigade, in Hooker's Division. He remained with this brigade until the summer of 1862, when he repaired to Baltimore, and organized the Stuart Mansion Hospital, subsequently known as the Jarvis Hospital, of which he continued the surgeon in charge, until the following November. After a brief charge of the Lawson Hospital, in St. Louis, he was appointed medical director of the Army of the Frontier, then under the command of Gen. Curtis. The following spring finds him again at St. Louis, in charge of the post hospital at Benton Barracks, one of the largest hospitals in the West. Later, Dr. Russell was upon the staff of Gen. Thomas, and while in Tennessee he organized the Wilson Hospital, at Nashville, of which he remained in charge until the close of the war, receiving, meanwhile, the brevet rank of lieutenant-colonel, for long and meritorious service. Subsequently for a year or more he was engaged in the preparation of many valuable contributions to the "Medical and Surgical History of the War," for which his prolonged and varied experience in the army furnished ample material. At the close of these labors he returned to Winchendon, and in partnership with his son, Dr. Fred W. Russell, is engaged in an extensive regular and consulting practice. Constantly familiar with the innovations of his profession and the progress of the schools, he belongs to the foremost rank of progressive practitioners.







Samuel P. Church

SAMUEL BURNHAM, son of Rev. Dr. Amos W. and Tirzah K. Burnham, was born in Rindge, February 21, 1833. He attended the public schools of this town, and subsequently pursued a preparatory course of study, under the tuition of his father, and at the academies in Frances-town and New Ipswich. He entered Williams College, class of 1855, and was there attacked by disease, before he had completed a full course of study. Although he was absent during a part of junior and all of senior year, the college promptly recognized his ability and his continued acquirements, by enrolling his name among those of his class as a full graduate of that institution. After leaving college, he spent a winter in the South in search of health, and returned to his home somewhat improved, yet still an invalid in all except freshness of thought, and a joyous, sparkling wit. He then filled a brief engagement in teaching, and removed to Boston, in 1857, to engage in literary pursuits. At this time, his active, busy life began. Frequent were the pauses from physical prostration, yet with uncomplaining industry and cheerfulness he pursued his tasks. During a portion of the last few years of his life his strength, in a measure, was renewed. It was, however, of short continuance. He soon experienced a severe sickness, from which he died, June 22, 1873.

Mr. Burnham labored in several fields of literature, and in each he displayed a sound judgment, a mind acute and well stored, which found expression in a style remarkably vigorous and versatile. While he wrote, at all times, with great candor and sincerity, and never employed words or phrases for dramatic effect, he was eminently a popular writer, one whose productions were widely read and attentively received. He was never dull and prosy; everything was rendered in a keen, thoughtful, entertaining manner,

often illuminated with the brightest flashes of humor. Few men, dying at the age of forty years, have left as many enduring monuments in fields so varied. Among his earlier labors was the preparation, from the author's papers, of the "History of East Boston." He also wrote the sketches of Gov. Andrew and Charles Sumner, in Headley's "Massachusetts in the War." He devoted considerable time and labor to the supervision of the publication of the speeches of Charles Sumner, the author confiding in him unusual trust and confidence. At the time of his death, he was engaged upon a "History of the Old South Church, Boston," a labor in which he was deeply interested, and in which his sympathy for New England principles and religion found full exercise. But his voluminous contributions to the daily and weekly papers, and to the magazines, constituted his chief employment. He was a frequent contributor to the *Boston Journal*, *Boston Advertiser*, *Springfield Republican*, *Christian Union*, and other papers, writing, meanwhile, many articles for the magazines. For two years he was connected editorially with the *Congregationalist*, and for several years preceding his death, he was editor and one of the proprietors of the *Congregational Quarterly*. In the midst of these labors he frequently delivered poems at college commencements, and read many interesting papers before historical and kindred societies. In the efficient performance of his life-work, under physical weakness that would have palsied the hand of many of a less buoyant temperament, he was supported by a nature abounding in activity and hope, yet restrained and guided by a high sense of duty and Christian principle.

ALBERT SHERWIN INGALLS, a son of Thomas and Sophia (Shurtleff) Ingalls, was born in Rindge, December 29, 1830,

and was one of the many natives of this town who surrendered their lives in the cause of their country. Having enjoyed liberal educational advantages, at Appleton Academy, in New Ipswich, and at Dartmouth College, for several years he was a popular teacher in high schools and academies, at Wayland, Westminister, and Dedham, Massachusetts, continually cherishing the intention of entering upon the practice of law whenever his circumstances would permit. He read for his profession in the offices of Hon. Charles R. Train, of Framingham, Massachusetts, of Wood & Bailey, and of Norcross & Snow, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Upon his admission to the bar, he commenced the practice of law, in partnership with Hon. J. W. Mansur, of Fitchburg. In 1859, he removed to West Cambridge, now Arlington, Massachusetts, where he was successfully engaged in professional labors, until he entered the army.

Shortly after the outbreak of the rebellion, he raised a company of volunteers for the Federal service. Those were days in which many persons believed that the war was to be a short one. When this company was ready to march, the quota of soldiers required from Massachusetts was full. Should the company disband, or wait in tedious uncertainty the possibility for further requisition for troops? The spirit of this young officer, at once persistent yet impetuous, could not easily tolerate either alternative. He promptly offered the services of himself and company to the State of New York. They were readily accepted, and with two other companies from Massachusetts, were mustered into the Fortieth Regiment of New York Volunteers, at that time known as the Mozart Regiment, which soon joined the army in Virginia.

Soon after the battle of Williamsburg, in which he bore a gallant part, eliciting for his heroism and soldierly bearing the warmest approbation of his superiors in command, he was promoted to major of the regiment. During five of the seven days of the fighting before Richmond, in the summer of 1862, he was in the hottest of the engagements, receiving a wound, on the evening of June 30, which rendered necessary the amputation of a leg. He was removed to Annapolis, Maryland, and for several weeks his recovery was confidently expected, by his physicians and friends. His sufferings were extreme, but were borne with a brave and cheerful spirit, which was a part of his character. He died August 11, 1862.

A newspaper of the time contained the following account of the burial of Major Ingalls: "His remains were brought to West Cambridge, where they were received by the town authorities, citizens, and Masonic brothers, with every demonstration of respect and affection, the places of business being closed, and the flags at half-mast. Major Ingalls had many warm and true friends in his adopted home, and previous to his death he had received the following expression of the esteem in which he was held:—

“*To Major Albert S. Ingalls, in hospital in Annapolis, Md.:*

“We, the inhabitants of West Cambridge, in town-meeting assembled, having been pained to hear of the misfortune which has befallen you in the loss of your limb in the field of battle before Richmond, defending our dearest rights, tender to you our kindest sympathies, with the hope that your life may be spared, and that you may live to finish what your patriotic zeal so well begun. It gives us pleasure to assure you that all reports attest to your lofty courage and daring before the enemy. For your self-

sacrificing zeal in our country's cause, you are entitled to our gratitude, and the gratitude of future generations.

“‘*Resolved*, That the foregoing order be placed upon the records of the town, and a copy of the same be sent to the person therein named.

“‘Adopted July 22, 1862.’

“His remains were conveyed from West Cambridge to Fitchburg, and from thence to the residence of his aged parents in Rindge, where his funeral took place, conducted by Rev. Dr. Burnham, of Rindge, and Rev. Mr. Bigelow, of Medfield, Massachusetts. A number of his friends from Fitchburg attended the services, among them Hon. Amasa Norcross, and Hon. J. W. Mansur, both of whom, in affecting and heartfelt words, expressed their esteem for the deceased, and their pride in his noble conduct as a gentleman and an officer.”

Major Ingalls was above the average stature of men. With a commanding and dignified bearing, he united unusual grace and urbanity of manner. In his frank and expressive countenance, beaming with frequent flashes of mirth, was seen the assurance of unfailing kindness, and his eye, peculiarly bright and attractive, was lighted with the steadfast warmth of a generous and genial heart. Possessing a mind quick in its perceptions, keenly sensitive in its appreciation of what was best in literature, art, and oratory, and a nature surcharged with hope and courage, his future was warmly tinted with the glow of promise. To what eminence he would have risen if his earthly life had continued, is a question which will scarcely occur to those who were familiar with him, since they will find a greater satisfaction in the contemplation of the noble traits of the man as they knew him.



LAKE COFFEEN, son of John and Susannah (Goldsmith) Coffeen, born in Rindge. Dartmouth College, 1785. On leaving college he taught several years in Cavendish, Vermont, and was licensed to preach July 29, 1806, but it is not known that he ever preached. He subsequently removed to Rushford, New York, and became a farmer, and later removed to Pike, in the same State, where he died, 1816.

JOSEPH MILLIKEN, son of Lieut. Joseph Milliken, or Mulliken, of Rindge. Dartmouth College, 1802. He was principal of the New Ipswich Appleton Academy, 1803-7, and subsequently studied medicine, receiving the degree of M.D., 1817. He died September 9, 1818, aged forty-four years.

EDWARD PAYSON. Harvard University, 1803. See page 331.

JAMES WALKER, son of Capt. Joshua and Mary (Whitmore) Walker, born in Rindge, March 10, 1784. Dartmouth College, 1804. He studied law, practicing his profession first in Francestown, but early removed to Peterborough, New Hampshire, where he resided, and continued the practice of his profession until his death, December 31, 1854. He was an eminent lawyer, and a man of talent and integrity.

ASA RAND. Dartmouth College, 1806. See page 334.

ISAAC KIMBALL, son of Aquilla and Anna Kimball, born in Rindge, November 30, 1783. Brown University, 1817. Mr. Kimball belonged to the Baptist denomination, and began to preach while pursuing his preparatory studies. After leaving college, where he had graduated with honor, he taught a little more than a year at Middleborough, and was ordained over the Baptist Church, in Marblehead, Massachusetts, March 10, 1819. The succeeding year he



asked and received a dismissal, and was engaged in missionary work during the remainder of his life. He died in New Haven, June 4, 1829. He was an earnest, zealous preacher, and was peculiarly fitted, both by natural ability and training, for the diversified and constantly changing duties of his calling.

SILAS WILDER, son of Silas and Abigail (Page) Wilder, was born in Rindge, August 10, 1788. Dartmouth College, 1818. He studied divinity with Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D.D., of Keene, and was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church, at Lewis, New York, in February, 1825; was dismissed from this charge in 1829, and preached for a few years as stated supply in several parishes. Subsequently he removed to Herkimer, New York, and there lived a farmer until his death, October 19, 1865.

CHARLES WALKER, son of Capt. Joshua and Mary (Whitmore) Walker, born in Rindge, November 21, 1795. Dartmouth College, 1823. Mr. Walker graduated at Andover Theological Seminary, 1826, and was ordained over the Congregational Church in New Ipswich, February 28, 1827. His former pastor, Rev. A. W. Burnham, was a member of the council. He was dismissed, at his request, in 1835, and was settled at Windsor, Connecticut, March 9, 1836, and the succeeding year at Medfield, Massachusetts, and dismissed in 1838, and immediately after was again settled at Wells, Maine, and dismissed May 16, 1844. The winter succeeding he spent in Italy, and subsequently cultivated a farm in Groton, Massachusetts, where he died, October 23, 1847. Rev. Samuel Lee, his successor at New Ipswich, in a valuable discourse, delivered at the centennial celebration of the church in New Ipswich, says: "Mr. Walker was a man of fair talents, a good writer, and a faithful and impressive preacher. He was for the best of

reasons greatly beloved by many in New Ipswich; and in return he gave his heart's love to this people."

CHARLES SHEDD, son of Capt. Abel and Rebecca (Adams) Shedd, born in Rindge, October 21, 1802. Dartmouth College, 1826. He was instructor eight years, in the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire. In 1834, he removed to New Ipswich, and became principal of the Appleton Academy, in that place. In this position he was deservedly successful and popular. After seven years' labor in this place he removed to Campton, New Hampshire, and in February, 1842, he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church there, and remained fifteen years. Subsequently he removed to Minnesota.

GEORGE PAYSON BARKER. Union College, 1827. See page 347.

WILLIAM C. RICHARDS, son of Thaddeus and Dorothy (Coolidge) Richards, born in Newton, Massachusetts, June 2, 1809. Brown University, 1837. Mr. Richards' parents resided several years in this town, and his father died here, March 30, 1829. He was ordained over the Second Baptist Church, at Grafton, Massachusetts, June 16, 1841, and has subsequently been settled over churches in Lynn and Newton. He is a man of ability, and enjoys the esteem of his brethren in the ministry, and of the people with whom he has labored.

GEORGE SHEDD, son of Capt. Abel and Rebecca (Adams) Shedd, born in Rindge, May 13, 1810. Dartmouth College, 1839. Studied medicine at Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, and settled as a physician, at Denmark, Iowa, where he continues to reside, enjoying, in an eminent degree, the respect and confidence of the entire community.

IRA RUSSELL. Dartmouth College, 1841. See page 351.

JOHN PHILANDER PERRY, son of Chauncey and Abigail (Stearns) Perry, born in Rindge, February 23, 1819. Dartmouth College, 1842. He studied divinity with Rev. Samuel Lee, of New Ipswich, and with Dr. Burnham, of Rindge. After preaching a short time at Surry, New Hampshire, and at Ludlow, Vermont, he embraced the Swedenborgian faith, and was ordained a minister of that denomination, at Boston, May 9, 1852, and settled in the ministry, at Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts. At the present time he is residing at New Ipswich. His brothers, Albert and Isaac Stearns Perry, now deceased, were ministers. Two other brothers, Chauncey and Timothy Perry, are successful lawyers, in Brooklyn, New York. The younger brothers were born in New Ipswich. Their aged father, above fourscore years of age, having assisted his five sons to a liberal education, can review with proud satisfaction their honorable career.

JOSEPH BROWNLEE BROWN, son of Rev. Joseph and Maria (Hunt) Brown, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, October 4, 1824. Dartmouth College, 1845. The father of Mr. Brown died when he was nine years of age, and he came to Rindge, to reside with his maternal uncle, Jason B. Perry, Esq., who was his guardian. He read law with Benjamin D. Silliman, Esq., of New York, and entered upon the practice of his profession in that city. Subsequently he removed to Newburgh, New York, where he still resides. As a lawyer he has been successful, and as a contributor to the press he has won many admiring friends. Many of his contributions are models of diction, evincing culture and refinement of taste.

SAMUEL BURNHAM. Williams College, 1855. See page 353.

CHARLES WILLIAM KIMBALL, son of William and Ruthy (Shedd) Kimball, born in Rindge, June 20, 1821. Entered Dartmouth College, class of 1845. Leaving the institution previous to graduation, on account of failing eyesight, he was a successful teacher in Ohio for many years. He was a gentleman of culture, and endowed with a lofty character. He died December 18, 1870.

HOWARD RAND, son of Daniel T. and Julia Ann (Jewett) Rand, born December 8, 1839, entered Dartmouth College, class of 1864. He was a young man of strong traits of character, and superior ability. During the first year of the war, with flattering prospects before him, he forsook those pursuits to which he was ardently attached, and entered the service of his country. He commanded his company, in the absence of the commissioned officers, from the date of the second battle of Bull Run until his death, at the battle of Antietam. In the former bloody engagement, the color-bearers being killed, he bravely gathered up the State colors, amid a shower of bullets, and bore them from the field; an act of heroism witnessed with the warmest approbation by many of his comrades.

JACOB HAMILTON FARRAR, son of Abel F. and Emeline (Rice) Farrar, born July 21, 1849, graduated at Harvard University, class of 1874.

FRANK HERBERT HARDISON, son of Samuel J. and Louisa (Hastings) Hardison, born September 3, 1849, is a student at Dartmouth College, class of 1876.

ALBERT FRANCIS NORCROSS, son of Deacon Jeremiah and Mary (Pillsbury) Norcross, born April 11, 1853, is a student at Dartmouth College, class of 1878.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### *PHYSICIANS, LAWYERS, AND MERCHANTS.*

Drs. Morse, Palmer, Prescott, Townsend, Hartshorn, Whitney, Jewett, Shurtleff, Abell, Abbott, Seyffarth, Darling, Symonds, Heard, Watson. — Noah R. Cook, and Benjamin Ward, Esqs. — Hale, Parker, the Wilders, Sherwin, Ingalls, Breed, Adams, Howe, Hale, Jennings, Raymond, Sawtell, Stearns, Fletcher, Emory.

DR. DAVID MORSE, son of Dr. Parker Morse, of Woodstock, Connecticut, removed to Rindge, 1768, and remained in this town, in the practice of his profession, five or six years, and then removed to Exeter, New York. His son Samuel, perhaps born in Rindge, removed from Exeter to Mississippi, where he became a judge in the courts of that State.

DR. ASHER PALMER was in practice in this town several years. He came two or three years later than Dr. Morse, and was cotemporary with him. Dr. Palmer married, 1774, a daughter of Rev. Seth Dean, and subsequently removed to Connecticut, where he died not many years after.

DR. JONAS PRESCOTT, son of John and Mary (White) Prescott, was born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, December 6, 1754. He came to Rindge, 1776, and remained about

five years, when he removed to Keene, New Hampshire, and very soon after to Templeton, Massachusetts, where he died, after a successful practice of many years. He was in this town during the sickly seasons of 1776 and 1777, which witnessed the death of many children. In 1778, he received the appointment of surgeon of the regiment, under command of Col. Enoch Hale, raised for the defence of Rhode Island, and was with the regiment while in the field.

DR. JOHN TOWNSEND had been briefly located in Sandown, South Hampton, Hopkinton, and New Ipswich, New Hampshire, before he came to Rindge. He settled in this town during the year 1770, and consequently was cotemporary with Drs. Morse, Palmer, and Prescott. He remained in regular and quite successful practice, until about 1790, when for unknown causes he suddenly removed without his family to parts unknown. His son, John Townsend, is well remembered by many of the older inhabitants of this town.

DR. EBENEZER HARTSHORN was from Athol, Massachusetts. He came to Rindge about 1780, and resided on the farm owned by the late Capt. Stephen Emory. Dr. Hartshorn was about forty years of age at the time of his removal to this town. He died in November, 1811, having retired from practice several years previous to his death.

DR. ISALAH WHITNEY, son of Isaiah Whitney, was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, December 13, 1765. He studied medicine with Dr. Charles Whitman, of Stow, Massachusetts, whose daughter he married. In 1790, he removed to Rindge, and resided for several years in a house which stood upon the site of the residence of A. A. Fowle. A few years later he removed to the house, now of D. S. Walker, and there resided until his death, November 30, 1839. Dr. Whitney, as a citizen, was much respected, and was regarded as a skillful and conscientious physician. During



the later years of a long and useful life he was partially incapacitated by deafness, and retired from active practice.

DR. STEPHEN JEWETT, born October 21, 1764, was a native of this town. He did not pursue a regular course of professional study, but with good natural abilities, and no ordinary degree of common sense, which schools cannot bestow, he early acquired a lucrative practice. His fame in the cure of both chronic and acute diseases was not limited to the locality in which he resided, and he was frequently called upon to make professional visits in Boston, and other New England cities and towns. His son, Dr. Stephen Jewett, Jr., was not a practitioner, but for many years was engaged in the manufacture and sale of Dr. Jewett's proprietary medicines, which for a long time had great celebrity.

DR. THOMAS JEWETT, a brother of Dr. Stephen Jewett, was born February 28, 1771. He pursued his professional studies at Hanover, receiving his degree about 1798. He was in practice one or two years, in Carlisle, Massachusetts, and returned to Rindge in 1801, and resided for several years upon the Enos Blake place, in West Rindge. Subsequently he purchased and removed to the farm upon the east side of the highway, and about one-half mile north of the centre of the town, which is still known as the "Dr. Thomas Jewett place," where he passed the remainder of his years. As a physician, Dr. Jewett was eminently successful, and arrived at no inconsiderable eminence in his profession. In the treatment of a malignant fever, which prevailed with startling fatality throughout a large portion of New England, in 1811 and 1812, and which was generally called the spotted fever, his success was exceeded by few, if any, physicians in this vicinity. Dr. Jewett was exceedingly fond of his farm, and, during the later years of his life, he retired from the practice of his profession, and



directed his attention to agricultural pursuits. As a citizen, he was held in high esteem. Possessing a sound judgment, a clear and discriminating mind, his opinions invariably commanded respect. In religious opinions, for many years, he was unsettled, and at times skeptical, but subsequently acknowledged a change in his views, and united with the Congregational Church, of which he continued a consistent member until his death. The tract written by Dr. Burnham, "The Infidel Reclaimed," relates to the religious experience of Dr. Jewett. He died April 24, 1840.

DR. ASAHEL D. SHURTLEFF was born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, September 8, 1789. Having acquired a thorough English education, at the academy in his native town, he pursued his professional studies in the office of Dr. Adams, of Keene. Dr. Shurtleff removed to Rindge upon the completion of his study in 1818, where he was brought into competition with men of experience in the profession, Drs. Whitney and Jewett being at this time in active practice. He gradually grew in favor with the people, and increased his business from year to year. He held several positions of trust in town affairs, but for such service he found little leisure. His years were devoted to his profession in an eminent degree. He was a skillful physician, and a man of unexceptionable character. He died, much lamented, and in the midst of an honored and useful career, November 8, 1843.

DR. NATHANIEL KINGSBURY was born in Rindge, June 28, 1798. He entered Middlebury College 1816. The following year he left this institution, and entered Harvard University, where he remained two years. After teaching in Georgia and in Massachusetts a few years, he attended medical lectures, at Hanover, and at Brunswick, Maine, where he received his degree, in 1829. He practiced med-

icine, in Rindge, from 1831 until 1834, when he removed to Temple. Dr. Kingsbury represented that town in the Legislature, 1840, 1841, and was a member of the State Senate, 1846. The following tribute to this eminent physician is from the "History of Temple": "Dr. Kingsbury is a man of superior ability, great acquirements, and much experience. He is one of the ablest physicians that this section of the country has ever produced. As a counsellor he has ever been esteemed by those of the profession who can appreciate the higher elements of medicine."

DR. ERASMUS DARWIN ABELL was born in Lempster, New Hampshire, January 26, 1817. He received his name in honor of a celebrated English medical writer, and a kinsman of the well-known anthropologist, Darwin. His father, Dr. Truman Abell was a successful physician of the old school, and for half a century the author of the well-known Farmer's Almanac bearing his name. Dr. Abell early resolved to follow the profession of his honored father, and having enjoyed superior educational advantages, at the academy and under private tuition, he pursued his professional studies in the office of his father, and also with a maternal uncle, Robert Lane, M.D., of Sutton, New Hampshire. He attended lectures at the Vermont Medical College, in Woodstock, Vermont, and at Dartmouth Medical College, in Hanover, receiving his diploma from the latter institution in 1838. In 1840, Dr. Abell removed to Rindge, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. Genial in manner, skillful and eminently successful in practice, upright and honorable in character, he soon won a popularity which increased with the years of his residence in this town. The sick received unfailing and sympathizing attention, and trusted him with the most implicit confidence; and his practice, in the families of a

large number of warm personal friends, was extensive and remunerative. His labors for several years in the supervision of schools were of much value. While he was prompt in recognizing excellence, his keen criticism and correction of fault, in terms never mistaken by his auditors, were presented with such genuine kindness that no offence was left to combat the happiest results. The long rides, which he was called upon to perform, often extending into the surrounding towns, led him to seek a more populous location, in which he could find employment within a smaller circuit. In 1852, he sold his homestead to Dr. D. W. Jones, and after spending considerable time in the lecture-rooms and hospitals in the city of New York, he located in Chicopee, Massachusetts, where he still enjoys an extensive practice.

DR. JOSIAH ABBOTT was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, May 22, 1811. He graduated at Yale College, 1835, and pursued his professional studies, under the instruction of Professors Knight and Beers, of New Haven, attending medical lectures meanwhile in that city. Subsequently he attended lectures at the Fairfield (New York) Medical College, where he received his degree, January 23, 1840. Dr. Abbott removed to Rindge in the autumn of 1843, during the illness of Dr. Shurtleff, and resumed his practice. He was a cautious, attentive physician, and continued in practice until 1864, when he was appointed surgeon in the army. Since his return from this service, Dr. Abbott has continued his residence in this town, but has not resumed the practice of his profession. He has faithfully served many years on the board of school committee, and represented the town in the Legislature, in 1860 and 1861.

DR. DANIEL WAYLAND JONES was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, January 14, 1829. Having enjoyed a liberal course of academical and professional tuition, and been for a time a student in the office of Ira Russell, M.D., he received his degree at the university in the city of New York, in March, 1852, and came to this town in the summer of the same year. He was well received, and from the first was the recipient of no small measure of patronage. In 1855, he sold his residence and removed from town. He now resides in Newton, Massachusetts, in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice.

DR. EDMUND SEYFFARTH was a native of Germany. He was born in Altenburg, in the kingdom of Saxony, 1827. His parents early designed him for the study of the law, and he was sent to the celebrated University of Leipsic, to pursue his professional studies. Acquiring an early dislike for this profession, at his earnest request he was transferred from the university to the medical school at Vienna, where he entered upon the study of medicine, a profession to which he ever after remained enthusiastically attached. At this university, then as now the first medical school in Europe, he graduated with honors, and practiced four years in the hospitals in that city. During his student life, Dr. Seyffarth was warmly in sympathy with the Hungarian revolt, and, in common with the friends of freedom throughout the globe, earnestly hoped for the success of the patriot, Kossuth. The entertainment of such sentiments was the cause of his residence in the United States. The story of his life, in those days of excitement and persecution, is devoid of neither incident nor interest. Leaving his native land, he became a surgeon upon a Russian man-of-war, bound for Alaska. After visiting the Russian possessions upon this continent, the vessel cruised

for a season in the Sea of Okhotsk, and while there he was called to an American vessel, to attend the late Capt. Charles H. Cole, of this town. In 1853, Dr. Seyffarth came to Rindge, where he remained in the successful practice of his profession about three years. After a short residence at the West, he removed to Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was surgeon in the army from 1862 until 1865. Returning from this service, he resumed the practice of his profession in Lawrence. He died July 21, 1874. Dr. Seyffarth acquired an eminent position in his profession. With rare skill, and the unfailing fruits of liberal study, he united a quick perception, and a rapid, unerring judgment. Wherever he has resided, he will be long remembered by those who learned to understand him as a person of superior talent, warmed into activity by an impulsive and generous nature.

DR. SOPHIA S. SYMONDS was born in Rindge, August 4, 1831. Miss Symonds belongs to the Eclectic School of Medicine. She pursued her professional studies at the Ladies' Medical Academy, and the New England Medical College, in Boston, and at the Worcester Medical Institute, where she received the degree of M.D. in 1862. Soon after she entered upon the practice of her profession in this town, and for seven years enjoyed an extensive practice. In 1869 she removed to Winchendon, and became professionally associated with Dr. R. W. Geddes, but continues to visit many families in this town, whose confidence and esteem has never been withheld.

DR. J. HOMER DARLING was born in Cambridge, Vermont, July 25, 1838. He removed to Rindge in the summer of 1860, and remained until the autumn of 1862, when he was appointed assistant surgeon in the army. Upon his return from this service, he located in Keene, where he

remains in the successful practice of his profession. He was well received, and would have secured a permanent and lucrative practice in this town, if the inducements presented by a more populous locality had permitted him to remain. Dr. Darling pursued his professional study in the office of Dr. P. D. Bradford, a professor in Castleton, Vermont, Medical College, where he attended lectures, and graduated June 15, 1859.

DR. JOHN HEARD was a native of Maine, and born about 1810. He received his degree from Dartmouth Medical College, and after practicing his profession in Acworth and Hopkinton, in this State, in Leominster and Townsend, in Massachusetts, he removed to Rindge, in 1866, and remained about six years. It is probable that Dr. Heard was deficient in neither skill nor natural ability; but his cynical manners and current conversation repelled the respect of the community.

DR. HENRY A. WATSON was born in Worcester, Vermont, June 21, 1849. He commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Benjamin F. Eaton, of Hartford, Vermont, and attended two terms of lectures at Hanover, and as many at Burlington, where he received his degree, July, 1874. Immediately after the completion of his professional studies, Dr. Watson located in this town, and has entered upon the practice of his profession under favorable auspices.

The name of Dr. William Swan is found in the early records, but he was not a physician in regular practice. It appears that he was more inclined to boast of the wonderful cures he was able to perform than were the people to test experimentally the truth of his assertions.

Dr. Samuel Steele is mentioned upon the records, but his ambition was fully gratified in the honors of a successful farrier. The absence of literature among his patients will



account for any deficiency in the record evidence of his skill.

Dr. Elijah Norcross, a native of this town, during a residence abroad had secured the title, but the state of his health did not permit him to practice after his return to Rindge.

Several natives of this town have acquired considerable distinction in the practice of law, but the number of resident lawyers has been very small.

NOAH R. COOK, ESQ., a son of Noah Cook, a lawyer of Keene, and a brother of Josiah Parsons Cook, an eminent lawyer of Boston, came to Rindge about 1816, and remained six or seven years. He returned to Keene, and recently died in that town, at an advanced age.

BENJAMIN WARD, ESQ., a grandson of General Ward of Revolutionary fame, was born in Phillipston, Massachusetts, January 25, 1793. He entered Harvard University, but on account of failing health he did not complete the prescribed course of study. Mr. Ward read law with an uncle, in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and removed to Rindge in 1822. He was a man of talent, and an accomplished scholar. If his physical strength had been commensurate with his ability and attainments, he would have been foremost in his profession. He died February 19, 1828, and is remembered with much respect and esteem.

*Merchants and Stores.*—There were about four hundred inhabitants in town when Col. Nathan Hale first opened a store in Rindge. In 1772, the town conveyed to him about an acre of common land, lying between the two roads north of the meeting-house. It is not certain that any building was erected on the premises previous to the present store, but in connection with a record of the stores of Rindge this site is historic ground.



At an early date, Col. Hale had a store near the Dr. Whitney house, now owned by D. S. Walker, on the west side of the highway, and south of the Common. Soon after he entered the army, Jonathan Parker, Jr., purchased a house which stood near the residence of Miss Sarah Shurtleff. There was only a lane between this house and the store of Col. Hale. Mr. Parker was in trade several years, and probably occupied the building in which Col. Hale had conducted business. During the progress of the war, when every person's conduct was closely scrutinized, certain charges and proceedings against Mr. Parker called forth the following letter from Col. Enoch Hale:—

RINDGE, April 26, 1777.

*Worthy Sir*,—Due submission to your honor, I just inform that Jonathan Parker, Jun'r Esq. desires to know from whence any suspicion arose of his being Enimical to his Country. Being apprehended, &c., which I could not answer, as I know not who had complained. But am able to inform thus much—that he hath done and continues to do his proportion in carrying on the war, and as to his passing bad money, I have not heard any Person charge him with it, since the time of some small altered Bills that was turned upon his hands, that your Honor may Remember was brought against him; Although he has traded largely since that time, I believe more than one hundred lawful Per month. But if it shall be thought he ought to appear at any future Time for any further Examination I will be answerable for his appearance, if such bail may be admitted.

From your most obedient Humble Servant,

ENOCH HALE.

HON. MESHECH WEARE, Esq.

Mr. Parker was born in Groton, April 19, 1744. In company with his parents, he removed to Rindge previous to the incorporation of the town. He was a useful and active citizen. His penmanship was remarkable for beauty and plainness, and his signature was invariably traced in

fair, bold characters. His name upon the "Association Test" recalls to mind that of John Hancock subscribed to the Declaration of Independence, and is perhaps equally significant of courage. But one enjoyed a national reputation, while the other was only a "Village Hampden."

MOSES WHITNEY was in trade in this town during the year 1772. As will appear, he had an extensive trade. He may have been a better salesman than collector, or his customers may have had more inclination to buy than ability to pay. In either event, he was bankrupt at the close of the year. It is probable that he soon removed, as his name is not subsequently found upon the records. His accounts were left with Nathaniel Russell, Esq., for settlement. A well-filled journal was left in his possession, which is carefully preserved by a grandson, Mr. Henry Russell, of this town, who properly regards it a valuable fragment of the history of the town. In these mercantile transactions of a single year, an account was kept with above one hundred residents of Rindge, twenty-five of Jaffrey, and several of Peterborough, Winchendon, and Ashburnham. These ancient accounts, besides affording much valuable information of the names of the residents of the town, are a most truthful history of the wants and customs of the times. They include a much greater variety of articles than are generally admitted in approved homilies of the economy and plain-living of our fathers. After the aristocracy are distinguished from their neighbors by a more frequent charge for West India rum, instead of the cheaper New England distillation, and all the accounts are thus reduced one-half, many articles of finery will next attract attention; gilt buttons, sleeve buttons, gilt beads, waxed beads, glass beads, crewel, lace, taffeta, silk ferret, and satin ribbon, are named about as often as the more substantial goods sold

under the name of ticklenburg, baize, buckram, ratteen, cotton, and linen checks, shalloon, and Barcelona; while pomatum, moose-skin breeches, double-twist gimlets, striped Hollands, snuff-boxes, cat-gut horsewhips, iron hand-saws, tow-cloth, shoe-buckles, and curling-irons, form a most bewildering variety of articles of luxury and of utility. A portion of the charges contained in one account selected at random will present considerable information of the prices of that period :

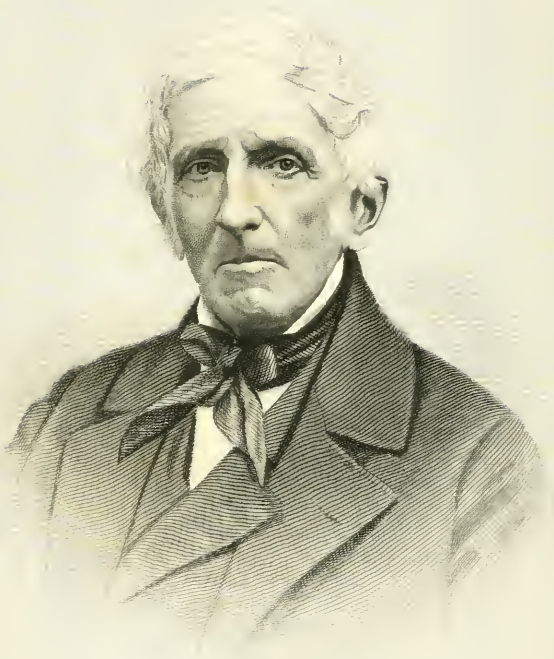
	£	s.	d.
1 lb. chocolate, 1s. 4d., 15 lbs. fish, 3s. 4d., . . . . .		4	8
1 Gal. molasses delivered to his son, . . . . .		2	2½
1 " rum, . . . . .		2	8
1 pr. moose-skin breeches, . . . . .	1	5	4
1-4 lb. powder, 6d., 1 lb. shot, 6d., . . . . .		1	0
1 qt. brandy, 2s., 1-2 doz. cups and saucers, 7d., . . . . .		9	0
15 panes of glass, 6 by 8, at 3d., . . . . .		3	9
5 yds. serge at 5s. 4d., . . . . .	1	6	8
2 1-2 doz. buttons, 2s. 6d., hank twist, 8d., needles, 1d., 6 pump nails, . . . . .		3	3
2 1-4 lbs. log wood, 7d., 1 lb. red wood, 3d., . . . . .			4
1 Bu. Salt, 4s. 9d., 5 lbs. sugar, 3s., . . . . .		7	9
1 Double twist Gimlet, 4d., 1 Iron Hand saw, 4s. 8d., . . . . .		5	0
1-4 yd. Buckram, 5d., 1 yd. Ticklingburg, 1s. 4d., . . . . .		1	9
1 pr. worsted Hose, . . . . .		4	4
1 Blew and White Tea pott, . . . . .		1	0
1 lb. butter, 6d., 1 lb. beeswax, 1s. 2d., . . . . .		1	8
1 Bu. wheat, 6s., 1 Bu. Corn, 3s. 4d., . . . . .		9	4
1 yd. shalloon, 2s., 1 yd. quality, 2d., . . . . .		2	2
2 yds. Ell wide Persian, at 8s. 8d., . . . . .		17	4

The store at the north end of the Common was built by Col. William Gardner, about 1790. Capt. Philip Thomas was employed as master carpenter to conduct the work.

Col. Josiah Wilder removed to this town in 1794, and soon commenced trade in the new building. Five or six years later, his brother, Samuel L. Wilder, formerly his clerk, became a partner in the business. Col. Wilder died in 1812, and in 1820 Mr. Wilder formed a partnership with

his son, Hon. Marshall P. Wilder. The latter removed to Boston, 1825, and soon after Mr. Wilder retired from the business, and was succeeded by Stephen B. Sherwin, Esq., and Josiah Wilder. The firm of Sherwin & Wilder was dissolved, by the death of the latter, in 1853, and Mr. Sherwin continued in trade until his death, in 1861. During this period, the proprietors had a large country trade, which extended considerably into the surrounding towns. For nearly seventy years there were no sudden changes in the firm. The building is one of the landmarks in the town, around which the aged and middle-aged often linger. The proprietors were men of influence, and enjoyed, in an eminent degree, the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Here were found some of the habitual frequenters of public resort; here, in stormy weather and on winter evenings, were assembled the farmers and other citizens from all portions of the town; here were discussed, in a masterly manner, the weather, the crops, and other topics of current conversation, while often the intelligence of the proprietors joining in the conversation would lead to more profitable trains of thought, or perhaps a pleasing story, aptly told by Mr. Sherwin, would provoke a laugh, and brighten their dreams after they had sought their several homes. Could some of the former visitors at this store return again to earth, the first object of their search would be a seat on the old "settle" by the fire-place. This famous seat, with its high back, was found more recently near the stove, but its former occupants were gone, and the memory of the many scenes of hilarity, to which it had been a silent witness, was buried with them. If the old store can be imagined as a substance of life and reason, it certainly was Federal and Whig in politics, and its influence can be read in unmistakable lines, even to the present time.





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COL. JOSIAH WILDER came to Rindge when about twenty-four years of age. He at once won the esteem of his townsmen, and, despite his age, secured no ordinary influence in the community. In military affairs he took a lively interest, and early rose to the command of the regiment. He served the town as clerk for seven years, and the plainness of the penmanship, and the perspicuity of the record, will long make known his faithful service. Col. Wilder represented the town in the Legislature nine years previous to, and including, 1810. In 1811, he was a member of the State Senate. Having retired from active business and removed to the farm, now of Abraham J. Converse, on account of feeble health, the same cause led him to decline a reelection to the Senate. He died in the midst of an honorable career, April 27, 1812. In the discussions of public measures in the town-meetings, or in the halls of legislation, and in less public conference with his fellowmen, his well balanced mind and matured opinions were as conspicuous as the sincerity in which all his thoughts and opinions found expression. Few men, dying at the age of forty-two, have become more thoroughly identified in town history.

SAMUEL L. WILDER, ESQ., at the age of sixteen years, removed to Rindge, where, as a merchant and farmer, he resided through a prolonged and useful life, enjoying the esteem and confidence of his townsmen in an eminent degree. He succeeded his brother as Town Clerk, and transcribed the records of the town, for seventeen years, in fair characters and well chosen language. He was the Representative from this town in the Legislature thirteen years, and a Justice of the Peace from 1816 until his death, a period of forty-seven years. Few are met in the town's history to whose judgment and counsels more deference has



been paid. While yet a young man, he enjoyed the friendship and confidence of Dr. Payson, and his name at all times has been associated with good men and good works. For many years he was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and was one of the original members of the society. Many of the provisions of the Constitution of this society were proposed by him, with reasons which led to their adoption. The memory of his counsels, and the great interest he continued at all times to feel for the prosperity of this organization, will continue to brighten its annals. Mr. Wilder is remembered by the present generation with a prompt acknowledgment of his unbending and unflinching adherence to the line of Christian duty. He died April 7, 1863.

JOSIAH WILDER, son of Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., entered the store at an early age. He was attentive to business, seeking neither public honors nor the praises of men. His strict integrity and painstaking kindness deservedly won the favorable opinion of his numerous acquaintances. He died April 27, 1853, being the same month of the year and the same day of the month as the date of the death of his uncle, Col. Josiah Wilder.

STEPHEN B. SHERWIN, ESQ., was born in the north part of the town. While yet a young man, he removed to the centre of the town, and became associated with Mr. Wilder in trade. Affable and urbane in manner, he won an early popularity which during his life did not forsake him. Of a generous nature, free from all assumption of superiority, he was continually surrounded by many unflinching friends. He was a member of the School Committee for several years, Town Clerk for a longer period, and member of the Legislature for the years 1844, 1845, and 1846. In 1856, he represented the American party of the State, in a National

Convention, held in Philadelphia. Mr. Sherwin was extremely fond of music, and his efficient leadership of the choir will be long and pleasantly remembered. As mentioned in another chapter, he died very suddenly, December 14, 1861.

THOMAS INGALLS, ESQ., was engaged in trade, for a few years, in the building adjacent to the dwelling-house of Miss Milly Walker, subsequently for a short time in partnership with Joel Raymond and with Eliphalet Sawtell, and for many years at the "Ingalls Store," where the sign-board bearing only the word "Store" announced at once the business carried on within, and the simplicity of the taste of the occupant.

Mr. Ingalls was a man of implicit integrity, and earnestly forwarded all laudable public measures with untiring effort and the weight of his character. Few, indeed, have possessed, and more promptly exercised, a keener perception of right and wrong, or were readier to commend the one and condemn the other. His services were often solicited by his townsmen. He was a member of the first board of school committee chosen in this town, and subsequently served several years in this capacity, and also in the board of selectmen. In 1832 and 1833, he represented the town in the Legislature. For twenty-six years he was chosen to transcribe the public records, and was the Town Clerk at the time of his death. The penmanship of Mr. Ingalls was plain and graceful, and the clearness of statement, accuracy, and method displayed on the numerous pages of the registers by him transcribed, were the result of an habitual sincerity and conscientiousness in the discharge of any trust confided in him. For many years he was a Justice of the Peace, and none in this vicinity was more frequently called upon to act in this capacity.

Mr. Ingalls possessed more talent and refinement than many, the lines of whose lives have been turned in wider circles. Of a dignified yet courteous manner, he belonged to a class denominated "gentlemen of the old school," unhappily few of whom remain. He was extremely fond of reading. The number of books selected was not numerous, but these he read attentively and understandingly. Among his friends he united modesty and affection with true self-respect and personal independence. In his home life he laid aside the cares of the outside world, and with genuine tenderness and sympathy became the life and entertainment of the home circle. He was sensitively appreciative of the beautiful, and found delight in many things unseen by others. To him there was a constant joy and beauty in summer, and contentment and instruction in winter. He heard a captivating melody in the first bird-notes of spring, and saw an unwonted whiteness in the premonitory snow-flakes of autumn.

Mr. Ingalls died December 27, 1863, and the frequent expressions of regret manifested by his townsmen continue to bear honorable testimony of his character and his usefulness.

DEACON JOSEPH B. BREED was in trade for many years, in a store connected with his dwelling, on the west side of the Common. He died September 23, 1864. The business was continued, for a short time, by his son, George H. Breed, after which the store was closed. Without ostentation or display, Deacon Breed conducted his business in a manner which secured the confidence of his customers. He was prominent in the church, and foremost in many good works; lived on intimate terms with his pastor, and had contention with none.

ARAD ADAMS was in trade a short time, about thirty years ago, in a building that stood on the site of the



*Thomas Ingalls.*



residence of Willard G. Jones. After the lapse of a few years in the business in this town, he built a small store, which has been removed, near the residence of Daniel H. Sargent. In 1855, Mr. Adams closed out and removed to Jaffrey, where a good degree of prosperity has attended him.

LEVI HOWE, ESQ., opened a store in the Dr. Whitney house, about seventeen years ago, and continued in trade about ten years. Mr. Howe had formerly been a successful farmer, and, in connection with others, was engaged in the manufacture of pails, in the west part of the town. He was a Justice of the Peace, and one of the selectmen for many years, and represented the town in the Legislature, 1842, 1843, 1848, and 1849. In the settlement of many estates, and as guardian of the fatherless, he justly secured and maintained the confidence of those whose affairs were entrusted to his keeping. The counsels and advice of few men have been more frequently sought by his neighbors, and as a townsman his services were of the highest value. He died, very suddenly, August 8, 1869.

EMERSON HALE, for a few years previous to 1808, had a store on the south side of the highway, and west of the residence of J. A. Stearns. The remainder of his life was devoted to farming.

TALMON JENNINGS, about forty years ago, had a small store, and a limited stock of goods, near the residence of Asa and Charles E. Stickney. The building remains, but Mr. Jennings has been dead many years.

Capt. Joel Raymond, Eliphalet and Jabez Sawtell, have been in trade in a store in the south part of the hotel buildings. It has recently been remodeled, and is now occupied by Col. George W. Stearns and C. F. Platts. A. M. Lacy, and Josiah Stratton, at the Wilder store, Ambrose Butler, in West Rindge, and several persons in a

small store in East Rindge, have each been engaged in trade, for a short period of time, within the past ten years.

At present, the Wilder store and a store in the depot at West Rindge are occupied by Samuel W. Fletcher and Warren W. Emory, under the name of Fletcher & Emory, who have been successful traders for the past six years. The merchants of to-day and of the future can find worthy examples of character and of integrity in the lives of their predecessors.



## CHAPTER XVIII.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Tithing-Men. — Pauperism. — Turnpikes. — Post-Offices. — Railroad. — War of 1812. — Centennial Celebration. — Libraries. — Mechanics' Hall. — Population. — Mortuary Record. — Longevity. — Representatives to the General Court. — Town Officers. — Justices of the Peace. — Measurement of Trees.

TITHING-MEN were first chosen by the proprietors in 1766, the year after the meeting-house was completed. After the incorporation of the town, such officers were annually chosen until 1835, — a much longer period than in other towns. The office was regarded as one of distinguished honor, and only men of sedate manners and unimpeachable characters were chosen. In addition to their duty as meeting-house police, they were expected to summarily stop all needless travel upon the highways on the Sabbath; and in the discharge of their duty they were sustained by the greater portion of the community. Stocks for the confinement of unruly youth on the Lord's day were never erected in this town. The question was once proposed, and the advocates of the measure were patiently heard, after which the town placidly voted that the gentlemen in favor of their erection have the privilege of building stocks, provided they will complete the same at their own

expense. This provision brought the enterprise to sudden grief; it was setting too high price upon principle, and the records contain no further reference to the subject.

In 1814, several meetings were held in the vicinity, and a combination formed by several towns for a more vigorous enforcement of the laws regulating the observance of the Sabbath. As a result of these proceedings, twelve tithing-men were chosen the following year, and many travelers and teamsters were stopped upon the road and detained until Monday morning. A reaction soon followed, and the next year only two were chosen, one of whom resided in the extreme southwest corner of the town, and the other as far to the northeast. The choice of these men, whose residences were so far removed from the main lines of travel, was not accidental, and, as was intended, the newly elected officers, giving the statutes a liberal construction, molested very few of the persons who had been keenly watched by their predecessors.

It may have been that the roguish youth in the congregation fully occupied the attention of the tithing-men; or, possibly, the office was so intimately associated with dignity that no minor duties were imposed upon them. In either event, a special police was chosen to keep the dogs from following their masters into the meeting-house. The measure was duly considered, in 1797, when the town chose Levi Mansfield, Edward Jewett, Esq., Capt. Solomon Cutler, Col. Daniel Rand, Lieut. Nathaniel Thomas, Josiah Wilder, William Sherwin, and William Carlton, to keep the meeting-house clear of dogs on the Sabbath. This was an able committee, composed of the best men in town; and unless there is a hidden humor in the record, which is not improbable, the dogs in those days must have been either unusually ferocious or numerous. These proceedings also

suggest the prevailing views of a future state, since our fathers here discredited the Indian,—

“Who thinks, admitted to that equal sky,  
His faithful dog shall bear him company.”

PAUPERISM in this town has never been of great magnitude. In another chapter reference was made to the preventive measure of warning out. Notwithstanding this precaution, in the course of events, there were persons who legally claimed and received assistance from the town; and the humanity of the citizens has been prompt in response to such demands upon the public treasury.

A practice existed about the commencement of the present century which will attract attention. Whenever an aged or infirm person became hopelessly involved in debt, and in need of public assistance, at the request of such persons, the town, by its selectmen, would assume possession of their property, pay the debts, and give the families a public support as long as their circumstances required. In some instances “the man of debts,” after going through this form of bankruptcy, would take the oars in his hands again, and secure a comfortable home for himself and family during the remainder of his life.

At this date a person was required to petition in writing for assistance or support before expense was incurred by the town. A number of such written requests, preserved among the town files, is a sad story of poverty, discouragements, and infirmities.

An incident not wholly disconnected with this subject occurred about seventy years ago. For several years, in the annual financial reports made to the town, there constantly appeared among the assets a note against Mr. B. for \$3.33. The selectmen were instructed to collect the note, but still

it appeared upon the reports, until at length the jaded patience of the citizens found expression in a vote of instruction to their selectmen: "That the selectmen present the note they hold against Mr. B. to him for payment, and if he neglect or refuse to pay it, they are directed to burn it before his face." The delinquent payer must have known what had been the instructions to the selectmen, and possibly met them at his door with lighted torch.

In several instances, when children have been found destitute, the town has secured for them permanent homes, stipulating that they should receive board, clothing, and schooling, until they were of legal age to act for themselves. Soon after the close of the Revolution, when the currency had an uncertain value, such a contract was made, by vote of the town, in these words: "Voted to give Lieut. Page Norcross one yoke of oxen, that shall girt six feet, young cattle, and well built, for his taking ——— ———, and provided they should be delivered within three months from date the said Norcross agreed to take the same in full payment for taking and bringing up the said ———."

At this date, the boy referred to was about three years of age. The founder of Rome, it is said, was supported for a time by a wolf; but this child could more proudly claim that he was borne through the years of his vicissitude by a pair of oxen, "young and well built."

For many years, as in other towns, the support of the poor was let at vendue to the lowest bidder. While this practice presents an air of inhumanity, it does not appear that uncomfortable homes for the needy were thus secured. Support for this unfortunate class was often provided by the town officers, without resort to this agency, and for several years subsequently all the poor were supported by one person, in accordance with a contract made with the town.

The town at length purchased a farm, and took possession April 1, 1841. The farm was previously owned by David Hale, and is situated in the fourth lot, in the sixth range. Here, under the direction of a superintendent employed by the town, the poor received considerable care. In 1860, this farm was sold, and another purchased of Stephen Hale, which is situated on Hubbard Hill, and in the eleventh lot, in the first range. In 1866, the latter farm was sold, and since that date the small number of persons claiming assistance from the town have been boarded in private families.

Several of a class of still greater misfortune, who, not only poor in this world's goods, have also suffered the loss of reason, have been maintained, by the town, at the Asylum for the Insane, at Concord; and one mute has enjoyed instruction at the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Hartford, through the considerate liberality of the town.

THE RINDGE TURNPIKE was incorporated June 12, 1807, and extended from the southeast corner of the town through Rindge Centre, West Rindge, and Fitzwilliam to the centre of Troy, where it met the Branch Turnpike. Upon its completion, it diverted considerable travel from the Third Turnpike extending through Jaffrey and New Ipswich, and from the turnpike extending from Keene through Fitzwilliam, Winchendon, and Leominster, to Boston.

While the construction of this road was under consideration, the town, evidently regarding it as an issue of considerable importance, proposed and discussed several measures in encouragement of the enterprise. Wisely refusing to take any stock in the corporation, the town agreed to build and keep in repair a free road of three miles, which, constituting a part of the turnpike, should be located by the corporation, and extend one and one-half

miles each way from the centre of the town. The southeast section, extending nearly to Converseville, was built in the summer of 1811; and the remainder, extending to West Rindge, was completed the following year. The construction of the road was committed to Col. Daniel Rand, Levi Mansfield, and Lieut. David Hale. The death of Col. Rand occurred before the completion of the road, and Ezra Thomas was selected to fill the vacancy in the committee. The construction was awarded to the lowest bidder, as appears from the record of a bill paid by the town "for rum and sugar for the vendue of the turnpike road."

The gradual construction of the railroad from Boston to Lexington, Concord, Acton, Groton, and Fitchburg, continually shortened the distance traversed by the stages, and when Winchendon was reached they were removed from this road altogether. A new line of coaches, from Jaffrey, through Rindge to Winchendon, owned by J. L. Bolster, Aaron Perkins, and later by Mr. Perkins and Rodney A. Hubbard, then followed, which were continued until the opening of the Monadnock Railroad from Winchendon to Peterborough. For the past three years, the railroad, which has a station at West Rindge, and the carriages of D. S. Walker, amply meet the demand of the travel to and from the town.

POST-OFFICES.—At the time the turnpike was constructed, post-offices were rarely established, except upon the line of stages. For this reason several towns in this vicinity were earlier favored with postal facilities. Soon after the completion of the turnpike, and the staging through Rindge which followed, a post-office was easily secured.

Capt. Moses Todd was the first postmaster. The office was established and his appointment made April 26, 1815.



The post-office was in the hotel which stood upon the site of the Beaman house, now of Asia Jones. Capt. Todd was succeeded by Noah R. Cook, Esq., April 13, 1819. Mr. Cook, at this time, was engaged in the practice of law, and boarded with Capt. Joel Raymond. He carried the mail in his pockets, and whenever an inquiring citizen found him he also found the post-office, and received his mail. This arrangement possessed some conveniences, and if his pockets were numbered, and a particular one assigned to each citizen, after the manner of the boxes for the delivery of the mail at the present time, it can be presumed that this method of distribution was received with great satisfaction.

September 4, 1821, Marshall P. Wilder was appointed successor of Mr. Cook, and the post-office had a fixed location in the Wilder store. When Col. Wilder removed to Boston, he was succeeded by his father, Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., whose appointment was dated April 12, 1825. Mr. Wilder soon after retired from business, and Stephen B. Sherwin was appointed April 3, 1828.

The disciples of Andrew Jackson, proclaiming that "to the victor belong the spoils," subsequently effected the removal of the office from its Whig quarters, and Dr. Isaiah Whitney was appointed April 15, 1830, and distributed the mails from his residence until his death, after which his daughter conducted the office nearly a year; but no successor was named until October 16, 1840, when Thomas Whitney received the appointment, and removed the post-office into the hotel.

The succeeding postmasters, date of appointment, and location of the post-office, have been as follows: Charles E. Plummer, May 22, 1843, hotel. Dr. E. Darwin Abell, March 24, 1849, Dr. Whitney house. Dr. D. Wayland



Jones, August 23, 1852, Dr. Whitney house. Willard G. Jones, November 4, 1854, his residence. Levi Howe, April 13, 1861, Dr. Whitney house. Samuel W. Fletcher, March 18, 1869. Mr. Fletcher, the present incumbent, removed the office to the store in the hotel building, occupied at the time by Fletcher & Emory. The firm removed their business and the office to the Wilder store, in 1872.

The Blakeville post-office was established, and William A. Hale appointed postmaster, December 6, 1861. Ambrose Butler succeeded him, February 27, 1866, and Calvin Allen, March 28, 1871. The name was changed to West Rindge, December 11, 1871. Henry W. Fletcher, the present incumbent, was appointed December 19, 1872.

The East Rindge post-office was established, and Miss Cornelia L. Converse, the present incumbent, was appointed postmaster, December 19, 1872.

THE WAR OF 1812.—After the peace of 1783, the United States and Great Britain each incessantly complained that the other had violated the stipulations contained in the treaty. The complaints, and the excitement produced in the public mind, were rife during the closing years of the past century, until quieted for a time by the ratification of the Jay Treaty. In 1794, the prospect of war assembled the citizens of this town in legal meeting, and called forth the following vote: "Voted to give those soldiers who shall enlist nine dollars per month with what Congress has offered, if they shall be called into actual service, and to pay them five dollars thereof, to each man when they march." The war for the time being averted, none were called into service, but the causes of complaint were continued, and only removed by the war which subsequently followed. The declaration of war was received with little enthusiasm by the people of New England, and

the sentiment prevalent in the town of Rindge, strongly Federal in politics, proved no exception, as appears from the record of a town-meeting, held September 8, 1812:—

After some introductory observations by different people, on the state of our public concerns, extracts from the speech of Mr. Gorman, delivered in the Senate of the United States, on the motion to postpone the consideration of the bill declaring war against Great Britain, was read before the town. It was then requested by Thomas Jewett, Esqr. [Dr. Jewett], that the president's message to Congress, June 1, 1812, might be read, which was complied with, and after being read, considered, and discussed, it was motioned to see who would justify the government in declaring the present war, and who would not; when the moderator requested those in favor of the procedure to take their places west of the broad aisle, and those against it on the east side, when it appeared that there were three in favor and the whole of the remainder of the inhabitants of the town present against the measure of declaring war, except five or six in the broad aisle. Voted to choose three delegates to meet with others who are or may be appointed to assemble in some convenient place in this county, to consult upon the state of our public concerns for the preservation of order and the restoration of peace. Chose Rev. Dr. Payson, Edward Jewett, Esqr., and Samuel L. Wilder, for their delegates.

In November, 1814, Samuel L. Wilder, Esqr., was selected to represent the town in a convention assembled at Walpole for the choice of a delegate to the famous Hartford Convention, which met, December 15, 1814; and the sentiment of the citizens of this town is further disclosed in the fact that with the exception of Ezekiel Jewett, whose service is mentioned elsewhere, there were no voluntary enlistments into the service.

In 1814, a requisition was made by the Governor of New Hampshire for nine men for the defence of Portsmouth. A draft was made, and the following receipt, found upon the records, preserves the date of their departure:—

RINDGE, September 13, 1814.

Received of the selectmen of Rindge sixteen dollars in advance pay for eight men under my command who are going with me to Portsmouth, to-morrow.

LEONARD WELLINGTON.

A few days later, another requisition was made by the Governor, and nine other soldiers were joined in the bloodless defence of Portsmouth. These men marched under the command of Sergeant Allen, who gave a receipt similar to the one of Lieut. Wellington, dated September 28, 1814. The men, and the duration of their service, were as follows:—

<i>Lieutenant</i>	Leonard Wellington,	52	days.	
	Lawson Walker,	90	"	
	John Richards,	90	"	
	Leonard Colburn,	90	"	
	Stephen H. Fletcher,	48	"	
	John Fenno,	43	"	
	Amos Fenno,	90	"	
	Solomon Sawtell, 2d,	50	"	
	Harding Derby,	50	"	
<i>Sergeant</i>	Salmon Allen,	60	"	
	Harry Greene,	40	"	
	Aaron Keyes,	40	"	
	Nathan Johnson, Jr.,	60	"	
	Ephraim Whitcomb,	60	"	} Substitute for Joel Raymond, 2d.
	Charles Hodskins,	40	"	
	John Rhode,	40	"	
	Calvin Hale,	40	"	} Lived with Dr. Jewett; was from Carlisle, Mass.
	Luther Goodridge,	8	"	

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.—The action of the town in its corporate capacity, in regard to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation, was plain and direct, but the records preserve for future years only a faint indication of the manner in which the event was commemorated. At the annual town-meeting, in March of that year, it was unanimously voted that the completion of a century in the town's history be appropriately observed, and a committee, consisting of Ezra S. Stearns, Jason B. Perry, Zebulon Converse, George A. Whitney, Willard G. Jones, and James B. Robbins, were chosen, to make arrangements for the celebration. At a subsequent meeting, the sum of three hundred dollars was voted, and placed at the disposal of the committee. During the spring and summer, the committee held frequent sessions, in maturing measures which should lead to an appropriate and successful commemoration of the day. The town was incorporated February 11. The season of the year rendered it impracticable to observe the precise day on which the record of one hundred years was made complete. Wednesday, September 16, was selected as the day on which the exercises should occur. Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, of Boston, was invited to deliver the address. The invitation was reluctantly declined by Mr. Wilder, on account of other engagements, very much to the disappointment of all natives of Rindge, and of many others interested in the history of the town. The invitation was then cordially extended to Hon. Amasa Norcross, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, which was accepted, and Samuel Burnham, of Boston, was invited to read a poem.

A circular letter of invitation was prepared by the committee, and sent far and wide to the absent sons and daughters of Rindge. A capacious tent was procured at

Boston, and erected on the Common in front of the residence of the late Deacon Breed. Ample preparations were made for the collation which was to be served under the canvas, and a speaker's stand was erected on the declivity south of the meeting-house. These and many other minor preparations being made, the dawn of the morning of the sixteenth of September was awaited not without anxiety lest some measure had been overlooked which might add interest to the ceremonies of the day.

With the morning came humid clouds and abundant tokens of rain. Despite these appearances, a large number of people composed of residents of the town, and many others from abroad, were assembled upon the Common at an early hour. A procession was formed under the direction of George A. Whitney, Esq., marshal of the day, which, after making the circuit of the village, was halted in front of the speaker's platform. Near the residence of William A. Sherwin, a floral arch, bearing appropriate devices, was warmly greeted by the moving throng. One feature of the procession sadly reminded the spectator of one of the great events of the century, in which the deeds of the sons of Rindge are read in the glowing record of unfailing patriotism. At the head of the procession, under command of Captain E. H. Converse, marched with measured step the veterans of the recent war, "all that was left of them." This little band, many of them bearing scars and other evidences of wounds received in battle, at once painfully proclaimed the carnage of war and the heroism of those sons of Rindge who proudly had helped make up the history of the expiring century.

At the speaker's stand there was reading of the Scripture, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place through all generations," and prayer by Rev. Dr. A. W. Burnham,

followed by an address of welcome to all the returning sons and daughters of the town, and to other guests, by Ezra S. Stearns, the president of the day. A sudden fall of rain now drove the assembly into the audience-room of the Congregational Church, which was soon densely packed, many failing to gain admission. The exercises of the day were quickly resumed. Hon. Amasa Norcross delivered an oration of great merit. In all respects it was adapted to the occasion, and gave unqualified satisfaction to all present. The entire address was characterized by clear statement of historic facts, not unrelieved by both humor and pathos. After the oration, a bountiful collation was served in the tent. When the trencher-knife had been laid aside, the Centennial Poem was delivered by Samuel Burnham. It was an ingenious and worthy production, abounding in humorous description of ancient manners and customs, and with tender reminiscences of the dead, closing with joyful hopes for the future happiness of mankind. Its pleasantries were enjoyed by all, and in the more serious passages none failed to recognize the kind heart and tender sensibilities of the gifted author. Following the poem were sentiments and addresses from persons, including Rev. Dr. Burnham, Hon. Amasa Norcross, Rev. Samuel Lee, of New Ipswich; Henry Payson, Esq., of Portland, son of Rev. Dr. Edward Payson; Thomas Hale, Esq., editor of the *New Hampshire Sentinel*; Dr. George B. Jewett, of Fitchburg; Rev. C. M. Dinsmore, of Keene; Rev. L. Dickerman, of Weymouth; Hon. E. S. Whittemore, of Sandwich, Massachusetts; Hon. George M. Buttrick, of Barre, Massachusetts; Hiram N. Stearns, of Boston, and others. During the afternoon, interspersed between the responses to the sentiments, the president of the day read letters of congratulation from Hon. Marshall P. Wilder; Hon. A. H. Bullock, whose



mother was a native of Rindge; Rev. William C. Richards, of Newton, Massachusetts; Rev. J. W. Guernsey, formerly pastor of the Methodist Church in this town; Edwin S. Adams, Esq., of Brooklyn; Dr. Thomas E. Barker, of Bangor, Maine, and others. The planting of a century elm, with appropriate ceremonies, closed the exercises of the afternoon. The tree then planted, not surviving, has been replaced by another of the same size, which measured, January 1, 1875, two feet from the ground, thirteen inches in circumference.

In the evening the Town Hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and the hours agreeably devoted to speeches, music, and the renewal of the friendships of former periods.

The exercises of the day and evening were enlivened by the Fitchburg Cornet Band, which was secured through the liberality of Rodney Wallace, Esq., of Fitchburg. About noon the clouds broke away, and the sun shone out in prophetic splendor of the new century whose tablets were to be traced with the records and experiences of the unknown years. The brightness of the afternoon made ample amends for the clouds and the rain of the morning. Thus ended the day, amid many congratulations on the success of the entire proceedings. Such occasions have an outer and an inner experience. All externally came to participate in the ceremonies of the day. Yet many, after a long absence, returned to renew vows of love for the scenes of their childhood happiness, and the glowing dreams of their youth; some with tender hands to remove the accumulating dust and moss from the tomb of their fathers; others to trace near the graves of their kindred a portion of mother earth, where they hoped to slumber when life's warfare should be ended. No one reviews the scenes of childhood and youth without deep emotion, which finds no expression



in words; and, recalling the buoyant happiness of other years, all are surprised at the chastened sadness—a sadness whose growth has marked the number of the fleeting years—reigning in their hearts.

THE RINDGE LIBRARY was collected sixty or more years ago. The number of volumes was not large, but comprised works of acknowledged merit. After they had become familiar to the patrons, the books were sold at auction, and the Rindge Circulating Library was established mainly by the persons who had been members of the former association. Subsequently the books were divided among the owners of the shares, and are frequently met with upon the shelves of the aged citizens. The Social Library of School District No. 3, now No. 8, was collected about thirty years ago. After a few years, the organization became extinct, and nearly all the volumes were lost beyond recovery. The East Rindge Library Association was organized 1871, and is in a prosperous condition, owning about five hundred volumes, and constantly increasing the number by the purchase of new books.

THE MECHANICS' HALL, at East Rindge, has been built the past season (1874). A capacious and well finished audience-room in the second story affords ample accommodations for lectures and social gatherings. The lower story has been finished for a store, the post-office, and the library. It was built by Joel Wellington, at an expense of \$2,500, and by him sold to an association of proprietors. The erection of such a building reflects much credit upon the enterprise of the village of East Rindge. Mr. Wellington, in addition to the management of an extensive business, which adds to the material interests of the town, has recently erected five or six dwelling-houses, and in many

ways contributed to the prosperity of the village in which he resides.

POPULATION.—The enumeration of inhabitants in 1767 and 1775 was authorized by the province of New Hampshire. Another enumeration was made in 1783, but no return from Rindge has been discovered. Since the adoption of the Federal Constitution, a census has been made for each decade. The population of the town of Rindge, at these dates, appears below:—

1767, . . . . .	298	1820, . . . . .	1298
1775, . . . . .	542	1830, . . . . .	1269
1783, . . . . .	no return	1840, . . . . .	1161
1790, . . . . .	1143	1850, . . . . .	1274
1800, . . . . .	1196	1860, . . . . .	1230
1810, . . . . .	1226	1870, . . . . .	1107

MORTUARY RECORD.—Although the thickly gathered monuments and the crowded mounds in the cemetery continually proclaim that the graves of the dead are more numerous than the present population of the town, the statistics furnish abundant proof that the pure air of the locality and perfect drainage of the township, in an unusual degree, have been conducive to health and longevity. With an average population of between twelve hundred and thirteen hundred, the number of deaths for the past sixty-three years has been twelve hundred and six, or an annual rate of nineteen and one-half. As appears from a record hereafter given, the number of persons dying in this town since January 1, 1812, eighty or more years of age, has been one hundred and eighty-two; above eighty-five years of age, one hundred and seventeen; above ninety, thirty-one; and above ninety-five, seven. In this number are included a few who were residents of Rindge, and had been such for many years, but died while visiting or making a temporary abode with

their children or friends in some of the surrounding towns. The number of deaths of aged persons previous to 1812 cannot be given with accuracy.

Epidemic diseases have rarely prevailed, and seasons of an unusual amount of sickness have been of rare occurrence. The most memorable era was during the prevalence of a malarial fever which caused much alarm, and was accompanied with considerable fatality. In the autumn of 1811, Jeremiah Norcross, Jr., returned to his home from the labor of a season, and soon fell a victim to this disease. His father, who was one of the early settlers of the town, died of the disease a few days later, and Isaac Gibson, Thomas Rugg, and Samuel Steele, in that neighborhood. Emerson Hubbard, eight years of age; Elisha Jones, eleven years of age; Lieut. Joseph Mulliken and his wife; Capt. Asa Sherwin, who had been an invalid for several years; Nathaniel Russell, Esq., whose name frequently occurs in the earlier chapters, and several others, died within a very short time. This disease, generally known as the spotted fever, accompanying the cold summers of 1811 and 1812, prevailed throughout a large area, and proved very much more fatal in many places than in this town.

Since the settlement of the town, there has been found a number who "set their lives at a pin's fee," and fell at their own hands. Perhaps in every instance, certainly in nearly all, the taint of insanity has been manifested in the families in which self-destruction has occurred. There was a time when the suicide was denied Christian burial, and his memory was a reproach to his kindred. Whether the instinct of self-preservation can be overcome except in insanity, is at present receiving a more attentive consideration. The first suicide in this town occurred in 1816, within the latter half of the town's history. The whole number

has been twelve, seven of which occurred between June, 1852, and November, 1859. In the following record of deaths, self-destruction was committed by hanging, except Mr. Godding, who held his head in a small stream of water until life was extinct:—

June 2, 1816, Luke Coburn.	Age in years,	22
Nov. 26, 1827, Lydia Keyes.	“ “	33
Sept. 16, 1834, William Sherwin.	“ “	66
Nov. 14, 1837, Jasper Rand.	“ “	46
Jan. 19, 1838, Calvin Davis.	“ “	38
June 2, 1852, Isaac Godding.	“ “	75
June 18, 1852, Marshall A. Hale.	“ “	30
April 6, 1853, Luke Lord.	“ “	60
June 3, 1857, Joseph Smith.	“ “	44
March 7, 1858, Elvira (Femmo) Robinson.	“ “	38
July 14, 1858, Caleb Smith.	“ “	57
Nov. 29, 1859, Nathan J. Demary.	“ “	46

The first attempt at suicide in this town was a most signal failure. Lewis Wyman, who lived in the southwest part of the town, at times was insane. At fifty years of age he deliberately concluded that he had lived as long as life was desirable, and boldly declared that he would commit suicide if he died in the attempt. Selecting a rope as the instrument, the barn as the scene, and himself as the chief actor. he adjusted the cord, consulted his courage, and made the reckless leap. He was soon discovered and released, but life was apparently extinct. His neighbors, being summoned, rendered him faithful attention, poured in wine, and would have added oil if there had been wounds, until at last he revived. He soon after removed to Vermont, where he recently died at the extreme age of one hundred and five years. The mistaken man was not aware of the duration of the existence he was about to surrender.

<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Years of Age.</i>
April 26, 1812.	Abigail (Shedd) Page, widow of Joseph Page, . . . 93
Oct. 12, 1813.	Widow Martha Barker, . . . . . 81
May 20, 1814.	James Carlton, . . . . . 85
Jan. 12, 1816.	Grover Scollay, . . . . . 86
Aug. 18, "	Thomas Todd, . . . . . 88
Aug. 25, 1817.	Ensign Joseph Platts, . . . . . 91
Jan. 23, 1819.	——— Baxter, widow of Joseph Baxter, . . . 80
May 15, "	Israel Adams, . . . . . 85
Jan. 6, 1820.	John Foye, . . . . . 89
Feb. 7, 1820.	Joseph Baxter, . . . . . 86
March 2, "	Elizabeth (Carlton) Todd, widow of Thos. Todd, 82
Aug. 27, 1821.	Abigail (Emerson) Hale, widow of Moses Hale, . 85
Dec. 21, "	Ephraim Hunt, . . . . . 86
Jan. 23, 1824.	William Carlton, . . . . . 88
Sept. 17, "	Ebenezer Colburn, . . . . . 86
" 28, "	Elizabeth (Page) Platts, widow of Ensign Platts, 83
Nov. 3, "	Henry Smith, . . . . . 83
Jan. 12, 1825.	Dea. Edward Jewett, . . . . . 83
Feb. 19, "	Widow Parkhurst, . . . . . 86
Sept. 23, "	Anne (Worcester) Russell, widow of Nat. Russell, 89
Nov. 12, "	Benjamin Peirce, . . . . . 81
April 24, 1826.	Edward Goddard, . . . . . 83
Dec. 12, "	Asa Brocklebank, . . . . . 83
March 25, 1827.	Ruth (Shaw) Goddard, widow of Edw. Goddard, 80
June 10, "	Dea. Benjamin Kingsbury, . . . . . 85
March 25, 1828.	Mary (Everett) Colburn, widow of Eben'r Colburn, 87
April 6, "	Lieutenant Samuel Tarbell, . . . . . 83
Aug. 2, "	Miss Rebecca Sawtell, . . . . . 81
Aug. 31, "	Mrs. Breed, widow of Allen Breed, . . . . . 91
Sept. 7, 1829.	Dorcas (Gates) Jewett, widow of Deacon Jewett, 82
Nov. 10, "	Ebenezer Ager, . . . . . 85
May 4, 1830.	Maria (Whitney) Davis, wife of Eben'r Davis, . 84
May 10, "	Elizabeth (Sherwin) Carlton, widow of James Carlton, . . . . . 89
June 10, "	Jeremiah Towne, . . . . . 87
Aug. 2, "	Bathsheba (Barker) Hale, wife of David Hale, . 80
Sept. 13, "	Hannah (Platts) Jewett, widow of Ezek'l Jewett, 89
Sept. 14, 1831.	Daniel Page, . . . . . 86
Oct. 4, "	Captain Salmon Stone, . . . . . 87
Nov. 17, "	David Adams, . . . . . 84
Dec. 11, "	Ebenezer Davis, . . . . . 87
July 1, 1834.	Martha (Barker) Poor, widow of Daniel Poor, . 81
Aug. 7, "	John Perry, . . . . . 80
Oct. 5, "	Mary (Gallop) Lovejoy, wife of John Lovejoy, . 83

<i>Date of Death.</i>		<i>Years of Age.</i>
Nov. 20, 1834.	Daniel Lake, . . . . .	81
Jan. 5, 1835.	Isaac Wood, . . . . .	88
Jan. 31, "	John Lovejoy, . . . . .	84
Feb. 27, "	Susannah Walton, wife of Wm. Walton, . . . . .	82
March 22, "	William Walton, . . . . .	84
April 16, "	Mercy Chapman, widow of Jeremiah Chapman, . . . . .	90
Feb. 22, 1836.	Mary (Sawtell) Page, wife of Abijah Page, . . . . .	81
March 23, "	Betsey (Pollard) Loring, wife of Joseph Loring, . . . . .	86
May 11, "	Jonathan Ingalls, . . . . .	82
July 19, "	Abijah Page, . . . . .	86
Feb. 23, 1837.	Benjamin Barker, . . . . .	90
March 22, "	Ebenezer Stratton, . . . . .	85
March 31, 1838.	John Wetherbee, . . . . .	91
Aug. 2, "	Timothy Metcalf, . . . . .	84
Aug. 15, "	Nathan Johnson, . . . . .	84
March 26, 1839.	John Emory, . . . . .	88
May 27, "	Elizabeth (Perkins) Emory, widow of John Emory, . . . . .	90
Aug. 20, "	Beatrice (Carter) Tarbell, widow of Lieut. Sam'l Tarbell, . . . . .	86
Oct. 11, "	Joseph Loring, . . . . .	92
Aug. 21, 1840.	Susannah (Page) Wetherbee, widow of John Wetherbee, . . . . .	93
Aug. 30, "	Hannah (Russell) Smith, wife of Francis Smith, . . . . .	86
Dec. 5, "	Joshua Chadwick, . . . . .	86
Jan. 3, 1841.	Abner Foster, . . . . .	80
Jan. 5, "	Lucy (Chaplin) Norcross, widow of Jere. Norcross, . . . . .	91
Aug. 5, "	Enos Lake, . . . . .	85
Dec. 3, "	Phebe (Wetherbee) Platts, widow of Abel Platts, died in Fitzwilliam, . . . . .	101
Jan. 14, 1842.	Abigail (Hamlett) Kimball, wife of Wm. Kimball, . . . . .	85
July 15, "	Hannah (Whitaker) Sawtell, widow of Jonathan Sawtell, . . . . .	88
Dec. 17, 1843.	Edward Waldron, . . . . .	93
Feb. 26, 1844.	Joseph Moors, . . . . .	86
Aug. 18, "	——— Walcott, widow of John Walcott, . . . . .	80
Aug. 25, "	Francis Greene, . . . . .	90
Dec. 25, "	William Kimball, . . . . .	87
Feb. 21, 1845.	Polly (Martin) Jones, wife of Asa Jones, . . . . .	83
June 1, "	Joshua Todd, . . . . .	83
July 3, "	Mary (Crumbie) Chadwick, widow of Joshua Chadwick (Jaffrey), . . . . .	85
May 17, 1846.	Asa Jones, . . . . .	87
Oct. 9, "	Amos Darling, . . . . .	80
Oct. 24, "	Eliphaz Allen, . . . . .	81

<i>Date of Death.</i>		<i>Years of Age.</i>
Nov. 8, 1846.	Thomas Rugg, . . . . .	81
March 13, 1847.	Francis Smith, . . . . .	93
Oct. 10, "	Rachel Steele, widow Sam'l Steele (Winchendon),	86
Jan. 1, 1848.	Mary (Ball) Raymond, widow of Joel Raymond,	85
Jan. 24, "	Widow Perry, . . . . .	86
March 18, "	Asa Platts, . . . . .	82
April 13, 1849.	Rebecca (Hutchinson) Hubbard, widow of Dea. Hubbard, . . . . .	87
May 20, "	Jerusha (Gerould) Blake, wife of Dea. Blake, . .	89
Aug. 4, "	Dea. Ebenezer Brown, . . . . .	80
Sept. 8, "	Lucy (Towne) Greene, widow of Francis Green, .	82
Feb. 13, 1851.	Tabitha (——) Stratton, widow of Ebenezer Stratton, . . . . .	98
March 5, "	Samuel Adams, . . . . .	85
June 12, "	Martha (Russell) Godding, widow of Henry God- ding, . . . . .	86
Aug. 15, "	Polly (Baxter) Sherwin, widow of Wm. Sherwin,	84
Sept. 16, "	Judith (Metcalf) Peirce, widow of Benj. Peirce,	87
Oct. 1, "	Miss Sarah Towne, . . . . .	82
Dec. 5, "	Miss Abigail Metcalf, . . . . .	81
Sept. 27, 1852.	Dea. Eleazer Blake, . . . . .	95
Dec. 17, "	Amos Ramsdell, . . . . .	85
March 28, 1853.	Eunice (Carlton) Robbins, widow of David Robbins, . . . . .	92
April 5, "	Susan (Garfield) Brown, widow of Edward Brown,	93
Sept. 7, "	John Whitcomb, . . . . .	81
Oct. 10, 1854.	Betsey (Towne) Foster, widow of Abner Foster,	91
Dec. 11, "	Tabitha (Hunt) Todd, widow of Joshua Todd, .	83
Jan. 24, 1855.	Widow of Elijah Peirce, . . . . .	91
April 5, "	Ezra Thomas, . . . . .	87
May 1, "	Hannah (Murdock) Darling, widow of Jewett B. Darling, . . . . .	80
June 28, "	—— (Waldron) Brown, widow of Jas. Brown,	91
Jan. 8, 1856.	Mr. Davis, . . . . .	83
Feb. 16, "	Ede (Stone) Darling, widow of Amos Darling, .	86
Feb. 17, "	Mr. Whipple, . . . . .	86
Feb. 28, "	Sarah Bowers, widow of Nehemiah Bowers, . .	99
May 20, "	Hannah (Jewett) Buffum, widow of Geo. Buffum,	83
Sept. 2, "	Ephraim Hunt, . . . . .	85
Sept. 10, "	Talmon Jennings, . . . . .	91
Sept. 16, "	Israel Adams, . . . . .	89
Oct. 14, "	Eunice (Philbrick) Emory, widow of Fr. Emory,	83
Jan. 16, 1857.	Lucy (Weston) Perry, widow of John Perry, . .	98
March 15, "	Perley Peabody, . . . . .	82



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March 26, 1857.	Betsey (Loring) Smith, wife of Abel Smith, . . . 84
Oct. " "	Miss Sarah Page, . . . . . 89
March 30, 1858.	Miss Hannah Carlton, . . . . . 82
June 18, 1858.	Daniel Peacock, . . . . . 81
July 6, " "	Lydia (Pratt) Symonds, widow of Thos. Symonds, 82
Jan. 15, 1859.	Abel Smith, . . . . . 88
Feb. 14, " "	Elizabeth (Carlton) Cutler, widow of Amos Cut- ler, Sen., . . . . . 93
July 18, " "	Abigail (Earl) Wood, widow of Isaac Wood, . . . 80
Nov. 4, " "	Eliakim Russell (died in Ashburnham), . . . 89
Feb. 9, 1861.	Sally (Steele) Robbins, widow of Sam'l Robbins, 80
April 21, " "	Mary (Perkins) Thomas, widow of Ezra Thomas, 89
Oct. 24, " "	Phebe (Henry) Ramsdell, widow of Amos Rams- dell, . . . . . 86
Dec. 6, " "	Lucy (Chapman) Lowell, widow of Nat. Lowell, 86
Jan. 10, 1862.	Braddyll Smith, . . . . . 87
Jan. 20, " "	Miss Cally Earl, . . . . . 80
Jan. 30, " "	Widow Whipple, . . . . . 88
Sept. 5, " "	Susan (Chadwick) Twitchel, widow of John Twitchel, . . . . . 80
Oct. 21, " "	Sarah (Stoughton) Allen, widow of Eliphaz Allen, 90
Nov. 14, " "	Thomas Tarbell, . . . . . 89
Nov. 19, " "	Isaac Ward, . . . . . 84
Dec. 14, " "	Polly (Aiken) Kimball, widow of Eben'r Kimball, 94
April 7, 1863.	Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., . . . . . 85
June 21, " "	Sarah (Converse) Russell, widow of Eliakim Rus- sell, . . . . . 87
Aug. 14, " "	William Rugg (died in Montague, Mass.), . . . 83
March 1, 1864.	Lucinda (Baxter) Adams, widow of Israel Adams, 90
June 15, " "	Polly (Bent) Pratt, widow of Amos Pratt, . . . 84
Aug. 15, " "	Persis (Pratt) Smith, widow of Braddyll Smith, 88
Feb. 8, 1865.	Ruth (Chaplin) Metcalf, widow of Tim. Metcalf, 95
Aug. 14, " "	Abijah Rice, . . . . . 80
Sept. 12, 1866.	Susannah (Wetherbee) Foster, widow of Benj. Foster, . . . . . 93
Sept. 15, " "	Ezekiel Cudworth, . . . . . 82
Dec. 19, " "	Widow Garfield, . . . . . 86
Jan. 6, 1867.	Joseph Wetherbee, . . . . . 85
Feb. 16, " "	Widow Martin, . . . . . 87
Feb. 26, " "	— Cooper, widow of Horatio Cooper, . . . 86
Sept. 20, " "	Francis Henry, . . . . . 80
Jan. 5, 1869.	Lydia (Lewis) Cudworth, widow of Ezekiel Cud- worth, . . . . . 86

<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Years of Age.</i>
Feb. 21, 1869.	Nabby (Waldron) Beaman, wife of Gamaliel Beaman, . . . . . 86
July 27, "	Hepsibeth (Piper) Smith, widow of Thos. Smith, . . . . . 82
Aug. 21, 1869.	Benjamin Stowe, . . . . . 85
Sept. 1, "	Persis (Jones) Taylor, widow of Samuel Taylor, . . . . . 88
Nov. 22, "	Freeborn Stearns, . . . . . 85
May 31, 1870.	Mary (Wilder) Page, wife of Joseph Page, . . . . . 87
July 1, 1871.	Miss Eunice Smith, . . . . . 83
Sept. 6, "	Sarah (Stowe) Stone, widow of Jos. Stone, . . . . . 85
Nov. 16, "	Sally (Ingalls) Sawyer, widow of Moses Sawyer, . . . . . 88
Feb. 3, 1872.	Asa Pettingill, . . . . . 86
Feb. 16, "	Deborah (Ingalls) Perkins, widow of Robertson Perkins, . . . . . 86
April 11, "	Azariah Buswell, . . . . . 81
Jan. 16, 1873.	Benjamin Hastings, . . . . . 91
Feb. 22, "	Silas Smith, . . . . . 87
Oct. 5, "	Josiah Wetherbee, . . . . . 90
Oct. 15, "	John Whitney, . . . . . 87
Nov. 8, "	Benjamin White, . . . . . 85
Jan. 13, 1874.	Stephen Emory, . . . . . 95
Feb. 19, "	Hubbard Moors, . . . . . 85
May 6, "	Clarissa (Sawtell) Wetherbee, widow of Josiah Wetherbee, . . . . . 88
June 2, "	Ezra Perkins (died in Chester, Vt.), . . . . . 82
July 14, "	Miss Deborah Wetherbee, . . . . . 85
Nov. 10, "	Ezra Scollay (died in New Ipswich), . . . . . 88
Nov. 14, "	Mercy (Smith) Taggart, widow of John Taggart, . . . . . 85

The following persons above eighty years of age were residing in Rindge December 31, 1874: Rachel (Prescott) Clay, widow of James Clay, born in Jaffrey, August 30, 1783; Lydia (Perry) Brown, widow of Nathaniel Brown, born in Lincoln, Massachusetts, April 9, 1784, came to Rindge at five years of age; Mary (Earl) Wood, widow of David Wood, born in Rindge, November 11, 1784; Miss Sarah Shurtleff, born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, September 20, 1786; Joseph Page, born in Rindge, November 2, 1786; Jemima (Foster) Hale, widow of Emerson Hale, born in Andover, Massachusetts, December 27, 1786; Luke Rugg, born in Rindge, July 15, 1788; Sarah (Whitcomb) Hale,

widow of Nathan Hale, born in Jaffrey, October 22, 1788; Sally (Hubbard) Norcross, widow of Capt. Daniel Norcross, born in Rindge, February 17, 1790; Lovell Whitney, born in Rindge, June 20, 1790; Asia Jones, born in Rindge, March 11, 1791; John Sanders, born in Jaffrey, December 13, 1791; Miss Tabitha Stratton, born in Rindge, June 22, 1792; Silas Coffin, born in Winchendon, June 27, 1792; Almira (Stratton) Blake, widow of Enos Blake, born in Weston, Massachusetts, March 29, 1793; Rodney Hubbard, born in Rindge, June 3, 1793; Sally (White) Robbins, widow of James Robbins, born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, January 24, 1794; Ruth (Shedd) Kimball, widow of William Kimball, born in Rindge, August 15, 1794; Nathan Woodbury, born in Bolton, Massachusetts, August 19, 1794; Ariel Godding, born in Rindge, October 29, 1794.

Since the adoption of the State Constitution, twenty-seven persons have represented the town in the Legislature. No one appears to have been chosen for the years 1784 and 1786, and in 1788 the town voted not to send. Edward Jewett (1), 1785; Othniel Thomas (1), 1787; Daniel Rand (10), 1789-1796, 1798, 1801; William Gardner (3), 1797, 1799, 1800; Josiah Wilder (9), 1802-1810; William Sherwin (1), 1811; Wm. Kimball (3), 1812-1814; Samuel L. Wilder (13), 1815-1823, 1828, 1829, 1838, 1839; Ezra Thomas (2), 1824, 1825; Amos Keyes (8), 1826, 1827, 1830, 1831, 1834-1837; Thomas Ingalls (2), 1832, 1833; Joshua Converse (2), 1840, 1841; Levi Howe (4), 1842, 1843, 1848, 1849; Stephen B. Sherwin (3), 1844, 1845, 1846; Stephen Jewett (1), 1847; Samuel Stearns (2), 1850, 1851; Jason B. Perry (2), 1852, 1853; Amos W. Burnham (2), 1854, 1855; Cadford M. Dinsmore (1), 1856; George W. Todd, Jr. (2), 1857, 1858; David Stowe (1), 1859; Josiah Abbott (2), 1860, 1861; Zebulon Converse (2), 1862, 1863; Ezra S.

Stearns (5), 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1870; George A. Whitney (2), 1868, 1869; Omar D. Converse (2), 1871, 1872; Joel Wellington (2), 1873, 1874.

*A list of Town Officers for each year since the incorporation of the town, and the vote for Governor since the adoption of the State Constitution.*

1768. Moderator, Enoch Hale. Clerk, Nathaniel Russell.  
Selectmen, Nathaniel Russell, William Carlton, Henry Godding.
1769. Moderator, John Lovejoy. Clerk, Nathaniel Russell.  
Selectmen, Nathaniel Russell, Page Norcross, Jonathan Sherwin.
1770. Moderator, Jonathan Sherwin. Clerk, Nathaniel Russell.  
Selectmen, Nathaniel Russell, Jonathan Sherwin, Henry Coffeen.
1771. Moderator, Samuel Sherwin. Clerk, Daniel Lake.  
Selectmen, William Carlton, Francis Towne, Daniel Lake.
1772. Moderator, Samuel Sherwin. Clerk, Enoch Hale.  
Selectmen, Enoch Hale, Francis Towne, Moses Hale.
1773. Moderator, Nathan Hale. Clerk, Enoch Hale.  
Selectmen, Jonathan Sherwin, Daniel Rand, Edward Jewett.
1774. Moderator, Nathan Hale. Clerk, Enoch Hale.  
Selectmen, Enoch Hale, Daniel Rand, Francis Towne.
1775. Moderator, Nathan Hale. Clerk, Enoch Hale.  
Selectmen, \* Enoch Hale, Israel Adams, Nathan Hale.
1776. Moderator, Samuel Sherwin. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Edward Jewett, Jonathan Sherwin, Abel Stone.
1777. Moderator, Samuel Sherwin. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Solomon Cutler, Salmon Stone, Page Norcross.
1778. Moderator, Samuel Sherwin. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Enoch Hale, Francis Towne, Edward Jewett.
1779. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Edward Jewett, Daniel Rand, James Philbrick.
1780. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Edward Jewett, Jacob Gould, Othniel Thomas.
1781. Moderator, Othniel Thomas. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Edw. Jewett, Ebenezer Davis, John Buswell.

\* Nathaniel Russell and Solomon Cutler were also elected. For no other year has the number exceeded three.

1782. Moderator, Othniel Thomas. Clerk, Edward Jewett.  
Selectmen, Edward Jewett, Benjamin Bancroft, Solomon  
Rand.
1783. Moderator, Othniel Thomas. Clerk, Enoch Hale.  
Selectmen, Enoch Hale, Solomon Cutler, Jonathan Ingalls.
1784. Moderator, Othniel Thomas. Clerk, Jonathan Ingalls.  
Selectmen, James Crumby, Jonathan Ingalls, Samuel  
Whiting.  
Meshech Weare, 93. Scattering, 0.
1785. Moderator, Othniel Thomas. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Asa Sherwin, Isaac Wood.  
George Atkinson, 90. Scattering, 0.
1786. Moderator, Othniel Thomas. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Asa Sherwin, Isaac Wood.  
George Atkinson, 45. John Langdon, 2.
1787. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, David Sherwin.  
Selectmen, David Sherwin, Samuel Tarbell, David Rob-  
bins.  
John Sullivan, 56. John Langdon, 10.
1788. Moderator, Ebenezer Stratton. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Nathaniel Thomas, Benjamin Foster, Eben-  
ezer Stratton.  
John Sullivan, 49. John Langdon, 1.
1789. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Ebenezer Stratton, Joshua  
Walker.  
John Pickering, 38. John Sullivan, 4.
1790. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Ebenezer Stratton, Eliphalet  
Wood.  
Josiah Bartlett, 31. John Pickering, 6.
1791. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Ebenezer Stratton, Edward  
Jewett.  
Josiah Bartlett, 72. Scattering, 0.
1792. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Ebenezer Stratton, Francis  
Towne.  
Josiah Bartlett, 63. Scattering, 0.

1793. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Ebenezer Stratton, William Gardner.  
John Taylor Gilman, 32. Josiah Bartlett, 5.
1794. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Ebenezer Stratton, Benjamin Kingsbury.  
John Taylor Gilman, 40. Scattering, 0.
1795. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Jonathan Ingalls, Joshua Hale.  
John Taylor Gilman, 70. Scattering, 0.
1796. Moderator, Joshua Walker. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Joseph Platts, Jr., Nehemiah Bowers.  
John Taylor Gilman, 83. Capt. Joshua Walker, 8.
1797. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Daniel Rand, Ezra Thomas.  
John Taylor Gilman, 74. Scattering, 0.
1798. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Daniel Rand, Ezra Thomas.  
John Taylor Gilman, 86. Moses Jewett, 3.
1799. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Daniel Rand, Ezra Thomas.  
John Taylor Gilman, 88. Scattering, 0.
1800. Moderator, William Gardner. Clerk, Benjamin Foster.  
Selectmen, Benjamin Foster, Daniel Rand, Ezra Thomas.  
John Taylor Gilman, 87. David Barker, 2.
1801. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Josiah Wilder, William Sherwin.  
John Taylor Gilman, 158. Scattering, 0.
1802. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Wm. Sherwin, Wm. Kimball.  
John Taylor Gilman, 96. John Langdon, 22.
1803. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Wm. Sherwin, Wm. Kimball.  
John Taylor Gilman, 139. John Langdon, 36.
1804. Moderator, Daniel Rand. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, William Kimball, Gates Rand.  
John Taylor Gilman, 139. John Langdon, 27.



1805. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Wm. Kimball, Josiah Sawtell, Edward Jewett.  
John Taylor Gilman, 147. John Langdon, 54.
1806. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Wm. Kimball, Josiah Sawtell, Edward Jewett.  
Timothy Farrar, 101. John Langdon, 59.
1807. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Josiah Wilder.  
Selectmen, Wm. Kimball, Josiah Sawtell, Edward Jewett.  
Timothy Farrar, 56. John Langdon, 48. Scattering, 3.
1808. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Wm. Kimball, Josiah Sawtell, Edward Jewett.  
Gilman, 41. Farrar, 17. Langdon, 44. Scattering, 2.
1809. Moderator, Josiah Wilder. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Wm. Kimball, Josiah Sawtell, Edward Jewett.  
Jeremiah Smith, 166. John Langdon, 42.
1810. Moderator, Josiah Wilder. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Gates Rand, Israel Adams, Jr., Joel Raymond.  
Jeremiah Smith, 161. John Langdon, 36.
1811. Moderator, Josiah Wilder. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Gates Rand, Israel Adams, Jr., Joel Raymond.  
Jeremiah Smith, 146. John Langdon, 54.
1812. Moderator, Edward Jewett. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Edward Jewett, Wm. Kimball, David Barker.  
John Taylor Gilman, 138. William Plumer, 46.
1813. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, William Kimball, David Barker, Ezra Thomas.  
John Taylor Gilman, 182. William Plumer, 49.
1814. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, William Kimball, David Barker, Ezra Thomas.  
John Taylor Gilman, 197. William Plumer, 42.
1815. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Wm. Kimball, Israel Adams, Jr.  
John Taylor Gilman, 189. William Plumer, 34.
1816. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Thos. Ingalls, Joshua Converse.  
James Sheafe, 175. William Plumer, 35.
1817. Moderator, William Sherwin. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Thos. Ingalls, Joshua Converse.  
Jeremiah Mason, 171. William Plumer, 32.



1818. Moderator, William Sherwin. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Thos. Ingalls, Joshua Converse.  
Jeremiah Mason, 157. William Plumer, 34.
1819. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Thos. Ingalls, Joshua Converse.  
William Hale, 104. Samuel Bell, 18.
1820. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Ezra Thomas, Thos. Ingalls, Joshua Converse.  
Samuel Bell, 109. Scattering, 0.
1821. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Thomas Ingalls, Joshua Converse, Gates Rand.  
Samuel Bell, 89.
1822. Moderator, Ezra Thomas. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Israel Adams, Gates Rand.  
Samuel Bell, 88.
1823. Moderator, Joshua Converse. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Israel Adams, Wm. Kimball,  
Jr.  
Levi Woodbury, 69. Samuel Dinsmoor, 37.
1824. Moderator, Thomas Ingalls. Clerk, Samuel L. Wilder.  
Selectmen, Thomas Ingalls, Israel Adams, Amos Keyes.  
Jeremiah Smith, 78. David L. Morrill, 39.
1825. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Israel Adams, Thos. Jewett.  
David L. Morrill, 97.
1826. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Israel Adams, Thos. Jewett.  
David L. Morrill, 79. Benj. Peirce, 1.
1827. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Levi Howe, Levi Hubbard.  
David L. Morrill, 50.
1828. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Levi Howe, Levi Hubbard.  
John Bell, 216. Benj. Peirce, 3.
1829. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Levi Hubbard, Stephen Jewett.  
John Bell, 227. Benj. Peirce, 8.
1830. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Levi Hubbard, Stephen Jewett.  
Timothy Upham, 211. Matthew Harvey, 15.

1831. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Levi Hubbard, Stephen Jewett.  
Ichabod Bartlett, 192. Samuel Dinsmoor, 15.
1832. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Stephen Jewett, Luke Rugg.  
Ichabod Bartlett, 160. Samuel Dinsmoor, 19.
1833. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Stephen Jewett, Luke Rugg.  
Ichabod Bartlett, 109. Samuel Dinsmoor, 8.
1834. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Stephen Jewett, Luke Rugg.  
William Badger, 22. No other candidate voted for.
1835. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Levi Howe, Amos Keyes, Salmon Allen.  
Joseph Healy, 188. William Badger, 22.
1836. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
Selectmen, Amos Keyes, Levi Hubbard, Jason B. Perry.  
George Sullivan, 123. Isaac Hill, 21.
1837. Moderator, Amos Keyes. Clerk, Asahel D. Shurtleff.  
Selectmen, Amos Keyes, Levi Hubbard, Jason B. Perry.  
Isaac Hill, 28. Joseph Healy, 1.
1838. Moderator, Samuel L. Wilder. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
Selectmen, Levi Hubbard, Jason B. Perry, Josh. Converse.  
James Wilson, 257. Isaac Hill, 19.
1839. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
Selectmen, Levi Hubbard, Jason B. Perry, Josh. Converse.  
James Wilson, 240. John Page, 24.
1840. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
Selectmen, Levi Hubbard, Jason B. Perry, Joshua Con-  
verse.  
Enos Stevens, 218. John Page, 35.
1841. Moderator, Joshua Converse. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Sam'l Stearns, Salmon Allen.  
Enos Stevens, 214. John Page, 19. Scattering, 2.
1842. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
Selectmen, Joshua Converse, Samuel Stearns, Levi Howe.  
Enos Stevens, 195. Henry Hubbard, 22. Scattering, 15.
1843. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
Selectmen, Samuel Stearns, Levi Howe, Liberty Rand.  
Anthony Colby, 143. Henry Hubbard, 16. Daniel Hoit  
and scattering, 35.

1844. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
 Selectmen, Samuel Stearns, Levi Howe, Liberty Rand.  
 Anthony Colby, 186. John H. Steele, 24. Daniel Hoit, 26.
1845. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
 Selectmen, Levi Howe, Liberty Rand, Jason B. Perry.  
 Anthony Colby, 182. John H. Steele, 23. Daniel Hoit, 25.
1846. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
 Selectmen, Levi Howe, Liberty Rand, Jason B. Perry.  
 Anthony Colby, 198. Nath'l S. Berry, 26. Jared W.  
 Williams, 23.
1847. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
 Selectmen, Sam'l Stearns, Jason B. Perry, Stephen Jewett.  
 Anthony Colby, 227. Jared W. Williams, 20. Nath'l  
 S. Berry, 27.
1848. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
 Selectmen, Samuel Stearns, Levi Howe, Jason B. Perry.  
 Nathaniel S. Berry, 196. Jared W. Williams, 41.
1849. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Steph. B. Sherwin.  
 Selectmen, Levi Howe, Jason B. Perry, Josiah Stratton, Jr.  
 Levi Chamberlain, 178. Samuel Dinsmoor, 31. Nath'l  
 S. Berry, 22.
1850. Moderator, Dennis Howe. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Samuel Stearns, Josiah Stratton, Jr., Geo. D.  
 Hapgood.  
 Levi Chamberlain, 163. Sam'l Dinsmoor, 33. Nath'l S.  
 Berry, 21.
1851. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Samuel Stearns, Geo. D. Hapgood, Zebulon  
 Converse.  
 Thomas E. Sawyer, 185. Samuel Dinsmoor, 44. John  
 Atwood, 25.
1852. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, George D. Hapgood, Jason B. Perry, Josiah  
 Stratton.  
 Thomas E. Sawyer, 159. Noah Martin, 41. John At-  
 wood, 23.
1853. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Jason B. Perry, Josiah Stratton, Zebulon Con-  
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 James Bell, 160. Noah Martin, 37. John H. White, 30.

1854. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Josiah Stratton, Zebulon Converse, Alison Lake.  
 James Bell, 133. Nath'l B. Baker, 36. Jared Perkins, 50.
1855. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Jason B. Perry, James Ramsdell, Joshua C. Towne.  
 Ralph Metcalf, 224. Nath'l B. Baker, 24. James Bell, 7.
1856. Moderator, Steph. B. Sherwin. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Zebulon Converse, Alison Lake, Elijah Bemis.  
 Ralph Metcalf, 200. John S. Wells, 38. Ichabod Goodwin, 4.
1857. Moderator, Levi Howe. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, George D. Hapgood, Elijah Bemis, George W. Stearns.  
 Wm. Haile, 195. John S. Wells, 44. Chas. B. Haddock, 1.
1858. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Elijah Bemis, George W. Stearns, Harrison G. Rice.  
 Wm. Haile, 222. Asa P. Cate, 22.
1859. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, George W. Stearns, Harrison G. Rice, Martin L. Goddard.  
 Ichabod Goodwin, 224. Asa P. Cate, 41.
1860. Moderator, Steph. B. Sherwin. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Martin L. Goddard, Harrison G. Rice, Benj. Hale.  
 Ichabod Goodwin, 240. Asa P. Cate, 40.
1861. Moderator, Steph. B. Sherwin. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Martin L. Goddard, Benj. Hale, Zachariah F. Whitney.  
 Nathaniel S. Berry, 226. Geo. Stark, 40.
1862. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls.  
 Selectmen, Benj. Hale, Zachariah F. Whitney, Rodney A. Hubbard.  
 Nath'l S. Berry, 217. Geo. Stark, 33. Paul J. Wheeler, 3.
1863. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Thomas Ingalls, and Samuel Stearns.  
 Selectmen, Zachariah F. Whitney, Jason B. Perry, Joseph S. Wetherbee.  
 Joseph A. Gilmore, 226. Ira A. Eastman, 48. Walter Harriman, 4.

1864. Moderator, Jason B. Perry. Clerk, Geo. W. Stearns.  
Selectmen, Jason B. Perry, Joseph S. Wetherbee, Ezekiel  
Cudworth.  
Joseph A. Gilmore, 250. Edward W. Harrington, 34.
1865. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Omar D. Converse.  
Selectmen, Jason B. Perry, Ezekiel Cudworth, Josiah  
Stratton.  
Frederick Smyth, 216. Edward W. Harrington, 31.
1866. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Henry W. Stearns.  
Selectmen, Ezekiel Cudworth, Josiah Stratton, Joshua C.  
Towne.  
Frederick Smyth, 206. John G. Sinclair, 31.
1867. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Henry W. Stearns.  
Selectmen, Josiah Stratton, Joshua C. Towne, Samuel W.  
Kimball.  
Walter Harriman, 191. John G. Sinclair, 32.
1868. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Henry W. Stearns.  
Selectmen, Joshua C. Towne, Martin L. Goddard, Orlando  
J. Raymond.  
Walter Harriman, 215. John G. Sinclair, 41.
1869. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Warren W. Emory.  
Selectmen, Martin L. Goddard, Orlando J. Raymond, Jas.  
B. Robbins.  
Onslow Stearns, 183. John Bedell, 32.
1870. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Warren W. Emory.  
Selectmen, Martin L. Goddard, Orlando J. Raymond, Jas.  
B. Robbins.  
Onslow Stearns, 179. John Bedell, 45. Scattering, 1.
1871. Moderator, Geo. A. Whitney. Clerk, Warren W. Emory.  
Selectmen, Orlando J. Raymond, Jas. B. Robbins, Stephen  
Hale.  
Jas. Pike, 176. Jas. A. Weston, 48. Scattering, 1.
1872. Moderator, Geo. A. Whitney. Clerk, Warren W. Emory.  
Selectmen, James B. Robbins, Stephen Hale, Martin L.  
Goddard.  
Ezekiel A. Straw, 190. Jas. A. Weston, 47. Scattering, 1.
1873. Moderator, Geo. A. Whitney. Clerk, Warren W. Emory.  
Selectmen, Stephen Hale, Martin L. Goddard, Daniel H.  
Sargent.  
Ezekiel A. Straw, 179. Jas. A. Weston, 42.

1874. Moderator, Ezra S. Stearns. Clerk, Warren W. Emory.  
 Selectmen, Elijah Bemis, Daniel H. Sargent, William M.  
 Lamb.  
 Luther McCutchins, 191. Jas. A. Weston, 50.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.—There was a time when the cheeks of the child would glow with a reasonable pride in the contemplation of the fact that he was descended from a Justice of the Peace, or a Magistrate, as the officer was frequently styled. But in these latter days, and since in all country towns these officials have become as numerous as in Pemberton Square, Boston, the honor becomes of a less certain character. The first Justice of the Peace in this town was Enoch Hale, his commission being dated 1768, and issued in the name of King George the Third. The Provincial Congress, perhaps to make known that it was its policy to allow the people the most unqualified liberty, authorized the several towns to nominate some person whom they desired to have appointed. The vote of the town in 1777, "Chose Daniel Lake a Justice of the Peace," indicates that he was thus recommended for appointment, and not chosen, as in the words of the record. Mr. Lake, however, was soon after appointed in accordance with this expression of the people. Soon after, Edward Jewett and Daniel Rand were commissioned, and in the present century the appointments have been much more numerous. The following list is believed to contain all who have resided in Rindge any considerable time after the receipt of their commissions: Thomas Jewett, Isaiah Whitney, Samuel L. Wilder, Ezra Thomas, Joshua Converse, Amos Keyes, John P. Symonds, Stephen B. Sherwin, Levi Howe, Thomas Ingalls, Jason B. Perry, Zebulon Converse, Arba S. Coffin, George W. Stearns, Oratio P. Allen, Ebenezer Blake, Josiah Abbott, James B. Robbins, Harrison G. Rice, Ezra S. Stearns, Alison Lake,



Elijah Bemis, George A. Whitney, Martin L. Goddard, Samuel W. Fletcher, Willard G. Jones, Joel Wellington, Henry A. Russell, Warren W. Emory.

A large number of trees in different parts of the town have been measured by Zebulon Converse, Esq., and the author. The dimensions of several, in December, 1874, are given below. The present information is of neither value nor interest, but the progress of their growth may occasion reference to their present dimensions which will present data for future comparison. The dimension here given is the circumference of the tree at two feet from the ground. The elm near the house of John Sanders,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Two rock maples, the most southern, in front of the residence of Dr. Josiah Abbott, were transplanted in 1850, then two or three inches in diameter, measured  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet and 2 feet respectively. A maple of unusual symmetry of form, south of the hotel building, 26 inches. The three maples in front of the residence of Daniel H. Sargent, commencing with the eastern, were 31, 28, and 32 inches. The southern of the elms east of the residence of Washington Snelling,  $9\frac{1}{8}$  feet, and the northern, 9 feet. The elm in front of the east end of the Congregational parsonage measured  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet. A young and thrifty elm between the hotel and the residence of Willard Jones,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. A small elm near the southwest corner of the meeting-house,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches. For this tree a slow growth is predicted. The larger elm in front of the residence of A. S. Sawtell, at West Rindge, 10 feet. The largest elm near the Jewett place (now owned by J. O. Barrett),  $12\frac{2}{3}$  feet. An elm near the residence of Deacon William M. Lamb, 14 feet and 11 inches. A row of fifteen beautiful maples in front of the residence of Lyman Bennett measured each about 30 inches.





Genealogical Register.



# GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

OF

THE EARLY FAMILIES OF RINDGE.

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## INTRODUCTION.

IN THE PREPARATION of the following registers, no effort to secure accuracy has been spared; but vanity is not sufficiently predominant to presume that all errors have been avoided. In many instances duplicate records have presented a most bewildering confusion of dates, and great difficulty has frequently been experienced in ascertaining which should be received as correct. To secure the record of the generations of so many of the Rindge families, previous to their removal to this town, which appear in the following pages, has been a prolonged and tiresome labor. The omission of such information of the families of a few of the early settlers is deeply regretted. The effort was not abandoned until the most persistent inquiry had failed.

If it is thought by any that too little attention has been paid to those families who have more recently removed to this town, or to the record of the younger generation of the present inhabitants, the size of the volume will plead excuse; and in many instances the absence of record or

other information, has made it impossible to present any connected or intelligent account. It is also hoped that the recollection of promises to furnish information which remain unfulfilled, and requests for copies of family records which were unheeded, will charitably overlook not a few of the omissions and incomplete registers which easily might have been avoided.

In gathering the material for the following pages, above one thousand letters have been written, and a great number of public records and private papers have been attentively and laboriously perused. This labor has been cheerfully performed, in the hope that in some small measure the work would prove acceptable to my townsmen, and to the sons and daughters of Rindge who may find pleasure in its perusal.

EXPLANATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.—In these registers the parents' name standing at the head of a paragraph is given in full, and printed in small capitals. The Christian names of the children only are given, and are printed in italic, and are numbered in Roman numerals, I, II, III, etc. Whenever the names of their children or grandchildren of the person whose name introduces the paragraph appear, they are indented, printed in lower case, and are numbered in Arabic figures, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. The numbers in the margin are consecutive; persons bearing the same family name are numbered in the order in which they are introduced. The character † after a person's name indicates that the name is thereafter repeated, and can be easily found by following down the margin until the same number appears enclosed in parentheses.

ABBREVIATIONS.—b. stands for born; bap. for baptized; d. for died; md. for married; unmd. for unmarried; dau. for daughter; s. p., or *sine prole*, for without offspring; q. v. for which see, or see the name of the person to whom the letters apply in the register of that family.

## GENEALOGICAL REGISTER.

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### ABBOTT.

Descendants of George Abbott, who emigrated from England, and d. in Rowley 1647, have been numerous in many places; but the representation in this town has been limited in number. George Abbott, Jr., the eldest son of the emigrant, was also b. in England, and settled in Andover, where he md. 1658, Sarah Farnum. He d. Mar. 22, 1689, and his widow md. Aug. 1, 1689, Henry Ingalls, son of Edmund Ingalls, the emigrant. She d. May 12, 1728, aged 90. George and Sarah (Farnum) Abbott were the parents of thirteen children. Samuel, the youngest son, b. May 30, 1678, md. June 26, 1705, Joyce Rice, dau. of Edmund and Joyce (Russell) Rice, of Sudbury. He settled in Sudbury, where his children were b. His son, Samuel Abbott, Jr., b. Aug. 21, 1716, md. 1737, Abigail Mirick, and left nine children, and among them Samuel Abbott, Jr., who md. Martha Jennings, and removed to Framingham previous to the Revolution. He d. in Sherburne, of small-pox, 1791. His widow md. Noah Eaton, and d. in the autumn of 1834. The eldest son of Samuel and Martha Jennings Abbott, was Josiah, b. Sept. 26, 1775, md. Ruth Estabrook, of Holden. Resided in Framingham.

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| 1 | JOSIAH ABBOTT, M. D., son of Josiah last named, and seventh generation from George Abbott, was b. in Framingham, May 22, 1811, md. Jan. 5, 1842, Arminda P. White, dau. of Dea. Joseph and Matilda (Davis) White, and removed to Rindge in the autumn of 1843, where he has since resided. <i>Vide</i> Chap. XVII. |
| 1 | E. DARWIN ABELL, M. D., a skillful and popular physician in Rindge from 1840 to 1852. <i>Vide</i> Chap. XVII. He md. Jan. 30, 1845, Anna P. Whittier, dau. of Richard Whittier, Esq., of Grafton, N. H.  |
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### ADAMS.

Descendants of several branches of the Adams family have resided in Rindge. Among these are the descendants of Robert Adams, the emigrant, who was residing at Ipswich as early as 1635. Three years later he removed to Salem, and in 1640 to Newbury, where he d. Oct. 12, 1682, leaving "a good estate." He was a tailor, and emigrated from Devonshire, England. By his first wife, Almira, he had ten children, two of whom were b. in England, one in Salem, and seven in Newbury.

His wife d. June 12, 1677, and he md. (2d) Feb. 6, 1678, Sarah Glover, widow of Henry Short, of Newbury, who survived him, and d. Oct. 24, 1697. Abraham, his son, styled Sergeant Adams, was b. in Salem 1639, and md. Nov. 16, 1670, Mary Pettingell, dau. of Richard and Joanna (Ingersoll) Pettingell, of Newbury. She was b. July 6, 1652. He d. June 14, 1714, aged 75, and his wife Sept. 19, 1705, aged 53. They had ten children, of whom the third son was Isaac, b. Feb. 26, 1679, and md. 1708, Hannah Spofford, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Birbee) Spofford, of Rowley. (This Samuel Spofford was a son of John, the emigrant.) They had seven children, of whom the second son was Isaac, Jr., b. May 25, 1713, and md. Apr. 1, 1743, Mary Wood, of Boxford. They resided in Boxford, where their ten children were b., several of whom removed to Rindge, and are mentioned below.

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| 1  | ISAAC ADAMS, son of Isaac and Mary (Wood) Adams, was b. June 2, 1745, and removed to Rindge about 1772. He enlisted April 23, 1775, in Capt. Thomas' company, and was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was not married. "Oct. 15, 1773, Isaac Adams, of Rindge, sells Jeremiah Chapman, for £146 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , the sixth lot in the fourth range," which includes the site of the mills of A. S. Coffin, Esq.  |
| 2  | DAVID ADAMS, a brother of Isaac, b. June 20, 1747, md. March 4, 1773, Phebe Spofford, dau. of Dea. Abner and Sarah (Colman) Spofford, of Byfield, now Georgetown. She was b. Jan. 6, 1751. Mr. Adams had settled in Rindge previous to his marriage. In May, 1777, he was a member of Capt. Brown's company. After the Revolution, he was captain in the militia, and constable in 1786. He d. Nov. 17, 1831, aged 84, and his wife Feb. 17, 1822, aged 71. Their children were:— |
| 3  | I. <i>Sally</i> , b. Aug. 18, 1774.   |
| 4  | II. <i>Isaac</i> , b. Jan. 8, 1776; d. 16 same month.   |
| 5  | III. <i>Phebe</i> , b. Feb. 21, 1777; md. Harry Hale, <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 6  | IV. <i>Mercy</i> , b. March 24, 1779; md. March 29, 1805, James Stevens, of Jaffrey.  |
| 7  | V. <i>David</i> , b. Oct. 12, 1780; d. Sept. 3, 1781.   |
| 8  | VI. <i>David</i> , b. March 11, 1782. +   |
| 9  | VII. <i>Moody</i> , b. March 25, 1784, md. Betsey Batchelder, dau. of Samuel Batchelder, of New Ipswich. Settled in New Ipswich.  |
| 10 | VIII. <i>Isaac</i> , b. July 14, 1788; twin, d. 18 same month.  |
| 11 | IX. <i>Naomi</i> , b. July 14, 1788; md. Feb. 2, 1809, Isaac Spofford, son of Moody and Huldah (Spofford) Spofford, of Georgetown. They subsequently removed to Brighton, and were the parents of six children, all of whom d. young, except Phebe Adams, who md. ——— Morse, of Roxbury.  |
| 12 | X. <i>John Spofford</i> , b. May 8, 1791; d. in Rindge, unmd., Feb. 19, 1852.   |



- 13      xi. *Isaac*, b. Aug. 18, 1793; md. (1st) Sophia Spofford, dau. of Jacob and Mary (Tenney) Spofford, of Bradford and Ipswich, Mass. She d. Dec. 21, 1832, and he md. (2d) Sarah Searle, of Georgetown. He resided in Boxford.
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- 13      SAMUEL ADAMS, a brother of Isaac and David, b. Aug. 22, 1750; md. July 1, 1773, Lucy Spofford, dau. of Col. Eliphalet and Lucy (Peabody) Spofford, of Boxford. Removed to Rindge about 1772, and to Jaffrey in 1778. While residing in Rindge, he served, May, 1777, in Capt. Brown's company, which was raised for the defence of Ticonderoga. He had ten children. Two eldest children were b. in Rindge; the others in Jaffrey.
- 14      i. *Eliphalet*, b. Feb. 10, 1775. Removed to Canada.
- 15      ii. *Isaac*, b. Nov. 18, 1776; md. (1st) Deborah Twitchel; (2d) Olive Wight, of Dublin, N. H. Settled in Gilead, Me.; d. Nov. 12, 1848.
- 16      iii. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 12, 1779; d. in Canada, 1854.
- 17      iv. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 16, 1782; md. (1st) 1815, Sarah Wright; md. (2d) Eliza Learned. He d. 1854.
- 18      v. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 23, 1785; md. Artemas Lawrence, of Jaffrey.
- 19      vi. *Polly*, b. Jan. 5, 1787; md. (1st) Perley P. Burnham, and (2d) Joseph G. Swan. Settled in Gilead, Me.
- 20      vii. *Israel*, b. Jan. 27, 1790; md. Harriet Putnam; resided in Danvers, Mass.; d. Feb. 8, 1857.
- 21      viii. *Jacob*, b. Sept. 25, 1791; d. in Canada, Jan. 21, 1867.
- 22      ix. *Elizabeth*, b. March 24, 1794; md. Eliphaz Chapman; d. at Bethel, Me., Oct. 15, 1847.
- 23      x. *Daniel*, b. Aug. 19, 1796; settled in Western States; was drowned.
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- 24      THOMAS ADAMS, brother of Isaac, etc., b. Oct. 7, 1752; resided several years in Rindge, and d. unmd.
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- 25      DANIEL ADAMS, brother of Isaac, etc., b. May 5, 1754; resided in Rindge. He was in Capt. Stone's company under Gen. Stark, in 1777, and a lieutenant in Col. Nichols' regiment, raised for the defence of West Point, in 1780. He d. unmd. about 1800. Israel Adams, another brother, md. in Rindge, Jan. 14, 1808, Lucinda Baxter, a sister of Polly Baxter, wife of William Sherwin. Mrs. Adams d. in Rindge, March 1, 1864, aged 90.
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- (8)      DAVID ADAMS, son of David, md. 1812. Silence Sawin, of Templeton; b. Nov. 8, 1785, he resided, a farmer, in Rindge, on the old homestead. His wife d. March 14,

- 1835, aged 50, and he md. (2d) Sept. 7, 1836, Zerviah (Morse) Clark, widow of Warren Clark, and dau. of Adam and Lydia (Bacon) Morse. Mr. Adams d. Aug. 19, 1852. His widow is living. Six children by first wife.
- 26 I. *Silence Jones*, b. Oct. 21, 1813; md. Julius C. Sherwin, *q. v.*
- 27 II. *Edwin Spofford*, b. Oct. 29, 1815. For several years he was a successful teacher in Dover and West Dedham, in Mass., and in Albany, N. Y. Since 1855, he has been principal of one of the largest and most important of the Grammar Schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., at present accommodating nearly two thousand pupils. He md. June 10, 1844, Cynthia A. Witbeck, of Castleton, N. Y.
- 28 III. *Catherine Sawin*, b. April 11, 1819. Resides in Natick, Mass.
- 29 IV. *Mary Jones*, b. Nov. 6, 1820. Resides, unmd., in Natick, Mass.
- 30 V. *David Wood*, b. Feb. 1, 1823; md. Sept. 30, 1865, Martha Shattuck, of Groton, Mass. He d. Sept. 18, 1867.
- 31 VI. *Moses Sawin*, b. Oct. 19, 1826; an attorney, formerly of Topeka, Kansas, now of Wichita, prosperous. He md. 1857, Lizzie Dimond, of Springfield, Mass.
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- 32 ISRAEL ADAMS, and wife, Tabitha, removed from Andover, Mass., to Rindge in the year 1772. Nothing concerning his ancestry has been secured. He d. Oct. 16, 1789, aged 73, and his widow Feb. 18, 1804, aged 97. These dates are thus upon the headstones, but it is probable that he was 83 years of age at the time of his death.
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- 33 ISRAEL ADAMS, Jr., son of the above, came also to Rindge in 1772. He was one of the selectmen 1775, and was chosen constable 1783. His wife, Elizabeth, d. Nov. 9, 1809, aged 71; he d. May 15, 1809, aged 85. Five children were born in Andover; the others in Rindge.
- 34 I. *Joshua*, —— is supposed to have been killed at the battle of Plattsburg, 1814.
- 35 II. *Betsy*, b. 1761; d. unmd. in Rindge, Sept. 28, 1835.
- 36 III. *Samuel*, b. 1765, d. unmd. in Rindge, March 5, 1852.
- 37 IV. *Israel*, b. Jan. 8, 1768. +
- 38 V. *Esther*, b. 1770, d. unmd. in Rindge, May 26, 1822.
- 39 VI. *Sarah*, b. 1773; d. unmd. in Rindge, Nov. 21, 1823.

- 40 VII. *Daniel*, b. 1778; a farmer, in Rodman, N. Y., where he d. unmd. 1871.
- 41 VIII. *Hannah*, b. 1784; d. unmd. in Rindge, Jan. 19, 1852.

(37) ISRAEL ADAMS, Jr., md. Aug. 28, 1796, Sally Adams, dau. of Nathaniel Adams, of Ashburnham, Mass. He resided on the farm occupied by his father and grandfather; was selectman several years, and d. Sept. 16, 1856; she d. May 4, 1838. Their children were:—

- 42 I. *Sybil*, b. Jan. 9, 1797; md. Ebenezer Stratton, *q. v.*
- 43 II. *Susan*, b. Dec. 24, 1798; md. July 5, 1827, Martin Smith, son of David and Abigail (Bruce) Smith. See Book of the Lockes, 268; md. (2d) ——— Greene. He died ———, and she resides, a widow, at Middletown, Vt. One son by first marriage, Martin A. Smith, formerly resided in Rindge, now in Pittsford, Vt. A son by second marriage, Albert Arad Greene, resides in Middletown.
- 44 III. *Clarissa*, b. Jan. 10, 1802; d. unmd. in Jaffrey, Aug. 23, 1869.
- 45 IV. *Israel*, b. March 12, 1804; d. Aug. 1, 1808.
- 46 V. *Albert*, b. March 4, 1807. †
- 47 VI. *Israel*, b. Jan. 16, 1810; died April 1, 1810.
- 48 VII. *Arad*, b. April 26, 1812. †
- 49 VIII. *Louisa*, b. Jan. 22, 1815; md. Marshall A. Hale, *q. v.*, and (2d) John Platts, *q. v.*

(46) ALBERT ADAMS, son of Israel, md. May 26, 1836, Mary Pollard, dau. of Levi and Rhoda (Teel) Pollard, of Winchendon, and a sister of Rev. Andrew Pollard, D. D., of South Boston. Mr. Adams is a successful farmer in Rindge. Issue:—

- 50 I. *George A.*, b. June 7, 1837; md. H. M. Phillips, of Homer, N. Y. She d. 1861, and he md. (2d) Arville Brown. He was a captain in the 157th N. Y. Vols., was wounded at battle of Gettysburg, and died a few days subsequently.
- 51 II. *Israel*, b. ———; d. Oct. 28, 1841.
- 52 III. *William*, b. Oct. 5, 1840; d. Sept. 10, 1856.
- 53 IV. *John B.*, b. Aug. 12, 1842; md. May 23, 1872, Mary J. Woodbury, dau. of Samuel D. and Jerusha (Vose) Woodbury, of Winchendon. Reside in Rindge.
- 54 V. *Francis A.*, b. April 9, 1844; md. Nov., 1863, Emma C. Bruce. She d. Sept. 24, 1873. Farmer in Rindge.

- 55 VI. *Mary B.*, b. Feb. 4, 1847; md. Jan. 17, 1866, Leonard F. Sawyer, son of Josiah and Margaret (French) Sawyer, of Jaffrey. Reside in Jaffrey.
- 56 VII. *Orange H.*, b. Jan. 1, 1856.
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- (48) ARAD ADAMS, son of Israel; a merchant in Rindge and in Jaffrey. See Chap. XVII. Resides in Jaffrey. He md. May 9, 1839, Ruby Hale, dau. of Emerson and Jemima (Foster) Hale, *q. v.*
- 57 I. *Maria*, b. June 25, 1840.
- 58 II. *Lizzie*, b. May 8, 1843; d. January, 1857.
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- 59 OLIVER ADAMS, a son of Oliver Adams, of Chelmsford, and a brother of Sibyl Adams, wife of Moses Hale, was probably descended from Henry Adams, the emigrant, who d. in Braintree, 1646. He came to Rindge about 1788. He subsequently md. Betsey Marshall, of Chelmsford, and settled upon the farm, now of W. C. Brigham. He d. Dec. 29, 1813. His widow md. (2d) Jonathan Parker, of Chelmsford, and d. 1852. Three children.
- 60 I. *Infant*; d. young.
- 61 II. *Marshall*, b. March 14, 1801. †
- 62 III. *Fanny*, b. Jan. 22, 1803; md. 1828, Thomas Baker, of Johnson, Vt.; d. *s. p.* 1833.
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- (61) MARSHALL ADAMS, son of Oliver, learned the clothier's trade with Dea. Brown, and removed to New Boston, N. H., in 1823, where he carried on the same business. Is a valuable citizen, and a deacon in the Presbyterian Church for more than forty years. He md. May 9, 1826, Sarah G. Richards, of Rindge. See Richards family. The children of Dea. Adams are:—
- 63 I. *Marshall Coolidge*, b. May 23, 1827; md. April 19, 1853, Susan B. Patterson, and resides in Jaffrey.
- 64 II. *Sarah Eliza*, b. Feb. 23, 1829; md. Horace Pettee, Esq., son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Hall) Pettee, of Francestown, N. H. A merchant of Manchester, N. H.
- 65 III. *William Richards*, b. Aug. 1, 1830; graduated at Dartmouth College 1859. Now pastor of Presbyterian Church in Shipman, Ill. He md. Ellen D. Richmond.
- 66 IV. *John R.*, b. March 3, 1832; md. 1858, Jane R. Carhart, dau. of Thomas and Rebecca (Taylor) Carhart, of Natick. He is a shoe manufacturer in Natick, Mass.

- 67 v. *Frances B.*, b. Sept. 8, 1833; md. Oct. 31, 1857, Holmes R. Pettee, son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Hall) Pettee. A merchant in Manchester, N. H.
- 68 vi. *Mary N.*, b. July 4, 1835.
- 69 vii. *Joseph G.*, b. Dec. 12, 1836; md. May 10, 1858, Martha J. Perry, dau. Samuel and Martha (Stone) Perry, of Natick, Mass. A merchant in Natick.
- 70 viii. *Henry Parker*, b. Aug. 8, 1838; md. Fannie B. Patterson. Resides in Baltimore, Md. Is supt. of Y. M. C. A. of that city.
- 71 ix. *Charlotte R.*, b. Feb. 2, 1840.
- 72 x. *James C.*, b. Dec. 27, 1841; d. in the army July 12, 1864.
- 73 xi. *Ellen M.*, b. Nov. 3, 1843; md. William C. Prince, of Milford, N. H.
- 74 xii. *Charles A.*, b. May 25, 1847; a physician in Webster, Mass.
- 75 xiii. *George A.*, b. April 25, 1849; a physician in Webster, Mass.

1 EBENEZER AGER was b. in Weymouth, Mass., Aug. —, 1794. He md. ——— Hovey, and after a brief residence in Abington, and in Hardwick, Mass., came to Rindge in 1793. An elder daughter had md. and removed to Springfield, Mass., previous to this date. He d. Nov. 10, 1829, aged 85; his wife Aug. 22, 1813. Five children of Mr. Ager removed to Rindge. The order of age may not be preserved.

- 2 I. *Joel*, b. 1782; d. unmd. in Rindge, July 30, 1861.
- 3 II. *Ebenezer*, ; d. in Rindge about 1810.
- 4 III. *Betsey*, b. 1784; md. Benjamin Stowe, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Polly*, b. ; md. May 16, 1815, Abner Brown, son of Capt. Josiah Brown, of New Ipswich. He d. 1824, aged 48.
- 6 v. *Nancy*, b.

## ALLEN.

Two families of Allens were here previous to the incorporation of the town, but removed previous to the Revolution. Having left no descendants which have had a residence here, no extended record will be given. The record of another family bearing this name is more extended.

- 1 ISAAC ALLEN resided in Rindge from 1767 until 1775, and perhaps a year or two longer. April 13, 1775, Lydia, Mercy, Alice, Sarah, and Amy, children of Isaac Allen and Amy, his wife, were bap. It is probable that Amy, his wife, was the dau. of Rev. Seth Dean, and that they removed to Killingly, Ct.

- 2 DAVID ALLEN, whose name appears upon the records in 1767, joined with a few others, in 1770, in a petition to be excused from the payment of a ministerial tax. He removed to Jaffrey about 1772.
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- 3 ELIPHAZ ALLEN and his descendants have been more intimately connected with the history of this town. He was a son of Noah Allen, a son of Obadiah, an emigrant from Scotland, and was b. in Greenfield, now Gill, Mass., March 10, 1766; he md. Eunice Putnam, b. in Winchester, N. H., May 25, 1767, a dau. of Andrew Putnam, who was a kinsman of Gen. Putnam; remaining several years in Greenfield, and after a brief residence in Townsend, Mass., they came to Rindge, and settled upon the farm, now of Caleb French, in March, 1801. He was an estimable citizen, and for several years a member of the standing committee of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Allen d. Feb. 9, 1822; he md. (2d) 1823, Sarah (Stoughton) Richards, widow of Capt. Moses Richards, of Gill. He d. Oct. 24, 1846, aged 81. His widow d. Oct. 29, 1862, aged 90.
- 4 I. *Salmon*, b. in Greenfield, now Gill, April 12, 1791. +  
 5 II. *Lucinda*, b. in Gill, Feb. 7, 1794; md. Benj. Peirce,  
*q. v.*  
 6 III. *Eliphaz*, b. in Townsend, March 29, 1797. +  
 7 IV. *Oratio Putnam*, b. in Townsend, Feb. 7, 1801. +
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- (4) SALMON ALLEN md. Jan. 4, 1816, Sophia Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan and Hannah (Whitaker) Sawtell, of Rindge, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 7, 1865; he md. (2d) July 14, 1867, Clarissa D. Stearns, dau. of Freeborn and Clarissa (Demary) Stearns, of Rindge, *q. v.* Mr. Allen was a sergeant in Capt. Gregg's company, which was at Portsmouth in 1814. He was a farmer, captain of the militia, and selectman 1835 and 1841. He d. Dec. 11, 1870.
- 8 I. *Chester*, b. Oct. 9, 1816; md. May 19, 1841, Hannah Damon; md. (2d) May 15, 1866, Harriet J. Brown. He is a photograph artist, and resides in Keene.
- 9 II. *Eurydice Wilder*, b. March 9, 1818; md. May 9, 1842, William H. Bell. Reside in Chariton, Lucas Co., Iowa.
- 10 III. *Eunice Emeline*, b. May 18, 1819; md. June 7, 1843, Solomon H. Rand, son of Leonard Rand, *q. v.* They resided in Jaffrey, where he d. July 31, 1861.
- 11 IV. *Charles*, b. Dec. 1, 1822; md. Jan 25, 1848, Lucy O. Davis. He resides in Fitchburg, where he has a provision store.



- 12 v. *Lucinda Sophia*, b. Feb. 3, 1831; md. July 14,  
1857, Thomas Upton, of East Jaffrey.  
13 vi. *Daniel Webster*, b. July 4, 1835; d. in the army  
unmd. March 7, 1864.

(6) ELIPHAZ ALLEN md. April 1, 1824, Sarah Howe, dau.  
of Thomas Howe, *q. v.* She d. soon after her marriage;  
md. (2d) Charlotte Fay, of Walpole, who d. May 30,  
1834, and he md. (3d) Tila Jones, dau. of Edmund and  
Caty (Taylor) Jones, of Ashburnham. He resided sev-  
eral years in Rindge, and d. in Jaffrey, July 10, 1848; his  
widow d. March 11, 1858, aged 54. Children of second  
wife:—

- 14 i. *Infant*, b. 1828, d. 1830.  
15 ii. *Eliphaz Howe*, b. Sept. 28, 1831; md. Nov. 1,  
1853, Arvilla Blake, dau. of Ebenezer and Hep-  
sibeth (Jewett) Blake, of Rindge, *q. v.* She d.  
March 30, 1870, and he md. (2d) Jan. 22, 1872,  
her sister, Maria E. Blake. He is a photogra-  
pher at Bradford, Vt.

Children of third wife:—

- 16 iii. *George Jones*, b. May 11, 1836; was in the 9th  
N. H. Vols. He md. May 8, 1866, Harriet E.  
Bancroft, dau. of Addison Bancroft, of Rindge,  
*q. v.* They reside in Fitchburg.  
17 iv. *Warren Fay*, b. Nov. 12, 1837; md. Oct., 1859,  
Ellen J. Capron, of East Jaffrey. He is a  
photographer.  
18 v. *Charlotte S.*, b. July 18, 1839; md. ——— Adams,  
of Jaffrey; md. (2d) Jan. 19, 1863, George E.  
Kimball, son of Samuel M. Kimball, *q. v.* Re-  
side in Rindge.  
19 vi. *Henry T.*, b. June 27, 1841.

(7) ORATIO P. ALLEN resides in Rindge; was formerly  
engaged in the palm-leaf business, and in the manufact-  
ure of wooden ware. He md. Dec. 1, 1825, Candis Pratt,  
dau. of Amos and Polly (Bent) Pratt, of Fitzwilliam.

- 20 i. *Amos Pratt*, b. Jan. 2, 1827; d. unmd. Oct. 12,  
1867.  
21 ii. *Curtice*, b. Jan. 3, 1830; d. Aug. 15, 1831.  
22 iii. *Anson*, b. Jan., 1833; d. May 29, 1833.  
23 iv. *Candis*, b. Dec. 1, 1837; md. April 3, 1862, Calvin  
Allen, son of Calvin and Polly Allen. Mr. Allen  
was a merchant and postmaster several years at  
West Rindge. He removed in 1873 to Keene,  
N. H.



24 JONATHAN W. ALLEN, not related to the above, removed to this town 1824, and md. April 13, 1824, Matilda Smith, dau. of Braddyll Smith, *q. v.* He resided in the southwest part of the town, and d. Jan. 11, 1873, aged 74. His widow resides in the West.

1 THOMAS AMES and wife Lucy, removed from Andover, Mass., during the Revolution. They were seated in the meeting-house in 1780, and he was taxed in 1793, but his name does not subsequently appear upon the records. Whether he died or removed at this time does not appear. His farm was adjacent to the farm formerly of Joseph Brooks, now of George F. Teague. The name is frequently written Eames. The children were:—

2 I. *Sally*, b. in Andover, Dec. 2, 1765.

3 II. *Thomas*, b. in Andover, Oct. 12, 1776.

4 III. *Jeremiah*, b. — —; md. April 29, 1798, Sally Platts, dau. of Capt. Joseph, *q. v.* Their daughter Debby was b. in Rindge, Nov. 18, 1798. The family removed about 1803 to New York. He d. in Morristown, N. Y., leaving several children.

5 IV. *Hannah*, b. in Rindge, Feb. 25, 1780.

6 V. *Charlotte*, b. in Rindge, March 9, 1784; md. Joseph Platts, son of Capt. Joseph, *q. v.*

7 ASA AMES and Dolly Ames, both of Rindge, were md. Nov. 22, 1793. She was probably a dau. of Nathan and Phebe Ames, of Fryeburg, b. Oct. 11, 1771. Thomas, their son, was b. in Rindge, June 18, 1794. The family removed to Orford, where their dau. Persis was b. Nov. 29, 1795.

1 BARNARD BALDWIN, a blacksmith, from Ashburnham, resided in East Rindge from 1818 until his death, June 14, 1830. He had three, and perhaps other, children.

2 I. *Betsey*, b. — —; md. Benjamin Hartwell, of Fitchburg, Mass.

3 II. *Samuel*, b. about 1800; md. Mary Cook, dau. of John and Anna (Beals) Cook. They resided in Ashburnham, where he d. leaving several children.

4 III. *Joseph*, d. unmd. about 1860.

1 JONATHAN BALL was b. in Lancaster, Mass., Sept. 15, 1751. He md. Oct. 26, 1773, Mary Pratt, of Bolton, and immediately settled in this town. In 1776 he was in Capt. Smith's company, in Col. Baldwin's regiment. He probably removed from this town previous to 1780, as his

	name is not found among those seated in the meeting-house. Two children born in Rindge.
2	I. <i>Anna</i> , b. March 10, 1775.
3	II. <i>Mary</i> , b. May 19, 1777.

## BANCROFT.

For more than a century the name of Bancroft has appeared upon the records of Rindge without interruption, yet at no time has the number of families been numerous. Generous favors received from Mr. J. M. Bancroft, of New York, enable me to present a connected record of the ancestors of the families bearing this name who have resided in this town.

Lieut. Thomas Bancroft was b. in England 1622. In 1647, then a resident of Dedham, Mass., he md. Alice Bacon, who soon d.; he md. (2d) Sept. 15, 1648, Elizabeth Metcalf, and removed about 1650 to Reading, and subsequently to Lynnfield, where he d. Aug. 19, 1691. He was a prominent man of his time, and the records bear frequent and honorable mention of his name. The descendants of two of his sons have resided in Rindge. The eldest son, Dea. Thomas Bancroft, was b. in Dedham, Sept. 24, 1649. He removed to Reading, where he md. April 10, 1673, Sarah Poole, dau. of Jonathan Poole. He was a lieutenant, and is mentioned in "Mather's Magnolia" as having saved the garrison at Exeter from an assault by the Indians. He d. July 12, 1718; his widow d. May 20, 1723. His son, Lieut. Thomas Bancroft, was b. at Reading Sept. 8, 1673. He served in the Indian wars, and was representative of Reading at the time of his death. He md. Aug. 1, 1694, Mary Webster. He d. Nov. 9, 1731. Capt. Benjamin Bancroft, the third of the five children of Lieut. Thomas, was b. in Reading May 6, 1701; he lived a few years in Charlestown, Mass., and there md. Anna Lawrence, dau. of John and Anna (Tarbell) Lawrence, of Lexington. He removed about 1727 to the centre of the town of Groton, Mass., where he followed the occupation of a tanner. He d. April 3, 1790; his wife d. July 21, 1787. His eldest son, Dea. Benjamin Bancroft, b. Sept. 29, 1724, was also a tanner in Groton. He was a captain of the militia, a treasurer of the town, and a deacon of the church. He md. Oct. 18, 1749, Alice Tarbell, dau. of William and Mary (Farnsworth) Tarbell. He d. Oct. 27, 1804; his wife d. Nov. 29, 1781. Their eldest son, Benjamin Bancroft, settled in Rindge, and will be mentioned hereafter. Joseph Bancroft, their fifth son, b. July 3, 1760, md. Susannah Hubbard, dau. of Nathan and Mary (Patterson) Hubbard, and a sister of Nathan and Dea. Hezekiah Hubbard who settled in Rindge. He was a tanner, and resided in Groton, Lunenburg, and Townsend. He d. in the latter place Oct. 21, 1815. His widow d. July 17, 1825. Among their children are Dea. James Bancroft, now of Rindge, and Mrs. Abigail Buswell, widow of the late Azariah Buswell. Another son of Lieut. Thomas and Elizabeth (Metcalf) Bancroft previously mentioned, was Ensign John Bancroft, b. in Reading, March 3, 1656, and was about seven years younger than his brother, Dea. Thomas. He was a deacon and an ensign. Late in life he purchased considerable land in Lunenburg, Mass. He md. Sept. 24, 1678, Elizabeth Eaton, who d. March 12, 1704-5; he md. (2d) Hannah ———, who d. June 7, 1732. He d. at Lynnfield Jan. 25, 1739-40. Timothy Bancroft, son of Ensign John and Elizabeth, was b. in Lynnfield Jan. 20, 1704-5. He resided in Lynnfield and in Lunenburg, and d. about 1775. He md. March 12, 1738-9, Elizabeth Gary or Gerry, who d. Jan. 28, 1756, and he md. (2d) Nov. 1, 1757, Mary Harriman, who d. Feb. 4, 1776. John Bancroft, his son, settled in Rindge, and is numbered 25 in the following register.

- 1 BENJAMIN BANCROFT, son of Dea. Benjamin and Alice  
(Tarbell) Bancroft, b. in Groton, Aug. 7, 1750. He md.  
Jan. 26, 1773, Phebe Parker, and settled in Rindge, where  
he pursued the business of a tanner. His dwelling house  
was a few yards east of the residence of Col. G. W.  
Stearns, and his tan-yard was a short distance west of his  
house. He was selectman in 1782, was frequently elected  
to minor offices, and during the earlier years of his resi-  
dence here he was prominent in the affairs of the church.  
Phebe, his wife, d. 1784 or 1785, leaving four children.  
He md. (2d) 1785, Deborah Whiting, of Lancaster. Her  
brothers were men of distinction, and her sister, Mrs.  
Caroline Lee Hentz, was an authoress of considerable  
note. She was a woman of superior ability. About 1815  
Mr. Bancroft went to Grafton, Vt., to reside with his son  
David, and there d. 1838, aged 88. His children were  
born in Rindge.
- 2 I. *Daniel*, b. Nov. 6, 1774; d. at sea while supercargo  
for Billy Gray, the noted Boston merchant.
- 3 II. *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 11, 1776; md. Moore.  
He d. Aug. 12, 1814. Buried at Copp's Hill,  
Boston.
- 4 1. Benjamin, b. at Charlestown, Mass., June  
4, 1813; d. unmd. Sept. 16, 1856.
- 5 III. *Phebe*, bap. Sept. 10, 1780.
- 6 IV. *Edmund*, b. Aug. 21, 1782; md. Feb. 10, 1811,  
Deborah Wilber, of Bridgewater, Mass., where  
he d. June 4, 1814. He was with his brother  
Daniel during the voyage on which he died.
- 7 V. *David*, b. Sept. 23, 1786; md. in Rindge, March 7,  
1807, Sukey Messenger. He was a tanner, and  
carried on the business until 1811, when he  
removed to Grafton, Vt. Three children were  
b. in Rindge.
- 8 1. Elvira, b. Sept. 13, 1807.
- 9 2. David, b. Feb. 10, 1809; a clergyman now  
of Prescott, Mass.
- 10 3. Charles, b. Oct. 20, 1810; of Bancroft & Boy-  
den, wholesale furniture, Boston, Mass.
- 11 4. Susan, b. in Grafton Jan. 2, 1814; md. Rev.  
Orlando Cunningham, of Rutland, Vt.
- 12 VI. *Mary*, bap. March 1, 1789.
- 13 VII. *Sarah*, bap. Aug. 1, 1790; md. Dr. Samuel Griggs.
- 14 VIII. *Fabius*, bap. Sept. 9, 1792; a harness-maker, and  
later a successful merchant. His son, Edward  
W., was formerly of the firm of H. B. Claffin, of  
New York, now Vice-Pres. of the Knickerbocker

Life Insurance Company. Another son, William G., is a dry goods merchant, Buffalo, N. Y.

- 15 ix. *Rebecca Whiting*, bap. Aug. 10, 1794.  
 16 x. *Timothy Whiting*, b. Aug. 14, 1795; he was a merchant at Worcester, Mass.; md. Sarah Harrington, dau. of Joshua and Sally (Bigelow) Harrington, of Worcester. Rev. Lucius Whiting Bancroft, D. D., formerly Professor of Ecclesiastical History, at Gambier (Ohio) Theological Seminary, now of Christ Church, Brooklyn (Episcopal), is a son of this marriage; and also Timothy W. Bancroft, A. M., Professor of Rhetoric at Brown University.
- 17 xi. *Deborah*, bap. May 6, 1798; d. unmd. at Sterling about 1825.

18 DEA. JAMES BANCROFT, son of Joseph and Susannah (Hubbard) Bancroft, and a nephew of Benjamin Bancroft, md. (1) May 28, 1829, Sarah W. Kendall, and resided in New Ipswich, and was a deacon of the Congregational Church in that place. In 1857 he removed to Rindge. His wife d. Jan. 23, 1861; he md. (2d) Dec. 6, 1865, Jemima Hale, dau. of Emerson Hale, of Rindge, *q. v.* Two children not named below died young.

- 19 i. *Nancy R.*, b. Sept. 17, 1834; md. Ivers H. Brooks, *q. v.*  
 20 ii. *Susan F.*, b. Oct. 25, 1836; md. June 6, 1867, Albert Conant, a merchant in Boston, son of William Conant, of Mount Vernon, N. H.  
 21 iii. *Cecil F. P.*, b. Nov. 25, 1839; grad. Dartmouth College 1860; Andover Theological Seminary 1867; ordained May 1, 1867; received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of the State of New York in 1874. He was Principal of Appleton Academy, Mont Vernon, N. H., 1860-1864; Principal of Literary Institutions at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., 1867-1872. He was engaged in travels and study in Europe, 1872-1873, and is now Principal of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. He md. May 6, 1867, Fanny A. Kittredge, dau. of Capt. Timothy Kittredge, of Mont Vernon, N. H.
- 22 iv. *Mary Helen*, b. April 3, 1841; md. July 15, 1869, Thomas Annett, Esq., of Jaffrey.  
 23 v. *Caroline*, b. Oct. 15, 1842; md. George S. Kimball, son of William Kimball, *q. v.*  
 24 vi. *Henry A.*, b. Feb. 13, 1849. Resides in Jaffrey.

25 JOHN BANCROFT, son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Gerry?) Bancroft, was b. in Lunenburg, Nov. 14, 1753. In

- 1775 he was a private in the eight months' troops, and in Capt. Ezra Newell's company. He md. Jan. or June 20, 1776, Mary Newell, and removed to this town in 1777. About 1820 they removed to Union, Broome County, N. Y., where he d. June 16, 1822; his widow d. Oct. 26, 1833.
- 26 I. *Polly*, b. Sept. 6, 1777; md. March 13, 1798, Nathan Pratt, by whom she had one son, Nathan, Jr. She md. (2d) Obadiah Carlton, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 27 II. *John*, b. Nov. 14, 1779. +
- 28 III. *Betsey*, b. Dec. 24, 1781; d. unmd. Jan. 12, 1810.
- 29 IV. *Daughter*, b. Nov. 17, 1784; d. 28 same month.
- 30 V. *Ebenezer*, b. March 13, 1786; md. Phebe McIntire. He was a blacksmith of Danvers, Mass.; d. at sea March 20, 1823. His son George W., b. Jan. 15, 1815, was killed in the railroad accident at Revere Aug. 26, 1871.
- 31 VI. *Onesimus*, b. March 30, 1786; d. Oct. 28, 1792.
- 32 VII. *Mehtabel*, b. March 24, 1790; md. Jan. 7, 1813, Isaac Hill. They resided in Princeton, Ill. They had several children, but no record is received.
- 33 VIII. *Timothy*, b. July 5, 1792. +
- 34 IX. *Elijah Newell*, b. Dec. 15, 1795; a farmer, who resided in Union, N. Y., where he md. Wealthy Davis, by whom he had three children. He md. (2d) Asenath Marble, of Jaffrey.
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- (27) MAJ. JOHN BANCROFT md. May 3, 1804, Elizabeth Coburn, dau. of Josiah Coburn, *q. v.* He was major of the 12th Regiment Militia, to which Rindge belonged. He d. while temporarily absent at Mobile, Ala., July 15, 1819. His widow md. ——— Gray.
- 35 I. *Charles*, b. May 5, 1805; d. Oct. 8, 1822, aged 17.
- 36 II. *Almira*, b. June 13, 1807; md. July 2, 1829, Charles Stearns, a brother of Samuel Stearns. They reside in Lowell, Mass. Their only son:—
- 37 1. Charles Willard, b. June 22, 1830; md. Oct. 27, 1850, Sarah Jane Stearns, dau. of Jos. and Lucy Stearns, of Boston. They reside in Middletown, Ct. They have one son:—
- 38 Frank Edson, b. March 29, 1857.
- 39 III. *Addison*, b. Dec. 16, 1808. +
- 40 IV. *John Gardner*, b. Nov. 28, 1810; md. Wealthy White, who d. July 6, 1867; md. (2d) Roxanna Letford, who d. about 1870. For many years, and until his death, he was proprietor of an eat-



ing-house in Boston. He d. June 20, 1872. No children.

- 41 v. *George Washington*, b. Nov. 30, 1812; md. Aug. 26, 1841, Achsah Colburn, b. March 6, 1811, dau. of Nathan and Betsey (Powers) Colburn, of Temple, N. H. He was a grad. of Oberlin College, 1841, and preceptor of a classical and English school until his death Aug. 5, 1843. His widow md. (2d) Sept. 1, 1846, Elijah Lyman, of Strongville, O.
- 42 vi. *Elizabeth*, b. May 3, 1815, md. David Knight Bou-telle, a dentist, formerly of Manchester, N. H., now of Lake City, Minn. She d. in Manchester July 24, 1864, leaving four children.
- 43 1. Frank M., b. Feb. 21, 1843.
- 44 2. George B., b. June 9, 1845.
- 45 3. William E., b. April 1, 1848.
- 46 4. Chellis B., b. Nov. 18, 1858.
- 47 vii. *Evelina*, b. April 21, 1817.

(33) TIMOTHY BANCROFT md. 1816, pub. Jan. 10, Matilda Rand, dau. of Col. Daniel Rand, *q. v.* They resided in Union, N. Y., 1819 to 1828, and then removed to Bridge-water, Mich., and subsequently to Clinton, Mich.

- 43 i. *Louisa*, b. in Cornish, N. H., June 13, 1817.
- 49 ii. *Tryphosa*, b. in Rindge Oct. 2, 1818; d. in Eaton Rapids, Mich., 1838.
- 50 iii. *Alonzo*, b. in Union Jan. 4, 1820; md. April 26, 1845, Harriet Jewett, dau. of Dr. Thomas Jewett, *q. v.* They reside in Boston, where he was for several years an appointee in the Custom House.
- 51 1. Anson, b. Jan. 6, 1849; d. same day.
- 52 2. Winfield B., b. April 30, 1850. Amherst College. Now a medical student.
- 53 iv. *Wildor*, b. Nov. 29, 1821.
- 54 v. *Baxter*, b. Feb. 10, 1823; d. Oct. 10, 1847.
- 55 vi. *Nancy*, b. March 14, 1826.
- 56 vii. *Edward*, b. March 1, 1829. Resides at Emporia, Kansas. A real estate agent and a notary public.
- 57 viii. *Mary*, b. Nov. 12, 1833.
- 58 ix. *Asa*, b. 1835; resides in Emporia, Kansas. Was formerly Secretary of State of Kansas.

(39) ADDISON BANCROFT, a farmer in Rindge; md. April 3, 1832, Mary Ann Goddard, dau. of Dea. Luther Goddard, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 19, 1852; md. (2d) Jan. 4, 1853, Mary (Ward) Jones, widow of Christopher Jones, of Ashburnham, and dau. of Caleb Ward, of Ashburnham. She d.

- March 19, 1869; md. (3d) Oct. 14, 1869, Elmira (Peirce) Smiley, widow of Charles M. Smiley, and dau. of Joseph Peirce.
- 59 I. *George Washington*, b. March 28, 1833; md. Nov. 5, 1857, Emerett O. Pratt, dau. of Peter Pratt, Esq., of Coleville, Broome Co., N. Y. They reside in Coleville.
- 60 1. Jennie Frances, b. Feb. 1, 1859.
- 61 2. Ellsworth D., b. March 7, 1861.
- 62 3. Maryett, b. Dec. 27, 1863.
- 63 4. Adalaide S., b. Jan. 31, 1869.
- 64 II. *Charles Addison*, b. Aug. 11, 1834; d. July 11, 1837.
- 65 III. *Martha Jane*, b. March 15, 1836; md. Lyman B. Graham. Reside in Minneapolis, Minn.
- 66 IV. *Harriet Elizabeth*, b. June 1, 1839; md. May 8, 1866, George J. Allen, son of Eliphaz Allen, Jr., q. v. Reside in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 67 V. *John Gardner*, b. Sept. 23, 1840; d. 26 same month.
- 68 VI. *Mary Mersylvia*, b. Dec. 12, 1841; md. Edwin S. Burnap. Reside in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 69 VII. *Almira Lucinda*, b. April 5, 1849; md. Ephraim H. Bowen, of Fitchburg, Mass.
- Two children by second marriage:—
- 70 VIII. *Charles Addison*, b. May 26, 1857.
- 71 IX. *John Perry*, b. Nov. 13, 1859.

## BARKER.

BARNABAS BARKER, of Scituate, Mass., md. 1719, Hannah Turner. His dwelling-house at "Beach Woods" was burned 1739, and he was excused from taxes for that year. He md. (2d) 1740, Mary Neal. Four of his children and several grandchildren removed to Rindge near the close of the Revolution. Their record is an honorable one. The names of his children were as follows: (1) Barnabas, b. 1724; removed to Rindge, and is mentioned hereafter; (2) Thomas; (3) Content, b. 1747; md. Capt. Benjamin Lapham; md. (2d) Jonathan Sherwin, both of Rindge; (4) Bathsheba, b. 1750; md. David Hale, of Rindge; (5) Zipporah, b. 1752; md. Jonathan Ingalls, of Rindge. The daughters were children of the second wife.

- 1 BARNABAS BARKER, b. 1724; md. 1750, Sarah Greene. While a citizen of Scituate he was prominent in ecclesiastical and civil affairs, and took an active and honorable part in the Revolution. He removed with his family to Rindge in 1780, and was admitted to the church by letter during that year. With him came his three half sisters, who md. and d. in this town. He d. March 23, 1797, aged 73. His wife d. Feb. 20, 1797, aged 73.



- 2 I. *John*, b. 1752. +  
 3 II. *Polly*, b. Oct. 6, 1754; md. Andrew Kimball of  
 Rindge, *q. v.*  
 4 III. *David*, —. +  
 5 IV. *Barnabas* —, resided in Rindge 1780–1790;  
 dau. Nancy bap. 1782. He removed to Charles-  
 town, Mass., where he d., leaving five children.  
 None of them long survived him.  
 6 V. *Lemuel* —, taxed in this town until 1793; dau.  
 Sally bap. 1792. He removed to Concord, N.H.,  
 where he d., leaving a son and three daughters.  
 7 VI. *William*, b. 1762. +
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- (2) JOHN BARKER, b. 1752; md. Dec. 7, 1795, Hannah  
 Smith, dau. of William and Elizabeth (Morrison) Smith,  
 of Peterborough, N. H. She was b. May 8, 1761, and d.  
 Aug. 28, 1813. He md. (2d) Sallie (Crumbie) Barker,  
 widow of his brother David. He was a farmer, and  
 owned the farm now of Stephen Hale. He was killed by  
 a bull July 25, 1819. His widow d. in Maine at the resi-  
 dence of her son.
- 8 I. *Hannah*, b. April 24, 1801; md. Stephen Jewett,  
*q. v.*  
 9 II. *John*, b. Nov. 28, 1804; removed 1827 to the city  
 of New York, where he md. May 10, 1830, Eu-  
 nice G. Thompson, b. Nov. 23, 1801, dau. of Rev.  
 Amos G. Thompson, of Montville, Ct. She d.  
 Aug. 9, 1842; md. (2d) Harriet Eliza Gray, dau.  
 of John Gray, Esq., of New York. For the past  
 few years he has resided in Stark, Bradford Co.,  
 Fla. He has several children, but no record has  
 been received.
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- (4) DEA. DAVID BARKER md. March 17, 1783, Sally Crum-  
 bie, dau. of Lieut. James Crumbie, of Rindge. He was a  
 farmer and a carpenter, and resided on the farm now of  
 Dea. James Bancroft. He and his brother William were  
 the contractors who built the meeting-house 1796. He d.  
 June 16, 1816, and his widow md. his brother John. Their  
 only child was:—
- 10 I. *Thomas Crumbie*, b. 1803. He was a physician of  
 Bangor, Me., where he recently died.
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- (7) WILLIAM BARKER, b. 1762; came to Rindge with others  
 of the family 1780; md. Oct. 28, 1794, Sarah Payson, b.  
 July 13, 1775, dau. of George and Abigail (Boyd) Payson,  
 of Walpole, and a cousin of Rev. Seth Payson, D. D., of  
 Rindge. Mr. Barker was a carpenter, and for many years  
 he conducted the business of tanning. He was an active,

useful citizen. He d. Oct. 25, 1830; his widow d. June 19, 1852.

- 11 i. *Polly Hale*, b. Dec. 15, 1795; d. unmd. April 16, 1819.
- 12 ii. *William*, b. Dec. 15, 1796; d. unmd. July 30, 1823.
- 13 iii. *Sarah*, bap. 1801; d. in infancy.
- 14 iv. *George Payson*, b. Oct. 25, 1807. *Vide* p. 347.  
He md. Abby Coit, of Norwich, Ct., and d. Jan. 28, 1848, leaving two children. His widow d. Feb. 5, 1874.
- 15 1. George Payson, Jr., b. Dec. 24, 1835; d. Jan. 28, 1868. Graduate of Yale 1856. Admitted to the bar 1859, and entered upon the practice of his profession in his native city, Buffalo, N. Y. Inheriting the peculiar fascinations and, in no small degree, the genius of his talented father, he was at once recognized as a young man of superior ability and unblemished character. During his brief career he won considerable distinction, and the respect and good-will of his associates.
- 16 2. Sarah, b. —; md. Sept. 5, 1867, Edward N. Gibbs, now cashier of the Thames National Bank, of Norwich, Ct.

- 17 BENJAMIN BARKER, parentage not known, but of distant kinship, if related at all, to the foregoing family of Barkers, was b. 1746, and came to Rindge soon after the Revolution, and settled east of the Dea. Goddard farm; he d. Feb. 23, 1837. He was fond of relating improbable stories which he attempted to clothe in the dignity of truth. A sample of his anecdotes was an oft-repeated declaration that he once saw a hawk attempt to capture a sparrow that was perched upon the sharpened point of the centre pole of a hay-stack. The bird opportunely flew away, but the hawk came with such impetuosity and certainty of aim, he struck the shaft and suddenly expired with a foot of the pole obtruding above his back. He asserted, with much apparent sincerity, that "down below" where he formerly lived he had seen farmers ploughing among white oak stumps of twelve feet in diameter; with a good plough and six yokes of oxen, they never turned out for such obstacles, but drove the plough through their centres, and frequently after the team had passed on the open mouths of the stumps would shut up again with a crack that made the hills echo from the stunning concussion. Perhaps all his children are not named below.

- 18      i. *Betsey*, b. —; insane; d. unmd. Dec. 4, 1827, aged 40.
- 19      ii. *Sally*, b. —; md. Jonathan Sherwin, son of Capt. Asa Sherwin, *q. v.*
- 20      iii. *Benjamin, Jr.*, b. —; md. Phebe Temple. Resided in Rindge until 1808, when he removed to Boston. Four of the six children born in Rindge.
- 21           1. Mehitable, b. Oct. 10, 1798.
- 22           2. Phebe, b. Oct. 21, 1800.
- 23           3. Benjamin, b. Nov. 11, 1802.
- 24           4. Sally, b. Sept. 28, 1808.
- 25           5. Sophia, b. May 12, 1809.
- 26           6. Maria, b. Jan. 4, 1811.

1      BENJAMIN BEALS was in Rindge previous to the Revolution. He was in Capt. Thomas' company 1775, in Capt. Stone's and in Capt. Rand's companies 1777, and in 1780 he again enlisted for "the service at the frontiers at Coos." He md. May 11, 1779, Anna Lawrence, of Groton. Sally, their dau., was b. in Rindge March 20, 1780. The family probably removed from town soon after.

CAPT. EDMUND BEMIS, of Westminster, Mass., commanded a company in the Revolutionary service. He was a son of Philip Bemis, who removed from Cambridge, 1738, and was the third settler in Westminster. He md. 1760, Elizabeth Rand, and had sons, Elijah, Edmund, Samuel, Ebenezer, and three daughters. He d. Dec. 1, 1807. Edmund, second son of Capt. Edmund, was b. 1765; md. 1799. Susannah Graves. After residing in Fitchburg a few years, he removed, 1804, to Troy, N. H., where he d. Feb. 11, 1857. His third child was Elijah, who md. March 11, 1824, Lucy Butler, dau. of Joseph Butler, then of Troy. He d. in Troy, Nov. 1, 1852.

1      ELIJAH BEMIS, son of Elijah and Lucy (Butler) Bemis, was b. in Troy, March 2, 1829. Removed to Rindge 1851; md. June 2, 1852, Susan H. Kimball, dau. of Samuel M. and Melinda (Peirce) Kimball, of Rindge, *q. v.* He is a manufacturer of wooden-ware, at West Rindge. He was selectman 1856, 1857, 1858, and 1874.

2      GILBERT C. BEMIS, a brother of the above, b. in Troy, June 23, 1830; md. Oct. 19, 1854, Sarah Ellen Metcalf, dau. of Timothy Metcalf, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge only a few years.

3      CALVIN BEMIS, son of Jonathan Bemis, of Marlboro, N. H., b. in that town, Jan. 27, 1798; md. March 14, 1822, Deborah Brewer, dau. of Asa and Deborah (Sargent) Brewer, of Fitzwilliam, now included in Troy. Removed to Rindge 1831, and remained here about

twenty years. His farm was near the Fitzwilliam line, and on the road to that town.

- 4 I. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 10, 1823; md. May 8, 1845, Calvin Hastings.
- 5 II. *Maria*, b. Jan. 24, 1826; md. March 31, 1847, Charles Perry.
- 6 III. *Mary Jane*, b. April 9, 1835; md. Oct. 23, 1855, Leonard Wright, son of Col. Lyman and Betsy (Bowker) Wright, of Troy, N. H.

1 PHINEHAS BENNETT, b. about 1740, parentage not ascertained, settled in the northeast part of the town about 1798. He d. about 1820, and his widow near the same date.

- 2 I. *Phinehas Bennett*, b. previous to 1781. After marriage removed to Hatfield, Mass., in 1810, where he d. 1813, leaving six children. Lyman Bennett, the eldest, is an aged and highly-respected citizen of Troy, N. Y.
- 3 II. *Hannah*, md. — Brooks, and removed to New York.
- 4 III. *Edith*, md. — Jefts. They resided in Mason, where he d. about 1860. She resides a widow, in Ashby.
- 5 IV. *Elizabeth*, md. — Chamberlain; resided in New Ipswich. A dau., the wife of Moses Cragin, d. in Rindge, Aug. 20, 1842. After the death of Mr. Chamberlain she md. (2d) — Kennedy, and, surviving him, d. in Mason about 1862.
- 6 V. *Ezra*, md. Harriet Hunt, dau. of Nathan and Abigail (Hale) Hunt. They lived in Rindge and vicinity several years. There were several children, but no record is received.
- 7 VI. *James*, b. 1787. †

(7) JAMES BENNETT, youngest son of Phinehas Bennett; md. Nov. 18, 1813, Parna White, b. Feb. 4, 1796, dau. of Elisha and Mary (Corbet) White, of Royalston, Mass. Capt. Bennett was a farmer and box-manufacturer of Rindge. He d. Sept. 30, 1857.

- 8 I. *Hiram*, b. Sept. 19, 1814; md. Nov. 17, 1836, Catherine Poland, of Winchendon. She d. 1852. He md. (2d) 1853, Charlotte Clark, who d. 1873. He is a jeweler, and resides in Sandy Hill, N. Y.
- 9 1. *Elsie*, b. Oct. 1837; md. William Paine.
- 10 2. *William*, b. —; resides in Sandy Hill.

- 11 3. Alvah, b. —; resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 12 4. Katie, b. —; md. James Langworthy.
- 13 ii. *Horace*, b. May 21, 1816; md. March 1, 1840,  
 Mary Morrison, of Cambridge, Mass. He d.  
 Jan. 8, 1841.
- 14 iii. *Lyman*, b. May 17, 1818; md. Lucinda Wellington.  
 15 iv. *Alonzo W.*, b. Dec. 12, 1820. Studied medicine  
 with Dr. James B. Porter, of Rutland, Vt.;  
 attended lectures at Berkshire Medical College,  
 Pittsfield, and at College of Physicians and Sur-  
 geons, New York, where he received his degree.  
 He has also received the benefit of a year's  
 attendance in the schools and practice in the  
 hospitals of Paris. He resides, in the successful  
 practice of his profession, in Uxbridge, Mass.  
 He md. Margaret Taft, of Uxbridge, a lady of  
 superior mental endowment.
- 16 v. *Jane*, b. July 29, 1822; md. Josiah Stratton, *q. v.*  
 17 vi. *Augusta P.*, b. July 21, 1830; md. H. N. But-  
 trick, *q. v.*
- 18 vii. *Anna S.*, b. Oct. 19, 1831; md. Sept. 12, 1852,  
 Franklin H. Cutter, son of Joel Cutter, of  
 Jaffrey. He is a farmer, a commissioner for  
 Cheshire County 1868-70, and member of Legis-  
 lature 1872 and 1873.
- 19 1. Florence P., b. June 30, 1853.  
 20 2. Henrietta S., b. Sept. 3, 1855.
- 21 viii. *Maria M.*, b. Feb. 23, 1835.  
 22 ix. *Ann J.*, b. Jan. 2, 1837; md. March, 1860, E. B.  
 Cutter. *Vide* Cutter registers, in this volume.
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- (14) LYMAN BENNETT, md. Nov. 12, 1840, Lucinda Welling-  
 ton, dau. of Capt. Leonard and Lucinda (Page) Welling-  
 ton, of Rindge, *q. v.* They reside at Converseville, in  
 Rindge.
- 23 i. *Horace C.*, b. Oct. 24, 1841; md. Sept. 19, 1870,  
 Charlotte Freeland, dau. of Chester J. and  
 Maria (Austin) Freeland. He read law with  
 Hon. Amasa Norcross, of Fitchburg, and is  
 engaged in the practice of his profession, in  
 Chicago, Ill.
- 24 ii. *Ellen Anna*, b. Sept. 6, 1843; md. Elijah T.  
 Platts, son of Hosea Platts, *q. v.*
- 25 iii. *George L.*, b. July 19, 1845; md. March 25, 1873,  
 Mary Preston, dau. of Edward F. and Mary  
 (Appleton) Preston, of New Ipswich. He is a  
 dentist; resides in Winchendon.
- 26 iv. *Mary Ella*, b. March 6, 1848; d. April 11, 1848.



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| 27   | v. <i>Herbert E.</i> , b. June 19, 1849; resides in Chicago, Ill.  |
| 28   | vi. <i>Charles Wayland</i> , b. March 28, 1852; d. Sept. 25, 1853.   |
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| AARON BIXBY resided in the southwest part of this town several years previous to 1820. His children born in Rindge were as follows:— |  |
| 2  | i. <i>Joel Raymond</i> , b. Jan. 5, 1803; was md. and lived east of the Monomonock Lake; had a large number of children, but no records are at hand. |
| 3  | ii. <i>Sophonía</i> , b. April 9, 1804.  |
| 4  | iii. <i>Jeremiah Blake</i> , b. Dec. 24, 1805.   |
| 5  | iv. <i>Hollis</i> , b. June 4, 1807.   |
| 6  | v. <i>Harrison</i> , b. Jan. 9, 1809; d. unmd. 1858.   |
| 7  | vi. <i>Susan</i> , b. June 24, 1810.   |

## BLAKE.

Several generations of the Blake family had resided in Little Baddow, Essex, England, previous to the birth of William, the emigrant ancestor of the Blakes of New England. He was a son of Giles and Dorothy (Twedy) Blake, and was born in Little Baddow in 1594. With his wife Agnes he came to America in 1630. Sailing from Plymouth, March 20, he arrived at Nantasket, now Hull, May 30. With the companions of the voyage, he settled in June at Mattapan, long known as Dorchester. In 1637, he received a lot of land in the distribution of lots on Dorchester Neck. Admitted freeman March 14, 1638–9, one of the selectmen 1645, 1647, and 1651. "Died Mr. William Blake who had been Clerk of ye Writs for the County of Suffolk & Recorder for ye Town near 8 years. He was also Clerk of ye Training-band. He died ye 25th of ye 8th Mo. 1663, in ye 69th Year of his Age." (Annals of Dorchester.)

His widow d. July 22, 1678. The will of William Blake represents an ample estate, and mentions his wife and five children. One of the bequests was in these words: "Item. I give and bequeath unto ye town of Dorchester twenty shillings to be bestowed for ye repairing of ye Burying place so yt swine and other vermine may not Anoy ye Graves of ye Saints." His children were William, James, Edward, John, and Ann, probably b. in England. Edward Blake, third son of William, was b. in England about 1625. With his brother William he settled in Milton, Mass. By his will, his estate was divided among two sons and five daughters. His wife was Patience Pope, of Dorchester. She d. Aug. 4, 1690. Their third son and eighth child was Jonathan Blake, who was said in his father's will to have been "afflicted with a lameness." He was b. July 5, 1672, and md. March 16, 1699, Elizabeth Caudage, of Cambridge. He resided in Boston, probably leaving Milton early in life, as the records of that town contain no reference to him or his family. Ebenezer Blake, his son, b. 1709, md. Dec. 11, 1729, Patronella Peck, of Rehoboth. He settled in Wrentham, Mass. His wife d., leaving three sons and a daughter, Sept. 11, 1757, aged 50. He md. (2d) Elizabeth Patridge, by whom he had four children. Several letters written by him to his grandsons, then serving in the patriot army during the Revolution, are still preserved, and represent him a man of ability, patriotism, and culture. He d. March 14, 1794.

Ebenezer Blake, son of Ebenezer and Patronnella (Peck) Blake, was b. Sept. 28, 1730, and md. (1st) Oct. 11, 1756, Tamar Thompson, who d. Nov. 13, 1775, leaving nine children. He md. (2d) Feb. 8, 1777 (?), Anna Hodges. She d. June 9, 1783, and he md. (3d) Jan. 28, 1784, Rachel Balcom. He d. Sept. 11, 1819, and his widow Aug. 24, 1833. He was a farmer of Wrentham. He served in the French and Indian wars. He presented the musket carried in these campaigns to his grandson, Ebenezer Blake, Esq., of Rindge, in whose possession it still remains. It is a light, well-finished gun, of French manufacture. Letters written to his sons serving in the Revolutionary army, still preserved by his descendants, vividly portray the trials and privations of the period, and in patriotic sentiment and Christian counsel favorably exhibit the character of the man. His children were, Eleazer, b. April 1, 1757 (see below); Ebenezer, b. July 30, 1760, of Stoddard, N. H., and Solon, N. Y.; Enos, June 9, 1762, d. of hydrophobia Jan. 9, 1772; Elihu, b. May 5, 1764, of Westboro, Mass.; Levina, b. Oct. 30, 1765; md. Samuel Messenger and removed to Stoddard, N. H.; Jason, b. Nov. 30, 1767, d. in Worthington, Mass., 1841; Barnum, Aug. 9, 1769, d. at Westboro 1811; Tamar, b. Sept. 14, 1771, md. Curtis Searles, of Sutton; Calvin, b. Oct. 1, 1773; d. in Wrentham, Mass., Feb. 26, 1865; Luther, b. Oct. 27, 1775, d. in Wrentham Jan. 9, 1834. It will be perceived that Ebenezer, Sen., d. at the advanced age of 85 years, his son, Ebenezer, Jr., at 89 years, and it will be seen that Eleazer, son of Ebenezer, Jr., was about 95 years of age at the time of his death, and his son Enos d. at the age of 79 years, making an average of the four successive generations of above 87 years.

- 1 DEA. ELEAZER BLAKE, the immediate ancestor of the Blake family of Rindge, was b. in Wrentham, April 1, 1757. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to Capt. Cowell, a wheelwright in his native town. In 1775, he marched with a company from Wrentham, under command of Capt. Cowell, and arrived in Roxbury on the morning of April 20, and continued in the patriot army during the entire war. Until February, 1776, he participated in the siege of Boston, and on the day of the battle of Bunker Hill, he, *Eleazer Blake* with others, was engaged in fortifying Prospect Hill, where he witnessed the bloody engagement of June 17. The scene was vividly imprinted in his memory, and his intelligent descriptions of the incidents of the day, the fierce combat, the discharge of musketry, the deafening cannonade from the British navy, the smoke of burning Charlestown, and the groups of women and children gathered upon the surrounding hills, where they witnessed the destruction of their homes, were frequently narrated by Dea. B. to groups of children who were wont to listen with delight to his stories of the Revolution.

He continued to serve until the early part of another year, in what was styled the Massachusetts or Bay State Line, which included several months of service in Rhode Island. In 1777, the State having called for enlistments



for three years, or during the war, he enlisted, May 19, in the Continental service for the entire war. His regiment was sent to New York, and subsequently joined the army of Gen. Gates, where he participated in the triumphs of the patriots over Gen. Burgoyne, and bore an honorable part in the memorable battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. The following winter he endured the exposure and nakedness of Valley Forge. The following spring and summer he was with the army immediately under the command of Washington. From the effect of the heat and fatigue of the battle of Monmouth he never fully recovered. Subsequently he was in Sullivan's army during a part of the Rhode Island campaign, and soon after joined the army in the State of New York, where he remained almost continuously until his discharge from the service. In 1780, he was an eye-witness to the escape of Arnold, and was one of the guards at the execution of Major Andre. His account of the death of this lamented and spirited officer, which he seldom related without deep emotion, and often with tears, is well remembered by many of his youthful auditors. "The gallows was composed of two posts and a bar joining their summits, from which a rope was suspended; a wagon placed beneath the bar completed the arrangements for the execution. Being conducted to the scene, Major Andre bowed familiarly to the officers with whom he had become acquainted during his imprisonment, his countenance evincing both calmness and fortitude. Tall in stature, of unusual symmetry of form, he was a man of singular beauty. His light auburn hair, of uncommon length and profusion, hung gracefully about his head and shoulders, and his garments were of the finest and most costly fabric. When informed that the fatal hour had arrived, he promptly stepped upon the wagon beneath the gallows, and looking down upon his open coffin and to the guards who stood around, he exclaimed, 'Must I die in this manner? Once more I beg that I may be shot.' Upon receiving an assurance that his sentence could not be evaded, he said: 'I am reconciled to my fate, but not to the manner of my death. I have nothing to say,' he continued, 'but to request that you witness to the world that I die like a brave man.' Removing his gold-laced hat, he cast it upon the ground, and having bared his neck, by removing the heavy stock worn at the time by the British officer, he adjusted the rope with his own hands; and taking two handkerchiefs from his pocket he carefully tied one over his own eyes, and shut out forever the light of day; the other he handed to the executioner, requesting him to bind his hands. The word was now given, the wagon moved from

beneath the gallows, and Major Andre was suspended in the air. The executioner, thrice seizing hold of the expiring man, added his weight to hasten the progress of his death." The scene was ever vivid in the memory of Dea. Blake, who stood among the guards and within a few feet of the gallows, and in the narration he appeared to witness afresh the painful affair.

In 1780, Mr. Blake, then in Col. William Shepard's regiment, was appointed sergeant, and in 1782 was detailed as assistant-quartermaster of the Fourth Massachusetts Brigade, in which line of service he continued until his discharge, at "Camp New Windsor," in New York, June 12, 1783, from whence he traveled on foot a distance of 220 miles, to his home in Wrentham, where he arrived June 21, after an almost continuous service of more than eight years. From a journal kept during these years by Sergeant Blake, much can be learned of his inner life, and abundant evidence is presented that he was a sincere Christian as well as a patriot. Prompt and conscientious in the discharge of every duty, firm and unyielding in principle, he also embellished his service in the army with many acts of kindness to the sick and suffering.


In the autumn following his discharge, accompanied by his brother Ebenezer, who had served four years in the army, he visited Coos County, N. H., where he remained several months, and was engaged as a school-teacher. After a brief residence in New York, he md. Nov. 29, 1785, Jerusha Gerould, dau. of Gamaliel and Jerusha (Mann) Gerould, of Wrentham, and settled in Stoddard, N. H. In 1792 he removed to Rindge, where he continued to reside, following the occupation of a farmer and a wheelwright. Under the ministry of Dr. Payson he was chosen deacon of the Congregational Church, in which capacity he officiated until eighty years of age. The blameless character of Dea. Blake, his unimpeachable integrity, and his Christian counsels, will long be treasured by his townsmen and acquaintances. He d. Sept. 27, 1858, aged 95 years and nearly 6 months. His wife d. May 20, 1849, aged 89. Issue:—

- 2 i. *Enos*, b. May 28, 1788. †
- 3 ii. *Bela*, b. Nov. 21, 1790. †
- 4 iii. *Eri*, b. Nov. 16, 1792; d., unmd., in Watertown, Mass., Dec. 14, 1813.
- 5 iv. *Jerusha*, b. Aug. 26, 1795; d., unmd., in Rindge May 6, 1823.
- 6 v. *Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 16, 1800. †

- (2) ENOS BLAKE md. April 29, 1814, Almira Stratton, dau. of Elisha and Mehitabel (Russell) Stratton, of Weston, Mass., where she was b. March 29, 1793. Mr. Blake was an estimable citizen. He was a farmer, wheelwright, and one of the first to engage in the manufacture of woodenware at West Rindge. In 1832, in company with Asa Stickney, he built the saw-mill now owned by A. S. Sawtell. He d. Dec. 3, 1867, aged 79. His widow resides on the homestead.
- 7 I. *George Morrill*, b. Aug. 23, 1820; md. Jan. 2, 1849, Mary S. Lovejoy, dau. of Selah Lovejoy, *q. v.* In 1856 he removed to Hastings, Minn., where he owns an extensive farm on the bank of the Mississippi River. Four children.
- 8 II. *Almira J.*, b. March 22, 1826; md. Aaron S. Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 9 III. *Martha M.*, b. Sept. 11, 1834; d. July 14, 1844.

- (3) BELA BLAKE, the second son of Dea. Blake, was early imbued with a desire of receiving a liberal education. At the age of eighteen his father gave him his time during the remainder of his minority. The following winter he resided with Dea. Abner Spofford, of Jaffrey, where he attended school, working morning and evening for his board. Subsequently for several months he pursued his studies under the tuition of Samuel Leach, of Jaffrey, and the succeeding winter he taught one of the

*B. Blake*



district schools in that town. Returning to Rindge, he continued his studies, under the

instruction of Dr. Payson. In 1811, abandoning the idea of a collegiate education, he obtained a situation in Boston as an accountant, where he remained five years, pursuing, meanwhile, the study of modern languages, in which he made considerable progress. In 1816 he embarked as clerk of a merchant vessel, bound for the western coast of Mexico, and from thence to Canton. Arriving at San Blas, they traded to a considerable amount, and sailed for Mazetland, a small port in the Gulf of California, at the time in the hands of insurgents engaged in a rebellion against the government of Mexico. The Spaniards, visiting the vessel under the cloak of friendship, treacherously overpowered the officers and crew. The vessel and a valuable cargo were confiscated, and the captives, receiving the most cruel treatment, were thrown into prison. Soon after, Mr. Blake and several of his

companions were conducted to Arispe, in the province of Sonora, a journey of twelve hundred miles, which was attended with many exposures and hardships. Here they remained imprisoned for more than two years, when they were released, and, after much suffering, again arrived at San Blas, December 14, 1820, and immediately took passage on a friendly vessel to Manilla, which was destined to be his abode during the remainder of his life. In December, 1821, he formed a partnership with Jose de Ortega, a Spanish gentleman, for the purpose of manufacturing sugar, and transacting a general commission business. With one or more changes of partners, he successfully continued the business until his death, eventually owning several ships, and sending valuable cargoes to the ports of Europe, Asia, and America. His business qualities are said to have been of a superior order. He spoke fluently several languages, and owing to the difficulty in procuring suitable clerks, he became to himself a most rigid task-master. Although inheriting a strong constitution, the warm climate and incessant labor undermined his health, which was made known to his friends from his frequent letters to his relatives. In these letters he manifested great solicitude for the comfort of his parents, and his generous remittances attested his sincerity. He frequently expressed a determination to leave his business and return to his native land, to which he remained ardently attached. In a letter to his father, March 3, 1828, he writes: "I am fully convinced and certain of your disapprobation, mingled, no doubt, with sentiments of displeasure, when I inform you that I am about to embark, and not for home. Be assured that I feel as much as yourself on the occasion; but for the present it must be so. I have been so long in a warm climate that I need a little bracing up, and have concluded to embark for California; and, God willing, shall return in about ten months, after which I am determined to take a voyage home, be the consequences what they may." But fate had decreed that he should never return, even to the home of his adoption. On his return voyage from California, and as the vessel was entering Manilla Bay, Mr. Blake d. unmd. April 12, 1829, in the 39th year of his age. The vessel being detained in the bay by adverse winds, his body was buried in the sea, far from the home and friends which he ardently loved.

- (6) EBENEZER BLAKE md. July 12, 1824, Hepsibeth Jewett, dau. of Amos Jewett, *q. v.* Mr. Blake resided for several years on the farm formerly owned by his father on the shore of Long Pond. In 1854 he built the house he now occupies on the site of the residence of the father of his

wife. He is a Justice of the Peace, and in his more active years took a lively interest in public affairs. Mrs. Blake d. Nov. 10, 1874, aged 72.

- 10     i. *Belu Shedd*, b. June 25, 1825; md. Dec. 25, 1857, Sarah Howard, of New York City. After residing several years in New York, he removed to Cincinnati, O., and is a successful merchant of that city. Two children.
- 11     ii. *Henry*, b. Sept. 17, 1826; a mechanic and draughtsman. Resides unmd. in Keene, N. H.
- 12     iii. *Pliny Fiske*, b. Oct. 14, 1827; d. in Rindge Aug. 1, 1853.
- 13     iv. *Milton*, b. May 22, 1829; md. Sept. 14, 1857, Augusta N. Paul, dau. of Hial and Nancy (Willard) Paul, of Hartland, Vt. A mechanic; resides in Keene, N. H. No children.
- 14     v. *Charles Locke*, b. Jan. 17, 1831. He studied medicine, and commenced the practice of his profession in Worcester under the most flattering auspices. After a short but honorable professional career, he d. unmd. Oct. 3, 1864.
- 15     vi. *Arvilla*, b. Dec. 22, 1832; md. Eliphaz H. Allen, *q. v.*
- 16     vii. *John Marshall*, b. May 14, 1835; he maintained an excellent character, and won a multitude of warm personal friends, and d., soon after reaching majority, in Iowa, Oct. 18, 1857.
- 17     viii. *Amos Jewett*, b. Oct. 20, 1836; md. Dec. 26, 1865, Lizzie A. Howe, dau. of Dennis Howe, *q. v.* She d. June 22, 1867. Son Howard, b. Feb. 23, 1867, and d. Sept. 8 of the same year. Mr. B. is a lawyer in Fitzwilliam, where he commenced the practice of his profession in 1863. He was an efficient Assistant Assessor of the Internal Revenue 1862-1871. Has been superintendent of schools in Fitzwilliam many years, and represented the town in the Legislature 1872-73.
- 18     ix. *Hiram*, b. Feb. 9, 1838. Is a lawyer; has resided several years at the West, and recently opened a law office in Keene, N. H. It affords me pleasure to acknowledge the receipt from him of intelligent suggestions and no small amount of material during the preparation of these registers.
- 19     x. *Maria Elizabeth*, b. July 17, 1839; md. Eliphaz H. Allen, *q. v.*

1     LEVI BLANCHARD and wife Hannah came from Sharon, N. H., in 1821. The three eldest children were b. in Sharon. They removed from Rindge previous to 1830.



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| 2 | I. <i>Elvira</i> , b. July 21, 1814.      |
| 3 | II. <i>Gilman</i> , b. May 4, 1817.       |
| 4 | III. <i>Hannah</i> , b. Aug. 20, 1819.    |
| 5 | IV: <i>Levi M.</i> , b. June 16, 1822.    |
| 6 | V. <i>Clarissa</i> , b. July 29, 1824.    |
| 7 | VI. <i>Julia Ann</i> , b. Sept. 17, 1827. |

**BOWERS.**

NEHEMIAH BOWERS, son of Samuel and Esther Bowers, of Groton, was b. Sept. 14, 1719; md. March 18, 1745, Sarah Larrabee, dau. of Samuel Larrabee, then of Lunenburg, but subsequently of Rindge, *q. v.* He resided in Groton and in Lunenburg. Their children were: (1) James, b. July 16, 1746; settled in Rindge; (2) Jonathan, b. Oct. 24, 1748; d. Feb. 2, 1749; (3) Sarah, b. Jan. 25, 1749-50; md. Josiah Ingalls, of Rindge; (4) Nehemiah, b. Feb. 26, 1752; settled in Rindge; (5) Esther, b. May 26, 1754; md. Nov. 22, 1773, Dudley Griffin, and lived in Jaffrey; (6) Elizabeth, b. Aug. 29, 1756; md. Feb. 21, 1799, Robert Dunbar.

Nehemiah Bowers d. in Lunenburg. The date of his death does not appear, but his widow md. Oct. 2, 1760, Ensign Joseph Platts, of Rindge. Her removal to this town, with the children of the former marriage, is the origin of the Bowers families of Rindge.

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| 1 | JAMES BOWERS, b. July 16, 1746; md. Lydia ———, and after a brief residence in Harvard, Mass., returned to Rindge in 1785, and twenty years later he removed to Dublin, N. H., where he d. Jan. 24, 1830. His widow d. June 10, 1840. Rhoda, the eldest of their children, was b. in Harvard, the others in Rindge.  |
| 2 | I. <i>Rhoda</i> , b. Jan. 3, 1784. Is this the person who md. Paul Nelson, and called Nancy in the "History of Dublin"?   |
| 3 | II. <i>Jonathan S.</i> , b. Sept. 19, 1786; had a family. He resided in Peterborough, N. H.   |
| 4 | III. <i>Luther</i> , b. Nov. 22, 1788. Resided in Boston and Dublin; md. April 8, 1834, Sarah Bullard, dau. of Simeon and Ruth (Adams) Bullard, of Dublin. She d. May 27, 1840.   |
| 5 | IV. <i>Levi</i> , b. Nov. 22, 1790. Went to Boston.   |
| 6 | V. <i>Charles</i> , b. Oct. 15, 1792. Removed to Boston.  |
| 7 | VI. <i>Lydia</i> , b. Oct. 13, 1794; md. 1812 or 13, Timothy Bullard, a brother of the wife of Luther Bowers. They resided in Dublin, where he d. Aug. 23, 1833. Their children were (1) Charles, b. Feb. 10, 1814; (2) Caroline, b. May 11, 1815; (3) Clarissa, b. Dec. 4, 1816; (4) George, b. May 28, 1818; (5) Luther Sawyer, b. Nov. 18, 1819; (6) Mary A., b. Oct. 13, 1821; (7) John A., b. Oct. 29, 1823. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Roxa</i> , b. May 31, 1799.   |
| 9 | NEHEMIAH BOWERS, a brother of James, b. Feb. 26, 1752; md. Sarah ——. No record of this marriage   |

has been found. Mr. Bowers is supposed to have lived with his step-father, Ensign Platts, until he arrived at majority. He was a farmer, and resided near the Fitzwilliam line. He d. April 24, 1828. Issue:—

- 10 i. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 26, 1778; md. Joshua Walker, Jr.,  
*q. v.*
- 11 ii. *James*, b. March 19, 1781. †
- 12 iii. *Betty*, b. Dec. 20, 1783; md. Oct. 12, 1813, Elias  
Smiley, of Jaffrey. They had four children.  
Among them was Charles M., b. Jan. 26, 1819;  
md. July 4, 1842, Elmira L. Peirce, and resided  
for a short time in Rindge. He d. Oct. 22, 1862.  
His widow md. Addison Bancroft, of Rindge,  
*q. v.*
- 13 iv. *Polly*, b. June 1, 1786. Resided in Rindge unmd.  
until about 1858, when she removed to the West  
with her brother Gilman.
- 14 v. *Nancy*, b. Feb. 28, 1791.
- 15 vi. *Lucinda*, b. July 8, 1793.
- 16 vii. *Azenath*, b. Feb. 1, 1796.
- 17 viii. *Gilman*, b. June 1, 1799. †
- 18 ix. *Gardner Sawin*, b. April 4, 1802. Had a grain  
mill in Jaffrey.
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- (11) JAMES BOWERS md. Jan. 4, 1814, Polly Rand, dau. of  
Solomon Rand, *q. v.* He was a carriage maker, and  
resided at Rindge Centre. He d. about 1835. His widow  
md. Sept. 11, 1838, Jonas Peirce, of Jaffrey; d. in Jaffrey.
- 19 i. *Ehira A.*, b. Oct. 15, 1814; md. and resided in  
Dracut, Mass.
- 20 ii. *Polly R.*, b. June 23, 1816; md. May 29, 1838,  
Ebenezer Mann.
- 21 iii. *James L.*, b. July 28, 1819.
- 22 iv. *Nancy M.*, b. Nov. 29, 1823.
- 23 v. *George F.*, b. Feb., 1825; d. Sept. 22, 1827.
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- (17) GILMAN BOWERS, md. Jan., 1832, Calista S. Fay, of  
Walpole. He was a farmer, and removed to the West  
about 1858. He had several children, four of whom d.  
young, but no record has been secured.

#### BREED.

JOHN BREED, from Lynnfield, Mass., settled in New Ipswich, about 1764. He d. 1780, aged 60, leaving several children. Allen Breed, his son, b. 1744, was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. He was a prosperous farmer in New Ipswich, where he d. in 1806. His widow d. in Rindge, at an advanced age. Their children were: (1) Lydia, b. 1768; (2) John, b. 1769; (3) Elisha, b. 1771; (4) Allen, b. 1774; (5) Enoch, b. 1780.



- 1 ENOCH BREED, son of Allen Breed, md. Dec. 29, 1807, Sarah Wetherbee, dau. of John Wetherbee, *q. v.*, and resided in Rindge, where he d. June 26, 1811, aged 31. His widow md. (2d) Adin Cummings, *q. v.*
- 2 I. *Joseph Baxter*, b. Nov. 27, 1808; md. Mary  
Wilson. †
- 3 II. *Marinda*, b. 1810; d. young.
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- (2) DEA. JOSEPH BAXTER BREED was a merchant. *Vide* Chap. XVII. He md. June 6, 1833, Mary Wilson, dau. of Maj. Supply and Sally (Scripture) Wilson, of New Ipswich. She was b. Jan. 2, 1808. Dea. Breed d. Sept. 23, 1864. His widow d. in Geneseo, Ill., Aug. 23, 1869.
- 4 I. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. June 8, 1834; md. Jan. 12, 1860, John C. Spencer, son of John W. and Eliza Spencer. He was b. at Rock Island, Ill., 1833. They now reside in Geneseo, Ill.
- 5 II. *Martha Jane*, b. June 8, 1834; d. same day.
- 6 III. *Sarah Marinda*, b. Nov. 15, 1835; d. Dec. 3, 1835.
- 7 IV. *Marinda*, b. Oct. 10, 1836; md. Nov. 23, 1865, John L. Combs, son of Calvin and Delia (Handy) Combs, of Winchester, N. H. Reside in Geneseo, Ill.
- 8 V. *Harriet Wilson*, b. Aug. 9, 1838; d. Sept. 5, 1839.
- 9 VI. *Augustus Baxter*, b. Sept. 12, 1840; d. in the service of his country, May 31, 1863. It was a brief but blameless life.
- 10 VII. *George Henry*, b. May 28, 1844; md. Dec., 1865, Caroline A. Albro, of Providence, R. I. Reside in Geneseo, Ill.

## BREWER.

JAMES BREWER, probably a descendant of John and Elizabeth (Rice) Brewer, of Sudbury, Mass., removed, six or seven years previous to the Revolution, from East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., to that part of Fitzwilliam now included in Troy. "He possessed naturally a strong mind, which was considerably improved by education, and was often promoted to stations of honor and responsibility." He was an efficient officer in the Revolutionary Army, and was with his company at Bunker Hill and in the siege of Boston, and subsequently at Ticonderoga. His children were (1) Asa, b. July 24, 1767; (2) Piercess (Persis), b. July 22, 1771; (3) James, b. June 10, 1779; (4) Mary, b. Oct. 8, 1782. The eldest son, Asa Brewer, md. 1793, Deborah Sargent, dau. of Samuel Sargent, of Marlboro, N. H. He resided in Roxbury, and Troy, N. H., and Barton, Vt. He had six children, and among them were Asa Brewer, of Rindge, and Deborah, who md. Calvin Bemis, and resided many years in this town.

- 1 | ASA BREWER, son of Asa, md. Rachel Knights, of Sudbury, Mass., and removed to Rindge 1837. He resided upon the Capt. Walker farm, now of Z. F. Whitney, until 1853, when he removed to Fitzwilliam, where he d. about 1866. Among his children was George S. Brewer, now an auctioneer in Fitchburg, who md. Sept. 24, 1851, Rusiana Tarbell, dau. of Reuben Tarbell, *q. v.* She d. Nov. 20, 1871.

## BRIGHAM.

THOMAS BRIGHAM, the ancestor of the Brighams of New England, was b. 1603, and embarked at London for America, April 18, 1635. He settled in Watertown, on land which was subsequently annexed to Cambridge. He was admitted freeman 1639, and was selectman several years. He md. soon after his arrival in America, Mercy Hurd, b. in England. He d. Dec. 18, 1633, and his widow md. March 1, 1655, Edmund Rice, then of Sudbury, and subsequently of Marlboro, Mass. After the death of Mr. Rice, she md. as her 3d husband, 1664, William Hunt, of Concord and Marlboro, Mass., who d. 1667, and she d. 1693. Mr. Rice and Mr. Hunt, as well as Mr. Brigham, were the emigrant ancestors of the numerous families bearing the respective names in Massachusetts and other States. There was no issue from her second and third marriages. The children of Thomas Brigham were: (1) Mary; (2) Thomas; (3) John; (4) Hannah; (5) Samuel.

Thomas, the eldest son, md. Mary Rice, eldest dau. of Henry and Elizabeth (Moore) Rice. Henry Rice was the eldest son of Edmund Rice, the emigrant. Mr. Brigham removed to Marlboro previous to his marriage, and settled in the southwest part of that town. He was prominent in public affairs. He d. Nov. 25, 1717. After the death of his wife he was again md., but his first wife was the mother of his nine children, of whom the second son was Nathan Brigham, b. June 17, 1671; md. Elizabeth Howe, eldest dau. of Isaac and Frances (Woods) Howe, of Marlboro. She was found dead, kneeling beside her chair, March 29, 1733, aged 60. He md. (2d) Mehetable Parke. He was a captain in the training-band, and held many town offices. He d. Feb. 16, 1747, aged 76. By his first wife he had eight children, the eldest of whom was Nathan Brigham, b. Nov. 28, 1693; md. Dec. 24, 1717, Dinah Rice, dau. of Edmund and Ruth (Parker) Rice, of Westboro, Mass. He settled in Marlboro. His wife d. about 1730, leaving one son and four daughters. Mr. Brigham md. (2d) Elizabeth Snow. When the town of Southboro was erected, his farm fell within its borders, where his descendants were highly respectable. By his second wife he had one son, William Brigham, b. in Southboro, formerly a part of Marlboro, April 8, 1735. He md. Sept. 4, 1759, Rebecca Ball, probably a dau. of Peter and Abigail (Dix) Ball. She died Dec. 14, 1768, leaving children: (1) William, b. Feb. 27, 1761; md. Sarah Baker, and resided in Southboro; (2) Rebecca, b. Feb. 1, 1763; md. — Jewell, of St. Albans, Vt.; (3) Peter, b. Dec. 27, 1764; md. and resided in Westboro; (4) Abigail, b. March 4, 1766; (5) Hollis, b. and d. Dec. 4, 1768. He md. (2d) Lydia Chamberlain, and removed to Marlboro, where he and his second wife died of the small-pox, 1793. The children by the second marriage were: (6) Ephraim, b. Oct. 9, 1771; md. Nov. 4, 1795, Lucy Rice, and (2d) Mary Hubbard. He resided in Marlboro, and was the father of fourteen children; (7) Hollis, b. March 14, 1773; d. unmd.

June 8, 1837; (8) Willard, b. June 18, 1775; settled in Rindge; (9) Lydia, b. Dec. 29, 1776; md. Artemas Brigham, son of Winslow Brigham; (10) Polly, b. Jan. 30, 1779; md. Willard Howe; (11) Martha, b. March 22, 1782; md. Caleb Brigham, Jr., of Marlboro; (12) Sophia, b. June 12, 1784; md. Hon. Jedediah Loomis, of Montpelier, Vt.; (13) Dana, b. June 8, 1787, and died of lockjaw, unmd., 1809. (See Hudson's "Marlboro.")

- 1 WILLARD BRIGHAM, son of William, was b. in Marlboro, Mass., June 18, 1775, and was of the sixth generation from Thomas, of Watertown. He md. 1806, Abigail Munroe, dau. of David and Elizabeth (Foye) Mumroe. She was b. July 10, 1771. It was her uncle, John Foye, who d. in Rindge, Jan. 6, 1820, aged 89. Mr. Brigham and his wife removed to Rindge, 1821, and settled in the southwest part of the town. He was a man upright in character, and respected by all classes. He d. Feb. 7, 1843, and his wife d. three days after. It will be seen that the wife of their son, Willard C. Brigham, who resided with them, d. the 11th of the same month.
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- 2 I. *Abigail*, b. May 22, 1807; md. Oct. 12, 1836, Joseph Hill, son of James Hill, a kinsman of Gov. Isaac Hill. They resided in the part of West Cambridge now included in Belmont, Mass. He died about 1865. Four of their six children died in childhood.
- 3 1. James Willard is md., and resides upon the homestead.
- 4 2. Harriet.
- 5 II. *Sarah*, b. May 5, 1809; md. June, 1833, George Livermore, of Brighton, Mass. He died about 1867, leaving three children.
- 6 1. Sarah F., md. Henry Murdock; reside in Buffalo, N. Y.
- 7 2. George Brigham, md. Bessie Dunklee; reside in Brighton.
- 8 3. Henry, is md., and resides in Brighton.
- 9 III. *Willard C.*, b. April 10, 1811; md. Nov. 18, 1841, Abigail N. Gould, dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Briggs) Gould, of Winchester, N. H. She d. Feb. 11, 1843, and he md. (2d) July 6, 1843, Harriet A. Gould, a sister of his first wife. Captain Brigham resides a farmer in Rindge, and was many years a member of the school committee.
- 10 1. Charles G., b. Feb. 7, 1843.
- 11 2. Abbie A., b. May 4, 1844.
- 12 3. Henry F., b. Feb. 18, 1846.
- 13 4. Lillie M., b. Dec. 13, 1847.

- 14 5. Ella M., b. May 6, 1850.  
 15 6. Jennie N., b. Dec. 19, 1851.  
 16 7. Lucretia A., b. Oct. 30, 1854.

1 ASA BROCKLEBANK was born in Rowley, Mass., Aug. 15, 1745, and md. April 10, 1771, Mary Howe, of Andover, and removed to Rindge 1772 or 1773. He resided many years in the southeast part of the town, on the farm previously owned by Henry Godding, senior, and subsequently by Dea. Adin Cummings. For several years previous to his death he was assisted by the town. He d. Dec. 12, 1826.

- 2 I. *Asa*, b. in Rowley Jan. 30, 1772.  
 3 II. *Eunice*, b. in Rindge Dec. 31, 1773; d. Nov. 24, 1775.  
 4 III. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 27, 1776.  
 5 IV. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 23, 1792.  
 6 V. *Nahum*, b. July 24, 1794.

1 STEPHEN BROOKS was b. in Lincoln, Mass., March 22, 1759, and came to Rindge about the date of his marriage. He settled upon a farm (the buildings are now removed), in the east part of the town, subsequently owned by David Wallace. In 1798, exchanging farms with his brother, Aaron Brooks, he removed over the line into New Ipswich upon the farm occupied for many years past by his son, Walton Brooks. He md. Rachel Taylor, dau. of Thaddeus and Bridget (Walton) Taylor, of Dunstable and New Ipswich. She was b. Nov. 8, 1770; he d. Jan. 29, 1848; she d. March 5, 1853. Their nine children b. in Rindge and New Ipswich were as follows:—

- 2 I. *Rachel*, b. July 15, 1792; d. Feb. 20, 1795.  
 3 II. *Stephen*, b. Oct. 31, 1794; d. March 24, 1795.  
 4 III. *Stephen*, b. Jan. 27, 1796.  
 5 IV. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 31, 1798. +  
 6 V. *Walton*, b. +  
 7 VI. *Rachel*, b. Dec. 29, 1802; md. Joseph Davis, *q. v.*  
 8 VII. *Harvey*, b. May 31, 1805; md. Sept. 21, 1831, Lois Burgess, of Ashburnham. Resides in Gardner, Mass.
- 9 1. Harvey P., b. June 17, 1833. Served two  
 years in the army; d. March 19, 1870.  
 10 2. Euclid L., b. July 16, 1835. Resides in  
 Gardner.  
 11 3. Newton, b. Oct. 23, 1840. Resides in Clin-  
 ton, Iowa.  
 12 4. Luella, b. Dec. 13, 1848.

- 13 VIII. *Oliver*, b. May 4, 1810; md. Eliza Farrar. They  
reside in Denmark, Iowa. No children.
- 14 IX. *Newton*, b. March 13, 1812; md. Harriet Campbell,  
of New Ipswich. They reside in New Ipswich.
- 15 I. *George*, b. ———. Resides in Boston.

(5) JOSEPH BROOKS, b. in Rindge Aug. 31, 1798; md. May 5, 1825, Emily Taylor, dau. of Samuel and Persis (Jones) Taylor, of New Ipswich. He has been a successful farmer, and now resides in Rindge Centre. His blameless life has won the esteem of all who know him.

- 16 I. *Warren T.*, b. Sept. 21, 1827; d. Oct. 2, 1827.
- 17 II. *Emily T.*, b. March 25, 1829; md. Samuel W. Fletcher, *q. v.*
- 18 III. *Calista A.*, b. Aug. 19, 1831; md. Pliny F. Towne, *q. v.*
- 19 IV. *Caroline M.*, b. Sept. 28, 1834; md. Samuel W. Fletcher, *q. v.*
- 20 V. *Charles B.*, b. Nov. 2, 1841; served in the 9th N. H. V. in the war of the Rebellion, and d. at Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 17, 1871.

(6) WALTON BROOKS has never resided in Rindge, but in marriage, and in the marriage of several of his children, his family has been intimately connected with the people of this town. He resides upon the farm formerly of his father in New Ipswich. He md. March 28, 1822, Arethusia Piper, dau. of Thomas Piper, *q. v.*

- 21 I. *Nancy Piper*, b. Aug. 20, 1823; md. Col. George W. Stearns, *q. v.*
- 22 II. *Eveline Jewett*, b. Sept. 14, 1825; md. Joshua C. Towne, *q. v.*
- 23 III. *Harriet Taylor*, b. Sept. 14, 1828; d. Nov. 3, 1831.
- 24 IV. *Ivers Harvey*, b. April 27, 1831; md. ———, Nancy Bancroft, dau. of Dea. James Bancroft. He is a farmer in Rindge. Several children.
- 25 V. *Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 21, 1833; md. George R. Thomas, *q. v.*
- 26 VI. *Albert Newton*, b. June 6, 1836; md. Oct. 22, 1857, Clementine Hale. He resides upon the home farm.

27 AARON BROOKS, a brother of Stephen, after a short residence in New Ipswich, removed to Rindge 1798, where he resided until his death, Aug. 4, 1823, aged 58. His widow, Mary, resided upon the farm several years after his death.



- 28     STEPHEN BROOKS, 2d, parentage unknown, came to Rindge 1801; md. May 9, 1813, Martha Darling, dau. of Amos and Ede (Stone) Darling, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 22, 1854, aged 78.
- 29     I. *William S.*, b. March 17, 1822; md. Frances Jane Parks, dau. of Phineas, Jr., and Eliza (Hapgood) Parks, of Winchendon. He is a farmer, and has resided in Rindge since 1855. Their children are:—
- 30             1. Emma Amanda, b. Oct. 17, 1847.
- 31             2. Eugene P., b. Feb. 25, 1850.
- 32             3. Herbert E., b. Oct. 30, 1852.
- 33             4. George F., b. Aug. 23, 1856.
- 34             5. Edgar W., b. July 23, 1858.
- 35             6. Ellen I., b. Dec. 24, 1860.
- 36             7. Clarence A., b. April 10, 1868.

## BROWN.

EBEN BROWN, son of William Brown, was born in Ipswich, Mass., 1746. He md. Elizabeth Perkins, and settled in New Ipswich, where he d. 1813, and his widow d. 1837, aged 92. They had five sons and six daughters.

- 1     EBENEZER BROWN, eldest son of Eben Brown, was b. in Ipswich, Mass., 1769. He md. Lydia Mansfield, dau. of Daniel Mansfield, of Lynnfield, Mass., and New Ipswich. He came to Rindge 1795 or 1796, and pursued the business of a clothier. For many years he was a deacon of the Congregational Church, and was a highly-respected citizen. His wife d. Dec. 11, 1826, and he md. (2d) Cynthia Holbrook. Dea. Brown d. May 20, 1849; his widow Aug. 30, 1855.
- I. *Ebenezer Wilder*, b. in Rindge, Feb. 22, 1797; md. Nov. 29, 1821, Eliza Richards, dau. of Thaddeus and Dorothy (Coolidge) Richards. Mr. Brown assumed the business previously conducted by his father. He was an intelligent and useful citizen. He d. Jan. 15, 1839. His widow md. Luke Rugg, of this town, *q. v.*
- 3             1. Franklin Wilder, b. Aug. 24, 1822; d. Aug. 4, 1827.
- 4             2. Eliza Ann, b. Oct. 19, 1830; md. Warham H. Rugg, *q. v.*
- 5             II. *Franklin*, b. April 17, 1799; d. Oct. 24, 1819.
- 6             III. *Eliza*, bap. Feb. 4, 1810; md. Nov. 23, 1837, Horace A. Breed, of Boston, and d., *s. p.*, 1838.

## BROWNE.

ABRAHAM BROWNE was an early emigrant to America. He settled in Watertown, Mass., and was admitted freeman March 6, 1631-2. He was one of the selectmen several years, and held many other positions

of trust. He d. 1650, or a short time previous, and his widow, Lydia, md. Nov. 27, 1659, Andrew Hodges, of Ipswich, Mass. After the death of Mr. Hodges, 1665, she returned to Watertown, where she d. Sept. 27, 1686. The two eldest children of Abraham and Lydia Browne were b. in England. Their two sons, Jonathan and Abraham, were b. in Watertown. Jonathan, the eldest son, was b. Oct. 15, 1635; md. Feb. 11, 1661-2, Mary Shattuck, dau. of William Shattuck, the emigrant. He d. between Feb. 19 and April 1, 1691. His widow d. 1732, aged 87. They were the parents of ten children. His sons dropped the final *e* in the orthography of their name. Abraham Brown, their eldest son, who lived to years of manhood, was b. Aug. 26, 1671; md. Mary Hyde, dau. of Job and Elizabeth (Fuller) Hyde. He was an innholder in Watertown, residing upon the homestead of his grandfather. He was selectman, treasurer, and assessor for many years. He d. Nov. 27, 1729, his wife Nov. 29, 1723, and were buried in the Waltham cemetery. Jonathan, the second of nine children, was b. 1694, and md. Elizabeth Simonds, dau. of Joseph and Mary Simonds, of Lexington. He was selectman of Watertown 1739, 1740, 1741, and d. July 25, 1758; his widow d. Aug. 6, 1765. On his tombstone is inscribed:—

“He was a lover of steady good men.”  
 “He remained steady in the Christian duties through life,”  
 “And we trust he died the death.”

Col. Abijah Brown, youngest son of Jonathan, was b. Nov. 27, 1736; md. May 24, 1758, Sarah Stearns, dau. of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (Bowman) Stearns, of Watertown. He settled in Waltham, where he held many important offices. He was also prominent in colonial and military affairs. In April, 1775, he was one of the first to learn of the advance of the enemy on Lexington and Concord, and was active in giving the alarm. From 1774 to 1778 he was in the Revolutionary service, in which he rose to the rank of Lieut.-Col. Late in life he removed to Lincoln, Mass., where he d. May 25, 1818.

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| 1 | EDWARD BROWN, son of Col. Abijah, was born in Waltham, Jan. 21, 1761; md. Dec. 30, 1784, Susan Garfield, dau. of Elisha and Susanna (Bemis) Garfield, of Lincoln, where she was b. Nov. 9, 1759. He removed to Rindge 1810, and settled upon the farm now of Dea. Wm. M. Lamb, which he purchased of Dr. Payson. He d. April 23, 1836. His widow d. April, 1853, aged 93. |
| 2 | I. <i>Abijah</i> , md. April 13, 1810, Elizabeth Gates, of Sterling. After his marriage he resided two or three years on the farm with his father, and then removed to Lowell, Mass.  |
| 3 | II. <i>Susan</i> , b. 1786; md. Augustus Fowle, of Woburn, and subsequently of Rindge, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 4 | III. <i>Edward</i> . No record of his marriage has been received; removed to Cambridgeport.   |
| 5 | IV. <i>Polly</i> , b. 1788; d. in Rindge unmd. May 14, 1867.  |
| 1 | ASAPH BROWN, son of Samuel and Lavina (Bruce) Brown, was born in Winchendon, Jan. 21, 1778; md. Martha Wilder, b. Jan. 21, 1780, dau. of Hon. Abel and Anna (Butler) Wilder, of Winchendon. In 1818, they   |



removed to the farm, now of Capt. Willard C. Brigham, where they remained until 1840, when they returned to Winchendon. He d. Oct. 25, 1855; she d. May 7, 1866. They were a highly respectable and intelligent family. Their children were:—

- 2 I. *George*, b. in Winchendon, March 13, 1802; d. Sept. 12, 1805.
- 3 II. *Abel*, } b. Jan. 14, 1804; d. Sept. 19, 1805.
- 4 III. *Samuel*, } b. Jan. 14, 1804; md. Dec. 18, 1828, Lois Buswell, dau. of John Buswell, *q. v.* He d. July 29, 1872.
- 5 1. Lucia.
- 6 2. Lois.
- 7 3. Mary.
- 8 4. George.
- 9 5. William.
- 10 IV. *Albert*, b. April 18, 1806; md. 1837, Abigail Wood.
- 11 V. *Erastus*, b. May 2, 1808; md. Sept. 29, 1832, Alfreda Thompson; resided in Fitzwilliam and Troy; d. Sept. 17, 1845, from injuries received in his mill.
- 12 VI. *George*, b. June 1, 1810; md. May 23, 1839, Harriet E. Osgood. He was engaged for many years in the tanning business, in Winchendon; d. Jan. 21, 1866.
- 13 1. Harriet Martha, b. April 9, 1845.
- 14 2. Ade Osgood, b. Nov. 19, 1857.
- 15 VII. *Asaph N.*, b. May 18, 1813; md. 1841, Sarah O. Robinson; she d. 1846, leaving one son, who d. young. He md. (2d) April 20, 1848, Calista C. Streeter.
- 16 VIII. *Levina*, b. March 24, 1816; md. Oct. 21, 1841, Benjamin Prescott, son of Eldad Prescott, of Jaffrey.
- 17 IX. *William Brown*, b. in Rindge, Dec. 30, 1820; was a clerk in Rindge, and many years a merchant in Winchendon; md. May 23, 1844, Mary H. Wilson.
- 18 1. William Herbert, b. June 24, 1847; d. Dec. 21, 1849.
- 19 2. Charles Albert, b. July 1, 1851.
- 20 3. Mary Emma, b. Aug. 21, 1854.
- 21 4. Frederick Wilson, b. June 10, 1859.
- 22 X. *Lucia M.*, b. in Rindge, Feb. 8, 1825; d. July 13, 1828.

- 1 | SIMEON BRUCE was here during the Revolution, and  
 was in the army. He was seated in the meeting-house  
 1780, but left town soon after. By wife Esther he had:—
- 2 |     i. *Elijah*, b. in Rindge April 27, 1779.
- 3 |     ii. *Simeon*, b. in Rindge Nov. 10, 1781.
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- 1 |     JOSEPH BULLARD md. Sally (Felt) Cragin, widow of  
 Moses Cragin. By her former marriage Mrs. Bullard had  
 three sons, two of whom, Moses and Timothy Cragin,  
 resided in Rindge; the other, Orlando Cragin, resides in  
 Jaffrey. Mr. Bullard lived upon the farm now of Sum-  
 ner Russell, where he d. June 10, 1843, aged 60. Their  
 children were:—
- 2 |     i. *Lucy*, b. July 10, 1810; md. Aug. 29, 1837, John  
    A. Stevens.
- 3 |     ii. *Elvira*, b. Sept. 19, 1815; md. Sept. 19, 1839, Jew-  
    ett Jones.
- 4 |     iii. *Silas*, b. Aug. 29, 1817.
- 5 |     iv. *Stephen F.*, b. June 8, 1823.

## BURNHAM.

The numerous families in New England bearing the name of Burnham are descendants of Dea. John Burnham, of Ipswich, Mass. He was b. in England, 1618; emigrated to America at the age of seventeen years; two years later he served in the Pequot Expedition. He became an extensive proprietor of lands in Ipswich, and for many years was a deacon. Upon the Ipswich and other records the name was formerly spelled Burnam. Dea. Burnham d. Nov. 5, 1694. John Burnham, his son, was also a deacon in Ipswich, where he d. 1716, leaving among others a son John, who md. Elizabeth Goodhue, and left several children, among them Samuel, who md. Nov. 17, 1743, Martha Story. The eldest of their nine children was Samuel, b. Oct. 5, 1744, and md. Nov. 27, 1766, Mary Perkins. Leaving his native town, which had been the home of his ancestors for four generations, he removed, about 1770, to Dunbarton, N. H., where he joined several of his kindred who had emigrated previously. He was a deacon of the church over which the venerable Dr. Harris was pastor, and as a townsman he was much respected. The funeral sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Harris on the occasion of the death of Dea. Burnham, is an unqualified tribute to his superior worth, and is rendered in language of sincere friendship. He d. April 4, 1811, and his widow d. in Oct., 1818. Four of their sons were graduates of Dartmouth College, and many of their descendants have been distinguished in the various walks of life.

- 1 |     REV. AMOS WOOD BURNHAM, D. D., of the sixth gener-  
 ation of his family in New England, and the youngest of  
 the children of Dea. Samuel, was b. Aug. 1, 1791. Chap-  
 ters X. and XI. contain a record of the prolonged and  
 useful labors of a faithful pastor and exemplary Christian.  
 Mr. Burnham md. soon after his ordination Tirzah Kim-  
 ball, dan. of Ebenezer and Polly (Aiken) Kimball, of New

Chester, now Hill, in this State. Mrs. Burnham is a woman of superior mental endowments, and a devoted wife and mother; uniting unwearied piety with an unclouded disposition and many excellences of character. The light of her example will long continue to shed its cheerful rays around the pathway of her life.

- 2        i. *Mary Kimball*, b. June 8, 1823; d. Oct. 19, 1842.  
 3        ii. *Tirzah Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 8, 1825; d. Sept. 2, 1842.  
 4        iii. *Carrie M.*, b. March 3, 1831; md. July 19, 1865,  
        Dr. J. Homer Darling, son of Hayes P. and  
        Aphia (Hubbard) Darling, of Keene, formerly of  
        Rindge. *Vide* Chap. XVII.  
 5        iv. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 21, 1833; md. Feb. 22, 1865, Mar-  
        tha (Norcross) Clark. He d. June 22, 1873.  
        *Vide* page 353.  
 6        v. *Martha J.*, b. March 26, 1835; md. Nov. 23, 1858,  
        A. Bardwell Heywood, son of Amos and Lydia  
        (Buck) Heywood, of Westford, Mass. Mr. Hey-  
        wood was several years principal of the Franklin  
        School, Lowell, and now resides at Keene. He  
        is treasurer and secretary of the Humphrey  
        Machine Company, and a member of the Board  
        of Education of that city.

1        JOHN BUSWELL, son of John, was b. in Boxford, Mass.,  
 Sept. 4, 1748. He came to Rindge when about twenty-one  
 years of age, soon after the incorporation of the town,  
 and bought of Aaron Esty, May 16, 1771, the farm on  
 which he resided until his death. A previous owner of  
 this farm was John Coffeen. Mr. Buswell was in Captain  
 Hale's Company 1775, and Col. Nichol's regiment 1780.  
 He md. May 30, 1771, Rebecca Demary, a dau. of John  
 Demary, *q. v.* He was a prosperous farmer; d. Feb. 6,  
 1828. His wife d. April 11, 1824. Their children  
 were:—

- 2        i. *Rebecca*, b. June 15, 1772; md. Asa Platts, of  
        Rindge, *q. v.*  
 3        ii. *John*, b. June 19, 1774; md. Sept. 1, 1803, Sarah  
        Horton, dau. of Joseph Horton, of Jaffrey. He  
        d. in Mt. Holley, Vt., about 1865.  
 4        iii. *Abigail*, b. March 26, 1776; d. unmd. March 7,  
        1805.  
 5        iv. *Anna*, b. Feb. 21, 1778; d. unmd. June 15, 1847.  
 6        v. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 6, 1779; md. William Rugg, of  
        Rindge, *q. v.*  
 7        vi. *Hannah*, b. July 25, 1781; d. Nov. 18, 1784.  
 8        vii. *Betsey*, b. May 7, 1783; d. unmd. Oct. 24, 1812.  
 9        viii. *Daniel*, b. Feb. 19, 1785; d. Sept. 7, 1817.

- 10 IX. *Mehetabel*, b. Jan. 25, 1787; md. Sardine Stone, of Rindge, *q. v.*  
 11 X. *Azariah*, b. Dec. 4, 1790. +  
 12 XI. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 9, 1793; d. in Canton, Ill., 1858, unmd.  
 13 XII. *Hepsibeth*, b. Jan. 31, 1795; md. Capt. Stephen Emory of Rindge, *q. v.*  
 14 XIII. *Zeruah*, b. Feb. 19, 1797. She md. Levi Underwood, of Goshen, N. H.; d. about 1860.  
 15 XIV. *Silvanus*, b. Nov. 19, 1798. He md. Chloe Evans, and removed to Hartland, Vt., where he d. about 1862.  
 16 XV. *Lois*, b. Aug. 28, 1801; md. Samuel Brown, *q. v.*

(11) AZARIAH BUSWELL md. Abigail Bancroft, dau. of Joseph and Susannah (Hubbard) Bancroft, of Lunenburg, Mass. *Vide* Hubbard and Bancroft registers in this volume. Mr. Buswell retained the old homestead now owned by his sons, and which has been in possession of the family more than a century. He d. April 11, 1872.

- 17 I. *Jacob Bancroft*, b. Aug. 13, 1820; d. unmd. Nov. 29, 1851.  
 18 II. *Azariah James*, b. Dec. 11, 1821; md. March 29, 1871, A. Lavinia Titus, dau. of Joseph Titus. They reside in Boston.  
 19 III. *Samuel Hubbard*, b. Sept. 11, 1823; d. unmd. Feb. 8, 1847. He was a soldier in the Mexican war; d. at Tampico.  
 20 IV. *Thomas*, b. Sept. 11, 1825; md. Dec. 24, 1873. Harriet Maria Bragg, dau. of Daniel S. and Susannah (Bancroft) Bragg, of Temple, N. H. He is a farmer, and resides upon the homestead.  
 21 V. *Charles Gardner*, b. Aug. 1, 1827.  
 22 VI. *Leonard*, b. May 20, 1829; d. unmd. March 23, 1849.  
 23 VII. *Joseph*, b. April 18, 1831; d. March 5, 1842.  
 24 VIII. *Henry*, b. May 18, 1833; d. unmd. Sept. 16, 1852.  
 25 IX. *Amos*,  
 26 X. *Abigail*, } b. March 5, 1835; d. March 31, 1835.  
 } d. March 18, 1835.

1 AMOS BUTTRICK, a son of Abiel and Eunice (Heywood) Buttrick, of Concord and Winchendon, Mass., was b. in Winchendon Oct. 12, 1792. He md. 1816, Fanny Platts, dau. of Capt. Joseph Platts, of Rindge, *q. v.*, and settled upon the Platts farm, now owned by Martin L. Goddard. He was a carpenter, and directed the construction of many buildings in this town. For several years he was a deputy sheriff. He d. Jan. 6, 1854.

- 2 I. *Funny Platts*, b. Sept. 9, 1817; md. June 9, 1842,  
Henry Whitcomb, son of David Whitcomb, and  
grandson of Enoch Whitcomb, who resided sev-  
eral years on the farm now of Charles A. Wilder.  
For many years Mr. Whitcomb has conducted an  
extensive livery business in Winchendon.
- 3 1. George; md. Arabelle Aldrich.  
4 2. Charles; md. Sarah Carter.
- 5 II. *Triphosa Jewett*, b. Aug. 2, 1819; d. Oct. 7, 1822.  
6 III. *Amos Warren*, b. March 5, 1821. A carpenter in  
Winchendon; md. Oct. 16, 1845, Lorinda Porter.
- 7 IV. *George Marshall*, b. Nov. 24, 1822. +  
8 V. *Charles Heywood*, b. Sept. 8, 1824; d. March 3,  
1826.
- 9 VI. *Hiram Newell*, b. July 17, 1826; md. April 19,  
1849, Augusta P. Bennett, dau. of James Bennett,  
*q. v.* He d. in the service of his country May  
18, 1863, leaving two daughters and one son.
- 10 1. Ella E., b. 1850; md. June 11, 1866, Mason  
Whitney Baldwin, son of Mason Baldwin,  
of Winchendon.
- 11 2. Anna E., md. Marcellus Hodgman. Reside  
in Mason, N. H.
- 12 3. Hiram N.
- 13 VII. *Charles Augustus*, b. June 23, 1828; d. Feb. 25,  
1846.
- 14 VIII. *Cynthia M.*, b. May 14, 1830. Resides in Barre,  
Mass.
- 15 IX. *Nancy Triphosa*, b. April 12, 1832; md. Oct. 1,  
1855, Franklin W. Tucker. He d. July 19, 1861;  
md. (2d) Nov. 6, 1867, Hervey W. Bliss.
- 16 X. *Caroline Elizabeth*, b. April 8, 1834; md. Jan. 1,  
1865, Allen E. King, who d. Feb. 1, 1870.
- 17 XI. *Henry Appleton*, b. July 21, 1836; d. May 8, 1861.  
18 XII. *Ellen Mersilvia*, b. April 18, 1839; md. Sept. 16,  
1865, Charles W. Shattuck.

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(7) HON. GEORGE MARSHALL BUTTRICK removed to Barre,  
where he has been extensively engaged in business, and  
has been the recipient of many honors from his townsmen.  
In 1869 and 1870 he was a member of the State  
Senate. He md. May 1, 1845, Ann L. Stevens.

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1 ANDREW CALHOUN and family removed to Rindge  
1814, having previously purchased the Gardner place,  
now owned by Washington Snelling, which he occupied  
during his residence in this town. He was a son of  
William and Janet (Hamilton) Colhoun, and was b. in

Donegal County, Ireland, March 27, 1764. The Colhouns of the north of Ireland were descended from the Colquhouns of Ayer, Argyle Co., Scotland. Being Non-conformists or Presbyterians, many of them, leaving considerable possessions, removed to the north of Ireland, where they hoped to enjoy a religious freedom which was denied them in their native land. In 1790, Andrew Colhoun emigrated to Boston, and, adopting the orthography prevailing in this country, he subsequently wrote the name Calhoun. He md. in March, 1795, Martha Chamberlain, of Chelmsford, Mass., who was b. Feb. 20, 1770. Until his removal to Rindge he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, in which he was reasonably successful. He is remembered as a gentleman of refined manners and purity of character, and a devoted, exemplary Christian. In June, 1821, he removed to the State of New York, where Mrs. Calhoun d. in Dec., 1830. He soon after removed to Boston, and subsequently to Concord, N. H., where he d. in April, 1842. His children were born in Boston.

- 2 I. *William B.*, b. Dec. 29, 1795; d. Nov. 8, 1865; resided in Springfield, Mass. He represented his district in Congress eight years, and was Secretary of State and a member of the Massachusetts Legislature many years, and was seven times elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 3 II. *Charles*, b. June 24, 1797; d. Sept. 12, 1869. The methodical and efficient clerk of the Massachusetts State Senate.
- 4 III. *Andrew H.*, b. March 30, 1799; d. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1874. He held several offices under the State and general government, and was many years an able editor of a political paper in Oswego, N. Y.
- 5 IV. *Susan*, b. Oct. 17, 1800; md. 1823, Samuel C. Frey.
- 6 V. *Henry*, b. Oct. 24, 1802; d. in New York city May, 1867. For several years was Deputy Collector in New York Custom House.
- 7 VI. *Simeon Howard*, b. Aug. 15, 1804. For many years the well known and devoted missionary in Syria. His return to his native land during the summer of 1875 is confidently expected by many who will give him a cordial welcome.
- 8 VII. *John*, b. Oct. 14, 1806; resided many years in Springfield, Ill. Was the surveyor of whom President Lincoln learned the art. He was appointed by President Buchanan Surveyor-



- General of Kansas and Nebraska. He removed to the Territory, and d. in Kansas, Oct. 13, 1859.
- 9 VIII. *James*, b. Oct. 22, 1808; a merchant; d. in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 10, 1864.
- 10 IX. *Martha*, b. Nov. 3, 1813; resides in Chelmsford, Mass.

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**CARLTON.**

In the early history of the town, families of Carlton were numerous. William, Benjamin, and James settled here previous to the Revolution, and left a numerous progeny; but none of their descendants in the male line have resided in this town for many years, and the name has become extinct. George Carlton, a resident of Rindge, was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. It is not known that he was md., nor has the kinship existing between the early settlers of this name been ascertained.

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- 1 WILLIAM CARLTON settled in Rindge 1758. His house was on the site or near the dwelling-house of Charles A. Wilder. He was a farmer, an innholder, selectman 1768 and 1771. He was in Capt. Hale's company April, 1775, and in Col. Enoch Hale's regiment, which marched to Rhode Island 1778. Upon the records for 1773 is recorded: "William Carlton's marks of his Neat Cattle and Sheep is a Swallow Tale in the end of the right ear." He md. Nov. 10, 1760, Eunice Laws. He d. 1808, and his widow 1812.
- 2 I. *Eunice*, b. July 25, 1761; md. June 2, 1785, Jonathan French. He d. about 1790, leaving one son, and she md. (2d) April 6, 1797, David Robbins, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *William*, b. Nov. 22, 1762.
- 4 III. *George*, b. Feb. 13, 1865; d. young.
- 5 IV. *James*, } b. July 13, 1867.
- 6 v. *Lucy*, }
- 7 VI. *Mary*, b. Jan. 23, 1769; md. Nov. 16, 1794, Ephraim Houghton.
- 8 VII. *Sarah*, b. April 13, 1771; md. Nov. 11, 1792, James Streeter, son of James, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Phineas*, b. Feb. 19, 1772.
- 10 IX. *Betty*, b. May 9, 1774.
- 11 X. *Hannah*, b. March 29, 1776. Insane, and for many years supported by the town; d. March 30, 1858.
- 12 XI. *George*, b. Jan. 4, 1781; md. Aug. 9, 1801, Phebe Henry, dau. of Hugh Henry, *q. v.*
- 13 XII. *James*, b. Aug. 26, 1783.
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- 14 BENJAMIN CARLTON was b. in Andover, Mass., Oct. 23, 1751, and md. at Sutton, Mass., July 17, 1773, Elizabeth Smith, who was b. in Douglas April 20, 1753. He was in



Capt. Hale's company 1775, Col. Baldwin's regiment 1776, and Col. Enoch Hale's regiment 1778. They had two children born in Rindge.

- 15      i. *Joshua*, b. Nov. 13, 1774.  
16      ii. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 13, 1777.

17      JAMES CARLTON was from Andover, where he md. Aug. 25, 1761, Elizabeth Sherwin, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Lurvey) Sherwin, and a sister of Samuel and Capt. Asa Sherwin, of Rindge. He removed to this town about 1769, and settled on the farm now of Albert Adams, where he d. May 20, 1815, aged 85. There may have been one or more children not included in the following register:—

- 18      i. *Sarah*, b. in Andover, —; md. Dec. 29, 1785,  
John Streeter, of Rindge, *q. v.*  
19      ii. *Elizabeth*, b. in Andover, July 21, 1766; md.  
Amos Cutler, of Rindge, *q. v.*  
20      iii. *David*, b. in Andover, 1768. +  
21      iv. *Obadiah*, b. in Rindge, Nov. 22, 1770. +  
22      v. *John*, b. Feb. 22, 1773; md. Feb. 4, 1801, Esther  
Cutter, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Wyman)  
Cutter. He was a saddler, and removed to  
Woodstock, Vt., where he d. previous to 1812,  
and his widow returned to Rindge, and d. Nov.  
8, 1814.  
23      vi. *Enoch*, b. May 22, 1775; d. March 30, 1777.  
24      vii. *Susan*, b. April 1, 1777; md. Col. Josiah Wilder.  
*q. v.*  
25      viii. *Mary*, b. Oct. 1, 1779; d. Aug. 18, 1782.  
26      ix. *Mary*, b. Aug. 27, 1784; md. Luther, son of Lem-  
uel Page, *q. v.*

(20)      DAVID CARLTON md. Nov. 9, 1808, Sarah (Hunt) Hapgood, a divorced wife of Joseph Hapgood, and a dau. of Simon and Lucy (Raymond) Hunt, of Acton, Mass. She was b. Aug. 4, 1773. He resided upon the farm formerly of his father, and d. Oct. 17, 1840. His wife d. Nov. 8, 1828.

- 27      i. *Lucy Raymond*, b. Dec. 27, 1809; md. Dec. 29,  
1830, Asa W. Holden, of Shirley, Mass.  
28      ii. *John Wilder*, b. April 8, 1812.

(21)      OBADIAH CARLTON md. Nov. 22, 1793, Phebe Tyler; he md. (2d) Polly (Bancroft) Pratt, widow of Nathan Pratt, by whom she had a son, Nathan. She was a dau. of John and Mary (Newell) Bancroft, of Rindge, *q. v.* He built the house on the farm south of his father's farm, owned

many years by Isaac Chadwick, and removed to Union, Broome Co., New York, about 1817, and from thence to Princeton, Ill., where he d. Jan. 31, 1854.

- 29           i. *James Bancroft*, b. in Rindge March 28, 1815.  
30           ii. *John Newell*, b. in Union Dec. 21, 1818.

1           JUDE CARTER and wife Sarah, from Leominster, were here previous to 1780. No record of the birth of their children has been secured, and perhaps all of them are not named in this register. He was deaf and dumb.

- 2           i. *Nancy*, md. Luther Goodridge. Resided in Rindge.  
3           ii. *Jonas*, bap. in Rindge Aug. 27, 1780.  
4           iii. *Polly*, bap. in Rindge Aug. 27, 1780; md. April 14, 1798, David Beaman, of Winchendon, where they resided and where their ten children were b.  
5           iv. *Jude*, bap. July 8, 1781; md. Feb. 6, 1812, Abigail Peirce, dau. of Samuel Peirce, of Jaffrey. Resided in Rindge until 1818, when they removed to Pennsylvania. Three children b. in Rindge.  
6                   1. Liberty, b. Dec. 22, 1812.  
7                   2. Sylvester, b. Sept. 4, 1815.  
8                   3. Abigail, b. July 25, 1817.

9           CAPT. JONAH CARTER, b. 1773, a brother of Jude, Senior, md. 1792 Lucy Joslin, b. in Leominster 1773. After their marriage they resided eight years in Jaffrey, where three children were b. In 1800 they removed to this town, where he d. Feb. 25, 1837, aged 64. His widow d. Sept. 18, 1846. Their children were:—

- 10           i. *Lucy*, b. March 20, 1794; md. Aug. 15, 1825, Charles Smith; d. in Binghampton, N. Y., March 16, 1866.  
11           ii. *Susan*, b. March 12, 1796; md. Nov. 13, 1816, Nathan Stratton; d. at Binghampton, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1869.  
12           iii. *Fordice*, b. March 4, 1799; md. Jan. 30, 1825, Lucy Palmer, of Boston; d. at Jaffrey July 16, 1862.  
13           iv. *Orinda*, b. Dec. 15, 1800; d. unmd. in Rindge Sept. 3, 1841.  
14           v. *Jonah*, b. April 2, 1803; d. Feb. 15, 1819.  
15           vi. *Grata*, b. Dec. 26, 1804; md. Sept. 21, 1854, Samuel Marble; d. in Jaffrey Feb. 9, 1872.  
16           vii. *Charles*, b. Oct. 26, 1806; md. Feb. 12, 1829, Eliza A. Robbins, of Jaffrey; d. in Jaffrey Sept. 24, 1860.  
17           viii. *Stillman*, b. Sept. 6, 1808; d. in Rindge March 25, 1814.

- 18 ix. *Josiah*, b. Dec. 2, 1811; md. April 27, 1838, Jane Robbins.  
 19 x. *Luke*, b. Sept. 20, 1814; md. Nov. 3, 1839, Lucy Roys. At this date, Dec. 21, 1874, Josiah and Luke are the only surviving children.

1 BARNABAS CARY was a blacksmith who removed from Attleborough, Mass., 1768. Mr. Cary d. 1795, aged 76, and his wife Mary d. Feb. 14, 1780, aged 55. The names and births of his children are given with approximate accuracy, although it would appear from an old rhyme, well remembered by many of the aged people in this town, that the name of one child was omitted. The distraught poet probably introduced the name of an imaginary individual for euphonic effect. Poetic license has a wide range. The children were said to be:—

“Bumlick and Sary,  
 Margret and Mary,  
 Barnabas and Lazarus,  
 And little Johnny Cary.”

The record, however, is more extended.

- 2 i. *Elizabeth*, b. about 1755; md. Benjamin Foster,  
 3 *q. v.*  
 4 ii. *Sarah*, b. about 1757.  
 5 iii. *Barnabas*, b. about 1759. +  
 6 iv. *Margaret*, b. about 1761; md. May 24, 1789, Abel  
 7 *Gilson.*  
 8 v. *John*, b. about 1763. +  
 9 vi. *Lazarus*, b. about 1765.  
 8 vii. *Mary*, b. about 1767.  
 9 viii. *Theodore*, b. about 1770.

(4) BARNABAS CARY served three and one half months in Col. Nichol's regiment. He was a blacksmith, and engaged in making springs for the shuttles used in the hand looms. He resided where Reuben Buzzell now lives. He was married and had a large family, but no record has been secured. Among his children were Clarissa, Isaac, Hiram, and William. The latter has been an extensive manufacturer in Medway, Mass., and many years a member of the Legislature.

(6) JOHN CARY md. June 5, 1794, Judith Godding, dau. of Henry Godding, *q. v.* Except 1801 to 1811, when he was in New Ipswich, he resided in Rindge until 1814, when he removed from town.

- 10 i. *John*, b. May 14, 1797; d. April 15, 1812.  
 11 ii. *Judith*, b. May 2, 1801; d. Oct. 1, 1805.  
 12 iii. *Isaac*, b. June 10, 1803; d. Sept. 27, 1805.

- 13 iv. *Isaac*, b. April 19, 1806.  
 14 v. *Gilman*, b. Dec. 1, 1808.  
 15 vi. *Alvin*, b. Aug. 26, 1811; d. April 26, 1812.  
 16 vii. *John*, b. July 8, 1813.
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- 1 JOSHUA CHADWICK, a brother of David, who settled in Jaffrey, was b. in Andover, Mass., 1754. He md. Mary Crumbie, dau. of Lieut. James Crumbie, of Rindge, *q. v.* In 1780, or a short time previous, he removed to Rindge, where he reared a large family. He d. Dec. 5, 1840, aged 86. His widow d. July 3, 1845, aged 84.
- 2 i. *Sally*, b. June 10, 1779; d. April 18, 1795.  
 3 ii. *Polly*, b. Sept. 22, 1780; md. — as his sixth wife — Benjamin Thurston, of Bradford, Mass., and d. soon after March 1, 1808, and he, undaunted, md. again.
- 4 iii. *Susan*, b. July 14, 1782; md. in April, 1807, Joseph Parker, of Boxford, Mass. He d. Nov., 1807, and she md. (2d) Feb. 3, 1818, John Twitchel, son of Ebenezer and Waitstill (Greenwood) Twitchel, of Dublin, N. H. They resided in Dublin. She d. Sept. 5, 1862. One child by first marriage: —
- 5 1. Polly, b. March 16, 1808; md. Paul Todd, son of Joshua Todd, *q. v.*  
 Three children by second marriage: —
- 6 2. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 24, 1818; md. George W. Todd, son of Joshua Todd, *q. v.*  
 7 3. Rebecca, b. Aug. 20, 1821; md. Joseph S. Hubbard, son of Levi Hubbard, *q. v.*  
 8 4. Julia, b. Dec. 19, 1823; md. Sept. 18, 1853, M. V. Fiske. Reside in Berlin, Mich.
- 9 iv. *Isaac*, b. July 16, 1784; md. Aug. 5, 1816, Betsey Peabody, dau. of Dudley and Rebecca (Towne) Peabody, of Andover. They resided upon the farm previously owned by Obadiah Carlton. They had one son: —
- 10 1. Abner Foster, b. April 26, 1822. +  
 Capt. Chadwick d. July 30, 1860, aged 76, and his widow md. (2d) April 27, 1865, Roswell Keyes, son of James and Miriam (Babcock) Keyes, of Northborough, Mass. They reside with her son, A. F. Chadwick.
- 11 v. *Rebecca*, b. Oct. 1, 1786; d. June 2, 1789.  
 12 vi. *Rebecca*, b. Aug. 15, 1789; md. Aug. 4, 1813, Stephen Adams, of Jaffrey, where they resided. She d., *s. p.*, Nov. 22, 1857.



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| 1 | AUGUSTUS A. CHAMBERLAIN, son of David Chamberlain, of Jaffrey, md. Nov. 19, 1839, Sarah A. Towne, dau. of Greene Towne, <i>q. v.</i> , and resided in Rindge until about 1855, when he removed to Jaffrey. |
| 2 | I. <i>Sarah.</i>   |
| 3 | II. <i>Lucy.</i>   |

## CHAPLIN.

HUGH CHAPLIN and wife Elizabeth were among the earliest settlers of Rowley, Mass. He was there previous to 1643, when his name occurs as the owner of a house lot. He was admitted freeman 1642, and d. 1660. His sons, John, Joseph, Thomas, and Jonathan, were b. between 1642 and 1652. The line of descent between these and the Chaplins of Rindge and vicinity is direct, although a few connecting links have not been secured. Ebenezer and Samuel Chaplin were here previous to the Revolution, and Micah came a few years subsequently.

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| 1  | EBENEZER CHAPLIN was b. in Rowley, Mass., and after a brief residence in Atkinson, he removed about 1769 with his wife Mary, and settled near the bend in the road between the residences of T. and C. G. Buswell and Joshua Norcross. He was twice md. By his first wife, Rebecca, he had three or four children. The second wife of Jabez Norcross was probably his dau. |
| 2  | I. <i>Samuel</i> , came to Rindge. †   |
| 3  | II. <i>Micah</i> , b. 1744; came to Rindge. †  |
| 4  | III. <i>Lucy</i> , b. 1750; md. Jeremiah Norcross, <i>q. v.</i>  |
|    | By wife Mary he had six children.  |
| 5  | IV. <i>Rebecca</i> , —; md. Thomas Graton, of Winchendon, and d. at an advanced age.   |
| 6  | V. <i>Hezekiah</i> , b. in Atkinson Aug. 5, 1767; md. in Jaffrey Feb. 20, 1788, Deborah Mower. He was taxed in Rindge until 1796.  |
| 7  | VI. <i>Jeremiah</i> , b. in Rindge March 2, 1770.  |
| 8  | VII. <i>Polly</i> , b. July 20, 1772; md. Dec. 2, 1792, James Murdock, son of James and Deborah (Williams) Murdock, of Winchendon, where they resided. She d. April 9, 1849. Their second, seventh, and eighth children d. young.  |
| 9  | 1. Cloe T., b. Sept. 7, 1793; md. Feb. 25, 1819, James Wilson.   |
| 10 | 3. Edward N., b. April 22, 1797; md. Philinda Walker.  |
| 11 | 4. Tabitha M., b. Feb., 1800; md. Aaron L. Phelps.   |
| 12 | 5. James, b. June 29, 1802; md. Silence Nutting.   |



- 13                   6. Daphne P., b. March 25, 1806; md. Paul  
Pierce.
- 14                   9. Maria, b. March 15, 1816; md. Asa P. Rand,  
son of Gates Rand, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 15   VIII. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 31, 1774; md. Dec. 29, 1794,  
Jacob Parks, son of William Parks, of Winch-  
endon. They were md. in Rindge by Dr. Pay-  
son, and resided in W.
- 16                   1. Polycrates, b. Jan. 10, 1796.
- 17                   2. Thomas G., b. Jan. 6, 1798.
- 18                   3. Sophronia, b. Sept. 5, 1799.
- 19                   IX. *John*, b. June 30, 1777.

(2)       SAMUEL CHAPLIN, son of Ebenezer, was here from 1775, or earlier, until 1797. He was in Col. Baldwin's regiment 1776, in Capt. Brown's company 1777, and in Capt. Rand's company later in the same year. If he had a family, no record of it has been found. Perhaps he was younger than Micah.

(3)       MICAH CHAPLIN, also a son of Ebenezer, was b. in Rowley 1744. After several years' service in the Revolutionary army, he came to Rindge and settled in the north-west corner of the town, and very near the site of the old Methodist meeting-house. He was a farmer and a school-teacher. Late in life he removed to Fitzwilliam, and resided with his son, where he d. in 1819. He md., previous to his removal to this town, Betsey Philbrick, by whom he had six children.

- 20           I. *Hannah*, —; md. 1791, Cornelius Towne, of Rindge, and later of Dublin. *Vide* registers of Towne family in this volume.
- 21           II. *Lucretia*, —; md. March 8, 1795, David Norcross, son of Jeremiah and Luey (Chaplin) Norcross, *q. v.*
- 22           III. *Betsey*, b. —; md. Oct. 8, 1794, Bulkley Hunt, son of Peter and Sarah (Leighton) Hunt, of Littleton, Mass., and Rindge, *q. v.* Removed to Brandon, Vt.
- 23           IV. *Ruth*, b. 1770; md. May 15, 1792, Timothy Metcalf, of Rindge, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 8, 1865, aged 94.
- 24           V. *Moses*, b. 1772; md. Martha Bent. +
- 25           VI. *Mary*, b. 1782; md. May 2, 1809, Artemas Beard, of Fitzwilliam. He d. June 4, 1853, aged 79; she d. Sept. 19, 1870, aged 88. Lydia, the eldest child of Mr. Beard, named below, was by a former marriage.



- 26 1. Lydia, b. Dec. 30, 1801; md. John Colburn,  
of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 27 2. Mary F., b. Feb. 7, 1810; md. John P.  
Symonds, Esq., of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 28 3. Rusina, b. April 18, 1812; md. Elisha H.  
Tolman, of Troy, N. H.
- 29 4. Elizabeth B., b. Dec. 20, 1814; md. —  
Bemis, of Ashburnham.
- 30 5. Bethyah Emeline, b. Sept. 27, 1817; md.  
Curtis Drury, of Fitzwilliam. He d. 1866.
- 31 6. Sarah N., b. March 23, 1820; md. George  
W. Whitcomb.
- 32 7. Laura E., b. Feb. 19, 1826; md. Clifford  
Alexander, of Troy.

(24) MOSES CHAPLIN was taxed in Rindge until 1800, when he removed to Fitzwilliam, where he md. Sept. 25, 1800, Martha Bent of that place. He was a respected citizen. He d. Nov. 21, 1859.

- 33 I. *Mary*, b. Dec. 23, 1801; md. Martin Streeter, of  
Fitzwilliam.
- 34 II. *Laurena*, b. Jan. 22, 1803; md. Dec. 30, 1824, Elisha  
Gregory.
- 35 III. *Milton*, b. April 7, 1805; md. Nov. 30, 1830, Caroline  
Allen, dau. of John J. (Esq.) and Cynthia  
(Amidon) Allen, of Fitzwilliam. He was one of  
the pioneer manufacturers of wooden ware. Has  
been a successful merchant in Fitzwilliam, Bos-  
ton, and Adrian, Mich. He now resides in Fitz-  
william, and is a deacon of the Unitarian Church,  
Treasurer of the Fitzwilliam Savings Bank, and  
has frequently held positions of a municipal  
character.
- 36 1. Frances A., b. Sept. 30, 1831; md. Feb. 11,  
1852, Philip S. Batcheller, Esq., son of Dr.  
James Batcheller, of Marlborough. She  
d. Dec. 28, 1871. Mr. B. resides in Fitz-  
william. Popular and respected, he has  
been frequently appointed to positions of  
trust. He was two years in the Legis-  
lature, and has been postmaster for the  
past twenty years.
- 37 2. Elliot M., b. June 8, 1834; md. Nov. 8,  
1860, Jennie E. Lazilier; resides in Iowa.
- 38 3. Martha A., b. Oct. 1, 1842; md. Dec. 14,  
1867, Charles Newton, of Fitzwilliam.
- 39 iv. *Julia*, b. Oct. 1, 1807; md. Aug. 8, 1826, Lyman  
Deeth.

- 40 1. Moses Sumner, b. May 24, 1827; md. Oct. 24, 1848, Lois A. Ingalls, dau. of Josiah Ingalls, of Fitzwilliam Residence in Rindge. She d. 1870.
- 41 2. Julia Ann, b. Nov. 2, 1828; md. George A. Parker, son of Hon. A. A. Parker, of F.
- 42 3. Martha A., b. May 25, 1830; md. Samuel M. G. Colburn, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 43 4. Lyman C., b. Jan. 6, 1832. Resides in Jaffrey.
- 44 5. Jane R., b. Oct. 4, 1833; md. William Newell, of Jaffrey. Resides in Sunderland, Vt.
- 45 6. Martin S., b. Jan. 30, 1835; md. Jane E. Bent, dau. of Elisha Bent; md. (2d) Addie N. Stiles.
- 46 v. *Roxanna*, b. Oct. 18, 1812; md. Nov. 27, 1833, Ephraim Whitney Weston, son of Dea. Stephen and Susan (Whitney) Weston, of Winchendon. He d. Oct. 29, 1854. She md. (2d) Oct. 16, 1861, Edwin Parks, son of Luke Parks, of Winchendon. They now reside in Keene, N. H. By her former marriage she had one son:—
- 47 1. Irving E. Weston, b. May 11, 1835; md. Sept. 1, 1859, Hattie Mason, of Sullivan. They have three children, who are the sixth generation from Ebenezer Chaplin, of Rindge, whose name stands at the head of this family. Mr. Weston is engaged in manufacturing in Winchendon, and has efficiently served the town several years in the supervision of the public schools.
- 48 vi. *Elisha*, b. Oct. 27, 1816; md. Jan. 31, 1844, Sarah R. Marshall, dau. of Capt. Abel Marshall, of Jaffrey. A farmer in Fitzwilliam.
- 49 1. Martha Abbie, b. Jan. 4, 1854.
- 50 2. Marshall Elisha, b. Sept. 28, 1858.
- 51 vii. *Martha*, b. Dec. 19, 1823; d. unmd. aged 19.
- 52 viii. *Moses*, b. Sept. 22, 1828; md. Nov. 26, 1849, Abigail Marshall, dau. of Capt. Abel Marshall, of Jaffrey. He d. in Fitzwilliam.
- 53 1. Emma Frances, b. Feb. 4, 1854.  
2. Julia R., b. April 26, 1856.  
3. Winfield M., b. June 8, 1868.

1 JEREMIAH CHAPMAN, with wife Mercy, came to Rindge very soon after the date of incorporation. In early deeds he is styled a cordwainer, a name at that time applied to shoe-makers; but later he was engaged in some kind of manufacturing where are now the mills of A. S. Coffin, Esq. He probably d. in this town about 1793. His widow d. April 16, 1835, aged 90.

2 I. *John*, bap. 1775.

3 II. *Amos*, bap. 1777.

1 GEORGE CLARK was in town in 1770, and was md. by Enoch Hale, Esq., July 10 of that year. Two years later owned the covenant, and subsequently had three children baptized. William 1772, Hannah 1773, and Elizabeth 1775. This is the last heard of him. If he had remained in the town during the next few years, his name probably would have appeared upon the records.

2 DAVID CLARK, son of David, was b. at South Danvers, Mass., Oct. 19, 1789; md. April 4, 1813, Rhoda Sprague. They removed to Rindge 1819, and settled in the south-east part of the town on the farm subsequently occupied by Dea. Adin Cummings. A short time previous to his death he built the house on the Jonathan Ingalls place, now occupied by Harris Hale. He d. Nov. 15, 1838, and his widow March 19, 1865.

3 I. *David Porter*, b. Feb. 19, 1814. Although a mute, he is a man of intelligence, and is thoroughly informed of the current topics of the day. He md. May 7, 1840, Elvira Derby, of Lowell, Mass. She d., leaving one daughter, April 14, 1841; md. (2d) Feb. 22, 1844, Mary McVennan, who was the mother of four children, and d. Jan. 1, 1849; md. (3d) Oct. 1, 1857, Sophronia Titcomb, dau. of Capt. George Titcomb, of Falmouth, Me. Reside in Rindge.

4 1. Elvira D., b. March 29, 1841; md. May 26, 1864, William D. Hickok.

5 2. Isabella L., b. Sept. 9, 1845; md. James P. Blair, of Peterborough, N. H., where they reside.

6 3. Frank A., b. Nov. 3, 1847; d. Aug. 28, 1850.

7 4. Clara M., b. April 16, 1851; d. Sept. 10, 1852.

8 5. George M., b. Feb. 27, 1856.

9 II. *Lavina*, b. Dec. 31, 1815; d. unmd. Oct. 19, 1841.

- 10    iii. *Henry*, b. Dec. 31, 1817; md. Esther W. Gilbert, of Croyden. He d., *s. p.*, Jan. 1, 1849. His widow md. (2d) E. D. Walton, son of Nathan Walton, *q. v.*
- 11    iv. *Theodore*, b. Dec. 26, 1819; md. Frances A. Ferrald, and resides in Wilmot, N. H.
- 12    v. *Augusta A.*, b. April 21, 1823; md., 1844, C. M. Beckley, of Providence, R. I. He d. Jan. 1, 1864, and she md. (2d) 1868, John A. Bishop. Reside in Pawtucket, R. I.
- 13    vi. *Louisa B.*, b. June 20, 1825; d. Aug. 11, 1840.
- 14    vii. *Louisa B.*, b. Jan. 14, 1828; md., 1848, Andrew W. Sawyer. Resides in Worcester, Mass.
- 15    viii. *Alfred*, b. Nov. 30, 1829; md. July 23, 1848, Sarah M. Sawyer.
- 16    ix. *Adolphus*, b. Feb. 4, 1832; md. Oct. 9, 1860, Nellie Jewett. He has been in Europe several years, attending to the extensive business of the firm of Dows, Clark & Co., of which he is a member.
- 17    x. *Jane E.*, b. Feb. 11, 1836; d. June 29, 1849.

1    JAMES CLAY, of Putney, Vt., and Rachel Prescott, dau. of Benjamin Prescott, Esq., of Jaffrey, were md. in Jaffrey, Nov. 14, 1815, and settled in the north part of this town, near Long Pond, a few years later. He d. Jan. 4, 1838, aged 54. His widow, b. Aug. 30, 1783—the oldest person in Rindge,—resides with her son, on the old place.

- 2    i. *James P.*, b. ——. Is a farmer in Rindge.
- 3    ii. *Rachel*, b. April 15, 1819; d. unmd. about 1867.
- 4    iii. *Susan B.*, b. Feb. 13, 1826.

1    JOSIAH COBURN resided in the north-west part of the town, and afterwards upon the farm now of Addison Bancroft. No record of his marriage has been received. A short time previous to his death he went to Hancock to reside with one of his children, where he d. 1835. His wife d. 1832.

- 2    i. *Josiah*, md. March 10, 1803, Olive Pollard. Resided in Boston, and subsequently in St. Louis, Mo.
- 3    ii. *Elizabeth*, md. Maj. John Bancroft, *q. v.*
- 4    iii. *Joshua*, md. Sept. 21, 1808, Eunice Jones, dau. of Asa Jones, *q. v.* Lived and d. (1874) in Boston. His wife d. April 19, 1871.
- 5    iv. *Luke*, unmd.; d., *felo de se*, June 2, 1816.
- 6    v. *Nancy*, md. John Streeter, Jr., *q. v.*

## COFFEEN.

Families bearing this name were early in Rindge. They were not related to the more numerous Coffin family, of Newbury, and, later, of other New England towns. This name, on Topsfield and Lunenburg (Mass.), Rindge, Jaffrey, and Acworth (N. H.), Cavendish, and other Vermont records, has been spelled Coffeen, Coffien, Coffein, Coffen, and Coffin, and more rarely as Cuffeen; but the orthography here adopted invariably appears in original signatures of the family while resident in this town. Michael Coffeen, the father of those who resided in Rindge, was a native of Ireland, and of wealthy and respectable parentage. Emigrating to America at the age of sixteen, four years later he md., and settled in Topsfield. In 1738, he and his wife Lydia were admitted to the church in Lunenburg, where they continued to reside for several years. They subsequently were found in Winchendon; but no record of their death, or removal from that town, has been discovered.

1 | JOHN COFFEEN, the eldest son of Michael, was b. in Topsfield. After following the seas for a few years, he md., about 1752, Susannah Goldsmith, of Boston, and came to Rindge in 1758, and possibly a year or two earlier. In 1755 he was in Middletown, Conn., but he did not long remain there, — nearly a year. He resided upon the farm now of Thomas and Charles G. Buswell, and was an active, enterprising citizen. In 1769 he removed to Cavendish, Vt., and was the first settler in that town. Mr. Coffeen was subsequently prospered in his worldly estate, and was honored with many promotions in civil affairs. He was the first representative from Cavendish in the Assembly, and held the office several years. There were several children, but the names of only two can be given.

2 | I. *Eleazer*, bap. in Rindge 1766.  
3 | II. *Lake*, b. in Rindge about 1762. A graduate of Dartmouth College. *Vide* page 358.

4 | HENRY COFFEEN, a brother of John, was b. in Lunenburg April 6, 1738. He was also one of those who joined in the petitions concerning the minister tax. An equal of his brother in ability, he was prominent in the affairs of the proprietary and subsequently of the town. His house was near the Jaffrey line, and not far from the western extremity of Long Pond. He was selectman in 1770, and removed to Jaffrey a short time after, where he was selectman in 1774, a captain of the first military company, and otherwise honored by the citizens of that town. He removed to Acworth, N. H., in 1780, and was drowned, 1785, in a freshet which carried away his mill. He md. previous to 1765, Lucy Hale, dau. of Moses Hale, senior, *q. v.* At this date, Lucy, his wife, joins in the conveyance of a tract of land in this town. The date of her death is unknown, but probably about 1776. He md. (2d) Mehita-



ble Smith, of Acworth. "Moses, David and Lucy, children of Henry Coffeen, deceased," are named in Cheshire Probate Records for 1785, and a guardian appointed. The six first named were children of the first wife.

- 5 I. *Henry*.
- 6 II. *Nathan*. Removed to State of New York.
- 7 III. *Moses*.
- 8 IV. *David*.
- 9 V. *Lydia*.
- 10 VI. *Lucy*.
- 11 VII. *Daniel*, a son of the second wife, md. Polly Currier. Resided in Acworth and in Johnson, Vt. Five of his ten children are now living, of whom Mrs. Lucy M. Tyler, of Cambridge, Vt., is the eldest.

12 ELEAZER COFFEEN was b. Sept. 14, 1731, and lived in Rindge about twenty years. In 1778 he removed to Cavendish, Vt. In 1771 he was not md.

13 PRISCILLA COFFEEN, a sister of John, etc., b. Sept. 2, 1742; md. Caleb Huston, of Rindge, *q. v.*

1 SILAS COFFIN, son of Dea. George and Abigail (Raymond) Coffin, of Winchendon, was b. June 27, 1792. He learned the trade of clothier in Marlborough, N. H. Thoroughly familiar with the early and laborious process of manufacturing woolen fabrics, he became one of the pioneers in the introduction of the power loom. He is the originator of the bobbin for holding the yarn which is employed with this class of machinery, and upon which its early success was greatly dependent. He soon became associated in the manufacture of woolen goods in Royalston, Mass., with Rufus Bullock, the father of Gov. Bullock. Their mill was burned in 1832. Eight years later Mr. Coffin removed to this town, and established the business now conducted by his son, A. S. Coffin, Esq. He md. Sally Rogers, dau. of John Rogers, of Marlboro, N. H., who d. July 5, 1869, and he md. (2d) Charlotte (Moors) Raymond, widow of Charles Raymond, and dau. of Nathaniel and Lucy (Gary) Moors, of Jaffrey. His sons, Dr. Silas N., a physician of East Chatham, N. Y., Perley S., of Newport, and Samuel B., have not been permanent residents of this town. Two daughters d. young.

2 I. *George S.*, md. Sarah R. Scovill. Resided in Rindge 1840-42, and 1860-1864. For many years he has been a dealer in wool, and extensively engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. Resides in Winchendon.



- 3       ii. *Nancy M.*, md. Sept. 22, 1862, Francis W. Thissell,  
son of Richard Thissell. They reside in New-  
port, N. H.
- 4       iii. *Arba Sherwin*, md. Nov. 10, 1857, Jeanette C.  
Billings, dau. of Thomas and Amy (Haskell)  
Billings, of Ludlow, Vt. He is a manufacturer  
in Rindge.
- 5               1. Willie H., b. May, 1864.

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1       EBENEZER COLBURN md. Mercy Everett, and after a  
residence of several years in Natick, they removed to this  
town in the year 1779, where they lived to an advanced  
age. They were highly respected, and are still pleasantly  
remembered by not a few of the aged residents of the  
present time. He d. Sept. 17, 1824, aged 86; she d.  
March 25, 1828, aged 87. As far as known their children  
were:—

- 2               i. *Nancy*, b. Sept. 16, 1763; md. Dr. Stephen Jewett,  
*q. v.*
- 3               ii. *Ebenezer*, b. April 2, 1765; md. Hannah Jewett. +
- 4               iii. *Jonathan*, b. in Rindge Feb. 9, 1780; d. 1798.
- 5               iv. *Isaac*, b. 1782; md. Feb. 2, 1808, Sally Putnam.  
He d. in Rindge, leaving four children, April 2,  
1837.
- 6                   1. Luman, b. Nov. 21, 1808; md. Emeline  
Howe, dau. of Peter Howe, *q. v.*, and lived  
upon the homestead of his father several  
years.
- 7                   2. Elmira, b. Oct. 10, 1811.
- 8                   3. Harriet, b. Sept. 28, 1814.
- 9                   4. Ellis, b. June 30, 1818; d. in Boston about  
1850.
- 10               v. *Mary*, —; md. April 29, 1813, Talmon Jennings.  
She d. Feb. 18, 1818; he d. Sept. 10, 1856, aged  
91.
- 11                   1. Mary, b. 1816; d. unmd. Nov. 22, 1841.

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(3)       EBENEZER COLBURN md. Oct. 17, 1790, Hannah Jewett,  
dau. of Ezekiel, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge. He was  
familiarily styled Dea. Colburn in recognition of his  
blameless life and unimpeachable character. He d. May  
1, 1822, and his widow md. (2d) March 9, 1826, George  
Buffum, of Richmond, N. H., where they resided until his  
death. She d. in Rindge May 20, 1856. The children of  
Ebenezer and Hannah (Jewett) Colburn were as follows:

- 12               i. *Nahum*, b. March 20, 1791; d. July 22, 1793.
- 13               ii. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 7, 1792; md. Benjamin Davison,  
*q. v.*

- 14     iii. *David*, b. March 2, 1794; md. Lydia Sears; (2d) Mary E. Foster. He d. June 26, 1834. Of six children, the only one living is Lydia, wife of Marshall N. Cutter, Esq., a prominent citizen of Charlestown, Mass.
- 15     iv. *Infant*, b. March 2, 1795; d. same month.
- 16     v. *Leonard*, b. Feb. 29, 1796; md. Polly Corey; (2d) Mrs. Wilder. +
- 17     vi. *Infant*, b. March, 1797; d. same month.
- 18     vii. *Infant*, b. March, 1798; d. same month.
- 19     viii. *John*, b. March 15, 1799; md. Dec. 1, 1825, Lydia Beard, of Fitzwilliam. See Chaplin, No. 17. He d. in Richmond, March, 1870. Their children were: (1) John W.; (2) Ann E.; (3) Fanny; (4) Charles O.; (5) Henry; (6) Artemas B.
- 20     ix. *Abram*, b. Oct. 2, 1800; md. Nov. 26, 1840, Mrs. Hannah Clough, of Salem, Mass. No children. He d. May 27, 1852.
- 21     x. *Mercy*, b. Feb. 9, 1802; md. Nathan Upton, of Peterborough, N. H. Removed to Columbus, O. She d. May 29, 1828, leaving (1) Julia A., (2) Mercy S.
- 22     xi. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 13, 1804; md. Nov. 2, 1845, John Walker. She d., *s. p.*, Oct. 16, 1855.
- 23     xii. *Isaac*, b. Oct. 27, 1805; d. Oct. 16, 1806.
- 24     xiii. *Fanny*, b. March 26, 1807; md. J. Lyman Wetherbee, *q. v.*
- 25     xiv. *Norris*, b. April 17, 1809; md. Martha L. Carter, dau. of Joseph Carter, of Fitzwilliam. He was killed by the Indians, between Santa Fe and St. Louis, April 5, 1847. Three children:—
- 26             1. George N.
- 27             2. Martha A., —; md. George A. Whitney, *q. v.*
- 28             3. Nancy D.
- 29     xv. *Clarissa*, b. Dec. 9, 1812; md. Jan. 31, 1833, Ebenezer Carter, son of Joseph Carter, of Fitzwilliam. Resides in Fitzwilliam. Nine children. 1, 2, 3, and 8 d. in childhood.
- 30             4. Henrietta C., b. Oct. 9, 1840; md. — Whitney; md. (2d) Bethnel Ellis, Esq., of Winchendon.
- 31             5. Florence M., b. March 12, 1843; md. — Fiske.
- 32             6. Herbert E., b. Sept. 9, 1845.
- 33             7. Norris C., b. Aug. 26, 1848.
- 34             9. Sarah T., b. Feb. 16, 1854; md. Charles Whitcomb, son of Henry and Fanny (Buttrick) Whitcomb.

- (16) LEONARD COLBURN md. Polly Corey, of New York; md. (2d) Mrs. Currency Wilder, by whom he had six children. He resided many years in this town, where he d. July 7, 1859.
- 35 I. *Samuel M. G.*, md. Martha A. Deeth, dau. of Lyman and Julia (Chaplin) Deeth.
- 36 II. *Clarissa.*
- 37 III. *Hannah.*
- 38 IV. *Maria M.*, md. Charles D. Kimball, son of Samuel M. Kimball, *q. v.*
- 39 V. *George.*
- 40 VI. *Estella.*
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- 1 ASA COLE md. Anna Goldsmith, and resided in Harvard several years previous to his removal to Rindge in 1796. He resided in West Rindge, and was active in securing the construction of the canal from Grassy Pond, which has greatly increased the value of the mill sites in that locality. He removed to Westmoreland about 1805, where he subsequently d. It was his eldest son, Asa Cole, who was taxed in this town a few years about 1830. Only one other of the sons has been permanently located here.
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- 2 CAPT. CHARLES H. COLE, the youngest son of Asa Cole, senior, followed the seas for several years, and was sometime in command of a ship in the whaling service. He md. May 17, 1746, Caroline G. Cutler, *q. v.* He d. from wounds received on the sea from the bursting of a gun. His widow md. (2d) Oct. 4, 1854, Dr. Edmund Seyffarth, *Vide* Chap. XVII., who d. in Lawrence, Mass., July 21, 1874. Charles W. Cole, son of Capt. Charles, b. Oct. 23, 1848; md. Amy Hoag, of Barnard, Vt. Resides in Boston, Mass.



## CONVERSE.

The original seat of the Converse family was in Navarre, France, from whence was Roger de Coigniers who emigrated to England near the end of the reign of William the Conqueror, and to whom the Bishop of Durham gave the Constablership of Durham. Among his descendants, Conyers of Horden, Durham, was created a baronet July 14, 1628. Sir Humphry, the eighth generation, wrote the name Coigniers, and Sir Christopher, the twentieth generation, adopted the orthography of Conyers. In Navarre, in the sixteenth century, the residence of a family of this name was known as the Chateau de Coigniers. Those bearing the name were Huguenots, or French Protestants. In the massacre on St. Bartholomew's day, in 1572, many of this family fell victims to the rage of the Papists, and Pierre Coigniers, who was attached to the Court of Henry IV. of France, having witnessed the assassination of his kinsman, Admiral Colligney, and fearful of his own safety, escaped with his wife and two infants to England, and settled in the County of Essex, where his son md. a lady of considerable possessions in that and an adjoining county. It was Ralph, a son of this marriage, who was created a baronet by King Charles II. From the same locality there possibly were other emigrations of members of this family to England, where the name was naturally changed to Conyers, corresponding with the English pronunciation, and members of the family still spell the name in this manner, while others in the change of a single letter have taken the name of Convers. From some of these emigrations to England is descended the Converse family of this country. The name was spelled Convers for several generations after the emigration to New England. The Coat of Arms of Coigniers, Conyers, and Convers, is essentially the same, which sustains the tradition that all are of a common origin. The engraving which stands at the head of this paragraph was taken from an illustration received through the kindness of Rev. J. K. Converse, of Burlington, Vt. It presents the emblems of heraldry which for many generations have been associated with the family name, and is read as follows: *Arms.* Argent, upon Bend Sable between two Maunches Azure, Trefoils. On Crest an Arm in Armor out of a Mural Crown Gold. The term argent represents that the shield is white, and sable that the bend or belt is

black; the bend is a scarf of honor given for courage in battle; the trefoils are emblems of the Trinity, and were bestowed for service in the maintenance of the Church; the maunches or empty sleeves were added to the Arms of those who had been celebrated in the councils of the sovereign; the mural crown represents a battlement, and was bestowed on those who first mounted the walls and there lodged a standard; and the motto, *In Deo solo confido*, "In God alone I trust." *Vide, Baronets of England.* London, 1729, and *Dictionaire de la Noblesse France et Navarre.*

Dea. Edward Converse, or Converse, as the name is now written, with his wife, Sarah, and children, arrived in New England in the fleet with Gov. Winthrop, 1630, and settled in Charlestown. In 1631 a grant was made to him of the first ferry from Boston to Charlestown, of which he had the control for several years under the favor of the General Court. The same year he was admitted freeman, and was selectman 1635 to 1640. His name is first of seven commissioners appointed by the church in Charlestown for effecting the settlement of Woburn. Uniting with others, he removed thither, and ably assisted in the settlement of the new township, and after its incorporation he became one of its most useful and honored citizens. He was selectman of the town of Woburn from 1644 until his decease, and one of the Board of Commissioners for the trial of minor causes. He was also one of the founders of the church in Woburn, and a deacon for many years. The place of his residence is now included in Winchester, where he d. Aug. 10, 1663, aged seventy-three years. By his wife, Sarah, who accompanied him from England, Dea. Converse had three sons, Josiah, James, and Samuel, and a dau. Mary, who md., 1643, Simon Thompson, and (2d) 1659, John Sheldon, of Billerica. Sarah, the wife of Dea. Converse, d. Jan. 14, 1662, and he md. (2d) Sept. 9, 1662, Joanna Sprague, widow of Ralph Sprague.

James Converse, commonly styled Ensign or Lieutenant Converse, was b. in England, and emigrated to America with his father, Dea. Edward Converse. He md. Oct. 24, 1643, Anna Long, dau. of Robert Long, of Charlestown, by whom he had ten children. He d. May 10, 1715, aged 95. "Through a long life he was a very valuable and highly esteemed citizen, and was repeatedly honored by the town with the principal offices which it had to confer." (Sewall's "Woburn.") Major James Converse, eldest son of Ensign James Converse, was b. in Woburn, Oct. or Nov. 16, 1645, and d. July 8, 1706, in the 61st year of his age. Not only prominent in civil affairs, he won considerable distinction in the war with the French and Indians. For his daring and successful defence of Storer's Garrison at Wells, in the year 1691, and during the war usually styled the "Ten Years" or "King William's War," he was promoted by Gov. Phipps to the rank of Major. Concerning this gallant exploit, a commendatory mention is found in "Belknap," Vol. 1, Chap. X., and in "Hutchinson," Vol. 2, p. 67, and an interesting account in Sewall's "Woburn." Major Converse was ten years a member of the General Court, and was three times elected Speaker of the House. He md. Jan. 1, 1668-9, Hannah Carter, b. Jan. 19, 1650-51, dau. of Capt. John and Elizabeth Carter, of Woburn. By her he had nine children, four of whom d. in infancy, or in youth unmd. John Converse, a son of Major James, was b. in Woburn, Aug. 22, 1673. He md. May 22, 1699, Abigail Sawyer, b. March 17, 1679, dau. of Joshua Sawyer, of Woburn. The births of their children, Joshua and Patience, are recorded in Woburn previous to 1708, and his name probably does not again appear upon the records of that town until July 31, 1728, when the birth of John, his son, is recorded. It is presumed that his residence during these twenty years had been elsewhere.



Joshua Converse, their son, was b. in Woburn, June 3, 1704, but early in life he removed to Dunstable, and perhaps his father resided there also. He md. July 31, 1729, Rachel Blanchard, b. March 23, 1712, dau. of Joseph and Abiah (Hassel) Blanchard, and a sister of Joseph Blanchard, who was the agent of the Masonians, and who granted the charter of this township. *Vide* pp. 46 and 52. This marriage is recorded in "Woburn," and the parties are described as "both of Dunstable." In the year 1739, or ten years after their marriage, they removed to lot Number 4, within the present town of Merrimac, N. H., then constituting a part of the tract lying both sides of the river, and known by the name of Naticook, or Litchfield. The records of this township for the period previous to the incorporation of Merrimac in the year 1746, are deposited in Litchfield, from which it appears that he was frequently elected to office, his name appearing as moderator, assessor, selectman, and upon several important committees. In 1744, he was drowned in the Merrimac River, and the succeeding year the homestead was taxed to his widow. From the Probate Records, it appears that administration was granted, April 11, 1746, to Joseph Underwood, of Westford, Mass., and in the return of an inventory of his estate, dated June 17, 1746, it is stated that "said Converse died in the year 1744." His estate, amounting to £1205 14s. 4*d.*, was as follows:—

"His home place Lot No. 4, now in Merrymac town,	£ 600 0s. 0 <i>d.</i>
"Also his part of the farm called Tyness farm, bought of Mr. Jonathan Fox, of Woburn, exclusive of what Converse sold to Jonathan Bowers and the one-half of a saw-mill and irons belonging to the same, standing on said land on Penchuck Brook, in said town of Merrymac,	80 0 0
"Bonds due to him,	148 8 6
"Sundry notes due to him,	95 15 9
"Book debts owing him, &c.,"	136 12 4
Many articles of personal property specified in the inventory amounting to	144 17 9
	£1205 14s. 4 <i>d.</i>

It is possible that there were other and older children than those named below. The date of birth of Joseph and Jesse is found upon the records of the ancient town of Naticook, or Litchfield, then including the present town of Merrimac: (1) Joseph, b. Nov. 13, 1739; (2) Jesse, b. Dec., 1741; (3) Zebulon, b. March 21, 1744. Joseph md. Elizabeth Davis, and resided many years in Bedford, Mass., where his ten children were born. Late in life he removed to Chesterfield, N. H., where he d. Feb. 16, 1828. Betsey, his eldest dau., md. Levi Mead, son of Matthew and Martha (Danforth) Mead. They resided in Chesterfield, and were the grandparents of Larkin G. Mead, the distinguished sculptor. It was James Converse, the third son of Joseph, who studied divinity in Rindge with Dr. Payson, and was many years pastor of the church in Weathersfield, Vt.

Of Jesse, the second son of Joshua, less is known. Probably he was the Jesse Converse who was a member, in 1758, of Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell's company, in Col. John Hart's regiment, raised for the expedition to Crown Point. Zebulon, the youngest son, b. the year in which his father d., settled in Rindge, where, as will appear, many of his descendants still reside.



- 1 ZEBULON CONVERSE, b. March 21, 1744; md. April —, 1773, Sarah Merriam, b. Oct. 10, 1753, dau. of Nathaniel and Olive (Wheeler) Merriam, of Bedford, Mass. They removed to Rindge, and upon the first lot in the first range, in 1773 or 1774, which in 1778 he sold to Ebenzer Muzzey, and purchased the succeeding year lots four and five in the fourth range. Later he resided at Converseville, and in 1786 he removed to the farm, now of George G. Rice, where he d. Nov. 10, 1805, and his wife the 28th of the same month.
- 2 I. *Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 17, 1774; d. unmd. in Beau-  
fort, S. C., April 10, 1815.
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. March 15, 1776; md. Eliakim Russell,  
son of Nathaniel, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Rachel*, b. July 3, 1777; d. young.
- 5 IV. *Olive*, b. May 15, 1779; md. Solomon Sawtell, son  
of Obadiah, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Joshua*, b. April 23, 1781; d. young.
- 7 VI. *Ira*, b. May 28, 1783; d. young.
- 8 VII. *Joshua*, b. July 2, 1786. +
- 9 VIII. *Rachel*, b. Oct. 12, 1788; md. Daniel Jones.  
*Vide p. 487. +*
- 10 IX. *Ira*, b. March 1, 1791. +
- 11 X. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 18, 1794; md. Charles Stearns.  
*Vide p. 488. +*
- 12 XI. *Zebulon*, b. Oct. 8, 1795. +

(8) JOSHUA CONVERSE, Esq., was the only child of Zebulon Converse, who has left descendants bearing the family name. In addition to the management of a farm, he was much employed in other pursuits. In 1845, he purchased the mills and removed to the locality now known as Converseville, where he became extensively engaged in the manufacture of coarse lumber and wooden-ware, in which he was subsequently associated with his sons, Zebulon and Omar D. Converse. With generous foresight Mr. Converse was engaged in several enterprises from which he neither hoped nor expected remunerative returns. The system of flowage secured through his efforts and influence, comprising the capacious reservoirs constructed mainly at his expense, may properly be regarded as public improvements which have advantageously affected the material interests of the town. As a citizen he was highly respected. Possessing superior abilities, warmed into activity by an earnest solicitude for the public good, his services were frequently sought by his townsmen. He represented the town in the Legislature, 1840 and 1841, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1850. For seventeen years he was elected to the



*Joshua Converse*



board of selectmen, a longer period of service than has fallen to the lot of any other individual in the town's history; and other public services efficiently rendered were neither few nor unimportant. He md. May 6, 1808, Polly Piper, dau. of Thomas Piper, *q. v.*, who d. Feb. 7, 1840, leaving thirteen children. He md. (2d) May 20, 1841, Polly Kimball, dau. of William Kimball, *q. v.* He d. Nov. 1, 1862; his widow d. Sept. 10, 1866. Two children not named below d. in childhood.

- 13 I. *Lucius Manlius*, b. July 20, 1809. +  
 14 II. *Ebenezer Hartshorn*, b. Nov. 14, 1811. +  
 15 III. *Joshua*, b. June 15, 1813. +  
 16 IV. *Christopher Columbus*, b. Dec. 20, 1814. +  
 17 V. *Mary*, b. Sept. 11, 1816; md. David Stowe, *q. v.*  
 18 VI. *Abraham Jewett*, b. Aug. 18, 1818. +  
 19 VII. *Levina Piper*, b. May 21, 1820; md. Reuben Ramsdell, *q. v.*  
 20 VIII. *Zebulon*, b. May 20, 1822. +  
 21 IX. *Omar Duane*, b. March 9, 1824. +  
 22 X. *Alfred Collins*, b. March 17, 1827. +  
 23 XI. *Amanda M.*, b. Feb. 11, 1829; md. May 15, 1850, Edward Miller, of New York city. They resided in Milwaukee, Wis. She d. March 8, 1869. Buried in Rindge.  
 24 XII. *George Washington*, b. Aug. 29, 1830. +  
 25 XIII. *Gustavus Adolphus*, b. Jan. 21, 1833. +
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- (9) RACHEL CONVERSE md. July 9, 1811, Dea. Daniel Jones; b. Dec. 23, 1788, son of Enos and Mary (Whitmore) Jones. They resided in Ashburnham, where he d. March 14, 1843. After the death of Dea. Jones, she resided several years in Winchendon, but d. at the residence of her dau., Mrs. Sawtell, in Ayer, Mass., April, 1873.
- 26 I. *Mary*, b. March, 26, 1813; d. unmd. Aug. 30, 1846.  
 27 II. *Sultyna*, b. April 26, 1815; md. June 2, 1840, Asa Elbridge Woods, son of Sewell and Anna (Whitaker) Woods. They resided in Mason, N. H., where he d. July 25, 1850. She md. (2d) March 26, 1856, Ezra H. Sawtell, son of Asa Sawtell, *q. v.* Reside in Ayer, Mass.  
 28 III. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 4, 1821; d. Feb. 22, 1824.  
 29 IV. *Eliza Rachel*, b. Aug. 1, 1826; md. Jan. 3, 1854, Horace O. Whiteher, son of Jeremiah and Persis (Craig) Whiteher. Reside in Barton, Vt.  
 30 V. *Daniel Wayland*, b. Jan. 14, 1829. A physician, formerly of Rindge, now of Newton, Mass. *Vide* Chap. XVII. He md. July 13, 1853, Minerva A. Tyler, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Bissell) Tyler, who d. Jan. 31, 1858; md. (2d)

Dec. 24, 1860, Josephine D. Bullard, dau. of Elias and Persis (Daniels) Bullard, of Holliston, Mass. She d. May 25, 1871.

- (10) IRA CONVERSE md. Susan Tilden. For many years he was an overseer in a corporation in Waltham, Mass. He returned to Rindge in the year 1850, and d. March 21, 1862. He was a worthy, blameless citizen. His widow d. Sept. 13, 1867.
- 31 I. *Hattie M.*, md. Sept. 20, 1871, Charles I. Chadwick, son of Abner F. Chadwick, *q. v.* Reside in Rindge.
- 32 II. *Ira*, d. at four years of age.
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- (11) REBECCA CONVERSE md. Oct. 19, 1821, Charles Stearns, son of William and Lydia (Davis) Stearns, and grandson of Hon. Isaac Stearns, of Billerica, Mass. They resided in New Ipswich, where he d. March 6, 1838. Subsequently she removed to Lowell, Mass.; d. Sept. 3, 1870.
- 33 I. *Edwin Jones*, b. Oct. 6, 1823; d. April 16, 1842.
- 34 II. *Susan Davis*, b. —, 1826; d. unmd. March 23, 1868.
- 35 III. *Charles Converse*, b. —, 1830; d. unmd. Oct. 24, 1860.
- 36 IV. *Jane Rebecca*, b. 1835; d. Oct. 29, 1836.
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- (12) ZEBULON CONVERSE md. Ann Harris, who d. without issue 1865. He was a merchant and postmaster for several years at Cape Vincent, New York, where he d. 1874.
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- (13) LUCIUS M. CONVERSE md. April 12, 1827, Cynthia Sawtell, dau. of Solomon and Olive (Converse) Sawtell, *q. v.* He was a farmer, and resided upon the farm still owned by the family. He d. March 14, 1864, aged 54.
- 37 I. *Charles Stearns*, d. young.
- 38 II. *Simeon Farwell*, d. young.
- 39 III. *Clovis Manlius*, b. Sept. 27, 1832. Resides in Rindge.
- 40 IV. *Cornelia Lestina*, b. Dec. 11, 1834. Postmaster at East Rindge.
- 41 V. *Marion Willshire*, b. Oct. 23, 1837; d. June 4, 1863, in New Orleans; a member of Co. F, 16th N. H. Vols.
- 42 VI. *Conrad Rodolphus*, b. June 10, 1840; md. — Martha H. Dewhurst, dau. of William Dewhurst. They reside in Newton, Mass.
- 43 VII. *Anza Merovius*, b. June 3, 1842; d. June 16, 1850.
- 44 VIII. *Ralsamond De Witt*, b. April 29, 1844.
- 45 IX. *Cleros Sherebiah*, b. March 13, 1846.

- 46 x. *Rondo Remon*, b. Feb. 8, 1848.
- 47 xi. *Ulric Adzera*, b. Oct. 21, 1849.
- 48 xii. *Cynthia Anna*, b. Jan. 27, 1853; md. July 31, 1873, William H. Smith. Reside in Rindge.
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- (14) CAPT. EBENEZER H. CONVERSE md. Oct. 8, 1835, Sarah Darling, dau. of Jewett B. and Hannah (Murdock) Darling, of Winchendon. With the exception of a residence of a few years in New Ipswich, he has resided in this town. He was four years an officer of the Rindge Light Infantry, and commanded the company 1836 and 1837. Enjoying the confidence of his townsmen, he easily and promptly raised a company for the 6th New Hampshire Volunteers, in the autumn of 1861, of which he was commissioned captain, and of which he continued in command until his resignation the following year.
- 49 i. *Morton E.*, b. Sept. 17, 1837; md. Aug. 19, 1869, Hattie M. Atherton, dau. of Thomas and Susan Atherton, of Lowell, Mass. He resides in Rindge, and is a manufacturer of wooden-ware and pyroligneous acid, iron liquor, acetic acid, and other chemicals obtained from a wood acid base.
- 50 ii. *Nettie S.*, b. Aug. 29, 1841; md. May 1, 1871, Albert A. Spear, son of Palmer M. and Elizabeth (Proctor) Spear, of Warren, Me. He is a dealer in stoves, ranges, and furnaces, in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 51 iii. *Oscar Irving*, b. Aug. 9, 1843; md. March 8, 1867, Coralie S. Mix, dau. of Hon. James D. Mix, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory. He is an officer in the United States army.
- 52 iv. *Clarence*, b. Oct. 8, 1855; resides in Fitchburg.
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- (15) JOSHUA CONVERSE in early life engaged in the manufacture of cotton fabrics. He was Superintendent of the Suffolk Corporation of Lowell several years. In 1859 he removed to Salmon Falls, N. H., and accepted an appointment of Agent of the Salmon Falls Manufacturing Company, a position in which he has been highly successful. While a resident of Lowell he was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature and of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. He was a Director and subsequently President of the Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co., a Director of the Prescott Bank, and a Trustee of the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, from the organization of these associations until he removed from Lowell. Since 1860 he has been a Director of the Salmon Falls Bank, and Vice-President of the Rollinsford Sav-



ings Bank. In the discharge of these important trusts, and in the management of the business of an extensive manufacturing corporation, the ability and integrity of Mr. Converse have commanded the unqualified respect of his associates. He md. Oct. 18, 1835, Jane B. Damon, dau. of Galen and Jane (Bowker) Damon. She d. March 4, 1868. He md. (2d) Aug. 30, 1869, II. Jennie Dearborn, dau. of Joseph and Harriet (Drew) Dearborn.

- 53 I. *Mary Jane*, b. June 10, 1837; md. June 2, 1864,  
James A. Place, son of James H. and Lydia  
(Chesley) Place. They reside at Salmon Falls.
- 54 II. *William Henry*, b. 1840; d. 1842.
- 55 III. *Josephine*, b. 1843; d. 1844.

(16) CHRISTOPHER C. CONVERSE md. Dec. 3, 1840, Susan B. Daniels, dau. of William B. and Susannah (Bowker) Daniels. Was five years in the livery business in Lowell, thirteen years a dealer in flour and grain in Boston, and returned to Rindge 1855, where he continues to reside.

- 56 I. *Charles B.*, b. March 27, 1842; d. Aug. 18, 1842.
- 57 II. *Susan R.*, b. June 6, 1846; md. Sept. 1, 1869,  
George A. Whitney, Esq., son of John Whit-  
ney, *q. v.*

(18) ABRAHAM J. CONVERSE, a farmer in Rindge, resides upon the farm formerly of his father; md. April 25, 1843, Adaline F., dau. of Daniel and Eliza (Foster) Peacock. She d. Jan. 3, 1874; md. (2d) Dec. 24, 1874, Lizzie Dearborn, dau. of Joseph and Harriet (Drew) Dearborn.

- 58 I. *Addie A.*, b. June 3, 1844; md. Henry W. Stearns,  
son of Col. George W. Stearns, *q. v.*
- 59 II. *Elson A.*, b. July 22, 1850.

(20) ZEBULON CONVERSE ESQ., a manufacturer in Rindge. He was first a member of the firm of J. Converse & Co., of Z. & O. D. Converse, and now of R. Ramsdell & Co., who are engaged in the manufacture of nest and fruit boxes. He was selectman for the years 1851, '53, '54, '56, a representative 1862 and '63, and a commissioner for Cheshire County 1864 to 1867. He md. Aug. 12, 1845, Ann Mixer, dau. of Charles Mixer, *q. v.*

- 60 I. *Ann Zebulina*, b. May 8, 1846; d. Dec. 21, 1852.
- 61 II. *Marianna*, b. Dec. 29, 1853; d. July 6, 1854.
- 62 III. *Charles*, b. Aug. 8, 1854; d. Aug. 22, 1856.
- 63 IV. *Idella Emeretta*, b. Sept. 13, 1857.
- 64 V. *Infant son*, b. Nov. 21, 1866; d. same day.

- (21) DEA. OMAR D. CONVERSE, formerly a member of the firms mentioned, and now associated with his son in the manufacture of coarse lumber, and also dealers in corn and meal. They have the only grain mill remaining in Rindge. He was representative 1871, '72, and has been a deacon in the Congregational Church since 1856. He md. Aug. 16, 1847, Harriet Henry, dau. of Francis and Permelia (Brown) Henry, of Chesterfield, N. H., who d. July 15, 1860, and he md. (2d) Dec. 26, 1865, her sister, Jane E. Henry.
- 65 I. *Francis Duane*, b. Dec. 17, 1848; of the firm of O. D. Converse & Son.
- 66 II. *Harriet Amanda*, b. Oct. 9, 1852; md. June 3, 1874, Frederick W. Forristall, son of John M. and Mary J. Forristall, of Winchendon. Reside in W.
- 67 III. *Irving Omar*, b. March 9, 1856.
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- (22) ALFRED C. CONVERSE removed to New York in 1850, and to Boston 1854. Is a type founder, now a partner in the well known firm of Phelps, Dalton & Co. The type from which this volume is printed is of their manufacture. Residence in Chelsea, Mass. He md. Nov. 13, 1855, Julia A. Woods, b. Nov. 22, 1833, dau. of Aaron B. and Ellenor (Eggleston) Woods, of Hillsboro', N. H. She d. Jan. 5, 1868; md. (2d) Nov. 18, 1869, Hulda H. Mitchell, dau. of Nahum and Mary (Hatch) Mitchell, of Marshfield, and later of Medford, Mass.
- 68 I. *Julia Luella*, b. Feb. 4, 1859.
- 69 II. *Lillia Frances*, b. May 10, 1865; d. Sept. 15, 1866.
- 70 III. *Son*, b. and d. Oct. 23, 1870.
- 71 IV. *Alfred Otis*, b. Dec. 21, 1871.
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- (24) GEORGE W. CONVERSE resided in Winchendon, where he d. Sept. 19, 1872. He md. Aug. 26, 1856, Ellen A. Knapp, dau. of Orris and Milley (Flagg) Knapp, of Mason, N. H.
- 72 I. *Georgie A.*, b. Dec. 27, 1857; d. June 19, 1863.
- 73 II. *Nellie L.*, b. Aug. 27, 1862.
- 74 III. *Willie K.*, b. Sept. 25, 1870.
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- (25) GUSTAVUS CONVERSE resides in Winchendon. He md. Nov. 19, 1856, Phebe J. Larrabee, dau. of Joseph C. and Eunice (Larrabee) Larrabee, of Bangor, Me.
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- 1 THOMAS COWDIN, son of Thomas, was from Fitchburg, Mass. His father and relatives were leading men of that place. He md. March 11, 1798, Betsey Sawyer, dau. of

Abner Sawyer, *q. v.* He resided on the Dea. Goddard farm, and the parents of his wife had a home with him. The family removed from town 1820.

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| 2 | i. <i>Experience</i> , b. Feb. 1, 1799.  |
| 3 | ii. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Feb. 9, 1801.     |
| 4 | iii. <i>Augustus</i> , b. May 16, 1803.  |
| 5 | iv. <i>Horace</i> , b. May 27, 1805.     |
| 6 | v. <i>Addison</i> , b. June 28, 1807.    |
| 7 | vi. <i>Elizabeth</i> , b. Dec. 27, 1810. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Mary F.</i> , b. Oct. 26, 1813.  |
| 9 | viii. <i>Thomas</i> , b. July 15, 1816.  |

### Cragin.

JOHN CRAGIN was b. in the south of Scotland about 1634. While young he was pressed into the royal service, and was one of the prisoners taken by the army of Cromwell at the battle of Dunbar, 1650, and shipped to America the following year with other prisoners taken in the same battle. Nov. 4, 1661, he md. Sarah Dawes, a native of England, and settled in Woburn, where he d. Jan. 27, 1708. Among his eight children was John, Jr., b. Sept. 9, 1677; md. April 13, 1700, Deborah Skilton. His three children were b. in Woburn. The eldest of these was John; md. Judith Barker, and, after a residence of several years in Acton, he removed to Temple, N. H. Benjamin, the sixth of nine children, was b. in Acton July 8, 1740; md. May 2, 1766, Mercy Robbins. They resided in Temple and Mason, now Greenville, N. H., where he closed an active, useful life April 20, 1816.

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| 1 | AARON CRAGIN, son of Benjamin, was b. in Temple April 16, 1772; md. Feb. 16, 1797, Sarah Wilkins, of Carlisle, Mass. He removed from Temple to Rindge 1812, and remained a citizen of this town about nine years, when he removed to New Ipswich, and subsequently to the State of New York, where he d. Feb. 13, 1849. Three children were b. in Rindge. Of these one d. Sept. 1, 1817. |
| 2 | MOSES CRAGIN, a brother of Aaron, b. in Temple Dec. 4, 1778; md. May 5, 1799, Lucy Felt, and is said to have resided in Rindge a short time immediately after his marriage; but his name is not found upon the tax lists. He d. in Temple April, 1804. His widow md. Joseph Bullard, <i>q. v.</i> She had three children by the first, and four by the second marriage.                  |
| 3 | i. <i>Moses</i> , b. Dec. 24, 1800; md. 1822, Sarah Chamberlain. She d. Aug. 20, 1842, aged 38; md. (2d) 1843, Eleanor Walton, who d. Nov. 27, 1845; md. (3d) Sept. 22, 1846, Fanny Bidwell. He lived in Rindge upon the farm now of — Sawin until 1847, when he removed to Marlow, N. H. Seven children b. in Rindge.   |

- 4      ii. *Orlando*, b. Aug. 24, 1802; md. Dec. 25, 1825, Malinda G. Christie; md. (2d) Emily (Ware) Cragin, widow of Stephen Cragin. Resides in East Jaffrey. His son, George W. Cragin, resides in Rindge.
- 5      iii. *Timothy*, b. March 4, 1804; md. March 24, 1830, Melissa Holman. Hotel keeper in Rindge. He d. Oct. 25, 1856.
- 6             1. Harvey, b. March 13, 1835. Resides in Chicopee, Mass.

1      JAMES CRUMBIE, with his wife Mary and five children, came to Rindge, from Andover, Mass., in June, 1772. With him came Phinehas Ames, an apprentice. Mr. Crumbie was a carpenter and joiner, then generally called housewrights. He was clerk of Capt. Hale's company in 1775, and a lieutenant in Capt. Smith's company in 1776. Early in the year 1777, upon the organization of the three continental battalions, he was commissioned a lieutenant in Col. Nathan Hale's regiment. After a few months' service in this regiment he was injured by a fall from his horse, and was permitted to return to his home. He resided at West Rindge, and d. Oct. 7, 1802, aged 65; his widow survived him a few years. This name is here spelled as it appears upon the Rindge records; but the form of Crombie perhaps more generally prevails in other places.

- 2             i. *Mary*, b. in Andover, —, 1761; md. Joshua Chadwick, *q. v.*
- 3             ii. *Sally*, b. in Andover.
- 4             iii. *Joseph*, b. in Andover, Nov. 19, 1765; md. Mary Wright. †
- 5             iv. *Anna*, b. in Andover, Aug. 22, 1768.
- 6             v. *Benjamin*, b. in Andover, July 8, 1770.
- 7             vi. *Thomas*, b. in Rindge, April 25, 1773; d. Feb. 14, 1800.
- 8             vii. *James*, b. March 26, 1775; d. Oct. 21, 1776.
- 9             viii. *Betty*, b. Sept. 11, 1777.
- 10            ix. *James*, b. Sept. 28, 1779; d. July 30, 1804.
- 11            x. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 16, 1782.
- 12            xi. *Enoch Poor*, b. May 26, 1784; d. May 4, 1786.

(4)      JOSEPH CRUMBIE lived at West Rindge, where O. P. Allen, Esq., now resides. He was a tanner, and had a yard nearly south from his house, and between the two roads as now traveled. He md. June 25, 1794, Mary Wright, dau. of Francis Wright, of Jaffrey. She was b. Feb. 13, 1773. He d. at the residence of his son, who a short time previous had removed to Jaffrey, Oct. 31,

1746, and was buried in the cemetery at East Jaffrey. The gravestone records his death as Oct. 31, 1747, an error of one year. His widow d. July 1, 1749. Children all b. in Rindge.

- 13 i. *Nancy*, b. April 7, 1795; md. Sept. 24, 1820, Dr. John Peirce, of Lunenburg, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Chaplin) Peirce. He d. March 13, 1848, aged 63; she d. in Fitchburg, Feb. 5, 1874. They had two children:—
- 14 1. Nancy C., b. March 18, 1829; md. June 20, 1854, Charles A. Emory, of Fitchburg, son of Daniel Emory, Jr., *q. v.*
- 15 2. Abby A., b. June 18, 1840; md. Sept. 5, 1860, Charles A. Brick, of Fitchburg.
- 16 ii. *Sally*, b. Nov. 4, 1796; md. Nov. 21, 1816, Peter J. Gayety. He d. in Pittsburg, Pa., June 28, 1826; she d. in Franklin, Pa., May 10, 1842. They had four children.
- 17 iii. *Polly*, b. March 31, 1798; d. May 30, 1799.
- 18 iv. *Thomas*, b. Sept. 3, 1800; md. Dec. 25, 1828, Vesta L. Metcalf, dau. of Timothy Metcalf, *q. v.* They resided several years in Rindge; are now in Orange, Mass.
- 19 v. *Polly*, b. Jan. 9, 1803; md. Nov. 12, 1826, Daniel French, son of Daniel, of Jaffrey. She d. July 5, 1850.
- 20 vi. *Joseph*, b. May 6, 1805; md. Aug. 20, 1851, Mary S. French, dau. of Thomas and Sophia (Jewell) French, of Jaffrey. They reside in Jaffrey.
- 21 vii. *Dolly*, b. June 9, 1807; md. Nov. 18, 1830, Elijah Bowker, a manufacturer of pails and tubs in Fitzwilliam.
- 22 viii. *Benjamin*, b. March 28, 1810.
- 23 ix. *Martha*, b. Aug. 13, 1811; md. July 17, 1834, Jason Mooar. They removed to Watertown, N. Y., where he d. 1868.
- 24 x. *Rebecca*, b. June 14, 1814; md. Sept. 3, 1835, Reuben Barrett. He d. 1870. She resides in Amherst, Mass.
- 25 xi. *Elizabeth*, b. April 27, 1817; md. May 18, 1846, Perkins Bigelow. They reside in Jaffrey.
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- 1 EZEKIEL CUDWORTH, b. in Greenfield, N. H. March 14, 1784, md. Lydia Lewis, who was b. Feb. 17, 1783. Previous to their removal to Rindge, in 1843, they had resided in Marlborough and Westmoreland, N. H. He d. Sept. 15, 1866. His widow d. Jan. 5, 1869. Their children were:—



- 2 I. —; d. young.  
 3 II. *Lewis*, b. Jan. 15, 1814; d. 1839 in Marlboro. Left  
 a family.  
 4 III. *Emery*, b. Aug. 2, 1815; d. in Marlboro. Left a  
 family.  
 5 IV. *Timothy*, b. Sept. 6, 1818. Resided in Rindge  
 since 1841; md. Dec. 23, 1841, Ruth S. Sawtell,  
 dau. of Aaron Sawtell, *q. v.* Four children liv-  
 ing, two of whom are md.  
 6 1. Willard, b. Oct. 16, 1842; md. 1864, M. Net-  
 tie Hall, dau. of Horatio Hall, of Fitz-  
 william. Resides in Rindge.  
 7 3. Martha J., b. June 29, 1847; md. D. S.  
 Cummings. Reside in Phillipston, Mass.  
 8 v. *Ezekiel*, b. Aug. 8, 1820; md. April 3, 1844, Achsa  
 Tarbell, dau. of Reuben Tarbell, *q. v.* Mr. Cud-  
 worth removed in 1872 to Littleton, N. H.,  
 where he is extensively engaged in the manufact-  
 ure of coarse lumber. While in Rindge he was  
 selectman three years, and held other local offices.  
 They have six children living.  
 9 VI. *Moses*, b. April 27, 1827; md. Lavilla Moore, who  
 d. Jan. 5, 1855; md. (2d) Mary A. Kendall, b.  
 Dec. 23, 1831, dau. of Joseph Kendall, of Troy.  
 They reside near the Fitzwilliam line, and have  
 several children.

1 DEA. ADIN CUMMINGS, who had passed several years of  
 his minority in this town, md. 1820, Sarah (Wetherbee)  
 Breed, widow of Enoch Breed, *q. v.* She d. June 29,  
 1840, and he md. (2d) Nov., 1841, Cynthia Brigham, of  
 Waltham. Removed to Jaffrey 1855.

- 2 I. *Adin Milton*, b. July 20, 1821; md. Dec. 5, 1843,  
 Elizabeth M. Peaslee.  
 3 II. *John Calvin*, b. Feb. 27, 1843; d. —.

4 NATHAN P. CUMMINGS removed to Rindge about 1828.  
 He lived upon the farm next west of the Anos Keyes  
 farm. He md. — Joslin, of Rindge, *q. v.*, and removed  
 from town about twenty years ago.

- 5 I. *Langdon*.  
 6 II. *Harriet*, md. — McCrillis.  
 7 III. *Nathan P.*, md. Mary Ann Whitcomb, *q. v.*  
 8 IV. *Charles*, md. Eliza Moore, dau. of Dea. Nathan  
 and Sarah (Russell) Moore, of Sharon. They  
 reside in Lyndeboro, N. H.



## CUTLER.

SOLOMON CUTLER, the ancestor of the Cutlers of Rindge, was from Lexington, Mass., where his kinsfolk have been numerous. He was a descendant of James Cutler, the emigrant, who was b. in England about 1606, and settled in Watertown, Mass., as early as 1635. About 1648 he removed from Watertown to Cambridge Farms, now Lexington, where he d. May 17, 1694. His first wife, Anna, d. in Sept., 1644; he md. (2d) March 9, 1645, Mary King, widow of Thomas King, who d. Dec. 7, 1654, and he md. (3d) about 1662, Phebe Page, a dau. of John Page, the emigrant, ancestor of numerous Page families in Rindge. James Cutler, the eldest son of James and Anna Cutler, was b. Nov. 6, 1635, and md. June 15, 1665, Lydia (Moore) Wright, widow of Samuel Wright, of Sudbury, and dau. of John Moore, also of Sudbury. He d. in Lexington, July 31, 1685. Thomas Cutler, his son, b. Dec. 15, 1677; md. Sarah Stone, dau. of Dea. Samuel and Dorcas (Jones) Stone, of Lexington. They resided in Lexington. He was selectman several years. Their eldest son was David Cutler, b. Aug. 6, 1705; md. Mary Tidd, dau. of Joseph and Mary Tidd. They resided on the old homestead, near the Bedford line. He was selectman 1749, 1750, 1751. He d. of small-pox, Dec. 5, 1760, and his widow d. May 25, 1797. They had nine children. Of these the sixth was Solomon, who settled in Rindge. *Vide* Hudson's "History of Lexington."

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| 1 | SOLOMON CUTLER was b. in Lexington, May 10, 1740 (not May 15, as stated by Dr. Bond and by Hudson). He was md. by Benj. Read, Esq., of Lexington, Dec. 23, 1761, to Rebecca Paige, of Bedford, a sister of John Paige, of Hardwick, who md. Mary Cutler, a sister of Solomon. Rebecca was b. in Bedford, Aug. 23, 1743. They came to Rindge, probably in 1771, and were admitted to the church by letter from the church in Lexington, March 21, 1772. Capt. Cutler lived many years as a farmer and innholder, about one-half mile from Rindge Centre, on the farm subsequently occupied by Dr. Thomas Jewett. He was styled Lieutenant in 1775, and Captain in 1777, and subsequently, on account of commissions held in the home organizations. In 1777 he was a member of Capt. Stone's company, which marched in response to an alarm at Ticonderoga, but is not known to have been in the service at any other time. He was selectman 1775, 1777, and 1783. His wife, the mother of eight children, d. Oct. 18, 1782, and he md. (2d) Hepsibeth Bush, of Sterling, Mass., by whom he had two children. |
| 2 | I. <i>Amos</i> , b. Sept. 20, 1762. †  |
| 3 | II. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. May 20, 1765; md. Thomas Demary,<br><i>q. v.</i>   |
| 4 | III. <i>Sally</i> , b. Oct. 7, 1767; md. Joshua Hale, Esq., <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 5 | IV. <i>Polly</i> , b. April 16, 1770; md. Lemuel Kimball, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 6 | V. <i>Solomon</i> , b. March 16, 1773; md. Rhoda Whipple,<br>and removed to Vermont. (?)   |

- 7 VI. *Callia*, b. Oct. 12, 1775; md. Sherburne Hale, *q. v.*  
 8 VII. *Anna*, b. Jan. 1, 1780; md. — Heath, and  
 removed to Vermont.  
 9 VIII. *Infant*, b. Oct., 1782; d. same day.  
 Children of second wife:—  
 10 IX. *Hepsibeth*, b. —; md. John Townsend, *q. v.*  
 11 X. *Sophia*, b. Jan. 30, 1794; md. June 14, 1818, Col.  
 A. B. W. Tenney, of Newbury, Vt. They  
 resided in the same house during fifty-five years  
 of married life. Their many Christian graces  
 and blameless characters are inseparable from  
 their memory; he d. Sept. 13, 1873; she d. Aug.  
 7, 1873.  
 12 1. Asa, b. March 31, 1819; d. July 29, 1829.  
 13 2. Mary, b. April 2, 1821; d. Feb. 11, 1858.  
 14 3. Sophia Cutler, b. April 4, 1824; md. Jan. 4,  
 1844, Joshua Hale, of Newburyport, Mass.  
 Their dau., Alice Little, md. Cyrus King  
 Hale, of Boston. They have four chil-  
 dren.  
 15 4. H. Ann, b. Oct. 12, 1827; md. Jan. 29, 1851,  
 James D. White, of Haverhill, Mass.  
 They have three children: Elizabeth, P.,  
 b. July 27, 1856; Sophia Tenney, b. March  
 31, 1859; d. July 22, 1861; and Abner  
 Tenney, b. Jan. 29, 1862.  
 16 5. Asa A., b. Sept. 29, 1829; d. Dec. 23, 1849.  
 17 6. Martha Jane, b. July 23, 1832. Resides in  
 Haverhill, Mass.
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- (2) AMOS CUTLER, son of Capt. Solomon, md. Dec. 29,  
 1785, Elizabeth Carlton, dau. of James and Elizabeth  
 (Sherwin) Carlton, *q. v.* He resided in several places in  
 Rindge; was a constable several years. Many of his  
 quaint original sayings are not forgotten by the aged who  
 remember him. He d. Aug. 9, 1838, aged 76, and his  
 widow Feb. 14, 1859, aged 93.  
 18 I. *James*, b. Feb. 26, 1787; d. unmd. about 1860.  
 19 II. *Amos*, b. Jan. 4, 1789; md. Nov. 21, 1811, Polly  
 Raymond, dau. of Capt. Joel Raymond, *q. v.*  
 Mr. Cutler resided in Rindge until a few months  
 previous to his death. He was interested in the  
 shoe business while it continued in this town, and  
 later occupied the Raymond farm. One or two  
 children were b. to them and d. in infancy.  
 20 1. Caroline G. Cutler, an adopted dau., was b.  
 Feb. 2, 1825; md. Capt. Charles H. Cole,  
*q. v.*

- 21 III. *William*, b. Sept. 27, 1791; d. May 11, 1848, unmd.  
 22 IV. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 8, 1793; d. Sept. 10, 1795.  
 23 V. *Charles*, b. Nov. 28, 1796. +  
 24 VI. *Eliza*, b. Nov. 12, 1798; d. unmd. Feb. 27, 1826.  
 25 VII. *Leonard*, b. March 20, 1802. Is living in Rindge  
 unmd.  
 26 VIII. *Avalina*, b. March 23, 1808; d. April 4, 1808.  
 27 IX. *John Carlton*, b. July 28, 1809; d. Dec. 23, 1809.
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- (17) CHARLES CUTLER, son of Amos, md. Oct. 18, 1831, Melinda Wright, dau. of Abel and Zilpha (Rice) Wright, of Ashby. She was b. July 22, 1805, and d. Aug. 9, 1847. He md. (2d) March 5, 1848, Esther Whitcomb, dau. of John and Esther (Morse) Whitcomb, of Swanzey, b. Feb. 3, 1805, who was the mother of one child. Mr. Cutler was a farmer and resided on the farm formerly of Capt. Asa Sherwin. He d. Feb. 15, 1864. His widow resides in Winchendon.
- 28 I. *Charles Henry*, b. Aug. 30, 1832; md. Jan. 14, 1863, Elizabeth A. Burnham, of Windsor, Vt. Reside in Keene, N. H. Three children living.
- 29 II. *John Harrison*, b. Feb. 16, 1834. A physician in Peterboro. After receiving a liberal academical education, he commenced his professional studies, under the direction of Dr. O. H. Bradley, of Jaffrey, and graduated at the University of Vermont, in 1861, having been indebted to his own industry for the means which enabled him to continue his studies. After a brief practice in New Ipswich and Mason, N. H., he was appointed Assistant-Surgeon in the army, and remained in the service until the close of the war, when he located in Peterboro, where he has continually enjoyed a liberal and appreciative patronage. He md. June 6, 1865, Martha L. Ryan, dau. of Col. Samuel and Hannah (Shedd) Ryan, of Jaffrey.
- 30 III. *Merrick A.*, b. Jan. 26, 1836; d. March 10, 1842.  
 31 IV. *Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 26, 1839; d. Sept. 4, 1843.  
 32 V. *Frances Augusta*, b. June 30, 1841; md. Feb. 13, 1861, Charles H. Stanford. Reside in Keene. Four children living.
- 33 VI. *Marianna C.*, b. Oct. 28, 1843; md. April 19, 1863, William L. Streeter, son of Lucius and Mary J. (Stratton) Streeter (Stratton family, 18).
- 34 VII. *Emily M.*, b. Aug. 9, 1847.  
 35 VIII. *Virgil M.*, b. Aug. 20, 1851; resides in Winchendon.

## CUTTER.

The number of families in this town by the name of Cutter has been limited, and none of them have continued a residence here during many years. E. B. Cutter, a present inhabitant, has remained longer than any other person bearing the same name. By reference to the Cutter Genealogy, recently published, the ancestry of the persons named in this paragraph will be easily traced.

- 1     JAMES CUTTER, son of Gershom and Anna (Fillebrown) Cutter, b. in March, 1742, removed from Waltham to Rindge previous to March, 1775, when he was chosen surveyor of the highways. He was a member of Capt. Hale's company, which was called into service by the alarm at Concord and Lexington. In 1776 his signature was added to the association test, and July 21 of that year "Mary, daughter of James Cutter, was baptized." This dau. was then about three months old, and consequently was b. in this town. Mr. Cutter subsequently removed to Jaffrey, where he d. April 13, 1790. His wife was Catherine, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Hammond) Benjamin, who was the mother of seven children. In Bond's "Watertown," 191 and 192, the name of this person is given Cutler, and there is probably an error in the date of the letter from the church in Waltham to the church in Rindge.

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- 2     NATHANIEL CUTTER, b. in Charlestown, now Winchester, Mass., Aug. 6, 1739; md. Oct. 24, 1758, Sarah Wyman, dau. of Benjamin and Esther (Richardson) Wyman, who was the mother of his children; he md. (2d) Nov. 20, 1777, Mary Locke, dau. of Samuel and Deborah (Butterfield) Locke. At this time, he was a resident of Princeton, Mass., from whence he removed to Rindge. (Cutter Gen., 91.) He removed between the date of his marriage and March 16, 1780, the date of "the seating of Rindge meeting-house," in which appears the name of "Lt. Nathaniel Cutter and his wife." His residence in this town must have been brief, since he d. in Skeensborough, now Whitehall, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1783. He had ten children, three of whom became associated with Rindge families, and Sarah, a dau. of his eldest son, Nathaniel, became the wife of Henry Payson, Esq., son of Rev. Seth Payson, D.D.

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- 3     iii. *Hepsibeth*, the third child, b. Aug. 29, 1863; md. Daniel Lake, son of Daniel, *q. v.*
- 4     iv. *John*, b. March 16, 1765; remained in Rindge until 1789, or 1790. He md. Abigail Demary, dau. of John, *q. v.*, and removed to Jaffrey, where he became an enterprising and honored citizen. Benjamin Cutler, Esq., his son, md. Grata Hunt,

- dau. of Nathan and Abigail (Hale) Hunt, *q. v.* He succeeded to the business established by his father—the manufacture of leather,—in which he has been prospered. He is President of the Monadnock National Bank, and has held many positions of trust. Mr. Cutter has devoted considerable time to historical researches, and no one is more conversant with the annals and former inhabitants of Jaffrey and vicinity.
- 5 VIII. *Esther*, the eighth child of Lieut. Nathaniel Cutter, b. Sept. 26, 1771; md. John Carlton, son of James, *q. v.*
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- 6 ELIZABETH, or BETSEY, CUTTER, a dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hastings) Cutter, and granddau. of John and Rachel (Powers) Cutter, of Lexington, was b. in Lexington, Mass., Dec. 28, 1753. The date and place of her birth are found upon Rindge records. She md. James Philbrick, *q. v.*, and became the mother of twelve children.
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- 7 RACHEL CUTTER, dau. of Nathan and Hannah Cutter, of New Ipswich, and granddau. of John and Rachel (Powers) Cutter, md. Andrew Kimball, son of Lieut. Richard, *q. v.*; and her sister Rhoda md. in Rindge, June 9, 1793, Amos Whitney.
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- 8 EBENEZER BANCROFT CUTTER, a carriage-maker in Rindge, was b. in Jaffrey Oct. 30, 1837; md. March 20, 1860, Ann J. Bennett, dau. of James, *q. v.* He is a son of Joel and Mary S. (Jones) Cutter, of Jaffrey, grandson of Joseph Cutter, Esq., of Jaffrey, who was a son of John and Susannah (Hastings) Cutter, of New Ipswich, and he was a son of John and Rachel (Powers) Cutter mentioned above. Franklin H. Cutter, who md. Anna S. Bennett, is a brother of E. B. Cutter.
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- 1 THOMAS DANFORTH was b. in Billerica, Mass., Dec. 28, 1773. His name appears upon the early records of that town, and others in the vicinity. He resided several years between the residences of Harris Hale and A. F. Chadwick. He md. 1794, Abigail Davis, b. Dec. 4, 1774, dau. of Josiah and Abigail (Hubbard) Davis, of New Ipswich; he d. March 24, 1841; his wife d. April 17, 1833. They had eight children; first, second, third, fifth, and eighth d. young.
- 2 IV. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. April 11, 1801. +
- 3 VI. *John*, b. March 3, 1806; md. Sophia Haynes, and resided in Lowell, Mass. He d. Sept. 22, 1843.



4 His son, Charles H., b. Aug. 24, 1839, md.  
April 25, 1859, Roxanna Haley. They  
reside in Rindge.

5 VII. *Thomas D.*, b. Sept. 1, 1810; d. unmd. at sea.

(2) BENJAMIN F. DANFORTH md. May 15, 1826, Lydia  
Cass, dau. of Jonathan and Abigail (Dow) Cass, of Can-  
dia, N. H. He is a farmer in Rindge; was four years  
captain of the Rindge and Jaffrey Cavalry Company.  
They have four children.

6 I. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. Feb. 10, 1827; md. Sarah  
M. Rhodes, dau. of Capt. James Rhodes, of  
Grafton, Vt. He is a farmer, and resides in  
Rindge. Three of their four children are living.  
Their eldest son, when twenty years of age,  
weighed two hundred and seventy pounds.

7 II. *Abigail D.*, b. May 3, 1835; md. Dexter Dickin-  
son, then of Keene. They reside in Aurora, Ill.

8 III. *Lydia A.*, b. June 21, 1838; md. March, 1863,  
Charles S. Walton, son of Daniel S., *q. v.* Re-  
side in Shrewsbury, Mass.

9 IV. *Irene Amanda*, b. Oct. 26, 1840; md. James E.  
Carr, son of Emery and Abby (Rice) Carr, b.  
Dec. 30, 1833. Resides in New Ipswich, near  
the Rindge line, where he has a mill, and is  
engaged in the manufacture of coarse lumber.

1 ELIAKIM DARLING, from Andover, settled in Rindge in  
1771. His wife, Martha, d. July 6, 1779; he md. (2d)  
Nov. 10, 1781, Lucy (Wood) Prichard, widow of John  
Prichard, of Rindge, *q. v.* His children were:—

2 I. *William*, b. in Andover, Aug. 11, 1769.

3 II. *Daniel*, b. in Rindge, April 1, 1772.

4 III. *Thomas*, b. April 26, 1775.

5 IV. *Samuel*, b. Aug., 1777.

6 V. *Infant*, b. July 2, 1779.

7 VI. *Martha*, dau. of wife Lucy, b. March 2, 1782.

8 AMOS DARLING, also from Andover, md. in Rindge,  
Oct. 19, 1787, Ede Stone, dau. of Capt. Salmon, *q. v.*  
He was a blacksmith. In 1794 he removed from the  
Daniels farm, in the south-west part of the town, to  
Rindge Centre. He d. Oct. 9, 1846, aged 80.

9 I. *Eliakim*, —; md. Mary Grosvenor.

10 II. *Ede*, —; md. Abiel Holt, *q. v.*

11 III. *Rocksena*, b. May 26, 1802; md. Micajah Kent.

12 IV. *Liberty*, b. June 8, 1806; d. young.

13 V. *Martha*, —; md. Stephen Brooks (2d), *q. v.*

14 VI. *Susan*, —; md. Nahum Robbins, *q. v.*

15 VII. *Rebecca*, —; md. Eli S. Whitmore, *q. v.*



## DAVIS.

The Davis families in Rindge have been very numerous. Eight of this name signed the association test (*Vide* p. 122), and the number was subsequently increased by other removals to this town, and in marked contrast only two of this name are found upon the tax-list for 1807. In some instances it is impossible to indicate the kinship existing between these families. Some of them were from Groton, and others from Lincoln, Littleton, and Weston.

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- 1 BENJAMIN DAVIS, son of Benjamin, was b. in Groton, Mass., April 8, 1744; md. May 28, 1765, Anna Farnsworth, dau. of Dea. Isaac and Anna (Green) Farnsworth, b. in Groton, Jan. 23, 1746. They removed to Rindge in 1767. He was a sergeant in Capt. Thomas' company in 1775, and is presumed to have been one of the forty-five men in the service in 1776, which accounts for the absence of his name on the association test. He was styled ensign in 1778, and subsequently was a major in the militia. His name disappears from the tax-lists after 1797. The children, except Lucy, were b. in Rindge.
- 2 I. *Lucy*, b. May 29, 1766; md. Aug. 28, 1788, Jonas Wheeler.
- 3 II. *Jesse*, b. April 27, 1768; md. Esther Page. †
- 4 III. *Benjamin*, b. Sept. 20, 1770.
- 5 IV. *Joshua*, b. July 18, 1773.
- 6 V. *Anna*, b. March 11, 1775.
- 7 VI. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 20, 1778.
- 8 VII. *Betty*, b. June 13, 1780; d. April 18, 1783.
- 9 VIII. *James*, b. Nov. 13, 1782.
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- 10 JOSEPH DAVIS, a brother of Major Benjamin, b. in Groton, Sept. 27, 1765; md. at Little Cambridge, Jan. 11, 1791, Lydia Shedd, probably a dau. of William and Lydia Shedd, of Groton. They came from Groton to Rindge in 1794. He is not taxed after 1798.
- 11 I. *Joshua*, b. in Groton, Nov. 30, 1791.
- 12 II. *Harriet*, b. in Groton, Sept. 30, 1793.
- 13 III. *Lydia*, b. in Rindge, Nov. 25, 1795.
- 14 IV. *Lucinda*, b. in Rindge, Sept. 19, 1797.
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- 15 WILLIAM DAVIS came from Lincoln in 1773. He md. in Rindge, May 10, 1774, Martha Whitney, dau. of Solomon and Martha (Fletcher) Whitney, of Rindge, *q. v.* He served one enlistment in the army, and was at the battle of Bennington. In 1780 he removed to Peterborough Slip (Sharon), but returned in one or two years to Rindge.

- 16 I. *Susannah*, b. May 7, 1775.  
 17 II. *Martha*, b. Oct. 24, 1777.  
 18 III. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 27, 1778.  
 19 IV. *Lydia*, b. June 2, 1781; md. Feb. 22, 1808, Stephen  
 Davis, of Enosburg, Vt.  
 20 V. *Bathsheba*, b. Oct. 2, 1783; d. Sept. 2, 1787.  
 21 VI. *Solomon Whitney*, b. May 15, 1785.  
 22 VII. *Israel*, b. Jan. 17, 1788.  
 23 VIII. *Bathsheba*, b. May 13, 1793.  
 24 IX. *Timothy*, b. March 23, 1795.

25 RICHARD DAVIS, also from Lincoln, was here in 1773. He md. in Lincoln, Nov. 19, 1771, Lois Whitney, b. in Weston, 1733. She was a sister of Martha Whitney, wife of William Davis, and perhaps William and Richard Davis were brothers. The two youngest children were b. in Rindge, but the family probably removed previous to 1780.

- 26 I. *Silas*, b. Aug. 1, 1772, in Weston.  
 27 II. *Solomon*, b. April 24, 1774.  
 28 III. *Lois*, b. Nov. 8, 1775.

29 AMOS DAVIS and Hannah Spaulding were md. in Rindge, by Mr. Dean, Dec. 7, 1775. The family removed previous to 1793. Five children were b. in Rindge.

- 30 I. *Amos*, b. Sept. 3, 1776.  
 31 II. *Joseph*, b. July 23, 1778.  
 32 III. *Ruth*, b. Feb. 17, 1780.  
 33 IV. *Jonathan*, b. July 13, 1781.  
 34 V. *Jonas*, b. Feb. 21, 1783.

35 DANIEL DAVIS was b. in Bedford, April 3, 1742. He md. May 1, 1765, Susanna Lane, of Bedford, b. 1737. After a few years' residence in Jaffrey they came to Rindge in 1774, but probably did not remain many years. Children recorded in Rindge:—

- 36 I. *Susannah*, b. in Bedford, Nov. 6, 1767.  
 37 II. *Sarah*, b. in Jaffrey, Feb. 1, 1770.  
 38 III. *Paul*, bap. in Rindge, Aug. 4, 1771; probably d.  
 young.  
 39 IV. *Hannah*, b. in Jaffrey, April 5, 1773.  
 40 V. *Daniel*, b. in Rindge, June 15, 1775.

41 RANDALL DAVIS and wife were seated in the meeting in 1780. He was here several years previous, but no record of his family has been secured. They removed previous to 1793, and if all the Davises who went from this town about that time had gone to the same place they would have founded a city.

- (3) JESSE DAVIS, son of Major Benjamin, md. Nov. 27, 1788, Esther Page, dau. of John, *q. v.* She d. March 14, 1790; md. (2d) Dec. 20, 1791, Mille Farwell, of Rindge. In 1795 this family removed to Ludlow, Vt.

- 42 I. *Swell*, b. May 3, 1789; d. Oct. 4, 1790.  
 43 II. *Swell*, b. July 4, 1792.  
 44 III. *Esther*, b. Sept. 6, 1794.  
 45 IV. *Joshua*, b. June 22, 1796.  
 46 V. *Betsy*, b. April 18, 1798.  
 47 VI. *Jesse*, b. Jan. 28, 1800.

The three youngest were b. in Ludlow.

- 48 PETER DAVIS, a clock-maker, resided several years in this town. He md. Aug. 28, 1783, Hannah Eaton, dau. of John Eaton, of Jaffrey. His wife d. May 20, 1818. Hannah, his dau., was the bandbox-maker of Jaffrey.

- 49 LIEUT. EBENEZER DAVIS, a son of Simon Davis, was from Littleton, Mass. Resided in Rindge a few years previous to his marriage; md. Nov. 26, 1777, Maria Whitney, of Littleton. His farm was east of and adjacent to the farm of Ebenezer Stratton, senior. He was styled Lieutenant from and after 1778, and was respected for his ability and integrity. He d. Dec. 10, 1831, aged 88; his wife d. May 4, 1830, aged 84.

- 50 I. *Simon*, b. Nov. 12, 1778; d. unmd. July 1, 1841. He was a school-teacher of good repute. *Simon Davis.*  
 51 II. *Ebenezer*, b. May 10, 1780; d. Feb. 17, 1808.  
 52 III. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 1, 1781; md. in Rindge, May 4, 1808, Rufus Bullock, Esq., of Royalston, Mass. Ex-Gov. A. H. Bullock, of Massachusetts, is a son of this marriage.  
 53 IV. *Joseph*, b. May 13, 1784; d. unmd. April 27, 1849.  
 54 V. *Polly*, b. July 14, 1790; d. unmd. Aug. 11, 1869.

- 55 SIMON DAVIS resided in Rindge a part or all of the time between 1770 and 1780. He was in the Revolutionary service from this town. No information of his family is found.

- 56 CALVIN DAVIS, b. 1799, resided several years in the north-east part of this town. He d. by suicide, Jan. 19, 1838. No complete record of his family is received.

- 57 JOSEPH DAVIS, b. 1794, was a son of Ebenezer Bennett Davis, and a grandson of Deliverance and Dorothy (Wood) Davis, of Littleton, Mass., and a great-grandson of Ebenezer and Sarah Davis. He md. May 26, 1828,

Huldah Lawrence, of Ashby, and settled in Ashburnham, where she d. Dec. 9, 1838, aged 38 years. He md. (2d) April 15, 1839, Jane McIntire, of Jefferson Co., New York. He removed to Rindge 1840, where his second wife d. Feb. 22, 1846, and he md. (3d) Feb. 11, 1847, Rachel Brooks (Brooks family No. 7). He was a farmer and a respected citizen. He d. Oct. 10, 1873.

- 58 i. *Harriet Augusta*, b. in Ashburnham, Aug. 16, 1829; md. Derostus P. Emory, *q. v.*
- 59 ii. *George W.*, b. in Ashburnham, May 22, 1832; md. Aug. 16, 1861, Melissa A. Metcalf, dau. of Erastus Metcalf, *q. v.* He resides, a successful merchant, in Hudson, Mass.
- 60 1. Fanny M., b. July 16, 1867.
- 61 2. George Fred, b. Feb. 19, 1869.
- 62 iii. *Andrew Lysander*, b. in Ashburnham, Dec. 14, 1834; d. Feb 27, 1836.
- 63 iv. *Emily F.*, b. in Ashburnham, Sept. 15, 1836; md. Samuel Warren Kimball, son of Samuel M. Kimball, *q. v.*
- 64 v. *Joseph Lysander*, of second wife, b. in Rindge, May 29, 1843; drowned in Deerfield River, Deerfield, Mass., Oct. 14, 1869.

1 BENJAMIN DAVISON had resided in Fitzwilliam previous to his removal to Rindge in 1837. Four of his children d. in childhood, between 1822 and 1830. He md. (2d) about 1820, Nancy Colburn, dau. of Ebenezer Colburn, Jr., *q. v.* He was many years an officer in the Methodist Society, and was an esteemed citizen. He d. Sept. 20, 1860, aged 71; his widow d. March 21, 1874.

2 i. *Benjamin Brigham*, b. 1818; md. Dec. 7, 1843, Almira Peirce, dau. of Zebadiah Peirce, of Jaffrey. He was a farmer, and resided upon the farm with his father. He d. Nov. 16, 1861.

3 ii. *Abigail*, md. Sept. 12, 1841, Daniel C. Prescott, of Jaffrey.

4 Children of second wife:—

iii. *David*, md. Lydia Sears, of East Dennis, Mass., and (2d) Mary E. Foster, of Brewster, Mass. Five of his six children are deceased.

5 1. Lydia S., md. — Cutter, of Cambridge, Mass.

1 REV. SETH DEAN, the first settled minister in Rindge, a son of William Dean, of Plainfield, Ct., and a grandson of James Dean, of Stonington and Groton, was b. in Plainfield, Ct., Aug. 7, 1715. Graduated at Yale 1738.

After preaching in several places he came to Rindge early in the year 1765, and was ordained in November of that year. *Vide* Chap. IX. Upon his dismissal in 1780, he returned to his native State, and supplied the pulpit in North Killingly, now East Putnam, where he d. in April, 1782. Mr. Dean md. Mercy Fenner, of Providence, R. I. She d. about 1776, and he md. (2d) widow Allen, of Brookline, Ct. The following baptisms are found upon the church records:—

John, son of Rev. Seth Dean, baptized April 13, 1766.

Anne and Eunice, daughters of Rev. Seth Dean, baptized Aug. 10, 1766.

Sarah, daughter of Rev. Seth Dean, baptized Dec. 6, 1767.

Esther, daughter of Rev. Seth Dean, baptized Aug. 25, 1771.

John, who was bap. in 1766, was md. in 1772, and consequently was a youth when bap., and it will hereafter appear that he was b. in 1746 or 1747. Esther was md. in 1774, and her baptism may possibly have occurred on the occasion of admission to the church. The fact that her name does not appear in the record of membership does not destroy the supposition, since the early records of the church are fragmentary and imperfect. Through the kindness of John Ward Dean, Esq., the efficient librarian of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, additional information of the children of Rev. Seth Dean is gleaned from a copy of a letter written by John Dean, son of John, and grandson of Rev. Seth Dean, under date of Feb. 18, 1847. The order in which they are named is conjectural.

- 2 I. *Amy*, md. Isaae Allen, probably the Isaac Allen of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Seth*, killed when thirteen years of age by the overturning of a cart.
- 4 III. *John*, b. 1747; md. Prudence Page. †
- 5 IV. *Esther*, md. Dr. Asher Palmer, *q. v.*; (2d) David Main.
- 6 V. *Anne*.
- 7 VI. *Eunice*, md. — Brooks, and settled in Reading, Vt.; and (2d) — Crofut, of Grantville, N. Y.
- 8 VII. *Sarah*.

- (4) JOHN DEAN md. July 14, 1772, Prudence Page, dau. of Nathaniel, of Rindge, *q. v.* He was a member of Capt. Stone's Company in 1777, and was at the battle of Bennington. "My daughter Prudence Dean" is mentioned in the will of Nathaniel Page, dated Aug. 26, 1779. "Leonard, Seth, and John, children of John and Prudence Dean, baptized Dec. 21, 1777." In 1780 he removed with his father to Connecticut, and ten years later to Haver-

hill, N. H., the home of a brother of his wife. From Haverhill he removed to Bradford, Vt., where he d. 1796, aged 49. Their children were: (1) Leonard, d. about 1830, leaving a family; (2) Seth, lived in Mayfield, O.; (3) John, md. Elizabeth, dau. of Gen. Moody Bedell, of Haverhill; resided in Lunenburg, Vt.; his son John was a lawyer in Montpelier; (4) Nathaniel P., went to Ohio; (5) Fenner, d. about 1830, leaving a family; (6) Danforth, settled in Wells, Vt.; (7) Silas; (8) William, resided in Pawlet, Vt.; had a family; (9) Caleb, d. unmd. in Mayfield, O.

9 HIRAM DEAN, not known to have been a kinsman of Rev. Seth Dean, was a steelyard-maker. He was a roving planet, and his frequent removals were perhaps an incident of his occupation and in quest of new markets for his wares. He came from Groton to Rindge in May, 1779. Two years later he removed to Townsend, and subsequently to Jaffrey. By his wife Eleanor he had six children:—

- 10 i. *Hiram*, b. previous to 1779.
- 11 ii. *Eleanor*, b. previous to 1779; md. May 21, 1801, Thomas Wilson.
- 12 iii. *Elizabeth*, b. in Rindge Feb. 17, 1780. (Rindge records.)
- 13 iv. *Molley*, b. in Townsend Dec. 17, 1781. (Townsend records.)
- 14 v. *Moses*, a cripple, d. about 1807.
- 15 vi. *Dudley*.

1 EZEKIEL DEMARY, the son of a French emigrant, was b. in Boston 1738, and resided in Rindge with his brother John, and with other families, during the greater portion of the last thirty or more years of his life. He was an ardent patriot, and is said to have been of the party who threw the tea into Boston harbor. He served several years in the Revolutionary army, enlisting from this town. He was never md., and d. in Rindge 1811.

2 JOHN DEMARY, older than his brother Ezekiel, was also b. in Boston about 1728. He md. Rebecca Corneille,— whose parents were also natives of France. Previous to their removal to Rindge they had resided in Billerica and Lunenburg, Mass. They were admitted to the church in Lunenburg by letter from the church in Billerica Sept. 1, 1751. In 1763 he removed with his wife and six children, and settled upon the farm occupied for many years by the late Hubbard Moors. He d. in Nov., 1807; his wife d. previous to this date. He served two short terms in the army.



- 3 I. *John*, b. in Lunenburg Aug. 27, 1751. Killed by Indians while in the Revolutionary army, Nov. 1, 1781, after more than four years of continuous service.
- 4 II. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 24, 1754; md. John Buswell, *q. v.*
- 5 III. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 13, 1756.
- 6 IV. *Anna*, b. April 15, 1758; md. Ensign Ezekiel Rand, *q. v.*
- 7 V. *Sarah*, b. June 1, 1760; md. Lemuel Page, *q. v.*
- 8 VI. *Thomas*, b. July 15, 1762; md. Rebecca Cutler, *q. v.* +
- 9 VII. *Ezekiel*, b. in Rindge; bap. in Lunenburg Aug. 5, 1764. +
- 10 VIII. *Silas*, bap. in Rindge Aug. 10, 1766; md. Dec. 23, 1794, Sally Rand, *q. v.*, and removed to Weathersfield, Vt.
- 11 IX. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 21, 1768; md. John Cutter, *q. v.*
- 12 X. *Peter*, bap. May 26, 1771.
- 13 XI. *Newcomb*, bap. April 30, 1775. Lived in New York State.

- (8) THOMAS DEMARY, md. May 4, 1786, Rebecca Cutler, dau. of Capt. Solomon, and resided in Rindge until 1798, when the family removed to Lebanon, N. H. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and his name appears in the history of that period.

- 14 I. *Rebecca*, b. July 9, 1787.
- 15 II. *Cynthia*, b. Sept. 29, 1790.
- 16 III. *Polly*, b. —.
- 17 IV. *Thomas*, b. March 31, 1795.
- 18 V. *Nancy*, b. May 30, 1797.

- (9) EZEKIEL DEMARY, md. Nov. 23, 1786, Maria Parker, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Page) Parker, of Groton, Mass., where she was b. Oct. 6, 1768. Her father removed to Maine and she came to Rindge when a child, and lived with her grandfather, Lieut. Joseph Page. *Vide* No. 40, of the Page family. Mr. Demary settled upon the farm now of James Damon, where he resided many years. He d. May 1, 1840; his widow d. Aug. 5, 1842.

- 19 I. *Clarissa*, b. May 6, 1787; md. Capt. Freeborn Stearns, *q. v.*
- 20 II. *John*, b. Dec. 21, 1789; md. Catharine Johnson, *q. v.* +
- 21 III. *Maria*, b. 1791; md. John V. Platts, *q. v.*
- 22 IV. *Fanny*, b. Oct. 25, 1794; md. Feb. 18, 1822, Elias Whitney.
- 23 V. *Linda*, b. Feb. 7, 1797; md. Jedidiah Foster.
- 24 VI. *James Locke*, b. April 27, 1800. +

- 25 VII. *Eliza*, b. Feb. 18, 1802.  
 26 VIII. *Harriet*, b. Dec. 9, 1806; md. Oliver Hale, *q. v.*

(20) JOHN DEMARY, md. July 19, 1813, Catharine Johnson, dau. of Nathan, *q. v.* He was a tanner, and for a short time was in business at the yard formerly of Benjamin Bancroft, in Rindge Centre. He left his home and creditors with hasty words of farewell, about 1815. His only child,

- 27 I. *Nathan Johnson*, b. April 22, 1814, was a man of many eccentricities, but of superior natural ability. He d. unmd., *felo de se*, Nov. 29, 1859.

(24) JAMES LOCKE DEMARY, md. Oct. 24, 1822, Olive Page, dau. of Elias and Olive (Smith) Page, *q. v.* She d. Dec. 7, 1825; md. (2d) March 15, 1826, Esther Page, a sister of Olive; she d. May 11, 1868.

- 28 I. *Olive*, b. June 18, 1824; md. Ezekiel Haskell.  
 29 II. *Joseph P.*, b. Nov. 20, 1826; d. Sept. 15, 1829.  
 30 III. *Esther S.*, b. Dec. 5, 1828; d. April 1, 1829.  
 31 IV. *James L.*, b. Dec. 25, 1829; md. Laura Metcalf, dau. of Timothy, *q. v.*  
 32 V. *Nancy K.*, b. Dec. 11, 1831; md. Leonard P. Wellington, *q. v.* She d. April 15, 1859.  
 33 VI. *John M.*, b. Jan. 11, 1834; md. Lydia Church, and resides in Winchendon.  
 34 VII. *Aberlino J.*, b. Feb. 11, 1836; md. Angeline E. Tarbell, adopted dau. of Samuel Tarbell.  
 35 VIII. *Christopher C.*, b. Feb. 16, 1838; md. Oct. 4, 1859, Olive Page, dau. of Jonathan Page. Resides in Rindge.  
 36 IX. *Esther A.*, b. Dec. 2, 1839; md. Abram Richards, son of John Richards.  
 37 X. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 18, 1842; d. in the army, Feb. 1, 1863.  
 38 XI. *Hannah E.*, b. Feb. 13, 1844; md. Rufus Whitney, of Fitzwilliam.

1 NATHAN DERBY was b. in Princeton, Mass., about 1765. He md. Susan Thompson, of Sterling, Mass., and after a residence of several years in Leominster, Mass., they removed to the south-west part of this town in 18—. Several years later he removed to Andover, Vt. He d. 1838; his widow d. 1848.

- 2 I. *Nathan*, md. Betsey Thomas, dau. of Capt. Philip Thomas, *q. v.* She d. July 11, 1822, and he md. (2d) Betsey Dowse. He resides in Andover, Vt.  
 3 II. *Oliver*, md. Betsey Hadley, and removed to Groton, Mass.; d. 1869.

- 4      iii. *Betsey*, d. young.  
 5      iv. *Deliverance*, md. Betsey Whitney, and resided in  
        Groton and in Harvard, Mass. He d. in the lat-  
        ter town 1837.  
 6      v. *Sophia*, md. Asa Prescott, of Westford, and re-  
        moved to California.  
 7      vi. *Ephraim*, md. Betsey Whitney; has resided in  
        Westmoreland; is now in Nashua, N. H. His  
        wife d. 1861.  
 8      vii. *Milo*, b. 1802; md. Nov. 27, 1833, Clara Cook, dau.  
        of John and Anna (Beals) Cook. He d. in Ash-  
        burnham June 8, 1851, and his widow md. (2d)  
        David Nutting, who d. Feb. 24, 1863. There  
        were three children of Milo and Clara Derby.  
 9                    1. Edward M., b. May 16, 1836; d. Nov. 27,  
                       1844.  
 10                   2. Wilbur M., b. May 6, 1841; md. May 10,  
                       1865, Martha A. Page, dau. of Warren  
                       and Mary (Brown) Page, of Winchester,  
                       N. H. They reside in East Rindge.  
 11                   3. Lizzie C., b. March 29, 1848; md. May 10,  
                       1865, Willard Page, son of Warren and  
                       Mary (Brown) Page. She d. Sept. 27,  
                       1867. He resides in East Rindge.  
 12      viii. *Mary*, md. Eli Green, of Westford, Mass., and d.  
        1837.  
 13      ix. *Josiah*, md. Betsey Whitney, and resides in Ash-  
        burnham.  
 14      x. *Emily*, md. Dwell Whitney, of Ashburnham. She  
        d. 1868, and he md. (2d) Rebecca (Gilson)  
        Crouch, widow of Joel Crouch.

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1      SILAS DUTTON md. in Lunenburg, May 3, 1763, Sarah  
 Whitney, and removed the following year to this town.  
 After 1771 this family disappear from the records. Their  
 children, as far as known, were:—

- 2                    i. *Silas*, b. in Lunenburg May, 1764.  
 3                    ii. *Polly*, bap. in Rindge Aug. 31, 1766.  
 4                    iii. *Oliver*, bap. in Rindge April 26, 1767.  
 5                    iv. *Jane*, bap. in Rindge Nov. 10, 1771.  
 6                    v. *Zacariah*, bap. in Rindge Nov. 10, 1771.

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7      REED DUTTON md. Betsey Burnap, and resided a few  
 years from 1829 on the farm now of Dea. James Bancroft.  
 They were subsequently divorced, and he is again md.  
 and resides in Milford, N. H. Two children were b. in  
 Rindge.

- 8                    1. *Daughter*, d. young, Jan. 6, 1829.

- 9      ii. *Lois E.*, b. Jan. 18, 1830; md. May 31, 1848, Abram G. Lawrence, of Ashby, Mass. They resided in Rindge from 1856 until 1869. Now reside in Fitchburg, Mass. Mr. Lawrence is a son of Benjamin and Sally (Gibson) Lawrence, of Ashby, and a grandson of Peter Lawrence, who was several years in the army during the Revolution. He was b. Oct. 17, 1742, and was a son of Dea. Jonathan Lawrence, of Littleton, and a grandson of Major Eleazer Lawrence, of Groton and Littleton, and he a son of Peleg Lawrence, of Groton, who was a son of John Lawrence, the emigrant, who settled in Watertown in 1635, and subsequently removed to Groton.
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- 1      BARTHOLOMEW DWINNEL enlisted in 1780 into the Continental service. The same year he and his wife were seated in the meeting-house, and he was subsequently elected to minor offices.
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- 2      BARTHOLOMEW DWINNEL, perhaps the same person, md. June 23, 1785, Rebecca Towne, dau. of Dea. Francis Towne, and removed to Keene, N. H.
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- 3      MICHAEL DWINNEL md. Dec. 3, 1795, Lydia Towne, sister of Rebecca, and removed to Keene, N. H.
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- 4      SARAH DWINNEL md. Aug. 14, 1781, Abel Jewett, son of Ezekiel.
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- 5      REBECCA DWINNEL md. Nov. 12, 1812, Solomon Sawtell, (2d) *q. v.* It is impossible to indicate in what manner the above were related.

## EARL.

WILLIAM EARL was residing in Boxford, Mass., in 1719, and was taxed there for several succeeding years. He md. in Middleton, Nov. 10, 1719, Elizabeth Curtis, by whom he had five children. He d. previous to 1736, and his widow was living in 1785. He spelled his name Eills, and upon the records the name is frequently written fles; but his descendants have restored the original orthography of the name.

- 1      WILLIAM EARL, son of William, of Boxford, was b. March 25, 1723; md. Aug. 23, 1744, Martha Booth, of Middleton. He resided in Boxford until 1750, and probably until a later period. At an advanced age he removed to this town, where he d. 1799. Of his six children only one became a resident of Rindge.

- 2 JOHN EARL, son of William, grandson of William, was  
 b. in Boxford, May 16, 1746, and came to Rindge soon  
 after the incorporation of the town. He md. in Groton,  
 July 17, 1773, Rebecca Page, dau. of Joseph Page, then  
 of Groton, but subsequently of this town. In Butler's  
 "History of Groton" the record of this marriage styles  
 him John Ellis, an easy mistake for Eills. He settled  
 upon the farm more recently occupied by Josiah Stratton,  
 senior and junior, where he d. May 10, 1803, and his  
 widow d. Sept. 25, 1830. He was several years collector  
 of taxes and constable, and during the Revolution the  
 town's proportion of the State tax was frequently paid  
 by him.
- 3 I. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 21, 1774; md. May 6, 1794,  
 Thomas Cutler, son of Thomas and Abigail  
 (Reed) Cutler, of Lexington, Mass., and a  
 nephew of Capt. Solomon Cutler, of Rindge.  
 They resided in Lexington and in Ashby. He  
 d. in Boxford, Mass., Feb. 14, 1833, aged 64.
- 4 1. Charles, b. Feb. 3, 1795; md. Prudence  
 Holden. Two children.
- 5 2. Abigail, b. Aug. 27, 1796; md. Abel Greene,  
 of Carlisle, Mass., and d. Sept. 30, 1837.
- 6 3. Marshall, b. June 10, 1800; md. Catherine  
 Wood, of Dunstable, and d. in Mobile,  
 Ala., Aug. 25, 1850.
- 7 4. Thomas C., b. Jan. 16, 1803; md. Maria  
 Wood, of Dunstable; md. (2d) Louisa  
 Wheat. He removed to Bedford, Mass.
- 8 5. Rebecca, b. April 14, 1805; d. unmd. Aug.  
 15, 1826.
- 9 6. Nathaniel C., b. Aug. 21, 1808; md. Susan  
 Lane; (2d) Catherine Wheeler; (3d)  
 Elizabeth Reed. He settled in Bedford.
- 10 7. Leonard N., b. April 13, 1811; d. unmd.  
 Jan. 19, 1835.
- 11 8. Alice S., b. July 7, 1815; md. S. Harring-  
 ton; d. May 10, 1839.
- 12 II. *Sally*, b. Sept. 8, 1775; md. Aug. 6, 1798, Isaac  
 Smith, of Lexington, son of Josiah and Hannah  
 (Brown) Smith. He d. Dec. 6, 1840; she d.  
 Sept. 25, 1861. Five children:—
- 13 1. Eliza, b. Jan. 22, 1800; md. March 24,  
 1831, Charles Blodget.
- 14 2. Susan P., b. July 21, 1801; md. May 8,  
 1823, Francis Kittridge.
- 15 3. Mary, b. Jan. 16, 1803; md. 1835, Wm. B.  
 Smith.

- 16 4. John, b. Oct. 17, 1804; md. Oct. 16, 1831,  
Hannah Fillebrown.
- 17 5. Martha B., b. Jan. 20, 1809; d. unmd. May  
30, 1851.
- 18 III. Eunice, b. Sept. 16, 1777; md. Capt. Leonard  
Wellington, *q. v.*
- 19 IV. Nabby, b. Aug. 16, 1779; md. Isaac Wood, *q. v.*
- 20 V. Cally, b. Oct. 30, 1781; d. in Rindge unmd. Jan.  
20, 1862.
- 21 VI. Mary, b. Nov. 11, 1784; md. David Wood, *q. v.*
- 22 VII. Hepsibeth, b. Oct. 26, 1787; md. Josiah Stratton,  
*q. v.*
- 23 VIII. John, b. Oct. 30, 1789; md. in Burlington, Vt.,  
Rhoda Carter. He resided in Burlington, and  
later in the States of New York and Michigan.  
Four of his nine children d. young. The others,  
if living, reside in the boundless West.
- 24 IX. Grata, b. Aug. 10, 1792; md. 1818, John A. Gillet,  
of Burlington, Vt.

1 AARON EASTY, or ESTY, resided in town only a few  
years. He md. Oct. 22, 1766, Molley Hopper, probably of  
Lynn. With two children they removed to Rindge in  
1770 or 1771. They were here in 1776, but the name dis-  
appears from the records previous to 1780. It is tradition  
that he returned to Topsfield or vicinity.

- 2 I. Joseph, b. in Topsfield Sept. 5, 1767.
- 3 II. Hannah, b. in Topsfield July —, 1769.
- 4 III. William, b. in Rindge May 26, 1771.
- 5 IV. John, b. in Rindge June —, 1773.

1 JOSEPH EATON for a short time was interested in the  
manufacture of shoes, and Charles and Lott Eaton were  
workmen in the same business; but none of them were  
more than temporary residents here.

## EDDY.

JOHN EDDY, a brother of Samuel, of Plymouth, was a son of Rev. Will-  
iam Eddy, of Crainbrook, Kent County, England. He came to America  
1630, and soon after settled in Watertown, where he was selectman 1635,  
'36, '37. He d. Oct. 12, 1684, aged 90. His son Samuel, b. Sept. 30,  
1640, d. Nov. 2, 1711, leaving seven children, the eldest of whom was  
Samuel, b. June 4, 1668; md. Dec. 13, 1693, Elizabeth Woodward, dau.  
of George and Elizabeth (Hammond) Woodward, of Watertown. Benja-  
min, their seventh child, b. Nov. 30, 1707, removed from Watertown to  
Newton, where he md. 1733, Elizabeth Truesdale, dau. of Samuel and  
Elizabeth (Hammond) Truesdale. Their third child and eldest son was  
Benjamin, b. Oct. 21, 1739. He served three years in the Revolution. In  
Dec., 1760, he md. Sarah Holland, by whom he had eleven children, and  
among them Dea. Benjamin Eddy, of Rindge.



1 DEA. BENJAMIN EDDY, the sixth generation from John Eddy, the emigrant, was b. Sept. 13, 1764. He md. Zelida Peirce, who was the mother of his five children. In 1821 he removed to this town, and in Oct. of that year md. Mrs. Mary Stone. She d. Sept. 17, 1826. Two years later he removed to Newton, where he d. in 1852. He was chosen deacon of the Congregational Church Aug. 4, 1823, and continued in the office during his residence in this town.

2 BENJAMIN F. EDDY, a grandson of Dea. Eddy, md. Mary Goodridge, dau. of David and Susan Goodridge. After his decease she md. (2d) William A. Sherwin, of Rindge, *q. v.*, and her two children became residents of this town.

3 I. *Benjamin Webster*, b. July 4, 1842; md. June, 1868, Lizzie Wilson. He is a dealer in books and stationery, Fitchburg.

4 II. *Mary A.*, b. July 3, 1844; md. Frederick Spaulding, of Jaffrey.

1 JOHN EMORY, the ancestor of the Emorys of Rindge, was probably a descendant of the Newbury family. The change in the orthography from Emery to Emory was adopted since the emigration to this town. He was b. in Topsfield, 1750, where he md. Elizabeth Perkins. They came to Rindge in 1771, and settled in the south-west part of the town. He was unpretending in his manner and upright in character. He d. March 26, 1839, aged 88.

2 I. *Francis*, b. Aug. 14, 1770, in Topsfield. +

3 II. *Daniel*, b. July 5, 1772. +

4 III. *John*, b. Oct. 14, 1774. +

5 IV. *Isaac*, b. March 25, 1776; lived and died in the State of New York.

6 V. *Stephen*, b. May 13, 1778. +

7 VI. *Betsey*, b. April 25, 1782; d. unmd. Sept. 1, 1844.

8 VII. *Olive*, b. Sept. 26, 1784; d. unmd. Aug. 20, 1855.

9 VIII. *Enos*, b. Oct. 23, 1791. +

(2) FRANCIS EMORY md. Jan. 18, 1796, Eunice Philbrick, dau. of James, *q. v.* They resided a few years in Grafton, Vt., and subsequently in Winchendon. They had seven children.

10 I. *Grata*, b. in Grafton, Oct. 17, 1797; d. Oct. 13, 1801.

11 II. *Elizabeth P.*, b. in Grafton, Aug. 23, 1799; d. Oct. 21, 1801.

- 12 III. *John*, b. in Winchendon, Nov. 20, 1800; md. Sept. 24, 1823, Sarah F. Barrett, who d. May 9, 1830; md. (2d) Almira Jones, dau. of Daniel and Lucy (Ames) Jones, of Framingham, Mass. He d. Dec. 4, 1866. Three children by first wife.
- 13 1. Jane, md. Henry O. Blanchard. Reside in Wisconsin.
- 14 2. Maria, md. David M. Parker. Reside in Wisconsin.
- 15 3. Justin, md. Elizabeth Barber, of Winchendon. Now reside in Rindge.
- 16 IV. *Eunice*, b. April 30, 1803; md., about 1825, Milo Stone, son of Capt. Ebenezer and Sybil (Howe) Stone, of Townsend, Mass. He was a merchant and hotel-keeper in Rindge a short time. He d. July 16, 1834. She md. (2d) George French, and d. Feb. 25, 1837.
- 17 V. *Lucretia*, b. Feb. 24, 1805; md. Hubbard Moors, *q. v.*
- 18 VI. *Louisa*, b. Oct. 3, 1807; md. April 3, 1834, Hollis Chaffin. They lived in Rindge a few years, and now reside in Providence, R. I.
- 19 VII. *Sarah S.*, b. Aug. 26, 1809; md. July 3, 1838, Hosley Shedd, of Tewksbury; resided there. He d. June 16, 1874. She d. Dec. 9, 1873. No children.
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- (3) DANIEL EMORY md. Betsey Curtice, dau. of Abner and Ruth (Hale) Curtice. She was b. in Boxford, Mass., July 14, 1772, and when a child her parents removed to Winchendon. Mr. Emory was engaged in the manufacture of nest-boxes in this town until 1806, when he removed to Jaffrey. About 1825 he went to Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer and manufacturer, and for several years was postmaster. He d. in Mehoopany, Wyoming Co., Pa., 1855. His wife d. in Jaffrey, 1848.
- 20 I. *Permelia*, b. Nov. 1, 1794; d. unmd. in Ware, Mass.
- 21 II. *Prentice Burr*, b. July 17, 1797. He was a physician. Resided and d. in New Jersey.
- 22 III. *Abvah*, b. June 11, 1799. He was a hatter, and after his marriage resided in Leominster, Mass. He d., *s. p.*, Sept. 24, 1851.
- 23 IV. *Ambrose*, b. Nov. 12, 1802; md. Mary Godding, dau. of Henry Godding, *q. v.*, and resided in Rindge and Jaffrey.
- 24 1. George.
- 25 2. Martha Anna; md. John Durant.

- 26 v. *Cynthia*, b. —; md. Levi Joslin, of Rindge, *q. v.*  
She d. leaving two sons.
- 27 1. Levi.
- 28 2. Judson.
- 29 VI. *Daniel*, b. Jan. 16, 1809. +
- 30 VII. *Sophia*, b. —; md. Jonathan J. Ayers, of North  
Brookfield, Mass.
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- (4) JOHN EMORY md. Dec. 25, 1806, Deborah Towne, dau.  
of Dea. Francis Towne. He was a farmer in Rindge.  
He d. June 7, 1838; she d. Oct. 14, 1832.
- 31 I. *Charles Pinckney*, b. Oct. 15, 1817; d. unmd.  
April 5, 1853.
- 32 II. *Francis Towne*, b. July 24, 1811; md. Nov. 5,  
1844, Mary Smith. Lived in Rindge until 1856,  
when he removed to Prairie City, Ill. They  
have three sons.
- 33 III. *Elizabeth P.*, b. June 10, 1815; md. Nov., 1857,  
Walter Brooks; resided in Rindge until 1866,  
and then removed to Prairie City, Ill., where she  
d. Aug., 1870.
- 34 IV. *Deborah*, b. Dec., 1820; md. Jacob Newell, of Jaf-  
frey. He d. April 5, 1863, a member of Co. F,  
16th N. H. Vols.
1. George A., b. June 19, 1850; md. Feb. 9,  
1871, Sarah M. Wright, dau. of Edward  
and Maria (Sawin) Wright, of Rindge.
2. Henry O., b. Feb. 8, 1856; d. young.
3. Francis H., b. April 8, 1857; d. young.
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- (6) CAPT. STEPHEN EMORY md. Feb. 15, 1804, Betsey  
Wood, dau. of Isaac, senior, *q. v.* She d. March 2, 1807;  
md. (2d) May 30, 1810, Polly Ingalls, dau. of Jonathan,  
*q. v.*; she d. May 20, 1826; md. (3d) July 19, 1827, Hep-  
sey Buswell, dau. of John, *q. v.* He d. Jan. 13, 1874,  
aged 95 years and 8 months, being more than five years  
older than any person living, at the time, in Rindge. His  
wife d. March 7, 1858. Capt. Emory was a farmer, and  
for many years was engaged in the manufacture of nest-  
boxes and drums. He was a captain in the militia, select-  
man, and frequently elected to other offices, and was  
universally respected for integrity and honesty.
- 35 I. *Derostus Wood*, b. Feb. 22, 1807. +
- 36 II. *Albert*, b. March 5, 1811; resides in Canton, Ill.;  
md. Sarah Jane Capps.
- 37 1. Eliza Jane.
- 38 2. Charles Albert.

- 39 III. *Augustus*, b. Sept. 27, 1813; resides in Canton, Ill.; md. *Permelia* Woodworth.
- 40 I. *Herbert*.
- 41 IV. *Eliza*, b. May 31, 1816; d. Sept. 16, 1816.
- 42 V. *Eliza*, b. Feb. 21, 1819; resides in Rindge.
- 43 VI. *Infant*, } b. July, 1823; d. same month.
- 44 VII. *Infant*, }
- 45 VIII. *Stephen B.*, b. Sept. 1, 1828; d. Dec. 17, 1847.
- 46 IX. *Elizabeth*, b. April 23, 1833; d. May 24, 1836.
- 47 X. *Caroline M.*, b. June 26, 1834; d. April 22, 1836.
- 48 XI. *Ellen*, b. Jan. 7, 1836; d. unmd. Sept. 30, 1864.

(9) EXOS EMORY md. April 22, 1817, Zipporah Hale, dau. of David Hale, *q. v.* They resided in Keene, Groton, and Ashburnham. She d. of small-pox, Sept. 14, 1848; he d. Feb. 20, 1867. They had four children.

- 49 I. *Mary J.*, b. Jan. 23, 1818; md. June 15, 1839, George E. Lane, son of Elias and Anna (Jones) Lane. They reside in Fitchburg.
- 50 II. *William H.*, b. March 27, 1821; md. June 11, 1856, Mary A. Lane, dau. of John and Anna (Cook) Lane. They reside in Ashburnham.
- 51 III. *Charles H.*, b. March 29, 1823; md. Oct. 11, 1848, Eliza M. Lane, dau. of Elias and Anna (Jones) Lane. He is a machinist in Fitchburg.
- 52 IV. *Pascal P.*, b. July 21, 1825; md. Nov. 27, 1850, Marilla J. Lane, dau. of Elias and Anna (Jones) Lane. Merchant in Springfield, Mass.

(29) DANIEL EMORY, son of Daniel, md. Sept. 30, 1829, Susanna (Coolidge) Peirce, b. Jan. 31, 1807, dau. of Lieut. Stephen and Drusilla (Patterson) Peirce, of Lunenburg. He was an extensive dealer in hats, caps, and furnishing goods, in Fitchburg, Mass., where he d. March 31, 1858. His widow resides with her dau. in Cambridge, Mass.

- 53 I. *Charles Augustus*, b. April 21, 1831; md. June 20, 1854, Nancy C. Peirce, of Lunenburg. *Vide* Crumbe Register, No. 14. He continued for several years the business of his father, and is now a provision dealer in Fitchburg.
- 54 1. *Nellie Frances*, b. July 24, 1855; d. March 27, 1863.
- 55 2. *Minnie Louisa*, b. March 20, 1859; d. April 9, 1863.
- 56 3. *Charles Lincoln*, b. March 15, 1861; d. March 22, 1863.
- 57 4. *Frank Eugene*, b. Jan. 19, 1866.
- 58 5. *Bertram Peirce*, b. Aug. 26, 1868.

- 59      ii. *Sydney Patterson*, b. Feb. 28, 1835; md. Feb. 24, 1863, Cynthia E. Osborn, dau. of Leonard Osborn. She d. April 10, 1856, leaving one child. He md. (2d) Nov. 7, 1867, Sarah (Davis) Newton, b. March 21, 1837, widow of Dexter Newton, and dau. of Winslow and Lydia (Learned) Davis, of Templeton, Mass. He is proprietor of a restaurant in Fitchburg, and has been successful in business.
- 60              1. Walter Osborn, b. March 31, 1865; d. June 26, 1865.
- 61              2. Louie Patterson, b. March 13, 1871; d. May 29, 1871.
- 62      iii. *William Childs*, b. June 23, 1836; md. June 9, 1859, Georgianna Frances Leavitt, b. June 9, 1836, dau. of James and Louisa (Lord) Leavitt, of Lowell and Wilmington, Mass. He is a provision dealer in Fitchburg, and has been successful in that and other business.
- 63              1. Willie Leavitt, b. May 5, 1864; d. May 8, 1867.
- 64              2. Walter Leavitt, b. Nov. 10, 1868.
- 65      iv. *Caroline Frances*, b. July 5, 1838; d. May 7, 1840.
- 66      v. *Edward Franklin*, b. April 28, 1841; md. Aug. 29, 1860, Mary Mildred Colby, b. Feb. 12, 1843, dau. of John and Sarah C. (Purinton) Colby, of Bath, Me. He served three years in the 36th Mass. Vols.; was promoted to Lieutenant, and detailed as Brigade and later as Division Commissary and Quartermaster. He is now a provision dealer in Fitchburg.
- 67              1. Cora Althea, b. in Fitchburg, Dec. 19, 1861.
- 68              2. Gertrude Susan, b. in Fitchburg, Jan. 10, 1865.
- 69              3. Frederick Lincoln, b. in Lunenburg, April 9, 1867.
- 70      vi. *Frederick Peirce*, b. April 29, 1843; d. May 12, 1844.
- 71      vii. *Sarah Emma*, b. April 7, 1845; md. June 15, 1869, Henry D. Yerxa, son of Benjamin and Isabella Yerxa. He is of the firm of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, grocers, Boston. Residence in Cambridge.
- 72              1. Sadie E., b. Sept. 6, 1871.
- 73              2. Henry D., b. March 12, 1874.
- 74      viii. *Abbie Susan*, b. Oct. 16, 1847; d. Aug. 24, 1848.
- 75      ix. *Herbert*, b. Feb. 3, 1851; a salesman in Boston.

- (31) DEROSTUS W. EMORY md. Mary Peirce, dau. of Benjamin, sen., *q. v.* He is a farmer, and resides in Rindge.
- 76 I. *George A.*, b. March 28, 1828; md. May 20, 1854, Martha J. Bass, dau. of David Bass, of Sharon, N. H. She d. June 21, 1863; md. (2d) June 5, 1864, Maria E. Stearns, of Jaffrey. They reside in Sharon.
- 77 II. *Julia Augusta*, b. Sept. 24, 1830; md. Sept. 24, 1851, Charles F. Stearns, son of Capt. Freeborn Stearns, *q. v.*
- 78 III. *Derostus P.*, b. March 27, 1832; md. Nov., 1858, H. Augusta Davis, dau. of Joseph Davis, *q. v.* They reside in Sharon, N. H., where Mr. Emory is extensively engaged in the manufacture of coarse lumber.
- 79 IV. *Jane E.*, b. Feb. 13, 1835; md. Rodney A. Hubbard, son of Eliphalet, *q. v.*
- 80 V. *Warren W.*, b. Feb. 12, 1837; md. Nov., 1860, Caroline Lake, dau. of Alison, *q. v.*, who d. May 17, 1867; md. (2d) May 19, 1868, Abbie T. Lake, dau. of Ira, *q. v.* He is a merchant in Rindge, of the firm of Fletcher & Emory, and has been town clerk since 1868, and is town treasurer the present year.
- 81 VI. *Albert A.*, b. July 7, 1842; md. Nov., 1866, Mary Anna Wilder, dau. of Frederic A. Wilder, *q. v.* He is a farmer, and resides upon the home place.
- 82 VII. *Marianna*, b. Sept. 18, 1847; md. Sept. 18, 1872, William B. Robbins, of East Jaffrey, where they reside.
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- 1 ABEL FISKE FARRAR, of the eighth generation in descent from Jacob Farrar, of Lancaster, a son of Jacob and Achsah (Fiske) Farrar, and a grandson of Rev. Abel Fiske, the second minister of Wilton, N. H., md. Nov. 10, 1836, Emeline Rice, dau. of Abijah Rice, *q. v.*, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Worcester and in Boston until 1855, when he removed to this town. *Vide* "Farrar Genealogy."
- 2 I. *Arthur*, b. Dec. 3, 1837; md. Fannie Cook. He resides in Chicago, and is of the firm of Farrar & Wilson, who are general agents and control the sale of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines in the North-west.
- 3 II. *Emma*, b. July 25, 1839; has pursued a liberal course of study, and is a physician in Pittsburg, Pa.
- 4 III. *Oscar*, b. March 23, 1841; resides in Rindge.
- 5 IV. *Walter*, b. Nov. 29, 1843; d. Sept. 23, 1849.



- 6 v. *Fiske*, b. Jan. 9, 1848; a real estate broker in Denver, Col.  
 7 VI. *Jacob Hamilton*, b. July 21, 1849; a graduate of Harvard, class of 1874.  
 8 VII. *Lillian*, b. Aug. 3, 1851; a teacher in Pittsburg.  
 9 VIII. *Jennie Greene*, b. April 18, 1854.

1 JONAS FAULKNER, b. 1764; md. Eunice Stone, dau. of Silas Stone, of Boxborough, Mass., and removed upon the farm subsequently of John P. Symonds, Esq., in 1793. He was in the Revolutionary army, and was a pensioner. He d. June 24, 1837, and his widow d. a few years later.

- 2 I. *Sophia*, b. Feb. 28, 1794; md. John Whitney, *q. v.*  
 3 II. *Sukey*, b. March 16, 1799; d. young.  
 4 III. *Susannah*, b. June 26, 1803; md. John P. Symonds, *q. v.*

5 JOHN FAULKNER, a brother of Jonas, was in Rindge several years. He was not md.

1 JOHN FENNO, son of Joseph and Helen (Derby) Fenno, of Westminster, Mass., b. March 22, 1793. Came to this town 1813. June 17 of that year he md. Hannah Stiles, dau. of Hezekiah Stiles, *q. v.* She d. Aug. 15, 1822; md. (2d) Oct., 1823, widow Betsey (Fletcher) Reed. The date of her death is unknown; and he md. (3d) May 2, 1834, Susannah (Stone) Reed, widow of James Reed, *q. v.* She d. May 11, 1840. Mr. Fenno was in the service in 1814, at Portsmouth. He removed, about 1840, to Hinsdale, N. Y., where he md. (4th) Mary E. Houghton, by whom he had five children. He d. in Waterford, Penn., Aug. 9, 1860. His widow resides in Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y.

2 I. *John Stiles*, b. Nov. 22, 1814; md. June 4, 1837, Susan R. Fenno, dau. of Amos Fenno, *q. v.* She d. April 28, 1843; md. (2d) Nov. 30, 1843, Eveline W. Stiles, dau. of Samuel Stiles, *q. v.* He resided many years in Rindge; now lives in Waltham, Mass.

- 3 1. William Orville, b. Aug. 25, 1839; d. May 6, 1840.  
 4 2. Susan Helen, b. April 28, 1841; md.  
 5 Edward R. Hastings, of Waltham.  
 3. Eliza Stearns, b. April 24, 1843; md. George W. Wood, of Waltham.

Children of second wife:—

- 6 4. Isabel, b. 1844; md. M. H. Hughes, a tailor in Fitchburg, Mass.

- 7 5. Infant, d. young March 9, 1847.
- 8 6. Infant, d. young March 31, 1848.
- 9 II. *Stephen*, b. April 13, 1816; md. Oct. 19, 1841, Elizabeth Cram. Reside in Somerville.
- 10 1. Edward H., b. May 10, 1843. A farmer in Warwick, Mass.
- 11 2. Lizzie, b. Nov. 4, 1845; md. — Jaynes, of Somerville.
- 12 3. Martin, b. March 5, 1851. Resides in Somerville.
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- 13 AMOS FENNO, a brother of John, b. May 19, 1790; md. June 11, 1813, Hepsibeth Reed, dau. of James Reed, *q. v.* She d. July 22, 1823; md. (2d) Eudocia Russell, dau. of Simeon Russell, *q. v.*
- 14 I. *Susan R.*, b. Dec. 21, 1813; md. John S. Fenno, *q. v.*
- 15 II. *Charlotte*, b. Aug. 22, 1815; md. June 8, 1845, Edward Tobey. Reside in Vassalboro, Me.
- 16 1. Charles E., b. Feb. 17, 1846. Resides in Minnesota.
- 17 2. Eunice H., b. Dec. 29, 1847; md. Silas Bush.
- 18 3. Rowena A., b. May 18, 1850; d. June 10, 1874.
- 19 III. *Sophronia*, b. Dec. 12, 1816; md. James Stowe, of Sharon, N. H. Now reside in Minnesota. Several children.
- 20 IV. *Eloira*, b. Feb. 6, 1819; md. Charles Robinson, *q. v.*  
Children of second wife:—
- 21 v. *Amos Derby*, b. Sept. 5, 1824; d. in Waltham, Mass.
- 22 VI. *Eunice Helen*, b. Nov. 12, 1825; md. Feb. 12, 1853, Oliver R. Fletcher, son of Abel and Susan (Richardson) Fletcher. Reside in Waltham.
- 23 VII. *Rowena A.*, b. March 19, 1827; md. Jerome S. Buttrick, son of Samuel, and a nephew of Amos Buttrick, of Rindge. She d. April 16, 1859, leaving one child:—
- 24 1. Amos J.
- 25 VIII. *Martha E.*, b. March 12, 1829; md. Geo. W. Wood, son of Lewis Wood. She d. Jan. 26, 1861, and he md. (2d) Eliza, dau. of John S. Fenno, *q. v.*
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- 1 JOHN FITCH, who was captured by the Indians, as stated in Chap. IV., with his wife and two children removed in 1739 from Bradford, Mass., to that part of Lunenburg

now included in Ashby. His wife d. Dec. 24, 1748; he md. (2d) Feb. 14, 1750-1, Elizabeth (Bowers) Peirce, widow of David Peirce, of Lunenburg, and not his dau., as stated in Bond's "Watertown," p. 400. He took an active part in securing an act for the incorporation of the town of Fitchburg, and was first named on a committee chosen for that purpose. He also was a member of the committee which appeared before the General Court to procure the incorporation of Ashby, and on the organization of that town he was chosen constable and one of the selectmen. He came to Rindge, where he owned several lots of land, in 1772. After a residence of several years in this town, he returned to Ashby, where he d. April 8, 1795. Issue:—

- 2       i. *Catherine*, b. April 28, 1735.
- 3       ii. *John*, b. May 6, 1737.
- 4       iii. *Paul*, b. Jan. 4, 1743. †
- 5       iv. *Jacob*, b. June 29, 1744; a school-teacher in Rindge, and a clerk in the store of Dr. John Taylor, in Lunenburg.
- 6       v. *Susannah*, b. Feb. 18, 1748; md. Joshua Chase, of Shirley, Mass.

Children by second wife:—

- 7       vi. *Molley*, b. Nov. 23, 1752.
- 8       vii. *Sarah*, b. June 11, 1755.

- (4) PAUL FITCH md. April, 1767, Mary Jaquith, of Billerica, Mass., b. June 25, 1747, who was the mother of his nine children. He purchased the mills formerly of James Streeter, at Converseville, and removed to this town 1774 or 1775. He was a member of Capt. Stone's company in 1777, and soon after removed to Jaffrey, and subsequently to Marlborough, N. H. His wife d. Feb. 18, 1800, and he md. (2d) in Rindge, Jan. 7, 1802, Joanna (Rice) Walker, widow of Samuel Walker, *q. v.* He d. in Marlboro, May 2, 1818.

- 9       i. *Hannah*, b. June 23, 1768; md. John Moore, of Sharon, N. H., son of David and Margaret (Taggart) Moore.
- 10      ii. *John*, b. Oct. 11, 1770; md. Hannah —; d. in Cleveland, O., 1841.
- 11      iii. *Paul*, b. June 21, 1773; md. Nov. 25, 1802, Sarah Walker, dau. of Samuel and Joanna (Rice) Walker, of Rindge. She d. Nov. 14, 1814; md. (2d) Dec. 21, 1815, Sarah Davis. He resided in Marlboro and Claremont; d. Dec. 18, 1843. Descendants reside in Marlboro and in Sullivan County.

- 12 iv. *Mary*, b. in Rindge, March 15, 1776; md. in Jaffrey, by Dr. Payson, of Rindge, April 15, 1799, William Moore, of Sharon, son of David and Margaret (Taggart) Moore. He d. Oct. 6, 1823. She d. Oct. 23, 1835. Their third, fourth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh child d. young.
- 13 1. Nathan, b. Feb. 10, 1800; md. Sarah Russell; resides in Sharon.
- 14 2. Abner, b. July 21, 1802; md. Abigail Cook; resides in Jaffrey.
- 15 5. William, b. Feb. 14, 1805; md. Roxana Blodgett; (2d) Priscilla Blodgett; resided in Jaffrey, where he d. 1859.
- 16 6. Mary Fitch, b. April 20, 1807; md. Samuel Stearns, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 17 8. Isaiah, b. May 3, 1811; md. Mary Wheeler; resided in Winchendon; now in Minnesota.
- 18 10. Jeremiah, b. May 9, 1815; md. Margaret Jewett; resides in Lancaster, Mass.
- 19 v. *Alice*, b. April 11, 1779; d. unmd. 1859.
- 20 vi. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 26, 1782; md. Joseph Piper, of Jaffrey.
- 21 vii. *Jacob*, b. Feb. 20, 1785; d. unmd.
- 22 viii. *Susan*, b. Oct. 2, 1789; md. David Blood; (2d) Joseph Tolman.
- 23 ix. *Luther Jaquith*, b. Sept. 8, 1792; md. Jane Hoyt; resided at Hopkinton, N. H.

24 THADDEUS FITCH, then of Rindge, was a quartermaster in 1777 in Col. Nichols' Regiment, Gen. Starke's Brigade, and is also named in Capt. Stone's letter of July 3, 1777.

25 LIEUT. EBENEZER FITCH came from Bedford, Mass., in May, 1779. When he was "warned out" no mention was made of his wife, as was usual when a man was thus encumbered; but in 1780, "Lieut. Ebenezer Fitch and wife" appears in the report of the committee who seated the meeting-house. He was here in 1782, and but little is known of him or of Thaddeus Fitch.

## FLETCHER.

ROBERT FLETCHER, the ancestor of the families in Rindge bearing this name, probably came from Yorkshire, in England. In 1630, then about thirty-eight years of age, with three sons, Luke, William, and Samuel, he arrived in New England, and settled in Concord, Mass. He was a wealthy and influential man, and d. in that town April 3, 1677. William Fletcher, son of Robert, was b. in England 1622, and was admitted freeman May 10, 1643. He md. Oct. 7, 1645, Lydia Bates, and in 1653 removed to Chelmsford, Mass. He was an extensive proprietor of lands,

and owned nearly or all of what is now the city of Lowell, and a farm of 200 acres in Chelmsford is still owned by his descendants. He d. Nov. 6, 1677; his widow d. Oct. 12, 1704. Joshua Fletcher, his son, b. March 30, 1648, md. May 4, 1668, Grissies Jewell, who d. Jan. 16, 1682, and he md. (2d) July 18, 1682, Sarah Willey. He d. Nov. 11, 1713. Capt. Joseph Fletcher, son of Joshua by his second wife, was b. in Chelmsford June 10, 1689; md. Nov. 17, 1712, Sarah Adams, of Concord, Mass. They resided in Westford, Mass., where their ten children were b. He was a man of influence, and highly respected. He d. Oct. 4, 1772; his wife d. April 24, 1761. Their eighth child was Dea. Joshua Fletcher, who was b. Nov. 20, 1731. He md. Elizabeth Raymond, by whom he had nine children. They resided in Westford, and about two miles from the homestead of his father. He d. June 10, 1783. Joshua Fletcher, his son, b. Feb. 27, 1760, was three years in the Revolutionary army, and was at the battle of White Plains, and at the surrender of Burgoyne. He md. April 20, 1815, Lucy Jones, b. May 20, 1779, dau. of Enos and Mary (Whitmore) Jones, of Ashburnham. He resided in Westford and in Ashburnham, and d. in the last named place April 14, 1843; his widow d. in Rindge Dec. 21, 1850. Two of their children now reside in Rindge, and are named hereafter. Lyman Fletcher, also a son of Dea. Joshua and Elizabeth (Raymond) Fletcher, was b. June 12, 1758; md. 1794, Louisa Gates, of Ashburnham. He resided in Westford, where he d. 1834; his widow d. 1861. Their son, Walter Fletcher, was b. July 20, 1805; md. Aug. 31, 1828, Mary Chamberlain, and about 1830 removed to Vermont, residing in Plymouth, Mt. Holly, and Weston in that State. His wife d. May 12, 1841, and he is now living with his third wife. His eldest son is Samuel W. Fletcher, of this town.

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| 1     | MARY E. FLETCHER, dau. of Joshua and Lucy (Jones) Fletcher, b. in Westford May 1, 1816; md. Dea. Joseph Wetherbee, of Ashburnham; md. (2d) George W. Todd, of Rindge, <i>q. v.</i>  |
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| 2     | JOSHUA FLETCHER, son of Joshua and Lucy (Jones) Fletcher, b. in Ashburnham Aug. 27, 1820; md. April 24, 1846, Emeline Stimpson, who d. Sept 16, 1847, leaving one dau. who d. young. He md. (2d) April 14, 1852, Mrs. Frances (Partridge) Sampson. He resides a farmer in Rindge.   |
| 3     | I. <i>Emeline F.</i> , b. Jan. 15, 1853; d. March 18, 1854.   |
| 4     | II. <i>Arthur J.</i> , b. Feb. 22, 1855; d. April 27, 1855.   |
| 5     | III. <i>Ada Maria</i> , b. June 24, 1856.   |
| 6     | IV. <i>Walter Irving</i> , b. Jan. 28, 1858.  |
| 7     | V. <i>Winslow Ordway</i> , b. March 15, 1859.   |
| 8     | VI. <i>William Frederick</i> , b. June 9, 1861.   |
| 9     | VII. <i>Myrtilia Ines</i> , b. Feb. 14, 1864.   |
| 10    | VIII. <i>Edwin C.</i> ; b. Aug. 25, 1866.   |
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| 11    | SAMUEL W. FLETCHER, son of Walter and Mary (Chamberlain) Fletcher, was b. in Westford Jan. 24, 1829. He md. in Rindge, April 25, 1850, Emily T. Brooks, dau. of Joseph Brooks, <i>q. v.</i> She d. June 24, 1852, and he md. (2d) Nov. 9, 1852, her sister, Caroline M. Brooks. Mr. |



Fletcher resided a few years in Bennington, N. H., and Haverhill, Mass. Returning to Rindge in 1857, he has continued his residence in this town. He is a merchant, and since 1869 has been postmaster of the Rindge post-office. *Vide* pp. 382, 390.

- 12     i. *Henry W.*, b. Dec. 8, 1851. Is postmaster of the West Rindge office, and was formerly engaged with his father in trade.
- 13     ii. *Frederick Perley*, b. and d. 1855.
- 14     iii. *Frank Leslie*, b. and d. 1860.
- 15     iv. *Mary Emma*, b. April 24, 1866.
- 16     v. *Irving Taylor*, b. April 24, 1868.

1     AUGUSTUS FOWLE was b. in Woburn, Mass., 1781. He md. Susan Brown, dau. of Edward Brown, *q. v.*, and after a residence of eight years in Hubbardston, Mass., he removed to Rindge in 1817, and soon after purchased the farm now of Ivers H. Brooks, where he resided until his death, Oct. 26, 1855. His widow d. April 10, 1860.

- 2     i. *Catherine*, md. Oct. 29, 1829, Luke Minot, of Westminster, Mass., who d. about 1850. She resides his widow in W. Five children.
- 3     ii. *Mary*, md. Nov. 19, 1834, Samuel G. Kendall. They reside in Westminster. No children.
- 4     iii. *Augustus A.*, md. April, 1837, Cynthia Platts, dau. of John V. Platts, *q. v.*, who d. Dec. 19, 1839; and he md. (2d) April 6, 1841, Fanny D. Platts, her sister. She d. Nov. 27, 1845. Mr. Fowle resides in Rindge Centre.
- 5     iv. *Susan*, md. Elbridge G. Tarbox, of Rindge. He was a shoe-maker, and resided many years in Rindge. He d. about 1866.
- 6             1. *Mary Jane*, md. J. M. M. Lacy, of Jaffrey.
- 7             2. *Edward A.*, b. April 2, 1841; md. *Esther L. Heath*, of Stoddard.

1     JACOB FOSTER and wife Hannah were in Rindge several years, but his name does not appear upon the records after 1786. Two children were b. in this town.

- 2     i. *Molley*, b. April 15, 1779.
- 3     ii. *Maria*, b. Feb. 18, 1783.

4     LIEUT. BENJAMIN FOSTER was from Boxford, Mass. With wife Lucy and three children he removed to Rindge in 1777. His wife d. April 8, 1778, and he md. (2d) March 13, 1780, Elizabeth Carey, dau. of Barnabas Carey, *q. v.* He d. Feb. 23, 1813. He was a successful school-teacher, and was familiarly styled "Master" Foster. He was much employed in town affairs, and proved a faithful,



efficient officer. For fifteen years he was town clerk, and transcribed the records with unusual neatness and legibility. During the same number of years he was selectman, and was also employed in the transaction of other public business.

- 5 I. *Samuel*, b. in Boxford, April 18, 1765.  
 6 II. *Eunice*, b. July 1, 1767.  
 7 III. *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 1, 1770. +  
 8 IV. *Lucy*, b. in Rindge, Dec. 25, 1782; md. Jonathan  
 Sawtell, son of Hezekiah, *q. v.*  
 9 V. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 28, 1790.
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- (7) BENJAMIN FOSTER, Jr., md. March 4, 1795, Susannah Wetherbee, dau. of John Wetherbee, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge until about 1803, when they removed to New York State, where he d. Returning to Rindge, his widow lived here several years, and d. Sept. 12, 1866, aged 93.
- 10 I. *Benjamin*, b. March 24, 1796.  
 11 II. *Susannah*, b. May 31, 1798; md. — Eddy.  
 12 III. *Eunice*, b. March 14, 1800.  
 13 IV. *Lucy*, b. April 8, 1802.  
 14 V. *Deborah*, md. — Lyons.
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- 15 ABNER FOSTER was b. in Rowley, Mass., Oct. 8, 1760; md. Betsey Towne, dau. of Joseph Towne, of Andover, b. May 15, 1763. They settled in Rindge, upon the farm of the late John A. Gibson, about 1785. He d. Jan. 3, 1841; his widow d. Oct. 10, 1854. They had no children.
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- 1 CAPT. JOHN FOX resided from 1802 to 1821 upon the farm of James P. Clay, which he sold during the latter year to Augustus Fowle. He buried a child in 1813 and one in 1815; perhaps they were first and third, or possibly children b. after 1807.
- 2 I. *Lovina*, b. Feb. 22, 1804.  
 3 II. *George*, b. Oct. 16, 1805; d. Oct. 11, 1806.  
 4 III. *George*, b. Nov. 16, 1807.
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- 1 JAMES FRENCH md. April 13, 1781, Hannah Russell, dau. of Jabez Russell, *q. v.* She d. about 1805, and he md. (2d) July 12, 1809, Olive Sawyer, and removed from town about 1813. The following children were b. in Rindge, except Isaac, the eldest, who was b. in Jaffrey. He was a manufacturer of baskets, and resided upon the Calvin Davis farm, in the north-east part of Rindge.
- 2 I. *Isaac*, b. June 22, 1781, in Jaffrey.  
 3 II. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 6, 1783; d. March 6, 1783.  
 4 III. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 24, 1784.  
 5 IV. *Sally*, b. Feb. 17, 1786.

- 6 v. *James*, b. Feb. 28, 1789.  
 7 vi. *Samuel Brooks*, b. Aug. 2, 1791.  
 8 vii. *Betsey*, b. May 13, 1793.  
 9 viii. *Edward Jewett*, b. June 29, 1795.  
 10 ix. *Mahala*, b. May 25, 1804.  
 11 x. *Francis Sawyer*, b. May 31, 1810, a child of second wife.

1 NATHANIEL FROST, son of Stephen and Sally (Twaddle) Frost, b. in West Cambridge, Mass., March 25, 1805; md. March 5, 1829, Sophronia Cass, b. March 18, 1805, dau. of Jonathan and Abigail (Dow) Cass, of Candia, N. H. After a brief residence in Cornish, N. H., they removed to Rindge. He is a mason, and resides at East Rindge.

2 1. *Abbie*, b. Feb. 2, 1834; md. June 9, 1856, George W. Tarbell, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Sept. 19, 1871, Jacob M. Cass, of Sheffield, Vt.

1 COL. WILLIAM GARDNER came to this town in 1785. He was b. in Brookline, Mass., 1761, and consequently was twenty-four years of age at the time of his removal. On the 19th of April, 1775, his father, Isaac Gardner, Esq., one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, with the minute-men of Brookline, marched for Lexington. Meeting the retreating column near Watson's Corner, he was instantly killed in a skirmish which ensued, receiving no less than twelve ball and bayonet wounds. It is of him that Bancroft, the historian, writes: "Isaac Gardner, one on whom the colony rested many hopes, fell about a mile west of Harvard College." About the time of his emigration to Rindge, Col. Gardner md. Rebecca Raymond, a dau. of Dr. Raymond, an Englishman. She was a lady of talent and refinement, and, during her residence in this town, was an intimate friend of the wife of Dr. Payson. Col. Gardner is described by the aged citizens of this town as a man of commanding personal appearance, comely in feature and proportions, and unusually pleasing and affable in his manner. His promotion in civil and in military affairs was rapid and uninterrupted. He soon rose to the command of the regiment to which the two companies of militia in this town were assigned, and was exceedingly popular with both his superior and inferior officers. He was three years a member of the Legislature, and was chosen by his townsmen to many other positions of trust. He built the spacious mansion now owned by Mr. Washington Snelling, and the store occupied by Fletcher & Emory. In 1809, Mr. Gardner removed to Boston, and soon after to Manlius, Onondaga County, N. Y., where he became a prosperous merchant and man-

ufacturer. He d. of apoplexy, 1833; his wife survived him some six or seven years. Their children were b. in Rindge.

- 2 i. *William*, b. May 13, 1787. He resided several years in Lowell, Mass., but passed the later years of his life in Texas, and d. upon his plantation near San Antonio, about 1855.
- 3 ii. *Charles*, b. Feb. 13, 1789; became a merchant in New Orleans, La., where he d. in 1860.
- 4 iii. *Rebecca*, b. April 24, 1791; md. Oren Stone, a merchant, and at the time of his marriage a partner of the father of Gov. Seymour. They early removed to Watertown, N. Y., where she d. as early as 1818.
- 5 iv. *Dorothy*, b. March 4, 1794; md. Thomas A. Gold, a lawyer of Pittsfield, Mass., where she resided until her death, in 1857.
- 6 v. *Addison*, b. March 19, 1797. He entered upon the practice of law in Rochester, N. Y., in 1822. Three years later he was appointed District Attorney. In 1829, at the age of thirty-three years, he was appointed Circuit Judge, which position he resigned after nine years of efficient service. In the autumn of 1844 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor on a ticket with Hon. Silas Wright for Governor. At the succeeding election, in 1846, he was again elected to the same office, which he resigned in 1847, and was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals. In all these positions Mr. Gardner has served the State with distinguished ability. He is now spending the evening of an active, useful life at Rochester.
- 7 vi. *Andu Lucia*, bap. May 4, 1800; the date of her birth does not appear upon the Rindge records; md. Hon. Elijah Rhoades, of Manlius, a merchant and State Senator. He d. at Pittsfield, Mass. His widow resides, with an adopted daughter, in Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 8 vii. *Adaline*, d. young.

NOTE.—The name has been spelled in this register as it appears upon the records, and as spelled by the family through several generations. The sons of Col. Gardner, restoring the original orthography of this ancient name, have written it Gardiner.

- 1 STEPHEN GATES had resided in Sharon, Ct., previous to his removal to this town, where the only child of whom any record appears was b. The family was here previous to the incorporation of the town, but the name soon fades from the records. The name of his wife was Betty.

2 I. *Timothy*, b. Jan. 25, 1746-7.

1 WILLIAM P. GERRY resided upon the Dea. Goddard farm, and where N. C. Russell now resides. He was in Rindge from 1821 to 1832.

2 I. *William*, bap. July 9, 1825.

3 II. *Martha A.*, bap. May 4, 1828.

4 III. *Sarah C.*, bap. Oct. 7, 1832.

1 ISAAC GIBSON, the first of the name in Rindge, was a son of Isaac Gibson, of Lunenburg, and a grandson of Timothy Gibson, of Sudbury. "Timothy Gibson of Sudbury" was an original proprietor of two lots of land in Lunenburg "for his sons Isaac and Reuben." Isaac, son of Timothy, md. Feb. 4, 1744-5, Keziah Johnson, dau. of Dea. Samuel and Rebecca Johnson, of Lunenburg. The eldest of their children was Isaac Gibson, b. in that part of Lunenburg which is included in Fitchburg, Nov. 28, 1745. He md. Lois Samson, of Bolton, by whom he had four children. (1) Hannah, d. young; (2) Joel, d. young; (3) Sarah, b. 1776; md. William Stickney, of Grafton, Vt. (Wood family 49 and 56); (4) Lois, b. 1781; md. Elijah Houghton. Lois, wife of Isaac Gibson, d. in Fitchburg June 17, 1782, and he md. (2d) Ruth Eaton, and removed to Rindge early in the year 1783. They resided in the south-west part of the town. He d. Dec. 6, 1815; she d. Feb. 25, 1835. Their seven children were:—

2 I. *Isaac*, b. Aug. 4, 1783. +

3 II. *Ruth*, b. May 22, 1786; d. 1812.

4 III. *Israel*, b. Sept. 15, 1789; md. Dec. 17, 1815, Betsey Rugg, dau. of Thomas Rugg, and resided in Rindge until 1838, when he removed to Clarendon, Vt. He d. Aug. 16, 1863; she d. Aug. 14, 1855. They d. in Mendon, Vt.

5 1. Edward, b. Sept. 18, 1816; d. in Clarendon April 8, 1845.

6 2. Clarissa, b. April 14, 1818; md. Elisha Fairbanks; d. in Aurora, Ill., Sept. 13, 1859, leaving five children.

7 3. Isaac, b. March 20, 1820; resides in Rutland, Vt. He has a family, but no record has been received.

8 4. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 24, 1822; md. March 4, 1852, Martin Eames, who d. soon after. She resides in Winsted, Conn.

9 5. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 17, 1824; d. Aug. 15, 1851.

10 6. Milton, b. April 12, 1827. Resides in Winsted, Conn.

- 11 7. Julia A., b. Sept. 22, 1829; d. March 8, 1848.
- 12 8. William B., b. Dec. 11, 1831; d. Nov. 23,  
1834.
- 13 9. Susan M., b. Jan. 12, 1834; d. Aug. 28,  
1845.
- 14 10. Maria C., b. April 27, 1836. Resides in  
Springfield, Mass.
- 15 iv. *Patty*, b. Oct. 1, 1791; md. Samuel Howard, of  
Clarendon.
- 16 v. *John*, b. April 4, 1794; md. Lucy Day, of Winch-  
endon. He d. 1856.
- 17 vi. *Catherine*, b. Aug. 13, 1796; d. unmd. March 25,  
1823.
- 18 vii. *Nathaniel*, twin, b. Aug. 13, 1796; md. Dec. 9,  
1839, Susan Eaton; resided in Binghampton,  
N. Y. Five of their six children d. in infancy.
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- (2) ISAAC GIBSON, son of Isaac, md. Dec. 14, 1814, Nancy  
Kimball, dau. of Aquilla Kimball, *q. v.*, and resided in  
Winchendon until 1827, when he removed to the farm  
now of Charles A. Wilder, and after 1846 he resided in  
Rindge Centre. He d. Sept. 25, 1858; his wife d. Aug.  
29 of the same year.
- 19 i. *Alonzo*, b. Sept. 30, 1815; resided with his par-  
ents; d. unmd. Jan. 2, 1850. His father's house,  
which stood upon the site of the residence of  
Willard G. Jones, was burned in the night, and  
in attempting to secure some articles of value  
he perished in the flames.
- 20 ii. *Elvira*, b. April 16, 1817; d. Sept. 16, 1819.
- 21 iii. *Ruth Ann*, b. May 10, 1819; md. Oct. 20, 1851,  
E. Henry Howe, of Barre, Mass. He was b.  
July 28, 1830, and d. Nov. 15, 1853. She md.  
(2d) Feb. 2, 1854, Timothy Jenkins Howland, b.  
in Barre, Nov. 18, 1812. They reside in Barre.  
To Mrs. Howland I am indebted for many facts  
and dates incorporated in this family record.  
By the former marriage she had one son:—
- 22 1. Edward Alonzo, b. Nov. 21, 1852. Being  
the only grandson of Isaac Gibson, and  
to gratify an expressed desire, his name  
was legally changed to Alonzo Edward  
Gibson. He was drowned in Sterling,  
Aug. 25, 1868, aged nearly 16 years.
- 23 iv. *Elvira*, b. May 8, 1821. By an act of the Legis-  
lature her name was changed to Ellen Elvira  
Gibson. For several years she was a teacher in  
the public schools of Rindge and vicinity, and



subsequently became better known to the public as a lecturer and contributor to the press. In 1864 she was ordained by the Religious Philosophical Society a minister of the Gospel. She md. 1861, — Hobart, and was divorced 1868, when she assumed her maiden name. During the war of the Rebellion, she was prominently connected with several sanitary fairs in the Western States. She accompanied the 8th Wisconsin Vols. to the South, and was there constant in attendance upon the sick. This regiment was known as the "Live Eagle Regiment," and the history of the eagle which during three years shared the fortunes of war is familiar to the public. In 1864, being recommended to the position by the State officers of Wisconsin, she was appointed chaplain of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, which was stationed at Alexandria, Va. The duties of the position were performed until the close of the war, although the Secretary of War refused to muster her into the United States service, for reasons which were stated by President Lincoln under date of Nov. 10, 1864. "This lady would be appointed chaplain of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, only she is a woman. The President has nothing legally to do with the question, but approves the appointment. [Signed] A. Lincoln." Congress subsequently passed a bill granting her full pay of a chaplain for the time she performed the duty; but on account of the phraseology of the bill, the payment has not been made.

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v. *Amasa*, b. Aug. 13, 1823; md. Jan. 1, 1847, Lois H. Stevens. They had no children. He d. in Barre, Mass., Oct. 1, 1865; she d. Oct. 17, 1865. For many years he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of palm-leaf goods, and was a partner in business with Hon. George M. Buttrick. He contributed liberally to the Methodist Church, with which he was connected, and to several benevolent societies, and was esteemed a useful citizen and a zealous Christian.

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JOHN A. GIBSON, son of Abel and Achsah (Puffer) Gibson, was b. in Sudbury, Mass., May 29, 1811; md. Mary Ann Knowlton; md. (2d) Nov. 13, 1847, Mrs. Mary S. (Davis) Hooper, dau. of Eli S. and Asenath (Nourse) Davis. They removed to this town in 1856. He d. Oct. 27, 1874.



- 26 I. *Charles F.*, b. Jan. 10, 1839; md. Adaline Parker, dau. of Calvin J. and Abigail (Kendall) Parker, of Jaffrey. (Jewett Register, No. 28.)
- 27 II. *John Francis*, b. April 21, 1849; md. Jan., 1871, Joanna G. Damon. Resides in Leominster, Mass.
- 28 III. *Stephen W.*, b. June 22, 1850; md., 1872, Mary A. Robbins. Lives in Rindge.
- 29 IV. *Alonzo W.*, b. Sept. 23, 1852.
- 30 V. *Lucy A.*, b. Nov. 19, 1854.
- 31 VI. *Adaline M.*, b. Sept. 27, 1856; d. Jan. 20, 1858.
- 32 VII. *Alwis A.*, b. Dec. 16, 1858.
- 33 VIII. *Samantha L.*, b. Feb. 26, 1861.
- 34 IX. *Estella L.*, b. April 6, 1863.

1 JOSEPH GILSON, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Sept. 16, 1738, son of Jonas and Hannah (Goodridge) Gilson, md. May 5, 1768, Esther Peirce, b. Feb. 26, 1744, dau. of David and Elizabeth (Bowers) Peirce. He was in Rindge three or four years previous to his marriage. They removed from town in 1770. The name frequently appears Gillson upon the records.

2 I. *Jonas*, b. in Rindge, May 11, 1769.

3 ABEL GILSON was taxed from 1793 to 1803. He was here earlier than 1793, but no older tax lists are preserved. He md. May 24, 1789, Margaret Cary, dau. of Barnabas Cary, *q. v.*

- 4 I. *Abel*, b. April 20, 1790.
- 5 II. *Hepsibeth*, b. Feb. 5, 1792.
- 6 III. *Josiah*, b. Dec. 22, 1793.
- 7 IV. *Prudence*, b. Feb. 26, 1796.
- 8 V. *John*, b. July 1, 1798.
- 9 VI. *Betsey*, b. March 20, 1801.

1 HENRY GIPSON, b. probably in Lunenburg about 1782. Resided in Rindge several years, and was last taxed in 1827. He d. in Ashburnham about 1860. No record of his marriage. He left several children, and among them was:—

- 2 • I. *Henry*, md. Mary Perry, dau. of Obadiah and Lavina (Piper) Perry. *Vide* Piper register. He d. about 1865, and his widow md. (2d) Charles Taylor, of New Ipswich.

3 WILLIAM GIPSON, a brother of Henry, senior, md. Dolly Hawks, and resided upon the Uriah Keyes place several years previous to 1840.

- 4 I. *Mary*.
- 5 II. *Irene*.
- 6 III. *Caroline*.

## GODDARD.

WILLIAM GODDARD, a grocer of London, son of Edward Goddard, a wealthy farmer of Norfolk, md. Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin Miles. He came to America in 1665, and his wife and three children came the next year. They settled in Watertown, where their five youngest children were b., and where he d. Oct. 6, 1691. His widow d. Feb. 8, 1697-8. Edward, their youngest son, b. March 24, 1674-5, md. in June, 1697, Susanna Stone, b. Nov. 6, 1675, dau. of Simon and Mary (Whipple) Stone, of Watertown. He was a teacher in Watertown and in Boston for several years. March 25, 1714, he removed to Framingham, and there taught a grammar school a number of years, and took a prominent part in the civil and religious affairs of that town. He was treasurer two, selectman ten, and town clerk eighteen, years. In 1733 he was chosen to the Provincial Council, in which capacity he served three years with distinguished ability. He was a ready writer, and numerous papers of a religious character were published. He d. Feb. 9, 1754; his wife Feb. 4, 1754. Rev. David Goddard, the fifth child of Hon. Edward, b. Sept. 26, 1706; graduated at Harvard University 1731; ordained at Leicester, Mass., June 30, 1736. He md. Aug. 19, 1736, his cousin, Mercy Stone, b. Feb. 2, 1713-14, dau. of David and Mary (Rice) Stone, who was the mother of his nine children. She d. Jan. 4, 1753; md. (2d) Dec. 20, 1753, Martha Nichols, widow of Joseph Nichols. He d. while visiting his father's family, Jan. 19, 1754, being only a few days after the death of his parents. Edward Goddard, the fifth child of Rev. David Goddard, b. in Leicester, Dec. 12, 1742; md. Jan. 17, 1771, Ruth Shaw, of Leicester, and passed the active years of his life a farmer in Athol, Mass. They had ten children. Late in life they came to Rindge and resided with their son, Deacon Luther Goddard. He d. in Rindge, April 24, 1826; his widow d. March 25, 1827.

- 1 DEACON LUTHER GODDARD, b. in Athol, Oct. 24, 1783, was of the fifth generation from William Goddard, the emigrant. He md. June 26, 1811, Polly Furbush, who was b. Jan. 13, 1785; settled in Rindge 1824; his wife d. Feb. 12, 1854; md. (2d) July 17, 1855, Ruthy Robbins, b. Aug. 9, 1792, dau. of David Robbins, *q. v.* He d. April 26, 1858; his widow d. Feb. 18, 1869. He was an estimable citizen, and universally respected. He was nearly thirty years a deacon in the Congregational Church.
- 2 I. *Mary Ann*, b. May 26, 1813; md. Addison Bancroft, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Lucinda*, b. May 5, 1815; d. unmd. June 15, 1847.
- 4 III. *Elmira*, b. Feb. 14, 1817; d. unmd. April 21, 1846.
- 5 IV. *Lysander*, b. Oct. 8, 1818; d. unmd. Oct. 12, 1845.
- 6 V. *Harriet*, b. Jan. 30, 1820; md. March 4, 1847, Algernon S. Butler, b. Sept. 23, 1822, son of Simon and Olive (Butler) Butler, of Troy, N. H. They resided a few years in Rindge, and removed to Troy, where she d., leaving children. May 22, 1861.
- 7 VI. *Electa*, b. Oct. 4, 1821; d. Feb. 13, 1822.

- 8 VII. *Martin Luther*, b. April 29, 1823; resides in Rindge. +
- 9 VIII. *Charles Edward*, b. Jan. 23, 1826; d. unmd., in Boston, Feb. 27, 1857.
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- (8) MARTIN L. GODDARD md. June 1, 1847. Louisa D. Bill, dau. of David and Lucy (Dort) Bill, of Gilsum, N. H., where they resided a few years. With this exception, he has lived in Rindge, and was elected to the board of selectmen 1859, '60, '61, '68, '69, '70, '72, '73. Of his children, the first, fourth, and sixth d. young.
- 10 II. *Elmer Daniel*, b. Oct. 20, 1852.
- 11 III. *Leslie Martin*, b. July 8, 1855.
- 12 V. *Luthera Louisa*, b. Feb. 12, 1859.
- 13 VII. *Charles Edward*, b. Feb. 18, 1873.
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- 1 HENRY GODDING and wife Sarah came from Lexington. They resided first upon the farm since known as the Deacon Cummings farm. They were here previous to the date of incorporation. He d. about 1795; his widow survived him a few years. Their children were:—
- 2 I. *Samuel*, bap. in Lexington May 1, 1761. Enlisted March 20, 1777, in Col. Nathan Hale's regiment, and remained in the service three years.
- 3 II. *Mary*, bap. Oct. 23, 1766; probably d. young.
- 4 III. *Henry*, b. in Rindge June 15, 1768. +
- 5 IV. *Judith*, —; md. John Cary, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Sarah*, —; d. unmd. at Harvard, Mass.
- 7 VI. *Abigail*, b. June 20, 1775; md. Sept. 24, 1794, John Russell, son of Amos Russell, of Westford. Resided in Dublin. Removed 1828 to Alstead, N. H.
- 8 1. Abigail, b. June 28, 1795; md. Eli Brigham, of Jaffrey, and removed to McDonough, N. Y.
- 9 2. Mary, b. March 16, 1797; d. 1799.
- 10 3. Mary, b. May 17, 1799; md. Joseph Rollins, and removed to Peru, Vt.
- 11 4. Rebecca, b. April 19, 1801; md. Ebenezer Crane, of Dalton, N. H.
- 12 VII. *Isaac*, b. 1777; d. unmd., *felo de se*, June 2, 1852.
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- (4) HENRY GODDING, Jr., md. Feb. 19, 1790, Mary Lawrence, of Gardner, Mass.; she d. May 17, 1790; md. (2d) Patty Russell, a sister of John, who md. Abigail Godding. They removed to New Ipswich, and occupied the farm near the town line, recently of Charles W. Huse. He d. Aug. 4, 1831.

- 13 I. *Ariel*, b. in Rindge Oct. 29, 1794; md. Eliza Chickering. †
- 14 II. *Mary*, b. in New Ipswich March 29, 1797; md. Ambrose Emory, son of Daniel, *q. v.*
- 15 III. *Gardner*, b. Nov. 7, 1799; d. unmd. 1823.
- 16 IV. *Sylvia*, b. July 5, 1803; d. unmd. 1818.
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- (13) ARIEL GODDING md. Eliza Chickering, dau. of Abner Chickering, of New Ipswich, and a sister of Jonas Chickering, of Boston, the well known manufacturer of pianos. They removed to Rindge from the old homestead about 1850. She d. April 14, 1871.
- 17 I. *George Gardner*, b. Feb. 12, 1824; md. Nov. 16, 1848, Nancy Mersylva Wetherbee, dau. of Joseph Wetherbee, *q. v.* They reside in Lunenburg. Five children living.
- 18 II. *Mersylva*, b. Nov. 5, 1825; md. Nathan A. Hale, son of Nathan Hale, *q. v.*
- 19 III. *Mary Jane*, b. Jan. 9, 1828; md. Charles Teel, son of Samuel and Nancy (Scott) Teel, of Lunenburg, where they reside.
- 20 IV. *Louisa*, b. Sept. 28, 1830; md. John W. Hastings, *q. v.*
- 21 V. *Ellen E.*, b. 1840; md. Oct. 27, 1858, Geo. M. Cram. She d. April 11, 1865, and he md. (2d) Oct. 5, 1865, her sister Louisa, widow of John W. Hastings. They reside in Lyndeboro, N. H.
- 22 VI. *Caroline*, b. 1844; d. Feb. 10, 1862.
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1 LUTHER GOODRIDGE came to Rindge about 1806. He was a cabinet-maker, and occupied the house now of N. H. Eastman. He md. in Rindge, Feb. 13, 1807, Nancy Carter, dau. of Jude Carter, *q. v.* Early in the year 1829, they removed to Fitchburg, Mass., where he d. June 5 of that year. His widow d. in Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 26, 1847. This name is now frequently written Goodrich.

- 2 I. *Sophronia*, b. Sept. 8, 1808; md. Oct. 28, 1845, Geo. L. Stafford, of Plymouth, N. H. She d. Aug. 23, 1857.
- 3 II. *Asaph W.*, b. Sept. 24, 1810; md. Dec. 18, 1845, Hepsibeth Rugg, dau. of William Rugg, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge a few years, and removed to Lawrence, Mass. She d. Oct. 23, 1873.
- 4 1. Annie Josephine, b. Feb. 4, 1847; md. Sept. 10, 1867, James Henry Reynolds. He was in the Union army; and lost an arm in the service. They reside in Lawrence.

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| 5 | iii. <i>Ann T.</i> , b. June 9, 1817; md. May 5, 1833, Eri Holden, of Shirley, Mass.; md. (2d) Francis Goodridge, and d. in Springfield, Mass. |
| 6 | iv. <i>Luther Calvin</i> , b. March 24, 1820; d. in Cincinnati, O., Aug. 13, 1839.   |
| 7 | v. <i>Henry O.</i> , b. Aug. 31, 1824; md. Martha Hatch. They reside in Worcester, Mass.   |
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| 1 | CALVIN GOSS and wife removed 1802 to the farm now of Henry E. Burritt. During their declining years they were supported by the town. They had no children. He d. May 3, 1836, aged 72. She d. April 12, 1830, aged 75. |
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### GOULD.

In the early history of the town, and to the close of the Revolution, the Goulds were an important element of the population. They were industrious, peaceable citizens, who added much to the wealth and prosperity of the settlement. The name disappears from the records a few years before the close of the past century, although their descendants bearing other names are still numerous. The families in Rindge were descended from Zaccheus Gould, who settled in Topsfield about 1640. John, his son, b. in England in 1635, md. Sarah Baker. Among their children was Thomas, who md. Mercy Sumner. They also resided in Topsfield, and several of their children were associated with the settlement of this town. Among their children were Jacob, b. Jan. 16, 1703; Benjamin, b. May 29, 1716. These settled in Lunenburg, and five of their children came to Rindge. Abigail, b. —; md. Jonathan Stanley, of Rindge and Jaffrey; Deborah, b. Sept. 23, 1707; md. Joseph Page; Mercy, b. Jan. 17, 1712; md. Nathaniel Page, — both of Rindge. The registers of the Gould, Stanley, Page, and other families, found in this volume, present abundant evidence that the descendants of Thomas and Mercy (Sumner) Gould constitute no small part of the population of Rindge, Jaffrey, and other towns in this vicinity.

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| 1 | JACOB GOULD, son of Capt. Jacob and Dorothy (Goodridge) Gould, of Lunenburg, grandson of Thomas and Mercy (Sumner) Gould, of Topsfield, was b. in Lunenburg, Oct. 16, 1737, and came to Rindge in 1760. Capt. Jacob Gould, his father, was one of the original proprietors of the township, and was prominent in its prudential affairs. He was the master carpenter in building the first meeting-house, but he never resided in this town. Mercy, his dau., was the wife of Aaron Taylor, of Rindge. June 13, 1763, Jacob Gould, Jr., md. Elizabeth Hale, dau. of Moses Hale, Sr., <i>q. v.</i> , and settled in the north-west part of the town. In 1777 he served in Capt. Stone's and in Capt. Rand's company. He was selectman in 1780, and was frequently chosen on committees and to minor offices. The family removed to Vermont, tradition names both Rockingham and Grafton, about 1788. |
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- 2 I. *Jacob*, b. March 17, 1764; md. July 19, 1788, Betsey Townsend, dau. of Dr. Townsend, *q. v.*  
 3 II. *Lucy*, b. April 18, 1765.  
 4 III. *Dolly*, b. Jan. 4, 1767.  
 5 IV. *Nathaniel*, b. March 5, 1768.  
 6 V. *Daniel*, b. June 17, 1770.  
 7 VI. *Nathan*, b. Feb. 23, 1772.  
 8 VII. *Lucinda*, b. July 4, 1774.  
 9 VIII. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 10, 1776; d. Dec. 25, 1777.  
 10 IX. *Cally*, b. Nov. 1, 1778.

11 OLIVER GOULD, brother of Jacob, Jr., b. in Lunenburg, Oct. 3, 1733, md. May 3, 1759, Mary Stockwell, of Petersham. They resided in Lunenburg until 1766, and perhaps longer. In 1776 he was in Rindge, but the date of his removal is uncertain, nor do the records indicate the date of his removal to Jaffrey, where he passed the remainder of his days. In the probate records of Cheshire County is found his will, dated in 1792, about three years previous to his death, in which he names wife Mary, sons Oliver, Jesse, and Sewall, and daughters Sarah McClintock, Lucy Parker, Mary, Mercy, Susannah, and Sibel. The date of birth of the four eldest children appears upon the Lunenburg records. It is probable that the order of age of the younger children is not preserved in the following record.

- 12 I. *Oliver*, b. in Lunenburg, May 31, 1760; d. of smallpox about 1795.  
 13 II. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 16, 1762; md. — McClintock.  
 14 III. *Lucy*, b. in Lunenburg, Sept. 9, 1764; md. April 21, 1791, Asa Parker, son of Samuel Parker, of Jaffrey. He d. 1838; she d. 1819. They had several children.  
 15 IV. *Mary*, b. in Lunenburg, Oct. 16, 1766.  
 16 V. *Susannah*, bap. in Lunenburg, Jan. 8, 1769.  
 17 VI. *Mercy*, —; md. Enos Mayo. Resided in Ludlow, Vt.  
 18 VII. *Sibel*.  
 19 VIII. *Jesse*.  
 20 IX. *Sewall*, b. 1783; md. Catherine Mayo. Several children.

21 ELIJAH GOULD, brother of Jacob and Oliver, b. Aug. 8, 1743; md. Feb. 26, 1767, Eunice Patch. They were in Rindge a short time, and returned to Lunenburg in 1770. Lois, their dau., was b. in Rindge Dec. 22, 1767; bap. Jan. 3, 1768. After their return to Lunenburg, they were made happy by nine other children.



- 22 BENJAMIN GOULD, son of Benjamin and Esther (Peirce) Gould, grandson of Thomas and Mercey (Summer) Gould, and consequently a cousin of Jacob, Jr., was b. in Lunenburg Jan. 31, 1741; md. May 16, 1764, Sarah Foster. They were md. in Lunenburg, but he had been here two or three years at that date. In 1780 the family removed to Rockingham, Vt.
- 23 I. *Esther*, b. Sept. 19, 1765.
- 24 II. *Benjamin*, b. July 26, 1767.
- 25 III. *Martha*, b. June 18, 1770; d. March 10, 1776.
- 26 IV. *Rebecca*, b. Nov. 25, 1772; d. Feb. 17, 1776.
- 27 V. *Joseph*, b. June 2, 1774; d. Feb. 9, 1776.
- 28 VI. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 19, 1776.
- 29 VII. *Sarah*, b. May 4, 1779; d. Dec. 27, 1780.
- 30 VIII. *Sarah*, b. in Vermont June 7, 1785.
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- 31 EBENEZER GOULD, parentage unknown, and his wife Anne may have resided in this town a few years. Their names appear only on the church records. Perhaps they lived in Jaffrey.
- 32 I. *Anna*, bap. in Rindge Aug. 13, 1780.
- 33 II. *Ebenezer*, bap. in Rindge Oct. 21, 1781.
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- 1 DANIEL GRAGG md. in Rindge July 16, 1772, Elizabeth Wood, dau. of Michael and Mary (Platts) Wood, *q. v.* They resided in the north part of the town. He d. Oct. 29, 1801, aged 66. She d. May 21, 1825, aged 74.
- 2 I. *Daniel*, b. Dec. 14, 1772. One of the few in the early part of the present century who regularly received a newspaper. He was accustomed to read the news to groups of inquiring listeners assembled at Todd's Tavern. Returning on foot to his home on the evening of Feb. 12, 1830, he perished in the cold within a short distance of his home.
- 3 II. *Asa*, b. July 31, 1774.
- 4 III. *Elizabeth*, b. June 25, 1776; md. Francis Thomas, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Abel*, b. March 14, 1778.
- 6 V. *Molley*, b. March 21, 1780.
- 7 VI. *Ruth*, b. May 16, 1782; d. unmd. Oct. 5, 1801.
- 8 VII. *Sarah*, b. June 27, 1784.
- 9 VIII. *Enos*, b. Aug. 13, 1790.
- 10 IX. *Mille*, b. Sept. 6, 1792; md. Nathan Jewett, son of Ezekiel, *q. v.*
- 11 X. *Eunice Wood*, b. Aug. 25, 1791.

- 1 JOHN GRAY, wife Beulah, and son Eliphalet, came from Milton, N. H., in Feb., 1773. He signed the test in 1776, and was in Col. Enoch Hale's regiment in 1778. No more is known of the family.
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- 2 EDWARD GRAY and wife Sarah, from Andover, Mass., were warned out in 1773, and perhaps they thought the warning was in earnest, for they are not again heard from.
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- 1 ISAAC GREEN and wife Abigail were in Rindge from 1795 to 1805, and the following two children were b. in this town:—
- 2 I. *James*, b. March 7, 1795.
- 3 II. *Esther*, b. Nov. 6, 1798.
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- 4 FRANCIS GREEN, previous to his removal to Rindge, had served in the army, and was a pensioner. He md. Lucy Towne, dau. of Jonathan Towne, of Rindge. They settled upon the farm formerly occupied by Mr. Towne, west of the farm now of Col. Perry. He d. Aug. 25, 1844, aged 90; she d. Sept. 8, 1849, aged 82.
- 5 I. *Harry*, b. Oct. 17, 1793; md. Abigail (Miller) Turner, and resided upon the home place until 1850, when he removed to Hubbardston, Mass. He d. June 4, 1865.

## HALE.

THOMAS HALE, the ancestor of very many families bearing the name, residing in nearly or quite every State in the Union, was b. at King's Walden, Herts., England, May 15, 1606. He was a glover, and was residing at Newbury, Mass., as early as 1635, where he d. Dec. 21, 1682. His wife Tamosin, or Thomasine, d. on the 30th of the following month. They had three sons: Thomas, b. 1633; John, b. 1636; and Samuel, b. 1640; and one dau., Apphia, who md. Nov. 3, 1659, Benjamin Rolfe.

Thomas Hale, eldest son of Thomas the emigrant, md. May 26, 1657, Mary Hutchinson, dau. of Richard and Alice (Bosworth) Hutchinson, of Salem. He also resided in Newbury, where he d. Oct. 22, 1688, leaving three sons and five daughters.

Capt. Thomas Hale, son of Thomas, Jr., b. Feb. 11, 1658-9, md. May 16, 1682, Sarah Northend, dau. of Ezekiel and Edna (Lambert) Northend. For many years he was a magistrate and a man of distinction in Newbury. His name appears upon the proprietors' records of Lunenburg as having purchased in that township a lot of land for his son Joshua. His children were seven sons and four daughters.

- 1 MOSES HALE, the youngest son of Capt. Thomas, was b. in Newbury 1702 or 1703. His name does not appear in Coffin's "History of Newbury," but he is named, with the other sons, in his father's will. He md. Dec. 4, 1727, Elizabeth Wheeler, dau. of Jethro and Hannah (French)

Wheeler. He resided many years in Rowley, Mass., where several of his children were b. From Rowley he removed to Hampstead, N. H., about 1740. Previous to its incorporation in 1749 the records of Hampstead afford little information of its inhabitants. He was town treasurer 1750, selectman 1752, and in 1753 he was chosen one of a committee to locate pews in the meeting-house then building. In 1760, accompanied by his wife, six children, and two grandchildren, he removed to this town. He d. June 19, 1762; his widow d. Jan. 9, 1780, aged 75.

- 2 I. *Nathan*, b. Jan. 22, 1729-30; d. young.
- 3 II. *Moses*, b. Feb. 28, 1731-2. †
- 4 III. *Enoch*, b. Nov. 28, 1733. †
- 5 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. —; md. Jacob Gould, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Eunice*, b. July, 1739; md. James Philbrick, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Lucy*, b. —; md. Henry Coffeen, *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *Nathan*, b. Sept. 23, 1743. †

- (3) MOSES HALE was b. in Rowley, Mass., Feb. 28, 1731-2. He md. in Hampstead, Feb. 20, 1751-2, Abigail Emerson, who was b. in that place, April 16, 1736. Four children were b. in Hampstead, two of whom d. young, and were buried there previous to their removal to Rindge. He was prominent in the affairs of this town, and was frequently chosen to office. He was selectman 1772. July 16, 1776, he was appointed coroner for Cheshire County, and was subsequently elected county treasurer. He d. March 2, 1799.

- 9 I. *Sarah*, b. March 22, 1753; d. Dec. 11, 1759.
- 10 II. *David*, b. March 22, 1755. †
- 11 III. *Abigail*, b. June 2, 1757; d. Dec. 13, 1759.
- 12 IV. *Moses*, b. Sept. 7, 1760. †
- 13 V. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 7, 1765; md. Nathaniel Ingalls, *q. v.*
- 14 VI. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 1, 1768; md. Nathan Hunt, *q. v.*
- 15 VII. *Jesse*, b. Feb. 24, 1770; d. May 10, 1774.
- 16 VIII. *Enoch*, b. April 16, 1772; d. Feb. 9, 1776.
- 17 IX. *Jesse*, b. June 16, 1774; d. Feb. 10, 1776.
- 18 X. *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 31, 1776.

- (4) COL. ENOCH HALE was b. in Rowley, Nov. 28, 1833. With the exception of a brief sojourn in Middle Monadnock, now Jaffrey, in the latter part of 1768 and 1769, he resided in Rindge from 1760 to 1784. No one has been more thoroughly identified with the town's history. He was the first magistrate in this town, was selectman 1772, 1774, 1775, 1778, and 1783; town clerk 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, and 1783; and was much employed in military, provincial, and State affairs. For a record of his distinguished service, see chapters V. to VIII. He md. in

Rindge, Dec. 22, 1763, Abigail Stanley, dau. of Jonathan and Abigail (Gould) Stanley, of Rindge, *q. v.* In 1784 he removed to Walpole, and subsequently to Grafton, Vt., where he d. April 9, 1813, aged 79. The third and fourth children were b. in Jaffrey.

- 19 I. *Joshua*, b. Aug. 24, 1764. +  
 20 II. *Lucy*, b. April 29, 1766; md. Hezekiah Wetherbee, *q. v.*  
 21 III. *Daniel*, b. July 19, 1768; d. Aug. 12, 1768.  
 22 IV. *Hannah*, b. June 10, 1769; md. Jonathan Lake, *q. v.*  
 23 V. *Daniel*, b. April 1, 1772; d. Jan. 6, 1773.  
 24 VI. *Sherburne*, b. Dec. 30, 1773. +  
 25 VII. *Enoch*, b. May 30, 1777; d. June 16, 1777.  
 26 VIII. *Enoch*, b. Feb. 24, 1779. +

- (8) COL. NATHAN HALE was b. in Rowley or Hampstead, probably in the latter place, Sept. 23, 1743. Chapters V. and VI. contain an account of his military service during the Revolution. He was a merchant and a farmer, and, like his brothers, was an extensive land proprietor in this town. The position he occupied in civil affairs, considering his age, gave promise of future distinction and usefulness. In 1774, when thirty-one years of age, he was commissioned a captain of a company of militia in this town, and nobly did he and his command respond to the call from Lexington. His subsequent commissions were as follows. The dates follow immediately after the date of his several appointments by the Provincial Congress of New Hampshire: June 2, 1774, captain in the militia; June 6, 1775, major of third regiment—foot (Col. Reed); July 1, 1775, major of third regiment—foot; Jan. 1, 1776, major of second regiment—foot; Nov. 8, 1776, lieutenant-colonel second battalion New Hampshire troops; April 2, 1777, colonel second battalion New Hampshire troops (three years men). As previously stated, he d. a prisoner within the enemy's line, Sept. 23, 1780. He md. Jan. 28, 1766, Abigail Grout, dau. of Col. John and Joanna (Boynton) Grout, of Lunenburg, Mass.; she md. (2d) Oct. 30, 1796, Samuel Parker, of Rindge, but soon after obtained a divorce and resumed the name of Hale. She was a woman of ability and unflinching resolution, and many anecdotes illustrative of her character are frequently narrated by the aged in this town who remember her. She d. 1838 at the residence of her son, Harry Hale, Esq., Chelsea, Vt., aged 93.

- 27 I. *Charlotte*, b. Dec. 30, 1766; md. Dr. Abraham Lowe, of Ashburnham. *Vide p. 544.*

- 28      II. *Thomas*, b. Sept. 6, 1769; was by occupation a mason; he md. Hannah Goldsmith. He d. in Rindge, Dec. 1, 1797.
- 29                      1. *Polly*, b. July, 1797; d. Dec. 28, 1797.
- 30      III. *Nathan*, b. July 1, 1771. +
- 31      IV. *Son*, b. July, 1773; d. same day.
- 32      V. *Eliphalet*, b. May 16, 1775. +
- 33      VI. *Polly*, b. April 26, 1778; d. unmd. Sept. 26, 1795.
- 34      VII. *Harry*, b. Feb. 10, 1780. +
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- (10)      DAVID HALE, son of Moses, md. Oct. 16, 1777, Mara Russell, dau. of Nathaniel Russell, Esq., *q. v.* She d. Jan. 30, 1778; md. (2d) Oct. 28, 1780, Bathsheba Barker, *q. v.* He d. Nov. 22, 1830, aged 75. She d. Aug. 2, 1830, aged 80.
- 35              I. *Infant*, } b. Jan. 19, 1778; d. young.
- 36              II. *Infant*, }
- Children of second wife:—
- 37              III. *Infant*, } b. Feb. 4, 1781; d. young.
- 38              IV. *Infant*, }
- 39              V. *Horatio*, b. July 6, 1782; md. May 30, 1804, Susan Sawyer, dau. of Francis Sawyer, *q. v.* They removed to Vermont, name of town not known, about 1810.
- 40                      1. Susan Elvira, b. in Rindge March 5, 1805.
- 41              VI. *David*, b. Feb. 2, 1784; md., 1821, Ann Plummer, of Newbury, Mass., who d. March 5, 1824, aged 39. He removed to Groton, Mass., where he again md., and d. about 1865. No children.
- 42              VII. *Enoch*, b. Sept. 11, 1786.
- 43              VIII. *Polly*, b. Feb. 8, 1788; md. Ezra Scollay, *q. v.*
- 44              IX. *Zipporah*, b. Dec. 12, 1789; md. Enos Emory, *q. v.*
- 45              X. *Permelia*, b. June 10, 1795; md. June 16, 1831, Charles Tolman, of Winchendon. She d. soon after her marriage, leaving one son, David. Mr. Tolman md. (2d) Caroline Chesman. He d. Jan. 10, 1842, and his widow md. Asaph C. Hale, of Rindge, *q. v.*
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- (12)      MOSES HALE, son of Moses, was a prosperous farmer in Rindge. He served in Stark's brigade in 1777, being at the time seventeen years of age. He md. March 21, 1782, Sibyl Adams, of Chelmsford, a sister of Oliver Adams, of Rindge. She d. June 18, 1828. He md. (2d) Jan. 29, 1829, Sibyl (Howe) Sawtell, widow of Josiah Sawtell, and dau. of Isaac Howe, of New Ipswich. He d. Oct. 21, 1829.



- 46 I. *Emerson*, b. March 20, 1783. +  
 47 II. *Nathan*, b. April 23, 1788. +  
 48 III. *Benjamin*, b. Sept. 19, 1790. +  
 49 IV. *Moses*, b. Oct. 29, 1792. +

(19) JOSHUA HALE, Esq., son of Col. Enoch Hale, was a soldier in the Revolution (page 167); md. April 23, 1787, Sally Cutler, dau. of Capt. Solomon Cutler, *q. v.* He removed to Walpole 1785, and returned to Rindge 1794, and was selectman 1795. In 1798 he removed again to Walpole, and a few years later to Wells River, Vt., where he d. July 22, 1825; his widow d. June, 1853. He was an officer in the militia, and for many years a justice of the peace. He was a large man, and very fleshy in his latter years, weighing nearly four hundred pounds. In this he resembled his great-grandfather, Capt. Thomas Hale, who was of most generous proportions.

50 I. *Charles*, b. Oct. 30, 1788; md. Dec. 30, 1813, Mary Ann Reed, dau. of Stephen and Jane (Cochran) Reed. He was a captain of the militia in the War of 1812. During thirty years a justice of the peace, and filled many other positions of trust. About 1860 he removed to Concord, N. H., when he d. May 21, 1862; his wife d. Dec. 14, 1854. Among his nine children only one survives.

51 I. Oscar Cutler, b. July 26, 1816; md. June 26, 1844, Susan D. Rix. He is highly respected. He was a member of the Legislature of his native State, and removing to Keokuk, Iowa, he was twice elected alderman of that city. At present he is director in several corporations representing considerable capital, and cashier of the State National Bank, of Keokuk.

52 II. *Sally*, b. June 9, 1796; md. Thomas Barstow, of Piermont, N. H., where they reside. They have nine children, b. 1816-1837.

(24) SHERBURNE HALE, son of Col. Enoch, md. Callia Cutler, dau. of Capt. Solomon Cutler, *q. v.* He resided in Walpole, N. H., Grafton and Woodstock, Vt., and d. at the last named place June 18, 1852. His widow d. March 31, 1853.

53 I. *William*, b. Feb. 20, 1805; a civil engineer. Resides at Essex Junction, Vt.; md. July 24, 1831, Ancy Gibson, who d. April 28, 1845; md.



- (2d) Jan. 1, 1851, Hannah R. Enos. His son, Henry Clay Hale, is a civil engineer at Puget Sound, Washington Territory.
- 54 II. *Nancy*, b. April 20, 1807; d. unmd. April 8, 1829.
- 55 III. *Hepsibeth Townsend*, b. Nov. 14, 1813; md. Oct. 11, 1840, Henry Walker, of Rockingham, Vt., and d. Aug. 1, 1848.
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- (26) ENOCH, youngest son of Col. Enoch, md. Bathsheba Stone, and resided at Clarendon, Vt., where he d. about 1824.
- 56 I. *Sophia*, b. —; d. unmd.
- 57 II. *Polly*, b. —; md. — Wilcox.
- 58 III. *Lucia*, b. —; md. — Van Amburg.
- 59 IV. *Marcia*, b. —; d. unmd.
- 60 V. *Sarah*, b. —; d. unmd.
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- (27) CHARLOTTE HALE, eldest child of Col. Nathan, md. in Rindge, Oct. 30, 1788, Dr. Abraham Lowe, of Ashburnham, Mass. He was a highly respected and able physician; d. Oct. 23, 1834; she d. May 5, 1841.
- 61 I. *Nathan Hale*, b. July 21, 1789; d. Dec. 12, 1789.
- 62 II. *Abigail Hale*, b. Jan. 24, 1791; md. Dr. William H. Cutler, of Winchendon, and subsequently of Ashburnham. They had nine children, of whom William J., Abraham L., George, and Edward W., are wholesale merchants in Boston. Their dau., Abigail H., is the wife of Dea. Albert Abbott, of Andover, Mass.
- 63 III. *Charlotte*, b. May 29, 1793; md. David Goodwin, Esq., of Chelsea, Vt.; resides in Ashburnham.
- 64 IV. *Abraham Thompson*, b. Aug. 15, 1796; received the degree of M. D. from Dartmouth College 1816. For many years a wholesale druggist in Boston, and now President of the First National Bank of Boston.
- 65 V. *Thomas Hale*, b. Nov. 27, 1799; d. Jan. 13, 1800.
- 66 VI. *Mary Hale*, b. May 9, 1801; md. Samuel Woods, of Ashburnham; she d. Dec. 23, 1838, leaving three children.
- 67 VII. *George Henry*, b. May 12, 1803; md. Catherine M. Brigham; resided in Brookfield, Mass.; several children.
- 68 VIII. *Benoni*, b. Sept. 19, 1807; d. Feb. 22, 1808.
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- (30) NATHAN, son of Col. Nathan, was a merchant in Windsor, and in Chelsea, Vt., where he d. June 10, 1849. He resided in this town until 1797, where he md. Aug. 14, 1793, Eunice Raymond, b. July 24, 1769; d. Nov. 27,





1794, and was buried in Rindge. He md. (2d), 1799, Ruth Tyler, who d. April 4, 1804; and (3d), Feb. 2, 1806, Sarah Caldwell Black, who d. March 29, 1839. He was a man of character and ability.

69 I. *Infant*, b. and d. 1794.

Children of second wife:—

70 II. *Raymond*, b. Aug. 28, 1800. Resided at Troy, Vt., and Chelsea, Vt. Now in the West. His son, Oscar Adrain, Dartmouth College 1860. Served 1861-64 as captain, major, and lieutenant-colonel of the 6th Vermont Volunteers, and d. in South America in 1868, aged 31.

71 III. *John Tyler*, b. Feb. 20, 1802; md. Amanda Prudence Blake, of Chelsea, Vt. Was a merchant in Boston, then resided many years in Chelsea, Vt., and d. at Washington, Iowa, Jan. 23, 1873. He had eight children.

72 IV. *Mary*, b. Jan. 12, 1804; md. Col. Ralph Hosford, of Thetford, Vt., and (2d) John White, of Woodstock, Vt.

Children of third wife:—

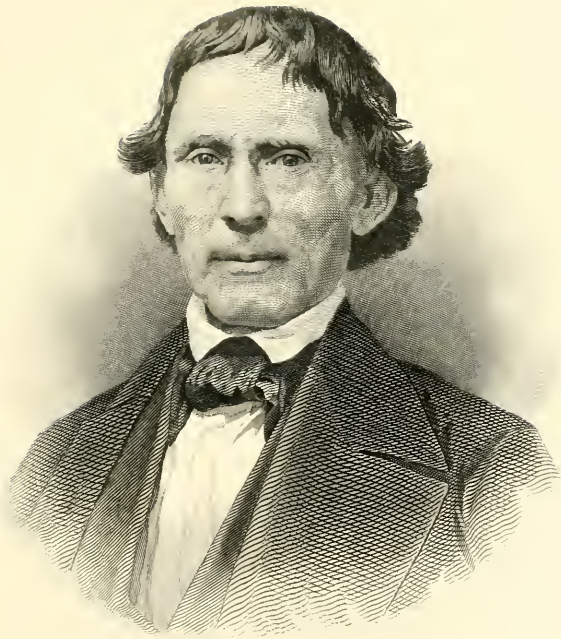
73 V. *Stella Jane*, b. Jan. 2, 1807; md. Chauncy Smith, of Washington, Vt. She d. in Washington, D. C., March 3, 1857. Mr. Smith holds an appointment in the post-office department.

74 VI. *Nathan Grout*, b. July 24, 1812; was formerly a merchant in Chelsea, now a dentist in Windsor, Vt. He has one dau. living.

(32) ELIPHALET HALE at an early age entered as clerk the house of John Cushing & Co., importers, Boston, and a few years later he commenced business as a merchant, in which he was successful. He md., early in 1809, Abigail Waters, b. in Boston 1775, dau. of Col. Josiah and Abigail Waters. She d. Sept. 10, 1829. About 1840 Mr. Hale retired from business, and Sept. 26, 1842, removed to Keene, N. H., where he d. just ten years later, Sept. 26, 1852. He was of methodical business habits, a man of strict integrity, and of a most kind and genial nature; and during a long life he commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. The accompanying engraving, in which can be discerned the lines of a firm purpose and a frank sincerity, was recently engraved for this volume.

75 I. *Mary Whitwell*, b. Jan. 28, 1810, was many years a popular teacher, and possessed many womanly graces and accomplishments. She was widely

- known as a writer, both in prose and in verse. She d. unmd. in Keene Nov. 17, 1862.
- 76 ii. *George*, b. Sept. 26, 1813; md. Sarah C. Draper, who d. without issue Sept. 2, 1853; md. (2d) June 25, 1855, Mary Ford, who d. April 9, 1861, leaving a dau., Anna C. Mr. Hale for many years was an accomplished accountant and book-keeper, and for sixteen years was Secretary of the Tremont Insurance Company. He now resides in Boston, retired from active business.
- 77 iii. *Catherine W.*, b. May 29, 1816; d. Sept. 13, 1817.
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- (34) HARRY HALE, youngest son of Col. Nathan, resided in this town until 1803, where he md. Phebe Adams, dau. of David Adams, *q. v.*; she d. Jan. 13, 1815, and he md. (2d) Nov. 14, 1815, Lucinda Eddy, dau. of Capt. Ephraim and Mary (Safford) Eddy, of Woodstock, Vt., who d. Aug. 1, 1871. From 1803 to 1807 he was a merchant in Windsor, Vt., then removed to Chelsea, Vt., where he resided a merchant and farmer until his death, June 2, 1861, aged 81. He honorably filled many positions of honor and trust, both State and municipal, and was prominently and liberally associated with the benevolent and religious enterprises of his time, preserving through life a character for unblemished integrity.
- 78 i. *Polly*, b. in Rindge Aug. 3, 1803; md. Dr. Hiram Bliss; removed to Waldoboro, Me., where she resides a widow. Five of her eight children are living.
- 79 ii. *Henry*, b. April 22, 1805; d. Dec., 1807.
- 80 iii. *Mark*, b. Aug. 20, 1806; was appointed a midshipman in U. S. Navy 1825; resigned 1832. It is supposed that he is not living. No tidings of him have been received for many years.
- 81 iv. *Son*, b. and d. Jan. 26, 1808.
- 82 v. *Son*, b. and d. Dec. 28, 1808.
- 83 vi. *Daughter* (twin), b. and d. Dec. 28, 1808.
- 84 vii. *Louisa*, b. June 6, 1810; md. Rev. Elihu Scott (Methodist), and now resides at Hampton, N. H. Three of her six children are living.
- 85 1. Joseph G., instructor in the Westfield, Mass., Normal School.
- 86 2. Harry Hale, Dartmouth College 1871; a teacher at Great Barrington, Mass.
- 87 3. Julia, md. Francis Asbury Smith, Esq., Wesleyan University 1859; a lawyer at Elizabethtown, Essex Co., N. Y.
- 88 viii. *Daughter*, b. May 23, 1811; d. same day.



*your affectionate father*  
*Henry Hale*





- 89 ix. *Phebe Adams* (twin), b. May 23, 1811; md. Stephen Vincent, Esq., of Chelsea, Vt.; d. May 5, 1856. Six of her nine children are living. Her son, Dr. Walter S. Vincent, of Burlington, Vt., was an assistant-surgeon during the war.
- 90 x. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 18, 1813; honorary degree of A. M. from University of Vermont 1853. He received a legal education, and was admitted to the bar 1844, but has spent the most of his life as a journalist. He has been editor and successful manager of the *Vermont Journal*, Windsor, Vt., and of the *New Hampshire Sentinel*, Keene, N. H., and now editor and part owner of the *Fitchburg Daily and Weekly Sentinel*, Fitchburg, Mass. He md. Aug. 5, 1869, Sarah Ballou, dau. of Welcome D. Ballou, of Keene, N. H. They have one son.
- 91 xi. *Henry*, b. June 21, 1814; University of Vermont 1840; a lawyer, now of St. Paul, Minn.; md. Mary E. Fletcher, dau. of Paris Fletcher, Esq. Two children, both d.

Children of second wife:—

- 92 xii. *Abby Grout*, b. April 6, 1817; resides unmd. at Chelsea, Vt.
- 93 xiii. *Safford Eddy*, b. Oct. 26, 1818; Dartmouth Medical College 1841; a physician at Elizabethtown, N. Y.; md. Elizabeth Palmer Churchill, dau. of Joseph Churchill, Esq., of Woodstock, Vt. She d. March 8, 1871. Frederick C., the eldest of their three children, is a lawyer in Chicago, Ill.
- 94 xiv. *Lama Charlotte*, b. Sept. 24, 1820; md. Rev. William T. Herrick, who graduated at the University of Vermont 1839, now a Congregational minister at West Charlestown, Vt. William Hale Herrick, the eldest of their two surviving children, graduated at Williams College 1871, now acting Professor of Chemistry, Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.
- 95 xv. *Robert Safford*, b. Sept. 24, 1822; University of Vermont 1842; LL.D., same institution, 1870; a practicing lawyer at Elizabethtown, N. Y.; was County Judge of Essex County 1857-1865, a presidential elector 1860, and a regent of the University of New York since 1859. He was a member of the Thirty-ninth and Forty-third Congresses, and was agent and special counsel for the United States before the Mixed Commission under the treaty with Great Britain

- 1871-1873. Mr. Hale has filled these numerous appointments with distinguished ability. It is an honorable record, and one of unremitting labor and great usefulness. He md. Lovina Sibley Stone, dau. of Capt. Jeremiah Stone, of Elizabethtown, and has five children.
- 96   xvi. *John Gardner*, b. Sept. 12, 1824; University of Vermont 1845, Andover Theological Seminary 1851; a Congregational minister, now of Chester, Vt.; md. Jane Phila Dwinell, dau. of Israel Dwinell, Esq., of Calais, Vt., and has five children.
- 97   xvii. *William Bainbridge*, b. July 20, 1826, formerly a merchant, now a manufacturer and banker, and since 1857 of Northampton, Mass. He md. Harriet A. Porter, dau. of Wright Porter, Esq., of Hartford, Vt., and has two sons.
- 98           1. Philip, student at Yale College.
- 99           2. Edward, student at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H.
- 100   xviii. *Matthew*, b. June 20, 1829; University of Vermont 1851; is a practicing lawyer of acknowledged ability in Albany, N. Y.; was a State Senator 1868-9, and member of the Constitutional Convention 1867-8; md. Ellen Salome Hand, dau. of Hon. Augustus C. Hand, of Elizabethtown, N. Y., who d., *s. p.*, Oct. 10, 1867.
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- (46)   EMERSON HALE, son of Moses, Jr., was several years a merchant at Rindge Centre, and subsequently a farmer. He occupied the farm now of Wm. E. Robbins, and acquired a competence. He md. Sept. 17, 1807, Jemima Foster, b. Dec. 27, 1786, dau. of John and Dorcas (Towne) Foster, of Andover, Mass. He d. June 18, 1851.
- 101           i. *John Foster*, b. Sept. 26, 1808; md. 1844, Rebecca Bailey. He is a farmer in Rindge.
- 102           1. Martha, b. Sept. 4, 1849; md. Geo. G. Rice, *q. v.*
- 103           ii. *Harris*, b. Aug. 10, 1813; md. July 6, 1869, Eliza Kimball, dau. of William Kimball, *q. v.*; a farmer. Resides in Rindge — prosperous.
- 104           iii. *Ruby*, b. Dec. 7, 1815; md. Arad Adams, *q. v.*
- 105           iv. *Moody*, b. April 17, 1820; md. June 6, 1844, Charlotte Keyes, dau. of Amos Keyes, Esq., *q. v.*; she d. Feb. 2, 1847; md. (2d) Sarah E. Wright, b.

March 27, 1829, dau. of David Wright, of Enosburg, Vt., who d. June 11, 1859; he d. April 28, 1860.

- 106 v. *Jemima*, b. July 26, 1822; md. Dea. James Bancroft, *q. v.*

(47) NATHAN HALE was a blacksmith and farmer in Rindge; md. May 25, 1809, Sarah Whitcomb, b. Oct. 22, 1788, dau. of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Carter) Whitcomb, of Jaffrey. He d. Feb. 12, 1844.

- 107 i. *Asaph Carter*, b. March 16, 1810; md. Sept. 15, 1842, Caroline (Chesman) Tolman, widow of Charles Tolman, and dau. of John Chesman, of Boston. They reside in this town.

108 1. Sarah M., b. July 28, 1845.

109 ii. *Sybil*, b. May 10, 1811; d. Sept. 26, 1825.

110 iii. *Caroline*, b. Sept. 3, 1812; d. Nov. 21, 1814.

111 iv. *Eliza*, b. May 24, 1814; md. Levi Russell, *q. v.*

112 v. *Oliver*, b. Dec. 26, 1815; a farmer and carpenter in Rindge; md. Feb. 9, 1836, Harriet Demary, dau. of Ezekiel Demary, *q. v.*, who d. Jan. 27, 1854; md. (2d) Nov. 2, 1856, Nancy Sloan, of Townsend, Mass.

113 1. H. Eliza, b. April 14, 1837.

114 2. C. Jane, b. Oct. 19, 1838.

115 3. S. Maria, b. Feb. 2, 1841; d. Aug. 3, 1841.

116 4. S. Maria, b. March 23, 1843.

117 5. Oliver Chester, b. Feb. 12, 1845; d. Dec. 8, 1845.

118 6. J. Emily, b. Oct. 26, 1846; d. April 14, 1847.

119 7. Chester O., b. Aug. 5, 1848; md., 1870, W. Edelia Stewart, of Montague, Mass. Reside in Rindge.

120 vi. *Charles Hale*, b. Oct. 13, 1817; md. Feb. 15, 1844, Mary Ann Metcalf, dau. of Timothy Metcalf, *q. v.*; a farmer. Resides in Rindge. Other children d. young.

121 1. Mary E., b. 1847; md., 1866, John W. Richards, son of John Richards, of Rindge, *q. v.*

122 2. Charles E., b. 1850; md. Feb., 1873, Sarah A. Page, dau. of Elias and Sarah (McIntire) Page, of Rindge, *q. v.*

123 vii. *Stephen*, b. July 9, 1819; a farmer in Rindge; selectman 1871, 1872, 1873; md. May 4, 1843, Mary Jane Hubbard, dau. of Levi Hubbard, *q. v.*

- 124 1. Mary Elizabeth, b. June 2, 1850; d. Oct. 29, 1850.
- 125 2. Lizzie S., b. Sept. 26, 1852.
- 126 VIII. *Caroline*, b. Dec. 27, 1820; md. April 28, 1842, George Francis Holman, of Fitzwilliam, son of Sylvanus and Lucy (Fullam) Holman, who d. Oct. 30, 1847; md. (2d) June 6, 1853, Benjamin Fay, of Fitzwilliam, son of John and Lovina (Brigham) Fay, who d. March 30, 1866; md. (3d) Nov. 29, 1866, Col. William Lebourveau, son of George and Betsey (Neeland) Lebourveau. They reside in Fitzwilliam. Three children by the first marriage, two of whom d. young.
- 127 1. Mary Jane, b. July 22, 1844; md. June 14, 1866, Charles B. Wilson, son of Benjamin and Louisa (Thompson) Wilson.
- 128 IX. *Dorcas*, b. Aug. 12, 1822; d. Sept. 28, 1823.
- 129 x. *Nathan Adams*, b. March 14, 1825; md. March 28, 1848, Mersylvia Godding, dau. of Ariel Godding, *q. v.* He is a farmer in Rindge.
- 130 1. Ellen M., b. Aug. 17, 1849; md. Sept. 25, 1874, Charles A. Buzzell, son of Reuben and Eliza (Cook) Buzzell, of Rindge.
- 131 2. George A., b. Jan. 24, 1852.
- 132 3. Lewis F., b. May 13, 1854.
- 133 4. Emma C., b. Jan. 11, 1857.
- 134 5. Edward A., b. July 31, 1859; d. June 2, 1874.
- 135 6. Willie E., b. Dec. 9, 1861.
- 136 7. Etta F., b. Nov. 22, 1864; d. Jan. 13, 1865.
- 137 XI. *Lyman*, b. Feb. 7, 1827; md. April 24, 1849, Sarah L. Jones, dau. of Asia Jones, *q. v.* A farmer. Resides in this town.
- 138 1. Anna S., b. April 21, 1850; md. June 4, 1867, John M. Ballou, b. March 2, 1845, son of Hosea Ballou, of Richmond. He is a mechanic. Resides in East Rindge.
- 139 2. Ella A., b. June 11, 1851.
- 140 3. Albert L., b. Nov. 14, 1852.
- 141 XII. *Sybil*, b. Nov. 4, 1828; md. Nov. 8, 1848, Elias B. Flint, of Winchendon, son of Ephraim and Deborah (Brooks) Flint. He d. Oct. 5, 1853, leaving two children. She md. (2d) Feb. 11, 1857, Col. Benjamin Gilmore, of Newport, N. H., son of John and Apphia (McAllister) Gilmore, by whom she has had five children, three of whom d. in childhood.

- 142 1. Mary E., b. Nov. 25, 1849; not living.  
 143 2. Carrie M., b. Jan. 4, 1852; md. March 2,  
 1871, Mason H. Baldwin, son of Samuel  
 C. and Sarah (Hatch) Baldwin.  
 144 3. Emma F., b. Sept. 24, 1863.  
 145 4. Maggie A., b. March 1, 1866.  
 146 XIII. *William Augustus*, b. Jan. 6, 1832; md. Elvira J.  
 Rugg, dau. of Capt. William S. Rugg, *q. v.* He  
 was a manufacturer of wooden ware at West  
 Rindge; d. Aug. 16, 1867, leaving two sons.  
 147 1. Alfred Augustus, b. April 23, 1858.  
 148 2. Erwin Arthur, b. April 22, 1865.

(48) BENJAMIN HALE, son of Moses, Jr., md. Nov. 29, 1812,  
 Miriam Peirce, dau. of Jacob Peirce, of Jaffrey. He  
 resided a few years in Ohio; returned to this town and  
 occupied the farm now of N. A. Hale, where he d. Feb.  
 12, 1832. His widow d. in Harrisville, N. H., April 26,  
 1863, aged 74. No complete record of their children has  
 been received.

- 149 I. *Triphosa Peirce*, b. Oct. 8, 1813.  
 150 II. *Almina*.  
 151 III. *Benjamin O.*, md. Jan. 1, 1841, Maria Spaulding;  
 md. (2d) Dec. 13, 1849, Lydia Spaulding, daugh-  
 ters of Dea. Abel Spaulding.  
 152 IV. *Jacob Welsh*.  
 153 V. *Moses*.

(49) MOSES HALE, youngest son of Moses, Jr.; a farmer;  
 occupied the farm now of his son, Julius A. Hale; md.  
 Ruthy Towne, dau. of Simeon and Hepsibeth Towne, of  
 Andover, Mass.; d. Sept. 24, 1850; his widow d. Aug. 9,  
 1852, aged 56.

- 154 I. *Moses Washington*, b. Jan. 22, 1818; md. Dec. 30,  
 1858, Lucina O. Ware, dau. of Ziba and Eliza  
 (Olcott) Ware, of Winchester, N. H. Resides  
 in Rindge, a farmer and manufacturer of brooms.  
 Three children.  
 155 1. Nellie L., b. Aug. 29, 1861.  
 156 2. Arthur Moses, b. Nov. 16, 1863.  
 157 3. Pearl W., b. Oct. 21, 1865.  
 158 II. *Benjamin*, b. Aug. 18, 1819; md. May 15, 1845,  
 Mary Ann Spaulding, of Lowell, who d. Oct. 29,  
 1847, and he md. (2d) her sister, Eliza F. Spauld-  
 ing; was a farmer, and for a short time hotel-  
 keeper; selectman 1860, 1861, and 1862; re-  
 moved, 1866, to Minnesota, where he d. by  
 suicide about 1870, leaving two children; his  
 wife d. about the same date.



- 159      iii. *Marshall Adams*, b. July 11, 1822; md. Louisa Adams, dau. of Israel Adams, *q. v.*; he d. by suicide, June 18, 1852; his widow md. (2d) John Platts, son of Asa Platts, *q. v.*
- 160                      1. Henry Marshall, b. Feb. 25, 1846.
- 161                      2. Francis Edwin, b. Aug. 3, 1849.
- 162      iv. *Julius Augustus*, b. Nov. 15, 1824; md. Jan. 4, 1855, Eliza Perry, dau. of Col. J. B. Perry, *q. v.* He is a successful farmer in Rindge. His farm has been owned by members of the Hale family without interruption since the first settlement of this town.
- 163                      1. Hattie A., b. Dec. 24, 1855.
- 164                      2. Lizzie A., b. Aug. 16, 1857.
- 165                      3. Ella F., b. March 17, 1859.
- 166                      4. Walter A., b. Jan. 17, 1861.
- 167                      5. Herbert J., b. Aug. 11, 1863.
- 168                      6. Jennie M., b. May 10, 1865.
- 169                      7. Anna M., b. Jan. 18, 1867.
- 170                      8. Harvey P., b. Nov. 28, 1868.
- 171                      9. Henry M., b. Feb. 17, 1872.
- 172                      10. Ruthy M., b. Dec. 15, 1873.
- 173                      v. *David Ancil*, b. Feb. 13, 1827; d. Sept. 26, 1847.
- 174                      vi. *Sherburne*, b. April 5, 1829; d. Jan. 6, 1831.
- 175                      vii. *Sherburne P.*, b. May 29, 1831; md. Emma Stewart, and was divorced 1874. Three children.
- 176      viii. *Appleton*, b. Oct. 16, 1833; md. March 31, 1857, Ellen Perham, of Troy, N. H. Resides at Owatonna, Steele County, Minn.
- 177                      ix. *Mersylvia J.*, b. Aug. 20, 1835; md. 1855, Daniel W. Brooks, of Keene, N. H., where they reside.
- 178                      x. *Ruthy M.*, b. Oct. 19, 1838; md. George H. Nims, a provision merchant, of Keene, N. H.
- 179                      xi. *Hudson D.*, b. July 13, 1841; was a manufacturer of brooms; md. Dec., 1860, Mary E. Stickney, dau. of Asa Stickney, of Rindge; she d., leaving one dau., March 14, 1871; he md. (2d) Jan. 2, 1872, Josie C. Barnard, of Troy; he d. June 5, 1873.

1      DANIEL C. HALL removed to the north-east part of Rindge in 1831.

2                      i. *Elizabeth M.*, md. William R. Emerson, of Holliston, Mass.

3                      ii. *Henry*, resides in Fitzwilliam; has a family.

4                      iii. *Erastus D.*, resides in Holliston; has a family.

5                      iv. *Lyman*, resides in Peterboro, N. H.

- 6 v. *Adaline*, md. James Chisholm, of Holliston, who  
d. 1871.
- 7 vi. *Thomas*, b. Feb., 1842; d. June 7, 1864.
- 8 vii. *Francis*, resided in Worcester; d. about 1870.
- 9 viii. *Charles*.
- 10 ix. *George*.

1 DAVID HAMMOND and wife Mary were in this town as early as 1766. He was constable in 1771, and was elected to a minor office in 1773, but the name soon fades from the records.

- 2 i. *Ruth*, bap. in Rindge 1766.
- 3 ii. *Thomas*, bap. in Rindge 1766.

1 JOHN HANDSOME was in Wyman's Regiment in 1776, and in the 2d Continental Battalion, March 20, 1777, until the date of his death, Aug. 3, 1777. Widow Handsome was seated in the meeting-house in 1780.

- 1 JOHN HANNAFORD, with his wife and several children, removed from Marlboro, Mass., 1774. He was a member of Capt. Hale's company 1775. He resided south of the residence of Lyman Bennett, and it is said that he was accustomed to boast that he was always ready to hoe his crops while others were planting, to which his neighbors replied that he maintained the precedence throughout, for he also had his entire produce eaten before they were ready to harvest. Removed about 1790. The name of only one of their children is known.

- 2 i. *John*, b. —; md. March 20, 1787, Lucy Russell, dau. of Jabez Russell, *q. v.*

## HAPGOOD.

SHADRACH HAPGOOD, aged 14, embarked at Gravesend, England, May 30, 1656, and subsequently settled in Sudbury, Mass., where he md. Oct. 21, 1664, Elizabeth Treadway. In 1675 Captains Hutchinson, of Boston, and Wheeler, of Concord, with a party of men, among whom was Mr. Hapgood, were sent to Quaboag, now Brookfield, to treat with the Indians, who had manifested a desire to hold a conference with the English. The party were treacherously ambushed, and eight of them, including Hapgood, were slain. He left three or more children, of whom Thomas Hapgood was b. in Sudbury, Oct. 1, 1669. He settled in the north-easterly part of Marlboro, Mass., where he d. Oct. 4, 1764, aged 95, leaving 9 children, 92 grandchildren, 208 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. (Hudson's "Marlboro.") John Hapgood, seventh child of Thomas, was b. June 9, 1707. He md. Feb. 17, 1731, Abigail Morse, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Stowe) Morse. He resided in Marlboro, where he d. May 26, 1762; his widow d. March 31, 1798. John Hapgood, their ninth child, was b. Oct. 8, 1752; md. Jan. 5, 1775, Lois Stevens, who d. April 10, 1776, leaving an infant two months old. He

md. (2d) Feb. 2, 1783. Lucy Munroe, of Lincoln, by whom he had seven children; he d. Feb. 10, 1835, aged 82. John Hapgood, the only son of the first wife, was b. Feb. 9, 1776. He md., 1779, Betsey Temple, and in 1801 removed to Winchendon, Mass., where he d.

- 1 GEORGE DANA HAPGOOD, son of John, of Winchendon, was b. Dec. 3, 1811. He learned the trade of tanner, and came to Rindge in 1840, and two years later, succeeding Mr. Mixer, he conducted the business until 1855, when the buildings were burned. He was selectman 1850, 1851, 1852, and 1857, and held other positions of trust. In 1858 he removed to Chester, Mass., and is there engaged in the same business. He md., 1841, Catherine W. Mixer, dau. of Charles Mixer, *q. v.*
- 2 I. *George Henry*, b. April 20, 1842; md. Nov. 2, 1864, Marietta Wilcox, b. Sept. 12, 1843, dau. of Elbridge G. and Lucy (Smith) Wilcox, of Chester. Resides in Chester.
- 3 II. *Anna Elizabeth*, b. June 24, 1844; md. Nov. 7, 1866, William P. Alderman, son of Daniel and Electa (Root) Alderman, of Middlefield, Mass.
- 4 III. *Jennie Emma*, b. Feb. 21, 1846.
- 5 IV. —; d. young.
- 6 V. —; d. young.
- 7 VI. —; d. young.

1 DANIEL HARPER was a roving planter, whose name appears upon the records of many towns in this vicinity. Perhaps his occupation controlled his frequent removals. He md. in Lunenburg, Nov. 23, 1758, Rachel Colman, dau. of James and Rachel Colman, formerly of Ipswich, then of Lunenburg, Mass. He came to Rindge in 1765, and his family the following year. Four or five years later they removed to Littleton, Mass.

- 2 I. *Rachel*, b. in Ashburnham April 1, 1761.
- 3 II. *James Colman*, b. in Ashburnham March 10, 1762.
- 4 III. *Daniel*, b. in Shirley, Mass., March 10, 1766.
- 5 IV. *Mary*, b. in Littleton, Mass., Feb. 27, 1770.
- 6 V. *Aaron*, b. in Littleton, Mass., Jan. 29, 1772.
- 7 VI. *Ezekiel*, b. in Shirley, Mass., Feb. 8, 1778.

8 SAMUEL HARPER and wife Mary came to Rindge 1760, and remained several years, but removed previous to the Revolution. Samuel and Thomas Harper were in the First New Hampshire Battalion, Jan., 1777, to Aug. 8, 1778, and Daniel Harper, March to Dec., 1781. The children of Samuel and Mary Harper were as follows:—

- 9 I. *Samuel*.
- 10 II. *William*.
- 11 III. *Thomas*.

- 12      iv. *John*.
- 13      v. *Mary*.
- 14      vi. *Lucy*.
- 15      vii. *Esther*, all b. previous to 1765.
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- 1      DR. EBENEZER HARTSHORN, from Athol, Mass.; md. April 20, 1767, Eunice Hapgood, b. Aug. 17, 1744, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Damaris (Hutchins) Hapgood, of Shrewsbury, Mass. They removed to Rindge about 1780. *Vide* Chap. XVII. He d. Nov., 1811; his widow d. Jan. 27, 1812.
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- 1      ABELIAH HASKELL, d. in the army, July 26, 1778. No record found of his family. *Vide* pp. 124, 131, 162, 163.
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- 1      BENJAMIN HASTINGS, son of John Hastings, of Bolton, was b. in that place, June 29, 1781; md. Sept. 7, 1809, Nabby Whitcomb, b. May 6, 1786, dau. of John and Azubah (Whitcomb) Whitcomb, of Winchendon. They removed to Rindge 1809, and settled upon the "Hastings Farm," in the north-east part of the town. He d. Jan. 16, 1873; his wife d. July 24, 1855.
- 2      I. *Azubah*, b. Oct. 4, 1811; md. Sept. 29, 1836, Lemuel Putnam. Reside in Pittston, Me.
- 3      II. *Mary*, b. Sept. 14, 1813; d. Oct. 1, 1813.
- 4      III. *Louisa*, b. April 6, 1816; md. Nov. 28, 1844, Samuel Jefferson Hardison; reside in Rindge.
- 5      1. John J., b. Nov. 14, 1847.
- 6      2. Frank Herbert, b. Sept. 3, 1849; a student at Dartmouth College, class of 1876.
- 7      3. Lizzie, b. March 3, 1856.
- 8      IV. *Susan*, b. Feb. 3, 1818; md. Jan. 5, 1839, Sumner W. Keith, of Fitzwilliam, where she d. April 9, 1864. Their dau., Sarah J., md. Asahel S. Howe, son of Dennis Howe, *q. v.*
- 9      v. *Benjamin*, b. March 4, 1820; md. May 31, 1855, Martha B. Kent, of Boston; resided in Boston until 1865, when he returned to Rindge, where he d. April 8, 1868, leaving two children.
- 10      VI. *John Whitcomb*, b. March 4, 1822; md. April 24, 1851, Louisa Godding, dau. of Ariel Godding, *q. v.* Enlisted Nov., 1861, in the 6th N. H. Vols.; killed at second Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862. His widow md. (2d) Oct. 5, 1865, George M. Cram, son of Solomon Cram; they reside in Lyndeboro. Four children.
- 11      VII. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 18, 1831; md. March 27, 1851, Nathaniel Hapgood Eastman, son of Timothy M. and Felicia Ann (Hapgood) Eastman. They reside in Rindge.

1 HUGH HENRY removed to the north-west part of this  
town 1798. He d. 1814; his widow d. April 17, 1826.

- 2 I. *Phoebe*, md. Aug. 9, 1801, George Carlton, *q. v.*  
3 II. *Anna*, md. (pub. April 2) 1815, Elipha Peirce, *q. v.*  
4 III. *Hugh*.  
5 IV. *John*, d. in Boston.

There were other children, whose names have not been learned.

1 JACOB HOBBS came from Topsfield, Mass., 1768 or  
1769. He md. July 31, 1767, Vasthy Curtice. He was  
in Capt. Philip Thomas' company in 1775. His name  
disappears from the records about 1790.

- 2 I. *Jacob*, b. Feb. 20, 1768, in Topsfield; d. young.  
3 II. *Abraham*, b. Dec. 16, 1769, in Rindge.  
4 III. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 21, 1772.  
5 IV. *Vasthy*, b. Feb. 2, 1774.  
6 V. *Abbie*, b. Aug. 10, 1776.  
7 VI. *Jacob*, bap. Aug. 20, 1780.

1 SAMUEL HODGSKINS was a resident of this town pre-  
vious to 1760. He settled near the residence of Asa and  
Charles E. Stickney. The first sermons preached in this  
town were delivered at his house. He md. Aug. 8, 1757,  
Rebecca Rice. They removed from town previous to  
the date of incorporation, and he died in Lunenburg,  
Mass., 1782 or 1783. He was a son of Hezekiah Hodg-  
skins, of Ipswich, Mass.

- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. 1759.  
3 II. *John*, b. 1761.  
4 III. *Sally*, b. 1764.  
5 IV. *Rebecca*, b. 1767.

1 ABIEL HOLT lived on the farm now of Charles H. Dan-  
forth from 1806 until his death, June 18, 1825.

- 2 I. *Abiel*, b. 1790; md. Nov., 1815, Ede Darling, dau.  
of Amos Darling, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge  
several years. He d. in Ashburnham, June 10,  
1864; she d. Oct. 30, 1864.  
3 1. Samuel D., b. Sept. 15, 1816; md. Jan. 12,  
1860, Susan R. Harris, of Ashburnham,  
where they now reside.  
4 2. Edah Stone (twin), b. Feb. 1, 1819; d. Jan.  
17, 1820.  
5 3. Abiel Putnam (twin), b. Feb. 1, 1819; d.  
March 31, 1819.  
6 4. Abiel Putnam, b. Feb. 23, 1823; d. July 21,  
1827.



- 7 II. *Daniel*, b. —; d. in New York, 1871; left a family.
- 8 III. *Nathan*, b. —; d. unmd. Oct. 25, 1827.
- 9 IV. *Edah*, b. —; d. in Fitchburg, 1861.
- 10 V. *Liberty*, b. —; resides in Royalston, Mass.; has a family. His son, Charles Holt, resides in Fitchburg.

## HOWE.

JOHN HOWE was in Sudbury as early as 1639, and was admitted free-man 1640. He was selectman 1642, and is mentioned in the records of that town as late as 1655; soon after he removed to Marlboro, Mass., where he d. 1687, leaving a widow, Mary, five sons, and three daughters. It was his dau., Mary Howe, who md. John Wetherbee, the ancestor of the many families in this town bearing the name. Thomas Howe, son of John, was b. June 12, 1656; md. June 8, 1681, Sarah Hosmer, who d. April 7, 1724, leaving six children; and he md. Dec. 24, 1724, Mrs. Mary Baron. He was a prominent citizen of Marlboro, and much employed in municipal affairs. — a representative to the General Court, colonel in the militia, and for several years a magistrate. He was engaged on several occasions in the Indian wars, and participated in the fight at Lancaster. He d. Feb. 16, 1733. Thomas Howe, son of Col. Thomas and Sarah (Hosmer) Howe, b. June 16, 1692; by wife Rebecca had three sons and three daus.; he d. in Marlboro, April 2, 1777. His son Thomas, b. June 20, 1710, also resided in Marlboro; by wife Dorothy he had four sons and one dau.; among them was Fiske Howe, b. in Marlboro, June 23, 1741; md. March 31, 1767, Lydia (Brigham) Bigelow, and settled in Templeton. Two of his sons, Thomas and Ephraim, resided in Rindge, and are mentioned hereafter. Lambert, a younger son, is now living in Cleveland, O.

- 1 THOMAS HOWE, son of Fiske Howe, was b. in Templeton, Mass., Sept. 23, 1769; he md. Feb. 18, 1796, Sarah Follet, who was b. in Hubbardston, Mass., Nov. 14, 1775. They came to Rindge 1796 or 1797. He was a farmer, and resided in the north-west part of the town. He d. Oct. 22, 1834; his widow d. Feb. 10, 1853.
- 2 I. *Levi*, b. Nov. 19, 1796. +
- 3 II. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 7, 1798.
- 4 III. *Dennis*, b. Feb. 28, 1800. +
- 5 IV. *Thomas*, b. May 25, 1801; md. Lucy Fay; was several years in business in Boston, where he d. 1865; one dau. d. young; another md. — Parkhurst.
- 6 V. *Sally*, b. Jan. 14, 1803; md. Eliphaz Allen, Jr., *q.v.*
- 7 VI. *Stillman*, b. July 16, 1810.
- 8 VII. *Winslow*, b. Jan. 26, 1812.

- 9 EPHRAIM HOWE, a brother of Thomas, b. May 20, 1771; md. Jerusha Thompson, and lived upon a farm near his brother. He d. Oct. 24, 1819.



- 10 i. *Lydia*, b. Dec. 26, 1797; md. — Sampson, of  
Westminster, and d. by suicide soon after her  
marriage.
- 11 ii. *David*, b. April 16, 1799; md. Feb. 20, 1821, Olive  
Emery, dau. of Samuel Emery, of Jaffrey. He  
resided upon the family homestead, where he d.  
Aug. 8, 1841; his widow d. in Jaffrey, July 13,  
1871, aged 70.
- 12 1. Jerusha, b. April 8, 1822; md. Sept. 8,  
1843, John S. Dutton, son of William  
Dutton, of Jaffrey; d. Jan. 25, 1845.
- 13 2. Olive M., b. Aug. 17, 1823; md. Dec. 6,  
1843, Aaron Perkins, son of Moses and  
Rhoda (Spofford) Perkins; reside in  
Jaffrey. For many years he was propri-  
etor of the line of stages through Rindge.
- 14 3. Emerancy T., b. Jan. 15, 1825; d. unmd.  
Oct. 16, 1846.
- 15 4. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 18, 1826; d. unmd. Jan.  
21, 1845.
- 16 5. Nancy R., b. Aug. 22, 1831; d. Nov. 26,  
1848.
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- (2) LEVI HOWE, ESQ., a highly respected farmer and mer-  
chant in Rindge. *Vide* Chap. XVII. He was much  
employed in public affairs,—representative four, and  
selectman sixteen, years. He md. May 22, 1823, Sally  
Chadwick, dau. of Joshua Chadwick, *q. v.* She d. Dec.  
18, 1823; he md. (2d) April 20, 1825, Almeda Richards,  
dau. of Capt. Moses and Sarah (Stoughton) Richards, of  
Gill, Mass. He d. very suddenly, Aug. 8, 1869. Mrs.  
Howe resides with her dau. in Orange, Mass.
- 17 i. *George Morrill*, b. March 26, 1826; d. unmd. in  
Concord, Mass., where he was engaged in busi-  
ness, Nov. 14, 1855.
- 18 ii. *Clementine*, b. July 26, 1829; md. Nov. 27, 1851,  
George P. Sherwin, son of Arba Sherwin, of  
Winchendon. They now reside in Orange,  
Mass.
- 19 iii. *Almeda*, b. Aug. 6, 1831; md. Dec. 18, 1855, John  
C. Felt, son of John Felt, of Jaffrey. He was a  
dentist, and resided in Orange, Mass. He d.  
1873.
- 20 iv. *Thomas Gilbert*, b. Oct. 6, 1833; d. Oct. 17, 1854.
- 21 v. *Elwira Eveline*, b. Feb. 27, 1839; d. Feb. 23, 1860.
- 22 vi. *Marianna*, b. Dec. 3, 1841; d. Jan. 9, 1858.

- (4) DENNIS HOWE was a farmer, and also considerably  
engaged in the manufacture of wooden-ware. He lived

upon the farm now of Samuel Jones, and removed, 1855, to Jaffrey, where he d. Aug. 4, 1872. He md. Dec. 8, 1825, Lucy Ball, dau. of Jeremiah and Lucy (Putnam) Ball, of Townsend. She resides in Jaffrey.

- 23 I. *Fanny W.*, b. Dec. 1, 1826; resides in Jaffrey.  
 24 II. *Andrew*, b. Dec. 9, 1828; d. Dec. 26, 1828.  
 25 III. *Walter H.*, b. March 14, 1830; d. unmd. Feb. 23, 1858.  
 26 IV. *Andrew R.*, b. June 17, 1832; d. May 23, 1838.  
 27 V. *S. Warren*, b. May 20, 1834; d. Oct. 6, 1853.  
 28 VI. *Ellen R.*, b. April 15, 1836; d. June 21, 1838.  
 29 VII. *Milton S.*, b. May 4, 1838; member of 14th N. H. Vols.; d. Nov. 24, 1862.  
 30 VIII. *Ann Elizabeth*, b. June 23, 1840; md. Amos J. Blake, Esq., of Fitzwilliam. *Vide* Blake No. 17.  
 31 IX. *Asahel S.*, b. Feb. 22, 1844; md. Dec. 22, 1867, Sarah J. Keith, dau. of Summer W. and Susan (Hastings) Keith, of Fitzwilliam. (Hastings 8.)
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- 32 PETER HOWE, parentage unknown, with wife Elizabeth, removed to the north-west part of this town 1813. She d. Sept. 13, 1828; and he md. (2d) 1829, Sarah Whitney, of Lunenburg, Mass., dau. of John and Priscilla (Battles) Whitney, and soon after removed to Westfield, Mass. All the children are not named below.
- 33 I. *Emerson*, md. Sarah Raud, dau. of Leonard and Sally (Hubbard) Raud, *q. v.* Resides in New Ipswich.  
 34 II. *Emeline*, md. Luman Colburn, *q. v.*  
 35 III. *Edward*, bap. July 21, 1816.

## HUBBARD.

NATHAN HUBBARD, of Groton, Mass., md. April 2, 1745, Mary Patterson. Their sons, Nathan and Hezekiah, settled in Rindge; dau. Susannah md. Joseph Bancroft, son of Dea. Benjamin Bancroft (*vide* Bancroft family); and dau. Amy md. Joseph Moors, and resided in this town.

- 1 NATHAN HUBBARD, JR., b. in Groton, June 2, 1747, with wife Sarah removed to this town 1772, and settled upon what is now known as "Hubbard Hill." Later he removed to the centre of the town, where he d. Aug. 13, 1823.
- 2 I. *Jonathan*, b. March 24, 1773; md. Oct. 28, 1796, Permelia Stone, dau. of Capt. Salmon Stone, *q. v.* He resided in a house that formerly stood a short distance south-east of the house now of Lyman Hale. About 1818 he removed to near the line between Pennsylvania and New York. and was there accidentally killed by a gun shot.

- 3 1. Billey, b. Feb. 3, 1797.  
 4 2. Luther, b. Dec. 10, 1798.  
 5 3. Emerson, b. March 31, 1803; d. of spotted  
 fever, Dec. 18, 1811.  
 6 4. Abel. †  
 7 5. Columbus.
- 8 II. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 31, 1774; d. Nov. 1, 1776.  
 9 III. *Abigail*, b. May 13, 1776; d. Oct. 27, 1776.  
 10 IV. *Nathan*, b. Sept. 6, 1777; d. unmd. in Rindge,  
 Feb. 2, 1841.  
 11 V. *Ede*, b. Aug. 10, 1779; d. unmd.  
 12 VI. *Abel*, b. Aug. 3, 1781.  
 13 VII. *Susannah*, b. May 9, 1783; md. Nathaniel Wether-  
 bee, son of Abraham, *q. v.*  
 14 VIII. *Anna*, b. March 14, 1785; d. April 29, 1786.  
 15 IX. *Phinehas*, b. March 17, 1787; d. unmd. in Ashby.  
 16 X. *Esther*, b. May 25, 1792.  
 17 XI. *Jackson*, b. Jan. 5, 1795.
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- (6) ABEL HUBBARD, son of Jonathan, md. Jan. 12, 1830,  
 Melinda Smith, dau. of Braddyll Smith, *q. v.* He resided  
 in the south-west part of the town, and removed 1866 to  
 Iowa.
- 18 I. *Liberty Thomas*, b. June 8, 1836; md. May 6,  
 1857, Julia A. Hadley; removed with his father.  
 19 II. *David Lawrence*, b. Aug. 16, 1842.
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- 20 DEA. HEZEKIAH HUBBARD, a brother of Nathan, b. in  
 Groton, Jan. 19, 1757; md. Rebecca Hutchinson, of Bil-  
 lerica, Mass., and settled upon "Hubbard Hill," in Rindge,  
 about 1783. He was highly respected, and many years a  
 deacon of the Congregational Church. He d. very sud-  
 denly, April 22, 1822.
- 21 I. *Benjamin*, b. —; md. Dorcas White. †  
 22 II. *Levi*, b. June 27, 1784. †  
 23 III. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 29, 1788; md. May 31, 1814, Ben-  
 jamin May, son of Benjamin and Lucy May, of  
 Winchendon; she d. July 8, 1865.
- 24 1. Augustus H., b. Nov. 13, 1815.  
 25 2. Harriet Newell, b. Aug. 30, 1817; md.  
 Sept. 15, 1857, Josiah Parker, son of John  
 and Deborah Parker; resides in Ashland,  
 Mass.  
 26 3. Mersylvia, b. Aug. 26, 1819; md. April 28,  
 1839, Joshua Kendall.  
 27 4. Almira H., b. Nov. 26, 1822; md. Elwin  
 Parks, son of Luke and Betsey Parks;  
 md. (2d) Martin P. Stone.

- 28      iv. *Sally*, b. Feb. 17, 1790; md. Leonard Rand, son of Solomon Rand, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Capt. Daniel Norcross, son of Jeremiah Norcross, *q. v.*
- 29      v. *Polly*, b. Sept. 29, 1791; d. in Rindge unmd. Jan. 1, 1855.
- 30      vi. *Rodney*, b. July 3, 1793; resides in Rindge unmd.
- 31      vii. *Harry*, b. July 8, 1795; twice md. +
- 32      viii. *Hezekiah*, b. April 25, 1797; d. young.
- 33      ix. *Mersylvia*, b. July 7, 1799; resides in Rindge unmd.
- 34      x. *Eliphalet*, b. July 10, 1801; md. Betsey Sawtell. +
- 35      xi. *Otis*, b. Oct. 18, 1803; unmd.; resides a farmer on the old homestead.
- 36      xii. *John Hutchinson*, b. Dec. 4, 1805; unmd.; resides upon the old homestead.
- 37      xiii. *Addison*, b. —; md. May 10, 1838, Lucy Norcross, dau. of Capt. Daniel Norcross, *q. v.*; formerly of Fitchburg, now of Wakefield, Mass.
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- (21)      BENJAMIN HUBBARD md. April 3, 1811, Dorcas White, dau. of Nathan and Dorcas (Lane) White, of Cambridge, Mass.; resided in Rindge, where he d. June 9, 1841; his widow d. 1856.
- 38      i. *Elizabeth A.*, b. July 24, 1813; md. Aug. 9, 1857, Elijah D. Kimball, son of Philip and Lydia (Hunt) Kimball. He is a farmer. Resides in Keene, N. H.
- 39      ii. *Irene A.*, b. Aug. 17, 1815; md. May 10, 1836, George Handy, son of George and Ruth (Estey) Handy. Removed 1837 to Dublin, N. H., where she d. Jan. 25, 1849.
- 40              1. George E., b. Nov. 30, 1843.
- 41      iii. *Albert Granville*, b. April 30, 1819; removed to Dublin, where he md. Sept. 30, 1842, Lydia Jane Richardson, dau. of Ruel Richardson, of Peterboro, N. H. Removed 1867 to Acworth, N. H.
- 42              1. Ellen M., b. Aug. 4, 1843; md. Jan., 1865, Charles J. Davis, son of John and Catherine (Houghton) Davis, of Acworth.
- 43              2. Albert J., b. Aug. 9, 1853; d. 1860.
- 44      iv. *Joel*, b. May 27, 1821; md. April 22, 1849, Fanny Gordon, dau. of Benjamin and Fanny (Fulson) Gordon. He is a merchant in Boston.
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- (22)      LEVI HUBBARD md. Nov. 29, 1814, Betsey Smith, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Goodridge) Smith. He was a farmer, and resided near the farm of his father, now occu-

- pied by his son. He was selectman ten years, and filled other positions of trust. He d. July 28, 1862; his wife d. March 8, 1861.
- 45      i. *Joseph S.*, b. Oct. 29, 1817; md. May 27, 1851, Rebecca Twitchel (Chadwick Family, No. 7). A farmer in Rindge.
- 46      ii. *Mary Jane*, b. June 9, 1821; md. Stephen Hale, son of Nathan, *q. v.*
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- (31)      HARRY HUBBARD md. June 8, 1823, Clarissa Fay; md. (2d) Dec. 6, 1832, Dorcas Whitney, dau. of Dr. Isaiah Whitney, *q. v.* He d. in Shrewsbury, Mass. His widow resides with his eldest son. Children by first wife:—
- 47      i. *Henry B.*, b. Aug. 8, 1825. Conducts an extensive boot manufactory in Worcester, Mass. Has a family.
- 48      ii. *Appleton B.*, b. May 29, 1829; md. Betsey Wright. He d. Sept. 29, 1862.
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- (34)      ELIPHALET HUBBARD md. Feb. 1, 1827, Betsey Sawtell, dau. of Hezekiah Sawtell, *q. v.* He was a shoe-maker in Rindge Centre; d. Aug. 30, 1866. His widow md. (2d) Asia Jones, *q. v.*
- 49      i. *Eliphalet*, b. Dec. 10, 1827; d. Dec. 11, 1827.
- 50      ii. *Hezekiah*, b. Aug. 29, 1828; d. same day.
- 51      iii. *Rodney Augustus*, b. Nov. 25, 1829; md. May 10, 1855, Eliza Jane Emory, dau. of Derostus W. Emory, *q. v.* Was in the teaming business in Rindge until 1867, when he removed to Jaffrey and became connected with the line of stages from Jaffrey to Winchendon. Is now conductor on Monadnock Railroad.
- 52      1. Martha J., b. March 31, 1857.
- 53      iv. *George Otis*, b. Dec. 3, 1831; md. Julia A. Smith, of Winchendon. Resides in Winchendon.
- 54      v. *Timothy F.*, b. June 22, 1834; md. Nov. 30, 1854, Hannah Pettengill, dau. of Asa Pettengill (Sawtell family). He enlisted in Sept., 1862, in the 53d Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers from Winchendon, and was killed while in camp (March 23, 1863) by the fall of a limb of a tree broken by the wind.
- 55      vi. *Sarah R.*, b. Sept. 6, 1839; a teacher in Rindge.

## HUNT.

There are several distinct families in New England bearing the name of Hunt. Those of this town are descendants of William Hunt, the ancestor of the Concord family. He was b. in England about 1605, and



emigrated to America with wife Elizabeth and two children, in 1635, and settled in Concord, Mass. His wife dying, Dec. 27, 1661, he md. (2d) 1664, Mercy Rice, widow of Edmund Rice. This was her third marriage; her maiden name was Mercy Hurd, and her first husband was Thomas Brigham. (*Vide* Brigham.) William Hunt d. in Marlboro, Mass., 1667, and his widow d. 1693. His eldest son, Nehemiah Hunt, was b. in England 1631; md. June 1, 1663, Mary Toll, and had twelve children, three of whom d. in childhood. He resided in Concord, where he d. March 6, 1717-18. John Hunt, their son, b. Jan. 12, 1673, md. Mary Brown, who was the mother of his nine children. Late in life he md. (2d) Dorothy Merriam. He d. in Concord, May 3, 1765. Dea. Simon Hunt, of Concord, was his eldest son, b. July 3, 1704; md. Mary Raymond. He was a leading spirit of his time; d. Dec. 13, 1790. Among his children was Ephraim Hunt, whose name is repeated hereafter; and Simon Hunt, b. April 8, 1734, md. April 15, 1755, Lucy Raymond, and settled in Acton, Mass., where he d. 1820. His son Nathan (No. 10 in the following register) md. Abigail Hale, of Rindge; and his dau. Tabitha md. Joshua Todd, of Rindge, *q. v.*; and dau. Sarah md. David Carlton, *q. v.*

- 1     EPHRAIM HUNT, son of Dea. Simon, was b. in Concord, May 28, 1736. Reference is made 1768 in Rindge records to Hunt's mill, and Jan. 29, 1770, he was admitted to the church in Rindge by recommendation of the church in Concord. At this time he was a resident of Jaffrey, and his mill was upon the site of the mills of Murdock and Annett, in the south-east part of that town. In 1791 he removed to Rindge, where he d. Dec. 21, 1821. He md. about 1756 Tabitha Raymond.
- 2         I. *Tabitha*, b. July 3, 1757; md. Nathaniel Ingalls, *q. v.*
- 3         II. *Hepsibeth*, b. July 10, 1761; md. Nathan Page, probably a son of Daniel Page, *q. v.*, and removed to Jackson, Me., where she d. about 1840.
- 4         III. *James*, b. April 10, 1766.
- 5         IV. *Paul Raymond*, bap. in Rindge, Nov. 26, 1768.
- 6         V. *Ephraim*, b. March 25, 1771. †
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- (6)     EPHRAIM HUNT was a blacksmith in Rindge; md. Aug. 16, 1797, Persis Perry, dau. of John Perry, *q. v.*; he d. Sept. 2, 1856; his wife d. Feb. 16, 1832.
- 7         I. *Maria*, b. May 21, 1798; md. Oct. 16, 1821, Rev. Joseph Brown, b. in Ashby, Mass., Sept. 8, 1788. She was a woman of culture and amiable character; d. in South Carolina, July 18, 1827. Rev. Joseph Brown graduated at Middlebury (Vt.) College 1817; at Andover Theological Seminary 1820; ordained Jan. 3, 1821. He was a preacher to seamen, at Charleston, S. C., 1821-9; an agent of the American Seaman's Friend Society, New York, 1829-32; subsequently general agent and secretary of the society until his death, Sept. 16, 1833.



- 8 1. Mary Russell, b. Sept. 6, 1822; d. April 19, 1823.
- 9 2. Joseph Brownlee, b. Oct. 4, 1824; Dartmouth College 1845; a lawyer at Newburgh, N. Y.; md. Caroline Elizabeth Stanford. *Vide* page 361.
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- 10 NATHAN HUNT, a son of Simon and Lucy (Raymond) Hunt, of Acton, and grandson of Dea. Simon Hunt, of Concord, b. July 17, 1760; md. Abigail Hale, dau. of Moses Hale, of Rindge, *q. v.* They resided in Jaffrey, but she was admitted 1812 a member of the church in Rindge, and the five youngest of their children were there bap. He d. July 18, 1853.
- 11 I. *Abigail*, b. Nov., 1788; md. Reuben Streeter. Their son, Nathan Streeter, was many years proprietor of an extensive livery stable in Bowdoin Square, Boston; md. (2d) Jonathan Webster.
- 12 II. *Nathan*, b. April 17, 1791; md. Violante Hodgman, and resided in Jaffrey; several children.
- 13 III. *Grata*, b. June 26, 1793; md. Sept. 9, 1819, Benjamin Cutter, Esq., of Jaffrey. *Vide* Cutter family, No. 4, and Cutter genealogy, page 272.
- 14 IV. *Moses*, b. Nov. 9, 1795; md. Maria Rouse; removed to New York.
- 15 V. *Harriet*, b. June 1, 1798; md. Ezra Bennett, *q. v.*
- 16 VI. *Sally*, b. Sept. 3, 1800; md. David French.
- 17 VII. *Fanny*, b. Dec. 3, 1802; md. William H. Salisbury.
- 18 VIII. *John Edwards*, b. Nov. 9, 1805; md. Elizabeth White; removed to New York.
- 19 IX. *Elwira*, b. March 24, 1808; md. Geo. A. Willard.
- 20 X. *Raymond*, b. May 18, 1810; md. Maria A. Chapman; removed to Boston.
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- 21 PETER HUNT, son of Samuel and Dorothy (Bulkley) Hunt, of Littleton, b. July 20, 1729; d. Jan. 13, 1816; md. Sarah Leighton, and with their four children removed 1779 from Littleton to Rindge, but did not tarry many years.
- 22 I. *Hannah*, b. June 8, 1765.
- 23 II. *Bulkley*, b. Sept. 21, 1768; md. Betsey Chaplin, dau. of Micah Chaplin, *q. v.*; removed to Brandon, Vt.
- 24 III. *Peter*, md. Sept. 17, 1809, Kezia Hobart, and settled in Ashburnham.
- 25 IV. *Dorothy*, b. May 7, 1773.

- 26 JOSHUA HUNT, who md. Jan. 23, 1823, Lucia Todd, dau. of Joshua and Tabitha (Hunt) Todd, *q. v.*, was also a descendant of William Hunt, of Concord, but in a different line. Samuel Hunt, the second son of William, was b. in England 1633; md. Elizabeth Redding, and settled in Ipswich. His eldest son, Samuel Hunt, b. Nov. 17, 1657, md. Ruth Todd, and settled in Tewksbury. His son, Peter Hunt, b. May 6, 1792, md. Mary Sheldon, and resided in Tewksbury. His eldest son, Peter Hunt, b. May 2, 1720, md. Mary Kimball, and also resided in Tewksbury. His youngest son, Joshua Hunt, b. Jan. 12, 1771, md. Olive Chamberlain (a sister of Martha [Chamberlain] Calhoun, wife of Andrew Calhoun, of Rindge). They resided in Chelmsford, where he d. April 13, 1843. Joshua Hunt, their eldest son, b. Oct. 22, 1795, removed to Rindge 1852, where he d. July 13, 1863; his widow resides in Rindge with her son, Joshua T. Hunt.
- 27 I. *Lucia M.*, b. Nov. 17, 1823; d. Oct. 3, 1824.
- 28 II. *Joshua Todd*, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., June 26, 1825; md. May 3, 1871, Carrie R. Hayward, b. in Mendon, Mass., Sept. 21, 1836. They reside in Rindge, upon the farm formerly owned by Joseph Smith and his descendants.
- 29 III. *Lucia M.*, b. June 22, 1827; md. Dec. 10, 1849, William E. Robbins, son of John and Jane (Templeton) Robbins, of Carlisle, Mass. He is a farmer, and resides upon the Nathaniel Russell farm.
- 30 IV. *Benjamin P.*, b. Dec. 22, 1829; md., 1855, Sarah Olney; resides in Burrillville, R. I.
- 31 V. *Martha P.*, b. Sept. 15, 1831; md. July 1, 1855, Caleb C. Curtis; live in Gloucester, Mass.
- 32 VI. *Julia B.*, b. June 1, 1833; d. Jan. 19, 1837.
- 33 VII. *Simeon Howard Calhoun*, b. April 3, 1835; md. 1860, Viola N. Butler, of Jaffrey. He is a painter, and resides in Jaffrey.
- 34 VIII. *Susan B.*, b. Nov. 20, 1837; d. July 17, 1838.
- 35 IX. *Julia A.*, b. July 1, 1839; md. 1861, Marshall P. Wood, son of Addison M. Wood, *q. v.*
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- 1 CALEB HUSTON, b. in Dunstable June 12, 1740; md. Dec. 22, 1763, Priscilla Coffeen, dau. of Michael Coffeen, *q. v.*, and settled in this town. His name appears upon the records previous to the date of his marriage. He enlisted early in the patriot army, and d. at Quaker Ridges, in New York, Nov. 5, 1776.
- 2 I. *Caleb*, b. Sept. 12, 1764; md. Prudence —, and resided in Rindge until 1800.

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| 3  | 1. Varnum, b. Aug. 26, 1794.   |
| 4  | 2. Sally, b. Dec. 6, 1796.   |
| 5  | 3. Caleb, b. Feb. 1, 1799.   |
| 6  | ii. <i>Priscilla</i> , b. May 3, 1766; md. June 26, 1794, Samuel Huston, and resided three or four years in this town. |
| 7  | 1. Joseph, b. May 3, 1795.   |
| 8  | iii. <i>Molley</i> , b. Dec. 3, 1767; d. Feb. 29, 1768.  |
| 9  | iv. <i>Releaf</i> , b. Oct. 1, 1769; md. Francis Towne, Jr., <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 10 | v. <i>Luther</i> , b. Oct. 11, 1771.   |
| 11 | vi. <i>Varnum</i> , b. June 23, 1774.  |
| 12 | vii. <i>Ephraim</i> , b. May 26, 1777, posthumous.   |
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| 1 | THOMAS HUTCHINSON and wife Molley removed from Ashby to this town in the summer of 1771. He served eight months in 1775 in Capt. Philip Thomas' Company, and March 19, 1777, enlisted for three years into Col. Nathan Hale's Regiment, where he remained until the expiration of the term of enlistment, but removed from the town soon after the close of the war. |
| 2 | i. <i>Betty</i> , b. Oct. 5, 1771.   |

## INGALLS.

EDMUND INGALLS, a farmer, from Lincolnshire, England, with wife Ann and six children, settled in Lynn, 1629, where three other children were b. He was drowned in Saugus River, March, 1648, by falling with his horse through a bridge. Henry Ingalls, their third son, was b. in England, 1627, and early removed from Lynn to Andover, where he md. July 6, 1653, Mary Osgood, who d. Dec. 16, 1686, leaving twelve children; he md. (2d) Aug. 1, 1689, Sarah (Farnum) Abbott, widow of George Abbott; he d. 1719, and his widow d. May 12, 1728, aged 90. Henry Ingalls, his son, was b. in Andover Dec. 8, 1656; md. Aug. 1, 1689, Sarah Abbott, dau. of George and Hannah (Chandler) Abbott; he d. Feb. 8, 1695; his widow d. May 12, 1728. Among his children was Josiah Ingalls, birth not recorded on Andover records, whose son Josiah removed to this town.

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| 1 | DEA. JOSIAH INGALLS, of the fifth generation from Edmund the emigrant, wife Eunice, and six sons, removed from Andover to this town in 1760. He settled near Grassy Pond, and became an early proprietor of the first mill in Rindge. He was prominent in the affairs of the proprietors and later of the town, an original member of the church, and one of the two first deacons chosen. He d. about 1775. It is possible that Amos Ingalls, who removed from Rindge to Acworth 1785, was also a son of Dea. Josiah. |
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- 2 i. *Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 7, 1745. +  
 3 ii. *Josiah*, b. Oct. 31, 1747. +  
 4 iii. *Simeon*, b. Aug. 24, 1749; he was in Capt. Philip Thomas' Company in 1775, and d. in Rindge 1790. His estate was settled by his widow, Mary, who md. (2d) Aug. 16, 1794, Levi Maynard. The birth of two children is recorded in Jaffrey.
- 5 1. John, b. Feb. 24, 1779; d. in Rindge June 2, 1806. Grave-stone in Rindge cemetery.  
 6 2. Ira, b. Feb. 11, 1781; md. in Jaffrey, Feb. 30 (an error of record), 1809, Jerusha Hodge, dau of Joseph Hodge, of that place.
- 7 iv. *Nathaniel*, b. Sept. 19, 1751. +  
 8 v. *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 4, 1753. +  
 9 vi. *Caleb*, b. Feb. 22, 1756. The name appears for several years upon Rindge records.
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- (2) EBENEZER INGALLS was md. previous to 1771, but no record of the marriage has been found. He was in Capt. Thomas' Company in 1775, and in Stark's Brigade in 1778, and in 1778 or 1779 he removed to Jaffrey.
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- (3) JOSIAH INGALLS md. Aug. 31, 1771, Sarah Bowers, b. Jan. 25, 1750, dau. of Nehemiah and Sarah (Larrabee) Bowers, *q. v.* In 1787 he removed to Jaffrey. The births of a part of his children are recorded both in Rindge and in Jaffrey, and in three instances there is a slight difference in the dates. The Jaffrey records record: iv. Phebe, b. Feb. 22, 1778; vi. James, b. Feb. 27, 1781; and vii. Sarah, b. Aug. 13, 1783.
- 10 i. *John*, b. Dec. 15, 1771; d. Feb. 23, 1772.  
 11 ii. *James*, b. March 5, 1773; d. July 24, 1775.  
 12 iii. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 21, 1775; d. Sept. 25, 1777.  
 13 iv. *Phebe*, b. Feb. 21, 1778; md. Feb. 27, 1801, Robert Gilmore, son of Roger Gilmore; she d. May 3, 1851. Previous to their removal to New Hartford, N. Y., the following children were b. in Jaffrey:—
- 14 1. Almira, b. Dec. 28, 1802.  
 15 2. Robert Addison, b. April 4, 1804.  
 16 3. Adaline, b. Oct. 16, 1805.  
 17 4. Sally Ann, b. Oct. 25, 1807.  
 18 5. Lyman, b. March 26, 1815; d. March 28, 1815.
- 19 v. *Josiah*, b. April 5, 1780; md. Dec. 29, 1808, Lois Capron, of Marlboro. He resided a carriage-

- maker in Rindge, and in Fitzwilliam, where he d. March 18, 1855; his wife d. March 20, 1855, aged 70. They had no children. In Chaplain Register, No. 40, the name of James and not Josiah Ingalls was intended.
- 20 VI. *James*, b. Feb. 7, 1782; md. Rebecca Twiss, dau. of Daniel and Alice (Shedd) Twiss, of Jaffrey. He d. in Rindge April 7, 1830; she d. April 9, 1868.
- 21 1. Abigail, md. John Kendrick, of Dover, Mass.
- 22 2. Caroline, md. George Chesman.
- 23 3. James M., resides in Marlboro, Mass.
- 24 4. Amos, d. 1864.
- 25 5. Lucy, md. Nov. 5, 1846, James M. Small, and resides in Jaffrey.
- 26 6. Lois A., md. Moses Sumner Deeth, *vide* Chaplin family, No. 40.
- 27 VII. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 28, 1783; md. Moses Sawyer, of Sharon, where she resided until his death. She subsequently lived in Rindge several years. She d. Nov. 16, 1871, and was buried in Sharon.
- 28 VIII. *Deborah*, b. Aug. 27, 1785; md. May 9, 1816, Rev. Charles Mavery, a Methodist preacher; she md. (2d) 1843, Robertson Perkins, Esq., of Fitzwilliam, whom she survived, and d. at the home of her dau., in Rindge, Feb. 16, 1872.
- 29 1. Sarah Maria, b. Feb. 7, 1818; md. John Smith, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 30 IX. *Flint*, b. April 27, 1789. He was insane; d. 1834.
- 31 X. *Simeon*, b. Sept. 22, 1791; d. young.
- 32 XI. *Charles*, b. Sept. 23, 1794; removed to Keene, N. H.; d. in Windsor, Vt., 1873.
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- (7) NATHANIEL INGALLS served two short enlistments in the Revolutionary army; md. Oct. 10, 1785, Tabitha Hunt, dau. of Ephraim Hunt, *q. v.*; md. (2d) June 5, 1787, Sarah Hale, dau. of Moses Hale, *q. v.* In 1803 the family removed to Peterboro. He d. March 9, 1814; his widow d. Sept. 18, 1844.
- 33 I. *Tabitha*, b. Feb. 27, 1789; md. Amos Woolson; d. in Peterboro, Jan. 14, 1812.
- 34 II. *Sally*, b. May 31, 1791; md. April 30, 1837, Robert White; d. March 25, 1845.
- 35 III. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 2, 1793; d. unmd. in Peterboro, Feb. 15, 1845.
- 36 IV. *Cyrus*, b. Feb. 7, 1797; md. Louisa Dakin, dau. of Samuel Dakin.

- 37 v. *Sabra*, b. Oct., 1799; d. unmd. Feb. 6, 1860.  
 38 vi. *Almira*, b. Aug. 14, 1802; md. Charles Carter, of  
 Leominster, Mass.  
 39 vii. *George H.*, b. March 21, 1805; md. Betsey Loring.  
 He was a physician, and settled in Proctorsville,  
 Vt. He d. in Peterboro, where he had retired  
 on account of failing health, May 26, 1849.  
 40 viii. *Hannah Morrison*, b. 1810; d. June 21, 1812.

(8) JONATHAN INGALLS was twice in the Revolutionary  
 army (pages 126, 135). He was town clerk 1784, select-  
 man 1783, '84, and '95. Zealous for the public good and

*Jon. Ingalls.*

in the cause  
 of morals, his  
 life was one  
 of usefulness.

He md. Aug. 8, 1782, Deborah Sherwin, dau. of Jonathan  
 Sherwin, *q. v.*, who d., leaving three children, Aug. 1,  
 1790; he md. (2d) Jan. 21, 1794, Zipporah Barker, dau.  
 of Barnabas Barker, of Scituate, Mass. (*Vide* Barker  
 Register.) He d. May 11, 1836; his wife d. Nov. 2,  
 1830.

- 41 i. *Nancy*, b. May 23, 1783; md. Jan. 18, 1815, Oliver  
 Lovejoy, son of John Lovejoy, Jr., *q. v.*  
 42 ii. *Polly*, b. March 28, 1785; md. May 30, 1810,  
 Capt. Stephen Emory, *q. v.*  
 43 iii. *Thomas*, b. March 1, 1787. +

(43) THOMAS INGALLS, Esq., md. 1815, Polly Stone, b. 1788,  
 dau. of Capt. Ebenezer Stone, of Townsend, Mass. She  
 d. 1816; md. (2d) 1818, Mrs. Betsey (Stone) Richardson,  
 b. 1790, a sister of his first wife. She d. June 9, 1822, and  
 he md. (3d) 1823, Sophia Shurtleff, dau. of Asabel and  
 Sarah (Dewey) Shurtleff, *q. v.* He d. Dec. 27, 1863. His  
 widow resides in Fitchburg, Mass. He was an influential  
 citizen. *Vide* page 379.

- 44 i. *Maria*, b. Sept. 1, 1824; md. July 12, 1842, Dr.  
 Jonas C. Harris, of Ashland, Mass. She d.  
 Sept. 7, 1850.  
 45 1. Francis A., Harvard University 1866; M.D.  
 1872; a physician in Boston. He md.  
 Alice Gage, dau. of Charles P. and Sarah  
 C. Gage, of Mobile, Ala.  
 46 ii. *Sophia*, b. May 5, 1828; md. Rodney Wallace, of  
 Fitchburg, *q. v.*  
 47 iii. *Albert Sherwin*, b. Dec. 29, 1830. *Vide* p. 354:  
 md. Harriet A. Miller, dau. of Sylvester and  
 Lucy (Bailey) Miller. He d. Aug. 11, 1862.



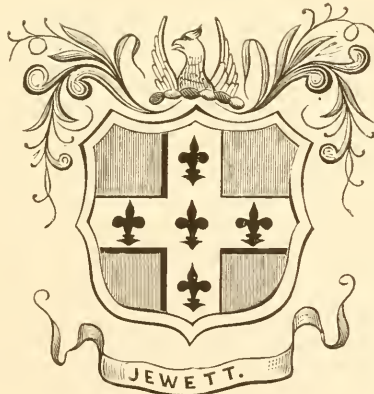
- 48 | iv. *Herbert*, b. May 9, 1834. His business experience has been chiefly at the writing-desk. He has held several positions of responsibility and trust, and has never failed to reflect the high example of integrity which was constantly before him in boyhood. He received a liberal academical education, at the conclusion of which he became an accountant in Ashburnham, where he remained until 1860. In November, 1861, he was appointed a clerk in the Treasury Department in Washington, where he held successively clerkships of the first, second and third classes. In 1865 he was promoted to a cashiership of Internal Revenue in one of the New York city districts. The duties of this responsible position which he held until June, 1868, were performed in a manner that gave proof of discipline and executive ability. In these various posts of the civil service, he had the confidence and regard of those who knew him. Subsequently for a few years he was an accountant for the Fitchburg Paper Company, in Fitchburg, Mass. He is now a resident of Boston, and is treasurer of the New Bedford division of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad; cashier of the New Bedford Railroad Company; and treasurer of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company.

By nature of a discriminating mind and refined taste, he has profitably occupied his leisure hours in an extensive reading of the best authors, and is a thorough and cultivated student of English literature. The essays and occasional poems from his pen, which have been printed, presented thought without ostentation, and pure diction without studied adornment. Had circumstances left him free to follow his inclination, undoubtedly he would more frequently give expression to his thought in the refined prose or finished verse which characterize all that he has written. In character he is as truthful as the figures which occupy his business hours, and in friendship both trustful and enduring.

- 1 | DEXTER JEWELL, son of Jacob and Mary (Smith) Jewell, was b. in Marlboro, Mass., June 24, 1803. His parents removed from Marlboro to Jaffrey. He md. Dec. 29, 1829, Mary Mower, dau. of Dea. Josiah Mower, of Jaffrey, and removed from Jaffrey to Rindge 1850.

He was a prosperous farmer in the north-west corner of the town; d. April 29, 1873; his widow d. a few days after.

- 2     i. *Samuel Dexter*, b. Jan. 18, 1831; md. Mary  
       Frances Cutter, dau. of Nathaniel; resides in  
       Jaffrey.
- 3     ii. *Liberty M.*, b. Nov. 9, 1836; md. June, 1862,  
       Martha A. Lebourveau, dau. of Col. William  
       Lebourveau, of Fitzwilliam. He resides upon  
       the homestead farm.
- 4     iii. *Sarah Emeline*, b. Dec. 27, 1840; md. July 17,  
       1866, Wilbur Fiske Whitney, son of John Whit-  
       ney, of Ashburnham; a chair manufacturer.
- 5     iv. *Ellen E.*, b. March 28, 1842; d. unmd. Nov. 15,  
       1865.
- 6     v. *Jacob A.*, b. June 19, 1844; d. Dec. 19, 1844.
- 7     vi. *Mary Rebecca*, b. July 19, 1848.
- 8     COL. CHARLES A. JEWETT, brother of Dexter, resided  
       several years in this town; now of Adrian, Mich. He  
       md. Lydia Ann Stanley, dau. of Benjamin M. Stanley,  
       *q. v.*; she d. several years ago.



## JEWETT.

The record of the Jewett family in this country commences with the settlement of Rowley, Mass. In 1638, about sixty families, led by Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, eminent in the annals of New England, came from Yorkshire, England, and by them the town of Rowley was planted early in the following year. Among these emigrants were the brothers Maximilian and Joseph Jewett, men of good estate, from Bradford, Yorkshire, England. From them the multitude of Jewetts in this country are descended, among whom are included many persons of distinction in professional, mercantile, and industrial pursuits. The name appears in ancient records as Juet, Juit, Jewit, and in other forms, but in all pre-

serving a common pronunciation. The Coat-of-Arms in possession of individuals of the family in this country is also found among the records of their ancestors in England. Dea. Maximillian Jewett, the ancestor of the Rindge family, was the son of Edward Jewett, of Bradford, England, who md. 1604, Mary Taylor. He d. 1616, leaving three sons and one dau. Dea. Maximillian was bap. Oct. 4, 1607, and d. in Rowley, Mass., Oct. 19, 1684. He was made one of the first two deacons of the church in Rowley, Dec. 3, 1639, and was admitted freeman May 13, 1640, and was a representative 1641 and sixteen subsequent years. Dea. Ezekiel Jewett, eldest child of Dea. Maximillian, was b. Feb. 1, 1643; md. Feb. 21, 1663-4, Faith Parrot, by whom he had seven sons and three daus. He was chosen deacon Oct. 24, 1686, and was representative 1690; he d. Sept. 2, 1723; his wife d. Oct. 15, 1715. Thomas Jewett, second son of Dea. Ezekiel, was b. Sept. 20, 1666; md. May 18, 1692, Hannah Swan, and settled in Boxford, and upon a tract of land then owned by his father, but which subsequently fell to his possession by the will of his father dated 1723, and recorded in the Essex Probate Registry. He had five children. Ezekiel, the only son, was b. Jan. 12, 1692-3, and d. about 1772. He md. Jan. 10, 1718, Martha Thurston, of Newbury. No record of a will or settlement of his father's estates is found. Being an only son, he probably resided upon the homestead. From ancient deeds in the possession of his descendants, and from the records, it appears that he owned several tracts of land in Rindge and in Winchendon. The number of his children was twelve, three of whom settled in Rindge, and are named hereafter. Dea. Edward Jewett, of Rindge, was a descendant of Joseph (a brother of Dea. Maximillian), who was b. in England 1609; d. in Rowley 1661. The family of Dea. Edward Jewett, of Rindge, became extinct with the death of his dau., the wife of Ezra Scollay.

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EZEKIEL JEWETT, sixth child of Ezekiel and Martha (Thurston) Jewett, of Boxford, Mass., and eldest of the three brothers who settled in this town, was b. Feb. 22, 1727. At an early date he was a proprietor of lot number fifty, now the farm of Dr. Charles E. Ware, in the Rowley Canada township, which had been chartered by the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts. Here previous to 1753 he reared a house and planted an orchard. *Vide* pages 34 and 35. His title to this land being lost, he subsequently purchased the same property of the Masonian grantees, or the proprietors of Monadnock No. One. He was engaged in the French and

Indian war, and subsequently md. June

16, 1759, Hannah Platts, dau. of Abel Platts, *q. v.* The home of his bride was about a mile distant from his own, and on the opposite shore of Pool Pond. After their return from the marriage ceremony, which was performed in Hollis, N. H., the journey from her former to her future home was made in a log canoe across the pond

and by marked trees through the forest, where now is located the track of the Monadnock Railroad. Her parents presented the young wife with one chair and one bed; her husband furnished a few rude utensils and five army blankets, and with these conveniences their married life was begun. Their first babe was b. in the month of April. Their store of maple sugar was first made, and then the sap-trough was employed for a cradle, in which the sleep of the infant was presumably sweet. They were prospered in their primitive home, and acquired a considerable estate and many of the comforts of life. He was a man of ability, and in character above reproach. He d. Feb. 7, 1786, at the age of fifty-nine years. His widow, surviving him about forty-four years, d. at the homestead, Sept. 13, 1830.

- 2 I. *Abel*, b. April 3, 1760. When sixteen years of age he enlisted into Col. Wyman's Regiment (*vide* page 125), and in 1779 he entered the Continental service for one year. After the close of the war he removed to Ohio. He md. in Rindge, Aug. 14, 1781, Sarah Dwinnel.
- 3 II. *Ezekiel*, b. Oct. 28, 1762; md. Aug. 11, 1785, Abigail Platts, dau. of Ensign Joseph Platts, and settled near Watertown, N. Y.
- 4 III. *Stephen*, b. Oct. 21, 1764. +
- 5 IV. *Daniel*, b. Nov. 28, 1766; d. Dec. 12, 1784, aged 18.
- 6 V. *Hepsibeth*, b. Sept. 14, 1768; md. Thomas Piper, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 28, 1771. +
- 8 VII. *Hannah*, b. May 6, 1773; md. Ebenezer Colburn, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Huldah*, b. April 16, 1775; md. March 27, 1796. John Waite, and removed to Watertown, N. Y.
- 10 IX. *Lydia*, b. April 30, 1777; md. Amos Jewett, No. 15, of this register.
- 11 X. *Abram*, b. Oct. 20, 1779. He built the barracks near Watertown, N. Y., and became a successful man in business; d. near Watertown.
- 12 XI. *Nathan*, b. Nov. 25, 1781; removed to Watertown, N. Y.; md. for his second wife Mille Gragg, dau. of Daniel Gragg, *q. v.* He subsequently removed to Sacket's Harbor, and became a large land-owner; d. 1873, aged nearly 92.

- 13 STEPHEN JEWETT, brother of Ezekiel, was b. in Boxford Feb. 6, 1737, and settled upon the farm at West Rindge now of Ebenezer Blake, Esq., previous to the date of incorporation of the town. He is represented as an upright, industrious man, a kind neighbor, and a most exemplary Christian. With his brothers he was included

among the early Baptists in this town. He md. Hannah Bancroft, who did not survive many years. He did not again marry, but settled his farm upon his only son, with whom he lived the remainder of his days. He d. May 6, 1814.

- 14 i. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 19, 1767. Her mother d. before she was eight years of age. While still a child, with singular efficiency she managed the household affairs in the family of her father. She md. Feb. 25, 1796, Calvin Locke, son of Lieut. James and Hannah (Farnsworth) Locke, then of Sullivan, N. H., and previously of Townsend and Ashby, Mass. They lived in Sullivan, where she d. of consumption Sept. 20, 1834; he d. Aug. 12, 1843. It is their son, Dea. Charles P. Locke, who md. a dau. of Dr. Stephen Jewett, No. 42 of this register.

- 15 ii. *Amos*, b. Feb. 6, 1772. +

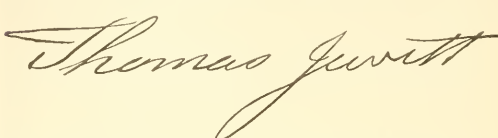
- 16 JONATHAN JEWETT, a brother of Ezekiel and Stephen, was b. in Boxford, March 12, 1739. He early removed to this town, and settled upon land lying between the farms of his brothers. Traces of the cellar and foundations still indicate the location of his dwelling. He md. Martha Belcher, of Wrentham, Mass. The family removed to Jaffrey about 1772. He d. at sea, while on a voyage to the present State of Maine, April 28, 1786; his widow d. in Jaffrey March 19, 1828. Their son David settled upon the home farm, and several of their children removed to the West, where many descendants now reside.

- 17 i. *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 22, 1763; removed to near Utica, N. Y.
- 18 ii. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 17, 1765; resided a few years in Nelson, N. H., and removed to Utica, N. Y.
- 19 iii. *David*, b. April 6, 1767; md. Lucy Clark, of Sullivan, N. H. He d. in Jaffrey Aug. 29, 1819.
- 20 iv. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 19, 1768; md. — Chapin. Settled in the State of New York.
- 21 v. *Jonathan*, b. April 19, 1770; d. Aug. 25, 1778. Removed to Ohio.
- 22 vi. *Henry*, b. June 13, 1772; removed to Ohio.
- 23 vii. *Hannah*, twin, b. June 13, 1772.
- 24 viii. *Martha*, b. April 13, 1774; md. March 10, 1801, William Comstock, of Sullivan, N. H., where she d. May 30, 1803.
- 25 ix. *Moses*, b. July 2, 1777; settled near Columbus, Ohio.



- (4) DR. STEPHEN JEWETT (*vide* page 365) md. May 30, 1786, Nancy Colburn, dau. of Ebenezer Colburn, *q. v.* He resided upon the farm previously occupied by his father, where he d. April 12, 1818; his widow d. March 30, 1838.
- 26 I. *Cynthia*, b. Feb. 2, 1787; d. of scarlet fever April 10, 1795.
- 27 II. *Fanny*, b. March 6, 1788; md. July 26, 1808, Hon. Asa Parker, son of Hon. Abel and Edith (Jewett) Parker, of Jaffrey. He was b. March 12, 1786, and d. Oct. 15, 1833. His widow d. Jan. 4, 1866. Mr. Parker was a man of ability and integrity, and was much employed in public affairs. He was a State Senator 1827 and 1828, and Register of Probate for several years. Five children.
- 28 1. Calvin Jewett, b. 1809; md. Abigail Kendall, dau. of Joel Kendall, of Dublin, N. H.; d. in Boston April 4, 1859, leaving six children, among them Adaline Sophia, wife of Charles F. Gibson, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 29 2. Clementine, b. Jan. 4, 1811; md. Dec. 8, 1835, Dr. Daniel B. Cutter, of Peterboro, son of Daniel and Sally (Jones) Cutter, of Jaffrey, a gentleman well and favorably known in professional and social life. He has prepared a history of Jaffrey, now ready for publication. She d. Aug. 28, 1870, leaving two daus.
- 30 3. Adaline, b. Sept. 15, 1815; md. April, 1835, Milton Kilburn, of Fitzwilliam, and subsequently of Rockford, Ill.
- 31 4. George S., b. Feb. 1, 1820; removed to Illinois; d. in the army, leaving a family, Nov. 18, 1862.
- 32 5. Columbus C., b. Oct. 24, 1823; md. 1853, Frances Wilson, of Royalston, Mass. For several years he has been a merchant in Winchendon.
- 33 III. *Nancy*, b. Sept. 26, 1789; d. 1790.
- 34 IV. *Ezekiel*, b. Oct. 16, 1791. †
- 35 V. *Nancy*, b. 1793; d. 1794.
- 36 VI. *Stephen*, b. 1795; d. 1797.
- 37 VII. *Mary*, b. Sept. 6, 1797; md. June, 1818, Levi Benjamin. She is residing, his widow, in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 38 VIII. *Tryphosa*, b. Dec. 27, 1799; md. Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, son of Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., *q. v.*
- 39 IX. *Stephen*, b. Oct. 31, 1801. †



- 40 x. *Mary Ann*, b. 1803; d. 1804.
- 41 xi. *Columbus*, b. 1805; d. 1809.
- 42 xii. *Mary Ann Colburn*, b. Sept. 28, 1807; md. Sept. 2, 1835, Dea. Charles P. Locke, now of Marlboro, N. H., son of Calvin and Sarah (Jewett) Locke. See No. 14 of this register.
- 43 1. Sarah Ann Jewett, b. Aug. 6, 1838; d. at South Hadley Seminary March 15, 1856.
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- (7) DR. THOMAS JEWETT (*vide* Chap. XVII.) md. Oct. 12, 1800, Rebecca Green, dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Sargent) Green, of Carlisle, Mass. He d. April 24, 1840, and his widow Oct. 19, 1850.
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- 44 i. *Irena*, b. Sept. 13, 1801; md. Sumner Raymond, *q. v.*
- 45 ii. *Cynthia*, b. Jan. 29, 1805; d. unmd. Aug. 16, 1846.
- 46 iii. *Harriet*, b. Aug. 23, 1806; d. of spotted fever Dec. 29, 1811.
- 47 iv. *Elvira*, b. April 16, 1809; d. of spotted fever Dec. 27, 1811.
- 48 v. *Elvira*, b. April 16, 1812; d. unmd. July 24, 1833.
- 49 vi. *Thomas*, b. July 31, 1814; unmd. Resided a farmer in Rindge until 1864.
- 50 vii. *Julia Ann*, b. May 10, 1817; md. Daniel T. Rand, *q. v.*
- 51 viii. *Samuel Green*, b. June 20, 1819. +
- 52 ix. *Harriet*, b. July 10, 1821; md. Alonzo Bancroft, *q. v.*
- 53 x. *George*, b. April 28, 1825. +
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- (15) AMOS JEWETT md., 1798, Lydia Jewett (Jewett, 10). He occupied the homestead farm until his death. He was unpretentious in manner, and highly respected. His integrity and purity of character were recognized by all who knew him. He d. June 27, 1834; his widow d. Jan. 27, 1847. The original farm included a part of the village of West Rindge, and is now divided among many owners. The house-lot, and a considerable tract adjoining, is owned by Ebenezer Blake, Esq.
- 54 i. *Sarah*, b. June 16, 1799; d. 1803, aged 4 years.
- 55 ii. *Rebecca*, b. Jan. 18, 1801; d. unmd. Jan. 28, 1832.
- 56 iii. *Hepsibeth*, b. Dec. 3, 1802; md. Ebenezer Blake, *q. v.*
- 57 iv. *Arvilla*, b. April 14, 1805; md. Servetus Metcalf, *q. v.*
- 58 v. *Gilman*, b. 1807; d. in Rindge unmd. Nov. 20, 1851.

- 59 VI. *Fanny*, d. at the age of 2 years and six months.
- 60 VII. *Nathan*, b. July 18, 1813; unmd.; resides in Rindge, and is the only descendant of Stephen Jewett (No. 13), who bears the family name.
- 61 VIII. *Calvin*, b. 1817; d. May 30, 1835.
- 62 IX. *Nancy*, b. April 12, 1822; md. Dec. 27, 1849, Joseph Forristall; resided in Boston, where she d. Nov. 12, 1854.
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- (34) COL. EZEKIEL JEWETT (*vide* page 343) md. June 10, 1819, Elizabeth Arnold, dau. of Capt. Wm. Arnold, of Westmoreland, N. H.; she d. in Utica, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1863.
- Ezekiel Jewett*
- 63 I. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. in Rindge, April 2, 1820; md. Sept. 1, 1841, Augustus A. Boyce, Esq., and resides in Lockport, N. Y.
- 64 1. William Augustus, b. June 11, 1843; md. April 30, 1873, Virginia Josephine Clelise Moissinac.
- 65 2. Elizabeth Jewett, b. March 27, 1845; d. March 9, 1846.
- 66 3. George Colton, b. April 22, 1848; d. Aug. 12, 1850.
- 67 4. John Jewett, b. April 28, 1852.
- 68 5. Esther Turner, b. April 10, 1855; d. Dec. 12, 1858.
- 69 6. Laura, b. Dec. 3, 1856.
- 70 II. *Cynthia B.*, b. in Rindge, Sept. 15, 1821; d. 1825.
- 71 III. *John Joseph Louis Carera*, b. July 29, 1826; a successful merchant in Omaha, Neb. While a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., he twice represented his district in the Legislature.
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- (39) STEPHEN JEWETT, Esq., for many years was extensively engaged in the preparation and sale of Dr. Stephen Jewett's proprietary medicines, which had a wide celebrity. For this reason he was usually styled Dr. Jewett, but the name borne by the medicines was that of his father, who had been a physician in extensive practice. Mr. Jewett was also engaged, with others, in the manufacture of pails and other wooden-ware. He was a respected citizen; selectman 1829, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '47, and representative 1847. He md. June 7, 1825, Hannah Barker, dau. of John Barker, of Rindge, *q. v.*, and granddan. of William and Elizabeth (Morrison) Smith, of Peterboro, N. H. In 1856 he removed to Fitchburg, Mass., where he d. Nov. 9, 1862; his widow d. Dec. 21, 1872.

- 72 i. *Stephen B.*, b. April 6, 1826; d. Jan. 16, 1829.
- 73 ii. *Cynthia A.*, b. Oct. 12, 1827; md. Aug. 20, 1863,  
Alfred B. Church; reside in Woonsocket, R. I.
- 74 iii. *Arianna S.*, b. Oct. 11, 1829; resides in Fitch-  
burg.
- 75 iv. *William Henry*, b. March 7, 1832; d. Oct. 20,  
1833.
- 76 v. *William Henry*, b. March 7, 1834; d. Nov. 5,  
1834.
- 77 vi. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 9, 1835; md. March 12,  
1863, Otis Adams Wheeler; reside in Webster,  
Mass.
- 78 vii. *Edward*, b. Dec. 30, 1837; md. Dec. 21, 1855,  
Phebe A. Ramsdell, dau of Reuben Ramsdell,  
*q. v.* He is a draughtsman and civil engineer.  
Seven children.
- 79 1. Alfred Edward, b. Sept. 20, 1856.
- 80 2. Frank Eugene, b. Nov. 24, 1860.
- 81 3. Stephen Percy, b. Oct. 22, 1862; d. Feb.  
21, 1864.
- 82 4. Ernest Clifton, b. Oct. 7, 1864.
- 83 5. Charles Ramsdell, b. May 26, 1866.
- 84 6. William Henry, b. April 8, 1871.
- 85 7. Florence Henrietta, b. April 19, 1873.
- 86 viii. *Caroline*, b. May 2, 1840; md. Nov. 29, 1866,  
Charles A. Young; reside in Paris, Me.
- 87 ix. *Andrew*, b. Feb. 21, 1842; resides in Fitchburg.
- 88 x. *Adaline Tryphosa*, b. Aug. 15, 1844; resides in  
Fitchburg.
- 89 xi. *Nancy B.*, b. Feb. 1, 1847; resides in Fitchburg.

(53) DR. GEORGE JEWETT, receiving a liberal education, chose a profession honored by his father, and attended medical lectures in Woodstock, Vt., and in Pittsfield and Boston, Mass. He commenced the practice of his profession in Baldwinsville, Mass., and soon after removed to Gardner, and five years later to Fitchburg, where he remains, in the enjoyment of an extensive and lucrative practice. He was surgeon of the 51st Mass. Vols., and his record reflects both skill and unremitting labor. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and is universally acknowledged as an able practitioner and a skillful surgeon. He md. Nov. 15, 1848, Mary Elizabeth Sanders, b. Nov. 26, 1827, dau. of Nathan and Betsey (Shedd) Sanders, of New Ipswich. She d. in Fitchburg, June 1, 1867; md. (2d) Dec. 17, 1868, Mary Brooks, dau. of Kendall and Mary (Petee) Brooks, of Fitchburg. On pages 326 and 395 his name is erroneously written

Dr. George *B.* Jewett, but the mention made of him is none the less true. His children are:—

- 90 I. *George Edwin*, b. Jan. 6, 1850; d. July 29, 1851.
- 91 II. *Helen Elizabeth*, b. June 18, 1851; d. Aug. 6, 1858.
- 92 III. *George Thomas*, b. June 10, 1857; d. Sept. 5, 1857.
- 93 IV. *Mary Anna*, b. Oct. 16, 1862; d. Sept. 11, 1863.
- 94 V. *Walter Kendall*, b. Oct. 12, 1869.

95 DEA. EDWARD JEWETT, of Rindge, the sixth generation from Edward, of Rowley—a brother of Dea. Maximilian Jewett,—was b. in Concord, Mass., Nov. 29, 1741. He md. Oct. 31, 1765, Dorcas Gates, of Stow, and removed to this town 1769 or 1770. Few men, if any, have been more prominently connected with the town's history. For many years he was often engaged as

master of the grammar schools, and was employed from time to time in all the early districts in the town.

He was a selectman fourteen years, town clerk seven years, and was often chosen to serve his townsmen in other capacities. During the Revolution he was twice in the ranks (pages 108, 136), but his record is more conspicuous in his frequent attendance in conventions and meetings of committees of safety. For many years he was a justice of the peace, and probably no citizen of this town has drawn an equal number of legal papers. In 1780 he was elected a deacon of the church, and continued in office forty-five years. He d. Jan. 12, 1825, aged 83; his widow d. Sept. 7, 1829, aged 82.

- 96 I. *Dorcas*, b. June 15, 1772; d. Feb. 19, 1773.
- 97 II. *Mersylvia*, b. Nov. 4, 1786; md. Ezra Scollay, *q. v.*

I NATHAN JOHNSON was b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Nov. 6, 1755. He was a son of Dea. Samuel and Hannah (Stearns) Johnson, and a grandson of Samuel and Rebecca Johnson, also of Lunenburg. He md., 1786, Catharine Stearns, b. Dec. 16, 1759, dau. of John and Martha (Harrington) Stearns, of Watertown, Mass., and settled on "Johnson Hill," in Rindge, immediately after his marriage. He d. Aug. 15, 1838; his wife d. Oct. 5, 1833.

- 2 I. *Nathan*, b. April 16, 1787; d. 1789.
- 3 II. *Catherine*, b. Jan. 17, 1789; md. John Demary, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Thomas*, b. April 9, 1791; *non comp.*; d. July 16, 1862.

- 5      iv. *Nathan*, b. Oct. 2, 1793; md. July, 1829, Sarah Cobb, b. Feb. 4, 1799, dau. of Otis and Mary Cobb, of Wrentham, Mass. He was a farmer, and resided upon the old homestead. He d. May 6, 1860.
- 6            1. Nathan Edwin, b. Aug. 29, 1830; d. March 12, 1845.
- 7            2. Mary Catherine, b. June 4, 1832; md. Henry Daggett; resides in North Attleborough, Mass.
- 8            3. Sarah Ellen, b. April 24, 1835; md. Frank Randall; resides in Winthrop, Mass.
- 9            4. Daniel Webster, b. March 21, 1837; d. Jan. 30, 1846.
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- 10      ABIJAH JOHNSON, parentage unknown, b. July 20, 1769, with wife Betsey, and four children, removed to the east part of this town in 1803, where he resided until his death. He d. very suddenly, while threshing grain, Oct. 2, 1819.
- 11            i. *Lucy*, b. in Newton, Mass., July 20, 1797.
- 12            ii. *Rebecca*, b. in Little Cambridge Sept. 16, 1798.
- 13            iii. *Cyrus*, b. in Burlington Oct. 5, 1800.
- 14            iv. *William*, b. in Burlington Feb. 13, 1803.
- 15            v. *Charity*, b. in Rindge June 5, 1805.
- 16            vi. *Phebe*, b. March 17, 1808.
- 17            vii. *Augustus*, b. Dec. 8, 1810.
- 18            viii. *Eliza*, b. June 21, 1813.
- 19            ix. *Sophronia*, b. Nov. 9, 1815.
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- 20      ASA JOHNSON, brother of Abijah, with wife Sally and one child, removed from Westford, Mass., 1800. His name does not appear on tax lists after 1810.
- 21            i. *Sophia*, b. April 12, 1799.
- 22            ii. *Sally*, b. Jan. 26, 1801.
- 23            iii. *Asa*, b. Jan. 30, 1803.
- 24            iv. *Isaac*, b. Sept. 7, 1806.
- 25            v. *Eunice*, b. June 20, 1808.
- 26            vi. *George*, b. Feb. 24, 1809.
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- 1      ASA JONES; who removed to this town 1781, was the eldest son of Joseph and Mary (Carter) Jones, and was b. in Concord, Mass., Dec. 12, 1758. Joseph, the father, was b. in Ireland, and emigrated to this country about 1750. After a brief residence in Concord, he removed to Lunenburg, Mass., in 1759, where ten of his eleven children were b., and where many of his descendants still reside. He was an active, intelligent citizen. Asa was at the battle of Bunker Hill, and served three years in a Massachusetts regiment. He md. in Lunenburg, Nov. 1, 1781,



Mary Martin, dau. of John, Jr., and Elizabeth Martin. He d. May 17, 1846, and on account of his service in the Revolution was buried with military honors. His wife d. Feb. 21, 1845.

- 2 I. *Polly*, b. March 30, 1782; md. Capt. Daniel Norcross, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Eunice*, b. April 19, 1784; md. Joshua Coburn, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 21, 1785; d. young.
- 5 IV. *Betsey*, b. Nov. 23, 1786; *non comp.*; d. June 15, 1866.
- 6 V. *Joseph*, b. Dec. 8, 1788; was a life-long school-teacher; d., at an advanced age, in the State of New York, leaving a family.
- 7 VI. *Asia*, b. March 11, 1791. +
- 8 VII. *George*, b. April 13, 1793; md. — Stowe, of Royalston, Mass. Resided in Phillipston, where he d., leaving two children. His son Harrison, successful in business, resides in New York city.
- 9 VIII. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 24, 1794; md. George W. Todd, *q. v.*
- 10 IX. *Amasa*, b. April 18, 1796; md. Roxanna Stearns, dau. of William and Lydia (Davis) Stearns, of Ashburnham. He was many years a missionary to the Indians. He d. in Missouri 1871, leaving two daughters.
- 11 X. *Elisha*, b. Feb. 4, 1798; d. of spotted fever Dec. 12, 1811.
- 12 XI. *Frances*, b. Feb. 29, 1800; md. Asa Platts, *q. v.*
- 13 XII. *Mersylva*, b. March 1, 1802; unmd.; resides in Boston.
- 14 XIII. *Wainwright*, b. Feb. 18, 1804; a farmer. Resided in Rindge. Was insane for several years preceding his death; d. March 6, 1865.
- 15 XIV. *Thomas*, b. Nov. 7, 1805; md. — Bacon. Resided in Brookfield; d. in West Cambridge, Mass.

(7) ASIA JONES md. April 12, 1821, Rachel Sanders, dau. of Samuel Sanders, of Jaffrey. She d. June 23, 1869; md. (2d) Jan. 1, 1871, Betsey (Sawtell) Hubbard, widow of Eliphalet Hubbard, *q. v.* He resided in Rindge until 1824, when he removed to Jaffrey, where he remained about twenty years, and returned to Rindge, where he continues to reside.

- 16 I. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 16, 1821; md. Lyman Hale, *q. v.*
- 17 II. *Willard G.*, b. March 17, 1823; a carpenter and farmer in Rindge; md. June 10, 1852, Augusta M. Peirce, dau. of Benjamin Peirce, *q. v.* She d. Oct. 20, 1861; md. (2d) June, 1868, Susan P. Goodridge, dau. of David J. and Harriet E.



- (Scovill) Goodridge, of Newport, N. H. He was postmaster from Nov., 1854, to April, 1861.
- 18 III. *Rachel S.*, b. Feb. 28, 1825; md. April 22, 1851, S. Augustus Sherman. Reside in Plover, Portage Co., Wis.
- 19 IV. *Samuel*, b. June 24, 1826; md. April 8, 1856, Anjenette Davis, of Charlton, Mass. He is a prosperous farmer in Rindge.
- 20 V. *Mary Ann*, b. March 19, 1828; md. Gilman P. Wellington, *q. v.*
- 21 VI. *George S.*, b. April 10, 1832; md. Carrie Proctor. He is a dealer in stoves and tin-ware in Leominster, Mass.
- 22 VII. *Harriet*, b. June 26, 1839; d. June 16, 1841.

1 SAMUEL JOSLIN resided several years in Rindge. His farm is now pasture land owned by Harrison G. Rice. He was first taxed 1817, and met the other of life's proverbial certainties May 20, 1820, aged 49.

- 2 I. *Daughter*, md. Nathan Cummings, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Timothy*, d. in Townsend, Mass., about 1850.
- 4 III. *Samuel*, md. Nancy Stone, dau. of Capt. Ebenezer Stone, of Townsend, Mass. He removed 1830 to that place, and was there an innholder.
- 5 IV. *Levi*, md. Cynthia Emory, dau. of Daniel Emory, *q. v.*; she d. March 27, 1848, in Amherst, N. H. He was again md., and d. in Milford, N. H., leaving a widow and children.
- 6 V. *William*, d. unmd.
- 7 VI. *Charles*, resided several years in Sharon.
- 8 VII. *Nancy*.

1 URIAH KEYES, with wife Hannah and one child, removed to Rindge 1777. He resided in the south-east part of the town. Like the Roman matron, his wealth was in his children, and he was assisted by the town. For this reason the name fades from the tax lists before the family removed (about 1815) from town.

- 2 I. *William*, b. Oct. 22, 1775.
- 3 II. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 21, 1778.
- 4 III. *Anna*, b. July 9, 1780.
- 5 IV. *Molley*, b. Aug. 14, 1781.
- 6 V. *Levi*, b. June 30, 1783.
- 7 VI. *Josiah*, b. July 14, 1785.
- 8 VII. *Sally*, b. June 27, 1787.
- 9 VIII. *Dorcas*, b. May 17, 1789.
- 10 IX. *Ammiah*, b. Jan. 4, 1791.
- 11 X. *Dolly*, b. Sept. 16, 1792.

- 12      xi. *Lydia*, b. April 29, 1794; d. by suicide Nov. 26, 1827.  
 13      xii. *Reuben*, b. Nov. 2, 1795.  
 14      xiii. *Aaron*, b. Nov. 6, 1797.

15      AMOS KEYES, ESQ., son of James Keyes, of Northboro, Mass., and grandson of Sampson Keyes, of Ashford, Ct. md. Eunice Spofford, dau. of Samuel and Eunice (Goddard) Spofford, of Berlin, Mass. Her maternal grandparents were Dea. James and Hannah (Rice) Goddard, of Marlboro, Mass. He removed to the north-east part of this town 1811. He was employed many winters as a school-teacher, and was frequently elected to office, serving the town four years in the board of selectmen, and was eight years representative. He became crippled from severe attacks of rheumatism, and for several years was unable to leave his house. He d. Dec. 8, 1848, aged 63. His widow removed from this town, and d. in Mason, N. H., June 22, 1871, aged 80.

*Amos Keyes.*

- 2      i. *Sarah*, b. May 25, 1812; md. Oct. 28, 1834, John Stevens, and removed to Milwaukee, Wis.  
 3      ii. *George W.*, b. Feb. 20, 1814; md., 1843, Mary S. Prescott, of New Ipswich.  
 4      iii. *Maria*, b. March 1, 1816; md. Stillman Stratton, son of Ebenezer Stratton, Jr., *q. v.*  
 5      iv. *Susan S.*, b. Nov. 18, 1818; md., 1840, Capt. Addison A. Walker, of the firm of Rockwood & Walker, manufacturers of pails and tubs, Ashburnham, Mass.  
 6      v. *Eliphalet*, b. Aug. 18, 1822.  
 7      vi. *Charlotte*, b. April 20, 1824; md. Moody Hale, son of Emerson Hale, *q. v.*  
 8      vii. *Charles Emerson*, b. Nov. 10, 1828.  
 9      viii. *Eliza*, b. —; md. July 3, 1849, John L. Shaw.

1      LIEUT. RICHARD KIMBALL, son of Richard Kimball, was b. in Boxford, Mass., June 18, 1710. He md. Elizabeth Seton, a native of Scotland, b. in Edinburgh about 1721. Her father's family were shipwrecked near the completion of their voyage to America, and she alone was saved. This orphaned girl found a home in the family of the father of her future husband. They removed with their children to this town, and settled upon the farm now owned by Dea. Gates, of Ashby, previous to 1775, when they united with the church. He lived an honored and respected citizen until his death, which occurred Dec. 19.

1785. His widow d. 1811. Their children, born in Boxford, were as follows:—

- 2 I. *Mercy*, b. 1752; md. Capt. Asa Sherwin, *q. v.*  
 3 II. *Richard*, b. 1754; md. Abigail —, and resided in Rindge until about 1790, when he removed to Utica, N. Y., returning to Rindge in 1804. Six years later he removed to Sterling, Mass., where he d. He had two children:—
- 4 1. Lemuel, b. in Rindge, Oct. 23, 1785.  
 5 2. Mary, md. — Powers.
- 6 III. *Ismenia*, b. Dec. 3, 1755; md. Joshua Tyler, *q. v.*, and resided in Leominster, Mass.
- 7 IV. *Andrew*, b. Aug. 28, 1756. +  
 8 V. *Aaron*, b. July 24, 1759; resided in Sterling, Mass.
- 9 VI. *Isaac*, b. Jan. 27, 1761; resided in Reading, Vt., where he d.
- 10 VII. *Abel*, b. Oct. 10, 1762. +  
 11 VIII. *Lemuel*, b. April 1, 1766. +

(7) ANDREW KIMBALL, the fourth child of Lieut. Richard Kimball, was a tailor, and resided where William A. Sherwin now lives. He md. Feb. 23, 1783, Rachel Cutter (*vide* Cutter register), who was b. April 6, 1763, and d. April 10, 1786; md. (2d) Jan. 6, 1787, Parna (Sawyer) Howe, widow of Dr. Howe, of Sterling, Mass.; she was b. Aug. 10, 1764; d. May 20, 1788; md. (3d) Feb. 15, 1791, widow Prudence (Fuller) Carlton, of Lunenburg, Mass.; md. (4th) June 1, 1793, Polly Barker, dau. of Barnabas, *q. v.*; she d. July 27, 1796; md. (5th) Feb. 13, 1798, Elizabeth Hill, b. Oct. 13, 1759; d. May 10, 1830. Mr. Kimball d. in Rindge, Sept. 9, 1821. The first wife left one son, and the fifth wife three daus.

- 12 I. *Nathan Cutter*, b. April 4, 1786. He resided in Vermont and in New York, and d. in Rushford, in the latter State, March 10, 1855; he md. Aug. 28, 1808, Lydia Wait, by whom he had five children; she d. in Catherine, N. Y., July 24, 1820; and he md. (2d) Sept. 24, 1820, Rebecca Van Gorder, who became the mother of six children. Several of his children reside in Rushford or vicinity.
- 13 II. *Eliza*, b. Jan. 24, 1799; d. in Rindge unmd. Aug. 17, 1828.
- 14 III. *Susan*, b. Sept. 20, 1800; md. Luke Lord, *q. v.*  
 15 IV. *Rachel Cutter*, b. Dec. 31, 1802; md. in Rindge, June 9, 1829, Thomas B. Walker, son of Billings and Hannah (Proctor) Walker, of Cav-

endish, Vt. He d. Sept. 13, 1854. His widow resides in Rushford, N. Y. They have five children, b. 1830-1840.

- (10) ABEL KIMBALL served in the Revolution, in Mooney's Regiment, in room of his brother Richard, who was drafted (page 166). He was ensign in 1793, and subsequently captain in the militia. He md. Mary Parker, and resided in Vermont a short time, but soon returned to Rindge, and with his younger brother occupied the old homestead until 1809, when he removed to Jaffrey, and subsequently to Ohio. Upon the death of his wife he md. Abigail Cunningham. He d., without issue, in Madison, Ohio, March 4, 1841.
- (11) LEMUEL KIMBALL md. Aug. 22, 1793, Polly Cutler, dau. of Capt. Solomon Cutler, *q. v.*, and resided in Rindge until the summer of 1812, when he removed to Madison, Ohio, and became, in connection with his brother Abel, the proprietor of a large tract of land. He d. much respected, and in "the Christian faith," April 20, 1824. His widow found a welcome home with her son, Gen. Abel Kimball, where she d. May 25, 1863. Six of their seven children were b. in Rindge.
- 16 I. *Solomon Cutler*, b. Dec. 6, 1794; md., Jan. 20, 1820, Sarah Wright, of Dalton, Mass.; d. in Madison, Dec. 9, 1862, leaving one son and two daus., who are residing in the vicinity.
- 17 II. *Sophia*, b. May 11, 1799; md. Dr. Storne Rosa, and resides, his widow, at Painesville, Ohio.
- 18 III. *Abel*, b. Jan. 18, 1801; md. Sept. 26, 1830, Philena Hastings, of Greenfield, Mass. Gen. Kimball settled, and still resides, with his only son upon a portion of the original land purchase of his father. He is a gentleman of superior intelligence, who merits the many honors he has received.
- 19 IV. *Orinda*, b. April 1, 1803; md. 1834, H. N. Sweet; resided in Madison, and afterwards in Van Wort, Ohio, where she recently d., leaving two sons and two daus.
- 20 V. *Addison*, b. July 19, 1806; md. Dec. 16, 1835, Samantha Webster, of Geneva, Ohio, and resides in Madison, near his brother, Gen. Kimball. He has no children.
- 21 VI. *Mary Parker*, b. April 23, 1809; md. 1842, Dr. Philo Tilden, of Cleveland, Ohio, and d. soon after her marriage.
- 22 VII. *Nancy J.*, b. in Madison, April 23, 1815; md. 1837, Judge D. R. Paige, and resided many

years in Madison; now in Painesville, Ohio. They have four sons living, having buried their only dau.

23 WILLIAM KIMBALL, son of Joseph and Abigail (Stickney) Kimball, and grandson of Joseph and Abiah Kimball, was b. in Bradford, Mass., Sept. 29, 1757. His father was an early land-owner in this town. Early in life, with his brothers Jesse and Asa, he came hither to occupy and improve their possessions, which included the mills at Converseville, and all their names are found upon the records, but none except William was ever a permanent resident here. He md., 1786, Abigail Hamlet, and moved into the house previously occupied by Zebulon Converse, and entered upon the business of a miller and a farmer, which he successfully conducted until his death. He was also much employed in public affairs, selectman 1802, '3, '4, '5, '6, '7, '8, '9, '12, '13, '14, and '15, a service of twelve years; representative 1812, '13, and '14, and was frequently called to other positions of trust. He d. Dec. 25, 1844, aged 84; his wife d. Jan. 14, 1842, aged 85.

- 24           i. *Leonard*, b. May 20, 1787; d. young.  
25           ii. *Polly*, b. Sept. 25, 1789; md. Joshua Converse, Esq., *q. v.*  
26           iii. *William*, b. Dec. 17, 1791. +  
27           iv. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 25, 1796; md. Joshua Townsend.  
28           v. *Roxe*, b. May 24, 1798; unmd.; resides on the old homestead.

(26) WILLIAM KIMBALL md. Feb. 23, 1820, Ruthy Shedd, dau. of Capt. Abel Shedd, *q. v.* For many years he was associated in business with his father. After the death of the latter he sold the mills to Joshua Converse, Esq., and removed to the farm formerly of Jonathan Ingalls, where his widow and dau. still reside. He was captain of the company of cavalry to which other references have been made, and was selectman 1822 and 1823. Like his father he was respected for his integrity. He d. Dec. 4, 1863.

- 29           i. *Charles William*, b. June 20, 1821. (*Vide* page 362.) He md. Sept. 1, 1846, Cynthia P. Lake, dau. of Capt. Alison Lake, *q. v.*, who d. 1854, and he md. (2d) July 16, 1856, Mary Eliza Dill, of Lebanon Ohio. He d. Dec. 18, 1870, leaving one dau.  
30           ii. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 9, 1823; md. Harris Hale, *q. v.*  
31           iii. *Martha Priscilla*, b. March 25, 1827; d. July 5, 1836.  
32           iv. *Ruthy Ann*, b. May 5, 1832; d. July 3, 1836.



- 33 v. *George Shedd*, b. March 1, 1839; md. March, 1860, Carrie M., dau. of Dea. James Bancroft, *q. v.* He enlisted in the 6th N. H. Vols., and d. at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 17, 1862. His widow d. Sept. 12, 1865. Their two children d. young.
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- 34 AQUILLA KIMBALL, from Bradford, Mass., md. Anna Tenney, and settled upon the farm, on the old road leading to Winchendon, and bordering upon the State line, which is still known as the "Kimball farm," previous to 1785. He d. March 4, 1826, aged 70; his widow d. April 2, 1837, aged 78.
- 35 i. *Isaac*, b. Nov. 30, 1783. A clergyman. (*Vide* list of college graduates, p. 358.) He md. May 24, 1824, Abigail Stevens. He d. June 4, 1829.
- 36 1. Justin A., b. June 17, 1825. He has been in the ministry at the South for several years; now preaching at Larissa, Cherokee Co., Texas.
- 37 2. Archus Stevens, b. April 8, 1827; md. Nov. 24, 1853, Ellen Whitney, dau. of Webster and Eliza (Whitman) Whitney, of Winchendon, where he resides. He is an auctioneer.
- 38 3. Emeretta, b. April 13, 1829; md. — Crawford. Resides in Belton, Texas.
- 39 ii. *Jonathan*, b. in Rindge Nov. 19, 1785; md. 1817, Polly Robbins, dau. of David Robbins, *q. v.* He was a farmer, and resided in the south-west part of the town. He d. July 25, 1835; his widow d. Dec. 9, 1850.
- 40 1. Mary, d. suddenly, in Fitchburg, Mass., at about thirty years of age; unmd.
- 41 2. Addison, md. May 15, 1845, Sarah Joslin, and resided several years upon the farm of his father, and removed to Winchendon, where he now resides.
- 42 iii. *Martha*, b. Oct. 29, 1788; md. June 21, 1809, Winslow Howe, of Templeton, Mass., b. July 31, 1785, son of Fisk Howe, and a brother of Thomas and Ephraim Howe, of Rindge. He d. Feb. 26, 1842. Their children were: Clarissa, Sylvia, Martha A., Avery F., Levi, Mary E., David, Kimball, Caroline C., Edward, Kimball.
- 43 iv. *Lydia*, b. April 30, 1791; md. 1818, Solomon Tenney, of Royalston, Mass. They had four children; none of them are living.
- 44 v. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 4, 1792; md. Isaac Gibson, Jr., *q. v.*



- 45 VI. *William T.*, b. Jan. 3, 1794; d. young.  
 46 VII. *Phoebe*, b. 1796; d. unmd. July 1, 1832.  
 47 VIII. *William Tenney*, b. —; was a well known  
 vender of wares; d. unmd. in Connecticut,  
 about 1837.  
 48 IX. *Aquilla*, b. Aug. 31, 1802; d. young.
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- 49 RICHARD KIMBALL, the representative of the fourth  
 family of Kimballs in this town, between whom there are  
 no immediate ties of kindred, removed to Rindge 1807.  
 For many years he was licensed by the Methodists to  
 preach. As mentioned in Chap. XIV., he was a pioneer  
 in the manufacture of clothes-pins. He md. Lydia McIn-  
 tire; d. Nov. 13, 1845, aged 72.
- 50 I. *Sibyl*, b. about 1795; md., 1818, Curtice Cunning-  
 ham, of Hopkinton, Mass.  
 51 II. *Richard*, b. about 1797; md. Betsey Parks.  
 52 III. *Sally*, b. about 1799; d. young.  
 53 IV. *Samuel M.*, b. March 28, 1801. +  
 54 V. *Ebenezer D.*, b. about 1803; md. Hannah Dodge,  
 and removed to Salem, Mass.  
 55 VI. *Sarah*, b. about 1805; md. Nelson French, and  
 resided in Dublin, N. H.  
 56 VII. *Lydia*, b. about 1807; md. Dec. 14, 1826, Lyman-  
 der Pratt, of Fitzwilliam, and subsequently of  
 Grafton, Mass.  
 57 VIII. *James M.*, b. about 1810; md. Feb. 23, 1832,  
 Sylvia Mayo, and resides in Westboro, Mass.  
 5 IX. *Mary*, b. about 1813; md. Bradford Chase, of  
 Grafton, Mass.  
 59 X. *Tryphena*, b. about 1815; md. Sept. 2, 1834,  
 Artemas Briggs.  
 60 XI. *Tryphosa*, b. about 1820; md. Ira Mansfield, of  
 Salem, Mass.  
 61 XII. *Elijah*, b. about 1821; d. unmd. about 1842.
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- (53) SAMUEL M. KIMBALL, a farmer and wheelwright in  
 Rindge. For more than twenty successive years he has  
 been elected sealer of weights and measures. He md.  
 Melinda Peirce, dau. of Elipha Peirce, *q. v.*
- 62 I. *Samuel D.*, b. Nov. 23, 1821; d. Nov. 17, 1824.  
 63 II. *Elipha S.*, b. July 13, 1823; md. July 4, 1850,  
 Sarah M. Stickney, dau. of Asa Stickney, *q. v.*  
 He is a manufacturer of wood-ware at West  
 Rindge.  
 64 III. *Mary M.*, b. Aug. 13, 1826; md. Aug. 13, 1846,  
 Edmund Bemis, son of Elijah and Lucy (But-  
 ler) Bemis, of Troy. They resided a short time

- in this town, and removed to Troy, where he has been prominent in municipal affairs.
- 65 iv. *Susan H.*, b. Oct. 12, 1829; md. Elijah Bemis. Esq., *q. v.*
- 66 v. *Charles D.*, b. June 4, 1832; md. Nov. 22, 1855, Maria M. Colburn, dau. of Leonard Colburn, *q. v.*; md. (2d) March 11, 1868, Martha J. Bowen, dau. of Zimri Bowen, of Richmond, N. H.
- 67 vi. *George E.*, b. June 20, 1833; md. Jan. 19, 1863. Charlotte (Allen) Adams, dau. of Eliphaz Allen, *q. v.* He is a farmer in Rindge.
- 68 vii. *Samuel Warren*, b. Dec. 31, 1835; md. 1856, Emily F. Davis, dau. of Joseph Davis, *q. v.* She d. in Rindge, Sept. 17, 1874.
- 69 viii. *Harriet E.*, b. Feb. 21, 1843; md. Dec. 23, 1861, Ambrose Butler, son of Jabez and Betsey (Boyd) Butler, of Rindge and Troy, N. H. Mr. Butler was a member of the 6th N. H. Vols., and after his discharge was a merchant and postmaster at West Rindge. He d. March 16, 1871.
- 70 ix. *Martha Jane*, b. April 17, 1844; d. Feb. 21, 1864.

- 1 DEA. BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, son of Benjamin and Jedidah Kingsbury, of Walpole, Mass., and grandson of Nathaniel Kingsbury, of Dedham, Mass., was b. Oct. 30, 1742, and removed to Rindge in 1792. From 1800 to 1816 he resided in Jaffrey, but continued his connection with the church in this town. He was elected deacon of the church in Walpole previous to 1775, but was not a deacon of the church in this place. Late in life he studied divinity. His respectable talents and inflexible purpose enabled him to labor acceptably in several towns in New Hampshire and Vermont. He md. in Walpole, Dec. 1, 1768, Abigail Sawin, who d. in Rindge, Oct. 6, 1793; md. (2d) Sept. 3, 1794, Lucretia Locke, dau. of Lieut. James and Hannah (Farnsworth) Locke, and a sister of Calvin Locke, who md. Sarah Jewett, dau. of Stephen Jewett. He d. in Rindge, June 10, 1827. His widow, a woman of many excellences of character, d. in Temple, N. H., Nov. 6, 1843. Dea. Kingsbury by his first marriage had two sons and four daus. Only the following are found upon the Walpole records: Joseph, b. Oct. 29, 1769; Abigail, b. May 12, 1774; d. young; Abigail, b. Aug. 17, 1777. In addition to these were Benjamin, who removed to New York or Pennsylvania; Nancy, who md. — Woolsoncroft; and Jedidah, who resided in New Orleans several years, d. unmd. about 1840, and was buried in Rindge.

Children of second wife:—

- 2 I. *Lucretia*, b. Sept. 8, 1795; d. unmd. 1817.  
 3 II. *Lucinda*, twin, b. Sept. 8, 1795; d. unmd. Aug. 12,  
 1839.  
 4 III. *Nathaniel*, b. June 28, 1798; a physician in Rindge,  
 and later in Temple (*vide* Chap. XVII.); md.,  
 1827, Catherine Sawin, who d., a few months  
 after marriage, June 17, 1827; md. (2d) Nov. 29,  
 1832, Linda (Raymond) Ward, widow of Ben-  
 jamin Ward, Esq., *q. v.*, and dau. of Capt. Joel  
 Raymond, *q. v.*; she d. Oct. 15, 1834; md. (3d)  
 Nov. 3, 1835, Lydia (Barnes) Patten, widow of  
 Jesse Patten; she d. Aug. 10, 1839; md. (4th)  
 Nov. 11, 1840, Ann Hazen, of Shirley, Mass.  
 His second wife left a dau., and his third wife a  
 son. He d. in Shirley about 1870.
- 5 1. Catherine Sawin, b. March 28, 1834.  
 6 2. Benjamin B., b. in Temple, May 15, 1837.  
 Graduated at Bowdoin College 1857.

1 STEPHEN KNIGHT, a native of Phillipstown, Mass.,  
 lived in the north part of this town from 1820 to 1845,  
 when he removed to Jaffrey. He subsequently became  
 insane, and d. in the hospital at Brattleboro, Vt., about  
 1855. He md. Esther Emery.

- 2 I. *Stephen Emery*, resides in Gardner, Mass.  
 3 II. *Rouanna*, md. Minot Howe; resides in Gardner  
 Mass.  
 4 III. *Sarah*, md. — Boardman; lives in Iowa.

1 DANIEL LAKE, ESQ., was b. in Topsfield, 1726, where he  
 md. Nov. 30, 1749, Sarah Bixby. He settled in the  
 north part of Rindge 1767, and soon after removed to  
 the centre of the town. He was one of the leading men  
 in the early history of the town, and was frequent-  
 ly chosen to office. He was selectman and town clerk 1771  
 and in 1777 he was appointed a justice of the peace,  
 being the second or third inhabitant of this town who  
 received such appointment. He took an active part in  
 the Revolution, and was twice in the service. (*Vide*  
 108, 136.) In this respect his example was followed  
 by four of his sons. A short time previous to their de-  
 parture they went to reside with their children in Rocking-  
 ham, Vt., where he d. Sept. 26, 1810, aged 84; she d. Feb.  
 1815, aged 87.

- 2 I. *George*, b. Nov. 7, 1750. +  
 3 II. *Daniel*, b. Jan. 24, 1754. +  
 4 III. *Enos*, b. Oct. 26, 1756. +

- 5     iv. *Henry*, b. Sept. 19, 1759. +  
6     v. *Jonathan*, b. March 18, 1761. +  
7     vi. *Nathan*, b. Aug. 17, 1764; drowned in the Bay of  
       Biscay, July 18, 1792.  
8     vii. *Sarah*, b. March 17, 1767.  
9     viii. *Mary B.*, b. Feb. 20, 1770; d. Aug. 8, 1784.
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- (2)     GEORGE LAKE md. Nov. 13, 1772, Sarah Lovejoy, dau.  
of Dea. John Lovejoy, *q. v.*, and probably removed from  
town about the close of the Revolution. Three children  
were b. in Rindge.
- 10         i. *Mary*, b. Aug. 29, 1773.  
11         ii. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 22, 1777.  
12         iii. *George*, b. Jan. 17, 1779.
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- (3)     DANIEL LAKE was a drummer in the Revolutionary  
army, and served three or more enlistments (*vide* pp. 108,  
110, 141). After the war he settled in this town. By  
trade was a saddler. He md. Hepsibeth Cutter, dau.  
of Nathaniel Cutter, *q. v.*; d. Nov. 20, 1834; she d.  
April 1, 1841. They left no issue.
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- (4)     ENOS LAKE was in Capt. Hale's company 1775, and at  
the battle of Bunker Hill (*vide* pp. 108, 110), and in Capt.  
Stone's company 1777 (*vide* pp. 136, 138). From 1796 to  
1800 he resided in Vermont. With this exception he  
remained a citizen of this town until his death. He md.  
Dec. 14, 1777, Prudence Page, dau. of Lieut. Joseph  
Page, *q. v.*; she d. Sept. 16, 1794; md. (2d) Sept. 22,  
1796, Abigail Hudson; md. (3d) March 15, 1801, Abigail  
(Sawtell) Platts, widow of Capt. Joseph Platts, *q. v.* He  
d. Aug. 5, 1841; she d. March 25, 1835.  
Children of first wife:—
- 13         i. *Prudence*, b. Feb. 24, 1778; md. Gilman Crane,  
       and d. in Newburyport, Mass., 1853.  
14         ii. *Enos*, b. Oct. 29, 1779; d. in Boxford, Mass.  
15         iii. *David*, b. Sept. 30, 1781; d. in Topsfield, Mass.  
16         iv. *Mehitabel*, b. Nov. 9, 1783; d. young.  
17         v. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 23, 1787; md. ——— Towne; d. in  
       Topsfield, Mass.  
18         vi. *Sewell*, b. Dec. 26, 1788; md. Hannah Gould, and  
       d. in Bucksport, Me.  
19         vii. *Cynthia*, b. Aug. 21, 1790; md. Oct. 7, 1810, Elijah  
       S. Hill, and removed to Ohio, where she d.  
20         viii. *Rebecca Bickford*, b. Aug. 14, 1792; md. Stephen  
       Blanchard, and resided in Troy, Vt.
- Children of second wife:—
- 21         ix. *Ira*, b. in Weathersfield, Vt., May 29, 1797. Re-  
       sided in Rindge 1824-1831; md. May 12, 1825.

Adaline L. Wellington, dau. of Capt. Leonard Wellington, *q. v.* He removed to Rose, Wayne Co., New York; d. there. Three children b. in Rindge, and Eliza, Wellington, and Herman b. subsequently.

- 22 1. Henry Franklin, b. Sept. 14, 1825; md. 1854, Rosanna F. Demming.
- 23 2. Nancy Stone, b. Jan. 30, 1829; md., 1849, James Lovejoy.
- 24 3. Charles Lewis, b. Feb. 6, 1831.
- 25 x. *Alva*, b. in Weathersfield, Vt., Dec. 30, 1798; d. in Brandon, Vt., 1856. Left two children.
- 26 xi. *Charles*, b. in Springfield, Vt., April 24, 1800; d. in Charlestown, Mass., leaving a family.

Children of third wife:—

- 27 xii. *Alison*, b. Dec. 7, 1801. +
- 28 xiii. *John E.*, b. Dec. 5, 1804. +

(5) HENRY LAKE md. Prudence —. He served three enlistments in the Revolution (*vide* pp. 136, 140, 141), and resided in Rindge until about 1792. Five children were b. in Rindge.

- 29 i. *Silvanus*, b. Jan. 26, 1783.
- 30 ii. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 29, 1784; md., 1816, Ezra Robinson, of Plymouth, Vt.; md. (2d) Jonathan Wood, *q. v.*; md. (3d) Amos Stearns; md. (4th) May 19, 1842, Josiah Hartwell, of Fitchburg, Mass. Two daus. by first marriage, Mary Ann, and Sarah Jane who md. Horatio N. Dunbar, now of Lunenburg, Mass. Her children by second marriage are Nos. 29 and 30 of Wood register.
- 31 iii. *Henry*, b. April 27, 1786.
- 32 iv. *Leonard*, b. Feb. 21, 1788.
- 33 v. *Luther*, b. Nov. 28, 1790.

(6) JONATHAN LAKE was also in the Revolutionary service, remaining no less than five years (*vide* pp. 141, 163, 166, 168). Soon after the close of the war he md. March 8, 1786, Hannah Hale, dau. of Col. Enoch Hale, and about 1795 removed to Springfield, Vt. She d. about 1838; he md. (2d) Lucy (Hale) Wetherbee, widow of Hezekiah Wetherbee, and a sister of his former wife, who d. Dec. 24, 1857.

- 34 i. *Daniel*, b. in Rindge Aug. 19, 1786; d. in Springfield, Vt.
- 35 ii. *Nathan*, b. in Rindge July 20, 1788; d. in Chelsea, Vt.



- 36 III. *Jonathan*, b. in Rindge Aug. 24, 1790; d. in Claremont, N. H.  
 37 IV. *Sherburne*, b. in Rindge May 31, 1792; d. in Troy, Vt.  
 38 V. *William*, b. in Rindge Aug. 28, 1794; d. in Baltimore.  
 39 VI. *Enoch*, d. in South America.  
 40 VII. *Hannah*, still living.  
 41 VIII. *Betsy*, still living.

(27) ALISON LAKE, Esq., md. Azubah Gibbs, who d. Jan. 3, 1832; md. (2d) July 5, 1832, Almira Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan Sawtell, *q. v.* For several years he kept an inn, but retired from business when the railroads opened other avenues of travel. He was selectman 1854 and 1856, and filled other positions of trust. He d. Nov. 19, 1864.

- 42 I. *Cynthia Platts*, b. March 29, 1824; md. Charles W. Kimball, son of Wm. Kimball, *q. v.*

Children of second wife:—

- 43 II. *Caroline*, b. March 23, 1838; md. Warren W. Emory, *q. v.*  
 44 III. *Almira*, b. Jan. 2, 1842; md. Feb. 5, 1866, Harrison A. Crocker, of Winchendon, son of Dyer and Angeline (Blodgett) Crocker. They reside at Cohoes, N. Y. Two children.

(28) JOHN E. LAKE md. April 8, 1830, Mary Ann Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan Sawtell, *q. v.* He was a resident of this town until 1846, when he removed to Winchendon, where he still resides, and is one of the few remaining of a large family who formerly resided in Rindge and vicinity.

- 45 I. *Mary Ann*, b. Jan. 5, 1833; md. Jan. 1, 1856, Roswell Forristall, of Winchendon, son of Capt. John Forristall.  
 46 II. *Charles E.*, b. Sept. 2, 1834; md., 1860, Urania Bartlett, dau. of Martin Bartlett, formerly of Rindge. She d. Jan. 21, 1867; md. (2d) 1870, Anna Winters. He resides in Canada.  
 47 III. *Nancy E.*, b. Sept. 5, 1836; d. Dec. 19, 1840.  
 48 IV. *John Henry*, b. Aug. 5, 1840. In July, 1862, he enlisted into the 21st Mass. Vols., and d. of wounds received at Chantilly Sept. 27, 1862.  
 49 V. *Nancy L.*, b. July 18, 1843; d. Aug. 21, 1845.  
 50 VI. *Lucy E.*, b. May 2, 1845; d. Aug. 29, 1845.  
 51 VII. *Abbie T.*, b. Sept. 28, 1846; md. May 19, 1868, Warren W. Emory, Esq., of Rindge, *q. v.*  
 52 VIII. *Ellen M.*, b. Oct. 30, 1848.  
 53 IX. *George A.*, b. March 28, 1856.



## LAMB.

THOMAS LAMB came to Roxbury, Mass., in the fleet with Gov. Winthrop in 1630, and was admitted freeman May 18, 1631. His wife Elizabeth and her only child d. 1639, and he md. (2d) 1640, Dorothy Harbottle, by whom he had five children. He d. previous to 1651. Abial Lamb, his youngest son, was b. 1645 or 1646, and resided many years in Roxbury, where his three sons were b. About 1695 he removed to Framingham, Mass., and was constable 1700, and selectman 1701. Jonathan Lamb, his son, was b. in Roxbury, Nov. 11, 1682; he md. July 9, 1708, Lydia Death, of Watertown, and resided several years in Framingham, where he was constable 1717, and selectman three years. In 1726 or 1727 he removed to Spencer, Mass. Of this town he was the fourth settler. He was styled Lieutenant, and was a man of character and influence. He d. 1749. His descendants in Spencer and vicinity have been numerous. John Lamb, son of Jonathan, was b. March 5, 1727; md. April 21, 1752, Abigail Smith, of Leicester, and resided in Spencer, where he d. Jan. 13, 1796, aged 69; his widow d. May 7, 1799, aged 66. Major Isaac Lamb, his fourth son, was b. Dec. 30, 1764. He was a major in the militia. He md. Sept. 21, 1786, Sibillah White, b. Feb. 13, 1768, dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Muzzy) White, of Spencer; she had nine children, and d. about 1805. He md. (2d) Oct. 7, 1807, Abigail White, b. Sept. 15, 1787, dau. of Jonathan and Ruth (Converse) White. Her father was a cousin to Major Lamb's first wife; she d. Aug. 18, 1839, leaving twelve children. Isaac Lamb, a son of Major Isaac and Sibillah Lamb, was b. in Spencer, Dec. 19, 1800; md., 1823, Sally L. Adams, who soon d.; and he md. (2d) April 26, 1827, Betsey Boice, dau. of Thomas and Patty (Reed) Boice.

- 1     DEA. WILLIAM M. LAMB, b. in Worcester, Mass., son of Isaac and Betsey (Boice) Lamb, md. April 21, 1852, Delina Walker, dau. of Willard and Phebe (Thurston) Walker, of Royalston, Mass. He resided several years in Worcester, and was a member of the school committee of that city. He removed from Fitzwilliam, where he had lived a short time, to this town in 1872, and was elected to the board of selectmen in 1874. They have seven children: Bronson P., Howard P., Flora D., William J., John M., Hattie S., Mary B.

- 1     CAPT. BENJAMIN LAPHAM, from Hingham, Mass., came to Rindge in 1780, and purchased of William Farwell the mills at Converseville. These he sold the same year to his brother, Lieut. King Lapham, and purchased of Barnabas Barker a tract of land south of Emerson Pond. About this date he md. Content Barker (*vide* Barker register), and after his death she md. (2d) Jonathan Sherwin, *q. v.* He probably left no children, since none are mentioned in his will, dated May 3, 1784, in which he bequeaths to "Warren and Levi, sons of my brother, King Lapham, my gun and other warlike accoutrements." His wife, and his friend, Edward Jewett, are named as his executors. He d. Sept. 24, 1785, aged 45.

2 LIEUT. KING LAPHAM also removed to Rindge in 1780, but did not long remain a resident of this town. In 1784, then styled of Bradford, Mass., he sold the mills to Joseph Kimball, the father of William Kimball, in whose possession they remained for many years. The mention of his sons, Warren and Levi, in his brother's will, is all the information discovered concerning his family.

1 SAMUEL LARRABEE and wife Sarah were admitted to full communion of the church in Lunenburg, Mass., by letter from the Second Church in Lynn, Mass., April 3, 1743, and removed to Rindge in 1762. His wife d. previous to this date, and he had a home with his son Samuel.

2 I. *Samuel*, md. Anne Williams. †

3 II. *Sarah*, md. March 18, 1745, Nehemiah Bowers. *q. v.*; and (2d) Ensign Joseph Platts, *q. v.*

4 III. *Benjamin*, md. Dec. 7, 1752, Margaret Williams, a sister of the wife of his brother Samuel. He probably never resided in Rindge.

5 IV. *John*, md. June 19, 1760, Abiah Arven, of Groton, Mass. His name does not appear upon the Rindge records.

6 V. *Isabella*, md. Sept. 28, 1752, William Barron, and removed to Keene, N. H.

7 VI. *Abigail*, md. William Symonds, of Shirley, Mass.

8 VII. *Timothy*, resided several years in Lunenburg.

(2) SAMUEL LARRABEE, JR., accompanied by his father, removed to Rindge 1762. He md. April 23, 1746, Anne Williams, b. in Groton Oct. 20, 1728, dau. of John and Margaret Williams. They were admitted to the church Dec. 15, 1765, a few weeks after its organization. In 1768, the records of the church preserve the fact, that "Phillis, a negro bond child of Samuel Larrabee, Jr., was baptized." The family removed from town about 1771, and the name is not again found upon the records.

9 I. *Stephen*, b. in Lunenburg Aug. 4, 1747.

10 II. *Anna*, b. April 28, 1750.

11 III. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 1, 1752.

12 IV. *William*, b. July 7, 1755.

13 V. *Ebenezer*, b. Oct. 10, 1759.

14 VI. *David*, bap. in Rindge March 29, 1766.

1 WILLIAM LAWRENCE, son of John and Margaret (Gragg) Lawrence, of Groton, Mass., came to Rindge when a young man, where he md. March 25, 1841, Lucinda Lowell, dau. of Nathaniel Lowell, *q. v.* He was a carpenter, and resided in Rindge Centre. His even temper and constant good nature preserved him from contention, and secured the friendship of his cotemporaries. He d. March 26, 1874, aged 66.

- 2 I. *Harriet E.*, b. May 17, 1842; md. Jan. 1, 1865,  
Henry H. Rand, son of Liberty Rand, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *William G.*, b. Sept. 28, 1844; d. Sept. 26, 1845.
- 4 III. *Cynthia L.*, b. Dec. 9, 1847; md. Anson A. Platts,  
son of Asa Platts, *q. v.*

1 EZEKIEL LEARNED, perhaps a native of Framingham, Mass., removed from New Salem, Mass., 1772. He was a soldier in the Revolution, as appears from pp. 108, 110, 136, 164. He was not md. in 1780, and his name is not found upon the earliest tax list (1793). Under date of Feb. 5, 1778, is recorded "Ezekiel Larned's mark of neat cattle and sheep is a crop off the off ear and slit on the under side of the near ear."

1 ISAAC LELAND, with his wife Mary and six children, removed from Westminster, Mass., in the summer of 1774. He d. in the army Sept. 3, 1777 (*vide* pp. 110, 131, 142), and his widow and children were provided for by the town for several years. Perhaps there were children younger than Hannah, Isaac, John, Mary Anne, and Betsey, who were b. previous to 1774.

1 JOHN LILLY, or LILLE, and his wife Elizabeth, removed from Lunenburg, Mass., previous to the date of incorporation. They did not remain many years.

2 I. *Stephen*, b. in Lunenburg June 20, 1756.

1 EBENEZER LOCKE, son of Joshua and Hannah (Reed) Locke, and grandson of Lieut. Ebenezer Locke, of Woburn, was b. Aug. 5, 1737; md. Phebe Mores, dau. of Collins and Bathsheba (Wood) Mores, of Oxford, and resided in New Salem, Mass., or immediate vicinity, until about 1770, when he removed to Rindge, where he remained several years. About 1790 he removed to Rockingham, Vt., and later to Peterboro, N. H. He d. in Schuyler, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1812. From the "Book of the Lockes" it appears that several of his children were bap. as the children of Ebenezer and *Mary* Locke. The record must have been in error, since the birth of all his children appears in the Rindge records, and all are recorded as the children of Ebenezer and Phebe Locke.

2 I. *Cyrus*, b. in Oxford April 18, 1759; d. Aug. 16, 1760.

3 II. *Mary*, b. in Ervingshire Nov. 2, 1761; md. in Rindge, Sept. 4, 1787, Thomas Laws, Jr., and soon after removed to Peterboro, where she d. Dec. 22, 1838. Nine children.

- 4 III. *Ebenezer*, b. in Ervingshire Aug. 6, 1763; md. Feb. 6, 1783, Hannah Gustine, of Rockingham, Vt., who d. April 17, 1833; md. (2d) Mrs. Susan Campbell. He was highly respected, and lived in Rockingham to an advanced age. Nine children.
- 5 IV. *Lucy*, b. in Ervingshire April 13, 1765; d. Aug. 3, 1766.
- 6 V. *Sampson*, b. in Ervingshire Feb. 1, 1767; d. Aug. 24, 1769.
- 7 VI. *Alice*, b. in Shutesbury May 13, 1769; md. Nathaniel Ford; d. *s. p.* in Sangerford, N. Y.
- 8 VII. *Collins*, b. in Rindge Sept. 18, 1771; md. Jan. 25, 1801, Elizabeth Burroughs. Resided in Schuyler and Sherburne, N. Y. Six children.
- 9 VIII. *Phebe*, b. Aug. 4, 1773; d. Oct. 23, 1776.
- 10 IX. *Nathan*, b. June 16, 1775; md. Feb. 24, 1798, Hannah Goodnow, of Sudbury, Mass.; d. at New Hartford, N. Y., July 6, 1808. His widow d. Sept. 20, 1814. Five children.
- 11 X. *Edward Jewett*, b. Aug. 8, 1778; md. April 20, 1800, Rhoda Laws, dau. of James Laws, of Westminster, Mass. He was a blacksmith, and settled in Peterboro, where he d. Feb. 1, 1808.
- 12 1. Rhoda, b. July 27, 1801; md. Nov. 18, 1821, Jonathan D. Gibbs, of Jaffrey.
- 13 2. Edward, b. March 5, 1803; md., 1826, Almira Jones. Was a wholesale clothing dealer in Boston.
- 14 3. Horace F., b. March 6, 1805; md. Sept. 26, 1825, Mary Gilmore. Removed to Sangerford, N. Y. Eleven children.
- 15 4. Paulina, b. Feb. 8, 1807; md. Thomas Streeter, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 16 XI. *Rufus*, b. Dec. 25, 1779; md. April 1, 1801, Lydia Stebbins, who d. Sept. 24, 1848; md. (2d) March 14, 1849, Azubah Benton. He d. May 8, 1850, in Camillus, N. Y.

- 17 WILLIAM LOCKE, a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Richardson) Locke, of Lancaster, and an uncle of Col. Josiah and Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., removed from Lancaster, Mass., to this town in 1798, and a few years subsequently to New Ipswich. He md. June 18, 1772, Mary Fowle, who d. Nov. 17, 1796; md. (2d) April 13, 1813, Hannah, widow of Jonas Woolson, of New Ipswich. He d. Jan. 16, 1827. Eight children. His son William md. Feb. 25, 1796, Eleanor Haynes, and was taxed in this town 1799-1803.

- 18 JOSEPH LOCKE was taxed in Rindge 1802, '3, '4. He removed from Acton, Mass., and went from this town to Fitzwilliam. He md., 1776, Lucy Piper. He was in the engagement at Concord 1775, at Winter Hill 1776, and served one campaign in 1778. He d. in Fitzwilliam Nov. 11, 1829. His wife d. Feb. 20, 1826.
- 19 I. *Azubah*, b. Sept. 5, 1777; d. unmd. Nov. 3, 1868.
- 20 II. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 4, 1780; d. June 26, 1781.
- 21 III. *Joseph*, b. May 2, 1782. He was twice md.; resided in Maine, and was a major-general of the militia, high sheriff of Somerset County, and a member of the Governor's Council.
- 22 IV. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 16, 1784; d. unmd. Jan. 12, 1826.
- 23 V. *Jonathan*, b. April 4, 1787; md., 1812, Sarah Bent. They resided in Fitzwilliam. Their son William d. in this town about 1835; he d. in Fitzwilliam, Oct. 4, 1841; she d. Aug. 11, 1830.
- 24 VI. *Amy*, b. Aug. 20, 1789; md. March 19, 1809, Joseph Stockwell, who d. Jan. 20, 1845.
- 25 VII. *Sally*, b. March 8, 1792; md. June 5, 1828, Capt. Moses Drury, of Fitzwilliam, where she d. Oct. 21, 1874.
- 26 VIII. *Asa H.*, b. Jan. 29, 1796; resided many years in Fitzwilliam, and d. in Maine.

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1 LUKE LORD was first taxed in Rindge in 1817. He was a farmer, and resided for several years where Wm. A. Sherwin now resides, and subsequently on the "Lord farm," where he d., *felo de se*, April 6, 1853, aged 60. He md. April 28, 1824, Susan Kimball, dau. of Andrew Kimball, *q. v.*; she d. April 10, 1846. No children.

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1 JOSEPH LORING, son of Joseph and Kezia (Gove) Loring, of Lexington, grandson of Joseph and Lydia (Fiske) Loring, of Lexington, and great-grandson of Dea. Thomas Loring, of Hingham, Mass., was b. in Lexington, Dec. 27, 1747. He was at the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, and subsequently was in the marine service on the Southern coast, under Commodore Tucker, and was included in the capitulation of Charleston, S. C. After he was exchanged, in great destitution he begged his way to his home in Lexington ("History of Lexington"). He md. Nov. 26, 1772, Betsey Pollard, of Bedford. About 1810 the aged pair removed to Rindge, and had a home with their dau., the wife of Abel Smith, where he d. Oct. 11, 1839, aged nearly 92; his wife d. March 23, 1836, aged 86. Of his six children three became residents of this town.



- 2 I *Betsey*, b. April 15, 1774; md. Abel Smith, *q. v.*  
 3 II. *John Hancock*, b. Nov. 24, 1775; md. Polly Penny,  
 and lived in Rindge a few years early in the  
 present century, and removed to Groton.
- 4 III. *Susanna*, b. June 30, 1784. She was the fifth  
 child; md. Nathan Monroe, b. Oct. 23, 1780.  
 son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Harrington) Mon-  
 roe, of Lexington. They resided in Rindge one  
 year (1819), and removed to Concord, Mass.
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- 1 DEA. JOHN LOVEJOY, a descendant from a highly  
 respectable family of Andover, Mass., was b. in that town  
 about 1725. In early life he removed to Lunenburg,  
 Mass., where he md. Jan. 25, 1749, Sarah Peirce, b. Nov.  
 27, 1731, dau. of Dea. Ephraim and Esther (Shedd) Peirce.  
 She was an aunt of Josiah Peirce and of Benjamin Gould.  
*q. v.*, and after the death of her mother, Dea. Peirce  
 md. Huldah (Martyn) Wetherbee, widow of Hezekiah  
 Wetherbee, *q. v.* Removing to Rindge in 1762, the same  
 year Mr. Lovejoy was chosen proprietor's clerk, which  
 office he held until the organization was dissolved soon  
 after the incorporation of the town. In 1767 he was  
 chosen one of the two first deacons of the church. He  
 was held in high esteem by his townsmen, and was promi-  
 nent in municipal affairs. He d. 1795. Five children  
 were b. in Lunenburg, and four in Rindge.
- 2 I. *John*, b. Dec. 22, 1749. +  
 3 II. *Sarah*, b. April 3, 1754; md. George Lake, *q. v.*  
 4 III. *Jonathan*, b. Jan. 17, 1757; killed at the battle of  
 Bunker Hill. (*Vide p. 112.*)  
 5 IV. *Susannah*, b. Aug. 17, 1759.  
 6 V. *Prudence*, b. April 22, 1762.  
 7 VI. *Oliver*, bap. Jan. 19, 1766.  
 8 VII. *Esther*, b. Oct. 2, 1768; md. Dec. 19, 1793, Edward  
 E. Colburn.  
 9 VIII. *Asa*, b. June 3, 1771; md. Aug. 14, 1792, Maria  
 Priest.  
 10 IX. *Benjamin*, b. March 22, 1774; md. April 10, 1798,  
 Ruth Wood, dau. of Isaac Wood, *q. v.* They  
 resided in Rindge; he d. 1818; his widow d.  
 June 24, 1820.
- 11 1. Louisa P., b. July 13, 1800.  
 12 2. Lascassas, b. July 28, 1803; d. young.  
 13 3. Charles G., b. Nov. 7, 1805; removed to  
 Orford, N. H. His son Warren J. md.  
 Sarah A. Lovejoy. (No. 40 of this Reg-  
 ister.)  
 14 4. Lascassas, b. July 1, 1807.  
 15 5. Leander, b. Dec. 4, 1809.



- 16 6. Susan, b. Jan. 11, 1812; md. — Lawrence, of Ashby.  
 17 7. Laura, b. April 5, 1814.  
 18 8. Emeline, b. Oct. 20, 1816.  
 19 9. Henry L., b. Jan. 22, 1818; md. Nov. 1, 1842, Jane A. Stickney, dau. of Charles and Ann (Baxter) Stickney, *q. v.*

(2) JOHN LOVEJOY, eldest son of Dea. Lovejoy, md. Nov. 26, 1772, Mary Gallop. He was a farmer, and resided in Rindge until his death, Jan. 31, 1835; his wife d. Oct. 5, 1834, aged 83.

- 20 I. *Samuel*, b. May 20, 1773; settled in Orford, N. H., where he d. Dec. 12, 1857, leaving ten children.  
 21 II. *Hepsibeth*, b. Nov. 24, 1774; md. Nov. 30, 1797, Nathan Grimes; lived in Orford, N. H., where she d. about 1812, leaving six children.  
 22 III. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 7, 1776; d. unmd. Feb. 15, 1821.  
 23 IV. *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 6, 1778; settled in Windsor, Vt., where he d., *s. p.*, about 1845.  
 24 V. *Mary*, b. Dec. 20, 1779; d. unmd. 1805.  
 25 VI. *John*, b. July 11, 1781. Removed to Indiana; d. 1838, leaving four children.  
 26 VII. *Enos*, b. March 12, 1783; d. unmd. 1805.  
 27 VIII. *Oliver*, b. Dec. 2, 1784; md. Jan. 18, 1815, Nancy Ingalls, dau. of Jonathan Ingalls, *q. v.* He resided in Winchendon, where he d. 1854, leaving six children, among them Oliver S. Lovejoy, a physician in Haverhill, Mass.  
 28 IX. *Rebecca*, b. Nov. 23, 1786; md. Sept. 7, 1812, William Cogswell, Jr., of Lunenburg. They subsequently removed to New Salem, Mass., where she d. 1857.  
 29 X. *Henry*, b. —; resided in Royalston, Mass.; d. 1872.  
 30 XI. *Selah*, b. Dec. 18, 1788. +  
 31 XII. *Grata*, b. April 20, 1793; d. in Rindge unmd.  
 32 XIII. *Ethan*, b. April 12, 1795; lived in Royalston. Had a family, but no record is received.  
 33 XIV. *Luther*, b. Dec. 22, 1796; d. 1870, leaving ten children.

(30) SELAH LOVEJOY was a farmer in Rindge. He md. June 6, 1821, Miriam Heywood. He d. April 30, 1862.

- 34 I. *Catherine Richardson*, b. May 21, 1822.  
 35 II. *Adaline H.*, b. Nov. 18, 1823; md. Selah Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Nancy (Clark) Lovejoy. He resided several years in Rindge, and removed to Jaffrey 1873. They have several children, and

by a former marriage he has a son, Horace E., who md. Nov. 3, 1864, Mary S. Robbins, dau. of David A. Robbins, *q. v.*

- 36 III. *Tyler P.*, b. March 10, 1826.  
 37 IV. *Mary S.*, b. March 15, 1828; md. George M. Blake, son of Enos Blake, *q. v.*  
 38 V. *Henry C.*, b. Jan. 17, 1830; md. Harriet Prescott.  
 39 VI. *S. Sylvester*, b. Feb. 9, 1832; md. Mary Potter, of Concord, Mass.  
 40 VII. *Sarah A.*, b. June 20, 1836; md. Warren J. Lovejoy, son of Charles G., grandson of Benjamin, and great-grandson of Dea. John Lovejoy. They resided a few years in Rindge, and removed to Orford, N. H.  
 41 VIII. *Daniel H.*, b. Oct. 16, 1838. He is a physician in Winchester, Mass.  
 42 IX. *Hubbard M.*, b. Jan. 18, 1840.

1 NATHANIEL LOWELL settled, in 1778, upon the farm now of William S. Brooks, in the south-west part of the town. A sister resided with him several years. He md. Jan. 22, 1807, widow Lucy (Chapman) Stacy, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., 1775, dau. of Daniel and Jerusha Chapman. He d. Aug. 23, 1832, aged 77; she d. Dec. 6, 1861, aged 86.

- 2 I. *Nathaniel*, b. Feb. 16, 1808; md., 1836, Fidelia Fisher. He resided in Rindge, and in Fitzwilliam, where he d. 1865. They had four children.  
 3 II. *Stephen*, b. Feb. 13, 1811; md. Lucinda Hubbard. He resided in Rindge, where he d. July 8, 1851. Their two sons reside in Vermont.  
 4 III. *Lucinda*, b. May 5, 1813; md. William Lawrence, *q. v.*  
 5 IV. *John*, b. June 20, 1815; md. in Shirley, Mass., Dec. 28, 1837, Nancy Nutting, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Nov. 9, 1814. He d. in Pepperell, Dec. 21, 1856; she d. Nov. 29, 1856. Five of their eight children d. young.  
 6 1. L. Anna, b. July 27, 1840; md. Albert H. Thomas, *q. v.*  
 7 2. Carrie M., b. Dec. 7, 1841; d. unmd. June 9, 1867.  
 8 3. Nathaniel M., b. May 23, 1854.  
 9 V. *Daniel C.*, b. Aug. 15, 1820; md., 1847, Julia Chapman, and resides in Groton, Mass.

- 1 LEVI MANSFIELD md. Jan. 21, 1781, Rebecca Miles, of New Ipswich. He resided upon the Capt. Keyes farm, in the north-east part of the town, where for many years he kept a public house. He was a man of considerable ability, and was frequently employed by the town in the transaction of public business. He d. June 2, 1817; his widow d. July 6, 1819.
- 2 I. *Levi*, b. Feb. 1, 1782; drowned in Hubbard Pond, July 25, 1800.
- 3 II. *Abel*, b. Sept. 18, 1784; md. Feb. 13, 1810, Margaretta Ryan, and removed to New Ipswich.
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- 4 LEVI MANSFIELD, 2D, came to Rindge 1808. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and lived upon the farm, in the north-east part, since occupied by Ebenezer Stratton. He d. about 1830, and his widow md. (2d) 1834, Abel Gardner, of Sharon. The children perhaps are not named in proper order.
- 5 I. *Adam*, non comp., d. about 1858.
- 6 II. *Noah*, md. Sarah Houston; resides in Ashburnham.
- 7 III. *Mary*, md., 1831, Joel Tarbell, of Mason, N. H.
- 8 IV. *Solon*, resides in Temple, N. H.
- 9 V. *Hiram*, d. unmd.
- 10 VI. *Timnah*, md. — White, of Peterboro, N. H.
- 11 VII. *Leonard*, md. — Manley, dau. of Nathaniel C. Manley; he d. in Rindge, Aug. 30, 1863, aged 38.
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- 1 JAMES MCGREGOR md. Feb. 25, 1853, Elizabeth Geddes, and removed to Rindge 1870. They are natives of Scotland. He is a farmer, and resides upon the farm, on Hubbard Hill, formerly owned by the town.
- 2 I. *Alexander*, b. May 31, 1854.
- 3 II. *Joseph G.*, b. July 8, 1856.
- 4 III. *Margaret*, b. Feb. 12, 1863.
- 5 IV. *James*, b. Dec. 24, 1866.
- 6 V. *William R.*, b. June 27, 1871.
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- 1 LIEUT. GEORGE METCALF was from Wrentham, Mass., and came to Rindge between 1776 and 1780. He was a man of considerable influence, and was one of the first Methodists in this vicinity. He d. Dec. 28, 1814, and his wife d. a few days previous. Five of his children came to Rindge.
- 2 I. *Timothy*, b. 1754. +
- 3 II. *Zatta*, was taxed in Rindge until 1813. His nine children were b. in this town.

- 4 1. Olive, b. Dec. 24, 1789.  
 5 2. Sally, b. Jan. 26, 1792.  
 6 3. John, b. March 25, 1793.  
 7 4. Lavina, b. March 7, 1795.  
 8 5. Louis, }  
 9 6. Lucy, } b. May 5, 1797.  
 10 7. Sarah, b. April 2, 1799.  
 11 8. Daniel Adams, b. Nov. 1, 1801.  
 12 9. Esther, b. Nov. 3, 1803.
- 13 III. *Judith*, b. Feb. 6, 1765; md., 1786, Benjamin  
 Peirce, *q. v.*  
 14 IV. *Meletiah*, md. 1786, Abel Platts, Jr., *q. v.*  
 15 V. *Susannah*, md. 1791, Daniel Streeter, *q. v.*

(2) TIMOTHY METCALF was a farmer, and resided in the west part of the town. He md. May 15, 1792, Ruth Chaplin, dau. of Micah Chaplin, *q. v.* He d. Aug. 2, 1838, aged 84; his widow d. Feb. 8, 1865, aged 94.

- 16 I. *Irene*, b. Sept. 24, 1792; d. March 20, 1808.  
 17 II. *Ruth*, b. Jan. 18, 1796; md. Aaron Sawtell, *q. v.*  
 18 III. *Timothy*, b. Jan. 26, 1798. +  
 19 IV. *Servetus*, b. Dec. 7, 1801. +  
 20 V. *Vesta Luthera*, b. Nov. 15, 1804; md. Thomas  
 Crumbie, *q. v.*  
 21 VI. *Erastus*, b. Jan. 31, 1809. +  
 22 VII. *Harriet*, b. July 20, 1812; md. 1833, Rufus  
 Symonds, of Fitzwilliam.

(18) TIMOTHY METCALF was engaged many years in the manufacture of wooden-ware, upon the Pearly Pond stream. He md. Jan., 1822, Mary Pratt, dau. of Amos and Polly (Bent) Pratt, of Fitzwilliam; she d. June 27, 1839; md. (2d) Feb. 17, 1840, Adaline McIntire; she d. July 28, 1843; md. (3d) Nov. 9, 1843, Rebecca Towne, dau. of John Towne, of Jaffrey; he d. Aug. 23, 1867.

- 23 I. *Mary Ann*, b. May 19, 1823; md. Charles Hale,  
 son of Nathan Hale, *q. v.*  
 24 II. *Timothy A.*, b. Feb. 14, 1825; d. April 15, 1826.  
 25 III. *Luke S.*, b. Feb. 18, 1827.  
 26 IV. *George*, b. July 2, 1829; md. Emily Peirce, dau.  
 of Elijah Peirce, *q. v.*  
 27 V. *Irene C.*, b. Nov. 3, 1831; d. March 25, 1835.  
 28 VI. *Laura L.*, b. Dec. 27, 1833; md. James L. De-  
 mary, Jr., *q. v.*  
 29 VII. *Sarah E.*, b. Feb. 18, 1836; md. Gilbert C.  
 Bemis, *q. v.*  
 30 VIII. *Ruth C.*, b. May 27, 1838; md. — Foster.

Children of second wife:—

- 31 IX. *Timothy*, b. June 15, 1841.  
 32 X. *Adaline*, b. July 21, 1843; d. Aug. 16, 1843.

Children of third wife:—

- 33 XI. *Julius Augustus*, b. Dec. 14, 1844.  
 34 XII. *Vesta A.*, b. March 25, 1847.  
 35 XIII. *Emeline V.*, b. July 8, 1849; md.; 1866, Warren  
 Ellis, son of George W. Ellis, of Fitzwilliam.  
 36 XIV. *John S.*, b. Jan. 2, 1852; d. Feb. 5, 1864.  
 37 XV. *Milton E.*, b. Nov. 5, 1855; d. Jan. 21, 1864.  
 38 XVI. *M. Jennie*, b. March 22, 1858.

(19) SERVETUS METCALF md. Dec. 23, 1830, Arvilla Jewett. He was a manufacturer of wooden-ware in this town until 1851, when he removed to Westmoreland, N. H. For several years he has resided in New Lisbon, Chippewa Co., Minn.

- 39 I. *Amos S.*, b. June 22, 1836; was killed in the army,  
 at White Oak Swamp, Va., June 13, 1864.  
 40 II. *Mary S.*, b. Aug. 22, 1838; d. March 1, 1854.  
 41 III. *Sarah H.*, b. Sept. 9, 1843; md. Feb. 20, 1864,  
 Warren A. Graves, b. Oct. 16, 1841, son of Aaron  
 M. Graves, of Westmoreland. They reside in  
 New Lisbon.  
 42 IV. *Martha J. Metcalf*, b. Jan. 5, 1845.

(21) ERASTUS METCALF md. Harriet Aldrich, b. in Richmond, N. H., Jan. 19, 1814. They resided in Rindge until 1864, when they removed to Fitzwilliam, where he d. June 2, 1865. She d. in Hudson, Mass., Sept. 4, 1871.

- 43 I. *Erastus Alonzo*, b. Nov. 11, 1833; d. May 13, 1835.  
 44 II. *Harriet Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 13, 1835; md. May 18,  
 1856, Benoni B. Fullam. Reside in Ludlow, Vt.  
 45 III. *Sarah Jane*, b. Feb. 9, 1838; md. May 16, 1860,  
 James F. Kettell. Reside in Worcester, Mass.  
 46 IV. *Melissa Ann*, b. Feb. 8, 1840; md. Aug. 16, 1861,  
 George W. Davis. (Davis register, No. 59.)  
 47 V. *Cyrenus Hammond*, b. Jan. 9, 1842. Resides in  
 Hudson, Mass.  
 48 VI. *Helen Sophia*, b. Feb. 21, 1846; md. Dec. 1, 1869,  
 Henry F. Smith. Reside in Woburn, Mass.

1 LIEUT. JOSEPH MILLIKEN, or MULLIKEN, came to this town with a family in 1794. They resided near the present residence of Moses W. Hale. He d. of spotted fever March 27, 1812, and she d. of the same disease the 20th of the same month. Perhaps all their children are not named below, and the order of their age is not known.

- 2 I. *Joseph* (*vide* page 358) was taxed a few years in  
 this town. He d. 1818, aged 44.
- 3 II. *Benjamin*.
- 4 III. *Samuel*, was a school-teacher, and taught one or  
 more terms in the Centre District.
- 5 IV. *Leonard*, was a musician, and was much employed  
 in playing for dancing schools and on martial  
 occasions. He removed to Vermont, and was a  
 leader of a band. He d. in Shelburne about  
 1820.
- 6 V. *Rebecca*, md. Nov. 18, 1794, William Hodgskins.  
 Two of their children were b. before their mar-  
 riage. She d. 1798.
- 7 VI. *Betsey*, md. Nov. 25, 1788, Nathaniel Carlton, of  
 New Ipswich and Lunenburg, Mass.

MIXER.

ISAAC MIXER, aged 31, wife Sarah, aged 33, and son Isaac, aged 4 years, embarked at Ipswich, England, for New England, April 10, 1634, and in 1637 his name is found upon the records of Watertown, Mass. He was admitted freeman, May 2, 1638, and d. 1655; his widow d. Nov. 24, 1681. He was clerk of the train band 1654, and in his will he bequeathed to his dau. "one half my vessel Diligent." He left one son and one dau. Isaac Mixer, the son, was b. in England 1630. He md. Sept. 19, 1655, Mary Coolidge, dau. of John and Mary Coolidge, of Watertown; she d. March 2, 1659-60; he md. (2d) Jan. 10, 1660-1, Rebecca Garfield, dau. of Edward, Jr., and Rebecca Garfield, of Watertown; she d. March 16, 1682-3; and he md. (3d) 1687, Mary (Lothrop) French, widow of Capt. William French, of Billerica, and dau. of Thomas and Mary Lothrop. He d. Nov. 22, 1716, leaving fifteen children. The eleventh child, a son of the second wife, was Daniel Mixer, who removed to Framingham, Mass., and was selectman and constable. By wife Judith he had five children; among them was John Mixer, b. in Framingham, Nov. 4, 1711; md. Dec. 25, 1739, Mary Lyscom, of Southboro. He left seven children, of whom Nathan and Ezekiel removed to Fitzwilliam. It was Nathan Mixer, not Ezekiel, as stated in the "History of Troy, N. H.," who was killed at the battle of Bennington. Ezekiel Mixer was b. June 9, 1752, and, previous to his removal to Fitzwilliam, md. Anne Pepper, by whom he had several children. He subsequently removed to Chesterfield, and was again md., and d. at St. Mary's, Miss., where he was then residing, in 1806.

- 1 CHARLES MIXER, son of Ezekiel and Anne (Pepper) Mixer, was b. in Fitzwilliam, March 8, 1785. In his infancy he received the Christian name of Pepper, in honor of his mother, but the name proved too hot for him, and it was subsequently exchanged for Charles. He md. Sept. 28, 1814, Mehitable Smith, b. Feb. 19, 1795, dau. of Barak and Abigail Smith and granddau. of Caleb and Deborah Smith, of Needham, Mass. After a brief residence in Boston and in Dedham, Mass., he removed, in the spring of 1820, to this town, where he successfully



conducted the business of tanning and dressing leather until his death, July 17, 1841. His widow d. July 22, 1853.

- 2 i. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 13, 1815; md. July 3, 1839, Caleb B. Ward, son of Jacob and Sally (Whitmore) Ward, of Ashburnham. Resided in Rindge until 1845; now live in Dedham, Mass. They have six children.
- 3 1. Charles M., b. in Rindge 1841; resides in Boston, unmd.
- 4 2. Isabelle, b. 1845; md. Charles Graham; (2d) — King.
- 5 3. Ella.
- 6 4. Harmon R.
- 7 5. Frederick.
- 8 6. Minnie.
- 9 ii. *Ann*, b. Aug. 28, 1817; md. Zebulon Converse, Esq., *q. v.*
- 10 iii. *Catharine W.*, b. Sept. 11, 1819; md. George D. Hapgood, *q. v.*
- 11 iv. *Charles S.*, b. March 15, 1822; md. Julia Smith, of Elgin, Ill., where they reside. He has held many positions of a municipal character, and is now a deputy sheriff of Kane County. They have no children.
- 12 v. *William B.*, b. April 28, 1825; md. May 15, 1846, Mary Louisa Cobb, dau. of Charles and Louisa (Thomas) Cobb, of Surry, N. H. They have lived in Keene, N. H., Bellows Falls, Vt., and in Ceredo, W. Va., and now reside in Philadelphia. One child.
- 13 1. George W., b. Dec. 13, 1847. He is in U. S. Navy.
- 14 vi. *John H.*, b. March 31, 1829; md., 1853, Sivona Pratt, b. March 5, 1831, dau. of Moses S. and Fidelia (Emerson) Pratt (*vide* Platts' Register, No. 49). They have resided in Boston since 1862.
- 15 1. Alice S., b. Aug. 5, 1854.
- 16 2. Isadore F., b. May 7, 1857.
- 17 3. John Frank, b. April 15, 1859.
- 18 4. William Arthur, b. March 20, 1861.
- 19 5. Lottie Mabel, b. Oct. 11, 1869.
- 20 vii. *Mary L.*, b. Jan. 16, 1834; d. Nov. 13, 1851.
- 21 viii. *Albert E.*, b. Jan. 1, 1841; resides in Chester, Mass.; md. June 10, 1862, Sarah J. Hubbard, dau. of Roswell R. and Mehitabel (Morse) Hubbard. They have three children.

- 1 JOSEPH MOORS, son of Jonathan and Sybil (Tarbell) Moors, of Shirley, was b. April 16, 1758. He md. Amy Hubbard, dau. of Nathan and Mary (Patterson) Hubbard, of Groton (*vide* Hubbard register), and removed to the south-west part of Rindge soon after the Revolution. He d. Feb. 26, 1844, aged 86; his wife d. March 20, 1838, aged 79.
- 2 I. *Hubbard*, b. in Rindge Nov. 11, 1788; md. Lucretia Emory, dau. of Francis Emory, *q. v.* Mr. Moors resided in Boston several years, returning to Rindge 1823. He subsequently removed to the farm upon which John Demary, Sen., originally settled, where he resided until his death. By his will he bequeathed \$2,000 to the Congregational Society, and \$1,000 to the Methodist. He d. Feb. 19, 1874; his wife d. May 6, 1873. They had no children.
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- 3 BENJAMIN MOORS, also written Moore and Moor, was in Rindge previous to the Revolution, and is taxed until 1804. He resided a part or all this time in the east part of the town, upon the farm recently occupied by Abram G. Lawrence. He was md. previous to 1780, but no record of his family has been found.
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- 1 DR. DAVID MORSE (*vide* Chap. XVII.) md. Anne Newman, and removed about 1775 to Exeter, N. Y. Possibly all his children are not here named.
- 2 I. *Samuel*, removed to Mississippi, where he became a judge in the State courts.
- 3 II. *Hannah*, bap. in Rindge Nov. 6, 1768.
- 4 III. *Sophia*, bap. in Rindge June 6, 1773.
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- 5 GERSHOM MORSE removed to Rindge 1808, but remained only a few years. The name of his wife was Lydia.
- 6 I. *Addison*, b. in Rindge Oct. 24, 1808.
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- 1 JAMES and JACOB MOSHER resided in the north-east part of the town, on the farm since occupied many years by Benjamin Hastings. Both were md., and Jacob had sons Jacob and Solomon, and one dau. After a residence in Rindge of five years they removed, in 1808, to Greenbush, N. Y., without great injury to this town.
- 1 JOHN F. MUNROE, son of David and Elizabeth (Foye) Munroe, and a descendant of William Munroe, a native of Scotland and an early resident of Lexington, was b. in Lexington, July 19, 1779. He md. Susan L. Brigham, and in 1807 came to this town, and nine years later he

removed to Boston. His farm was in the south-west corner of the town, and was subsequently occupied by Willard Brigham, who married his sister.

- 2 JONAS MUNROE, a son of Lieut. Ebenezer and Lucy (Simonds) Munroe, and also a descendant of William Munroe, the emigrant, was b. in Ashburnham, May 27, 1790; md. May 9, 1815, Eliza Sargent, b. May 10, 1792, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Vryling) Sargent, of Winchendon. They removed to this town in 1824. He d. May 9, 1849; she d. Feb. 5, 1849.
- 3 I. *Jonas Austin*, b. Feb. 4, 1816; md., 1837, Elizabeth Tibbets. He resided in Chittenango, N. Y., where he d. Sept. 26, 1839.
- 4 II. *Eliza Darling*, b. April 16, 1818.
- 5 III. *James Watson*, b. in Rindge Sept. 30, 1824; md. April 4, 1848, Laurana Crane, dau. of Larra and Sally B. Crane, of Boston. He is Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, of the district including Boston.
- 6 IV. *Merrick Adams*, b. Feb. 27, 1828; md. Nov. 2, 1869, Henrietta Mason. He resides in Middlebury, Vt.
- 7 V. *Charles Mavery*, b. Jan. 7, 1831; md. Aug. 15, 1865, Emily A. Higgins. He is a dentist in Somerville, Mass.
- 8 VI. *George Milton*, b. Nov. 4, 1832; is a mechanic, and resides in Ashburnham.
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- 1 EBENEZER MUZZY, bap. in Lexington, Mass., July 8, 1750, son of John and Rebecca (Reed) Muzzy, and grandson of Benjamin Muzzy, Jr., of Lexington; md. June 6, 1774, Betty Reed, b. Nov. 26, 1754, dau. of Joshua and Susannah (Houghton) Reed, of Lexington, and a sister of Lieut. James Reed, of Rindge. They removed to this town about 1780, and occupied a farm near the present residence of Ezra Page, which he purchased of Zebulon Converse by a deed dated May 16, 1778. It was the first lot in the first range. Twenty years later they returned to Lexington, where he d. March 29, 1804; his widow d. March 12, 1846, aged 91.
- 2 I. *Isaac*, b. April 3, 1775; md. Mary Boutelle, of Malden. He d. Aug. 1, 1842, leaving three children.
- 3 II. *Betsey* b. July 30, 1780; md. Jonas Reed, and resided in Heath, Mass.
- 4 III. *Joshua*, b. in Rindge Feb. 13, 1783; killed in this town, Sept. 17, 1790, by a fall from a tree.

- 5 iv. *Thaddeus*, b. Feb. 18, 1785; md. widow Mary Patch, and lived in Boston. He was drowned in Boston Harbor June 15, 1815. His widow d. Dec. 7, 1816.
- 6 v. *Abigail*, b. April 2, 1788; md. John Parker, and resided in Phillipston, Mass.
- 7 vi. *Joshua*, b. May 26, 1790; d. Oct. 29, 1792.
- 8 vii. *John*, b. Nov. 19, 1794; md. Nov. 19, 1816, Lydia More, dau. of Thomas D. More, of Boston, where they resided until 1854, when they removed to Lexington. He d. Dec. 30, 1864; she d. Dec. 20, 1862. Two children d. young.

## NORCROSS.

JEREMIAH NORCROSS, the emigrant ancestor of the Norcross families in Rindge, settled in Watertown, Mass., as early as 1642, where he was a large proprietor, owning a homestead and twelve other lots. He was selectman 1649, admitted freeman 1653, and d. 1657. By wife Adrean he had two sons: (1) Nathaniel, who was called as a minister to Lancaster, then styled Nashua, upon the first attempt to organize a church there. For this plantation he was the first petitioner. He probably soon returned to England. (Bond's "Watertown.") (2) Richard Norcross, who was b. in England 1621; admitted freeman, May 26, 1653. For twenty years previous to 1681 he is said to have been the only school-teacher in Watertown. He taught Latin, English, and writing, and continued in this employment as late as 1687. Jan. 6, 1660-1, he was hired for one year for £30, and was allowed 2s. "a head for keeping the dry herd." He md. June 24, 1650, Mary Brooks, who was the mother of his seven children; she d. Feb. 24, 1671-2. He md. (2d) Nov. 18, 1673, Susanna Shattuck, widow of William Shattuck; he d. 1709; his wife d. Dec. 11, 1686. Richard Norcross, Jr., his fourth child, b. Aug. 4, 1660, md. Aug. 10, 1686, Rose Woodward, dau. of John and Abigail (Benjamin) Woodward; she d. leaving three children. He md. (2d) Aug. 6, 1695, Hannah Sanders, by whom he had eight children. He was also a school-teacher, and during several of the later years of his life resided in Weston, Mass., where he probably d. His wife d. there, May 14, 1743. Jeremiah Norcross, his seventh child, and the fourth child of Hannah, his second wife, was b. July 2, 1703; md. in Groton, Jan. 28, 1730-1. Faith Page, b. Nov. 6, 1707, dau. of Jonathan and Mary Page, of Groton, a cousin of Nathaniel and Joseph Page, of Rindge, and a relative of President Dunster, of Harvard College. He settled in Lunenburg, Mass., where he was frequently chosen to positions of trust. Soon after the drawing of lots he became one of the proprietors of this town, and in 1759 was chosen one of a committee to lay out a road from Ashburnham, and another from New Ipswich, to the centre of this town; but he never resided in Rindge except, perhaps, the last few years of his life. His eight children, the fifth generation in America, were as follows:—

- 1 i. *Jabez*, b. March 10, 1731-2. +
- 2 ii. *Mary*, b. Jan. 24, 1733-4. Had a home with her brothers in Rindge; d. unmd. from injuries received from a fall.

- 3      III. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 25, 1735-6; md. Ephraim Peirce, son of Ephraim and Esther (Shedd) Peirce, and a brother of the wife of Dea. John Lovejoy. They lived and d. in Lunenburg, where their descendants are numerous. Several of their children removed to Lyme, N. H.
- 4      IV. *Page*, b. April 9, 1738. +
- 5      V. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 10, 1741; resided with her brothers in this town; d. unmd.
- 6      VI. *Jeremiah*, b. Feb. 15, 1743-4, as recorded, but he was bap. Feb. 12, 1743-4. +
- 7      VII. *Phebe*, b. Jan. 5, 1745-6; d. Sept. 5, 1766.
- 8      VIII. *Elijah*, b. March 7, 1749-50. +
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- (1)      JABEZ NORCROSS md. March 27, 1771, Hannah Bailey, b. in Rowley, and dau. of John and Elizabeth Bailey, and settled in Rindge, near the residence of his brother, Page Norcross, where Thomas Wilson now resides. His wife d. March 26, 1781. No record of his second marriage has been found. The tradition that he md. a dau. of Hezekiah Chaplin is well sustained, and probably the name of another dau. should be added to the register of that family. About 1800, he removed to Vermont, where he d. His four children, by second wife, after his death returned to Rindge.
- 9      I. *Asa*, b. 1784; lived in Rindge, and d. unmd. Feb. 21, 1852.
- 10      II. *Rebecca*, b. 1786; md. Sept. 3, 1829, Isaac Whittemore, of Royalston, Mass.
- 11      III. *Sally*, b. 1788; lived with her brother Asa; d. Dec. 12, 1852.
- 12      IV. *Enoch*, d. in Boston, unmd., March 7, 1860.
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- (4)      LIEUT. PAGE NORCROSS md. Feb. 15, 1762-3, Elizabeth Bailey, a sister of Hannah who md. Jabez Norcross. He settled, soon after his marriage, upon the farm now of Nathan Woodbury, where he d. Sept. 28, 1804. He was a sergeant in Capt. Hale's company in 1775, and during the war was several times elected a member of the committee of safety. He was selectman 1769 and 1777, and was styled lieutenant after 1777.
- 13      I. *Elijah*, b. May 27, 1768.
- 14      II. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 30, 1770; md. Thomas Rugg, *q. v.*
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- (6)      JEREMIAH NORCROSS md. Nov. 23, 1769, Lucy Chaplin, dau. of Ebenezer Chaplin, *q. v.*, and settled upon the farm now of his grandson, Joshua Norcross. He was a member of Capt. Hale's Company in 1775, and served in the Rhode Island expedition 1778. He was constable 1781, and his name appears in the State archives as paying the

large sums of money which the State required of this town to meet its proportion of the expenses of the war. He d. of spotted fever Dec. —, 1811; his widow d. Jan. 5, 1841, aged 91. In this record of their children the order of age may not be preserved.

- 15 I. *David*, md. March 8, 1795, Lucretia Chaplin, dau. of Micah Chaplin, *q. v.* They removed to Bradford, Vt.
- 16 II. *Daniel*, b. 1780. †
- 17 III. *Lucy*, md. Peter Welton, and resided in Bradford, Vt.
- 18 IV. *Sally*, md. — Farr, of Bradford.
- 19 V. *Phebe*, md. March 9, 1795, Luther Darling.
- 20 VI. *Nancy*, md. Feb. 6, 1804, John Darling, of Chesterfield, N. H.
- 21 VII. *Jeremiah*, d. 1811, of spotted fever.

(8) DR. ELIJAH NORCROSS resided several years in Maine, and returned to Rindge about 1796 (*vide* p. 372). He d. Nov. 9, 1818. By wife Sally he had eight children.

- 22 I. *Sally*, b. June 5, 1797.
- 23 II. *Elijah*, b. Oct. 5, 1799.
- 24 III. *Ozias*, b. Feb. 16, 1802.
- 25 IV. *Rufus*, b. Oct. 11, 1804.
- 26 V. *Zophar*, b. May 20, 1806.
- 27 VI. *Alonzo*, b. Feb. 23, 1808.
- 28 VII. *Clarissa*, b. Oct. 6, 1809.
- 29 VIII. *Lavina*, b. March 10, 1812.

(16) CAPT. DANIEL NORCROSS md. Polly Jones, dau. of Asa Jones, *q. v.* He was a farmer, and resided upon the old homestead. Was a captain of the militia, and a citizen of good repute. His wife d. July 21, 1834, and he md. (2d) June 16, 1835, Sally (Hubbard) Rand, widow of Leonard Rand, *q. v.*, and dau. of Dea. Hezekiah Hubbard, *q. v.* He d. Aug. 1, 1858, aged 78.

- 30 I. *Eliza*, b. June 25, 1804; d. Aug. 20, 1804.
- 31 II. *Eunice*, twin, b. June 25, 1804; md. May 17, 1827, George W. Bryant, of Templeton, Mass. They resided in Fitzwilliam; she d. 1856.
- 32 1. George E., is a lawyer in Madison, Wis. He md. Susie Gibson, of Winchendon.
- 33 2. Marinda, md. Gardner Brewer, son of Asa Brewer, *q. v.* They resided in Boston. She is deceased.
- 34 3. Lucy Ellen, md. Allen Brazee, a farmer in Madison, Wis.



- 35 4. Harriet, md. Joseph Loomis, and resides in  
Mount Hope, Wis.
- 36 5. Henry, a farmer in Madison, Wis.
- 37 6. Eunice, md. Henry Stannard, and resides  
in Armstrong Corner, Wis.
- 38 III. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 13, 1806; md. Jan. 11, 1827, George  
L. Beals, son of Stowers and Mary (Leavitt)  
Beals. He is a dealer in real estate in Win-  
chendon.
- 39 1. Mary L., b. Nov. 21, 1827; md. Jan., 1849,  
J. M. Whitney, son of Capt. Hananiah  
and Sarah (Beaman) Whitney, of Winch-  
endon. He is a conductor on the Boston  
and Albany Railroad, and resides in  
Boston. Their son, Charles L. B. Whit-  
ney, Esq., a graduate of Harvard Univer-  
sity, is a lawyer in Boston. Their only  
remaining child d. in infancy.
- 40 2. George L., (Jr.), b. Jan. 11, 1830; md. Lydia  
Farrar. He is a manufacturer in North  
Ashburnham. Their son, Frank L., is a  
mail agent on the Boston, Barre and  
Gardner Railroad, and John F., a younger  
son, is a student at Cushing Academy,  
Ashburnham.
- 41 3. —; d. young.
- 42 4. —; d. young.
- 43 5. Charles L., b. May 6, 1835; md. Harriet  
Martha Brown, dau. of George Brown  
(*vide* page 460). He is a manufacturer,  
cashier of the First National Bank, and  
treasurer of the Savings Bank in Winch-  
endon.
- 44 6. Nancy E., b. April 21, 1837; d. 1855.
- 45 7. Martha E., b. April 14, 1844; d. 1857.
- 46 IV. *Daniel*, b. Feb. 20, 1807. †
- 47 V. *Asa Jones*, b. Feb. 15, 1809; d. Sept. 1, 1810.
- 48 VI. *Lucy*, b. April 9, 1810; md. May 10, 1838, Addison  
Hubbard, son of Dea. Hezekiah Hubbard, *q. v.*
- 49 VII. *Asa Jones*, b. Nov. 23, 1812; d. Oct. 1, 1813.
- 50 VIII. *Betsy*, twin, b. Nov. 23, 1812; d. unmd. April 28,  
1843.
- 51 IX. *Jeremiah*, b. April 25, 1814. †
- 52 X. *Mary M.*, b. Aug., 1815; d. March 8, 1816.
- 53 XI. *Josiah*, b. July 13, 1817. †
- 54 XII. *Joshua*, b. April 6, 1820. †
- 55 XIII. *Amasa*, b. Jan. 26, 1824. †
- 56 XIV. *Nathan*, b. July 27, 1826; d. July 27, 1828.

(46) DANIEL NORCROSS md. May 16, 1832, Ellen S. Boardman, dau. of Stephen and Martha (Kinsman) Boardman. Since 1833 he has resided in Wakefield, formerly South Reading, Mass., where for several years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He has been Deputy Sheriff and coroner of Middlesex County, postmaster of South Reading, and for many years a Justice of the Peace. He still resides in Wakefield, and is a real-estate broker and insurance agent in Boston. Their only child, b. Nov. 17, 1834, d. in infancy.

(51) DEA. JEREMIAH NORCROSS is a farmer in Rindge. He md. Oct. 8, 1839, Mary Pillsbury, dau. of Rev. Levi and Mary (Pickard) Pillsbury, of Winchendon. In 1864 he was chosen a deacon of the Congregational Church, and is one of the two officers of that church at the present time.

57 I. *George Jones*, b. Jan. 27, 1841. He was assistant surgeon in the army, and d. in the service, Dec. 6, 1865. (*Vide* p. 327.)

58 II. *Mary Kimball Burnham*, b. Dec. 6, 1843; d. June 19, 1845.

59 III. *Daniel Boardman*, b. April 11, 1846; md., 1870, Almira Gerald, dau. of William L. Gerald, and resides in Illinois.

60 IV. *Charles H.*, b. Sept 29, 1849; md. May 20, 1874, Evangeline E. Perry, dau. of Rev. Isaac Stearns Perry, and granddau. of Chauncy Perry, *q. v.* He is a dentist in Winchendon.

61 V. *Mary K. B.*, b. Nov. 4, 1851.

62 VI. *Albert F.*, b. April 10, 1853. Dartmouth College, class of 1878.

63 VII. *Arthur Willie*, b. April 30, 1855.

(53) DR. JOSIAH NORCROSS studied his profession with the late Drs. Thomas R. Boutelle, of Fitchburg, and Walter Channing, of Boston, and graduated at Harvard Medical College 1846. He practiced medicine in Fitchburg until 1849, and on account of failing health retired from business upon which he had entered under favorable auspices, and removed to South Reading, now Wakefield, Mass., where he d. Jan. 15, 1866. He md. May 16, 1848, Olive Christiana Spaulding, dau. of Dr. Thaddeus and Sarah (Hart) Spaulding, of South Reading.

64 I. *Sarah Hart*, b. May 5, 1850.

65 II. *Walter Spaulding*, b. Oct. 1, 1854; entered Amherst College, class of 1875, and d. Sept. 26, 1873.

- (54) JOSHUA NORCROSS md. Dec. 4, 1844, Calista K. Cooper, dau. of Horatio and Betsey (Gale) Cooper, of Alstead, N. H. He is a farmer, and cultivates the farm formerly of his father and grandfather, which has been in possession of the family above one hundred years.

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| 66 | i. <i>Darwin J.</i> , b. Oct. 24, 1846; d. July 3, 1869.   |
| 67 | ii. <i>Herbert H.</i> , b. July 25, 1848.                  |
| 68 | iii. <i>Helen M.</i> , b. Nov. 11, 1849; d. July 23, 1851. |
| 69 | iv. <i>Otis H.</i> , b. May 8, 1851.                       |
| 70 | v. <i>Lizzie O.</i> , } b. March 9, 1853.                  |
| 71 | vi. <i>Anna C.</i> , } b. March 9, 1853.                   |
| 72 | vii. <i>Abby Jane</i> , b. Oct. 6, 1856.                   |
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- (55) HON. AMASA NORCROSS, a lawyer in Fitchburg. (*Vide* p. 350.) He md. June 1, 1852, S. Augusta Wallis, dau. of Benjamin and Rebecca Wallis, of Ashby, Mass., who d. March 4, 1869.

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| 73 | i. <i>Ella A.</i> , b. June 24, 1854.                     |
| 74 | ii. <i>Nelson II.</i> , b. Aug. 9, 1859; d. May 18, 1863. |
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## PAGE.

The Page families in Rindge have been very numerous, and nearly all have belonged to the same general family. The following registers will indicate in what manner they were related. They were descendants of John Page, who with wife Phebe came from Dedham, England, in 1630, and settled in Watertown. He was the first constable of that town, being appointed by the court in 1630, and was admitted freeman May 18, 1631. He d. Dec. 18, 1676, aged about 90; his widow d. Sept. 25, 1677, aged 87. John Page, his son, was b. 1630, and admitted freeman 1652. About 1662 he removed to Groton, Mass., where he md. May 12, 1664, Faith Dunster, who d. April 3, 1699. About 1676 he returned to Watertown, and is supposed to be the John Page who represented the town in the General Court in 1700. Samuel Page, the second son of John and Faith (Dunster) Page, was b. in Groton June 4, 1672, and became the first settler of Lunenburg, Mass. For several years his family were the only inhabitants of that township, and he received the title of "Governor," since he was presumed to control the whole town. Among his children were Nathaniel and Joseph, who subsequently settled in this town, and are numbered 1 and 15. Another son of John and Faith (Dunster) Page was Jonathan Page, b. in Watertown June 24, 1677. He removed to Groton, and there by wife Mary had eight children. He d. Oct. 10, 1751. Faith Page, his dau., b. Nov. 6, 1707, was the wife of Jeremiah Norcross, of Lunenburg, and the mother of three sons and two daus., who came to Rindge. Joseph, their third son, b. Oct. 22, 1714, also removed to Rindge, and is numbered 45. Faith Dunster, the wife of John Page, was named in the will of President Dunster, of Harvard University, and is styled his "cousin Faith Dunster." At that time cousin had the meaning of relative, as that word is now used. She may have been a cousin german, or perhaps a more distant relative.

- 1    LIEUT. NATHANIEL PAGE, son of Gov. Samuel and Martha Page, md. in Lunenburg, Dec. 25, 1733, Mercy Gould, b. in Topsfield, Jan. 17, 1712, dau. of Thomas and Mercy (Sumner) Gould, and an aunt of Jacob and Benjamin Gould, who settled in Rindge. He was one of the original proprietors under the Masonian Charter. In the distribution of the lots, he drew 21 and 22 in the tenth, and 11 in the eighth range. He settled about 1760 upon the two lots first named, in the extreme north-west corner of the town. He was a man of character and influence, and was frequently named in the choice of important committees. He d. 1779. His will is dated Aug. 26, 1779, and was entered in probate soon after. His wife survived him, but the date of her death is unknown. His children were b. in Lunenburg.
- 2        I. *Nathaniel*, b. Feb. 7, 1734; d. Aug. 12, 1756.
- 3        II. *Mercy*, b. June 26, 1736; md. John Simonds, *q. v.*
- 4        III. *Nathaniel*, b. Sept. 15, 1738; d. young.
- 5        IV. *Abner*, b. March 30, 1740; d. young.
- 6        V. *John*, b. July 16, 1741. +
- 7        VI. *Moses*, b. April 5, 1743.
- 8        VII. *Aaron*, b. July 13, 1744; d. May 28, 1746.
- 9        VIII. *Samuel*, b. July 26, 1747.
- 10       IX. *Sibyl*, b. April 19, 1749; md. Samuel Stanley, *q. v.*
- 11       X. *Rachel*, b. Jan. 21, 1751.
- 12       XI. *Prudence*, b. March 29, 1752; md. John Dean, son of Rev. Seth Dean, *q. v.*
- 13       XII. *Reuben*, b. Feb. 3, 1754. He was five times in the Revolutionary army. (*Vide* pp. 108, 110, 126, 140, 164.) After the war he settled in Corinth, Vt., where his descendants are numerous.
- 14       XIII. *Caleb*, b. May 11, 1756. For a record of his protracted service in the Revolution, *vide* pp. 126, 136, 141, 167. He was md. in 1780, or previous, but no record of the marriage has been discovered.
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- (6)    JOHN PAGE removed with his father to this town, and was proprietor of a lot of land. In the autumn of 1762 he removed to Coos Meadows, now Haverhill, N. H., and there md. Hannah Greene, by whom he had four sons, John, William, Samuel, and Stephen. John, the eldest, b. in Haverhill, May 21, 1787, was Governor of New Hampshire 1839, 1840, and 1841. Among his children is the Hon. John A. Page, at present and for several years Treasurer of the State of Vermont.
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- 15    JOSEPH PAGE, a brother of Lieut. Nathaniel, and probably his senior, was employed as chainman when the town of Lunenburg was first surveyed, and became proprietor

of a lot of land in that town, which was purchased for him by his father. Torrey's "History of Fitchburg" erroneously states that he "resided all his days in Lunenburg." He removed to Rindge in 1767. He md. Dec. 3, 1730, Deborah Gould, b. in Topsfield Sept. 23, 1707, a sister of the wife of his brother Nathaniel. She d. 1767, the year of his removal to this town. His ten children were b. in Lunenburg; i., iii., and iv. d. young.

- 16      ii. *Deborah*, b. April 11, 1733; md. Joseph Platts, of Rindge, *q. v.*  
 17      v. *Hannah*, b. March 22, 1739.  
 18      vi. *Elizabeth*, b. April 24, 1741; md. Thomas Wright, of Lunenburg; md. (2d) Joseph Platts, *q. v.*  
 19      vii. *Amos*, b. June 2, 1743; lived in Lunenburg, and left a large number of children.  
 20      viii. *Joseph*, b. June 22, 1745; resided a few years in Rindge.  
 21      ix. *Susannah*, b. April 24, 1747; md. John Wetherbee, of Rindge, *q. v.*  
 22      x. *Abijah*, b. May 14, 1749. +

(22)      ABIJAH PAGE, youngest son of Joseph, md. April 21, 1784, Mary Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Holden) Sawtell, *q. v.* He resided between the residence of Gilman P. Wellington and Converseville. He d. July 19, 1836, aged 87.

- 23      i. *Levi*, b. March 24, 1785. +  
 24      ii. *Joseph*, b. Nov. 2, 1786. +  
 25      iii. *Polly*, b. June 15, 1788; d. young.  
 26      iv. *Lucinda*, b. Jan. 26, 1790; md. Capt. Leonard Wellington, *q. v.*  
 27      v. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 20, 1792; d. young.  
 28      vi. *Maria*, b. Dec. 1, 1794; d. unmd. Oct. 7, 1827.  
 29      vii. *Phinehas*, b. —; md., 1822, Mary Spaulding, of Townsend, Mass. A few years after his marriage he removed to Pennsylvania, where he d., about 1866, leaving several children.

(23)      LEVI PAGE md. July 21, 1811, Betsey (Johnson) Stearns, widow of Bartholomew Stearns, of Winchendon, and dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sanderson) Johnson, of Winchendon. Her father was a brother of Nathan Johnson, Senior, of Rindge. By her former marriage she had one dau., Eliza, b. about 1810. A few years after marriage they removed to Winchendon.

- 30      i. *Charles*, b. Sept. 25, 1812.  
 31      ii. *Mary Ann*, b. Sept. 7, 1814.



- 32      iii. *Samuel*, b. —; md. Sept. 19, 1842, Mary Ann Woodbury, dau. of Nathan Woodbury, *q. v.* For several years they resided in Rindge. He was the first who employed machinery in the manufacture of nest-boxes in this town. He now lives in Winchendon.
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- (24)      JOSEPH PAGE, a farmer, and at this date, Dec. 31, 1874, the oldest man living in Rindge; md. March 11, 1810, Mary Wilder, of Sterling; she d. May 31, 1870, aged 87.
- 33      i. *Edward Wilder*, b. March 20, 1811; d. unmd. June 14, 1835.
- 34      ii. *Susan*, b. Nov. 12, 1812; md. May 8, 1838, Abel Stratton, of Athol, Mass. He d. about 1852, and she resides in Brighton, Mass.
- 35      1. Edward P., b. 1839; enlisted in 6th N. H. Vols., Nov. 28, 1861; d. at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 14, 1862.
- 36      iii. *Sarah Whiting*, b. Oct. 12, 1816; md. Dec. 6, 1844, Willard Howard, of Windham, Vt. He d. leaving three sons and two daus., and, with her children, she continues to reside upon the farm.
- 37      iv. *Maria*, b. Aug. 6, 1818; md. — Brown, and was divorced; md. (2d) — Miller, and resides in Canton, Ill.
- 38      v. *Mary*, b. Aug. 24, 1820; md. Dec. 30, 1847, Samuel W. Robbins, son of Samuel Robbins, *q. v.* They reside in Peoria, Ill.
- 39      vi. *Abigail D.*, b. Sept. 29, 1822; md. May 21, 1845, Gardner T. Rand, son of Gates Rand, *q. v.*
- 40      vii. *Martha*, b. Aug. 17, 1824; md. Milton W. Armstrong. Resides in Jaffrey.
- 41      viii. *Ezra*, b. Jan. 30, 1827; a farmer; resides upon the farm with his father, near the New Ipswich line. He md. May 9, 1850, Lucy Ann Wetherbee, dau. of Benjamin and Hannah Wetherbee, of West Townsend, Mass.
- 42      1. Herbert Arthur, b. Feb. 6, 1853.
- 43      2. Infant, b. and d. Nov. 13, 1859.
- 44      3. Harlow Elbridge, b. July 14, 1861; d. Oct. 10, 1864.
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- 45      LIEUT. JOSEPH PAGE, son of Jonathan and Mary Page, was b. in Groton Oct. 22, 1714; md. Nov. 21, 1739, Abigail Shedd, dau. of Daniel and Abigail Shedd, of Groton. Late in life they removed from Groton to Rindge, and resided with their children. The following dates of their decease are copied from grave-stones in the cemetery. He d. March, 20, 1799; she d. April 26, 1812.



- 46 I. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 26, 1740.  
 47 II. *Jonathan*, b. July 22, 1742.  
 48 III. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 23, 1743.  
 49 IV. *Daniel*, b. July 18, 1745. +  
 50 V. *Susannah*, b. June 29, 1747; md. Capt. Salmon  
 Stone, *q. v.*  
 51 VI. *Eunice*, b. July 1, 1749; d. July 13, 1749.  
 52 VII. *Silas*, b. Aug. 26, 1750, and wife Eunice removed  
 to this town in 1776. He was a member of Capt.  
 Stone's company 1777. His name is not found  
 on the tax list of 1793, or at a later period.
- 53 1. *Silas*, b. May 4, 1774.  
 54 2. *Richard*, b. Jan. 21, 1776.  
 55 3. *Solomon*, b. in Rindge May 21, 1778.  
 56 4. *David*, bap. in Rindge Oct. 22, 1780.
- 57 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Jan. 22, 1753; md. John Earl, *q. v.*  
 58 IX. *Maria*, b. May 17, 1755.  
 59 X. *Lemuel*, b. Aug. 14, 1757. +  
 60 XI. *Prudence*, b. March 9, 1760; md. Enos Lake, *q. v.*
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- (49) DANIEL PAGE md. Feb. 9, 1768, Abigail Johnson, and  
 removed to this town previous to 1780, where he d. Sept.  
 14, 1831, aged 86. His wife d. Aug. 26, 1819. The three  
 eldest children were b. in Groton.
- 61 I. *Abigail*, b. July 11, 1768.  
 62 II. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 26, 1770; d., unmd., Oct., 1857.  
 63 III. *Ephraim*, b. March 4, 1772; md., 1824, Sarah  
 Henderson.  
 64 IV. *Nathan*, —; md. Dec. 27, 1808, Betsey Towne.  
 65 V. *Elias*, b. Aug. 14, 1781. +
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- (59) LEMUEL PAGE enlisted into the army six times, which  
 made nearly a continuous service during the Revolution.  
 (*Vide pp.* 108, 110, 126, 136, 141, 164.) He was a fifer,  
 and became a major musician. He md. Dec. 10, 1778,  
 Sarah Demary, dau. of John Demary, *q. v.* She d. Oct.  
 7, 1797, and he md. (2d) June 26, 1798, Polly Paige, of  
 Hardwick, Mass., b. July 26, 1766, a descendant of  
 Nathaniel Paige, of Roxbury, and later of Bedford, Mass.,  
 where he d. April 12, 1692. In 1816 Major Page removed  
 to Surry, N. H., where he d. Sept. 30, 1822. His widow d.  
 Nov. 26, 1853, aged 87. Their children were b. in Rindge.
- 66 I. *Lemuel*, b. Jan. 20, 1780; md. Jan. 27, 1812, Clar-  
 issa Whitney, dau. of Dr. Isaiah Whitney, *q. v.*  
 He was a captain in the war of 1812, and a  
 colonel of militia, and resided in Burlington,  
 Vt., where he d. May 8, 1825, and his widow  
 md. Joseph Jones, Esq., of Troy, N. H.; she d.

Feb. 16, 1844. Four of their seven children d. in infancy. (1) Sarah Jane, b. Nov. 28, 1815; md. John Duncklee, of Philadelphia, Pa.; (2) Harriet F., b. 1817; md. Leonard Johonnett, of Burlington; (3) Lemuel W., b. April 30, 1821; md., 1842, Susan Sanders, b. Feb. 18, 1820, dau. of John Sanders, now of Rindge; md. (2d), 1873, Carrie E. Hemenway. They reside in Burlington.

- 67 II. *Luther*, b. Jan. 17, 1782; md. Aug. 25, 1803, Mary Carlton, dau. of James Carlton, *q. v.*; settled in Westfield, Vt., and subsequently removed to Derby, Vt., where he d., leaving no children.
- 68 III. *Ira*, b. March 3, 1790; d. May 10, 1790.
- 69 IV. *Ira*, b. March 23, 1792; removed to Westfield, Vt.
- 70 V. *Infant*, b. Oct. 7, 1797; d. same day.

Children of second wife (VIII. and IX. d. young): —

- 71 VI. *Gilman*, b. June 20, 1799; md. Louisa Robinson, who was b. Sept. 28, 1800; she d. Nov. 2, 1869. In 1821 he removed to Boston, where he continues to reside.

- 72 1. Calvin Robinson, b. March 16, 1829.
- 73 2. James Henry, b. March 17, 1831.
- 74 3. Charles Gilman, b. Dec. 6, 1833; d. 1835.
- 75 4. Charles Jewett, b. Aug. 6, 1837.
- 76 5. Mary Louisa, b. July 24, 1841.

- 77 VII. *Joseph Warner*, b. Jan. 31, 1803; md. in Surry, Jan. 29, 1829, Caroline Joslin, b. in Walpole, N. H., Dec. 8, 1806; she d. in Boston, Nov. 22, 1865. Mr. Page has resided in Boston since 1823, and there his three children were b.

- 78 1. George Washington, b. Nov. 5, 1829.
- 79 2. Luke Joslin, b. June 25, 1834.
- 80 3. Albert Kidder, b. July 3, 1839; d. July 3, 1863.

- (65) ELIAS PAGE md. July 9, 1803, Olive Smith, and resided in the north-west part of the town. He d. May 16, 1843; his wife d. April 30, 1842.

- 81 I. *Olive*, b. Nov. 2, 1803; md. James L. Demary, *q. v.*
- 82 II. *Sewell*, b. July 16, 1805; resides unmd. in Leominster, Mass.
- 83 III. *Esther*, b. Aug. 4, 1807; md. James L. Demary, *q. v.*
- 84 IV. *Seba*, b. Nov. 19, 1811; md. William W. Graves.
- 85 V. *Prudence*, b. Jan. 14, 1814; resides unmd. in Lunenburg, Mass.

- 86 VI. *Jonathan*, b. March 6, 1816; md. March 28, 1839,  
Lorinda H. Porter; resides in Jaffrey.
- 87 VII. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 18, 1818; md. June 20, 1843,  
David G. Graves.
- 88 VIII. *Elias*, b. June 14, 1822; md. April 30, 1845, Sarah  
McIntire; resided in Rindge until 1873.
- 89 IX. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 17, 1826; md. Dec. 31, 1854, John  
Fairbanks, of Lunenburg.
- 90 X. *Cynthia*, b. Nov. 3, 1827; md. Jonas P. Bartlett,  
and d. in Lexington, Mass., May 14, 1864.

91 JOHN PAGE, parentage not known, perhaps the son of John and Mary (Parker) Page, who was b. June 9, 1743. If so, he was a nephew of Lieut. Joseph Page, No. 45 of this register. He md. in Groton, Oct. 29, 1767, Esther Lawrence, dau. of Jonathan and Esther Lawrence. Resided a short time in Groton and in Shirley, and removed to Rindge in 1775. In 1776 he served in Col. Baldwin's regiment. (*Vide* p. 126.) Dec. 21, 1788, they were dismissed from the church in Rindge, and recommended to the church in Reading. The State is not named in the records.

- 92 I. *Molley*, b. in Groton June 15, 1768; md. Josiah  
Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 93 II. *Esther*, b. in Shirley Oct. 15, 1769; md. Jesse  
Davis, *q. v.*
- 94 III. *Thomas*, b. in Shirley, Nov. 21, 1771.
- 95 IV. *Prudence*, b. in Shirley June 12, 1774.
- 96 V. *John*, b. in Rindge Sept. 9, 1776.
- 97 VI. *Edmund*, b. in Rindge Nov. 9, 1778.
- 98 VII. *Jonathan*, b. in Rindge May 3, 1781; md. June 11,  
1807, Rebecca Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan, *q. v.*

99 SAMUEL PAGE is said to have descended from Samuel, another son of John, the emigrant, but it is possible that he was the son of Lieut. Nathaniel, No. 9 of this register, who returned to Rindge after a brief residence in Topsfield. Whatever may have been his parentage, it is certain that he md. in Topsfield, Mass., Oct. 1, 1771, Molley Towne, and removed to the farm now of Willard C. Brigham in that or the following year, where he continued to reside until 1798, when his name disappears from the tax lists and other records.

- 100 I. *Samuel*, b. in Topsfield Nov. 11, 1771; d. Sept. 15,  
1776.
- 101 II. *Dorcas*, b. in Rindge April 23, 1773; d. Aug. 24,  
1776.
- 102 III. *Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 22, 1774; d. Sept. 15, 1776.  
(*Vide* p. 147.)

- 103      iv. *John*, b. Dec. 2, 1776.  
 104      v. *Francis*, b. Oct. 4, 1778.  
 105      vi. *Molley*, b. Oct. 15, 1780.  
 106      vii. *Jacob*, b. March 27, 1783.  
 107      viii. *Abel*, b. Jan. 30, 1785.  
 108      ix. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 23, 1788.  
 109      x. *Betty*, b. May 13, 1794.  
 110      xi. *Phinehas*, b. Feb. 16, 1798.

111      SERGEANT, or SARGENT, PAGE (his Christian name was spelled in many ways) was in Rindge and taxed every year from 1793 to 1819. Perhaps he was here at an earlier date. The tax list of 1793 is the oldest list preserved. He came from Jaffrey, and settled in the north-west part of the town. It is presumed that he had other children than those named.

- 112      i. *Amos B.*, b. previous to 1786.  
 113      ii. *Reuben*, b. previous to 1788; md. Sept. 7, 1807, Polly Wheeler, of Jaffrey. Child of Reuben Page d. in Rindge 1817, and he was taxed in this town until 1818.

114      SAMUEL PAIGE was not related to the foregoing families. He was a brother of the wife of Capt. Solomon Cutler, and was descended from Nathaniel, of Bedford, Mass., a son of Nathaniel, the emigrant. He came to Rindge previous to his marriage, and remained several years, when he removed to Plymouth, Vt. In the few original signatures which I have discovered he spelled his name as here written, but the clerks have generally transcribed the name to correspond with the more numerous families of Page. He md. Nov. 23, 1775, Molley Hutchinson, of Bedford, by whom he had three or more children.

- 115      i. *Rebecca*, b. in Rindge, Jan. 4, 1778.  
 116      ii. *Benjamin*, b. in Rindge, June 7, 1780; settled in Ludlow, Vt.; was a captain.  
 117      iii. *Samuel*, bap. in Rindge, July 25, 1784; settled in Plymouth, Vt.; was a colonel.

1      DR. ASHER PALMER (*vide* Chapter XVII.) md. April 7, 1774, Esther Dean, dau. of Rev. Seth Dean. After a residence of a few years in Rindge he d., at an early age, in Stonington, Ct., from whence he came. It is not certain whether at the time of his death he had removed, or was temporarily absent, from this town. His widow md. (2d) Capt. David Main, a goldsmith, of North Stonington, Ct., by whom she had five children.

- 2      i. *Rial*, md. Eunice Palmer, dau. of Moses Palmer.  
They resided in North Stonington. They had  
six children.
- 3               1. Chester.
- 4               2. Ann, b. about 1815'; md. B. A. Atwell;  
resides in Madison, Wis.
- 5               3. Robert P., resides in Wisconsin.
- 6               4. William.
- 7               5. Edwin C., b. July 26, 1821; an intelligent  
gentleman; a physician in Portage City,  
Wis.
- 8               6. Louisa.
- 9      ii. *Chandler*.
- 10     iii. *Fenner*, was md. and had seven children.
- 11     iv. *Saxton*, had sons, Stanton B. and other children.
- 12     v. *Rhoda*.

1      JONATHAN PARKER, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Peirce) Parker, of Groton, Mass., grandson of Samuel and Abigail (Lakin) Parker, and great-grandson of James and Elizabeth (Long) Parker, of Woburn, Chelmsford, and Groton, was b. in Groton Jan. 1, 1722. His father and mother both d. Sept. 21, 1723. He md. July 12, 1743, Eleanor, or Ellen, Hunt, dau. of Samuel and Dorothy (Bulkley) Hunt, of Littleton, Mass., and a sister of Peter Hunt (No. 21 in Hunt Register). They removed to Rindge in 1760. It was stated upon page 70 that they had one son. There was also a son Benjamin, and perhaps Samuel, who were b. before that date. It is possible that for a year or more, about 1770, the family resided elsewhere. If so, they soon returned, and he had the care of the meeting-house for several years. Soon after 1780, however, their names disappear from the records, and their residence was probably in Jaffrey.

- 2      i. *Jonathan, Jr.*, b. April 19, 1744. (*Vide* p. 373).  
He md. July 6, 1769, Hannah Stanley, dau. of  
Capt. Jonathan and Abigail (Gould) Stanley, of  
Rindge, *q. v.* Four children b. in Rindge.
- 3               1. Abigail, b. May 16, 1770; d. Sept. 13, 1770.
- 4               2. Daughter, b. June 14, 1771; d. same day.
- 5               3. Ellen, b. May 15, 1781.
- 6               4. Sarah, b. June 2, 1783.
- 7      ii. *Benjamin*, b. —; was a member of Capt.  
Thomas' Company in 1776, and was credited by  
the town for ten months' service.
- 8      iii. *Samuel*, b. —; he was also in the service (*vide*  
pp. 108, 110, 126); md. April 9, 1777, Hannah  
Platts, dau. of Ens. Joseph Platts. It is sup-

posed that he was a son of Jonathan. Two children were b. in Rindge.

- 9 1. Ellen, b. March 4, 1778.  
10 2. Jonathan, b. Jan. 9, 1781.
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- 11 JOSEPH PARKER, parentage unknown, md. July 3, 1792, Rezinah Rand, dau. of Col. Daniel Rand, and resided in Rindge until 1819, when he removed to Fitchburg.
- 12 I. *Susan H.*, b. Sept. 29, 1792; md. Isaac Bartlett, and resided in Worcester, Mass., where she d. June 12, 1852.
- 13 II. *Hitty L.*, b. July 24, 1794; md. Simeon Smith, and lived in Fitchburg.
- 14 1. William P., resides in Winchendon.
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- 15 QUINCY PARKER resided on the old road to Ashburnham, upon land now owned by Cephias A. Bush. They removed 1821 from Princeton, Mass. They had several children, and perhaps all are not named. He d. Sept. 27, 1828, aged 55, and the widow returned to Princeton.
- 16 I. *Joseph*, b. about 1808.  
17 II. *William*.  
18 III. *Mary*.  
19 IV. *Ira*.  
20 V. *Quincy*, } bap. in Rindge July 30, 1826.  
21 VI. *Eunice*, }

## PAYSON.

EDWARD PAYSON, probably the common ancestor of all bearing the name in New England, was received to the church in Roxbury, Mass., previous to 1637; was an owner of land in 1639; and admitted to freeman's oath May 13, 1640. He md. Aug. 20, 1640, Ann Park, dau. of William and Martha (Holgrave) Park; she d. Sept. 10, 1641, and he md. (2d) Jan. 1, 1641-2, Mary Eliot, dau. of Philip, and a niece of the Apostle Eliot; she d., his widow, March 24, 1697, aged 76. Samuel Payson, the tenth or the eleventh child of the emigrant, Edward, and Mary (Eliot) Payson, was bap. Sept. 21, 1662; md. June 14, 1688, Mary Phillips, dau. of Rev. Samuel Phillips, of Rowley, and sister of Rev. George Phillips, of Brook Haven, L. I. He lived in Dorchester, where he was constable 1699, selectman 1700, '6, '7, '9. He d. Nov. 24, 1721; his widow d. April 20, 1725. His will, dated three days previous to his death, gives to his son Phillips, then "seeking a liberal education, his silver cup and great Bible and £80, of which £20 should be paid when he had taken his second degree, and £60 five years afterwards." The son, Phillips Payson, thus provided for, was b. in Dorchester, Feb. 29; bap. March 12, 1704-5; graduated at Harvard 1724, and, after teaching a short time, was ordained at Walpole, Mass., Sept. 16, 1730. He md. Dec. 5, 1733, Anne Swift, b. July 5, 1706, dau. of Rev. John and Sarah (Tileston) Swift, of Framingham, and a sister of Rev. John



Swift, Jr., of Acton. She was the mother of seven children, and d. Dec. 30, 1756. He md. (2d) 1757, published Oct. 9, Kezia (Bullen) Morse, b. Sept. 5, 1720, widow of Dea. Seth Morse, of Medfield, and dau. of John and Mehitabel (Fisher) Bullen. He d. in Walpole, Jan. 22, 1778, after a successful ministry of nearly fifty years, and about eight years after the death of his second wife. His children were: Mary, b. Nov. 22, 1734; d. Feb. 10, 1735; Phillips, b. Jan. 18, 1736, the distinguished minister of Chelsea; Swift, b. Nov. 27, 1737; Samuel, b. April 26, 1739, a minister in Lunenburg; George, b. Sept. 27, 1741; d. Jan. 31, 1742; George, b. May 24, 1744; John, b. Jan. 6, 1746, the first settled minister of Fitchburg. (*Vide* p. 210.) By his second wife he had only one child: Seth, b. Sept. 30, 1758, for many years the able minister of Rindge. The date of the birth of the above are transcribed from the Walpole records, which give the date of the birth of Rev. Samuel Payson 1739, instead of 1738, which has generally been accepted as correct. This record has been mainly compiled from manuscript registers in the possession of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, and is undoubtedly correct. It also suggests a few inaccuracies in Gage's "Rowley," p. 77, and in other published accounts of the generations of this family. From other sources of information it appears that Rev. Edward Payson, of Rowley, who md. Elizabeth Phillips, was a brother of Samuel Payson, of Dorchester, who md. her sister, Mary Phillips. The mother of Rev. Seth Payson was a dau. of John Bullen, a granddau. of Ephraim and Grace Bullen, a great-granddau. of Dea. Samuel and Mary (Morse) Bullen, and a great-great-granddau. of Samuel Morse, the Puritan of Dedham and Medfield. She was a woman of great affliction. Her husband and two sons were drowned in fording Charles River, May 25, 1753; her only remaining son d. July 31 of the same year, leaving her only Judith, who d. unmd. about 1769. At her death, Seth, her only child by her second marriage, inherited the property left by Dea. Morse; and his father, Rev. Phillips, was appointed guardian, April 27, 1770.

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| 1 | REV. SETH PAYSON, D. D., ( <i>vide</i> pp. 205-215) md. Sept. 19, 1782, Grata Payson, a distant relative, not a cousin, as has been stated. She was a dau. and fifth child of Dea. John and Thankful (Howe) Payson, of Pomfret, Conn., b. May 15, 1757; d. March 3, 1827, aged 70. She was a lady of very superior abilities and attainments, which are revealed in a most striking manner in the memoirs of her son, Rev. Edward Payson, D.D. |
| 2 | i. <i>Edward</i> , b. July 25, 1783; d. Oct. 22, 1827 ( <i>vide</i> p. 331). He md., 1811, Ann Louisa Shipman.   |
| 3 | 1. Louisa Shipman, b. Feb. 24, 1812; md. Aug. 25, 1841, Rev. Albert Hopkins, professor at Williams College. She d. 1862. Their only son was killed in the war of the Rebellion.  |
| 4 | 2. <i>Edward</i> , b. Sept. 14, 1813; md. Oct. 3, 1848, Penelope Ann Martin; she d. Nov. 16, 1867, leaving two sons: Edward P., b. July 16, 1849, a student-at-law; and William M., b. Aug. 18, 1852.  |

- 5 3. Caroline Shipman, b. Feb. 13, 1815; d. young.
- 6 4. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 1, 1816; d. young.
- 7 5. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 26, 1818; md. George L. Prentiss, D. D., professor in Theological Seminary in the city of New York. Their surviving children are: Annie, Minnie, George, and Henry.
- 8 6. Henry M., b. Oct. 13, 1821; a prominent citizen, and a banker in Portland. He md. Charlotte Gilman, who d. *s. p.*; md. (2d) Emma D. Conant, whose children are: Frank, George, Henry, and Richard.
- 9 7. George, b. May 26, 1824.
- 10 8. Charles, b. Sept. 3, 1826; md. Feb. 5, 1852, Ann Maria Robinson. Their children are: Charles, Alice, Edgar, Herbert, and Jennie.
- 11 II. *Grata*, b. April 5, 1785; md. Rev. Asa Rand, *q. v.*
- 12 III. *Charles*, b. Jan. 29, 1787; d. about 1804.
- 13 IV. *Ebenezer*, b. June 28, 1790; d. unmd. in Rindge, Sept. 23, 1849.
- 14 V. *Henry*, b. March 22, 1792; md. Jan. 20, 1821, Sarah Cutter, b. Nov. 5, 1792, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Wyman) Cutter. He resided in Jaffrey, Boston, and New York. He was town clerk of Jaffrey several years, and a deacon of the Old South Church, of Boston. He d. June 14, 1859.
- 15 1. Sarah Cutter, b. July 2, 1822; md. Nelson Ayres, and resides in Galesburg, Ill.
- 16 2. George Phillips, b. March 29, 1827; md. Abbie Harris. Removed to Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 17 VI. *Phillips*, b. Aug. 1, 1795; graduate of Andover Theological Seminary 1820. After preaching a few years in the State of New York, he was settled in Leominster, Mass., in 1825, and remained there about seven years. He subsequently preached three years in Hadley, Mass., and an equal length of time in Hamburg, Ct. He d. Feb. 16, 1856. Three of his sons, Charles, Edward, and George S. Payson, are ministers of great worth.
- 18 VII. *Eliza*, b. Nov. 16, 1797; md., 1816, George P. Shipman, of New York city.
- 19 VIII. *Seth*, b. Nov. 1, 1800; d. young.

## PEIRCE.

JOHN PEIRCE, a weaver, of Watertown, Mass., was admitted freeman 1638, and d. Aug. 19, 1661, aged about 73. The date of his emigration to this country is not known with certainty, but it is probable that his son, Anthony Peirce, who was b. in England 1609, was in Watertown before his arrival. Anthony, d. May 9, 1678, and among his nine children was Joseph Peirce, whose son, Francis Peirce, was b. July 27, 1671; md. Dec. 17, 1697, Hannah Johnson, of Watertown, and settled in Weston, Mass. He d. April 22, 1728. His youngest son, Jonas Peirce, b. 1717; md. April 7, 1743, Mary Adams, of Lexington, and d. in Lincoln, Jan. 6, 1805, aged 88; his widow d. Aug. 19, 1806. Among their nine children were: Benjamin, Eunice, who md. Henry Smith, of Rindge, and Abraham. These resided in this town.

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| 1  | BENJAMIN PEIRCE, son of Jonas and Mary (Adams) Peirce, was b. May 20, 1744. He md. in Lincoln, Oct. 7, 1771, Sarah Garfield, b. June 19, 1749, dau. of John and Thankful (Stowell) Garfield, of Weston, and immediately settled upon the Peirce farm, in School District No. 10. His wife soon d., and he md. (2d), 1773, Phebe Willard, probably from Townsend, who d. about 1785, and he md. (3d) Dec. 26, 1786, Judith Metcalf, dau. of Lieut. George Metcalf, of Rindge, <i>q. v.</i> He d. Nov. 12, 1825, aged 81; she d. Sept. 16, 1851, aged 87. Children of second wife:— |
| 2  | i. <i>Sally</i> , b. May 3, 1774; d. 1791.  |
| 3  | ii. <i>Betty</i> , b. Oct. 30, 1777; md. Ellis Colburn, and removed to Woodstock, Vt.   |
| 4  | iii. <i>Phebe</i> , b. Nov. 17, 1781; md. Feb. 5, 1805, Silas Warner, Jr., of Fitzwilliam; settled in Mt. Holley, Vt.   |
| 5  | iv. <i>Lucinda</i> , b. June 1, 1784; md. Jan. 2, 1805, Benjamin Wood, son of James Wood, <i>q. v.</i>  |
|    | Children of third wife:—  |
| 6  | v. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. Oct. 28, 1787. †  |
| 7  | vi. <i>Esther</i> , b. March 2, 1789; md. Jan. 21, 1807, Aaron Warner, brother of Silas, who md. her sister Phebe. They also removed to Mt. Holley.   |
| 8  | vii. <i>Judith</i> , b. June 9, 1791; md. Nathan Underwood, of Rindge, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 9  | viii. <i>Joel</i> , b. April 21, 1793.  |
| 10 | ix. <i>Julia</i> , b. Sept., 1796; md. Daniel Priest, and resided in Mt. Holley.  |
| 11 | x. <i>Sophia</i> , b. Aug. 23, 1799; d. Nov. 26, 1810.  |
| 12 | xi. <i>Amity</i> , b. April 12, 1802; d. Dec. 4, 1810.  |
| 13 | xii. <i>Mary</i> , b. Aug. 2, 1805; md. Derostus W. Emory, son of Capt. Stephen Emory, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 14 | xiii. <i>Joanna</i> , b. Sept. 7, 1807; md. April 13, 1834, Loammi Kendall; she resides, his widow, in Chelsea, Mass.   |

- (6) BENJAMIN PEIRCE resided, a farmer, upon the old home-  
stead. He md. Dec. 8, 1813, Lucinda Allen, dau. of Eliphaz  
Allen, *q. v.* She d. June 25, 1820, and he md. (2d) Sarah  
Raymond, b. June 28, 1789, dau. of Paul, Jr., and Sarah  
(Gale) Raymond, of Winchendon. She d. Feb. 9, 1851,  
and he md. (3d) Feb. 3, 1852, Mary (Coffin) Perkins, b.  
March 12, 1790, widow of John Perkins, of Rindge, *q. v.*,  
and dau. of Dea. George and Abigail (Raymond) Coffin,  
of Winchendon. He d. Jan. 8, 1858; his wife d. July 10,  
1856.
- 15 I. *Benjamin Warren*, son of first wife, b. 1819; d.,  
unmd., Jan. 18, 1843.
- Children of second wife:—
- 16 II. *Sarah G.*, b. Dec. 18, 1823; md. Jan. 31, 1844,  
Joel Page, son of Joel, of Fitchburg, Mass. He  
is a successful farmer in Fitchburg, and is  
highly respected. She d. Aug. 1, 1858.
- 17 1. *Lelia Maria*, b. Feb. 26, 1846.
- 18 2. *Warren B.*, b. April 8, 1848.
- 19 3. *Walter F.*, b. Nov. 23, 1850.
- 20 4. *Elsie A.*, b. Nov. 19, 1851; md. Nov. 15,  
1871, J. Stanley Perry, son of Col. Jason  
B. Perry, *q. v.*
- 21 5. *Herbert E.*, b. May 30, 1853.
- 22 III. *Augusta M.*, b. Sept. 15, 1829; md. Willard G.  
Jones, son of Asia Jones, *q. v.*
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- 23 ABRAHAM PEIRCE, a brother of Benjamin, Sen., was b.  
in Lincoln Sept. 2, 1755; md. Phebe Towne, dau. of Dea.  
Francis Towne, *q. v.* He was a farmer of Rindge; d.  
Sept. 12, 1802, and his widow md. Lieut. Nathaniel  
Thomas, *q. v.*
- 24 I. *Elipha*, b. June 17, 1780. †
- 25 II. *Abraham*, b. Feb. 13, 1789; md. —; md. (2d)  
Lurena Rugg, dau. of William, *q. v.* He d. in  
Methuen, Mass.
- 26 III. *Sally*, b. April 18, 1795; md. Jasper Rand. *q. v.* ;  
md. (2d) Christopher Smith.
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- (24) ELIPHA PEIRCE md. Aug. 30, 1799, Phebe Streeter, dau.  
of James, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 21, 1814; and he md. (2d)  
1815, published April 12, Anna Henry, dau. of Hugh  
Henry, *q. v.* He d. Jan. 14, 1849; his widow d. Jan. 24,  
1855, aged 62.
- 27 I. *Eliza*, b. Nov. 10, 1800; md. Dec. 29, 1818, Moses  
Towne, of Dublin, son of Cornelius Towne, *q. v.*  
She d. 1870.

- 28 II. *Melinda*, b. May 6, 1803; md. Samuel M. Kimball,  
No. 53 of Kimball register.
- 29 III. *Roxanna*, b. Dec. 7, 1805; md. Dec. 31, 1829, Abel  
Wilder Wood, of Templeton. Now reside in  
Cambridge, Vt. Only three of their ten chil-  
dren are living.
- 30 IV. *Phebe*, b. April 8, 1809; d. unmd.

31 JOSIAH PEIRCE was b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Oct. 28,  
1761. He was a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Dodge)  
Peirce, and a grandson of Ephraim and Esther (Shedd)  
Peirce, of Groton. He was a cousin of Benjamin  
Gould, of Rindge, and a nephew of the wife of Dea.  
John Lovejoy. It was this Ephraim Peirce who md. for  
his second wife Huldah (Martyn) Wetherbee, widow of  
Hezekiah Wetherbee. Josiah md. Nov. 14, 1782, Azubah  
Heywood, or Howard, who was b. in Acton, Mass., Feb.  
18, 1764, and removed to Rindge in 1784. He was a  
respected citizen, and resided in the south-west part of  
the town. She d. May 30, 1827, and he md. (2d) Dec.  
26, 1827, Polly Rugg, dau. of Thomas Rugg, Sen. He d.  
Oct. 10, 1834.

- 32 I. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 20, 1782; md. March 29, 1803,  
Levi Bixby, son of Levi and Ruth (Darling)  
Bixby, of Winchendon. They removed to  
Boston. She md. (2d) J. R. Goodspeed, and d.  
Feb. 3, 1846.
- 33 II. *Susannah*, b. Feb. 20, 1784; md. Jonathan Davis.  
She d. Jan. 7, 1829.
- 34 III. *Nahum*, b. Nov. 11, 1785; md. Mary Hildreth.  
He was taxed in Rindge until 1825.
- 35 IV. *Josiah*, b. Oct. 30, 1787; md. Susan Hatstat; d.  
1859.
- 36 V. *Joseph*, b. March 16, 1789; md. Rosanna Hatstat.
- 37 VI. *Stephen*, b. Jan. 11, 1791; md. Adeline Pike.
- 38 VII. *John*, b. Dec. 12, 1792; md. Rebecca Ormsby.
- 39 VIII. *Sally*, b. Sept. 28, 1794; md. Benjamin Pike.
- 40 IX. *Lucy*, b. March 19, 1796; md. Bulkley Nutting.
- 41 X. *Mary*, b. May 8, 1798; md. Sewell Philbrook; d.  
1843.
- 42 XI. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 24, 1800; md. Calvin Tarbell, son  
of Thomas Tarbell, *q. v.*
- 43 XII. *Leonard*, b. April 12, 1802; md. Dec. 31, 1829,  
Caroline Goodspeed, and resides in Fitzwilliam.
- 44 1. Josiah Rivers, b. May 3, 1831; d. Sept. 22,  
1856.
- 45 2. Sarah Ann, b. Jan. 3, 1833; md. —; d.  
1870.



- 46 3. Lizzie Goodspeed, b. Jan. 11, 1835; md. —; d. 1875.
- 47 4. Carrie H., b. May 22, 1840; md. Jan. 18, 1859, William Bent, and resides in Fitzwilliam. (1) Irving P., b. Nov. 26, 1862; (2) George J., b. June 9, 1871.
- 48 XIII. *Thomas J.*, b. Oct. 20, 1803; md. Martha Jane Stevens.
- 49 XIV. *Jonathan*, b. Aug. 1, 1805; md. April 12, 1833, Laura Platts, dau. of Asa and Rebecca (Buswell) Platts, *q. v.* She d. Nov. 17, 1837, and he md. (2d) Sophronia Underwood.
- 50 XV. *Abraham*, b. April 19, 1807; md. Feb. 16, 1831, Eunice B. Fassett; resides in Winchendon.

51 BENJAMIN PEIRCE, 2D., probably not related to the other families of Peirce, with wife Rebecca, came to Rindge about the close of the Revolution. He lived near the present residence of George W. Todd. He removed from town previous to 1793.

- 52 I. *Bridget*, b. in Rindge May 7, 1785.

53 CHARLES PEIRCE resided east of Monomonock Lake, upon the "Bixby place," from 1799 to 1813. He was a son of Isaac and Hannah (Mason) Peirce, of Watertown, and was b. in that town Nov. 24, 1765. He md. Aug. 14, 1791, Sarah Sanderson, dau. of Abraham and Sarah (Wheeler) Sanderson, of Weston. They removed to Decatur, N. Y. Isaac Sanderson, a brother of Mrs. Peirce, had previously resided for a few years upon the same farm. There were other children of Charles and Sarah Peirce, but their names have not been ascertained.

- 54 I. *Isaac S.*, bap. July 14, 1799.
- 55 II. *Marshall*, bap. Feb. 15, 1801.
- 56 III. *Marianna*, bap. Dec. 9, 1810.

57 ELIJAH PEIRCE, a native of Grafton, Mass., md. Emily Boyden, and removed to Rindge 1840.

- 58 I. *Lorenzo*, b. 1835; md. Ellen Carpenter, of Plymouth; d. in Rindge Nov. 25, 1870.
- 59 II. *John*, md. Louisa Hall. Resides in Plymouth.
- 60 III. *Emily*, md. George Metcalf, son of Timothy Metcalf, *q. v.*
- 61 IV. *Martha*, b. 1847; d. Dec. 26, 1863.
- 62 V. *Charles*, resides at home.

1 ELISHA PERKINS, then of Topsfield, md. in Ipswich, June 7, 1769, Jane Manning, and removed to Rindge in 1771. He was a member of Capt. Hale's Company 1775, and of Capt. Stone's Company 1777 (*vide pp.* 108, 140),



and d. in consequence of heat and excessive fatigue experienced on the day of the battle of Bennington, Aug. 31, 1777. His widow d. May 27, 1822, aged 76. On page 140 the name of Abel was inadvertently substituted for that of Elisha. Abel Perkins was not in the service at that time.

- 2 I. *Elisha*, b. in Topsfield, July 18, 1770; d. 1777.  
 3 II. *Jane*, b. in Rindge, July 4, 1772; d. 1777.  
 4 III. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 2, 1774; d. 1777.  
 5 IV. *Elisha*, b. Oct. 5, 1777 (posthumous); he was a farmer; d. in Rindge, unmd., Aug. 4, 1851.

6 ABEL PERKINS settled in Rindge with his brother Elisha upon a tract of land now owned by George W. Towne and others, in 1771; md. Mary Baker, of Beverly, Mass. He d. Jan. 8, 1821, aged 73; his widow d. Nov. 26, 1825, aged 75. The order of age of the following children may not be preserved.

- 7 I. *Abel (Jr.)*, b. 1773; was a farmer in Rindge; md. Oct. 21, 1800, Lucretia Philbrick, dau. of James and Eunice (Hale) Philbrick, *q. v.* He d. March 22, 1849; his widow d. Aug. 25, 1850.
- 8 1. Abel, b. Sept. 14, 1801; md. July 5, 1835, Irene Cass, dau. of Jona. and Abigail (Dow) Cass; resided in Rindge until 1849, when he removed to Holden, Mass., where he d. March, 1871; his wife d. June, 1862.
- 9 2. Raymond, b. Dec. 28, 1802; when about 30 years of age he became insane, and was supported by the town. He d. 1871.
- 10 3. Charles Payson, b. March 28, 1804; deceased; date of death unknown.
- 11 4. Enoch, b. Aug. 14, 1805; learned the trade of clothier with Dea. Brown; deceased; date of death unknown.
- 12 5. Edward, b. June 26, 1808. He is proprietor of an eating-house in Boston.
- 13 6. Lucretia P., b. Oct. 17, 1809; d., unmd., Jan. 25, 1840.
- 14 7. Nathan H., b. 1814; d. Aug. 17, 1815.
- 15 II. *Anna*, b. 1776; d. unmd. Nov. 7, 1825.
- 16 III. *Jacob*, md. Nov. 13, 1798, Debby Rand, dau. of Capt. Solomon Rand, *q. v.*; removed to Newton, Mass.
- 17 IV. *Joseph*.
- 18 V. *Elisha*.

- 19 | vi. *John*, b. 1787; md., 1824, published April 2, Mary Coffin, dau. of Dea. George and Abigail (Raymond) Coffin, of Winchendon. He was a farmer in Rindge, and d. Aug. 16, 1850; his widow md. (2d) Benjamin Peirce, *q. v.*
- 20 |       1. George R., b. —; md. Mary Pettengill, dau. of William Pettengill, of Sharon, N. H., and removed to the West.
- 21 |       2. Daughter, b. 1826; d. July 10, 1828.
- 22 | vii. *Ezra*, b. 1791; md., 1825, Susan Hubbard, dau. of Levi and Abigail Hubbard, of Walpole, N. H. She d. June 13, 1863, and he md. (2d) 1865, her sister, widow Abigail (Hubbard) Underwood. He removed from the farm on which his father settled in 1867, and resided in Chester, Vt., until his death, June 2, 1874. No children.

## PERRY.

JOHN PERRY, probably a son of John, of Watertown, md. in that place Dec. 13, 1667, Sarah Clary, b. Oct. 4, 1647, dau. of John and Mary (Cassel) Clary, of Watertown. He d. leaving nine children previous to 1725; his widow d. in Cambridge Oct. 11, 1730. John Perry, their son, b. March 3, 1669-70, md. July 19, 1693, Sarah Price, b. Sept. 27, 1667, dau. of William and Mary (Marblehead) Price, of Watertown. They resided in Cambridge where he d. previous to 1730. James Perry, the youngest of their eight children, was b. in Cambridge Feb. 27, 1711-12; and in Cambridge by wife Lydia had eight or more children.

- 1 | JOHN PERRY, son of James and Lydia, bap. in West Cambridge Jan. 19, 1755; md. Feb. 28, 1775, Persis Mixer, b. Nov. 6, 1756, dau. of Josiah and Sarah (Mead) Mixer, of Watertown. She d. 1780, and he md. (2d) Nov. 22, 1781, Abigail Bigelow, dau. of Jason and Abigail (Witt) Bigelow, of Marlboro, and subsequently of Brookfield, Mass. They resided a few years in Lincoln, and united with the church there in Nov., 1787. In 1789 they removed to the north-east part of this town, and a few years later to the farm now of their son, Col. Jason B. Perry. Abigail, his wife, d. Sept. 11, 1818; he md. (3d) Feb. 17, 1820, Lucy Weston, whose father was a citizen of Jaffrey and d. in the Revolutionary army. He d. Aug. 7, 1834, aged 80; his widow d. Jan. 16, 1857, aged 98. Mr. Perry was a highly respected citizen, and his wife Abigail was a person of superior intellect and purity of character. She was a granddau. of Samuel and Mary (Gleason) Bigelow, great-granddau. of Samuel and Mary (Flagg) Bigelow, and great-great-granddau. of John and Mary (Warren) Bigelow, the emigrant ancestors of the family. The repre-

sentative of each generation was prominent in the municipal affairs of Watertown, where they resided. The original English name is Baguley, and the line of descent is traced from a remote period. The children of John Perry, of Rindge, were as follows:—

- 2       i. *Lydia*, b. in Watertown July 17, 1776; d. Aug. 6,  
1779.  
3       ii. *Persis*, b. Feb. 24, 1778; md. Ephraim Hunt, *q. v.*  
4       iii. *John*, b. April 18, 1780. +

Children of second wife:—

- 5       iv. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 9, 1782; md. March 3, 1808, Job  
Hill, b. July 7, 1780. They resided in Vermont,  
and in Peterboro, N. H., where he d. June 4,  
1858.  
6       v. *Lydia*, b. April 9, 1784; md. Dec. 31, 1823, Samuel  
Alld, b. Aug. 25, 1766; d. Dec. 24, 1841; she  
md. (2d) Oct. 17, 1848, Nathaniel Brown, b.  
May 25, 1779; d. in Warner, N. H., March 11,  
1865. She has a home in the family of her  
brother in Rindge, and with one exception is  
the oldest person in Rindge.  
7       vi. *Benjamin*, b. May 11, 1786; removed to the State  
of New York; md. Nov. 2, 1813, Anne Barker,  
of Hoosic. He was an architect and builder,  
and was engaged on many expensive buildings.  
He d., 1851, leaving ten children.  
8       vii. *Chauncey*, b. Feb. 8, 1788. +  
9       viii. *Abigail*, b. in Rindge, May 15, 1791; md. Feb.  
21, 1826, John Allison, and resided many years  
in Peterboro, N. H. She d. Feb. 13, 1873, in  
Sioux City, Iowa. John Perry Allison, a son of  
this marriage, is a successful banker in Sioux  
City.  
10       ix. *Sarah*, b. June 12, 1793; d., unmd., March 19,  
1842.  
11       x. *Daughter*, b. July 12; d. July 15, 1795.  
12       xi. *Selinda*, b. Jan. 29, 1798; d., unmd., Jan. 23, 1851.  
13       xii. *Jason Bigelow*, b. Sept. 27, 1801. +

(4) JOHN PERRY came to Rindge at nine years of age. He learned the trade of miller with William Kimball; md. Jan. 29, 1809, Mary Lock, b. Oct. 31, 1788, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Butterfield) Locke, of West Cambridge, Mass. They resided in West Cambridge, where he d. Oct. 31, 1837; she d. in Aug., 1832.

- 14       i. *John Butterfield*, md. Aug. 23, 1835, Hannah M. W. Locke, b. March 1, 1813, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth (Allen) Locke; she d. Feb. 10,

1842, and he md. (2d) June 28, 1849, Elvira Raymond; settled in Cambridge.

- 15 II. *Joseph*, md. Maria White.  
 16 III. *Mary*, md. Thomas Russell.  
 17 IV. *Persis Maria*, md. Paul Dodge.

- (8) CHAUNCEY PERRY, md. June 5, 1818, Abigail Stearns, b. Jan. 31, 1793, dau. of Isaac and Mary (Crosby) Stearns, of Ashburnham, and granddau. of Hon. Isaac Stearns, of Billerica, Mass. In 1823 they removed from Rindge to New Ipswich, where she d. April 14, 1853. Their sons, John Philander, Albert, and Isaac Stearns were clergymen. Chauncey and Timothy are lawyers in Brooklyn, N. Y. (*Vide* p. 361.)

- (13) COL. JASON B. PERRY resides upon the homestead farm. At all times manifesting a commendable interest in the welfare of the town, the schools, and all laudable public enterprises, he is an influential and useful citizen, and has been much employed in public affairs. At an early age he was commissioned in the 12th Regiment of militia, and retired with the rank of colonel, although the line of promotion was open to him, if additional honors had been desired. He represented the town in the Legislature, 1852 and 1853; has been selectman sixteen years, and was chairman of the war committee during the war of the Rebellion. After thirty years continuous service as treasurer of the Congregational Society, he declined a reelection, in March, 1871. In the settlement of many estates, and as guardian of the orphan, he has faithfully rendered the most efficient service. He md. Nov. 11, 1828, Sally Wilson, b. Sept. 22, 1804, dau. of Major Supply and Sally (Scripture) Wilson, of New Ipswich, and granddau. of Supply Wilson, of Woburn and New Ipswich. Their nine children are as follows:—

- 18 I. *Mary*, b. March 18, 1830; md. Dana S. Walker, *q. v.*  
 19 II. *Eliza*, b. Aug. 3, 1831; md. Julius A. Hale, *q. v.*  
 20 III. *Susan*, b. April 11, 1833; md. Washington Whittemore, *q. v.*  
 21 IV. *John Wilson*, b. April 17, 1835; md. Feb. 15, 1860, Mary Vose Cutter, dau. of William T. and Lydia (Jennings) Cutter, of Jaffrey. They reside in Denmark, Iowa.  
 22 V. *James Bigelow* b. Aug. 13, 1837; received a liberal education, and for several years was a successful teacher. He was a member of the 16th N. H. Vols. (*vide* p. 322). In the spring of 1864 he removed to McHenry, Illinois, where he has

- prosperously engaged in mercantile pursuits. His superior abilities and unimpeachable character have been promptly recognized by his townsmen by whom he has been elected trustee and president of the civil government of the incorporated village of McHenry, and for several years he has been a justice of the peace. He md. Aug. 25, 1867, Arlette Tuttle, dau. of Joseph B. and — (Horton) Tuttle. They have two children.
- 23 VI. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 22, 1839; md. May 1, 1862, Walter Morse Flanders, of Warner, N. H., where she d. June 18, 1863; and he md. (2d) June 2, 1864, her sister, Sarah. They reside in Warner.
- 24 VII. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 12, 1842; md. Walter Morse Flanders.
- 25 VIII. *Jason Stanley*, b. Jan. 8, 1847; md. Nov. 15, 1871, Elsie Augusta Page, dau. of Joel and Sarah (Peirce) Page, of Fitchburg, and granddau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Raymond) Peirce, of Rindge. He is a farmer, and resides upon the farm formerly of his father and grandfather.
- 26 IX. *Jane Sophronia*, twin; b. Jan. 8, 1847.
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- 27 ASA PERRY, parentage unknown; a farmer. Resided several years on the farm now of Derostus W. Emory. He md. Jerusha Gibson, dau. of Reuben Gibson, of Fitchburg. He d., leaving no children, Sept. 23, 1822, and his widow md. (2d) Oct. 23, 1823, Capt. Francis Dean, of Fitchburg, Mass.
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- 1 JAMES PHILBRICK was b. in Hampstead, N. H., Nov. 29, 1739; md. Nov. 30, 1762, Eunice Hale, dau. of Moses Hale, Senior, of Rindge. Previous to his removal to this town he had served in the French and Indian wars, having been a member of Capt. Tash's company, in Col. Joseph Blanchard's Regiment. In the Revolution he was in Col. Nichol's Regiment (*vide* p. 167). He was selectman for the year 1779, and was frequently named on committees. His residence was in the north part of the town, where James P. Clay now resides, and for several years he had the management of the old saw-mill near Grassy Pond. His wife Eunice d. May 4, 1776, and he md. (2d) Nov. 14, 1776, Elizabeth Cutter, dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hastings) Cutter, *q. v.* In 1803 the family removed to Vermont.
- 2 I. *Elizabeth*, b. July 18, 1763.
- 3 II. *James*, b. Oct. 13, 1764.
- 4 III. *Eunice*, b. May 13, 1766; d. July 22, 1767.



- 5     iv. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 26, 1767; md. March 30, 1792, Reuben Safford, of Jaffrey.  
 6     v. *Enoch*, b. June 25, 1769.  
 7     vi. *Eunice*, b. May 13, 1771; md. Francis Emory, *q. v.*  
 8     vii. *Walter*, b. Feb. 7, 1773.  
 9     viii. *Lucretia*, b. Aug. 10, 1775; md. Abel Perkins, Jr., *q. v.*

Children of second wife:—

- 10    ix. *Son*, b. June 19, 1777; d. June 20, 1777.  
 11    x. *Molley*, b. April 22, 1778; md. Dec. 10, 1798, Corin Ladd. Their sons, John and Ambrose, were residing in Winchendon 1823-4.  
 12    xi. *Daughter*, b. Dec. 4, 1779; d. same day.  
 13    xii. *Jonathan Cutter*, b. Nov. 30, 1780.  
 14    xiii. *Hepsy*, b. June 22, 1782.  
 15    xiv. *Betsey*, b. March 25, 1784; d. July 31, 1786.  
 16    xv. *Joseph*, b. — 19, 1786.  
 17    xvi. *Rachel*, b. June 22, 1788.  
 18    xvii. *Azubah*, b. June 16, 1790; d. July 12, 1790.  
 19    xviii. *Sene*, b. Aug. 10, 1791.  
 20    xix. *Benjamin*, b. March 14, 1792.  
 21    xx. *Rebecca*, b. March 14, 1794.

1     THOMAS PIPER, a blacksmith, removed from Littleton, Mass., to Rindge, soon after the Revolution. He md. June 20, 1786, Hepsibeth Jewett, dau. of Ezekiel and Hannah (Platts) Jewett, *q. v.* About 1818 they removed to Watertown, N. Y., where he d. March 22, 1849; his wife, a woman of character and uncommon energy, d. July 29, 1845.

- 2     i. *Hepsibeth*, b. Jan. 27, 1787; md. Thomas Smith, *q. v.*  
 3     ii. *Thomas*, b. April 16, 1789; removed, 1810, to Hartland, Vt.; md. Hannah Shaw; d. 1831, in Columbus, Ohio.  
 4     iii. *Polly*, b. Feb. 13, 1791; md. Joshua Converse, Esq., *q. v.*  
 5     iv. *Lavina*, b. Jan. 19, 1793; md. in Rindge, Jan. 5, 1812, Obadiah Perry; she d. in Littleton, Mass., 1817, leaving two children.  
 6         1. Lavina.  
 7         2. Mary, md. Henry Gipson, *q. v.*  
 8     v. *Mersylvia*, b. Feb. 26, 1795; md. Feb. 21, 1822, Leonard De Lano, son of Capt. Thomas and Olive De Lano. They resided in Watertown, N. Y., where he d. June 10, 1872, aged 78. Their children are as follows:—  
 9         1. Harriet M., b. Dec. 4, 1822; md. Oct. 5,



- 1846, Albert Knight; she d. in St. Peter, Minn., Sept. 22, 1873.
- 10 2. Thomas L., b. Nov. 18, 1823; drowned June 28, 1835.
- 11 3. Eveline S., b. April 1, 1825; md. Feb. 16, 1845, James C. Burbank; reside in St. Paul, Minn.
- 12 4. Marcus D., b. June 5, 1826; md. Oct. 5, 1850, Jeanette Sutton; live in Brookside, Wis.
- 13 5. Mortimer C., b. June 25, 1828; md. July 28, 1851, Silvia Birmingham. He d. in Brookside, Wis., April 30, 1873.
- 14 6. Laura M., b. Sept. 24, 1829; resides, unmd., in Watertown.
- 15 7. William W., b. Sept. 29, 1833; md. June 2, 1856, Eliza J. Bundy; reside in Pensaukee, Wis.
- 16 8. George W., b. March 14, 1835; md. Mary A. Rudd; live in Brookside, Wis.
- 17 vi. *Sophia*, b. Jan. 13, 1797; md. Abel Platts (No. 46 of Platts Register); she d. in Michigan 1859.
- 18 vii. *Betsey*, b. March 17, 1799; md. 1817, Otis Darling, of Pomfret, Vt.
- 19 viii. *Hannah*, b. May 8, 1801; md. 1820, Amasa Skinner. Resided in Watertown, and in Wisconsin, where she d. 1872, leaving five children.
- 20 ix. *Arathusa*, b. April 19, 1803; md. Walter Brooks, *q. v.*
- 21 x. *Nancy*, b. April 7, 1805; md. Oct. 2, 1823, Alfred Guthrie, Esq. She d. in Chicago, Ill., July 20, 1854. Mr. Guthrie has held many positions of trust, both municipal and state, and has received several appointments from the general government.
- 22 1. Eveline, b. June 24, 1824; md. William M. Dunn. He was drowned in the Mississippi River, leaving one son and three daus.
- 23 2. Ossian b. Feb. 28, 1826. Resides in Chicago.
- 24 3. Samuel, b. Dec. 11, 1828; resides in San Francisco, Cal. Has a family.
- 25 4. Wardell, b. April 29, 1831; is md. and lives in Chicago. One dau. living.
- 26 5. Sybil, b. July 30, 1841; d. April 13, 1844.
- 27 xi. *Silvester*, b. June 6, 1808; md. May 18, 1828, Sarah Newell, b. June 1, 1810. They reside in Illinois.

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| 28 | 1. Anson S., b. June 1, 1829.                    |
| 29 | 2. Otis, b. Nov. 18, 1831.                       |
| 30 | 3. Thomas, b. Sept. 16, 1835.                    |
| 31 | 4. Seth N., b. Dec. 2, 1837.                     |
| 32 | 5. Harriet N., b. May 31, 1840.                  |
| 33 | 6. Charles, b. July 29, 1842.                    |
| 34 | 7. Albert, b. Feb. 21, 1847.                     |
| 35 | 8. Sarah I., b. Feb. 25, 1850.                   |
| 36 | 9. Ada, b. Nov. 12, 1851.                        |
| 37 | xii. <i>Eveline</i> , b. Feb. 15, 1810; d. 1823. |

## PLATTS.

The Platts family is of English origin. The name appears upon the records of Rowley as early as 1654, and several persons bearing the name were residents of that town earlier than Lieut. Abel Platts, who was an officer in the expedition to Canada in 1690. He md. in Rowley, May 8, 1672, Lydia Holly, and their son Moses, b. 1673, by wife Hannah had Abel, of Rindge, b. 1704; Moses, b. 1707; Nathan, of Lunenburg, the father of Nathan of Fitzwilliam, b. 1715, and Jonathan, b. 1719. The following registers present conclusive proof that the descendants of Abel Platts, of Rindge, are exceedingly numerous. Those in the male line retaining the name are easily enumerated, but in the descendants of the daus. the number is still greater. From his dau. Mary are descended the Isaac Wood family, with numerous branches, and the Gragg family. From Hannah have sprung an army of Jewetts, the Pipers, the Colburns, the Converses, the children and grandchildren of Walton Brooks, the family of Thomas Smith, and other names more recently intermarried. To the family of Capt. Joseph Platts add the Amesess, the Ruggs, and the Buttricks, and with all these include the multitude bearing names not mentioned who have gone abroad, then will Abel Platts appear not only the first settler, but the father of the town.

- 1 CAPT. ABEL PLATTS, son of Moses, and grandson of Lieut. Abel, was b. in Rowley, Mass., Feb. 6, 1703-4. He md. in his native town, April 21, 1725, Mary Varnum, and in 1738 removed to Lunenburg. The same year, with Nathan Heywood, the surveyor, he came to this town in the capacity of chain-man, and assisted in tracing the boundaries of the Massachusetts grant. With excellent judgment he selected the farm now of Martin L. Goddard, and many adjoining acres, and commenced his clearing as early as 1742. His ax first awoke the echoes in the forests, and the untested soil received from his thrifty hand the first seed scattered in anticipation of fruitful harvests. Perhaps from fear of incursions by the Indians, during the continuance of the war which commenced in 1744, his labors were interrupted; but in 1751, or the following year, he commenced a permanent residence in this town upon the shore of Pool Pond, having given the other lot to his eldest son.

Between 1738 and 1751 his family had remained nearly all of the time in Lunenburg, and he had served one campaign at least in the wars, and had participated in the capture of Louisburg. In the new township he was an active and influential citizen, and was frequently appointed on important committees. He d. July 23, 1777. His will, dated July 3, 1771, was soon after entered in probate. To his son Joseph, probably on account of a former gift of land, he only bequeaths "my blacksmith tools which I esteem to be worth five pounds." To Abel, Jr., he left all his real estate, being lots 16 and 17 in the eighth range. He also mentions his wife Mary, his dau. Hannah Jewett, and his granddau. Elizabeth Wood. She was the dau. of Michael and Mary (Platts) Wood, and subsequently the wife of Daniel Gragg, of Rindge. His widow was buried upon the farm, but the date of her death is unknown.

- 2     i. *Joseph*, b. 1726. +  
 3     ii. *Mary*, b. —; md. in Lunenburg, Dec. 2, 1745,  
       Michael Wood, *q. v.*  
 4     iii. *Abel*, b. in Lunenburg, March 28, 1738. +  
 5     iv. *Hannah*, b. in Lunenburg, Jan. 13, 1741; md. June  
       16, 1759, Ezekiel Jewett, *q. v.*  
 6     v. *Sarah*, b. in Lunenburg, Sept. 4, 1744. Sarah  
       Platts admitted to the church in Rindge, Jan.  
       26, 1766, by letter from the church in Lunen-  
       burg. Perhaps the second wife of Ensign  
       Joseph Platts is meant, as this dau. is said to  
       have d. at eight or ten years of age.

- (2)     ENSIGN JOSEPH PLATTS settled in Rindge as early as 1752. The conflict of titles between him and the Masonian proprietors is given in Chap. II., and need not be repeated in this connection. He resided upon the same farm until his death, but during several years the management devolved upon his son, Capt. Joseph. He md. Nov. 16, 1752, Deborah Page, dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Gould) Page, *q. v.*; she d., leaving three children, and he md. (2d), Oct. 2, 1760, Mrs. Sarah Bowers, widow of Nehemiah Bowers, and dau. of Samuel Larrabee, *q. v.*; she d., also leaving three children, and he md. (3d) Mrs. Elizabeth (Page) Wright, a sister of his first wife, and widow of Thomas Wright, who d. in Lunenburg 1777. By Mr. Wright she had three children. Ensign Joseph Platts d. Aug. 25, 1817, aged 91; his widow d. Sept. 28, 1824, aged 83.

- 7     i. *Mercy*, b. Oct. 20, 1753; d. young.  
 8     ii. *Joseph*, b. 1755; bap. Aug. 31. +  
 9     iii. *Hannah*, b. 1758; bap. March 5; md. April 9,  
       1777, Samuel Parker, *q. v.*

Children of second wife:—

- 10 iv. *Ebenezer*, b. 1761. +  
 11 v. *Abigail*, b. 1766; bap. Nov. 17; md. Aug. 11,  
 1785, Ezekiel Jewett, Jr., her cousin, *q. v.*  
 12 vi. *David*, b. 1767; bap. Dec. 27; probably d. young.

(4) ABEL PLATTS, JR., md. April 26, 1759, Phebe Wetherbee, dau. of Hezekiah Wetherbee, *q. v.* He resided upon the old homestead in Rindge, where he d. March 6, 1819; his widow d., at the residence of her grandson, Hosea, in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 3, 1841, aged 101 years, 4 months, and 24 days. He and his son Abel were both styled junior, and it cannot be determined with absolute certainty which is referred to in all cases. It is probable that it was the father who was a member of Capt. Hale's, Capt. Brown's, and Capt. Stone's Companies. (*Vide* pp. 108, 135, 136.)

- 13 i. *Mary*, b. Jan. 31, 1760.  
 14 ii. *Abel*, (*Jr.*), b. Dec. 10, 1761. +  
 15 iii. *Phebe*, b. Nov. 11, 1763.  
 16 iv. *Asa*, b. May 28, 1766. +  
 17 v. *Sarah*, b. June 18, 1768.  
 18 vi. *Lucy*, b. April 2, 1771; md. Jan. 28, 1787, Daniel Gilson, and resided at Mt. Holley, Vermont.  
 19 vii. *Dolley*, b. Sept. 14, 1773. "Betsey, dau. of Dolley Platts, b. in Rindge Feb. 8, 1796." Town records.  
 20 viii. *Ruth*, b. Feb. 29, 1776; md. March 17, 1799, Joel Chamberlain.  
 21 ix. *Aaron*, b. Nov. 2, 1778.  
 22 x. *Aram*, b. March 30, 1781.  
 23 xi. *Huldah*, b. July 3, 1783.

(8) CAPT. JOSEPH PLATTS, son of Ensign Joseph, md. March 24, 1778, Abigail Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Holden) Sawtell, *q. v.* He settled on the farm of his father, of which he soon acquired possession. He was in the Revolutionary service on four occasions (*vide* pp. 108, 136, 140, 164), was selectman 1796, and held other positions of trust. He d. March 29, 1799, and his widow md. (2d) Enos Lake, *q. v.*

- 24 i. *Sally*, b. Sept. 6, 1778; md. Jeremiah Ames, *q. v.*  
 25 ii. *Debby*, b. Jan. 28, 1781.  
 26 iii. *Joseph*, b. March 6, 1784. +  
 27 iv. *John Varnum*, b. April 22, 1786. +  
 28 v. *Josiah S.*, b. April 28, 1788; md. Oct. 31, 1811.  
 Lydia Walton, dau. of William Walton, *q. v.*  
 In 1812 they removed from town.  
 29 vi. *Cynthia*, b. June 8, 1790; md. Capt. Luke Rugg, *q. v.*

- 30 VII. *Warham R.*, b. July 18, 1792; md. Sallie Harvey, of Chesterfield, where he continued to reside until his death in 1872. He was sheriff of Cheshire county.
- 31 VIII. *Fanny*, b. July 14, 1794; md. Amos Buttrick, *q. v.*
- 32 IX. *Phinehas*, b. Aug. —, 1796.
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- (10) EBENEZER PLATTS, son of Ensign Joseph, had a saw-mill on Platts' Brook, near the highway leading from Converseville to the residence of Gilman P. Wellington. He was in the Revolutionary army. (*Vide* pp. 164, 166.) He removed, about 1800, to Vermont, where his wife Priscilla d. March 9, 1806, aged 43. His name upon the Rindge records is frequently written Eben. Eight of his eleven children were b. in Rindge.
- 33 I. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 27, 1782; md. — Avery; lived in Orford, N. H.
- 34 II. *Sukey*, b. April 4, 1784; was md. and removed to the West.
- 35 III. *Eben*, b. April 22, 1786; settled in Montreal; had a family.
- 36 IV. *Parmer*, or *Palmer*, b. June 26, 1790; resided in Claremont, N. H.
- 37 V. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 25, 1792; removed to the West.
- 38 VI. *Priscilla*, b. April 3, 1794.
- 39 VII. *David*, b. March 11, 1796; resided in Vershire, Vt.; md. Ellen Fuller. He wrote his name Platt. Among his fourteen children is Horace Platt, of Fitchburg.
- 40 VIII. *Sallie*, b. Aug. 16, 1798; md. — Norcross; lived in Maine, and later in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 41 IX. *Joseph*, b. May 2, 1800.
- 42 X. *Mahala*, b. May 12, 1802.
- 43 XI. *Almira*, b. Feb. 26, 1804.
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- (14) ABEL PLATTS, JR., son of Abel, Jr., md. Dec. 26, 1786, Meletiah Metcalf, dau. of Lieut. George Metcalf, *q. v.* In 1781 he enlisted into the Continental service, and remained in the army until the close of the war. About 1802 he removed to the State of New York, and d. at or near Sacket's Harbor in 1812. Previous to his removal, four children were b. in Rindge.
- 44 I. *Henrietta*, b. May 19, 1788.
- 45 II. *Martin*, b. May 8, 1790.
- 46 III. *Abel*, b. Feb. 9, 1793; md. Sophia Piper, *q. v.*; resided in Watertown, N. Y., and in Fairfield, Mich. Two sons and two daus.
- 47 IV. *Asa*, b. Jan. 6, 1796; d. 1812.

- (16) ASA PLATTS, son of Abel, Jr., md. Jan. 29, 1799, Rebecca Buswell, dau. of John Buswell, *q. v.* He was a successful farmer, and lived in the old Ninth School District. (*Vide* p. 284.) He d. March 18, 1848, aged nearly 82; his wife d. March 20, 1848, aged nearly 76.
- 48 I. *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 30, 1800; d. unmd. Dec. 25, 1824.
- 49 II. *Asa*, b. Feb. 27, 1802. +
- 50 III. *Hosea*, b. Feb. 17, 1804. +
- 51 IV. *Harvey*, b. Nov. 1, 1805; was for a short time engaged in the manufacture of wooden-ware with Levi Howe and Stephen Jewett. In 1852 he removed to Fitzwilliam, where he d. Sept. 20, of that year. He md. Oct. 13, 1829, Harriet Davis, who d. Oct. 10, 1852. Their dau. Susannah d. Oct. 11, 1852, and the other children removed to the West. They were Henry H., who md. Emily Sawtell, dau. of Solomon Sawtell, 2d, Asa, Charles, George, Jonathan, Sally, Silas, and Abel.
- 52 V. *Almon*, b. Feb. 22, 1808; md. Dec. 29, 1841, Abby M. Howe, of Portsmouth, N. H. He was engaged in the lumber business, and d. in Boston, Oct. 7, 1862.
- 53 1. Maria Victoria, b. Nov. 14, 1842; d. Sept. 13, 1847.
- 54 2. Henry Almon, b. Jan. 20, 1845; d. March 11, 1846.
- 55 3. Georgiana, b. Dec. 1, 1847; resides in Boston.
- 56 4. Ella M., b. Sept. 1, 1850; resides in Boston.
- 57 5. Almon, b. May 12, 1856; d. March 7, 1864.
- 58 VI. *Laura*, b. Nov. 13, 1809; md. April 12, 1832, Jonathan Peirce, *q. v.*
- 59 VII. *John*, b. Nov. 8, 1811; md. March 26, 1840, Nancy W. Stearns, dau. of Capt. Freeborn Stearns, *q. v.*; she d. Oct. 17, 1847; md. (2d) March 16, 1856, Louisa (Adams) Hale, widow of Marshall A. Hale, *q. v.*, and dau. of Israel Adams, *q. v.* He has resided in Boston since 1835, and for the past twenty years has been a commissioned surveyor of lumber for the Suffolk District. His residence is in Charlestown District.
- 60 1. John Franklin, b. May 13, 1841.
- 61 2. Harriet Maria, b. July 12, 1842; d. Oct. 26, 1843.
- 62 3. Ellen Eliza, b. March 8, 1844.



- 63 4. Edwin Morton, b. May 29, 1845; he was in the Union army, and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 14, 1863.
- 64 5. Infant son, b. and d. Oct. 17, 1847.
- 65 6. Harvey Adams, b. March 14, 1857.
- 66 VIII. *Phebe*, b. April 24, 1814; md. Dec. 10, 1835, John Barrett. She is now residing, his widow, in Boston.
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- (26) JOSEPH PLATTS, son of Capt. Joseph, md. Charlotte, dau. of Thomas and Lucy Ames, or Eames, of Rindge. He resided upon the Bixby place, and d. from exposure April 14, 1836; his widow d. May 29, 1856.
- 67 I. *Addison*, b. June 25, 1810; md. Harriet Laws; resides in Waltham, Mass.; one dau. living.
- 68 I. Henrietta.
- 69 II. *Charlotte A.*, b. Oct. 3, 1812; d., unmd., Oct. 9, 1855.
- 70 III. *Phinehas*, b. Feb. 8, 1815; md. Lucy Vinall; resides in Waltham.
- 71 I. Edwin A.; md. Lucy Chase; resides in Waltham.
- 72 IV. *Abigail S.*, b. June 6, 1817; md. Sept. 20, 1854, Luke S. Rugg, son of Capt. Luke Rugg, *q. v.*
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- (27) JOHN VARNUM PLATTS, son of Capt. Joseph, md. May 2, 1811, Maria Demary, dau. of Ezekiel Demary, *q. v.* He resided in Rindge, where he d. May 6, 1839; his wife d. Feb. 4, 1834.
- 73 I. *John Varnum, Jr.*, md. (pub. Dec. 11), 1840, Louisa D. Bill, of Gilsum, N. H. Removed, 1849, to Ashburnham, Mass.
- 74 II. *Caroline*, b. —; md. April 4, 1833, William Dana; removed to State of New York.
- 75 III. *Maria*, b. 1815; d., unmd., June 4, 1842.
- 76 IV. *Cynthia*, b. 1817; md. April, 1837, A. A. Fowle, *q. v.*
- 77 V. *Fanny D.*, b. 1820; md. April 16, 1841, A. A. Fowle, *q. v.*
- 78 VI. *Rowena*, b. 1824; d., unmd., Nov. 10, 1848.
- 79 VII. *Aaron E.*, b. 1828; md. Oct. 13, 1853, Susan R. Wetherbee, dau. of Joseph Wetherbee, *q. v.*, and in 1855 removed to Kansas; now live in Kanwau-kee, in that State.
- 80 I. Susan.
- 81 VIII. *Eliza*, b. 1830; d., unmd., April 3, 1846.

- (49) ASA PLATTS, son of Aas, md. Aug. 2, 1832, Frances Jones, dau. of Asa Jones, *q. v.*, who d. April 20, 1836, and he md. (2d) Fidelia (Emerson) Pratt widow of Moses S. Pratt, and dau. of Ebenezer and Rhoda (Symonds) Emerson of Reading, Mass. Mr. Platts resided, until 1853, upon a farm near West Rindge, and then removed to the house now occupied by his son, Anson A. Platts, and for several years had a mill which stood upon the site of the wheelwright shop of E. B. Cutter. He d. Nov. 28, 1873.
- 82 I. *Maria F.*, b. May 13, 1839; md. Feb. 25, 1868. J. Wallace English; she d. March 16, 1871.
- 83 II. *Asa Anson*, b. Sept. 20, 1841; d. Jan. 11, 1843.
- 84 III. *Almon A.*, b. July 18, 1845. He has pursued a regular course of study, and is a civil engineer, in Stoneham, Mass.
- 85 IV. *Anson A.*, twin, b. July 18, 1845; md. June 29, 1869, Cynthia L. Lawrence, dau. of William and Lucinda (Lowell) Lawrence, *q. v.* They reside in Rindge.
- 86 V. *Martin W.*, b. July 13, 1849; d. Aug. 26, 1849.
- 87 VI. *Lyman W.*, b. Sept. 11, 1852; a clerk; resides in Troy, N. H.
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- (50) HOSEA PLATTS, son of Asa, md. April 14, 1831, Nancy Smith, b. Aug. 11, 1807, dau. of Elijah T. Smith. He is a farmer in Fitzwilliam. They have had eleven children.
- 88 I. *Hosea Osborn*, b. March 8, 1832; md. Emily Hodge.
- 89 II. *Nancy Ann*, b. March 11, 1833; md. Geo. J. Stratton; d. Feb. 11, 1865.
- 90 III. *Elijah Smith*, b. Oct. 18, 1834; d. March 27, 1837.
- 91 IV. *Mary Rebecca*, b. July 12, 1836; md. George A. Whittemore, Esq.; d. Dec. 13, 1872.
- 92 V. *John Austin*, b. Sept. 16, 1838; md. Feb. 13, 1864. Susie C. Crowell, dau. of Christopher and Anna (Gibbs) Crowell, of Westminster, Vt. They have three children.
- 93 VI. *Sarah Maria*, b. Sept. 28, 1840; md. Sylvester Underwood. Reside in St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- 94 VII. *Elijah Thayer*, b. Aug. 30, 1842; md. June 25, 1868, Ellen M. Bennett, dau. of Lyman and Lucinda (Wellington) Bennett, *q. v.* They reside in Rindge. Two children.
- 95 VIII. *Henrietta Ellen*, b. Oct. 13, 1844.
- 96 IX. *Charles Frederick*, b. April 22, 1847; md. Nov. 27, 1867, Julia M. Stearns, dau. of Col. George W. Stearns, *q. v.* He is a merchant in Rindge.
- 97 X. *H. Agnes*, b. July 13, 1849; d. Nov. 5, 1867.

- 98 XI. *Frank Warren*, b. Oct. 16, 1851; md. *Martha Emerson*. Resides in Marlboro, N. H.

1 JOSEPH POLLARD was taxed 1803–1809, James Pollard, 1805–1831; William Pollard, 1848–1865; but the records preserve no memoranda of their families. Levi Pollard, son of Levi, of Winchendon, was also in this town several years, and Abel Pollard, a blacksmith, was here 1809, until his death Oct. 29, 1826, aged 41. A part of this time he lived in the Dea. Breed house, and occupied the Hunt shop. The children of Abel Pollard and Sukey, his wife, b. in Rindge were: —

- 2 I. *Dawson*, b. Jan. 8, 1810.  
 3 II. *Grata*, b. Sept. 16, 1812.  
 4 III. *Sukey*, b. Jan. 3, 1816.  
 5 IV. *Martha*, b. April 27, 1818.

1 NEHEMIAH PORTEB came from Weymouth near the close of the year 1771. He served several months in the army (*vide* p. 110). He removed or d. between 1780 and 1793. His children b. between 1750 and 1771, were as follows: Nehemiah, Joseph, Benjamin, Silvanus, Sarah, Lydia, Ebenezer, and Mary.

2 MOSES PORTER, from Newbury, was in Rindge 1825–31, but no connected record of his family can be given. He occupied the same farm for a time with Benjamin Barker with whom he was in some way connected by marriage. His son resided with him. His wife d. Jan. 4, 1828, and dau. Mary d. Feb. 3, 1828.

1 GILMAN POWERS, md. March 10, 1833, Sarah Clark, dau. of Luther and Sarah (Walker) Clark, of Hubbardston, Mass., a descendant of Hugh Clark, the emigrant. They resided in Rindge a few years. Their children were:

- 2 I. *Henry Newell*, b. Oct. 15, 1833; d. Aug. 13, 1834.  
 3 II. *Charles Thurston*, b. Sept. 13, 1836.  
 4 III. *Henry Newell*, b. June 29, 1839.  
 5 IV. *Arethusa Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 22, 1841.  
 6 V. *Augustus Gilman*, b. June 22, 1844.

1 JOHN PRICHARD, of Boxford, Mass., md. Sept. 24, 1767, Lucy Wood, and removed to Rindge previous to 1770. "Being very sick and weak in body," he made a will, March 30, 1775, and d. July 3, following. His widow md. Nov. 10, 1781, Eliakim Darling, *q. v.* Their eldest child was b. in Boxford, the others in Rindge.

- 2 I. *Martha*, b. May 6, 1768.  
 3 II. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 1, 1770.  
 4 III. *John*, b. Oct. 28, 1771.

- 5     iv. *Paul*, b. Aug. 1, 1773.  
6     v. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 10, 1775; posthumous.

7     JOHN PRICHARD, and wife Lovisa, were in Rindge 1815-21. Perhaps this John was number four of this register; if so, he returned after an absence from this town; or, possibly, he was a son of Paul, of New Ipswich. Two children were b. in Rindge.

- 8         i. *George Washington*, b. March 18, 1816.  
9         ii. *Nancy*, b. June 24, 1819.

1     JOHN PRIEST, b. 1761; md. Rebecca Gibson, b. 1765, and came to Rindge about 1785. He resided near the residence of Asa and Charles E. Stickney. He removed from this town 1811; his wife d. 1814, and he d. April 12, 1830. His sons have a most honorable record in mercantile and other pursuits.

- 2         i. *John Fox*, b. May 30, 1786. He was an importer of iron and steel, and an extensive dealer in hardware, Boston. He md. Catherine Brewer Marean. Of their thirteen children, several d. in childhood or youth; (1) Sarah A., the eldest, md. — Hall, of Boston; (2) John Lothrop, resides in Boston; (3) Catherine Brewer, md., 1841, Samuel Hammond Gibbens, Esq., son of Col. Daniel and Mary L. (King) Gibbens, and a brother of the wife of Thomas Sherwin; their son, Frederick H. Gibbens, is Treasurer of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad Company, office in New York; (4) George A., resides in Boston; (5) Adaline M., md. — Lewis, of Boston; (6) Ellen Marean, md. — Kingsbury; md. (2d) — Langford, of Boston.

- 3         ii. *Josiah*, b. Feb. 14, 1788, resided in Lunenburg, Mass.

- 4         iii. *Abraham Gibson*, b. July 10, 1791. At the request of a maternal uncle, he assumed the name of Abraham Priest Gibson. He was consul many years at St. Petersburg, Russia, and d., unmd., in England, possessed of considerable wealth.

- 5         iv. *Warham*, b. May 26, 1793.

- 6         v. *Rebecca*, b. May 15, 1795; md. — Hayward.

- 7         vi. *Dole Johnson*, b. April 26, 1796.

- 8         vii. *Joel*, b. May 11, 1799; a merchant in Boston.

- 9         viii. *Miranda*, b. July 16, 1802; md. Abraham G. Wyman, a most worthy citizen of Boston.

- 10        ix. *Stillman G.*, b. Dec. 18, 1807; a merchant in Boston.

- 11 x. *Fannie*, b. June 12, 1809; md. Dr. Chandler, of Natick, Mass.
- 12 xi. *Jonas Heyward*, b. July 6, 1812; a merchant in Watertown, Mass.

1 AMOS RAMSDELL, son of Amos and Phebe (Henry) Ramsdell, was b. in Boston June 18, 1801. He md. Sept. 10, 1830, Harriet Wright, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 4, 1804, dau. of Liberty and Betsey Wright. Soon after his marriage he removed to this town, and engaged in the manufacture of wooden-ware and coarse lumber. He was a man of quiet manner, and of unflinching integrity. He d. March 5, 1862; she d. Oct. 5, 1874.

2 i. *Harriet Elizabeth*, b. March 16, 1837; md. Nov. 30, 1854, Joel Wellington, *q. v.*

3 ii. *Charles Henry*, b. Oct. 12, 1841; d. April 4, 1863.

4 COL. JAMES RAMSDELL, a brother of Amos, was b. in Boston June 26, 1807; md. Nov. 16, 1837, Lucy Rice, dau. of Abijah and Sophia (Waters) Rice, *q. v.* Previous to his removal from New Ipswich to Rindge, he was lieutenant-colonel of the regiment of militia to which that town belonged. He was engaged, with his brother Amos, and later on his own account, in the manufacture of lumber. For a few years previous to his death he had mills in Benton, N. H. He d. Sept. 20, 1873. Four children were b. in Rindge.

5 i. *James Gardner*, b. July 7, 1841; md. Sept. 30, 1863, Julia Alice Carter. Resides in Philadelphia.

6 ii. *Cassius G.*, b. Oct. 30, 1845. Resides in San Francisco, Cal.

7 iii. *Eva Josephine*, b. April 14, 1854; md. June 17, 1874, D. L. White, son of C. A. White, of Boston.

8 iv. *Lucy F.*, b. Feb. 13, 1856; d. March 16, 1856.

9 REUBEN RAMSDELL, a brother of Amos and Col. James, was b. in New Ipswich Aug. 11, 1811. He md. in Rindge, Dec. 24, 1835, Lavina P. Converse, dau. of Joshua Converse, Esq., *q. v.* He resides in the east part of the town, where he has been, and continues, extensively engaged in the manufacture of wood-ware. (*Vide* p. 305.)

10 i. *Henrietta Lovina*, b. Nov. 3, 1836; d. Feb. 14, 1842.

11 ii. *Phebe Amanda*, b. Dec. 19, 1839; md. Dec. 21, 1855, Edward Jewett, son of Stephen and Hannah (Barker) Jewett, *q. v.*



## RAND.

DANIEL RAND was a resident of Shrewsbury, Mass., at the time of his marriage, Jan. 18, 1720, to Mary Keyes, b. Oct. 24, 1700, dau. of Col. John and Mary (Eames) Keyes, of Marlboro, and later of Shrewsbury, granddau. of Elias and Sarah (Blanford) Keyes, of Sudbury, and great-granddau. of Robert Keyes, the emigrant. In 1723, the house of Col. Keyes was burned in the night, and three of the brothers of Mrs. Rand perished in the flames. Mr. Rand was one of the founders of the church in Shrewsbury, and his son Solomon was the first child baptized after its organization, the pastor being Rev. Job Cushing, the father of Rev. John Cushing, D. D., of Ashburnham. His wife d. March 5, 1757, aged nearly 57, and he md. (2d) Martha Bruce. The date of his death is not known. Solomon Rand, the eldest son of Daniel and Mary (Keyes) Rand, was b. March 13, 1723; md. Sept. 15, 1741, Deborah Dodge, dau. of Jabez Dodge, of Ipswich and Shrewsbury, and a sister of Rev. Ezekiel Dodge, of Abington. He settled upon the farm formerly of his father, where he d. 1801, aged 78, and his widow, 1810, aged 84. Their sons, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Solomon, settled in Rindge. Their son Artemas was in Rindge a short time, but never became a permanent resident here. He subsequently d. in the Revolutionary army.

- 1 COL. DANIEL RAND, son of Solomon, grandson of Daniel, was b. in Shrewsbury, Oct. 15, 1742; he md. May 21, 1767, Susannah Hemenway, b. April 16, 1746, dau. of Daniel and Ruth (Bigelow) Hemenway, of Shrewsbury. She was a cousin of the second wife of John Perry, of Rindge. They settled upon a lot of land since occupied by Gates Rand and Liberty Rand, and there resided until their death. In the Revolution, he was an ensign in the Lexington company, a lieutenant in Col. Isaac Wyman's regiment in 1776, and a captain in Col. Moore's regiment in 1777 (pp. 108, 125, 141), and was several years a member of the committee of safety. In the militia, he was major in 1782, and a colonel as early as 1785. He represented the town in the Legislature ten years, and was elected seven times to the board of selectmen. His superior ability was acknowledged by his townsmen in these repeated elections, while his faithful and able service, his strict integrity and unimpeachable character, are revealed in the light of his honorable career. He d. July 3, 1811; his widow d. Sept. 6, 1817, and were buried upon the homestead.
- 2 I. *Ruth*, b. May 20, 1768; md. William Moore, of Worcester, where she d. June 20, 1844.
- 3 II. *Warham*, b. Jan. 30, 1770; d., unmd., Feb. 9, 1792.
- 4 III. *Asenath*, b. Oct. 22, 1771; md. Henry Smith, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Rezinah*, b. Oct. 2, 1773; md. Joseph Parker, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Liberty*, b. June 3, 1775; d., unmd., May 21, 1804.
- 7 VI. *Anna*, b. Nov. 7, 1777; md. Jan. 26, 1800, Lewis Colburn, and removed to Plainfield, N. Y., where she d., 1801.



- 8 VII. *Gates*, b. Sept. 17, 1779. †
- 9 VIII. *Susannah*, b. Aug. 27, 1781. She was drowned in  
a well June 17, 1784.
- 10 IX. *Asa*, b. Aug. 6, 1783. †
- 11 X. *Candice*, b. Aug. 1, 1785; d., unmd., June 26, 1805.
- 12 XI. *Grata*, b. May 10, 1787; md. Nov. 12, 1816, Rev.  
Luke Ainsworth Spofford, b. Nov. 5, 1785, son of  
Dea. Eleazer and Mary (Flint) Spofford, of Jaf-  
frey. He was a graduate of Middlebury College,  
1817, and was a devoted and faithful minister  
in Gilmanton, Brentwood, Lancaster, and Atkin-  
son, in this State, and was later engaged in mis-  
sionary labor. She d. in Williamsburg, Ohio,  
Feb. 25, 1851. Mr. Spofford d. in Rockport,  
Ind., Sept. 27, 1855.
- 13 1. Richard Cecil, b. Dec. 22, 1817; a graduate  
of Amherst College. He studied divinity,  
and d. in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard,  
May 25, 1843.
- 14 2. Mary Susan, b. Feb. 12, 1820; md. John  
R. Wiltsie, of Newburg, N. Y.
- 15 3. Henry Martin, b. Sept. 8, 1821; a graduate  
of Amherst College, tutor at Amherst,  
now a Judge of the Supreme Court of  
Louisiana. He md. Ophelia Martin, of  
Pulaski, Tenn.
- 16 4. Elizabeth Jane, b. Sept. 19, 1823; md.  
Eben Wears. They reside in Owensville,  
Ohio.
- 17 5. Ainsworth Rand, b. Sept. 12, 1825; md.  
Sarah Partridge, of Medway, Mass.  
Since 1865 he has been Librarian of  
Congress.
- 18 6. Ann M., b. Sept. 22, 1827; d. July 1, 1843.
- 19 XII. *Matilda*, b. Dec. 20, 1794; md. Timothy Ban-  
croft, *q. v.*

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(8) GATES RAND md. Nov. 1, 1803, Caty Towne, dau. of  
Dea. Francis Towne. He was selectman 1804, '10, '11,  
'21, and was frequently chosen on important committees.  
He evinced an active interest in public schools and town  
affairs, and was a valuable citizen. He d. Jan. 21, 1858;  
she d. Aug. 14, 1859.

- 20 I. *Laura*, b. April 4; d. Dec. 6, 1805.
- 21 II. *Warham*, b. Nov. 13, 1806; md. April 6, 1837,  
Mariah Bartlett, dau. of Samuel Bartlett, of  
Leverett, Mass. He has been engaged in man-

ufacturing and in mercantile pursuits in several places. Returning to his native town in 1866, he resides, a farmer, upon a portion of the extensive farm of his grandfather.

- 22      iii. *Liberty*, twin, b. Nov. 13, 1806; md. June 20, 1836, Abigail Whitney, who d. Oct. 4, 1840; and he md. (2d) Sept. 15, 1841, Azubah Whitney, her sister, dau. of Hananiah and Azubah Whitney, of Winchendon. Mr. Rand was selectman 1843, 1844, 1845, and 1846. In 1867 he removed to Madison, Wis., where he d. May. 20, 1872.
- 23               1. Marshall W., b. July 11, 1838; d. Jan. 12, 1839.
- 24               2. Henry H., b. Sept. 14, 1840; md. Jan. 1, 1865, Harriet E. Lawrence, dau. of William and Lucinda (Lowell) Lawrence, *q. v.* They reside in Madison, Wis.
- 25      iv. *Caroline*, b. Nov. 12, 1808; d., unmd., July 4, 1830.
- 26      v. *Susannah Hemenway*, b. Oct. 29, 1810; d., unmd., Sept. 8, 1831.
- 27      vi. *Daniel Towne*, b. Aug. 13, 1812; md. Oct. 3, 1838, Julia Ann Jewett, dau. of Dr. Thomas Jewett, *q. v.* He d. at Eaton Rapids, Mich., Sept. 3, 1843.
- 28               1. Howard, b. Dec. 8, 1839; d. Sept. 17, 1862 (*vide pp. 317, 362*).
- 29               2. Thomas Gates, b. Sept. 3, 1841; d. Aug. 20, 1842.
- 30      vii. *Asa Payson*, b. Aug. 30, 1814; d. Oct. 3, 1814.
- 31      viii. *Fanny Woodbury*, b. Aug. 29, 1815; d. March 29, 1823.
- 32      ix. *Asa Payson*, b. Feb. 7, 1818; md. Oct. 23, 1838, Maria Murdock, dau. of James and Polly (Chaplin) Murdock, of Winchendon. He is proprietor of a stone quarry in Westfield, Mass., and owns an extensive tract of land in Kansas, which fully engages his attention. They have no children.
- 33      x. *Gardner Thorndike*, b. July 5, 1820; md. May 21, 1845, Abigail D. Page, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Wilder) Page, *q. v.* She d. —, and he md. (2d) Agnes Harvey. He is a physician in Charlotte, Mich., and has been county treasurer several years. They have three children.
- 34               1. Abbie.
- 35               2. Warren.
- 36               3. Anna.

- 37 xi. *Leonard Gates*, b. March 11, 1822; md. Rachel Hall, of Napoleon, Mich. He was a merchant. He d. in Lansing, Mich., Jan. 22, 1849.
- 38 1. *Leonard G.*, b. Jan. 23, 1849. Is a telegraph operator.
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- (10) REV. ASA RAND (*vide* p. 334) md. Nov. 6, 1812, Grata Payson, dau. of Rev. Seth Payson, D. D., *q. v.* She d., leaving two children, April 29, 1818. He md. (2d) Feb. 8, 1820, Clarissa Thorndike, dau. of Capt. Nicholas Thorndike. She d., leaving three children, July 7, 1825, and he md. (3d) July 6, 1826, Mary (Cushing) Coolidge, b. April 27, 1782, widow of Elisha Coolidge, of Boston, and dau. of Rev. John Cushing, D. D., of Ashburnham. He d. in Ashburnham, Aug. 24, 1871; she d. June 12, 1871.
- 39 i. *Harriet Newell*, b. Dec. 8, 1814; md. Jan. 22, 1841, Rev. Russell S. Cook, then a Secretary of the American Tract Society. She d. Feb. 15, 1843. Like her mother, and her grandmother Payson, she was endowed with unusual graces of mind and character. A memoir of this excellent and accomplished lady was written by Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, and published in 1853.
- 40 ii. *William Wilberforce*, b. Dec. 8, 1816. He was prepared for a collegiate course in the grammar and Latin schools of Boston, and graduated at Bowdoin 1837, at Bangor Theological Seminary 1840, and was ordained at Canastota, N. Y., in Sept., 1841. In 1848, he removed to New York, and engaged in the publishing department of the American Tract Society, and is now secretary of that department. He md., 1841, Marcia S. Dunning, dau. of Robert Dunning, Esq., of Brunswick, Me.; she d. Nov. 11, 1844. Their two children d. in infancy.
- Children of Rev. Asa and Clarissa (Thorndike) Rand:
- 41 iii. *Thorndike*, b. Nov. 15, 1820; md. Hannah P. Nourse, of Beverly, Mass. He d. at Bahia, Brazil, 1854, leaving one son and one dau.
- 42 iv. *Charles Asa*, b. May 21, 1822; d. in Brownsville, Texas, July 7, 1863.
- 43 v. *Annie Thorndike*, b. Oct. 26, 1824; md. John F. Nourse, principal of one of the Boston Public Schools. He d. Jan. 17, 1854, and she md. (2d) William Endicott, Jr., Esq., of Boston.

- 44      ENS. EZEKIEL RAND, a brother of Col. Daniel, was b. in Shrewsbury, March 24, 1747; md. Anna Demary, dau. of John Demary, *q. v.* He was an ensign in the Rindge company at the battle of Bunker Hill, and remained with his company in the siege of Boston until the close of the year, and was an officer in Col. Enoch Hale's regiment in 1778. He was a man of character and good abilities; but for several years preceding his death he was insane. He d. March 17, 1826; his widow d. Sept. 23, 1833.
- 45      1. *Ezekiel*, b. Nov. 26, 1780; md. 1805, Mary Stone, of Fitzwilliam, b. Nov. 1, 1782. They removed to Greensboro, Vt., where he d. Aug. 28, 1849. His widow d. at the residence of her dau., Mrs. Child, in Hyde Park, Feb. 13, 1868.
- 46              1. Parkman S., b. Nov. 4, 1806; d. in Philadelphia, unmd., Dec. 5, 1850.
- 47              2. Carlos, b. Feb. 15, 1808; d. in Charlestown, Mass., unmd., April 13, 1827.
- 48              3. Anna D., b. Sept. 20, 1809; d. in Jan., 1811.
- 49              4. Jasper, b. Aug. 17, 1811; resides in St. Albans, Vt. He has a family.
- 50              5. Louisa M., b. Nov. 21, 1812; md. Sears Cook. They reside in Lyme, N. H. One child.
- 51              6. Abner S., b. Feb. 11, 1815; d. in Greensboro, unmd., Nov. 21, 1848.
- 52              7. Chertina, b. Jan. 26, 1817; md. John A. Child. She resides, his widow, in Hyde Park, Vt.
- 53              8. Frederick, b. June 6, 1819. He is a lawyer in Indianapolis, Ind. Two daus.
- 54              9. Mary Jane, b. July 6, 1821; md. Dea. — Hamilton, of Lyme, N. H.; d., *s. p.*, Dec. 5, 1858.
- 55              10. Nelson, b. March 7, 1824, resides in Craftsbury, Vt.
- 56      II. *Asaph*, b. Nov. 24, 1782; md. in Perry, Me., July 1, 1817, Lucinda Cushing, b. Sept. 5, 1791, in Pembroke, N. H. From Maine, he removed to Tamworth, N. H. He d. Sept. 27, 1868, aged nearly 86.
- 57              1. Ezekiel D., b. in Perry, Me., March 12, 1818.
- 58              2. Alfred P., b. Nov. 11, 1819; d. in Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 4, 1846.
- 59              3. Thomas C., b. in Tamworth; md. 1845, and removed to the West.

- 60 4. Susan A., b. Oct. 16, 1823; md. Feb. 10,  
1859, George V. Smith.
- 61 5. Jasper, b. April 9, 1826; resides in Lewis-  
62 ton, Idaho.
- 63 6. Asaph, b. July 25, 1828; resides in Weare,  
N. H.
- 64 7. Parkman, b. Dec. 8, 1830; d. Oct. 7, 1834.
- 65 8. Lucy, b. Oct. 21, 1835.

iii. *Absalom*, b. Sept. 3, 1784; md. Sept. 28, 1806,  
Mary Winship, of Charlestown, Mass., where he  
resided until his death. His wife d., leaving  
seven children, May 21, 1818; he md. (2d) Nov.  
25, 1821, Sarah Gill, of Concord, Mass., who d.  
June 23, 1857. He d. April 5, 1855. The chil-  
dren of the first wife were:—

- 66 1. Charles W.
- 67 2. John W.
- 68 3. Nathan.
- 69 4. Mary.
- 70 5. Ezekiel.
- 71 6. Anna.
- 72 7. Sarah.

Children of second wife:—

- 73 8. Edward T., b. Dec. 19, 1829; resides in  
Charlestown, Mass., where he conducts an  
extensive business in the manufacture of  
soaps of various kinds.
- 74 9. Sarah, b. Jan. 6, 1826.
- 75 10. Benjamin S., b. May 9, 1828.
- 76 11. Hannah G., b. July 23, 1830.
- 77 12. Caroline, b. April 26, 1833.
- 78 13. John F., b. March 29, 1838.

79 iv. *Jasper*, b. Aug. 11, 1791; md. April 10, 1833, Sarah  
Peirce, dau. of Abraham Peirce, *q. v.* He was a  
farmer, and resided upon the homestead; d. *felto*  
*de se*, Nov. 14, 1837, and his widow md. (2d)  
Christopher Smith, a native of England. He d.  
Jan. 26, 1862; she resides in Rindge. Mr. Rand  
left two children.

- 80 1. Caroline A., b. Oct. 10, 1833; md. Augus-  
tus Rugg, son of Thomas Rugg, Jr., *q. v.*
- 81 2. John Warren, b. March 28, 183—; resides  
in Winchendon.

82 CAPT. SOLOMON RAND, b. in Shrewsbury, March 5,  
1750; md. June 22, 1774, Sally Adams, of Grafton, Mass.  
He was a member of the Lexington company, and after

the war was a captain of the militia. He was selectman in 1782, and was a useful, intelligent citizen. He d. April 27, 1827; his wife d. Feb. 18, 1815.

- 83 I. *Sally*, b. April 8, 1776; md. Silas Demary, *q. v.*  
 84 II. *Debby*, b. Jan. 17, 1778; md. Jacob Perkins, *q. v.*  
 85 III. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 6, 1781; md. William Wilson, *q. v.*  
 86 IV. *Lucy*, b. July 24, 1785; md. Greene Towne, *q. v.*  
 87 V. *Leonard*, b. March 15, 1788. +  
 88 VI. *Polly*, b. March 14, 1790; md. James Bowers, *q. v.*  
 89 VII. *Andrew*, b. Aug. 4, 1792; d. March 19, 1793.
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- (87) LEONARD RAND, son of Capt. Solomon, md. Nov. 17, 1812, Sally Hubbard, dau. of Dea. Hezekiah Hubbard, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge, where he d. Feb. 26, 1816, and his widow md. (2d) Daniel Norcross, *q. v.*
- 90 I. *Solomon II.*, b. Jan. 1, 1815; md. June 7, 1843, E. Emeline, dau. of Capt. Salmon Allen, *q. v.* They resided in Jaffrey. He d. about 1861.
- 91 II. *Sarah A.*, b. Aug. 11, 1816; md. Emerson Howe, son of Peter Howe, of Rindge. They reside in New Ipswich.

## RAYMOND.

The Raymonds of Rindge were from Winchendon, and were descendants of Paul Raymond, son of Paul, who was b. in Salem, Mass., May 12, 1732; md., 1755, Abigail Jones, b. in Weston April 26, 1733, dau. of James and Abigail (Garfield) Jones, and a descendant of Lewis Jones, who d. in Watertown about 1683. After their marriage they removed to Holden, and from thence to Winchendon, where he d. 1817. His wife d. 1809. Among their children were Capt. Joel Raymond, and Silas, who resided in Rindge. Another son, Paul Raymond, Jr., md. Sarah Gale, and in Winchendon had nine children. Of these, Sally, b. June 28, 1789, md. Benjamin Peirce, of Rindge; Harriet, b. Nov. 1, 1803, md. Liberty Thomas; and Sumner, b. April 5, 1799, was a resident of this town for several years. Jesse Raymond, another son of Paul and Abigail (Jones) Raymond, b. May 4, 1769, md. Polly Miller; and of their children Charles and Joel will be named hereafter.

- 1 CAPT. JOEL RAYMOND, b. Dec. 9, 1764, came to Rindge in early life, and subsequently md. Mary Ball, of Holden. As a farmer, merchant, and proprietor of extensive tracts of land, he was reasonably successful in business, and his influence at all times was among the controlling forces in the community. He d. Nov. 30, 1840. His widow d. Jan. 1, 1848, aged 85.
- 2 I. *Daughter*, b. Sept. 1, 1789; d. July 2, 1790.  
 3 II. *Daughter*, twin, b. Sept. 1, 1789; d. July 8, 1790.  
 4 III. *Polly*, b. Nov. 9, 1791; md. Amos Cutler, Jr., *q. v.*  
 5 IV. *Linda*, b. —; md. Benj. Ward, Esq.; md. (2d) Dr. Kingsburg, *q. v.*



- 6 v. *Lucy*, b. June —, 1796; d. May 9, 1797.
- 7 vi. *John*, } b. July 31, 1800; d. Aug. 24, 1800.
- 8 vii. *Joel*, }
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- 9 SILAS RAYMOND, brother of Capt. Joel, b. Oct. 15, 1771. He md. Ruth —, and resided 1797–1803 in this town, where four children were b.
- 10 i. *Charles*, b. May 13, 1797.
- 11 ii. *Silas*, b. Feb. 26, 1799.
- 12 iii. *Sophonias*, b. April 19, 1800.
- 13 iv. *Eunice*, b. July 30, 1802.
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- 14 SUMNER RAYMOND, son of Paul, Jr., b. April 5, 1799. Resided in Rindge from his youth until 1834. He was a tanner, and the foundation of the buildings occupied by him can be seen south of the highway, and a short distance east of the residence of Charles F. Stearns. He md. Dec. 19, 1824, Irene Jewett, dau. of Dr. Thomas Jewett. After leaving this town he made a brief stay in several towns, and subsequently removed to Moline, Ill. His wife d. in Marlboro, N. H., Aug. 29, 1847. He d. in Moline Jan. 20, 1869.
- 15 i. *Elmira Green*, b. Nov. 29, 1825; md., 1850, Franklin J. Carlton. Surviving her husband, she d. in Shirley, Mass., *s. p.*, April 24, 1857.
- 16 ii. *Cynthia Ann*, b. Jan. 25, 1829; md. at Marlboro, July 19, 1853, Charles R. Whitcomb. Reside in Winchendon. No children.
- 17 iii. *Thomas*, b. May 2, 1831; md. at Moline, 1856, Hannah Lawton.
- 18 iv. *Rebecca*, twin, b. May 2, 1831; d. June 25, 1832.
- 19 v. *William*, b. Oct. 21, 1833; d. in Moline, unmd., April 29, 1860.
- 20 vi. *Samuel*, b. at Bellows Falls, Vt., March 10, 1839; member of the 3d Minnesota Vols.; d. on board the steamer "Undine," bound for Fort Donaldson March 22, 1862.
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- 21 JOEL RAYMOND, son of Jesse, b. June 3, 1798. He was a farmer in Rindge; md. Jan. —, 1827, Maria Shurtleff, dau. of Asahel and Sarah (Dewey) Shurtleff. He d. March 19, 1845, and his widow resides with her sons in Jaffrey.
- 22 i. *Benjamin Ward*, b. Nov. 23, 1827; d. May 9, 1829.
- 23 ii. *Orlando J.*, b. Sept. 7, 1829; md. Jan. 20, 1859, Hattie E. Giles (Russell Register, No. 126). He was selectman 1868, '69, '70, '71. Removed to Jaffrey 1872.

- 24 1. Ernest Orlando, b. Nov. 16, 1866.
- 25 III. *Asahel Shurtleff*, b. May 24, 1832; md. Oct. 6, 1869, Marietta A. Stowe, dau. of David and Mary (Converse) Stowe, *q. v.* With his brother, under the firm of O. J. & A. S. Raymond, was extensively engaged in the manufacture of nest-boxes in Rindge for several years. Removed to Jaffrey 1872.
- 26 IV. *Sarah Maria*, b. March 12, 1835; md. Jan. 20, 1859, Thomas Annett, of Jaffrey. She d. Feb. 11, 1868; and he md. (2d) Mary Helen Bancroft, dau. of Dea. James Bancroft, *q. v.*
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- 27 CHARLES RAYMOND, a brother of Joel, 2d, b. July 23, 1796. Resided a farmer in the south-west part of the town 1819-1821. He md. Charlotte Moors, who md. (2d) Silas Coffin, and returned to Rindge after an absence of more than fifty years.
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- 1 JAMES REED, son of Joshua and Susannah (Houghton) Reed, of Lexington, Mass., was b. Dec. 15, 1771, and was a resident of this town at the time of his marriage. He was a descendant of William Reed, the emigrant, of Woburn, and a relative of Gen. James Reed, of Fitzwilliam, and Col. Samuel Reed, of Lunenburg. He md. Nov. 29, 1792, Susannah Stone, dau. of Capt. Salmon Stone, *q. v.* They resided in the south-east corner of the town, and many years were keepers of the toll-gate on the old turnpike. He d. Oct. 7, 1832. His widow md. (2d) John Fenno, and d. May 11, 1840.
- 2 I. *Hepsibeth*, b. 1793; md. Amos Fenno, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Joshua*, b. 1795; md., 1816, Betsey Fenno, b. June 29, 1795, a sister of John and Amos Fenno, *q. v.* He d. July 13, 1826; and she md. (2d) Nov. 9, 1858, Samuel Buttrick. She d. Sept. 9, 1860. Children of Joshua and Betsey (Fenno) Reed:—
- 4 1. James A., b. Jan. 21, 1818; md. Samantha Peterson, and removed to Jay, Maine, where he d. Dec. 14, 1870, leaving seven children.
- 5 2. Charles, b. April 24, 1820; d. Sept. 20, 1824.
- 6 3. Lewis, b. Sept. 29, 1822; md. Melissa Darling. He d. in Waltham, leaving six children.
- 7 4. Eliza Ann, b. July 10, 1825; d. Oct. 26, 1844.

## RICE.

EDMUND RICE, b. about 1594, came from Barkhamstead, Hertfordshire, in England, and settled in Sudbury, 1639. He was selectman several years, one of the deacons of the church, and the recipient of several appointments from the General Court. He was one of the petitioners for the grant which afterwards was known as Marlboro, and subsequently removed to that place. His wife, Tamazine, d. in Sudbury June 13, 1654; and he md. (2d) March 1, 1655, Mercy (Hurd) Brigham, widow of Thomas Brigham, the emigrant. He d. in Marlboro May 3, 1663, and was buried in Sudbury. His widow md. (3d), 1664, William Hunt, and d. Dec. 28, 1693. Thomas Rice (son of Edmund) and wife Mary resided in Sudbury until about 1664, when he removed to Marlboro, where he d. Nov. 16, 1681. His ninth child was James Rice, b. March 6, 1669; md. Sarah Stone, b. Feb. 14, 1675, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Ward) Stone, of Sudbury. He resided in Marlboro, Sudbury, and Worcester, where he d. Oct. 14, 1730. Zebadiah Rice, second son of James, was b. in Marlboro Nov. 23, 1698, and settled in Worcester, where he d. 1778. By wife Elizabeth he had eight children, and among them was Samuel Rice, b. May 9, 1742; he md. Dec. 6, 1765, Hepsibah Flint, of Concord, and settled in Ashby, where she d., in June, 1790; and he md. (2d) Mary Davis. He d., 1805, leaving eleven children.

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| 1  | ABLAH RICE, son of Samuel and Hepsibah (Flint) Rice, was b. March 31, 1786. He md., 1809, Sophia Waters, dau. of Rev. Cornelius and Sybel (Gardner) Waters, of Ashby, Mass. They resided several years in New Ipswich, and in 1841 removed to the east part of this town. He was a farmer, a man of integrity, and unexceptionable character. He d. Aug. 14, 1865. She d. Aug. 23, 1865. |
| 2  | i. <i>Helen Maria</i> , b. Jan. 27, 1810; md. Oscar Gasset, of Boston. She d. March 3, 1872.   |
| 3  | ii. <i>Emeline</i> , b. April 16, 1812; md. Abel F. Farrar, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 4  | iii. <i>Harriet F.</i> , b. May 16, 1814; md. James G. Sanderson, of Boston. A dealer in beef, Quincy Market. An upright, honest man.  |
| 5  | iv. <i>Jennie G.</i> , b. May 29, 1816; md. George W. Greene, son of Benj. Greene, of Boston. They reside in Milton, Mass.   |
| 6  | v. <i>Lucy</i> , b. June 7, 1818; md. Col. James Ramsdell, <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 7  | vi. <i>Addison Gardner</i> , b. Nov. 14, 1819; d., unmd., July 5, 1860.  |
| 8  | vii. <i>Harrison G.</i> , b. Dec. 24, 1821. +  |
| 9  | viii. <i>Richard H.</i> , b. March 29, 1824; md. Mary Reed. He d. at Victoria, Texas, about 1858.  |
| 10 | ix. <i>Jerome</i> , b. Nov. 22, 1825; md. Amanda Hill, of Conway, N. H. He d. in San Francisco, Cal., about 1862.  |
| 11 | x. <i>Almira S.</i> , b. Sept. 28, 1828; md. E. L. Frothingham, Esq., of Boston. Their residence is now in   |

Milton, Mass. He is cashier in the Boston Custom House.

12 xi. *Cornelius*, b. and d. Dec. 22, 1830.

(8) HARRISON G. RICE md. Elizabeth H. Wood, dau. of David and Mary (Earl) Wood. He is a farmer in Rindge. Selectman 1858, '59, and '60, and has been frequently elected to other positions of trust.

13 i. *George Greene*, b. July 8, 1845; md. Oct. 29, 1873, Martha Hale, dau. of John F. Hale, *q. v.*, a farmer, and resides upon the farm formerly of his grandfather, Abijah Rice.

14 ii. *Sophia Waters*, b. Jan. 15, 1847; d. July 24, 1857.

15 iii. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. April 12, 1848.

16 iv. *Jennie Maria*, b. Dec. 24, 1849; d. July 2, 1857.

17 v. *Hattie Frances*, b. July 31, 1851; md. May 3, 1872, George M. Osborn, son of George Osborn. They reside in Peabody, Mass.

18 vi. *Ella Augusta*, b. Feb. 22, 1853.

19 vii. *Walter Channing*, b. May 6, 1855.

20 viii. *Emma Ida*, b. June 14, 1857.

21 ix. *Harold Clifton*, b. Aug. 9, 1859.

22 x. *Jessie*, b. March 31, 1862.

23 xi. *Victor Hugo*, b. Feb. 3, 1865.

24 DAVID RICE, son of David and Dorcas (Amidon) Rice, of Fitzwilliam, resided several years in West Rindge. He md., 1823, Fidelia Norton, and d. Oct. 4, 1864, leaving three children, John, Edwin, and Charles, of whom no record is received.

25 FAXON RICE, a brother of David, md. Rebecca Bacon, of Jaffrey. They reside in West Rindge.

26 i. *Elmer F.*, b. 1846; d. in the army (*vide* p. 324).

27 ii. *Willis M.*, b. 1850; resides in Rindge.

28 ELIJAH RICE, parentage unknown, and wife Martha were in this town at an early date. He d. Oct. 20, 1777.

29 i. *Levi*, b. 1774; probably d. young.

30 ii. *Paul*, b. Nov. 7, 1775.

31 iii. *Silas*, b. Sept. 28, 1777.

1 THADDEUS RICHARDS, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Richardson) Richards, and of the sixth generation of the descendants of Edward Richards, of Dedham, was b. in Newton, Mass., Sept. 9, 1770. He md. Dorothy Coolidge, b. Jan. 30, 1772, dau. of David and Dorothy (Stearns) Coolidge, of Watertown, and granddau. of David and Mary (Mixer) Coolidge; her maternal grandparents were Josiah and Dorothy (Prentice) Stearns, of Watertown. In 1820

Mr. Richards removed with his family to this town, and resided upon the farm subsequently owned many years by Samuel Stearns, and now by Stephen Hale. He d. in Rindge, March 29, 1829; she d. Aug. 16, 1847. They were persons of ability and refinement, and were highly respected by their acquaintances.

- 2 I. *Mary*, b. Oct. 19, 1792; md. Ebenezer Noyes, of Newbury, Mass. They resided in Newton, Mass., where he d. Nov. 5, 1856. They had no children.
- 3 II. *Catherine*, b. July 27, 1794; d. Jan. 21, 1796.
- 4 III. *David C.*, b. Oct. 19, 1796, was a merchant in the South, and last at Columbus, Miss., and has held several municipal and State offices. He md. Aug. 9, 1827, Elizabeth S. Parish, dau. of Henry and Elizabeth (Strother) Parish, of Tennessee; md. (2d) Sept. 15, 1848, Mary Pearce, dau. of John K. Pearce, of Newport, R. I. Their seven children were b. 1828-1853.
- 5 IV. *Eliza*, b. Sept. 28, 1798; md. Capt. Ebenezer W. Brown, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Capt. Luke Rugg, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Dorothy C.*, b. Jan. 30, 1801; a teacher; d., unmd., March 1, 1848.
- 7 VI. *Sarah G.*, b. Oct. 21, 1803; md. Dea. Marshall Adams, of Rindge, and New Boston, N. H., *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *Charlotte M.*, b. July 25, 1806; md. Dec. 25, 1850, James Crumbie, of Nashua; d., *s. p.*, Sept. 19, 1857.
- 9 VIII. *William C.*, b. June 20, 1809 (*vide p.* 360); md. July 6, 1841, Eliza G. Willard, b. April 30, 1818, dau. of Levi and Olive (Heyward) Willard, of Keene, N. H.
- 10 IX. *John*, b. Oct. 20, 1811; a physician in Providence, R. I., and later in Taunton, Mass. He md. June 9, 1839, Eliza W. Russell, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Walker) Russell, of Providence.

11 JOHN RICHARDS, son of John Richards, of Lunenburg, Mass., came to Rindge previous to 1814. At this time he was one of the Rindge soldiers at Portsmouth. He md. Nov. 20, 1821, Candice Page, and settled in the west part of the town, where he now resides.

- 12 I. *Eli S.*, md. — Bosworth. Resided in Rindge until 1867. Now lives in Winchendon.
- 13 II. *Augusta L.*, md. Chauncey Bosworth. They reside in Fitzwilliam.
- 14 III. *Abram*, md. Esther A. Demary, dau. of James L. Demary, *q. v.*



- 15 | iv. *John W.*, b. 1845; md., 1866, *Mary E. Hale*, dau. of *Charles* and *Mary Ann (Metcalf) Hale*, *q. v.* They reside in Winchendon.

## ROBBINS.

There are several distinct families bearing the name of Robbins in New England. The families early in Rindge were descended from *Richard* and *Rebecca Robbins*, who united with the church in Charlestown, Mass., May 24, 1640, and afterwards removed to Cambridge. Their son *Nathaniel* md. Aug. 4, 1669, *Mary Braside*, and d. 1719. Among their children was *Joseph Robbins*, b. in Cambridge, Nov. 8, 1689; md. Aug. 3, 1709, *Jane Dickson*, and had several children; among them was *William Robbins*, b. Jan. 2, 1711-12; md. July 13, 1733, *Ruth Butterfield*. They were the parents of *William* and *David*, who settled in Rindge. He md. (2d) Oct. 17, 1764, *Hannah Hartwell*, who survived him; he d. Sept. 3, 1773, aged 61.

- 1 | **WILLIAM ROBBINS**, b. in Cambridge Aug. 20, 1740; md. May 9, 1766, *Hannah Paine*. He first came to Rindge in 1764, and soon after this date became a permanent resident of the settlement. With his brother *David* he purchased of his uncle, *Edward Robbins*, of Lancaster, lots 20 in the first and 20 in the second range, and upon this land they settled, and continued to reside, until their death. His wife d. 1801; md. (2d) May 9, 1802, *Nancy Leiland*. He d. in Winchendon April 16, 1824; his widow d. Dec. 29, 1861. A small portion of their land fell within the town of Winchendon, as the lines were subsequently established.
- 2 | i. *Hannah*, b. Dec. 22, 1767; md. *Paul Stewart*, of Winchendon, son of *Jeremiah* and *Hannah Stewart*. He was a brother of *Richard*, a pioneer manufacturer of wooden ware. She d. July 28, 1828.
- 3 | 1. *Enoch*, b. in Winchendon May 17, 1791. Removed to New York State.
- 4 | 2. *Kezia*, b. in Winchendon July 2, 1794; md. *Oratio P. Hall*, of Fitzwilliam.
- 5 | 3. *Joseph B.*, b. in Winchendon Nov. 19, 1797.
- 6 | ii. *William*, b. April 26, 1770; md. *Eunice Ware*, of Fitzwilliam. They had eight children, *Nahum*, *David*, and sisters, but no record has been received. He resided in Fitzwilliam, Royalston, and Winchendon. He d. April 4, 1853.
- 7 | iii. *Daniel*, b. Aug. 19, 1771; was insane; d., unmd., 1802.
- 8 | iv. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 7, 1774; md., 1804, *Sarah Cutting*, of Royalston, dau. of *Nathan Cutting*. They resided in Winchendon, where he d. Jan. 14, 1852.



- 9 1. Alonzo W., b. Nov. 15, 1805; d. young.
- 10 2. Abigail E., b. March 23, 1808; md. Jacob Taylor, of Winchendon. He d. 1866.
- 11 3. Joseph A., b. Oct. 10, 1809; d. young.
- 12 4. Joseph A., b. May 22, 1811; md. Betsey Goodridge. He is a dealer in grain in Winchendon.
- 13 5. Sarah Maria, b. May 1, 1813; md. Howard Sawin, and removed to California.
- 14 6. Susan Sophia, twin, b. May 1, 1813; md. — Wetherbee, and resides in Manchester, Vt.
- 15 7. James Hervey.
- 16 8. Frances, md. Jacob Taylor, not a relative of the Jacob Taylor who md. her sister. Removed to California.
- 17 v. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 19, 1776; md. Jan. 1, 1807, Sally Steele. +
- 18 vi. *Lucy*, child of second wife, b. May 30, 1803; md. Jan. 1, 1828, Daniel May, and resided in Winchendon. She d. April 22, 1844.
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- (17) SAMUEL ROBBINS md. Jan. 1, 1807, Sally Steele, dau. of Samuel Steele, *q. v.* They resided in the south-west part of this town, and upon a part of the homestead. He d. Aug. 28, 1857; she d. March 9, 1861.
- 19 i. *Mary*, b. Aug. 13, 1807; md. Nov. 23, 1841, Oliver Wilder, of Sullivan, N. H. She d. Aug. 8, 1843.
- 20 ii. *Sabrina*, b. Dec. 16, 1808; md. Jan. 4, 1831, Jason Keith, of Winchendon. She d. March 19, 1874.
- 21 iii. *David A.*, b. June 24, 1810; md. Jan. 21, 1841, Betsey Coolidge, of Gardner, Mass., who d. April 22, 1843. He md. (2d) June 30, 1844, Louisa Stone, of Winchendon. In 1865 he removed from Rindge to Sciota, Ill.
- 22 1. Mary S., b. Nov. 15, 1841; md. Nov. 3, 1864, Horace E. Lovejoy. (Lovejoy Register No. 35.)
- 23 2. Betsey C., b. April 16, 1843; d. May 6, 1864.
- Children by second wife:—
- 24 3. Ostram A., b. July 30, 1845; md. Sept. 15, 1870, Frances Spurgeon, of Greenbush, Ill.
- 25 4. Harlan S., b. May 28, 1848.
- 26 5. Warren A., b. April 18, 1850.
- 27 iv. *George W.*, b. June 19, 1812; md. Nov. 27, 1841, Hannah E. Bugbee. He d. June 15, 1864.

- 28 v. *Abigail S.*, b. Aug. 29, 1814; md. Sept. 26, 1859,  
Uri Day, of Royalston, Mass.
- 29 vi. *Ruthy*, b. July 23, 1816; d. Oct. 9, 1819.
- 30 vii. *Rachel P.*, b. April 23, 1818; d. Dec. 3, 1826.
- 31 viii. *Samuel W.*, b. Aug. 16, 1820; md. Dec. 30, 1847,  
Mary Page, dau. of Joseph Page, *q. v.* They  
reside in Peoria, Ill.
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- 32 DAVID ROBBINS, b. Jan. 27, 1742-3, settled in Rindge  
with his brother William, and with him built a saw-mill near  
their residence, but over the line in Winchendon, which  
was probably the third mill erected in this immediate vicinity.  
The land on which he settled has remained in the  
possession of his descendants, and is now the farm of James  
B. Robbins, Esq. He md. Mary Ballard, who d. June 29,  
1796; and he md. (2d) April 6, 1797, Eunice (Carlton)  
French, widow of Jonathan French, and dau. of William  
Carlton, *q. v.* He d. Jan. 31, 1811; his widow d. March  
28, 1853.
- 33 i. *Permelia*, b. May 18, 1783; d. young.
- 34 ii. *David*, b. Dec. 1, 1784; d. young.
- 35 iii. *Polly*, b. March 4, 1786; md. Jonathan Kim-  
ball, *q. v.*
- 36 iv. *James*, b. June 9, 1789. †
- 37 v. *David*, b. July 18, 1791; d. at eleven years of age.
- 38 vi. *Ruthy*, b. Aug. 9, 1792; md. Dea. Luther God-  
dard, *q. v.*
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- (36) JAMES ROBBINS md. Sally White, dau. of Joel and  
Sarah (Cutting) White, of Royalston, Mass., and grand-  
dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Muzzy) White, of Spencer,  
Mass. He was a man of even temper and unimpeachable  
character, and was held in high esteem. He d. Nov. 27,  
1859.
- 39 i. *David Ballard*, b. April 2, 1817; md. Susan M.  
Bellows, of Leicester, where they reside.
- 40 ii. *Joel White*, b. May 16, 1819; he was killed Sept.  
18, 1835, by falling from a loaded wagon which  
passed over his body.
- 41 iii. *James Burnham*, b. Nov. 13, 1821, md. June 9,  
1864, Mary T. Spaulding, dau. of Abel and Mary  
Ann (Stoughton) Spaulding, of Jaffrey. He is a  
farmer, and resides upon the old homestead.  
Was selectman, 1869, '70, '71, '72, and a member  
of the war committee, 1861-65. They have four  
children.
- 42 1. Frank White, b. March 20, 1865.
- 43 2. Arthur James, b. July 13, 1866.
- 44 3. Minnie A., b. Jan. 30, 1871.
- 45 4. Sarah E., b. Oct. 29, 1872.

46      iv. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. Dec. 23, 1825; md. July  
28, 1852, Josephine A. Pearsons, a native of  
Maine; she d., without issue, Dec. 4, 1865. He  
resides in Chicago, Ill.

47      v. *Ruth S.*, b. April 10, 1829.

1      DAVID ROBINSON came from Bedford, Mass., 1777. He  
served two enlistments in the Revolutionary army (*vide*  
pp. 140, 166). Later he was assisted by the town; he d.  
in Marlboro, N. H., 1814.

2      i. *Nathaniel*, b. in Bedford, April 5, 1777.

3      ii. *Jonathan*, b. in Rindge, Feb. 27, 1779. †

4      iii. *Ruth*, b. Sept. 14, 1781.

5      iv. *Susannah*, b. Jan. 26, 1784.

6      v. *John*, b. June 16, 1787.

7      vi. *Increase*, b. June 16, 1789.

(3)      JONATHAN ROBINSON md. Elizabeth —, and resided  
in Rindge, where he d. June 24, 1823.

8      . *Hiram*, b. 1811; md., 1843, Eliza A. Smith, dau. of  
Silas Smith, *q. v.* He d., leaving two children,  
June 18, 1855.

9      ii. *Charles*, md. Oct. 16, 1838, Elvira Fenno, dau. of  
Amos Fenno, *q. v.* She d., *felo de se*, March 7,  
1858. He d. in New Ipswich, about 1865. Their  
children were Elizabeth, Charles, James, Mary,  
Alfred J.

10     iii. *John S.*, b. May 11, 1816; d., unmd., March 16,  
1836.

11     iv. *Infant*, d. March 5, 1819.

12     v. *Horace E.*, b. Oct. 21, 1821; resides in Rindge.

1      THOMAS RUGG, a descendant of John Rugg, who d. in  
Lancaster, Mass., leaving ten children, about 1695, was b.  
Feb. 17, 1743. He md. Eunice Stickney, who d. soon  
after, leaving two children; and he md. (2d) Mehitable  
Houghton. In 1766 he removed from Sterling to Winch-  
endon, and served in the Revolution while a resident of  
that town. About 1790 he removed to Rindge, where he  
d. Dec. 29, 1811. His children were:—

2      i. *Thomas*, b. May 28, 1765. †

3      ii. *Eunice*, md. Jedediah Towne, and removed to  
Windsor, Vt.

Children of second wife:—

4      iii. *Polly*, md. Dec. 26, 1827, Josiah Peirce, of  
Rindge, *q. v.*; his second marriage.

5      iv. *Thirsa*.

6      v. *Mehitable*, d. unmd.

- 7 VI. *William*, b. Jan. 9, 1781. +  
 8 VII. *Salmon*, lived and d. in Providence, R. I.  
 9 VIII. *Oliver*, d. in Cuba.  
 10 IX. *Joseph*, was 2d officer of a ship, and d., unmd., in  
 New Orleans, La.

(2) THOMAS RUGG, son of Thomas, md. June 6, 1787, Elizabeth Norcross, dau. of Lieut. Page Norcross, and settled with the parents of his wife upon the farm now owned by Nathan Woodbury. When a mere lad he entered the army, and continued in the service through the last years of the war. He d. Nov. 8, 1846, aged 81. She d. April 9, 1851, aged 81.

- 11 I. *Luke*, b. July 15, 1788. +  
 12 II. *Betsey*, b. Dec. 26, 1790; md. Israel Gibson, *q. v.*  
 13 III. *Eunice*, b. Oct. 10, 1793; d. Sept. 10, 1796.  
 14 IV. *Thomas*, b. March 21, 1796; d. Aug. 12, 1798.  
 15 V. *Thomas*, b. Aug. 8, 1798. +  
 16 VI. *Eunice*, b. March 14, 1801; d., unmd., April 15,  
 1836.  
 17 VII. *Louisa*, b. July 8, 1803; md. May 22, 1828,  
 Lewis Grout, son of Isaac and Sally (Stearns)  
 Grout, of Winchendon. He d. Sept. 5, 1839;  
 md. (2d) June 3, 1845, David Shole, who d.  
 June 29, 1863. She resides in Winchendon.  
 18 VIII. *William Stickney*, b. Jan. 19, 1806; d. March 20,  
 1806.  
 19 IX. *William Stickney*, b. March 8, 1807. +  
 20 X. *Erastus*, b. April 20, 1810. +

(7) WILLIAM RUGG, son of Thomas, was for many years a miller in this town. He md. Jan. 13, 1803, Sarah Buswell, dau. of John Buswell, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 29, 1842, and he md. (2d) July 13, 1843, Mary (Putnam) Humphrey, widow of John Humphrey, and the mother of John Humphrey, Esq., of Keene. He d. in Montague, Mass., where he had resided a few years, Aug. 14, 1863, aged 83. His widow d. in Keene, 1874.

- 21 I. *William*, b. May 1, 1803; d. in Rindge, April 22,  
 1851.  
 22 II. *Alpheus*, b. May 27, 1805; md. Sept. 17, 1835,  
 Mary Hartwell, b. Nov. 24, 1815, dau. of Capt.  
 Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Hartwell, of  
 Lunenburg, and removed to Montague, Mass.,  
 where he d. Dec. 22, 1866.  
 23 1. *Mary E.*, b. Nov. 2, 1841.  
 24 2. *Sarah M.*, b. Sept. 27, 1847.  
 25 3. *Eliza A.*, b. Oct. 22, 1849; d. Nov. 11,  
 1849.

- 26 4. Alpheus A., b. April 12, 1851.  
 27 5. Evelyn R., b. Jan. 18, 1855.
- 28 III. *Lurena*, b. Jan. 28, 1807; md. Abraham Peirce, of  
 Rindge, *q. v.*
- 29 IV. *Caroline*, b. May 30, 1808; md. Dec. 23, 1834,  
 Robert B. Hopkins, of Antrim, N. H.
- 30 1. Caroline E., b. Sept. 10, 1835.  
 31 2. Henry B., b. Nov. 10, 1846.
- 32 V. *Hepsibeth*, b. Dec. 13, 1809; md. Asaph W. Good-  
 ridge, *q. v.*
- 33 VI. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 22, 1811; md. June 8, 1837, Simon  
 Smith, and removed to New Jersey, where she  
 d. Jan. 29, 1845.
- 34 VII. *Josiah*, b. Sept. 18, 1813; removed to Chester, Vt.  
 35 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 16, 1814; md. Isaac Wright, and  
 removed to Post Mills, Vt.
- 36 IX. *Amos*, b. Sept. 24, 1816; resides in Montague;  
 md. June 29, 1843, Julia Kellogg.
- 37 1. Amelia M., b. Nov. 27, 1846.  
 38 2. Clarence A., b. Feb. 12, 1848; d. Sept. 12,  
 1849.
- 39 3. Julia E., b. June 30, 1850; md. Thomas J.  
 Campbell, of Westfield, Mass.
- 40 4. Francis A., b. Jan. 28, 1856.  
 41 5. Walter A., b. Dec. 4, 1862.
- 42 X. *Harriet*, b. July 9, 1818; md. Aug. 23, 1840,  
 Edward Root, of Montague, Mass.
- 43 1. George William, b. Aug. 13, 1840.  
 44 2. Arabella M., b. May 25, 1842.
- 45 XI. *Grata*, b. March 3, 1822; md. Oct. 2, 1845, —  
 Hale, and removed to New York.
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- (11) CAPT. LUKE RUGG md. Aug. 19, 1813, Cynthia Platts,  
 dau. of Capt. Joseph Platts, *q. v.* She d. Oct. 17, 1845;  
 and he md. (2d) Dec. 2, 1846, Eliza (Richards) Brown,  
 widow of Capt. E. Wilder Brown, and dau. of Thaddeus  
 Richards, *q. v.* He was selectman 1832, '33, '34, and  
 has been chosen to other positions of trust. His children  
 by the former marriage were: —
- 46 I. *Clarinda*, b. Feb. 3, 1814; md. June 2, 1835,  
 Charles E. Plummer, formerly of Rindge, now of  
 Winchendon.
- 47 1. George E., b. Feb. 28, 1838; md. Jan. 1,  
 1859, Mary A. Withington, of Winchen-  
 don. He was a member of 36th Mass.  
 Vols., and was killed at Campbell's Sta-  
 tion, Tenn., Nov. 16, 1863.

- 48 2. Charles W., b. March 25, 1840; md., 1862,  
Frances Nutting.
- 49 3. Henry F., b. March 10, 1845; d. Oct. 19,  
1846.
- 50 4. Walter W., b. Oct. 1, 1857.
- 51 II. *Fanny Platts*, b. Feb. 17, 1816; d. Sept. 24, 1816.
- 52 III. *Luke S.*, b. June 30, 1821; md. Sept. 20, 1854,  
Abigail S. Platts, dau. of Joseph, Jr.; resides in  
Winchendon.
- 53 1. Abbie Lizzie, b. 1857.
- 54 IV. *Addison*, b. March 23, 1823; md. Jan. 9, 1851,  
Eliza K. Whitney, dau. of Lovell Whitney,  
*q. v.*; resides in Ware, Mass. Their children  
are: Frank A., Addie E., Fred O., and Clara E.
- 55 V. *Warham Harvey*, b. May 11, 1825; md. Dec. 9,  
1852, Eliza A. Brown, dau. of Capt. E. W. and  
Eliza (Richards) Brown, *q. v.* They reside in  
Rindge, upon the farm with their aged parents.
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- (15) THOMAS RUGG md. April 22, 1823, Orinda Whitecomb.  
He d. June 28, 1846, and his widow md. (2d) Nov. 9,  
1848, Asher Taylor, of Fitzwilliam; she d. Jan. 31, 1867.  
The children of Thomas and Orinda Rugg were:—
- 56 I. *Augustus*, b. July 10, 1823; md. Caroline A. Rand,  
dau. of Jasper Rand, *q. v.* She d. April 19,  
1852; md. (2d) 1857, Angeline Grant, of Jaffrey;  
she d. Dec. 10, 1863; and he md. (3d) Nov. 29,  
1866, Martha J. Rugg, of Illinois. He resides in  
Fitzwilliam.
- 57 II. *Harriet O.*, b. Sept. 25, 1826; md. Sept. 14, 1854,  
Nelson Willoughby, of Winchendon, now of  
Jaffrey.
- 58 III. *Elisha*, b. Jan. 10, 1831; resides in Winchendon.  
He was a member of the 6th N. H. Vols.; md.  
Martha J. Stevens, of Ashby, Mass.; md. (2d)  
Nellie A. Stanley, of Troy, N. H.
- 59 IV. *Warren*, b. Jan. 6, 1833; md. Helen Mann, of  
Ashby. He was a member of the 6th Mass.  
Battery, and d. at New Orleans, June 9, 1863.
- 60 V. *Ann G.*, b. Sept. 9, 1835; md. July 4, 1854, George  
A. Olmsted, of Fitzwilliam. Reside in Winchendon.
- 61 VI. *Ellen M.*, b. March 9, 1838; md. July 4, 1854,  
Daniel J. Parkhurst of Troy, now of Antrim,  
N. H.
- 62 VII. *Cynthia J.*, b. Nov. 9, 1842; md. Dec. 27, 1865,  
Henry S. Drury, of Rindge.



- (19) CAPT. WILLIAM S. RUGG, md. July 30, 1835, Clarissa Sawtell, dau. of Solomon, 2d, and Rebecca (Dwinnell) Sawtell, *q. v.* For many years he was an invalid, but endured affliction with great fortitude. He d. April 30, 1874; his wife d. Nov. 25, 1867.
- 63 I. *Elvira J.*, b. April 2, 1837; md. William A. Hale, son of Nathan, *q. v.*
- 64 II. *Julius Erastus*, b. Dec. 28, 1838; md. April 30, 1866, Mary Adelaide Young, dau. of Andrew P. and Mary Ann (Fowle) Young, of Boston. For several years he has been connected with the horse railroads centering in Boston, and is now Superintendent of the Highland Street Railway.
- 65 III. *William H. II.*, b. July 17, 1842; d. of disease at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 20, 1862, a member of the 6th N. H. Vols.
- 66 IV. *Clara Frances*, b. June 29, 1844; md. Nov. 2, 1870, Foster Edson Beaman, of the firm of H. O. Goodrich & Co., dealers in clothing, etc., Fitchburg, Mass.
- 67 V. *Herbert Norton*, b. Sept. 8, 1847; md. July 22, 1874, Addie A. Cushing, dau. of Laban and Ada ine (Keyes) Cushing. He is a wholesale dealer in confectionery, in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 68 VI. *Alfred Alison*, b. Oct. 27, 1851; d. March 3, 1854.
- 69 VII. *Albert Nelson*, twin, b. Oct. 27, 1851; d. Feb. 26, 1854.
- 70 VIII. *Frederic Waldo*, b. Dec. 1, 1855; a clerk in Fitchburg, Mass.

(20) HON. ERASTUS RUGG, of Chelsea, Mass., left his native town in 1832, and was a clerk in a store in Boston until 1836, when he commenced business on his own account in the West India goods line, in Chelsea, from which he has retired, with the accumulation of a successful career. Previous to the incorporation of the city of Chelsea he was honored with nearly every office within the gift of the town. He was also a coroner twenty-five years, and a deputy sheriff of Suffolk County for nearly an equal length of time. Upon the adoption of a city charter in 1857, he was elected to the Common Council, and soon after was chosen city marshal, and acceptably discharged the duties of this office until 1862. He has also been superintendent of streets, and for the past three years an influential member of the Board of Aldermen, and is now chairman of that body. He naturally inherits a love for military affairs, his father and grandfather having been soldiers in the Revolution, and his remoter ancestors were often engaged in the Indian wars, and in



*Erastus Rugg*



repelling the attacks upon the town of Lancaster. Mr. Rugg formerly commanded the Highland Guards, a military organization which enjoyed considerable fame. In the direction of several monetary organizations his services have commanded respect and confidence. He has been a director of the Chelsea Gas Light Co. since its organization in 1852, and its treasurer since 1871. He is treasurer of the Winnisimmet Railroad Co., and has been prominently connected with other enterprises of like character. An honored citizen of Chelsea, who has been intimately acquainted with Mr. Rugg for many years, says of him: "He came among us when a young man, and when this city was an unimportant village of a few hundred inhabitants. With but little capital, save an unbending integrity and a large share of common sense, he engaged in business, and early manifested the marked ability and sound judgment which have resulted in pecuniary success. He has held many important public trusts, with credit to himself and with benefit to the community. His word has always been as good as bond, and while many have trusted him, none have ever had occasion to regret the confidence placed in his intentions or his deeds. By integrity, industry, and economy he has accumulated property, which he enjoys without parsimony, and without ostentation or prodigality." Mr. Rugg md. May 3, 1836, Ann Symonds, dau. of Thomas Symonds, of Rindge, *q. v.* They have no children.

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## RUSSELL.

There are several distinct families of Russells in New England, but the numerous families bearing the name who have resided in this town, perhaps with a single exception, have been of a common line of descent, and the kinship is easily determined. They belong to the Lexington family, and are descended from William Russell, an English emigrant. The date of his arrival in New England is not known, but he and wife Martha were residing in Cambridge as early as 1645, and members of the church in that place. He d. Feb. 14, 1662, leaving nine children; and his widow md. March 24, 1665, Humphrey Bradshaw. In 1683 she md. (3d) Thomas Hall, and d. in 1694. The sixth child and fourth son of William and Martha was Philip Russell, b. in 1650; md. April 19, 1680, Joanna Cutler, dau. of James and Phebe (Page) Cutler, of Lexington. She was of the same family as the Cutlers of Rindge, and a cousin of "Gov." Samuel Page, of Lunenburg, whose descendants have been numerous in this town. They settled in Lexington, and Hudson's History of that town refers to him in these words: "The name of Philip Russell is borne upon our earliest parish and town records; and he appears to have enjoyed the confidence of the people, not only in the new settlement (Lexington), but in the old town (Cambridge). Though residing in the precinct, he was one of the selectmen of Old Cambridge in 1700 and 1701. He was a subscriber for the meeting-house at the Farms in 1692, and one of the committee to 'seal the meeting house,' when it was ready for occupation." His wife Joanna d.

Nov. 26, 1703, aged 43; and he md. (2d) Oct. 18, 1705, Sarah Brooks, of Medfield; he d. Feb. 7, 1730. William Russell, son of Philip and Joanna, held a commission of captain, and in 1722 and '23 was a constable of Lexington. The name of his wife was Elizabeth, but no record of his marriage has been found. Among his children were Joel Russell, who settled in Rindge, and is mentioned hereafter (No. 1 in the following register), and Nathaniel Russell, Esq., who was bap. in Lexington, Feb. 23, 1707, and soon after marriage to wife Mara, or Mary, he removed to Littleton, about 1728. He was a lawyer, possessed of considerable property, and one of the leading men of his time. Being a justice of the peace, he joined many persons in marriage, a fact made known by the records of Littleton. He frequently served in the affairs of the town, and was chosen to many important positions, Sept. 20, 1754, the town voted to accept "a New Book given to the Town by N. Russell, Esq., for to keep their Records in." He d. about 1763, and his widow came to Rindge, and resided with her son, Nathaniel, Jr., who was an early settler of this town, and is number 32 in this register. Another son of Nathaniel Russell, Esq., was Isaac, b. Aug. 26, 1729, and by wife Mary had a son, Jeremiah Russell, who was in Rindge several years, and whose descendants are numerous. He is numbered 133 in the following records of the Russell family.

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| 1  | JOEL RUSSELL, son of William, was b. in Lexington Aug. 2, 1716. He md. Huldah —, and resided for several years in Littleton. He was in this town, and had commenced a clearing, previous to the removal of his family in 1752. He resided for a short time in the north and north-west part of the town, but soon settled upon the farm which was afterwards occupied many years by Benjamin Hastings. His wife was living April 10, 1775, but d. previous to 1780, and he d. soon after the latter date. |
| 2  | i. <i>Silas</i> , b. Oct. 10, 1742; md. Aug. 22, 1765, Kezia Phillips, of Ipswich, Mass. They removed from town previous to the Revolution. Three children were b. in Rindge, and were bap. here.   |
| 3  | 1. <i>Silas</i> , b. Jan. 12, 1766; d. Dec. 17, 1766.   |
| 4  | 2. <i>Susannah</i> , b. Oct. 22, 1767.  |
| 5  | 3. <i>Seth</i> , b. April 2, 1769.  |
| 6  | ii. <i>Hannah</i> , b. April 2, 1744; d. Jan. 8, 1750.  |
| 7  | iii. <i>Joel</i> , b. April 18, 1747. He was in the army 1775, 1776, but soon after removed to New Ipswich. He md. Dec. 29, 1769, Mary Foster. Their eldest and their youngest child was b. in New Ipswich; the others in Rindge.   |
| 8  | 1. <i>Mary</i> , b. Oct. 29, 1770.  |
| 9  | 2. <i>Ebenezer</i> , b. Nov. 13, 1772.  |
| 10 | 3. <i>Abijah</i> , b. Sept. 3, 1774.  |
| 11 | 4. <i>William</i> , b. Aug. 1, 1776.  |
| 12 | 5. <i>Hepsibah</i> , b. Oct. 3, 1778.   |

- 13 iv. *Lydia*, b. April 1, 1749.
- 14 v. *William*, b. June 18, 1751. In 1776 he served in Col. Wyman's Regiment (*vide* p. 126), and in 1777 enlisted into the Continental service. His name should appear on p. 131, from which it was accidentally omitted. There were two persons of the same name in this town for a year or more, including 1777, and to one of them the church records refer under date of Oct. 5, 1777. "Josiah, son of William Russell, and Lucy, his wife, baptized."
- 15 vi. *Samuel*, b. May 31, 1753; md. July 22, 1774, Abigail Russell, dau. of Nathaniel. He served three enlistments in the army (*vide* pp. 108, 136, 164). About 1795 he removed to New Ipswich, where four children not named below were b. Several years later he removed to Whitingham, Vt., where he d.
- 16 1. Lois, b. Dec. 22, 1774; md. Joseph Brown of New Ipswich, probably a son of Josiah and Sarah (Wright) Brown, and grandson of John Brown, of Concord, Mass.
- 17 2. Son, b. Feb. 27; d. March 1, 1776.
- 18 3. Daughter, b. Jan. 8, 1777; d. same day.
- 19 4. Samuel, b. July 6, 1778; d. Dec. 16, 1780.
- 20 5. Rebecca, b. March 13, 1780.
- 21 6. Daughter, b. Jan. 20; d. March 4, 1782.
- 22 7. Nathan, b. Jan. 25, 1783.
- 23 8. Abigail, b. Dec. 14, 1785.
- 24 9. Nancy, b. Jan. 11, 1787.
- 25 10. Samuel, b. Feb. 5, 1789.
- 26 11. Son, b. Dec. 16; d. Dec. 21, 1793.
- 27 vii. *Daniel*, b. March 18, 1755 (*vide* pp. 131, 142, 157). It is apparent from the records that on account of his wounds he was unable to labor for several years, and is later referred to as Dr. Russell. His name fades from the records about 1790.
- 28 viii. *Elizabeth*, b. April 21, 1757.
- 29 ix. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 8, 1759.
- 30 x. *Nathaniel*, b. Feb. 13, 1762; was taxed until 1795.
- 31 xi. *Abigail*, b. Jan. 16, 1765.

32 NATHANIEL, son of Nathaniel Russell, Esq., was b. in Littleton Dec. 27, 1733; md. Nov. 13, 1755, Abigail Goldsmith, and with three children removed to this town in 1762. He settled upon the farm now of William E. Robins, where he continued to reside until his death. Few men appear to have been more useful, or to have exercised an equal influence in public affairs. Among the proprie-



tors previous to the incorporation in 1768 he took an active part, and upon the organization of the town he was elected chairman of the board of selectmen, and was reelected 1769, '70, and again in '75. He was also the first town clerk, and transcribed the records for the years 1768, '69, '70; and in 1776 he was constable. He was often called upon to settle the estates of deceased persons, and his advice was frequently sought by his townsmen. In the establishment and maintenance of the schools, and in other public enterprises, his labors were conspicuous, and as the first school-master in Rindge his name will be long remembered. He was a member of Capt. Hale's Company in 1775 (*vide* p. 108), and was one of the committee of safety and correspondence 1775, '76, and '79. Abigail, his wife, d. in Sept., 1769. She was buried the 29th, but the date of her death is not found in the records. Five of her nine children survived her. He md. (2d) March 26, 1770, Anna (Worcester) Thayer, b. in Littleton, Aug. 16, 1736, widow of Eliakim Thayer, and dau. of Joseph and Ann Worcester. He d. of spotted fever Jan. 1, 1812. His widow d. Sept. 23, 1825, aged 89.

- 33 I. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 30, 1756; md. Samuel Russell, son of Joel (No. 15, this register).
- 34 II. *Mara*, b. April 5, 1758; md. David Hale, son of Moses, *q. v.*
- 35 III. *Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 29, 1759; d. 1762; buried Feb. 22.
- 36 IV. *Nathaniel*, b. July 30, 1762; md. Dec. 16, 1790, Betty Towne, of Rindge. He resided near the Monomnock Lake, and not far from the present residences on Hubbard Hill, and removed, 1810, to Jamaica, Vt. His children, b. 1791–1809, were as follows:—
- 37 1. Rebecca, md., in Jamaica, — Maynard; (2d) — Darling.
- 38 2. Charles, resided in State of New York; had a family.
- 39 3. Nathaniel, resided in Jamaica, and in Peru, Vt.
- 40 4. Betsey, md. — Cursey, of Winhall, Vt.
- 41 5. Ira, lived in Peru, Vt.; had a family.
- 42 6. Susan, md. Walter Williams, of Winhall.
- 43 7. Edward, was md., and resided in Saratoga, N. Y.
- 44 8. Sabra, md. — Daniels; resides in New York State.
- 45 9. Polly, md. — Cursey; d. soon after marriage.

- 46 10. Goldsmith, md. (2d) Lucinda Cobb, dau. of  
Benj. Cobb, of Jamaica; resides in State  
of New York.
- 47 11. Jarvis, d. unmd.
- 48 v. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 19, 1764; md. Jonathan Towne,  
son of Jonathan, *q. v.* Removed to Walpole,  
N. H. She d. in an apoplectic fit in the meeting-  
house, leaving sons Thomas, John, Hollis, and  
Jonathan; and daus. Phebe (Mrs. Wolfe), and  
Esther. Hollis settled in Somerset, Vt., where  
he was many years prominent in town affairs.
- 49 vi. *Son*, } b. and d. May 23, 1766.  
50 vii. *Dau.*, }
- 51 viii. *Thomas*, b. July 25, 1767; d. in Rindge, unmd.,  
July 14, 1825.
- 52 ix. *Dau.*, b. and d. Sept. 11, 1769.

Children of second wife:—

- 53 x. *Eliakim*, b. March 1, 1771. †
- 54 xi. *Anna*, b. May 9, 1772; d. young.
- 55 xii. *Simeon*, b. Oct. 30, 1774. †
- 56 xiii. *Anna*, b. Sept. 19, 1776; md. March, 1806, Daniel  
Giles; resided in New Ipswich, where she d.  
1816. Five children:—
- 57 1. Daniel, b. 1807; resides, unmd., in Lincoln,  
Mass.
- 58 2. Ann, twin, b. 1807; md. James Davis, of  
New Ipswich; d. 1874.
- 59 3. Alfred, b. 1810; md. Betsey Russell, dau. of  
Simeon, *q. v.*
- 60 4. Noah, b. 1815; lived in Waltham; md.  
Mary A. Brown. He d., and his widow  
md. (2d) John I. Reynolds, and (3d)  
Leonard P. Wellington.
- 61 5. John, resides in Springfield, Mass.
- 62 xiv. *Mary*, b. June 16, 1778; d., unmd., July 11, 1853.

(53) ELIAKIM RUSSELL, son of Nathaniel, md. Nov. 17,  
1796, Sarah Converse, dau. of Zebulon, *q. v.* They  
resided in Rindge until a short time previous to their  
death, when they went to Ashburnham, and lived with  
their dau., Mrs. Brooks. He d. Nov. 4, 1859, aged nearly  
89; she d. June 21, 1863, aged 87 years and 3 months.

- 63 i. *Eusebia*, b. Sept. 14, 1797; md. Oct. 23, 1823,  
Alvan Ward, son of Samuel and Ruth (Town-  
send) Ward. They resided in Ashburnham.  
He d. June 20, 1869.

- 64 1. Maryann T., b. Dec. 17, 1824; md. Calvin  
Dows. He d. Feb. 18, 1874. She resides  
in West Medfield. Four children.
- 65 2. George P., b. Aug. 18, 1826; md. July 22,  
1849, Eunice K. Wood, dau. of Jonathan,  
*q. v.*
- 66 3. Achsah C., b. Aug. 12, 1828; md. Milton  
Brooks, son of Samuel, of Ashburnham,  
where they reside.
- 67 4. Ivers, b. Feb. 15, 1830; d. Jan. —, 1832.
- 68 5. Franklin W., b. July 9, 1833; md. Sophronia  
Stone, of Fitzwilliam. He is a book  
and job printer, in Winchendon.
- 69 6. Marcus L., b. March 20, 1836; md. Julia  
A. Muzzy, of Winchendon. Reside in  
Dighton, Mass.
- 70 7. William L. G., b. Aug. 12, 1837; md. Abigail  
Bride, and resides in Sharon, Mass.
- 71 8. Angeline G., b. Feb. 18, 1839; md. John  
Baldwin, of Winchendon. He was a  
member of the 53d Mass. Vols.; was  
killed May 2, 1863. She md. (2d) Henry  
C. Whitcomb, son of George, of Rindge.  
She d. Aug. 18, 1867.
- 72 II. *William*, b. March 3, 1799; md. Mary Bradish, of  
Winchendon. Reside in Winchendon.
- 73 III. *Sarah*, b. June 30, 1800; md. Samuel Forrister, of  
Framingham. Reside in Natick. No children.
- 74 IV. *Nathaniel Converse*, b. May 13, 1803; md. Jan.  
31, 1833, Mary A. Gibson, dau. of Abel and  
Achsah (Puffer) Gibson, of Sudbury. Reside  
in Rindge.
- 75 1. Loammi, b. and d. Feb. 4, 1835.
- 76 2. Lucinda, b. March 25, 1837; d. April 5,  
1838.
- 77 3. Amanda M., b. Feb. 1, 1838; md. Sept. 9,  
1855, Edmund J. Miller, of Jamaica, Vt.  
She d. Dec. 24, 1864.
- 78 4. Sarah Converse, b. Sept. 27, 1839; md.  
Aug. 10, 1867, Daniel W. George, of  
Acworth, N. H. She d. March 7, 1871.
- 79 5. Ellen Maria, b. March 9, 1843; d. May 2,  
1846.
- 80 6. Francis Eugene, b. Dec. 15, 1847; d. May  
1848.
- 81 v. *Lucinda*, b. May 9, 1805; d. Aug. 7, 1808.
- 82 VI. *Levi*, b. April 23, 1807; md. April 5, 1838, Eliza  
Hale, dau. of Nathan, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 22,

1858; md. (2d) Mary Louisa Towne, dau. of Joshua, *q. v.* Reside in Rindge. Their first and fourth child d. young.

- 83           2. James Wilson, b. May 13, 1841; md. March 9, 1864, Martha M. Webster; lives in Keene, N. H.
- 84           3. Edwin Jones, b. May 22, 1843; md. July 3, 1866, Arabella A. Nutting, of Jaffrey.
- 85           5. Lewis E., b. June 8, 1850.
- 86    vii. *Rufus*, b. April 4, 1809; md. April 23, 1838, Abby H. Forrister, b. April 2, 1807, dau. of Amariah and Sally A. Forrister, of Framingham, and a sister of Samuel Forrister, who md. his sister Sarah. Resided in Marlboro, Mass., until 1851, and since that date in Framingham, Mass. He is a farmer.
- 87           1. Sarah J., b. Aug. 12, 1841.
- 88           2. Theodore F., b. March 11, 1844; enlisted in Co. F, 45th Mass. Vols.; d. at Newburn, N. C., May 25, 1863.
- 89           3. Martha Maria, b. Jan. 25, 1847; d. June 1, 1851.
- 90           4. Abby F., b. Aug. 14, 1849.
- 91    viii. *Lucinda*, b. Feb. 16, 1811; d. Dec. 23, 1815.
- 92    ix. *Lucy*, b. July 18, 1812; md. William Brooks, of Ashburnham; md. (2d) Rev. Isaac Peaslee, and resides in Sutton, N. H. No children.
- 93    x. *Ira*, b. Nov. 9, 1814. A physician of Winchendon. (*Vide* Chap. XVII.) He md. April 24, 1844, Rowena Greenwood, dau. of Henry and Sarah (Woodbury) Greenwood, of Winchendon.
- 94           1. Fred William, b. Jan. 27, 1845. Graduate Harvard University 1869. During the war he was a year in the Hospital Corps. Received in 1870 the degree of M. D. at the University of the city of New York, and has since pursued his professional studies in Vienna. He is now in practice with his father in Winchendon. He md. June 11, 1871, Caroline E. Marvin, dau. of Rev. A. P. and Caroline (Holbrook) Marvin.
- 95           2. Sarah Jennie, b. Jan. 11, 1846; md. E. H. Walcott, son of Jonathan and Henrietta (Mills) Walcott, of Natick, where they reside.

- 96 3. Frances Elizabeth, b. Feb. 18, 1848; d. April 14, 1849.
- 97 xi. *Anna Worcester*, b. Aug. 19, 1817; md. Sept. 8, 1852, Caleb Howard, son of Benjamin Howard, of Ashby, where they reside. Their dau. Ellen Maria, was b. Oct. 26, 1855, and d. Dec. 25, 1872. Emma Armenia was b. Nov. 25, 1856, and d. Dec. 28, 1872. One dau. survives.
- 98 1. Eliza Jane, b. Oct. 19, 1853.
- 99 xii. *Eliakim Thayer*, b. April 14, 1820; md. Oct. 21, 1862, Lydia A. Eveleth, of Jaffrey. They reside in Natick, Mass.
- 100 1. Alice L., b. Sept. 2, 1864.
- 101 2. Stella L., b. Sept. 7, 1867.
- 102 3. Theodore F., b. Aug. 10, 1872.
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- (55) SIMEON RUSSELL, son of Nathaniel, md. Nov. 24, 1800, Martha or Patty Russell, dau. of Jeremiah. They resided in Rindge, where he d. Jan. 14, 1853. His wife d. April 5, 1845.
- 103 i. *Nancy*, b. March 20, 1802; md. Nov. 24, 1821, Hiram Truell. Resided in Grafton. She d. 1872.
- 104 1. Martha; md. Charles C. Poor. Reside in Fitchburg.
- 105 2. Sumner; resides in Grafton.
- 106 3. Abigail; md. Charles Ryan.
- 107 4. Jane; md. Joseph Howard. Reside in Ashby, Mass.
- 108 ii. *Eudotia*, b. July 17, 1803; md. Amos Fenno, *q. v.*
- 109 iii. *Martha*, b. March 19, 1804; d., unmd., Aug. 22, 1842.
- 110 iv. *Sumner*; d. young, Aug., 1808.
- 111 v. *Elvira*, b. Jan. 20, 1807; md. June 7, 1836, William Matthews, son of John and Phebe (Sprague) Matthews, of Jaffrey. They resided in New Ipswich, where she d., leaving four children, Aug. 12, 1842.
- 112 1. John Russell, b. March 4, 1838.
- 113 2. Elvira Ann, b. April 23, 1839; d. young.
- 114 3. Francis Harrison, b. Dec. 5, 1840.
- 115 4. Elvira Ann, b. June 27, 1842.
- 116 vi. *Sumner*, b. March 1, 1809; md. Ann Wilson; resided in Rindge a few years, and removed to Waltham, Mass. He returned to this town in 1872.

- 117 1. Sarah M., b. —; md. George Fairfield; one dau., S. Annie Fairfield, b. Jan. 20, 1858.
- 118 2. John Henry, b. —; d. July 17, 1837.
- 119 3. John Henry, b. June 23, 1838; md. Nov. 5, 1858, Mary Elizabeth Battles, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Taylor) Battles, of Sudbury, Mass. He is a carpenter and master builder, and resides in East Rindge.
- 120 VII. *Albert*, b. —, 1810; d. young.
- 121 VIII. *Henry*, b. Sept. 19, 1811; md. Feb. 22, 1838, Almira Burt, b. Dec. 12, 1811, dau. of Lloyd B. and Lydia Burt, of Killingly, Conn. He was engaged several years in the manufacture of various kinds of wooden-ware, at the mill now of R. Ramsdell & Co. (*Vide* Chap. XIV.) Resides in East Rindge.
- 122 1. Henry Augustus, b. May 13, 1842; md. Oct. 24, 1872, Martha Aurilla May. He is accountant and foreman at the mills of the Union Box and Lumber Co.
- 123 2. Albert Eugene, b. Jan. 18, 1848.
- 124 IX. *Frederick*, b. July, 1813; d. March 26, 1816.
- 125 X. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 1, 1816; md. Oct. 8, 1839, Alfred Giles, son of Daniel and Anna (Russell) Giles (No. 56, of this register). Lived in Rindge. He d. Sept. 7, 1872. She resides in Jaffrey with her dau.
- 126 1. Hattie E., b. March 26, 1841; md. Jan. 20, 1859, Orlando J. Raymond, son of Joel, *q. v.*, and resides in Jaffrey.
- 127 XI. *Sarah Ann*, b. Feb., 1818; d. Jan. 30, 1819.
- 128 XII. *Mersilvia*, b. Dec. 28, 1819; md. Nov. 26, 1850, Samuel E. Adams. He is a farmer, in Mason, N. H. They have two children.
- 129 1. Maria M., b. Dec. 25, 1851.
- 130 2. Albert, b. July 30, 1854.
- 131 XIII. *Mary Ann*, b. April 5, 1824; md. Ivory L. Cozens, and d. a few years later, leaving one dau.
- 132 1. Ida, b 1857.
- 133 JEREMIAH RUSSELL, a son of Isaac, and grandson of Nathaniel Russell, Esq., was b. in Littleton, Jan. 5, 1752. He md. in New Salem, Mass., July 6, 1772, Martha Barker, of Andover, Mass., and came to Rindge in the



autumn of that year. During the Revolution he was prompt to enter the service, and his patriotism is attested by the evidence of pages 108, 110, 126, 141. About 1785, leaving his family in Rindge, he went to the State of New York, with the hope of improving his fortunes. He never returned to this town, and the date of his death is not known. His widow md. (2d) March 8, 1792, Daniel Poor, and continued her residence in this town. He d. Jan. 9, 1816, aged 66; she d. July 1, 1834, aged 81. There were seven children of Jeremiah and Hannah Russell.

- 134 i. *Jeremiah*, b. Oct. 20, 1772; md., 1795, Polly Smith, dau. of Daniel Smith, of Bloomfield, Me. They resided in Bloomfield, and had but one child, *non comp.*
- 135 ii. *Asa*, b. May 30, 1774. He removed to Bloomfield, Me., where he md. Nov. 28, 1798, Sally Conant, b. in Sudbury, Mass., June 10, 1775, who d. at Corinna, Me., June 8, 1816; md. (2d) Nov. 28, 1817, Huldah Pratt, b. in Abington, Mass., Sept. 2, 1784; d. in St. Albans, Me., Oct. 23, 1851. He came with his family to this town in 1800, and four years later returned to Maine, and d. in Norridgewock, Sept. 2, 1858.
- 136 1. Charlotte Temple, b. in Canaan, Me., Nov. 28, 1799; md. Nov. 29, 1826, Levi Higgins, b. April 1, 1800, son of Elhana and Polly Higgins. They resided in Palmyra, and in St. Albans, Me. He d. Jan. 5, 1850; she d. March 30, 1861. Their children were: Edwin G., b. Feb. 17, 1829; md., 1858, Miranda Jackson; Mary Jane, b. Nov. 5, 1830; md. Dec. 25, 1856, William Sumner Whitman; Elizabeth Sarah, b. May 15, 1836; md. Feb. 22, 1858, Loring D. Hayes.
- 137 2. Ede Patch, b. in Rindge, Feb. 2, 1803; md. 1826, Thomas Philbrick, son of Michael and Jane Philbrick, of Livermore, Me., where he was b. Jan. 20, 1802; she d. April 17, 1771. Of their seven children only one is living: Charles Boardman, b. in St. Albans, Aug. 23, 1837; md. April 27, 1861, Hattie Maxim, dau. of Rev. Sullivan A. and Clara Maxim.
- 138 3. Philenia Sawyer, b. in Canaan, Me., Feb. 24, 1805; md. Oct. 31, 1833, Charles Franklin Boardman, son of Samuel L. and Mehitable (Hill) Boardman. He d.

- in Norridgewock, Jan. 14, 1870; she d. in Augusta, Nov. 8, 1870, leaving three children: Sally R., b. July 31, 1834; md. Oct. 23, 1855, Rufus Alonzo Davis, b. July 6, 1829, son of Rufus and Mary Davis, of Temple, Me.; she d. May 24, 1865, leaving four children; Samuel Lane, b. March 30, 1836; md. June 12, 1860, Temperance Ann Bates, b. Jan. 11, 1838, dau. of John and Cynthia (Burgess) Bates. Mr. Boardman is the well known and able editor of the *Maine Farmer*. He is Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and Trustee of the Agricultural College, a member of the City Council of Augusta, and also a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Maine Historical Society, and several other associations of a similar character; Asa R., b. Sept. 17, 1841; md. Jan. 1, 1870, Susan J. Jackson, b. in Milton, Me., Aug. 19, 1841, dau. of Orrin and Rebecca (Higgins) Jackson.
- 139 4. Seth Payson, b. March 22, 1807; md. July 22, 1836, Martha Walker, dau. of Edward and Sarah Walker, and had six children, b. 1837-1850.
- 140 5. Laura Jane, b. April 11, 1809; md. Jan. 23, 1833, Joseph Bigelow, b. May 13, 1804, in Canaan, now Skowhegan, Me., son of George and Polly (Clark) Bigelow. Two children: Henry K., b. Nov. 27, 1833; md. June 6, 1854, Mary Frances Piper, dau. of Cyrus and Abby Piper. He d. leaving two children June 27, 1864; Anna Laura, b. July 7, 1847; an accomplished teacher, and one of the board of school supervisors of Skowhegan.
- 141 6. Phebe Fifield, b. April 23, 1811; md. Jan. 23, 1833, Oliver Walker, b. Jan. 10, 1807, son of Edward and Sarah Walker, of Canaan. She d. Feb. 29, 1868. Two children: Frank G., b. March 14, 1835; a musician; d. in the army Feb. 20, 1862; Flora E., b. April 24, 1841; md. April 16, 1863, Warren H. Oreutt.
- 142 7. Stephen, son of Asa Russell, by his second wife, b. March 25, 1820; md., 1851, Lucinda H. Johnson, dau. of Edward and

Abigail (Sampson) Johnson, b. in Norridgewock April 18, 1829. He d. a prisoner in a hospital within the enemy's lines Aug. 21, 1861, leaving two children: Benjamin Piper Merrill, b. Nov. 24, 1852; Sanzio Raphael, b. Sept. 2, 1854.

- 143      iii. *David*, b. Nov. 1, 1775; removed to Maine; md.,  
1795, Betsey Smith.
- 144      iv. *Patty*, b. Aug. 14, 1777; md. Simeon Russell, son  
of Nathaniel, *q. v.*
- 145      v. *Phebe*, b. Oct. 1, 1778; md. Benjamin Rumrill, of  
New Ipswich, and removed to Moriah, Vt.  
Their children were, Benjamin, Daniel, Roxana,  
Clarissa, Dorothy, Martha, Phebe, Warren, John,  
Maria, but no dates or other information has  
been secured.
- 146      vi. *Isaac*, b. March 3, 1780. Resided in Maine and in  
the city of New York, where he md. Mary Ann  
McKissock, dau. of William McKissock, a native  
of Ireland, but of Scotch descent.
- 147              1. John A., b. May 5, 1815. Resides, unmd.,  
in New York. He is a clerk and account-  
ant, and for several years held a position  
in the city post-office. Mr. Russell is well  
versed in the historical literature of the  
country in which he evinces a lively inter-  
est, and possesses a valuable collection of  
historical and genealogical publications.  
To his intelligent assistance these registers  
of the Russell family are indebted.
- 148              2. Martha Ann, md. Gustavus A. Conner, of  
New York. He d. Jan. 21, 1867. Their  
children are: Anna Augusta, Edwin D.,  
Josephine, William E., Lizzie D., Mattie A.
- 149      vii. *Henry*, b. Nov. 14, 1781; d. March 10, 1784.

Children of Daniel and Martha Poor:—

- 150              i. *Betsey*, b. March 17, 1793.
- 151              ii. *Daniel*, b. July 22, 1794; d. Dec. 26, 1799.

152      JABEZ RUSSELL, probably not related to other families  
of this name, came from Bedford, Mass., in June, 1777.  
By wife Hannah he had nine children, b. previous to this  
date. He afterwards became blind, and was in reduced  
circumstances. He d. March 9, 1818.

- 153              i. *Molley*, b. Feb. 26, 1754.

- 154      II. *Reuben*, b. Oct. 23, 1756; md. Oct. 20, 1778, Susannah Streeter, probably a dau. of James Streeter, *q. v.* He served three enlistments in the army, and removed from town between 1783 and 1793. The birth of one child is found upon the records.
- 155      I. Susanna, b. in Rindge March 2, 1779.
- 156      III. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 29, 1759; md. James French, *q. v.*
- 157      IV. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 23, 1762; md. Hezekiah Sawtell, son of Jonathan, *q. v.*
- 158      V. *Benjamin*, b. July 15, 1764.
- 159      VI. *Lucy*, b. May 11, 1767; md. John Hannaford, *q. v.*
- 160      VII. *Rhoda*, b. Feb. 23, 1770.
- 161      VIII. *Lydia*, b. April 1, 1773.
- 162      IX. *John*, b. April 3, 1776.
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- 163      AMOS B. RUSSELL came from Gardner, Mass., 1838, and removed to Mason, N. H., 1844. The names of two children of Amos B. and Mary Russell are found upon the records.
- 164      I. *Lorena*, b. in South Gardner, Oct. 9, 1836.
- 165      II. *Louisa*, b. in Rindge June 20, 1839.
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- 1      DANIEL H. SARGENT, son of Eliphalet R. and Lydia (Wells) Sargent, of Dunbarton, N. H., and grandson of Daniel Sargent, was b. in Goffstown, N. H., Jan. 18, 1831. His father, formerly of Goffstown, has resided many years in Dunbarton, where he has been much employed in public affairs, and has represented the town in the Legislature. Mr. Sargent md. Oct. 7, 1858, Clarinda A. Woodbury, dau. of Nathan Woodbury, *q. v.*, and removed to this town in 1864.
- 2      I. *Edwin H.*, b. in Dunbarton Aug. 21, 1859.
- 3      II. *George A.*, b. in Dunbarton June 16, 1862.
- 4      III. *Stella A.*, b. in Rindge July 12, 1869.

## SAWTELL.

RICHARD SAWTELL, the ancestor of all the families bearing the name in Rindge, was a native of England. The date of his emigration is not exactly known, but he was a resident and proprietor of Watertown previous to 1637. Subsequently he was a proprietor and one of the first settlers of Groton, Mass., and was the clerk of that town the first three years after its organization, 1662, '63, '64. He d. Aug. 2, 1694, and his widow, Elizabeth, d. Oct. 18, of the same year. They had ten children, and descendants of two of them are residents of this town. Obadiah, their eldest son, resided in Groton, and by wife Hannah had a son, Obadiah, Jr., who md., about 1680, Hannah ——. They were the parents of six children. Of these, Hezekiah, b. March 2, 1703, md. Joanna Wilson. Their eleven children were b. in Groton 1724-1747. He d. March 18, 1779; she d. Sept. 11, 1786. Their eldest son, Jona-

than, removed to Rindge, and the register of his family is hereafter given. Another son of Hezekiah and Joanna (Wilson) Sawtell was Obadiah, b. Oct. 11, 1732. He probably resided in that part of Groton which was included in the town of Shirley, which he represented 1776 in the General Court, and was three years in the army. He was an innholder, and a prominent citizen in the affairs of that town. His name appears upon the Rindge records, but he did not become a permanent resident of this town. He md. Mary Gould, who d. Feb. 14, 1773, and who was the mother of eight children. Among them was Solomon Sawtell, who came to Rindge, and is named below.

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| 1  | JONATHAN SAWTELL, son of Hezekiah and Joanna (Wilson) Sawtell, b. June 6, 1724; md. Dec. 13, 1749, Mary Holden, b. April 3, 1728, dau. of Nathaniel and Abigail (Stone) Holden. They removed to Rindge previous to the Revolution. He d. Aug. 12, 1801. Their children were b. in Groton.  |
| 2  | I. <i>Jonathan</i> , b. Jan. 31, 1753. †   |
| 3  | II. <i>Mary</i> , b. Sept. 15, 1754; md. Abijah Page, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 4  | III. <i>Joanna</i> , b. June 17, 1756; md. Abraham Wetherbee, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 5  | IV. <i>Abigail</i> , b. June 27, 1758; md. Capt. Joseph Platts, <i>q. v.</i> ; md. (2d) Enos Lake, <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 6  | V. <i>Hezekiah</i> , b. Feb. 26, 1761. †   |
| 7  | VI. <i>Maria</i> , b. Jan. 18, 1763; md. Thomas Wetherbee, Jr., <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 8  | VII. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. Jan. 28, 1765; md. in Rindge Feb. 4, 1796, Enoch Day, and resided in this town until 1810.  |
| 9  | 1. Dorinda, b. June 26, 1797.  |
| 10 | 2. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 22, 1800.   |
| 11 | 3. Enoch, b. April 23, 1803.   |
| 12 | 4. Rebecca, b. Jan. 9, 1805.   |
| 13 | VIII. <i>Josiah</i> , b. Nov. 24, 1766; md. Sept. 4, 1788, Molley Page, dau. of John and Esther (Lawrence) Page, <i>q. v.</i> , and resided upon the Griswold farm in the south-east part of the town. She d. Dec. 1, 1821, and he md. (2d) Sibyl (Howe) Stone, b. 1772, widow of Capt. Ebenezer Stone, and dau. of Isaac and Sibyl Howe, of New Ipswich. Mr. Sawtell was selectman 1805, '6, '7, '8, '9. He d. Oct. 1, 1825, and his widow md. Moses Hale, her third husband. |
| 14 | 1. Eliphalet (son of Josiah and Molley), b. June 3, 1789; was a merchant in this town a few years, and d., unmd., May 22, 1822.  |
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- (2) JONATHAN, b. Jan. 31, 1753; md. Oct. 9, 1777, Hannah Whitaker. He served two enlistments in the Revolution

- (*vide* pp. 136, 164). He d. Dec. 29, 1830; his widow d. July 15, 1842, aged 88.
- 15     i. *Amaziah*, b. Jan. 9; d. July 12, 1778.
- 16     ii. *Amaziah*, b. July 10, 1779; md. Nov. 15, 1804, Joanna Wetherbee, dau. of John Wetherbee, *q. v.* He was taxed in Rindge until 1810. Two children b. here.
- 17             1. Irene, b. March 26, 1805.
- 18             2. Adaline, b. May 18, 1806.
- 19     iii. *Rebecca*, b. May 7, 1781; md. Jonathan Page, son of John, No. 93, *q. v.*
- 20     iv. *Clarissa*, b. April 6, 1785; md. Josiah Weth $\frac{1}{2}$ bee, *q. v.*
- 21     v. *Solomon*, b. 1786. +
- 22     vi. *Luther*, b. May 18, 1789.
- 23     vii. *Sophia*, b. May 30, 1790; md. Salmon Allen, *q. v.*
- 24     viii. *Mille*, d. young.
- 25     ix. *Mille*, b. Nov. 16, 1796.
- 26     x. *Edmund*, b. Jan. 1, 1799; d. Nov. 12, 1814.
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- (6)     HEZEKIAH SAWTELL, b. Feb. 26, 1761; md. Nov. 26, 1782, Sarah Russell, dau. of Jabez Russell, *q. v.* She d. March 14, 1816. He md. (2d) April 28, 1818, Lucy Taylor, b. June 1, 1772. He was in the Revolutionary army, and was wounded. He d. Oct. 1, 1824; his widow d. in New Ipswich, of small-pox, June 1, 1849.
- 27     i. *Jonathan*, b. March 14, 1783. +
- 28     ii. *Molley*, b. July 26, 1785; md. June 26, 1808, Rufus Farr. She d., leaving five children, Aug. 21, 1859.
- 29     iii. *Sarah*, b. May 23, 1787; md. 1804, Joseph Howe. She d. Jan. 25, 1826.
- 30     iv. *Asa*, b. March 18, 1789. +
- 31     v. *Jabez*, b. May 14, 1791; d., unmd., Sept. 29, 1862.
- 32     vi. *Kinsley*, b. July 9, 1793; d. 1795.
- 33     vii. *Levina*, b. June 2, 1795; md., 1821, Asa Petten-gill. Only a portion of their married life was passed in Rindge. He d. —; she d. Oct. 3, 1865.
- 34             1. Almena S., b. May 22, 1824; d., unmd., Dec. 23, 1855.
- 35             2. Hannah, b. Oct. 20, 1833; md. Timothy F. Hubbard, son of Eliphalet, *q. v.*
- 36             3. Asa, b. Sept. 2, 1835; md. Hannah Heard.
- 37     viii. *Betsey*, b. May 5, 1797; md. Eliphalet Hubbard, *q. v.*
- 38     ix. *Kinsley*, b. July 14, 1799. +



- 39 x. *Josiah*, b. March 5, 1802; md. May 8, 1828, Rebecca B. Barbour, dau. of Dr. William and Rachel (Cutter) Barbour. They resided in Mason, now Greenville, N. H., where he d. May 14, 1871.
- 40 xi. *Almena*, b. May 17, 1805; d., unmd., April 6, 1853.
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- (21) SOLOMON SAWTELL, b. 1786; md. Nov. 12, 1812, Rebecca Dwinnell, who d. Aug. 12, 1818. He md. (2d) 1819 (pub. May 8), Nancy Whitney, of Marlboro, N. H. He was at Portsmouth in the War of 1812. He d. Dec. 13, 1861; she d. April 17, 1864, aged 67.
- 41 i. *Harriet*, b. 1813; d., unmd., Aug. 27, 1832.
- 42 ii. *Clarissa*, b. 1814; md. William S. Rugg, *q. v.*
- 43 iii. *Lucinda*.
- 44 iv. *Solomon Nelson*, b. 1817; enlisted from Harrisville, N. H., into the 6th N. H. Vols., and d. of wounds Sept. 27, 1864.
- Children of second wife:—
- 45 v. *Benjamin Whitney*.
- 46 vi. *Joshua Towne*.
- 47 vii. *John Leonard*, md. Lucy Towne, of Marlboro.
- 48 viii. *Jane L.*, resides, unmd., in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 49 ix. *Emily*, md. Henry H. Platts, son of Harvey, *q. v.*
- 50 x. *Amaziah*, md. Louisa Hardy.
- 51 xi. *Edwin*, b. Aug. 25, 1838; md. Nov. 24, 1859, Anna L. Holbrook; resides in Brockton, Mass.
- 52 xii. *J. Warren*, b. 1840; enlisted into a New York regiment; d. in the service July 9, 1864.
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- (27) JONATHAN, son of Hezekiah, md. April 14, 1807, Mary Wetherbee, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Gates) Wetherbee, *q. v.* She d. May 6, 1843; and he md. (2d) April 9, 1844, Lucy Foster, dau. of Lieut. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cary) Foster. He d. April 14, 1857. iv. and v. d. young.
- 53 i. *Alvin*, b. March 9, 1808; md. Lydia Baker; md. (2d) Sarah Dwinnell; resides in Northboro, Mass.
- 54 ii. *Mary Ann*, b. April 25, 1807; md. John E. Lake, *q. v.*
- 55 iii. *Almira*, b. April 18, 1811; md. Alison Lake, *q. v.*
- 56 vi. *Irene*, b. May 11, 1816; md. Thomas Saunders, of Townsend, Mass., who d. in Ayer, Mass.
- 57 vii. *Lavina*, b. June 13, 1818; md. Dana Davis, of Fitzwilliam.
- 58 viii. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 26, 1821; md. Robert McDonald, of Fitzwilliam, where she d. 1864.

- 59 IX. *Sibyl*, b. March 4, 1826; md. Hiram George, of  
Vershire, Vt., where they now reside.
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- (30) ASA SAWTELL, son of Hezekiah, md. Nov. 8, 1812,  
Anna B. Hastings, dau. of Capt. Charles and Anna Hast-  
ings, b. in Ashburnham. They resided in Rindge until  
1818, and later in Mason, N. H., and in Ashburnham,  
Mass.
- 60 I *Ezra Hastings*, b. Dec. 11, 1813; md. Feb. 29,  
1836, Betsey Scripture, dau. of James and Lucy  
(Dakin) Scripture, of Mason, N. H. She d. in  
Warwick, R. I., July 29, 1853; md. (2d) March  
26, 1856, Sultyna (Jones) Woods, widow of Asa  
Elbridge Woods, and dau. of Dea. Daniel Jones.  
(*Vide* Converse Register, No. 27.) They reside  
in Ayer, Mass. He has one child by his first  
wife.
- 61 1. Mary E., b. Feb. 23, 1837.
- 62 II. *Seth P.*, b. April 1, 1816; d. July 30, 1818.
- 63 III. *Mary A. B.*, b. Sept. 18, 1818; md. Jonas Morse.  
She d. Oct. 18, 1873.
- 64 IV. *Sarah J.*, b. Oct. 3, 1820; d. May 24, 1821.
- 65 V. *Eliza J.*, b. May 11, 1822; md. Henry Stevens.  
They resided in Caledonia, Wis., where he d.  
1874. She resides in Racine, Wis.
- 66 VI. *Lucy R.*, b. March 11, 1824; md. John Bemis.  
They live in New York City.
- 67 VII. *Sarah L.*, b. July 30, 1826; md. Lorenzo A. Fisher,  
and removed to New York City.
- 68 VIII. *Leonard W.*, b. June 30, 1829; md. Harriet Rus-  
sell; md. (2d) Maria Sawyer, of New York City,  
where they reside.
- 69 IX. *Augusta E.*, b. Oct. 3, 1832; md. Dexter Russell,  
son of Walter Russell, of Ashburnham. Re-  
sided in Ashburnham several years. She now  
resides, his widow, in Philadelphia.
- 70 X. *Josiah P.*, b. Aug. 22, 1835; md. Mary Foster, dau.  
of Jerome Foster. Reside in New York City.
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- (38) KINSLEY SAWTELL, son of Hezekiah, md., 1818, Thank-  
ful Watkins, dau. of Stephen and Susan Watkins. They  
resided in Wendell, Mass., and in Walpole, N. H. where  
he d. Jan. 8, 1864.
- 71 I. *Lyman*, b. Nov. 2, 1820; d. Jan 28, 1834.
- 72 II. *Sarah J.*, b. May 22, 1822.
- 73 III. *S. Edwin*, b. May 29, 1824.
- 74 IV. *J. Almena*, b. May 7, 1826; d. Aug. 2, 1827.
- 75 V. *Lucius E.*, b. May 12, 1828.

- 76 VI. *Julia A.*, b. April 18, 1830; md. Ai Shattuck.  
 77 VII. *Horace C.*, b. July 22, 1832.  
 78 VIII. *Charles H.*, b. Sept. 29, 1834.  
 79 IX. *Mary A.*, b. May 29, 1837; md. Charles Howard.  
 80 X. *Emily E.*, b. June 30, 1839; md. Samuel Oliver.  
 81 XI. *Lyman R.*, b. April 11, 1842; md. Mary J. Whitehead.  
 82 XII. *Henry J.*, b. July 2, 1845.
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- 83 SOLOMON SAWTELL, son of Obadiah and Mary (Gould) Sawtell, was b. in Shirley, Feb. 23, 1762. Obadiah, the father appears to have been in this town a short time, but he probably never became a resident here, as he was town clerk of Shirley for the years 1763, '73, '74, '75, '76, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, and '85. Solomon, the son, came to Rindge about 1796; he md. Nov. 19, 1801, Olive Converse, dau. of Zebulon Converse, *q. v.* With the exception of a residence in Chelmsford, Mass., from 1809 to 1815, they resided in Rindge until their death. He d. Aug. 11, 1834; his widow d. Aug. 10, 1843.
- 84 I. *Mary*, b. Sept. 4, 1802; d. Oct. 11, 1805.  
 85 II. *Arvilla*, b. June 4, 1804; d. Oct. 29, 1805.  
 86 III. *Mary*, b. June 3, 1806; d. young.  
 87 IV. *Arvilla*, b. July 24, 1807; md. Ezra Hudson, of Templeton, Mass., and after her death, he md. Nov. 27, 1847, Caroline Jones, dau. of Edmund and Caty (Taylor) Jones, of Ashburnham. Two children by first wife.
- 88 1. Arvilla, md. — Blodgett; reside in Chelmsca, Mass.  
 89 2. Son, d. young.
- 90 V. *Cynthia*, b. in Chelmsford, June 14, 1809; md. Lucius M. Converse, son of Joshua Converse, Esq., *q. v.*
- 91 VI. *Sherebiah Fletcher*, b. —; md. Sarah Woodbury; he d. in Gardner, Mass., Nov. 8, 1845. Their two children d. in infancy. She md. (2d) L. H. Bradford, Esq., of Fitchburg, Mass., where they now reside.
- 92 VII. *Augustus W.*, b. June 10, 1813; md. May 25, 1839, Orris M. Butterfield; d. in Warren, Mass., Nov. 21, 1846.
- 93 1. Adelaide L., b. April 22, 1840; d. Sept. 5, 1843.  
 94 2. Harriet A., b. Sept. 20, 1842; md. Oct. 20, 1862, C. H. Baker, of Warren, Mass.  
 95 3. Martha P., b. Aug. 20, 1844; md. June 1, 1870, Henry L. Merritt, of Warren.

- 96 VIII. *Alonzo*, b. Oct. 11, 1815; md. Mary Ann Davis, b. Nov. 25, 1821, dau. of Jonas and Hepsibah (Cutter) Davis, of Temple, N. H. Removed to Gardner, Mass., and soon after to Minneapolis, Minn., where he now resides.
- 97 IX. *Obadiah*, b. May 11, 1817; md. May 1, 1842, Sarah F. Jennison, who d. June 1, 1850; md. (2d) Dec. 2, 1862, Clarissa E. Rand. He has resided in New York and in Texas; now lives in Manitowoc, Wis.
- 98 1. Oscar O., b. March 24, 1845; d. Sept. 10, 1845.
- 99 2. Sarah Olive, b. June 26, 1847; md. Sept. 24, 1870, David H. Spear, b. in Templeton, Mass., 1846, son of David W. Spear. They reside in Lowell, Mass.
- Children of second wife:—
- 100 3. Calvin C., b. Nov. 14, 1863.
- 101 4. Charles S., b. Aug. 26, 1865.
- 102 5. Fannie Maud, b. Sept. 1, 1869.
- 103 6. Minerva R., b. April 15, 1871.
- 104 7. Edith R., b. Nov. 29, 1872; d. Oct. 6, 1873.
- 105 x. *Solomon*, b. Jan. 29, 1821; md. Mary Ann Carpenter, of Stafford Springs, Conn.; removed to Warren, Mass., where he d. Feb. 29, 1852.
- 106 XI. *Rachel Eliza*, b. April 20, 1824; d., unmd., Oct. 13, 1852.
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- 107 AARON SAWTELL, son of Joseph and Hannah (Kemp) Sawtell, and a grandson of Joseph and Lydia (Jenkins) Sawtell, of Groton, was b. in that place, 1791. He belonged to the same family of Sawtells, but was not of near kinship to any of the foregoing. He came to Rindge 1812 or 1813, and md. Sept. 22, 1814, Ruth Metcalf, dau. of Timothy and Ruth (Chaplin) Metcalf, *q. v.* He d. Nov. 9, 1870.
- 108 i. *Sylvester*, b. July 8, 1816; d. Nov. 6, 1820.
- 109 ii. *Ruth S.*, md. Timothy Cudworth, *q. v.*
- 110 iii. *Aaron S.*, b. March 10, 1823; md. April 29, 1847, Almira J. Blake, dau. of Dea. Eleazer Blake, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 12, 1869; md. (2d) Nov. 15, 1870, Caroline W. Keyes, dau. of Samuel Keyes, of Ashburnham. He is a manufacturer of wooden-ware in West Rindge.
- 111 1. Albert H., b. July 20, 1849; md. Nov. 18, 1869, Abbie A. McClenathan. Reside in Troy, N. H.

- 112 2. Charles O., b. Oct. 16, 1853.  
 113 3. Elsie H., b. May 6, 1859; d. Aug. 16, 1859.
- 114 iv. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 15, 1829; d. May 27, 1831.  
 115 v. *Warren F.*, b. Sept. 30, 1832; md. Nov. 1, 1853,  
 Christina Eveleth, dau. of Gilman Eveleth, of  
 Dublin, N. H. He resides in West Rindge,  
 where he is engaged in the manufacture of  
 wooden-ware.
- 116 1. Elsie A., b. April 3, 1855.  
 117 2. Calvin W., b. Dec. 16, 1857; d. June, 1858.  
 118 3. Oren F., b. May 27, 1860.  
 119 4. Grace, b. Dec. 9, 1870.

1 ABNER SAWYER settled upon the Dea. Goddard farm  
 in 1797, but was not taxed after 1809. Perhaps he was  
 above seventy years of age, and continued a residence  
 here after that date. There may have been children not  
 named below.

- 2 I. *Betsey*, md. Thomas Cowdin, *q. v.*  
 3 II. *Sophia*, a teacher and a missionary; she conducted  
 a mission school in Arkansas, where she d., unmd.  
 4 III. *Asenath*, b. Sept. 4, 1789; d. June 3, 1815.  
 5 IV. *Sarah*.  
 6 V. *Susan*, md. Horatio Hale, son of David Hale,  
*q. v.* Not a dau. of *Francis* Sawyer, as stated  
 in the Hale Register.

7 FRANCIS SAWYER was from Canterbury, N. H. He  
 resided in the north-east part of the town 1812-1826.

- 8 I. *Lovina*, b. June 14, 1811.  
 9 II. *Lydia*, b. April 5, 1813.  
 10 III. *Francis*, b. July 21, 1815.  
 11 IV. *Lois*, b. Jan. 6, 1818.  
 12 V. *Charles*, b. Dec. 27, 1819.  
 13 VI. *Timothy*, b. Aug. 20, 1822.  
 14 VII. *Martha*, b. Oct. 25, 1825.

1 EZRA SCOLLAY, son of Grover Scollay, b. in Ashburn-  
 ham March 8, 1786; md. Dec. 31, 1807, Mersilvia Jewett,  
 dau. of Dea. Edward Jewett, *q. v.*, a lady of most excel-  
 lent character and intellectual gifts. She d. June 2, 1855.  
 He md. (2d) Oct. 14, 1856, Polly Hale, dau. of David  
 Hale, *q. v.*, who d. Dec. 17, 1866; and he md. (3d) Sept.  
 19, 1867, Mrs. Mary P. Moore, of New Ipswich. He d.  
 Nov. 10, 1874, having resided in New Ipswich since his  
 last marriage.

1 ABEL SHEDD was b. in Groton (now Pepperell) March  
 9, 1743. He was a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Barron)

Shedd, who were md. April 13, 1722. He md. Ruth Haskell, and settled in Rindge previous to, or in the year, 1780, where he d. Sept. 21, 1819; his widow survived him several years, and d. in Windsor, Vt.

2 I. *Abel*. †

3 II. *Samuel*, md. Sally Patch, and settled in Windsor, Vt., where he d., leaving three children.

4 III. *John*, md. Susan White, and d. 1819, in Jaffrey; and his widow md. (2d) Dea. Kendall, of New Ipswich.

5 1. Alvin, removed to Vermont.

6 2. Henry, a clergyman, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

7 3. Susan, md. Charles Adams, of New Ipswich, and subsequently removed to Denmark, Iowa.

8 4. John, resided in Boston.

9 IV. *Henry*, md., 1799, Sarah Bickford, of Salem, Mass., where he continued to reside until his death, in 1802.

10 1. Deborah, an only child, had a home with her relatives in Rindge. She md. Dea. Ezra C. Chamberlain, of Peacham, Vt., where they now reside.

11 V. *Josiah*, b. in Rindge Nov. 1, 1781; md. Lydia Chamberlain, and practiced medicine in Peacham, Vt., until his death, Sept. 4, 1851. He was an able and liberal-minded man. Their only dau. md. Dr. Noah Worcester, of Ohio.

12 VI. *Timothy*, b. in Rindge about 1783, was twice md., and left several children. In 1808 he settled at Wells River, Vt., where he was highly respected, and d. deeply lamented.

13 VII. *Ebenezer*, removed to Weathersfield, Vt. He was prominent in municipal and religious affairs, and for many years was a deacon of the church in that place. He md. Fanny Bannister. He d. at nearly ninety years of age. His aged widow resides in Weathersfield.

(2) CAPT. ABEL SHEDD resided in Jaffrey from 1793 until 1800, when he returned to Rindge, and continued a resident until his death. He md. Oct. 22, 1793, Priscilla French, dau. of John French, of Jaffrey. She d. Sept. 27, 1799, and he md. (2d) Jan. 20, 1802, Rebecca Adams, b. July 27, 1767, dau. of Ephraim and Lydia (Kinsman) Adams, of New Ipswich, and a sister of Prof. Ebenezer Adams, of Dartmouth College. Capt. Shedd was a man of good natural abilities and unexceptionable character. He d. Sept. 17, 1819; his widow d. Sept. 11, 1823.



- 14 i. *Ruthy*, b. Aug. 15, 1794; md. William Kimball, *q. v.*  
 15 ii. *Sally*, twin, b. Aug. 15, 1794; md. Feb. 12, 1819,  
 Cummings French, of Jaffrey. She d. Nov. 2,  
 1862.
- 16 iii. *Abel*, b. May 11, 1797; md. June 16, 1825, Mary  
 Jewett, of Jaffrey, where they resided.
- Children of second wife:—
- 17 iv. *Charles*, b. Oct. 21, 1802 (*vide p. 360*). He md.  
 Elizabeth Rowell, dau. of Rev. J. Rowell, of  
 Cornish, N. H.
- 18 v. *James Adams*, b. Feb. 25, 1804; md. Augusta  
 Adams, dau. of Major Benjamin and Olivia  
 (Everett) Adams, of New Ipswich. For several  
 years he practiced law in Detroit, Mich., and in  
 Dayton, Ohio, and subsequently settled, a farmer,  
 in Denmark, Iowa, where he now resides. His  
 wife d. in Dayton, and he md. (2d) Carrie Brown.
- 19 vi. *Curtis*, b. Feb. 2, 1809; md. Sophronia Taylor, of  
 New Ipswich, and resided in New Ipswich until  
 about 1840, when he removed to Denmark, Iowa.
- 20 vii. *George*, b. May 13, 1810 (*vide p. 360*). Resides in  
 Denmark, Iowa, where he md. Abby Houston, a  
 native of Lowell, Mass. He is a physician.
- 21 viii. *Rebecca*, b. March 20, 1813; md. Dr. William  
 Gallup, and after a brief residence in New Ips-  
 wich removed about 1836 to Concord, Mass.,  
 where she d. Dec. 17, 1838.

## SHERWIN.

The Sherwins were early in this town, and the four families that came hither were closely related, being two brothers, cousins to two brothers. Ebenezer Sherwin and wife Susannah were residents of Boxford, Mass., previous to 1700; but of the earlier generations of this family I am not informed. Jonathan Sherwin, son of Ebenezer, was b. in Boxford Jan. 8, 1704; md. Nov. 26, 1728, Mary Lurvey, and had seven children, b. in Boxford 1730-1744. Of these, Samuel and Asa came to Rindge, and are named hereafter, and Elizabeth was the wife of James Carlton, of this town, and her record appears in the register of that family. Ebenezer, another son of Ebenezer and Susannah Sherwin, was b. Jan. 5, 1706; md. Sept. 21, 1726, Hepsibah Cole, and in Boxford had eight children, b. 1728-1746. Of these Jonathan and John settled in this town, and their record is found in the following register. Ebenezer Sherwin, another son of Ebenezer and Hepsibah (Cole) Sherwin, md., 1748, Sarah Hovey, and they and their son Ebenezer, b. in Boxford Oct. 16, 1752, removed to Winchendon in 1769, where not a few of their descendants have resided.

- 1 SAMUEL SHERWIN, son of Jonathan and Mary (Lurvey) Sherwin, was b. in Boxford, Dec. 16, 1738; he md. in Andover, June 1, 1762, Mary Stanley, probably a dau. of Jonathan Stanley, *q. v.* Their eldest child was b. in

Andover. In 1766 or 1767 he removed to this town, and in 1768 a road was laid from the meeting-house, northerly by his barn, and thence to Josiah Ingalls' house near Grassy Pond. He was frequently elected to office, and was residing in Rindge in 1781, but no record of his death or removal has been discovered. The date of birth of five children is preserved upon the records.

- 2           i. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 10, 1763.  
 3           ii. *Jonathan*, b. May 22, 1766.  
 4           iii. *Sarah*, b. March 4; d. March 11, 1769.  
 5           iv. *Charlotte*, b. June 25, 1774.  
 6           v. *Isaac*, b. April 28, 1778.
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- 7           CAPT. ASA SHERWIN, a brother of Samuel, was b. in Boxford Dec. 11, 1744; he md. Mehitable Porter, who d., probably about 1770. He removed to Rindge in 1768, and md. (2d) Mercy Kimball, dau. of Lieut. Richard Kimball, *q. v.* He was a man of ability and resolution, and was much employed in public service. In 1777 he was lieutenant in Capt. Brown's company, and after the following year he was styled captain, probably on account of a commission in the companies of the training band or the alarm lists. He was selectman in 1785 and '86, and was very frequently chosen on committees. For several years preceding his death he was an invalid, and d. of spotted fever, May 11, 1812; his wife d. Feb. 6, 1812, aged 58.
- 8           i. *Nathan*, b. Oct. 17, 1764; md. July 5, 1785, Margery Flagg, of New Ipswich.  
 9           ii. *David*, b. Dec., 1767; d. young.  
 10          iii. *Mehitable*, b. 1770; d. unmd., and probably in childhood.  
 11          iv. *Betty Kimball*, b. Feb. 26, 1772; md. Dec. 23, 1790, Israel Chapman, and removed to Stowe, Vt. They had six children.  
 12          v. *David*, b. Feb. 20, 1774.  
 13          vi. *Mercy*, b. June 1, 1776; md. March 19, 1809, Samuel Adams.  
 14          vii. *Asa*, b. June 6, 1778.  
 15          viii. *Irene*, b. March 12, 1781.  
 16          ix. *Jonathan*, b. Aug. 20, 1783; md. Sarah Barker, dau. of Benjamin, *q. v.* They settled in Conway, Mass., and had sons Azro, Payson, and Thomas.  
 17          x. *Richard*, b. July 16, 1785; a most worthy man. He was a printer in Boston, and was very popular among his associates; md. Eunice Choate.  
 18          xi. *John*, b. Nov. 27, 1787.

- 19 XII. *Enos*, b. Sept. 23, 1790; md. Olive Gibson, of Fitchburg. After his marriage he resided a few years in Jaffrey, and the birth of two children is recorded in that town.
- 20 1. Reuben Gibson, b. June 27, 1814.
- 21 2. Jonathan French, b. Nov. 20, 1815.
- 22 XIII. *Seth Payson*, b. April 18, 1793; md. Mary Robinson, of Stowe, Vt., where he resided many years. He d. in Morristown, Vt., about 1860.
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- 23 JONATHAN SHERWIN, son of Ebenezer and Hepsibah (Cole) Sherwin, was b. in Boxford Sept. 6, 1729; md. Feb. 15, 1756, Mary Crumbie, b. in Methuen, March 28, 1735, by tradition a sister of Lieut. James Crumbie, of Rindge. He settled, in 1767, upon the Sherwin farm, in the north part of Rindge. He was selectman 1769, '70, '73, and '76; and his frequent election to other positions of trust is evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his townsmen. Few men possessed an equal influence, or were wiser or better counsellors in public affairs. His wife d. May 25, 1784; and he md. (2d) June 26, 1787, Content (Barker) Lapham, widow of Captain Benjamin Lapham, and dau. of Barnabas Barker. Mr. Sherwin d. Feb. 23, 1804; and his widow d. April 25, 1821, aged 74.
- 24 I. *Deborah*, b. Dec. 5, 1756; md. Aug. 8, 1782, Jonathan Ingalls, *q. v.*
- 25 II. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 28, 1759; d. from injuries received by a fall from a horse Sept. 12, 1780.
- 26 III. *David*, b. March 13, 1761. †
- 27 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 3, 1763; d. Jan. 17, 1765.
- 28 V. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 25, 1765; d. Nov. 15, 1785.
- 29 VI. *William*, b. Jan. 14, 1768. †
- 30 VII. *Sarah*, b. April 11, 1770; d. April 6, 1787.
- 31 VIII. *Jonathan*, b. Aug. 5, 1772; d. Feb. 11, 1773.
- 32 IX. *Molley*, b. Dec. 28, 1773; d. of consumption at the age of 16.
- 33 X. *Anna*, b. Dec. 31, 1778; md. Samuel Locke Wilder, Esq., *q. v.*
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- (26) DAVID SHERWIN, son of Jonathan, md. in New Ipswich Nov. 28, 1786, Hannah Prichard, b. March 28, 1764, dau. of Paul and Hannah (Perley) Prichard, from Boxford, then of New Ipswich. Mr. Sherwin resided in Rindge until 1790, and two of his children were b. in this town. He subsequently lived several years in Jaffrey, owning and occupying the mills at Squantum, and later in Westmoreland, New Ipswich, and Temple. While a resident of this town he was selectman 1787, and town clerk the


same year. The records transcribed by him, in well chosen language, are enduring evidence of his ability. He served in Stark's Brigade, and was at the battle of Bennington. Mrs. Sherwin d. in Temple Oct. 1, 1806.

- 34 I. *Sally*, b. in Rindge Nov. 20, 1787; md. Aug. 8, 1822, Abram Mead, and d. in Littleton, Mass., March 30, 1860.
- 35 II. *Rebecca*, b. in Rindge Nov. 16, 1789; d. in infancy.
- 36 III. *Mary*, b. in Jaffrey Aug. 25, 1791; md. Christopher P. Farley, and d. in Hollis, N. H., Nov. 23, 1813.
- 37 IV. *Hannah*, b. in Jaffrey May 21, 1795; d. in New Ipswich Sept 21, 1819.
- 38 V. *Thomas*, b. in Westmoreland March 26, 1799. +
- 39 VI. *Betsey*, b. in Westmoreland April 16, 1801; d. unmd.
- 40 VII. *Anna*, b. in New Ipswich Nov. 5, 1803. Now living.

(29) WILLIAM SHERWIN, son of Jonathan, md. Mary Baxter, dau. of Joseph Baxter, of Princeton, Mass. Her parents d. in this town. He resided upon the homestead farm, and was a highly respected and useful citizen. He was one of the school-teachers in this town, and served several years upon the committee of supervision; was selectman 1801, '2, '3, and represented the town in the Legislature 1811. He d. Sept. 16, 1834; she d. Aug. 15, 1851, aged 84.

- 41 I. *William Augustus*, b. Nov. 9, 1801; md. Mrs. Mary (Goodridge) Eddy (*vide* Eddy Register). He is a farmer, and resides in Rindge Centre.
- 42 II. *Julius Celario*, b. March 20, 1803; md. June 4, 1839, Silence Jones Adams, dau. of David Adams, *q. v.* He was a farmer in Rindge until a short time previous to his death, when he removed to New Ipswich, where he d. Nov. 27, 1871.
- 43 1. George H., b. Nov. 25, 1840; d. Sept. 26, 1867.
- 44 2. Mary M., b. Oct. 11, 1844; a teacher in the public schools of Roxbury, Mass.
- 45 3. Ellen A., b. March 5, 1847; teacher.
- 46 4. Kate A., b. March 26, 1849; teacher.
- 47 5. Annie M., b. Aug. 2, 1851; md. Dec. 25, 1872, C. M. Cummings, a merchant of Keene, N. H.

48      iii. *Stephen Baxter*, b. Feb. 13, 1805 (*vide* page 378);



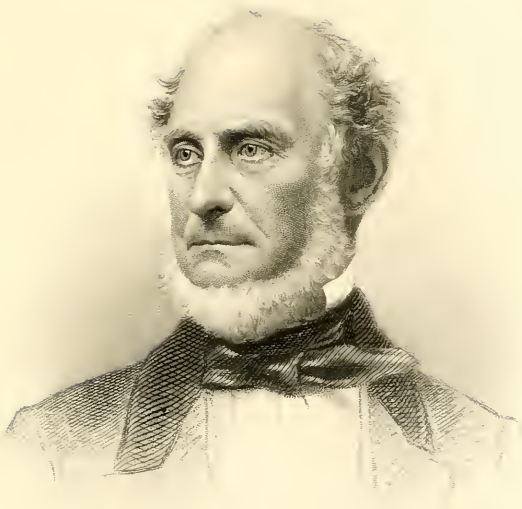
md. April 16, 1835, Mersilvia Wilder, dau. of Samuel L. Wilder, Esq., *q. v.*; d. very suddenly Dec. 14, 1861.

- 49      1. William Ferdinand, b. Feb. 12, 1836; md. Oct. 19, 1859, Castella E. Eddy, and a great-granddau. of Lieut. Benjamin Foster (*vide* Foster register, No. 11).
- 50      2. Ellen Augusta, b. Oct. 7, 1838; d. July 1, 1847.
- 51      3. Henry Hamilton, b. Sept. 2, 1840; md. April, 1869, Helen L. Silk; he d. Jan. 1, 1873.
- 52      4. Emma Mersilvia, b. Feb. 24, 1844.
- 53      5. Marshall Pinckney Wilder, b. Jan. 7, 1848; resides in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 54      6. Edward Baxter, b. March 26, 1851.
- 55      7. Josiah Wilder, b. July 29, 1853.
- 56      8. Samuel Locke, b. June 2, 1856.

57      iv. *George Edwin*, md., 1833, Caroline Kimball, dau. of Ebenezer and Polly (Aiken) Kimball, of Hill, N. H. He resided in Mobile, Ala., and d. in Mississippi Feb. 5, 1861.

58      1. George Donald, a graduate of Harvard University; is a successful lawyer in Louisville, Ky.

(38)      THOMAS SHERWIN, at an early age, and after the death of his mother, went to reside with Dr. James Crombie, of Temple, and remained in his family until fourteen years of age, attending, meanwhile, the short terms of the public schools, and for a season, the instruction of Rev. Noah Miles, and of his son, Solomon P. Miles, then a student at Dartmouth. In 1813 he was apprenticed to the clothiers' trade at Groton, Mass., and remained at this employment six years. During the winter of 1819 he taught a district school in Harvard, Mass., and in the spring entered the academy in Groton, but soon after he went to the academy in New Ipswich, and there remained under the instruction of Amasa Edes until he entered Harvard University in 1821. While an undergraduate he taught one winter in Groton and one in Leominster, Mass. He graduated with honor, in 1825, in a class with Hon.



*Thomas Sherwin*





Charles Francis Adams, Dr. Augustus A. Gould, Judge Ames, and Rev. Drs. Hedge and Lothrop. After teaching a year in the academy in Lexington, Mass., the college government gave proof of the high estimation in which he was held, by appointing him, in 1827, a tutor of mathematics. Though urged to retain it, he relinquished the position after an efficient service of one year. Subsequently a few months' labor as civil engineer was terminated by a severe attack of sickness. In December, 1828, he opened a private school for boys, which he successfully continued one year, and at the expiration of this time he was elected sub-master of the English High School in Boston.

The fruit of these years of study and of labor, of struggle and of triumph, was the preparation with which he approached his life work; and through forty years of faithful and devoted labor he gave proof of ability disciplined by study, and that he fully realized the dignity and honor of his profession. Upon the resignation of Mr. Miles, his former instructor, in 1837, Mr. Sherwin, was unanimously elected master, and in this position he continued a most successful career, which only closed with his life. The eminent character of the English High School, and the exalted reputation of its principal, growing brighter with the increasing years, were widely known and acknowledged. The testimony of Mr. Fraser, an English gentleman appointed to report to Parliament on the condition of the schools of the United States, is in conformity with the public verdict: "Taking it for all in all, and as accomplishing the end at which it professes to aim, the English High School at Boston struck me as the model school of the United States. I wish," he emphatically adds, "we had a hundred such in England."

But his influence and his labor were not limited to the school-room. His breadth of view and of purpose engaged him in every possible duty that would promote the cause of truth and sound learning. To diffuse light, to benefit others, and to bring all available force to the accomplishment of laudable purposes, was his apparent mission. He was one of the originators, in 1830, of the American Institute of Instruction, and its president in 1853 and '54; the first vice-president, and the third president, and one of the leading minds of the Massachusetts State Teachers' Association; since 1836 an active and influential member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and for ten years a director of the Institute of Technology. In 1868 he was elected a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. In addition to able addresses and communications read and

printed through successive years, including many delivered before the societies of which he was a member, he published two valuable works on Algebra which have been extensively used in the schools of the United States.

In the strictest use of the terms, Mr. Sherwin was a man of the purest, loftiest character, at all times guided by a deep-rooted love of the right, the true, and the good. By his pupils he was equally revered for his wisdom, and loved for his goodness. At the announcement of his sudden decease, a multitude of personal friends and pupils, recalling the warmth of his affection and the wisdom of his instruction, expressed their grief in unfeigned sorrow. Long will his deeds be read in the mirror of his own fame, and the reflected image will be scarcely less striking than the original.

Mr. Sherwin md. June 10, 1836, Mary King Gibbens, dau. of Col. Daniel and Mary (King) Gibbens, of Boston, and a sister of Samuel H. Gibbens, Esq., who md. Catherine Brewer Priest, dau. of John Fox Priest, *q. v.* He d. July 23, 1869, leaving three sons:—

- 59           i. *Henry*, b. April 25, 1837. He is a wholesale dealer in coal, New York city. He was a clerk in the navy during the War of the Rebellion.
- 60           ii. *Thomas*, b. July 11, 1839; md. Jan. 18, 1870, Isabel Fiske Edwards, dau. of Hon. Thomas M. Edwards, of Keene, N. H. Gen. Sherwin served three years with distinction in the army of the Potomac. He was lieutenant-colonel of the 22d Mass. Vols., and was subsequently breveted brigadier-general. He is now city collector, Boston.
- 61           iii. *Edward*, b. Nov. 6, 1842. He was a paymaster in the navy during the war, and is now an agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co., office in Boston.

62           JOHN SHERWIN, brother of Jonathan, and cousin of Samuel and Capt. Asa, was b. May 15, 1732. He md. Mary Gould, and in 1768 removed to Rindge. His house was not far from the present residence of Albert H. Thomas. He was residing in this town in 1781, but his name soon after fades from the records.

- 63           i. *Ruth*, b. in Boxford 1765.
- 64           ii. *Mary*, b. in Rindge Nov. 23, 1768.
- 65           iii. *Susanna*, b. in Rindge Feb. 26, 1773.
- 66           iv. *Dolley*, b. in Rindge Jan. 21, 1775.
- 67           v. *Phebe*, b. in Rindge March 19, 1777.
- 68           vi. *Sally*, b. in Rindge Jan. 28, 1781.

- 1 JOHN SIMONDS was an early inhabitant of this town. He came from Lunenburg and remained several years, when he removed to Charlestown, N. H., and in 1776 returned to Rindge. He served in Col. Wyman's and in Col. Enoch Hale's regiments (*vide* pp. 126 and 164), and was residing here in 1780, but removed soon after. He md. March 13, 1755, Mercy Page, dau. of Lieut. Nathaniel, *q. v.*
- 2 I. *John*, bap. in Lunenburg Aug. 6, 1758.
- 3 II. *Silas*, bap. in Lunenburg Sept. 23, 1759.
- 4 III. *Martha*,
- 5 IV. *Sibel*,
- 6 V. *Shubel*,
- 7 VI. *Sarah*,
- } b. previous to 1776.

## SHURTLEFF.

WILLIAM SHURTLEFF, the ancestor of all the families in New England bearing this name, was an early emigrant, and was indentured as an apprentice, in 1634, to Thomas Clark, a carpenter or housewright, of Plymouth. In 1643 he was an inhabitant of that town, and enrolled as of age to perform military duty, and there he continued to reside until 1660, when he removed to Marshfield. In 1666, his dwelling-house being burned, he was residing in the house of his neighbor, John Phillips, and June 23 of that year he was killed by lightning while in the house. He md. Oct. 18, 1655, Elizabeth Lettice, dau. of Thomas and Anna Lettice, who md. (2d) Nov. 18, 1669, Jacob Cook, son of Francis and Esther Cook. Mr. Cook d. 1676, and she md. (3d) Jan. 1, 1688-9, Hugh Cole, of Swanzy, Mass. There were three children of William and Elizabeth (Lettice) Shurtleff. William, the eldest, was b. in Plymouth, 1657. He was selectman of Plymouth several years, captain of the train-band, delegate to the Provincial Assembly in 1694, and treasurer of the town 1695-1704. By the incorporation of Plympton, which was severed from Plymouth, he became an inhabitant of the new town, of which he was clerk, selectman, and prominent in all its affairs. He md. in Oct., 1683, Susannah Lothrop, dau. of Hon. Barnabas Lothrop, and granddau. of Rev. John Lothrop; she d. 1726, aged 62; he d. Feb. 4, 1729-30, aged 71. John Shurtleff, their fifth child, was b. in Plymouth, in June, 1693; md. in Plympton, March 23, 1726-7, Sarah (Lucas) Carver, widow of John Carver, and dau. of Benoni Lucas. In 1740 they removed to Hebron, Conn., and eight years later to Bolton, Conn., and subsequently to Eastbury, where he d., about 1783. Among their children were William and Benoni, twins, b. April 7, 1730. Of these William md., 1755, Hannah Cady, b. July 9, 1732. They commenced their married life in Tolland, but in 1757 they removed to Ellington, Conn., and in 1787 to Chesterfield, N. H., where he d. Dec. 25, 1801; she d. soon after. One of their children was Rev. Prof. Roswell Shurtleff, of Dartmouth College, and another was Asahel, b. in Ellington May 25, 1757; md. Sarah Dewey, of Lebanon, Conn.; she was b. May 13, 1759, and d. in Rindge May 24, 1837; he d. March 24, 1830. Five of their seven children became residents of this town; Sarah, b. Sept. 20, 1786, resides, unmd., in Rindge; Asahel Dewey, b. Sept. 8, 1789, named below; Sophia, b. May 17, 1792, md. Thomas Ingalls, *q. v.*; Miranda, b. Nov. 6, 1794, d., unmd., in Rindge Oct. 9, 1873; and Maria, b. June 4, 1800, md. Joel Raymond, *q. v.*

- 1 DR. ASAHEL D. SHURTLEFF, a physician of Rindge 1818-1843 (*vide* p. 366). He md. Dec. 9, 1823, Eliza M. Morse, b. Jan. 9, 1802, dau. of Isaac and Miriam (Spofford) Morse, of Winchendon, and a niece of Rev. Luke A. Spofford, who md. Grata Rand. Dr. Shurtleff d. Nov. 8, 1843; his widow d. Aug. 16, 1873.
- 2 I. *Charles Adams*, b. May 22, 1825; md. Aug. 2, 1858,  
Jane A. Hall. Resides in Boston.
- 3 II. *Ann Eliza*, b. May 5, 1827; md. Aug. 20, 1851,  
Horace Utley, and d. in Buffalo, N. Y., May 26,  
1857. He d. 1873.
- 4 III. *Asahel Milton*, b. Nov. 5, 1832; md. April 14, 1856,  
Sarah Ann Keegon. He is of the well known  
firm of Codman & Shurtleff, Tremont Street,  
Boston.
- 5 IV. *Roswell Morse*, b. June 14, 1838; md. June 14,  
1866, Clara E. Halliday, of Collinsville, Conn.  
He is an artist in New York city. He was a  
lieutenant in the 99th N. Y. Vols. July 19, 1861,  
was severely wounded at Bethel, Va., and cap-  
tured and exchanged after eight months' impris-  
onment. Mr. Shurtleff is a landscape painter,  
and lives in New York City. In early life he  
showed remarkable aptitude for pictorial art, and  
many of his clever sketches of men and things  
about his native town are well remembered.  
For several years after attaining manhood he  
was engaged in the illustration of periodicals and  
books, and numerous volumes of travel and  
adventure contain the work of his industrious  
pencil. In the cultivation, under adverse circum-  
stances, of the art which he has chosen—or  
which has chosen him,—he has evinced the per-  
sistent and enthusiastic devotion of true genius.  
In recent years he has given his attention exclu-  
sively to oil-painting. His finest pieces are  
mountain and woodland views, and animal  
pictures. He usually passes the summer among  
the Adirondaek Mountains, where so many of  
the guild find most attractive subjects. The  
exhibitions of the National Academy of Design  
in New York annually present specimens of his  
work, and his paintings have received the com-  
mendation of most competent and careful critics.

- 1 ISRAEL SLOAN was in Rindge as early as 1781. He  
resided on the farm now of Addison Bancroft, and was  
taxed until 1804. He md. in Townsend, Mass., Oct. 4,  
1781, Rebecca Wilson.

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| 2 | I. <i>Israel</i> , b. Aug. 23, 1782.    |
| 3 | II. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. March 12, 1785. |
| 4 | III. <i>Moody</i> , b. Nov. 8, 1787.    |
| 5 | IV. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Aug. 16, 1790.   |
| 6 | V. <i>Earl</i> , b. April 10, 1793.     |
| 7 | VI. <i>Sophia</i> , } b. Feb. 10, 1796. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Sukeey</i> , }                  |

SMITH.

DANIEL SMITH is presumed to have been a son of John Smith, Senior, of Watertown, who was one of the first settlers of that town. Whatever may have been his parentage, he was an early resident of Watertown. He md. Elizabeth Porter, dau. of Roger and Grace Porter. Their only child was Daniel, b. Sept. 27, 1642; md. Feb. 22, 1667-8, Mary Grant, dau. of Christopher and Mary Grant, of Watertown. He d. June 7, 1681, leaving seven children. Joseph Smith, his son, was b. June 8, 1680, and by wife Hannah had a son, Henry Smith, b. Sept. 29, 1705; he md. Feb. 18, 1730-1, Mary Stratton, b. Jan. 8, 1705-6, dau. of Thomas and Dorcas (Maxwell) Stratton; he md. (2d) Dec. 7, 1738, Mary Smith, b. June 18, 1717, dau. of William Smith, of Weston. They resided in Watertown, where she d. April 14, 1756, and he d. in Sept. following. Henry Smith, their son, settled in Rindge, and is named hereafter.

Thomas Smith, a son of John, the emigrant, and probably a brother of Daniel, first named above, md. Mary Knapp, dau. of William Knapp. He came to America in the summer of 1635, and d. in Watertown, March 10, 1692-3. His son, Joseph Smith, was b. June 10, 1643; md. Dec. 1, 1674, Hannah Tidd, dau. of John and Rebecca Tidd, of Woburn; he d. 1711, leaving five children, among them Daniel Smith, b. Sept. 26, 1681; md., 1708, Mary Burridge, of Newton, and soon after removed to Lexington, where he d. March 5, 1757. Jonathan Smith, his son, was b. Oct. 15, 1713; md. Aug. 30, 1738, Abigail Stratton. He was selectman of Lexington 1771, and was in the Revolutionary service. His son, Nathan Smith, was bap. March 25, 1764; md. April 24, 1794, Catherine Bacon, and several years later removed to Fitzwilliam. He was a pensioner, and d. in that town June 14, 1855, leaving sons: Rufus, who d. unmd. Oct. 1, 1855; Royal T., who md. Ruhamah Whitcomb, and d. April 26, 1820; and Martin, who md. Grace Childs, and resided in Fitzwilliam, but was accidentally killed in Rindge by a fall from his wagon, Aug. 22, 1857. His son Nathan lived in this town, and is number 63 in the following register.

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| 1 | HENRY SMITH, son of Henry and Mary (Smith) Smith, was b. Feb. 16, 1741; md. April 11, 1765, Eunice Peirce, b. July 18, 1747, dau. of Jonas and Mary (Adams) Peirce, of Weston, and a sister of Benjamin and Abraham Peirce, of Rindge. He settled in Lincoln, Mass., and in 1771 removed to the south-west part of Rindge. He was in Stark's Brigade, and was at the battle of Bennington. He d. Nov. 3, 1824, aged 83; his wife d. Aug. 6, 1821, aged 74. |
| 2 | I. <i>Edwin</i> , b. April 11, 1766; d. young.   |
| 3 | II. <i>Henry</i> , b. July 18, 1768. †   |
| 4 | III. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Oct. 8, 1771; d. young.  |
| 5 | IV. <i>Braddyll</i> , b. Oct. 5, 1774. †   |



- 6 v. *Dille*, b. March 26, 1777; md. June 10, 1824, George Kenney, of Winchendon; and d. in Rindge Sept. 23, 1845. They had no children.
- 7 vi. *Rebecca*, b. March 8, 1779; d., unmd., Jan. 11, 1835.
- 8 vii. *Polly*, b. Feb. 16, 1783; md. April 22, 1802, Nathan Estabrook; md. (2d) — Weston, and resided in Brandon, Vt., where she d., leaving six children by the first marriage, March 11, 1864.
- 9 viii. *Eunice*, b. July 31, 1788; d., unmd., July 1, 1871.
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- (3) HENRY SMITH was a farmer, and resided where his son, Henry A. Smith, now lives. He md. Feb. 27, 1798, Asenath Rand, dau. of Col. Daniel Rand, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 22, 1841; she d. March 2, 1843. It will be noticed that four of their children d. within the space of six days.
- 10 I. *Eliza*, b. June 1, 1799; d. Nov. 1, 1800.
- 11 II. *Anna*, b. Jan. 9, 1801; d. Oct. 17, 1810.
- 12 III. *Daniel Rand*, b. July 31, 1802; d. Oct. 19, 1810.
- 13 IV. *Warham Dodge*, b. May 5, 1804; d. Oct. 14, 1810.
- 14 V. *Candice*, b. Jan. 2, 1806; d. Jan. 3, 1806.
- 15 VI. *Eliza A.*, b. Sept. 24, 1807; resides, unmd., in Fitchburg, Mass.
- 16 VII. *Asa Hemenway*, b. Sept. 24, 1807; d. Oct. 15, 1810.
- 17 VIII. *Lois M.*, b. Sept. 10, 1810; md. Dec. 1, 1847, Thomas White, of West Boylston, where she d., *s. p.*, Oct. 3, 1868.
- 18 IX. *Artemas Rand*, b. June 16, 1814. He is extensively engaged in the foundry business, in Fitchburg, Mass., in which he has been successful. He md. Nov. 2, 1843, Ardelia C. Fairbanks, dau. of Jacob and Lydia Fairbanks, of Ashburnham.
- 19 1. Margaret Lydia, b. April 4, 1850; md. Dec. 23, 1874, Edgar R. Ray, of Franklin, Mass., where they reside.
- 20 2. Ralph Hamlin, b. Feb. 19, 1855; d. March 23, 1863.
- 21 3. Gertrude Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1860.
- 22 x. *Henry Austin*, b. June 5, 1817; md. Feb. 8, 1849, Nancy Augusta Lane, dau. of Elias and Anna (Jones) Lane, of Ashburnham. He was a manufacturer of pails in Townsend, Mass., 1850-55, and has resided a farmer in Rindge since 1861.
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- (5) BRADDYLL SMITH, md. Oct. 23, 1798, Persis Pratt, dau. of Reuben and Ruth (Williams) Pratt, of Fitzwilliam.

He was a farmer and a manufacturer of boxes. He d. Jan. 10, 1862; his widow d. Aug. 15, 1864. Their sixth child d. young.

- 23 I. *Matilda*, b. Oct. 2, 1798; md. Jonathan W. Allen, *q. v.*
- 24 II. *Cyrus*, b. Feb. 3, 1800; resides, unmd., in La Porte, Iowa.
- 25 III. *Joseph*, b. April 1, 1805; d. Dec. 10, 1810.
- 26 IV. *Melinda*, b. Feb. 19, 1808; md. Abel Hubbard, *q. v.* They reside in La Porte, Iowa.
- 27 V. *Maria*, b. May 31, 1809; d., unmd., in La Porte, Iowa, about 1870.
- 28 VII. *Joseph B.*, b. Oct. 31, 1814; md. Sept. 10, 1855, Emeline Hadley, dau. of Daniel Hadley. They reside in Brookline, Ohio.
- 29 VIII. *Marcia*, b. Nov. 30, 1818; resides, unmd., in La Porte, Iowa.

30 JOSEPH SMITH, son of Samuel and Judith Smith, of Newbury, Mass., md. Abigail Goodrich, and settled in Leominster Mass., where their children were b., and where they resided until their removal to Rindge in 1791. He was a cabinet-maker, and resided upon the farm now of Joshua T. Hunt.

- 31 I. *Lucinda*, d. unmd.
- 32 II. *Polly*, md. James Burditt; resided in Leominster.
- 33 III. *Betsey*, b. 1783; md. Levi Hubbard, *q. v.*
- 34 IV. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 10, 1786. +

(34) THOMAS SMITH, son of Joseph, md. March 28, 1810. Hepsibeth Piper, dau. of Thomas and Hepsibeth (Jewett) Piper, *q. v.*, and resided upon the old homestead. Like his father, he was an exemplary citizen. He d. June 27, 1856, and his widow d. in Worcester, Mass., July 27, 1869.

- 35 I. *Hiram*, b. Nov. 20, 1810; md. Oct. 1, 1834, Mary W. Phelps, who d. 1841; md. (2d) Jan. 13, 1842, Sarah Grover, of Ware, Mass., who d. 1874. He resides in Worcester.
- 36 II. *Harriet*, b. March 18, 1812. Resides in Worcester.
- 37 III. *Eliza Ann*, b. Oct. 28, 1813; md. June 13, 1843, Royal H. Chaffin. They reside in Holden, Mass.
- 38 IV. *Thomas*, b. May 11, 1817; md. Sept. 30, 1841, Phebe Grover, of Ware, Mass.; md. (2d) Dec. 10, 1846, Mary Ann Wheeler, of New Ipswich. He resides in Worcester, Mass., and conducts an extensive manufacture of punching-presses, bolts,

scythe-bars for mowing machines, and other similar wares.

- 39 1. Lora Jane, b. Sept. 20, 1842; md. Nov. 19, 1868, A. P. Cutting.
- 40 2. Walter Willie, b. Oct. 23, 1845; d. probably March 31, 1865 (*vide* page 318).

Child of second wife:—

- 41 3. Ella Marianna, b. Dec. 11, 1855.
- 42 v. *George E.*, b. July 13, 1819; md. Sept. 14, 1841, Eunice Whitney, dau. of John Whitney, *q. v.* He was proprietor of a mill in West Rindge several years. He now resides in Fitchburg, Mass. Their son, Darwin A., d. in the army (p. 325), and other children d. in childhood or youth.
- 43 1. George A., b. July 28, 1854.
- 44 vi. *Hepsibeth*, b. Feb. 24, 1821; md. Zachariah F. Whitney, son of John Whitney, *q. v.*

45 FRANCIS SMITH, a Revolutionary soldier from Chelmsford, or vicinity, removed to Rindge, 1794; md. Hannah Russell, b. in Westford, a sister of John Russell, of Dublin, who md. Abigail Godding, and of Patty Russell, second wife of Henry Godding, Jr., *q. v.* He d. March 13, 1847, aged 93; she d. Aug. 30, 1840, aged 86.

46 SILAS SMITH, son of Francis above, md. 1823 (pub. Aug. 13), Anna Watson, of Peterboro, N. H. He d. Feb. 22, 1873, aged 87.

- 47 I. *Eliza A.*, md. Hiram Robinson, *q. v.*
- 48 II. *Sophonra*, md. Eleazer Spaulding, of New Ipswich.
- 49 III. *Albert*, resides, unmd., on the homestead.

50 ABEL SMITH, perhaps not related to the other families of Smiths, removed to Rindge about 1830; he md. Betsey Loring, *q. v.* He d. Jan. 15, 1859; she d. March 26, 1857.

- 51 I. *Loring*, md. April 9, 1834, Isabella Miller, and removed from town.
- 52 II. *John*, at about twenty years of age received a severe blow upon the head, and was subsequently subject to fits. He d., a town charge, July 4, 1847, aged 35.
- 53 III. *Joseph*, lived with his parents; d. by suicide June 3, 1857.
- 54 IV. *Betsey*, md., 1857, George Whitcomb, son of Ephraim, *q. v.*

- 55 JOHN SMITH, son of Elijah T. and Agnes (Hodge) Smith, was b. in Fitzwilliam July 25, 1814. He md. April 9, 1840, Sarah Maria Mavery, dau. of Rev. Charles and Deborah (Ingalls) Mavery, and a great-granddau. of Dea. Josiah Ingalls, of this town. Since their marriage they have resided in Rindge.
- 56 I. *Charles M.*, b. Jan. 26, 1841; d. in the Union army Jan. 12, 1863.
- 57 II. *Henry A.*, b. May 22, 1842. He enlisted in the 14th regiment with his brother, and d. Jan. 7, 1863.
- 58 III. *Ellen M.*, b. Oct. 9, 1843; md. Nov. 24, 1869, Edwin D. Farnum. They reside in Herndon, Va.
- 59 IV. *George H.*, b. April 10, 1850.
- 60 V. *Julia I.*, b. Dec. 13, 1853.
- 61 VI. *Walter F.*, b. May 7, 1856.
- 62 VII. *Annie I.*, b. Nov. 11, 1857.
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- 63 NATHAN SMITH, son of Martin and Grace (Childs) Smith, of Fitzwilliam, md. Oct. 22, 1849, Rosetta Whitcomb, dau. of Asa and Olive (Buzzell) Whitcomb. He resided in East Rindge from the date of his marriage until he enlisted in the 6th N. H. Vols. He was taken prisoner Sept. 30, 1864, and d. at Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 7, 1865.
- 64 I. *Willard W.*, b. Oct. 4, 1855.
- 65 II. *Francis W.*, b. Dec. 22, 1857.
- 66 III. *Nellie R.*, b. May 16, 1860.
- 67 IV. *Ada M.*, b. July 21, 1862.

## STANLEY.

The name of Stanley is intimately associated with the early history of this town, but the last words of Marmion, "On, Stanley, on!" appear to have ordered them forward to new settlements, and the name, after an honorable record, fades from these pages of local history soon after the Revolution. These families were descendants of Matthew Stanley, who was in Lynn as early as 1646. His son Samuel, b. probably about 1656, and wife Joanna, were residents of Topsfield, where their seven children were b. 1678-1703. Of these, their eldest son, Samuel, was b. Oct. 24, 1678; md. Jan. 2, 1705-6, Mary Kinney, also of Topsfield. Of their nine children, Jonathan settled in Rindge, and is number 1 in the following register. Another son of Samuel and Mary (Kinney) Stanley was David, b. Sept. 28, 1717; md. at Wilmington, Mass., March 25, 1746, Sarah Butters, by whom he had ten children, all of whom were b. in Wilmington. Of these, Jonathan and Jeduthan came to this town, and are numbers 23 and 33, in this register.

- 1 CAPT. JONATHAN STANLEY, b. in Topsfield May 2, 1711, a great-grandson of Matthew Stanley, of Lynn, md. Aug. 2, 1737, Abigail Gould, dau. of Thomas and Mercy (Sun-

ner) Gould, a sister of the wives of Lieut. Nathaniel and Joseph Page, of Rindge, and a descendant of Zaccheus Gould, the emigrant. Mr. Stanley was in Rindge as early as 1752, and in 1754 he removed his family hither. The fact that he was taxed in Lunenburg in 1753 and '54 suggests that his family may have made a temporary abode in that town, while he was clearing land and rearing a shelter for their accommodation. The church records of Lunen-

*Jonathan Stanley*

burg also verify this date of the removal of his family, "July 14, 1754, Elizabeth, dau. of Jonathan Stanley, of Rowley Canada, bap." Two brothers of Mrs. Stanley, Jacob and Benjamin Gould, were residents of Lunenburg, which possibly accounts for their temporary home in that place. His name appears upon the earliest records, and it is apparent that he was one of the leading men in the affairs of the proprietors. Soon after the organization of this town he removed to Jaffrey, where in 1773 he called the first town meeting held under the charter of incorporation. His subsequent career will be ably presented in the "History of Jaffrey," by Dr. D. B. Cutter, which is soon to be published.

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| 2  | I. <i>Abigail</i> , b. March 20, 1738-9; md. Col. Enoch Hale, <i>q. v.</i>     |
| 3  | II. <i>Mary</i> , b. April 20, 1740; probably md. Samuel Sherwin, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 4  | III. <i>Samuel</i> , b. March 15, 1741-2. †                                    |
| 5  | IV. <i>John</i> , b. Jan. 29, 1743-4. †  |
| 6  | V. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Dec. 16, 1745; d. young.                                 |
| 7  | VI. <i>Jedidiah</i> , b. Jan. 31, 1747-8.                                      |
| 8  | VII. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Jan. 17, 1749-50. †                                    |
| 9  | VIII. <i>Hannah</i> , b. Dec. 1, 1751; md. Jonathan Parker, Jr., <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 10 | IX. <i>Elizabeth</i> , bap. July 14, 1754.                                     |

- (4) SAMUEL STANLEY md. Sibyl Page, dau. of Lieut. Nathaniel Page, and she is mentioned in the will of her father as Sibyl Stanley. They resided in Rindge until about 1780, when they removed to Jaffrey. Samuel Stanley, son of David and Sarah (Butters) Stanley, was probably a resident of this town a few years, and some difficulty arises in determining which is referred to in every instance. This Samuel Stanley removed to Jaffrey, where the younger of his eleven children were b. Charles C. Stanley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a descendant of this fam-

ily, has gathered much valuable information of this and other branches of the Stanleys of New England.

- (5) JOHN STANLEY resided in Rindge until the close of the Revolution. He was in Wyman's Regiment in 1776, and the following year he was a lieutenant in Stark's Brigade, and was at the battle of Bennington. In 1780, then styled "Lieut.," he and his wife were seated in the meeting-house; but soon after this date he removed to Jaffrey. The following children of John and Sarah Stanley were bap. in Rindge:—

- 11 I. *Ellen*, 1768.  
 12 II. *Jedidiah*, 1770.  
 13 III. *Jonathan Parker*, 1773.  
 14 IV. *Daniel*, 1775.  
 15 V. *Sarah*, 1779.  
 16 VI. *Susannah*, 1779.

The record states that Sarah and Susannah were twins.

- (8) JOSEPH STANLEY md. Aug. 19, 1773; Lucy Hosmer, who was b. in Acton, Mass., Nov. 14, 1752. They came to Rindge in 1774. He served three enlistments in the Revolution (*vide* pp. 108, 135, 164), and was residing here in 1788, but not in 1793. The eldest child was b. in Acton.

- 17 I. *Lucy*, b. Nov. 17, 1773.  
 18 II. *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 15, 1775.  
 19 III. *Martha*, b. April 7, 1778.  
 20 IV. *Jonas*, b. March 9, 1781.  
 21 V. *Ruth*, b. Oct. 12, 1784.  
 22 VI. *Joel*, bap. Feb. 10, 1788.

- 23 JONATHAN STANLEY, a son of David and Sarah (Butters) Stanley, b. 1748, md. Lois Moors, perhaps a dau. of Benjamin Moors, of Rindge, *q. v.* He resided in Rindge a short time, and his son Jonathan was b. in this town, but he probably removed previous to the summer of 1776. He d. in Jaffrey July 12, 1789, aged 41; his widow d. Dec. 9, 1828, aged 81.

- 24 I. *Jonathan*, b. in Rindge July 16, 1774; md. Betsey Ross, of Jaffrey, and had six children.  
 25 II. *John*.  
 26 III. *Benjamin Moors*. His dau., Lydia Ann, md. Col. Charles A. Jewell, formerly of Rindge, now of Adrian, Mich.  
 27 IV. *Jedidiah*.  
 28 V. *Nathan*.  
 29 VI. *Sarah*.  
 30 VII. *Abiah*.



31 VIII. *Keziah*.32 IX. *Abner*.

33 JEDUTHAN STANLEY, also a son of David, was b. Oct. 12, 1750, and md. in Wilmington, Mass., Jan. 23, 1772, Dorcas Kidder. They resided in Rindge a few years. Dorcas, their dau., was b. here in 1774, and in 1776 he signed the "Association Test" (*vide* p. 123). It is supposed that he removed to Groton, Mass.

34 I. *Molley*, b. June 10, 1772; md. Joshua Jaquith.35 II. *Dorcas*, b. Sept. 27, 1774; md. Ebenezer Hopkins.36 III. *Abigail*, b. —; d. unmd.37 IV. *Betsey*, b. —; md. Joel Davis.

### STEARNS.

ISAAC STEARNS, probably from Nayland, Suffolk, England, came to New England in 1630, in the ship with Gov. Winthrop, and settled in Watertown, Mass., near Mt. Auburn. He was admitted freeman May 18, 1631, which is the earliest date of such admissions. He was selectman several years, and in 1647, with Mr. Biscoe, he was appointed by the selectmen "to consider how the bridge over the river shall be built, and to agree with the workmen for doing it according to their best discretion." He d. June 19, 1671, leaving a widow, Mary, who d. April 2, 1677. The signature to his will is written *Sternes*, and in England the name has generally been written *Sterne*. The Anglo-Saxon of the name of the bird, the starling, which appears upon the coat-of-arms of this family, is *stearn*, and in other dialects it is *stern*, and also *starn*, which is probably associated with the origin of the name. The present orthography has been more recently adopted. Samuel Stearns, son of Isaac and Mary, was b. in Watertown April 24, 1638; md. Feb. 1,

1662-3, Hannah Manning, dau. of William and Dorothy Manning, of Cambridge, and a sister of Samuel Manning, who md. his sister, Elizabeth. He resided in Watertown, where he d. Aug. 3, 1683; she d. Feb. 26, 1723-4. Of their ten children, the second son was Nathaniel, b. Dec. 13, 1668. In the partition of his father's estate he received the farm which had been the homestead of his grandfather, Isaac Stearns. He md., 1694, Elizabeth Dix, b. Dec. 4, 1671, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Barnard) Dix. She d. June 16, 1712; and he md. (2d) Oct. 29, 1713, Sarah Nevinson, b. July 22, 1672, dau. of John Nevinson. He d. Aug. 24, 1716; and his widow md. April 24, 1718, Samuel Livermore. Daniel Stearns, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns, b. March 1, 1700-1, resided in Watertown, and probably upon the homestead of the first Isaac Stearns. By his first wife, Anna, he had one dau. He md. (2d) Mercy Grant; he d. about 1747. Of his ten children, Isaiah Stearns was his second son, b. Jan. 22, 1727-8, and d. 1768. He resided in West Cambridge, and by wife Elizabeth had seven sons. Of these, Daniel was b. Dec. 17, 1760. He was several years in the Revolutionary army, and, under Gen. Wayne, participated in the daring and impetuous assault of Stony Point. He resided in Bolton, Mass., and in Dummerston and Brattleboro, Vt. He md. Sept. 7, 1783, Elizabeth Knowlton, b. March 17, 1764, dau. of Josiah Knowlton, of Sudbury, Mass. He d. in Brattleboro June 14, 1824; she d. Aug. 6, 1820. Of their children, Charles, b. July 17, 1800, md. Almira Bancroft, dau. of Major John Bancroft, of Rindge, *q. v.*; and Samuel, b. Aug. 27, 1802, resided many years in Rindge, and is named hereafter.

1 JOSIAH STEARNS came to Rindge in June, 1768, but remained here only two or three years. He was a son of Josiah and Susanna (Ball) Stearns, a grandson of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns, and a great-grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, who, as formerly stated, was a son of Isaac Stearns, the emigrant. This Josiah Stearns was b. in Watertown, where all his American ancestors had resided, July 11, 1730, and md., 1765, Abigail Emerson. He removed from this town to Westminster, Mass., and subsequently to Wilmington, Vt., where he d. Jan. 31, 1802. His descendants are numerous.

2 WILLIAM STEARNS, parentage unknown, was here previous to the date of incorporation, and in 1769 was lessee of one of the public lots. He removed from this town previous to the Revolution. The name of his wife was Elizabeth. Their eldest child was b. in Harvard, Mass., and two in Rindge.

3 I. *John Burt*, b. Sept. 7, 1764.

4 II. *Jabez*, b. Nov. 5, 1766.

5 III. *Barbary*, b. July 30, 1769.

6 ISAAC STEARNS, b. Oct. 28, 1781, son of Isaac and Mary (Crosby) Stearns, of Ashburnham, grandson of Hon. Isaac and Sarah (Abbott) Stearns, of Billerica, great-

grandson of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns, great-great-grandson of John and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Stearns, great-great-great-grandson of John and Sarah (Mixer) Stearns, all of Billerica, and great-great-great-great-grandson of Isaac Stearns, the emigrant. This Isaac Stearns was a brother of Abigail, wife of Chauncey Perry, and a cousin of Charles Stearns who md. Rebecca Converse, and of Roxanna, wife of Amasa Jones. He md. Belinda Bedlow, probably of Ashby, and resided in this town 1823-1840.

- 7           i. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 27, 1823; d. Feb. 12, 1824.  
8           ii. *Isaac*, b. Sept. 24, 1825.  
9           iii. *Sarah Whitney*, b. Dec. 24, 1827.  
10          iv. *Albert*, b. Dec. 20, 1833.

- 11          SAMUEL STEARNS, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Knowlton) Stearns, and of the seventh generation of the descendants of Isaac and Mary Stearns, was b. Aug. 27, 1802. He md. March 4, 1830, Mary Fitch Moore, b. April 20, 1807, dau. of William and Mary (Fitch) Moore, of Sharon, N. H. (*vide* Fitch Register, No. 16), and removed the same month to the farm now of Stephen Hale. His wife d. Aug. 28, 1849, and he md.

(2d) Sept. 26,  
1850, Almira  
Hall, dau. of  
John and Betsey (Bennett) Hall, of Ashburnham. He was selectman 1841, '42, '43, '44, '47, '48, '50, '51, represented the town in the Legislature 1850 and '51, and was frequently chosen to other positions in municipal affairs. Unusually free from any selfish or uncharitable thought, he possessed an affectionate heart, and maintained through life an even and unclouded temper. He d. April 6, 1871.

- 12           i. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. June 26, 1831; d. Aug. 24, 1832.  
13           ii. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 18, 1832; md. Dec. 29, 1864, James Van Derveer, son of Peter and Ann (Boylan) Van Derveer, of Somerset County, N. J. He was formerly a merchant in Chester, N. J., where he still resides. For several years he was an assessor of Internal Revenue, and sheriff of Morris County 1870-1873.  
14           1. Julia Louise, b. Feb. 6, 1866.  
15           iii. *Samuel Augustus*, b. Oct. 14, 1834; d. Sept. 4, 1837.  
16           iv. *Almira*, b. Sept. 18, 1836; d. Sept. 14, 1837.  
17           v. *Ezra Scollay*, b. Sept. 1, 1838; resides, unmd., in Rindge.

- 18 VI. *Samuel Henry*, b. July 27, 1840. Served three years in the War of the Rebellion; was clerk in the Treasury Department, Washington, two years; and now resides in Colorado.
- 19 VII. *George*, b. Aug. 16, 1842. Enlisted in the 9th N. H. Vols.; d. of disease at West Philadelphia Hospital Dec. 24, 1862, and was buried at Rindge.
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- 20 EPHRAIM STEARNS, b. in Athol, Mass., July 19, 1798, son of Samuel and Lydia (Clement) Stearns, grandson of Col. Ephraim and Prudence (Wilder) Stearns, of Petersham, great-grandson of Ebenezer and Mary (Spring) Stearns, of Worcester, great-great-grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns, of Waltham, who, as already represented, was a grandson of Isaac Stearns, the emigrant. Ephraim Stearns, the subject of this paragraph, md. Feb. 11, 1824, Lucy Willard, b. July 4, 1802, dau. of Silas and Molley (Jones) Willard, of Ashburnham. Previous to his removal to Rindge, in 1844, he had resided in Montague (and of that town was a selectman), in Templeton and in Ashburnham. In 1850 he removed to Winchendon.
- 21 I. *Ephraim Lincoln*, b. Feb. 23, 1825.
- 22 II. *Samuel Clinton*, b. April 11, 1827.
- 23 III. *Lucy Jane*, b. Jan. 10, 1830; md. W. L. Fisher.
- 24 IV. *Henry Augustus*, } b. Sept. 24, 1832.
- 25 V. *Helen Augusta*, }
- 26 VI. *Herman Dwight*, b. Jan. 9, 1836.
- 27 VII. *Albert Clement*, b. Aug. 23, 1840.
- 28 VIII. *Mary E.*, b. April 3, 1843; d. April 8, 1843.
- 29 IX. *James W.*, b. May 11, 1844; d. Jan. 23, 1845.
- 30 X. *Clarence O.*, b. April 23, 1847; d. Jan. 21, 1849.

CHARLES STEARNS was related to Isaac Stearns, of Watertown, who bequeaths "to my kinsman Charles Stearns £10," but does not make known the degree of relationship. He was admitted freeman May 6, 1646, and two years later he purchased land in Watertown. His wife Hannah d. 1651; and he md. (2d) June 22, 1654, Rebecca Gibson, dau. of John and Rebecca Gibson, of Cambridge. John Stearns, son of Charles and Rebecca (Gibson) Stearns, was b. Jan. 24, 1656-7; he md. Judith Lawrence, dau. of George Lawrence, of Watertown; she d., and he md. (2d) April 2, 1713, Mary Norcross, dau. of Richard and grand-dau. of Jeremiah Norcross, the emigrant. He settled in Lexington, where he d. Feb. 22, 1722. Capt. John Stearns, his son by the first wife, was b. in Lexington; he md. Aug. 10, 1715, Deliverance Bigelow, b. Sept. 22, 1695, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Flagg) Bigelow, of Watertown, and removed to Worcester, Mass.; and in 1748 he was captain of a company of rangers raised in Worcester, and sent out against the Indians. Jotham Stearns, son of Capt. John, was bap. June 22, 1718; he md. Mary Flagg, dau. of Bartholomew Flagg, and in Worcester their three children were b., the eldest of whom was Bartholomew Stearns, b. Aug.

4, 1742; md. Mary Raymond, and settled in Winchendon, in the year 1777. They were the parents of ten children, b. in Holden, Mass., and in Winchendon.

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| 1  | CAPT. FREEBORN STEARNS, son of Bartholomew and Mary (Raymond) Stearns, was b. in Winchendon Nov. 24, 1784, and resided in Rindge from 1810 until his death. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and for many years was the sexton of the town. He commanded one of the companies of militia at an early date. He md. Feb. 14, 1809, Clarissa Demary, dau. of Ezekiel Demary, <i>q. v.</i> She d. Aug. 31, 1865, and he d. Nov. 22, 1869.  |
| 2  | i. <i>Maria P.</i> , b. Nov. 17, 1809; md. Thomas A. Tarbell, <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 3  | ii. <i>John D.</i> , b. Oct. 29, 1811; md. Aug. 29, 1833, Harriet Darling, dau. of Jewett B. and Hannah (Murdock) Darling, of Winchendon. He is a blacksmith, and has resided several years in Fitzwilliam. Now in Rindge.  |
| 4  | 1. John M., b. July 13, 1835; md. Sarah Wentworth. She d., and he md. (2d) Minnie Merchant. They reside in East Brookfield, Mass.   |
| 5  | 2. Mary Ann, b. May 25, 1837; md. William Chase, and resides in Northfield, Mass.   |
| 6  | 3. Harriet A., b. Feb. 13, 1842; d. June 23, 1845.  |
| 7  | 4. William A., b. —, 1843; md. Nellie Jaquith.  |
| 8  | 5. Harriet A., b. Sept. 23, 1845.   |
| 9  | 6. Nancy B., b. Jan. 27, 1848.  |
| 10 | iii. <i>Clarissa D.</i> , b. March 18, 1814; md. Salmon Allen, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 11 | iv. <i>Charles</i> , b. Feb. 8, 1816; d. March 9, 1816.   |
| 12 | v. <i>George W.</i> , b. March 16, 1817; md. Sept. 23, 1841, Nancy P. Brooks, dau. of Walton Brooks, <i>q. v.</i> He carried on the business of blacksmithing for several years, and for the past ten years has been a merchant at Rindge Centre. He was colonel of the Twelfth Regiment in 1840, was selectman 1857, '58, '59, and Town Clerk 1865. He was a member of the centennial committee named on p. 393, and the omission of his name was not discovered until too late for correction. Their children are:— |
| 13 | 1. Henry W., b. May 30, 1843; md. Jan. 4, 1865, Addie A. Converse, dau. of Abraham J. Converse, <i>q. v.</i> He is of the firm  |



- of Shepley & Stearns, dealers in books, stationery, and paper stock, Fitchburg, Mass., and is a most worthy, exemplary man.
- 14 2. Julia M., b. March 22, 1849; md. Nov. 27, 1867, Charles F. Platts, son of Hosea Platts, *q. v.* He is a merchant in Rindge.
- 15 vi. Nancy W., b. Aug. 24, 1819; md. March 26, 1840, John Platts, son of Asa Platts, *q. v.* She d. Oct. 17, 1847.
- 16 vii. Charles F., b. July 10, 1821; d. Aug. 31, 1824.
- 17 viii. William P., b. July 21, 1823; d. Dec. 17, 1823.
- 18 ix. Harriet A., b. Oct. 24, 1824; d. March 19, 1825.
- 19 x. Charles F., b. Jan. 26, 1826; md. Sept. 24, 1851, Julia Augusta Emory, dau. of Derostus W. Emory, *q. v.* He is a blacksmith; was captain of the South company, and resides near Rindge Centre.
- 20 1. Willie Eugene, b. Oct. 28, 1853.
- 21 2. Emma A., b. March 18, 1865.
- 22 xi. Hiram N., b. July 15, 1828; a merchant in Boston, who enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him. He md. July 4, 1850, Charlotte A. Chipman, dau. of Samuel Chipman, of Marlboro, Mass.
- 23 1. Lottie Edith, b. July 10, 1851; md. Nov. 17, 1870, Leonard B. Marshall, of Boston.
- 24 2. Henry W., b. April 30, 1853; d. Nov. 22, 1853.
- 25 3. Emma Augusta, b. Aug. 6, 1854; md. May 7, 1874, J. Arthur Peck, of East Somerville, Mass.
- 26 4. Ella Frances (twin), b. Aug. 6, 1854.
- 27 5. Mary Florence, b. Dec. 4, 1858.
- 28 xii. Stephen A., b. March 8; d. March 29, 1831.
- 29 xiii. Julius Augustus, b. Aug. 27, 1832; md. July 29, 1857, Mary Ann Wood, dau. of Elbridge Wood, *q. v.* He is a blacksmith and farmer, and resides at Rindge Centre.
- 30 1. Etta M., b. Aug. 16, 1858.
- 31 2. George W., b. June 18, 1861.
- 32 3. Mary Anna, b. Sept. 9, 1865.
- 33 4. Harland A., b. Feb. 12, 1869.
- 34 5. Nellie Gertrude, b. Sept. 1, 1871.
- 35 6. Henry M. B., b. Dec. 23, 1873.



- 36      xiv. *Julia Augusta*, twin, b. Aug. 27, 1832; md. Nov. 16, 1856, Seward E. Skilling. They reside in Ashburnham.
- 37                      1. Arthur H., b. Dec. 2, 1857.
- 38                      2. Etta C., b. Jan. 1, 1860.
- 39                      3. Edwin M., b. Feb. 22, 1862.
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- 1      SAMUEL STEELE md. in Winchendon Nov. 4, 1773, Rachel Putnam, and removed to Rindge about 1790. He was a farrier, and resided upon the farm now of Capt. B. F. Danforth, and d. 1811; his widow d. in Winchendon Oct. 10, 1847, aged 86.
- 2                      i. *William*, b. April 20, 1777; removed to Java, N. Y., where he d. 1870, leaving several children.
- 3                      ii. *James*, b. May 11, 1779; *non comp.*: d. Aug. 5, 1834.
- 4                      iii. *Sally*, b. Feb. 25, 1781; md. Samuel Robbins, *q. v.*
- 5                      iv. *Samuel*, b. July 14, 1785. He was a successful teacher; resided in Albany and other towns in New York. He md. Betsey Buttrick, of Winchendon, a sister of Amos Buttrick, of Rindge. He d. about 1865.
- 6                      v. *Rachel*, b. March 4, 1788; d. unmd.
- 7                      vi. *Nabby*, b. Aug. 17, 1790; md. Asa Hyde, of Winchendon, and d. about 1830; his only child d. young.
- 8                      vii. *Esther*, —; md. April 29, 1823, Cyrus Grout, son of Isaac and Sally (Stearns) Grout, of Winchendon. They resided in Rindge until 1840, and five children were bap here.
- 9                      1. Abigail Elvira, bap. Aug. 10, 1828.
- 10                      2. Esther Augusta, bap. Aug. 10, 1828.
- 11                      3. Cyrus Augustus, bap. Sept. 27, 1829.
- 12                      4. Rachel Maria, bap. July 29, 1832.
- 13                      5. Joseph Lee, bap. Dec. 10, 1834.
- 14      viii. *Elvira*, d. young.
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- 1      OLIVER STEVENS resided on the "Bixby place" from 1766 until about 1786. Two members of his family d. of small-pox in 1777. He md. in Acton, Mass., April 1, 1766, Sarah Hosmer. Their children b. in Rindge were as follows:—
- 2                      i. *Oliver*, b. Jan. 14, 1767.
- 3                      ii. *Sarah*, b. July 15, 1768.
- 4                      iii. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 12, 1770.
- 5                      iv. *Patty*, b. Aug. 8, 1772.
- 6                      v. *Ruth*, b. April 7, 1774.

- 7 VI. *Betty*, b. May 4, 1776.  
 8 VII. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 18, 1778.  
 9 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 13, 1780.  
 10 IX. *Jonathan Hosmer*, b. March 10, 1782.

## STICKNEY.

WILLIAM STICKNEY, from England, settled in Rowley as early as 1638, where he was an influential citizen. He was clerk of the market, and on jury of trials 1653, selectman 1656 and 1661, and was styled Lieut. Stickney in 1661. He d. in January, 1664-5, and his wife Elizabeth survived him several years. Amos Stickney, his son, was b. in England 1635; md. June 24, 1663, Sarah Morse, and removed to Newbury, and there established himself as a weaver. He d. Aug. 29, 1678, leaving nine children. His widow md. (2d) Samuel Acreman, and d. Dec. 7, 1711. Benjamin Stickney, son of Amos, b. in Newbury April 4, 1673; md. in Rowley Jan. 16, 1700-1, Mary Palmer, who d. 1747, and he md. (2d) Oct. 2, 1750, Mrs. Mary Morrison, who surviving him md. for her third husband Samuel Doty. He resided in Rowley, where he d. March 5, 1756. His third son, Joseph Stickney, was b. Oct. 8, 1705; md. Dec. 26, 1727, Jane Pickard, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Elizabeth (Hale) Pickard. They were md. by Thomas Hale, Esq., the father of Moses Hale, Senior, of Rindge. She d., and he md. (2d) Nov. 7, 1737, Hannah Goodridge, dau. of Samuel and Hannah Goodridge, of Newbury, who after the death of Mr. Stickney md. James Barker, and d. Nov. 4, 1806. He resided in Boxford, where he d. 1756. Joseph Stickney, Jr., a son of the first wife, was b. June 23, 1733. In early life he was a tailor, and resided in Boxford, and was a soldier in Col. Winslow's expedition to Nova Scotia in 1754, and the following year he was in Major Preble's company. About 1774 he settled, a farmer, in New Ipswich. He md. Oct. 5, 1758, Anna Sloss, and d. 1818.

- 1 WILLIAM STICKNEY, the third of the seven children of Joseph and Anna (Sloss) Stickney, was b. in Boxford, Mass., Feb. 5, 1765. He removed with his parents to New Ipswich, and md. Jane Fletcher, b. in New Ipswich, April 8, 1770, dau. of Simeon Fletcher, who was killed Sept. 7, 1773, at the raising of the Wilton meeting-house (*vide* History of New Ipswich, pp. 69, 374, and Fletcher Genealogy, pp. 32, 33, 249). About 1790 he removed to Rindge, and resided here until his death June 17, 1839. She d. Jan. 21, 1849.
- 2 I. *William*, b. June 1, 1790; md. July 5, 1818, Amy Peat, and settled in Edminster, N. Y., where he d. May 13, 1854. He was successful in business, and a useful, respected citizen. Eight children.
- 3 II. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 9, 1792. He was a successful merchant in Troy, N. Y., and acquired considerable wealth. A few years previous to his death he was insane, and d. in an asylum in Troy, March 3, 1865. He md. Feb. 8, 1835, Sarah Alden, by whom he had three children.
- 4 III. *Charles*, b. Dec. 31, 1793; for many years has been engaged in mercantile pursuits in Troy,

- N. Y., in which he has been successful. He md. June 6, 1822, Sarah A. Baxter, who d. June 20, 1824; md. (2d) June 3, 1832, Sarah M. Crandall. Five children, of whom Jane A. md. Henry L. Lovejoy, *q. v.*
- 5 iv. *Jane*, b. Feb. 8, 1796; md. in Rindge Oct. 6, 1825, Norman R. Hopkins, and settled in the State of New York. Five children, one of whom d. in infancy.
- 6 v. *Asa*, b. Nov. 28, 1797; d. Nov. 28, 1799.
- 7 vi. *Asa*, b. April 22, 1800. +
- 8 vii. *Nancy*, b. July 22, 1801; d. Oct. 31, 1819.
- 9 viii. *Lyman*, b. Feb. 10, 1804; resided in Troy, N. Y., where he d. Jan. 9, 1840. He md. Sarah Smeeley, by whom he had one child.
- 10 ix. *Mersilvia*, b. Feb. 11, 1806; md. Thomas Symonds, Esq., son of Thomas, of Rindge, *q. v.*
- 11 x. *Warren*, b. Aug. 11, 1808; removed to New Orleans, where he d., unmd., Sept. 30, 1843. He was by trade a stone-cutter.
- 12 xi. *Alfred*, b. March 10, 1812; removed 1835 to New Orleans, where he conducted the business of stone-cutting, and was a master-builder. From 1855 to 1857 he resided a farmer in Rindge. In 1858 he visited New Orleans on business, and there d. soon after his arrival. He md. Jan. 9, 1839, Hannah M. Parsels. Of their seven children two d. in childhood.
- 13 1. Josephine, b. Dec. 28, 1839.
- 14 2. Jane F., b. Dec. 2, 1841; md. Geo. Pine.
- 15 3. Alfred, b. Oct. 28, 1843; md. Viese Greene.
- 16 4. Hannah, b. Sept. 7, 1849.
- 17 5. Randolph, b. Nov. 10, 1851.
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- (7) ASA STICKNEY, a farmer and stone-cutter, resides in Rindge. About forty years ago, in company with Enos Blake, he built the saw-mill now of A. S. Sawtell, in West Rindge. He md. Nov. 29, 1826, Malina Emerson, dau. of Ebenezer and Rhoda (Symonds) Emerson, of Reading, Mass.
- 18 i. *Charles E.*, b. June 23, 1828; md. Sept. 22, 1859, Mary P. Thomas, dau. of Liberty Thomas, *q. v.* He is a farmer, and resides upon the homestead.
- 19 ii. *Sarah M.*, b. Oct. 29, 1829; md. Elipha S. Kimball, son of Samuel M. Kimball, *q. v.*
- 20 iii. *Nancy L.*, b. March 6, 1833; md. March 5, 1857, Moses Bancroft; reside in West Reading, Mass.

- 21 | iv. *Julia A.*, b. Nov. 26, 1835; md. Waldo T. Kendall; reside in Reading.
- 22 | v. *Mary E.*, b. May 7, 1841; md. Hudson D. Hale, son of Moses Hale, *q. v.*

- 1 | HEZEKIAH STILES md. in Lunenburg, Sept. 17, 1782, Phebe Austin, b. April 15, 1758, dau. of Daniel, Jr., and Phebe (Lovejoy) Austin. They removed to Rindge in 1785, and he d. 1791 or 1792; she md. (2d) Oct. 4, 1803, Joshua Holden, and continued to reside in Rindge; he d. Dec. 1, 1817, and she d. Oct. 30, 1835.
- 2 | i. *Samuel*, b. in Lunenburg Nov. 2, 1784; d. young.
- 3 | ii. *Phebe*, b. in Rindge April 9, 1786; d. young.
- 4 | iii. *Samuel*, b. March 17, 1788. †
- 5 | iv. *Hannah*, b. Dec. 31, 1790; md. John Fenno, *q. v.*
- (4) | SAMUEL STILES, a farmer and wheelwright of Rindge, md., 1813, Polly Washburn, of Stafford, Conn. They removed in 1854 to Dummerston, Vt.
- 6 | i. *Orville C.*, md. — Priest, of Fitzwilliam; he d., and she md. David Barker, of Peterboro.
- 7 | ii. *Mary W.*, md. June 3, 1841, Ebenezer B. Ellis, and resided several years in Rindge; they are now living in Dummerston, Vt.
- 8 | iii. *Eveline W.*, md. John S. Fenno, *q. v.*
- 9 | iv. *John Austin*.
- 10 | v. *Lyman*, d. Feb. 17, 1825.
- 11 | vi. *Julia Ann*, md. April 1, 1845, Lyman H. Bassett, of Phillipston, Mass.

## STONE.

DEA. SIMON STONE settled in Groton, Mass., as early as 1694, and was an original proprietor of that town. He was representative to the General Court in 1707, and a leading citizen in the new settlement. John Stone, his son, b. probably in Watertown, also resided in Groton, and was frequently chosen to office. His son, Dea. James Stone, b. Jan. 23, 1701, md. Dec. 28, 1726, Mary Farwell, b. Feb. 5, 1709, dau. of Joseph and Hannah Farwell. Dea. Stone was a man of influence, and prominent in municipal affairs. He d. Dec. 27, 1783, leaving ten children, and among them Salmon Stone, who settled in Rindge. John Stone, a brother of Dea. James, md. Dec. 22, 1722, Elizabeth Farwell, a sister of the wife of his brother, and also left ten children. Of these, Abel Stone settled in this town.

- 1 | CAPT. SALMON STONE, son of Dea. James, was b. in Groton April 17, 1744; md. Nov. 11, 1767, Susanna Page, dau. of Lieut. Joseph Page, of Rindge, *q. v.*, and removed to this town in 1769. He settled upon the "Lord farm," a short distance south-west from Rindge Centre. In the Revolution his service was conspicuous (*vide pp.* 108, 136,

- 137, and 140). He was selectman in 1777, and was frequently chosen to other positions of trust. He d. Oct. 4, 1831.
- 2 I. *Ede*, b. in Groton June 24; d. Oct. 29, 1768.
- 3 II. *Ede*, b. in Rindge July 28, 1769; md. Amos Darling, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Susanna*, b. Oct. 28, 1770; md. James Reed, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Eunice*, b. March 25, 1772.
- 6 V. *Permelia*, b. April 29, 1773; md. Jonathan Hubbard, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Charlotte*, b. Nov. 12, 1774; d. March 11, 1790.
- 8 VII. *James*, b. Feb. 26, 1776.
- 9 VIII. *Polly*, b. Nov. 2, 1777; md. May 1, 1804, Sewall Fletcher,
- 10 IX. *Salmon*, b. Dec. 15, 1778.
- 11 X. *Eli*, b. Oct. 7, 1780.
- 12 XI. *Lucy*, b. July 15, 1782.
- 13 XII. *Sardine*, b. April 29, 1784. +
- 14 XIII. *Rebecca*, b. Aug. 5, 1787.
- 15 XIV. *Sophia*, b. April 19, 1789.
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- (13) SARDINE STONE md. July 14, 1807, Mehitabel Buswell, dau. of John and Rebecca (Demary) Buswell, *q. v.* He was a farmer, and resided upon the farm subsequently occupied by Luke Lord. In 1847 he removed to Vermont.
- 16 I. *Sardine*, b. Oct. 7, 1809; md. April, 1835, Tabitha Goodspeed, dau. of James R. and Esther (Smith) Goodspeed, of Boston. She d. Feb. 13, 1852. He resides in Charlestown District, Boston.
- 17 II. *Cyrus*, b. July 18, 1811; d., unm., in Uxbridge, Mass., Aug., 1833.
- 18 III. *John*, b. March 23, 1813; md. Nov. 7, 1844, Esther Goodspeed, a sister of the wife of Sardine. They reside in Charlestown District, Boston.
- 19 IV. *Jasper*, b. Jan. 30, 1815; md. Jan. 26, 1854, H. Jane Elms. They reside in Charlestown District, Boston.
- 20 V. *Eunice*, b. Sept. 7, 1816; d. April 7, 1818.
- 21 VI. *Sylvester*, b. Sept. 4, 1818; md. Nov. 8, 1846, Harriet J. Tarbell, dau. of Calvin Tarbell, *q. v.* They reside in Boston.
- 22 VII. *Thomas Buswell*, b. April 29, 1820; md. Jan. 25, 1848, Rebecca Ross. He resides, a farmer, in Ludlow, Vt.
- 23 VIII. *Amos Burnham*, b. Feb. 18, 1822; md. Oct. 31, 1852, Almira H. Whitcomb; lives in Ludlow.
- 24 IX. *William*, b. Sept. 28, 1823; md. Dec. 25, 1865, Sarah Ann Peirce, dau. of Leonard and Caro-

- line (Goodspeed) Peirce, *q. v.*; she d. Sept. 25, 1870. He resides in Boston.
- 25 x. *Susan*, b. July 4, 1825; md. Sept. 19, 1847, Zenas Ross.
- 26 xi. *Salmon*, b. Jan. 7, 1827; md. Oct. 13, 1859, Hannah B. Beals, who d. April 27, 1866; md. (2d) May 19, 1868, her sister, Ellen M. Beals, dan. of Luke Beals. He resides in Charlestown District.
- 27 xii. *James*, b. March 17, 1830; d. Aug. 15, 1847.
- 28 xiii. *Ann M.*, b. April 28, 1832; md. Oct. 31, 1852. Windsor J. Smith, of Ludlow.

29 LIEUT. ABEL STONE was b. in Groton, April 19, 1742. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Farwell) Stone, and cousin of Capt. Salmon. He md. Aug. 11, 1763, Lydia Whitaker, and with three children removed to Rindge in 1768. He was selectman 1776, a member of Capt. Hale's company in 1775, and an ensign in Stark's Brigade in 1777, and probably removed from this town about 1780.

- 30 i. *Betty*, b. Dec. 25, 1763.
- 31 ii. *Abel*, b. March 8, 1765.
- 32 iii. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 12, 1766.
- 33 iv. *David*, b. April 29, 1768.
- 34 v. *Oliver*, b. March 25, 1770.
- 35 vi. *Eli*, bap. Sept. 17, 1774.
- 36 vii. *Hannah*, bap. Sept. 10, 1775.
- 37 viii. *Lucy*, bap. Sept. 16, 1777.
- 38 ix. *Enoch*, bap. Jan. 24, 1779.
- 39 x. *Enos*, bap. Jan. 24, 1779.

40 ISAAC STONE, parentage unknown, was in Rindge from about 1790 until 1805. The following children of Isaac and Nancy Stone were b. in Rindge:—

- 41 i. *Artemas Woodward*, b. Sept. 5, 1793.
- 42 ii. *Betsey*, b. July 5, 1795.
- 43 iii. *Nancy*, b. May 8, 1798.
- 44 iv. *Isaac Herring*, b. March 5, 1800.
- 45 v. *Aaron*, b. Dec. 18, 1803.

## STOWE.

Only one family bearing this name has been resident of Rindge. In 1634, John Stowe, from England, with his wife Elizabeth and six children, settled in Roxbury, Mass. He was made freeman the same year, and in 1638 was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and a representative in 1639. Thomas Stowe, his son, b. in England, was a resident of Concord in 1640, and previous to 1660 he removed to Middletown, Conn. His son, Samnel, b. 1645, returned from Connecticut and settled in Marlboro previous to 1677. In this settlement he was prominent, and much employed in public affairs, and also served



in the Indian wars. He d. Feb. 9, 1721; his wife Elizabeth d. June 17, 1737. Thomas Stowe, their son, b. Dec. 27, 1682, md. Jan. 20, 1713, Hannah Johnson, b. July 20, 1691; dau. of William and Hannah Johnson, of Marlboro. He d. in Marlboro Aug. 28, 1765; she d. June 15, 1789. They had sixteen children, and among them Benjamin Stowe, b. Aug. 25, 1718. He md. Dorcas Stone, b. April 11, 1725, dau. of Joseph and Mary Stone, of Lexington. They settled in Harvard, where their five children were b. Of these, Manassah Stowe md. Mary Whitcomb, of Littleton, Mass., and settled in Hillsboro, N. H., where he was killed 1790 while felling trees, leaving one son and two daus.

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| 1  | BENJAMIN STOWE, the only son of Manassah and Mary (Whitcomb) Stowe, was b. in Hillsboro, N. H., March 21, 1784. He md. Feb. 18, 1813, Betsey Ager, dau. of Ebenezer Ager, of Rindge, <i>q. v.</i> , and removed to Lunenburg, Vt. In 1816 he came to this town, and resided here until his death. He was a blameless, worthy man. He d. Aug. 21, 1869; his wife d. Dec. 11, 1861, aged 77. |
| 2  | i. <i>David</i> , b. in Lunenburg, Vt., Feb. 24, 1815; md. Nov. 8, 1842, Mary Converse, dau. of Joshua Converse, Esq. He received a liberal education, and has been an earnest and efficient supporter of public schools, and all benign enterprises. In 1871 he removed to Marlboro, N. H.  |
| 3  | 1. Mortimer M., b. Jan. 22, 1844; md. July 8, 1862, Jennie S. Oliver, of New Ipswich. Resides in Marlboro.   |
| 4  | 2. Marietta A., b. Oct. 5, 1845; md. Asahel S. Raymond, son of Joel Raymond, <i>q. v.</i>  |
| 5  | 3. Florence H., b. May 6, 1848; md. Nov. 29, 1866, Charles H. White, of Ashburnham.  |
| 6  | 4. Elmer La Roy, b. Aug. 24, 1850; md. Sept. 9, 1873, Mary Hosmer, of Templeton, Mass.   |
| 7  | 5. Clarendon C., b. Sept. 29, 1852.  |
| 8  | 6. Hamlin Fremont, b. July 4, 1856; d. April 15, 1857.   |
| 9  | ii. <i>Warren</i> , b. in Rindge Oct. 31, 1817. Removed, 1855, to Kansas, where he md. Mrs. Frances Norton, who d. 1865. He resides in Kanwaka, Kansas.  |
| 10 | 1. Clara F., b. Dec. 29, 1859.   |
| 11 | iii. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. in Rindge March 12, 1822; md. Nov. 16, 1848, Harriet Wetherbee, dau. of Joseph, <i>q. v.</i> She d. Jan. 6, 1857, and he md. (2d) Maria Brown, of Ashby, Mass. In 1855 he removed to Kansas, and now resides in Kanwaka in that State.   |

- 1 EBENEZER STRATTON, son of Samuel and Mary (Eaton) Stratton, was b. in Rutland, Mass., Nov. 2, 1751. His brother David, who settled in Jaffrey, was b. April 20, 1756. He md. Tabitha Davis, and resided one or two years in Princeton, Mass., five or six years in Jaffrey, and about 1784 he removed to Rindge. He was a resident of Jaffrey in 1783, and of Rindge in 1785. He was selectman seven years, 1788-1794, and was one of the leading Baptists in this town, and preaching was sometimes had at his house. He d. March 22, 1837; his widow d. Feb. 13, 1851.
- 2 I. *Ebenezer*, b. in Princeton, July 15, 1776; d. Oct. 8, 1785.
- 3 II. *Asa*, b. in Jaffrey July 25, 1778; resided in Ashby.
- 4 III. *Josiah*, b. in Jaffrey Feb. 24, 1781. +
- 5 IV. *Tabitha*, b. in Jaffrey March 18, 1783; d. Oct. 11, 1786.
- 6 V. *Polly*, b. in Rindge May 4, 1785; d., unmd., in Rindge May 20, 1857.
- 7 VI. *Ebenezer*, b. March 12, 1787. +
- 8 VII. *Raymond*, b. April 6, 1790; md. Mary Bonner, and removed to New Ipswich.
- 9 VIII. *Tabitha*, b. June 22, 1792; resides in Rindge. unmd.
- 10 IX. *Samuel*, b. April 12, 1795. +
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- (4) JOSIAH STRATTON, son of Ebenezer, md. Jan. 26, 1808, Hepsibah Earl dau. of John Earl, *q. v.*, and settled upon the Earl farm. He d. Nov. 30, 1856; she d. Oct. 10, 1853.
- 11 I. *John*, b. Oct. 19, 1808; d., unmd., in Boston July 20, 1838.
- 12 II. *Raymond*, b. Feb. 5, 1811; md. June 28, 1838, Mary Tyler, of Barnet, Vt. Removed to Harmon, Ohio, where he d. 1869.
- 13 1. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Rindge April 22, 1839; md. M. G. Knox, of Harmon, Ohio.
- 14 2. Esther T., b. in Fitzwilliam March 6, 1841.
- 15 III. *Grata*, b. May 25, 1814; md. June 4, 1845, Ephraim W. Lord. Resided in Westminster, Vt. Two of their three children d. young.
- 16 1. Lucius S., b. July 20, 1849; md. Nov. 30, 1871, Helen A. Tuttle, of Walpole, N. H.
- 17 IV. *Mary J.*, b. July 16, 1818; md. Oct. 27, 1836, Lucius Streeter, of Weathersfield, Vt.

- 18 1. William L., b. Sept. 15, 1839; md. Mari-  
anna Cutler, dau. of Charles, *q. v.*
- 19 2. Herbert, b. March 3, 1852.
- 20 v. *Josiah*, b. June 4, 1821; md. Nov. 26, 1846, Mary  
Jane Bennett, dau. of Capt. James Bennett, *q. v.*  
He resided upon the homestead farm until 1871.  
He was in trade a short time in Rindge Centre,  
and in 1873 removed to Fitchburg. He was  
selectman 1849, '50, '52, '53, '54, '65, '66, '67.
- 21 1. Emerancy H., b. July 28, 1848.
- 22 2. Rodney J., b. June 10, 1852.
- 23 3. Jennie M., b. Feb. 16, 1861; d. Jan. 31,  
1868.
- 24 vi. *Levi*, b. July 1, 1824. Resides, unmd., in Boston.
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- (7) EBENEZER STRATTON md. March 22, 1810, Betsey Hil-  
dreth, who d., leaving four children, Oct. 8, 1825; and he  
md. (2d) June 1, 1826, Sibyl Adams, dau. of Israel, *q. v.*  
He resided in the north-east part of the town until 1857,  
when he removed to Jaffrey, where he d. Jan. 5, 1864.  
His widow d. Aug. 16, 1870.
- 25 I. *Seth Hildreth*, b. Feb. 24, 1811. Insane.
- 26 II. *Stillman*, b. Feb. 17, 1814; md. Dec. 28, 1837,  
Maria Keyes, dau. of Capt. Amos Keyes. He  
d., and she md. (2d) Dea. Harvey Wyman, of  
Winchendon.
- 27 III. *George*, md., 1841, Sarah J. Holton, of New Ips-  
wich. He resided several years in New Ipswich,  
but near the Rindge line.
- 28 1. G. Frederick, md. April 6, 1869, Martha  
Moore, dau. of William and Priscilla  
(Blodgett) Moore, of Jaffrey. She d.  
Nov. 23, 1873.
- 29 iv. *Amos*, b. 1824; d., unmd., Dec. 3, 1846.
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- (10) SAMUEL STRATTON md. Oct. 20, 1818, Lovisa Gibson.  
dau. of Reuben Gibson. He d. Aug. 21, 1840. His  
widow resides in New England Village, Mass.
- 30 I. *Julia A.*, b. Sept. 2, 1819; d. Sept. 1, 1865.
- 31 II. *Emeline*, b. Oct. 17, 1821.
- 32 III. *Mary*, b. Dec. 13, 1823; d. Oct. 26, 1849.
- 33 IV. *Lyman C.*, b. March 12, 1825; was several years a  
farmer in Rindge. Now resides in Jaffrey. He  
md. ———, who d. Nov. 8, 1856; md. (2d)  
1857, Eliza Flagg, of Townsend, Mass., who d.  
Oct. 1, 1872.

- 34 v. *Marinda*, b. Jan. 13, 1827; d. Dec. 15, 1842.  
 35 vi. *William*, b. Oct. 28, 1829; a mute. Resides in  
 New England Village, Mass.  
 36 vii. *Augusta*, b. April 27, 1831; d. Oct. 6, 1873.  
 37 viii. *Samuel A.*, b. July 9, 1833. Resides in Grafton,  
 Mass.  
 38 ix. *Maria Martha*, b. Jan. 23, 1835.

1 JAMES STREETER was in Rindge as early as 1769. In 1775 he sold a saw-mill and grain-mill which stood on the site of the present mill of O. D. Converse & Son, but continued his residence in this town until 1801. The birth of three children of James and Susannah Streeter is recorded. Perhaps Susannah Streeter, who md., 1778, Reuben Russell, was an elder dau., b. previous to their removal to this town.

- 2 i. *Daniel*, b. in Rindge Aug. 29, 1769; md. Feb. 22,  
 1791, Susannah Metcalf, and resided in Rindge  
 until 1812.  
 3 i. Amity, b. July 19, 1792.  
 4 ii. *James*, b. Jan. 29, 1773; md. Nov. 11, 1792, Sarah  
 Carlton, dau. of William, *q. v.*, and removed to  
 Jaffrey about 1800.  
 5 1. Levi, b. in Rindge Jan. 12, 1797.  
 6 2. Daniel, b. in Rindge Aug. 6, 1798.  
 7 3. Sally, b. in Jaffrey Dec. 18, 1800; md.  
 1820, John Rhodes.  
 8 4. Phinehas, b. in Jaffrey Feb. 20, 1803.  
 9 5. Rufus, b. in Jaffrey June 22, 1805.  
 10 iii. *Phebe*, b. Aug. 21, 1780; md. Elipha Peirce, *q. v.*

11 JOHN STREETER, perhaps a son of James, md. Dec. 29,  
 1785, Sarah Carlton, dau. of James, *q. v.*, and probably  
 d. about 1810.

- 12 i. *John*, b. Feb. 2, 1788; md. Nov. 28, 1811, Nancy  
 Coburn, dau. of Josiah, *q. v.*  
 13 ii. *Sarah*, b. June 4, 1789; d. May 11, 1790.  
 14 iii. *Obadiah*, b. March 4, 1791.  
 15 iv. *Polly C.*, b. April 14, 1793.  
 16 v. *William*, b. Sept. 21, 1794.  
 17 vi. *Benjamin*, b. May 30, 1796; d. Aug. 2, 1798.  
 18 vii. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 24, 1797; d. Feb. 20, 1825.  
 19 viii. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 17, 1800. +  
 20 ix. *Charles*, b. Nov. 2, 1801; d. Feb. 21, 1824.  
 21 x. *Adaline*, b. March 30, 1803.  
 22 xi. *Addison*, b. Feb. 6, 1805; d. in Ludlow, Vt., 1849.  
 23 xii. *Son*, b. April 30, 1808; d. Aug. 15, 1808.

- (19) THOMAS STREETER, son of John, md. in Jaffrey Oct. 26, 1826, Paulina Locke, dau. of Edward Jewett Locke, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge, where he d. June 24, 1843.
- 24 I. *Sarah Paulina*, b. Dec. 27, 1827; d. Aug. 1, 1832.
- 25 II. *Susan Maria*, b. April 8, 1832; d. Oct. 14, 1848.
- 26 III. *Albert Locke*, b. Sept. 14, 1841.

## SYMONDS.

The Rindge family bearing this name are descendants of John Symonds, who came from England, and was residing in Salem, Mass., in 1636, when twenty acres of land were granted to him. He was a member of the church in that place in 1637, and in 1643 another tract of land was granted to him. He was a housewright, or carpenter, and acquired a "comfortable property." He d. 1671, his will being dated June 16 and proved Sept. 21 of that year. By wife Elizabeth, who survived him, he had four children. Of these, James Symonds md. Sept. 20, 1661, Elizabeth Browning. June 28, 1713, he was admitted to full communion with the church in Northfield, and d. soon after, as his estate, inventoried at £482 15s. 3d., was administered in 1714. Of his twelve children, Thomas Symonds, the eighth, was b. Feb. 1, 1677-8. He md. Elizabeth Stone, and resided, a farmer and carpenter, in Salem. His will is dated 1752, and proved 1758, but the date of his death cannot be given with greater exactness. The fourth of his ten children was Thomas Symonds, b. Sept. 25, 1714; md. Oct. 15, 1735, Hannah Skerry, and subsequently removed to Reading, where he continued to reside until his death. The date of the death of his first wife has not been discovered. He md. (2d) Hannah Parker, of Reading, by whom he had three children. He was a blacksmith and a farmer, and d. in 1757. Thomas Symonds, son of Thomas and Hannah (Parker) Symonds, was b. in Reading 1745; md., 1765, Hannah Daymond. He followed the occupation of a farmer, and resided upon the homestead. He d. Jan. 31, 1836, aged 90; his wife d. Dec. 18, 1834, and their grave-stone in Reading states: "This couple having lived together Husband and Wife 69 years, 7 months, and 16 days." They had ten children.

- 1 THOMAS SYMONDS, son of Thomas and Hannah (Daymond) Symonds, was b. in Reading July 23, 1775. He md. May 10, 1798, Lydia Pratt, of New Ipswich, and in 1800 removed to the farm near West Rindge which is still known as the "Symonds farm." He d. Oct. 14, 1814; his widow d. July 6, 1858.
- 2 I. *John Pratt*, b. Jan. 30, 1799. +
- 3 II. *Thomas*, b. March 16, 1801. +
- 4 III. *Lydia*, b. Jan. 12, 1803; d., unmd., May 11, 1828.
- 5 IV. *Nathan Robbins*, b. April 28, 1805; d. April 4, 1807.
- 6 V. *Nathan Robbins*, b. July 6, 1807; md. July 3, 1831, Eliza Herrick, and settled in Chesterfield, N. H., where they now reside.
- 7 1. *Amelia A.*, b. Feb. 17, 1833.
- 8 2. *Charles T.*, b. Feb. 21, 1835.

- 9 VI. *Sylvester Smith*, b. Jan. 16, 1810; d., unmd., June 9, 1831.
- 10 VII. *Ann*, b. Feb. 12, 1813; md. Hon. Erastus Rugg, of Chelsea, Mass., son of Thomas Rugg, *q. v.*
- (2) JOHN P. SYMONDS, Esq., md. Oct. 10, 1820, Susannah Faulkner, dau. of Jonas Faulkner, *q. v.* She d. Aug. 24, 1845, and he md. (2d) Oct. 10, 1846, Mary F. Beard, dau. of Artemas and Mary (Chaplin) Beard, of Fitzwilliam (*vide* Chaplin Register, No. 27). He d. Dec. 27, 1863. Mr. Symonds resided upon the Faulkner farm in the north-west part of the town. For many years he was a trustee and recording secretary of the Methodist organization, and the records of that church and society bear evidence of his intelligent and faithful service. He was a justice of the peace from about 1840 until his death, and was frequently chosen on committees by the town. The labor of his life was performed without parade, but everything entrusted to his care was judiciously managed.
- 11 I. *Sylvester T.*, b. Sept. 21, 1822; md. May 1, 1845, Elizabeth J. Bemis, b. March 11, 1824, dau. of Thomas and Anna (Knight) Bemis, of Dublin, N. H. He is a manufacturer, and resides in Pottersville, in the town of Harrisville, N. H.
- 12 1. Anna L. A., b. Sept. 4, 1846; d. Feb. 1, 1854.
- 13 2. Emma I., b. May 8, 1848; md. Feb. 25, 1871, Ambrose Lapoint.
- 14 3. Ella J., b. June 5, 1851; d. March 4, 1854.
- 15 4. Dana M., b. Dec. 5, 1853; d. Jan. 24, 1854.
- 16 5. Dana T., b. May 23, 1855.
- 17 6. Frank P., b. Dec. 3, 1863.
- 18 II. *Lavina M.*, b. Sept. 1, 1824; md. July 21, 1844, Elbridge G. Bemis, b. Oct. 5, 1822, son of Thomas and Anna (Knight) Bemis, of Dublin, where they resided. She d. in Winchendon, Mass., Dec. 24, 1873. He d. in Harrisville, N. H., Nov. 24, 1874. Nine of their eleven children d. in infancy or childhood.
- 19 1. Elizabeth A., b. May 25, 1847; md., 1868, Lucius A. Fisher. She d. in Richmond Nov. 4, 1870.
- 20 2. Leonora M., b. Sept. 24, 1859.
- 21 III. *Merrill S.*, b. March 12, 1827; removed to Missouri, where he md. Oct. 5, 1854, Sarah A. Cope. He was a teacher, and was surveyor of the county in which he resided. He was killed in his own door-yard by guerrillas Oct. 14, 1864.



- 22 1. Lillie M., b. Aug. 17, 1855.  
 23 2. John B., b. Aug. 9, 1858; d. March 16,  
 1862.  
 24 3. Merrilla S., b. Jan. 11, 1865; d. March 19,  
 1867.
- 25 iv. *Lydia A.*, b. June 4, 1829; md. Nov. 9, 1854, Rev.  
 Nathaniel H. Martin, b. Aug. 18, 1827, son of  
 Simeon and Mehitable Martin, of Dorchester,  
 N. H. He is a graduate of the Concord, N. H.,  
 Theological School, and for several years has  
 belonged to the New England Conference, and  
 at present is stationed at Coleraine, Mass. Four  
 of their five children d. young.
- 26 I. Florence S., b. April 23, 1865.
- 27 v. *Susan Sophia*, b. Aug. 4, 1831; a physician in  
 Winchendon (*vide* p. 370).
- 28 vi. *Arvilla Maria*, b. March 21, 1834; md. Oct. 8,  
 1863, Daniel W. Gould, of Peterboro, N. H.,  
 where they reside.
- 29 vii. *Caroline E.*, b. Aug. 23, 1836.
- 30 viii. *John P.*, b. July 27, 1838; removed to Grand  
 Rapids, Mich., where he md. Annie Stewart,  
 dau. of Simeon and Ellen Stewart.
- 31 ix. *Augustus F.*, b. April 30, 1841; resides in Rindge.
- 32 x. *Charles Wesley*, b. Oct. 14, 1843; was a member  
 of the 9th N. H. Vols., and d. from effects of  
 wounds Jan. 2, 1873.

Children of second wife:—

- 33 xi. *Sydney S.*, b. Aug. 15, 1848; d. Sept. 5, 1849.  
 34 xii. *Sydney C.*, b. July 6, 1850; d. May 16, 1851.

(3) THOMAS SYMONDS, second son of Thomas and Lydia  
 (Pratt) Symonds, was b. in Rindge March 16, 1801; md.  
 Oct. 7, 1824, Mersilvia Stickney, dau. of William and Jane  
 (Fletcher) Stickney, *q. v.* In 1825 he removed to Troy,  
 N. Y., where he continues to reside. Until 1857 he was  
 extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits, in which he  
 experienced a good degree of prosperity. More recently  
 he has successfully devoted his time and energies to  
 banking, and for many years has been president of the  
 Manufacturers' National Bank of Troy. In business  
 circles his integrity and financial ability are promptly  
 acknowledged, and in the private walks of life he is  
 highly respected.

- 35 I. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 14, 1827; d. May 3, 1840.  
 36 II. *Lydia I.*, b. March 1, 1829; md. Charles O'Neal.  
 They reside in Troy.

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III. *Juliaett V.*, b. July 9, 1838; md. Sidney D. Tucker, of Troy, where they reside.

## TARBELL.

THOMAS TARBELL, probably the ancestor of all the Tarbells of New England, settled in Watertown, Mass., as early as 1656. About 1663 he sold his lands in Watertown, and removed to Groton, and at the outbreak of King Philip's war he retired to Charlestown. His wife Mary, who was the mother of his children, d., and he md. (2d) in Charlestown, Aug. 15, 1676, Susanna Lawrence, widow of John Lawrence. He d. about 1680, aged about 62. She d. Jan 5, 1692. Thomas Tarbell, Jr., removed with his father to Groton, and thence to Charlestown. He md. in Groton June 30, 1666, Anna —. He d. about 1678. Thomas Tarbell, his son, was b. in Groton July 6, 1667, and after the war and the death of his father he removed from Charlestown to Groton, where he was town clerk in 1704 and '5. He md. Dec. 1, 1686, Elizabeth Blood, and d. Jan. 24, 1717. Eleazer Tarbell, the youngest of his ten children, was b. in Groton April 28, 1707. He md. Dec. 20, 1727, Elizabeth Bowers, b. Sept. 2, 1710, dau. of Samuel and Esther Bowers, and an aunt of James Bowers, Sen., of Rindge. About 1740 he removed to Lunenburg, where the two youngest of his six children were b.

1 | LIEUT. SAMUEL TARBELL, son of Eleazer, was b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Sept. 18, 1744; and md., in that place, Feb. 25, 1773, Beatrice Carter, dau. of Thomas and Betty (Sawyer) Carter, b. in Lunenburg Nov. 18, 1753. He settled in the west part of Rindge in the year of his marriage, and soon after built a mill on the Pearly Pond stream, near his dwelling. He was a member of the Lexington company in 1775, and a lieutenant in Capt. Stone's company in 1777, and in Col. Enoch Hale's regiment in 1778 (*vide* pp. 108, 136, 164). He was selectman in 1787, and was frequently chosen to other offices. He d. April 6, 1828; his widow d. Aug. 20, 1839.

2 | I. *Thomas*, b. in Rindge Nov. 22, 1773. +  
3 | II. *Parmason*, b. in Rindge March 25, 1777; d., unmd., Feb. 28, 1801.

(2) | THOMAS TARBELL, son of Lieut. Samuel, md. Feb. 19, 1797, Achsah Fay, dau. of Joseph and Lucy (Warren) Fay, of Walpole, N. H. They resided in Rindge, and upon the farm formerly of his father. His wife, the mother of all his children, d. Aug. 18, 1821; and he md. (2d) July 10, 1823, Polly Towne, dau. of Jeremiah Towne. He d. Nov. 14, 1862.

4 | I. *Reuben*, b. Jan. 6, 1798. +  
5 | II. *Calvin*, b. Jan. 11, 1800. +  
6 | III. *Parmason*, b. Oct. 19, 1802; md. Polly Beard. He d. in Brattleboro, Vt., Oct. 28, 1855. She d. the following year.

- 7 1. Holland Fay; deceased.  
 8 2. Selina M.; deceased.  
 9 3. Franklin W.
- 10 iv. *Thomas Addison*, b. Nov. 11, 1806. +  
 11 v. *Samuel*, b. April 2, 1810; md. Oct. 3, 1837, Sally Davis, dau. of Jonathan and Susanna (Peirce) Davis, and granddau. of Josiah Peirce, *q. v.* He d. in Rindge March 7, 1866. No children.
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- (4) REUBEN TARBELL md. Sept. 8, 1825, Beatrice Beard, b. Jan. 18, 1804, dau. of Aaron and Anne (Dunster) Beard, of Walpole, N. H., and a sister of Polly, who md. Parnason Tarbell. They resided upon the homestead where he d. Oct. 30, 1862.
- 12 I. *Achsa A.*, b. Jan. 23, 1826; md. April 3, 1844, Ezekiel Cudworth, Jr., *q. v.*  
 13 II. *Rusiana J.*, b. Nov. 4, 1827; md. Sept. 24, 1851, George S. Brewer, *q. v.* She d. Nov. 20, 1871.  
 14 III. *Infant*, }  
 15 IV. *Infant*, } b. and d. June 3, 1829.  
 16 v. *Aaron Marshall*, b. April 24, 1830; d. July 11, 1836.  
 17 VI. *Charles Duane*, b. July 20, 1832; md. Nov. 18, 1856, Elmira Frances Whitney, dau. of Benjamin and Elmira (Stimpson) Whitney, of Marlboro, N. H. Resided in Marlboro, and later in Littleton, N. H.  
 18 VII. *Laura Ann*, b. Dec. 25, 1834; d. Sept. 8, 1837.  
 19 VIII. *Calista F.*, b. May 31, 1837; md. Dec. 1, 1859, Nathan Andrew Fitch, son of Nathan and Louisa (Burnham) Fitch; reside in Boston.  
 20 IX. *Sarah Maria*, b. July 3, 1840; md. Jan. 28, 1864, George B. Day, son of Alvin and Anna Maria (Stebbins) Day; reside in Boston.
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- (5) CALVIN TARBELL md. March 11, 1822, Betsey Peirce, dau. of Josiah Peirce, *q. v.* They reside in Boston, and formerly lived several years in Rindge, and in Walpole, N. H.
- 21 I. *Stephen Heywood*, b. Dec. 24, 1822; md. April 21, 1846, Clarissa W. Ide, dau. of Daniel and Susan (Welding) Ide, of Boston.  
 22 II. *Harriet J.*, b. May 19, 1827; md. Nov. 8, 1846, Sylvester Stone, son of Sardine Stone, *q. v.*  
 23 III. *Sarah S.*, b. Sept. 9, 1831; md. June 7, 1850, George Souther, son of Job and Rachel (Damon) Souther, of Boston.  
 24 IV. *Emma Cora*, b. Jan. 7, 1845.

- (10) THOMAS ADDISON TARBELL resided in Boston and in Rindge, where he d. April 21, 1872. He md. Nov. 12, 1829, Maria P. Stearns, dau. of Capt. Freeborn Stearns, *q. v.*
- 25 I. *Charles Addison*, b. and d. Nov. 12, 1830.
- 26 II. *Henry Webster*, b. Feb. 20, 1832; md. May 15, 1853, Eliza Jane Donovan, dau. of John and Sarah (Conrad) Donovan. He resides in Boston.
- 27 III. *George Washington*, b. July 21, 1834; md. June 9, 1856, Abbie Frost, dau. of Nathaniel Frost, *q. v.* They resided in Boston, where he d. July 21, 1859; and his widow md. (2d) 1873, Jacob M. Cass, son of Chellis and Betsey (Miles) Cass; reside in Sheffield, Vt.
- 28 1. George Walter, b. Nov. 16, 1857.
- 29 2. Lillian P., b. July 18, 1859.

- 1 AARON TAYLOR, son of Dea. Caleb and Mary (Witt) Taylor, was b. in Littleton, Mass., June, 1726; md. in Lunenburg Dec. 21, 1752, Mercy Gould, b. March 4, 1732, dau. of Capt. Jacob and Dorothy (Goodridge) Gould, and a sister of Jacob Gould, of Rindge. They settled in this town in 1759, and removed from town probably about 1770. The first three children were b. in Lunenburg.
- 2 I. *Jonathan*, b. July 22, 1753.
- 3 II. *Aaron*, b. Jan. 16, 1755.
- 4 III. *Sarah*, b. July 24, 1757.
- 5 IV. *Martha*, b. Sept. 6, 1760 (b. in Rowley Canada, recorded in Lunenburg, but was bap. Mercy).
- 6 V. *Rebecca*, b. June 11, 1763.
- 7 VI. *David*, b. April 25, 1765.
- 8 VII. *Dolly*, bap. 1769.
- 9 VIII. *Betty*, bap. 1769.

- 1 LIEUT. NATHANIEL THOMAS was b. in Middleton, Mass., Aug. 4, 1747; he md. July 30, 1767, Esther Perkins, dau. of John Perkins, Jr., of Topsfield, Mass. They removed to Rindge, and settled upon the farm still owned and occupied by their descendants, in 1771. He was selectman in 1788; and in the Revolution he served in the Lexington company, in Capt. Francis Towne's company, in Capt. Daniel Rand's company, and in Capt. Cunningham's company (*vide* pp. 108, 126, 141, 164), and in 1783 he was a lieutenant of a company of militia. His wife d. Sept. 11, 1805; and he md. (2d) Dec. 31, 1806, Phebe (Towne) Peirce, widow of Abraham Peirce, and dau. of Dea. Francis Towne. He d. April 10, 1818; his widow d. Jan. 16, 1824.

- 2 I. *Ezra*, b. in Topsfield, Dec. 14, 1768. +  
 3 II. *Phebe*, b. in Rindge, Sept. 30, 1772; md. Sept. 3,  
 1792, Thomas Moors, of Jaffrey; and d. in  
 Barre, Vt., April 19, 1810.  
 4 III. *Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 22, 1774; md. March 7, 1799,  
 Esther Wheelock, of Jaffrey, dau. of Luke  
 Wheelock; resided in that town a few years,  
 and removed to Hartford, Vt., where he d. Feb.  
 19, 1849.  
 5 IV. *Molley*, b. April 21, 1777; md. Jan. 29, 1799, Lib-  
 erty Raymond, b. July 7, 1774, son of Paul Ray-  
 mond, of Winchendon, and brother of Capt. Joel  
 Raymond, of Rindge, and resided at Vershire,  
 Vt., where she d. July 6, 1838.  
 6 V. *Eunice*, b. Dec. 24, 1779; md. — Bramble;  
 lived in Hartford, Vt.; d. May 22, 1853.  
 7 VI. *Esther*, twin, b. Dec. 24, 1779; md. Joshua Dewey;  
 lived in Hartford, Vt., where she d. 1827.

(2) EZRA THOMAS, ESQ., resided upon the homestead. Few  
 men in the town's history have been more intimately  
 associated with its public affairs, or have been held in as  
 high esteem. He was a representative 1824, '25, and a  
 selectman fourteen years, and  
 transacted much other business  
*Ezra Thomas.* of a public character, and all  
 was performed with ability,  
 system, and exactness. He md. Nov. 4, 1796, Mary Per-  
 kins, by whom he had one son. He d. April 5, 1855; she  
 d. April 21, 1861.

- 8 I. *Liberty R.*, b. Oct. 14, 1799. +  
 (8) LIBERTY R. THOMAS md. Harriet Raymond, b. Nov. 1,  
 1803, dau. of Paul and Sarah (Gale) Raymond, of Winch-  
 endon. He d. June 1, 1874.  
 9 I. *George Raymond*, b. March 23, 1828; md. Oct. 2,  
 1851, Mary Ann Brooks, dau. of Walton Brooks,  
*q. v.*, and resided upon a part of the homestead,  
 being of the fourth generation upon the prem-  
 ises. He d. May 20, 1873.  
 10 1. Charles N., b. May 17, 1854; d. March 27,  
 1855.  
 11 2. Ella H., b. April 6, 1856.  
 12 3. Herbert D., Oct. 17, 1857.  
 13 4. George E., b. May 23, 1861; d. Oct. 12,  
 1862.  
 14 5. Florence A., b. July 11, 1865.  
 15 II. *Mary P.*, b. Dec. 5, 1831; md. Charles E. Stick-  
 ney, *q. v.*

- 16      iii. *Albert H.*, b. Oct. 30, 1837; md. May 6, 1859.  
           Anna L. Lowell, dau. of John Lowell, *q. v.*  
           He is a farmer, and resides upon the homestead.
- 17                    1. Ezra, b. April 29, 1864.
- 18                    2. Charles A., b. Aug. 26, 1867.
- 19                    3. Clarence H., b. Jan. 3, 1871.
- 20                    4. Jennie M., b. Dec. 8, 1872.
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- 21      CAPT. PHILIP THOMAS, also from Topsfield, settled a short distance west of the residence of Lieut. Nathaniel Thomas. He md. in Topsfield Oct. 11, 1764, Mary Lefavor. He commanded the Rindge company at the battle of Bunker Hill, and remained in the siege of Boston until the close of the year. He was a carpenter, and was employed by Col. Gardner as master-builder, in the construction of the Gardner house and store. He d. 1797, and perhaps left other children.
- 22                    i. *Richard*, md., 1815, Dolly Twiss; he was an architect and master-builder in Boston or vicinity.
- 23                    ii. *Francis*, md. Nov. 1, 1795, Elizabeth Gragg, dau. of Daniel, *q. v.* He d. July 5, 1837; she d. Dec. 19, 1837.
- 24                    1. Betsey, b. April 10, 1796; md. Nathan Derby, Jr., and d. in Andover, Vt., July 11, 1822.
- 25                    2. Francis, b. Oct. 30, 1797; d. in Boston April 20, 1822.
- 26                    3. Billy, b. Nov. 26, 1798.
- 27                    4. Oldice, b. Jan. 17, 1800.
- 28                    5. Ruth, b. Jan. 12, 1801; d., unmd., Jan. 30, 1832.
- 29                    6. Rebecca, b. Aug. 4, 1803.
- 30                    7. Charles, b. Jan. 16, 1805.
- 31                    8. Luke, b. Nov. 14, 1806.
- 32                    9. Permelia, b. Dec. 18, 1808; d. Dec. 4, 1810.
- 33                    10. Sarah, b. Jan. 28, 1811; d. July 6, 1831.
- 34                    11. Palmer, b. April 25, 1813.
- 35                    12. Daniel G., b. March 26, 1816; d. May 21, 1818.
- 36                    13. Ezra, b. Jan. 25, 1820.
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- 37      CAPT. OTHNIEL THOMAS, from Topsfield, settled upon the farm now of Gilman P. Wellington, in 1774. He md. May 15, 1760, Sarah Rhodes. He was a lieutenant in Capt. Stone's Company, and was commissioned captain in Col. Reynolds' Regiment (*vide* pp. 136, 168). He was selectman 1780, a moderator of many town meetings, and



a delegate to the convention which ratified the Federal Constitution. He d. April 21, 1794, and his wife survived him several years.

- 38 I. *Roger*, b. Aug. 13, 1763; d. Aug. 2, 1792.  
 39 II. *Jethro*, b. March 12, 1767.  
 40 III. *John*, b. April 18, 1773; d. Dec. 11, 1798.  
 41 IV. *Job*, b. Feb. 9, 1777.

1 JOHN THOMPSON, also Ichabod, William, and Richard, were residing in Rindge in 1776, and all of them signed the "Association Test," and Peter Thomas was here 1777-78. I know not from whence they came, or in what manner they were related. The name upon the records is spelled in every combination of letters that can represent the name. John Thompson was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill (*vide* p. 112). The name of his wife was Elizabeth.

- 2 I. *Levi*, b. in Rindge Feb. 27, 1775.

3 WILLIAM THOMPSON, by wife Dorcas, had one or two children b. in Rindge. Perhaps the eldest was b. previous to his removal to this town. He removed to Jaffrey.

- 4 I. *William*, b. May 30, 1774.  
 5 II. *Timothy*, b. in Rindge Jan. 13, 1777.  
 6 III. *Dorcas*, b. in Jaffrey July 1, 1779.

7 RICHARD THOMPSON, by wife Rebecca, had three children b. in this town. She d. May 30, 1777, and by wife Rachel other children were b. Perhaps two or three of the youngest were children of a third wife, but no record of such marriage has been found. He resided in Rindge until 1798.

- 8 I. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 19, 1773; md. Joseph Kingsbury.  
 9 II. *Richard*, b. July 31, 1775.  
 10 III. *Jerusha*, b. May 26, 1777.  
 11 IV. *Rachel*, b. Jan. 1, 1779.  
 12 V. *Ebenezer*, b. Dec. 14, 1781.  
 13 VI. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 13, 1787.  
 14 VII. *Susanna Comings*, b. Feb. 20, 1789.  
 15 VIII. *Nancy*, b. May 8, 1794.

## TODD.

JOHN TODD settled in Rowley, Mass., as early as 1649, and his sons Timothy and Samuel were in the expedition to Canada 1690. John Todd, another son, b. 1655, md. Elizabeth Brocklebank, and left seven children. Among them was John Todd, b. 1688. He md. Ruth Lunt, and among their nine children was Thomas Todd, who came to Rindge.

1 THOMAS TODD, b. in Rowley 1728, md. Elizabeth Carlton, and removed to Rindge about 1790, where he d. Aug. 18, 1816, aged 88. His widow d. March 2, 1820, aged 82. Of his children, four came to this town, all of whom were b. in Rowley.

2 I. *Susannah*, b. 1756; md. in Rindge May 30, 1802, John Tidd, his second marriage, a son of Joseph and Dorothy (Stiekney) Tidd, of Lexington. He d. March 29, 1812; she d. in Rindge Sept. 12, 1824, aged 68. Mr. Tidd was in Capt. Parker's company at the battle of Lexington, and being among the last to leave the Common, he was pursued by a British officer, struck down, and left for dead.

3 II. *Joshua*, b. 1762. +

4 III. *Moses*, b. July 2, 1765. +

5 IV. *Hannah*, b. —; md. May 30, 1802, Wallingford Todd, her cousin, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Saunders) Todd, of Rowley. They remained in Rindge a few years, where he was engaged in tanning and dressing leather.

(3) JOSHUA TODD md. Feb. 23, 1796, Tabitha Hunt, dau. of Simon and Luey (Raymond) Hunt, b. in Acton, Mass., April 2, 1771, a sister of the wife of David Carlton, and a niece of Ephraim Hunt, Sen., of Rindge. He resided, a farmer, in Rindge, where he d. June 1, 1845; she d. Dec. 11, 1854.

6 I. *Levi*, b. Nov. 9, 1796. +

7 II. *Lucia*, b. Aug. 28, 1798; md. Joshua Hunt, *q. v.*

8 III. *George Washington*, b. Nov. 9, 1801. +

9 IV. *Paul*, b. Feb. 6, 1807. +

(4) CAPT. MOSES TODD resided in Rindge Centre, and was a farmer and an innholder, and was the first postmaster in Rindge. He was an enterprising, prosperous citizen, and was frequently elected to office. The Todd tavern, standing on the site of the dwelling-house of Asia Jones, was one of the centres of attraction. Capt. Todd md. Sept. 25, 1794, Jane Whitman, b. April 8, 1771, dau. of Charles and Anne (Stevens) Whitman, of Stow, Mass. In 1833 he removed to Fitchburg, Mass., where he d. Aug. 10, 1841; she d. Dec. 2, 1858.

10 I. *Moses*, b. June 17, 1795; md. Rebecca Turner, of Boston. They had six children. He d. in Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 25, 1872; she d. March 23, 1855.

11 II. *Whitman*, b. April 24, 1797; d. Aug. 1, 1797.

- 12 |     iii. *Charlotte*, b. Jan. 30, 1799; md. Dec. 22, 1825,  
Elliot Payson Tucker, son of Seth Tucker, Sen.,  
of Winchendon. He d. in Chesterfield March  
30, 1855; she now resides in Baldwinsville,  
Mass.
- 13 |         1. George, b. Dec. 9, 1826; d. 14th of same  
month.
- 14 |         2. Charles W., b. Nov. 3, 1829; d. June 24,  
1835.
- 15 |         3. Payson E., b. May 15, 1834.
- 16 |         4. Joshua M., b. May 6, 1843; d. March 6,  
1853.
- 17 |     iv. *Mersilvia*, b. Nov. 14, 1800; md. Feb. 18, 1830,  
Dea. John T. Farwell, son of John and Hannah  
(Thurston) Farwell. Dea. Farwell resided in  
Fitchburg, where he was held in high esteem.  
He d. June 7, 1866. His widow resides in Fitch-  
burg.
- 18 |         1. Elizabeth M., b. July 2, 1831; md. Sept. 24  
1857, Charles H. Merrill, of Cambridge  
Mass.
- 19 |         2. John A., b. Sept. 3, 1833; md. Oct. 28,  
1869, Ava W. Chambers.
- 20 |         3. Sarah C., b. May 31, 1836; md. Oct. 4,  
1855, Joseph M. Barney, of Brimfield, Ill.
- 21 |         4. Maria T., b. July 11, 1838; md. Oct. 27,  
1859, Charles A. Sullivan, of Starkville,  
Miss.
- 22 |         5. Mary Jane, b. July 12, 1840; d. Aug. 29,  
1841.
- 23 |         6. Edward P., b. Oct. 24, 1843; enlisted in the  
Union army, and d. at Port Hudson, La.,  
July 19, 1863.
- 24 |         7. Jane T., b. Dec. 4, 1846; md. Nov. 26,  
1873, Edward P. Downe. They reside in  
Fitchburg.
- 25 |     v. *Hiram*, b. March 22, 1803; d. July 1, 1804.
- 26 |     vi. *Thomas*, b. Nov. 1, 1805; md. Ann Lougee, who d.  
in Woburn, Mass., Sept. 24, 1849, leaving four  
children. He resides in Brookline, Mass.
- 27 |     vii. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 23, 1807; md. Stephen T. Far-  
well, brother of Dea. Farwell, who md. her sister  
Mersilvia. They had four children. He d. Oct.  
20, 1872, and she resides in Cambridge, Mass.
- 28 |     viii. *Jane*, b. Aug. 1, 1810; md. Sept. 2, 1830, Abel  
Simonds, son of Joseph and Sarah (Downe)  
Simonds, of Fitchburg.

- 29 1. Charles H., b. June 19, 1831; d. June 24, 1832.
- 30 2. Mary C., b. Oct. 27, 1832; md. Robert McMaster.
- 31 3. Thomas T., b. May 19, 1834.
- 32 4. William H., b. June 17, 1836; md. Nov. 22, 1859, Lizzie Howard. He d. in New York, Aug. 14, 1863, while returning to his home from the army.
- 33 5. John, b. Nov. 27, 1838; md. Dec. 6, 1865. Hattie C. Beaman, of Winchendon.
- 34 6. Alvan A., b. June 28, 1841; md. Feb. 14, 1865, Marcella C. Willard, of Leominster, Mass.
- 35 7. George F., b. June 12, 1843; md. Mary D. Hatch.
- 36 8. Elizabeth J., b. Oct. 30, 1844; md. June 12, 1866, John F. Hatch, of Marshfield, Mass.
- 37 9. Daniel, b. Sept. 18, 1847; md. Sept. 14, 1870, Ellen M. Gifford, of Fitchburg.
- 38 10. Edwin F., b. Oct. 22, 1849.
- 39 ix. *Charles W.*, b. Feb. 15, 1813; d. March 4, 1813.

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(6) LEVI TODD md. May 30, 1821, Nancy Corey, of Ashburnham, b. Jan. 3, 1799. They resided in Hinsdale, N. H., where he d. Nov. 23, 1873; his wife d. Oct. 3, 1872.

- 40 i. *George W.*, b. Nov. 3, 1822; is proprietor of a livery stable in Keene, N. H. He md. Nov. 24, 1846, Henrietta Tuttle.
- 41 ii. *Nancy A.*, b. Jan. 17, 1825; md. James Boyce, and resides in Keene.
- 42 iii. *Walter C.*, b. Sept. 23, 1826; md. Mary Spaulding, of Chesterfield, N. H., and resides upon the homestead in Hinsdale.
- 43 iv. *Levi Leonard*, b. June 28, 1828; d. Oct. 10, 1852.
- 44 v. *Lucia Lucinda*, twin, b. June 28, 1828; d. Jan. 22, 1831.
- 45 vi. *Mary J.*, b. Aug. 24, 1835; d. Sept. 22, 1853.

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(8) GEORGE W. TODD is a farmer in Rindge. He md. Nov. 30, 1826, Lucy Richardson, dau. of Joseph Richardson, of Groton, Mass.; she d. April 22, 1843; md. (2d) Aug., 1843, Mary Ann Twitchell, dau. of John and Susau (Chadwick) Twitchell (*vide* Chadwick family, No. 6); she d. Jan. 1, 1846; md. (3d) June 4, 1846, Lucy Jones, dau. of Asa Jones, *q. v.*, who d. May 28, 1852; and he

md. (4th) Oct. 7, 1852, Mary (Fletcher) Wetherbee, widow of Joseph Wetherbee, *q. v.*, and dau. of Joshua Fletcher, *q. v.*

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i. *George Washington*, b. Nov. 19, 1828. He is a lawyer, but is better known as a successful teacher, in which calling he has labored with efficiency and usefulness. He graduated at the Law School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1856, and was then admitted to all the courts in that State, and Dec. 31, 1863, was admitted to the courts of Vermont. He soon, however, relinquished this profession, and returned to his favorite employment. Previous to his admission to the bar, he had been principal of the academy in Marlow, N. H., two and one-half years. He also taught in his native town, and in 1858 became principal of the Orleans Liberal Institute, in Glover, Vt., where he remained seven years. Subsequently he was principal of high schools in Edgartown, Lenox, and Great Barrington, Mass., and since 1872 he has been principal of the McCollom Institute, Mont Vernon, N. H., which he has raised to a high rank among the leading academies in this State. Mr. Todd md. Aug. 16, 1857, Mary Ann Harper Blodgett, of Jaffrey. She d. Dec. 31, 1864; md. (2d) July 27, 1869, Sarah Jane Chapin, dau. of Dea. Hervey and Persis C. Chapin, of Holyoke, Mass.

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ii. *Thomas Richardson*, b. Sept. 1, 1831; d. in the army; he was wounded June 3, and d. June 9, 1864.

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iii. *Henry Fosdick*, b. May 15, 1834; was killed in a mill in Templeton, Mass., July 3, 1854.

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iv. *Mersylobia Scollay*, b. May 31, 1838; d. June 9, 1842.

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v. *Infant*, b. April 18; d. April 27, 1843.

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vi. *Infant*, b. Dec. 23; d. Dec. 27, 1845.

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vii. *Mary Ann*, b. July 20, 1853; d. Nov. 11, 1873.

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viii. *Ida L.*, b. July 27, 1857.

(9)

PAUL TODD md. Feb. 9, 1830, Polly Parker, dau. of Joseph and Susan (Chadwick) Parker. (Chadwick Register, No. 5.) He lived in Hinsdale, N. H., the first six years after marriage, and subsequently, resided a farmer in Rindge. He d. March 27, 1858.

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i. *Charles*, b. July 19, 1832; d. Jan. 3, 1856.

- 55 | ii. *Addison*, b. Nov. 8, 1833; md. May 4, 1858, Harriet Wood, dau. of Addison M. Wood, *q. v.*, and resides, a farmer, upon the homestead.
- 56 | 1. Charles A., b. July 11, 1865.
- 57 | 2. George C., b. Dec. 8, 1868.
- 58 | 3. Freddy H. F., b. May 30, 1874.

## TOWNE.

WILLIAM TOWNE and Joanna Blessing were md. in Yarmouth, Norfolk County, England, March 25, 1620. The date of their emigration to New England is unknown. In 1640 they were residing in Salem, Mass., and in 1651 removed to Topsfield, where he d. about 1672. His widow survived him about ten years. They had six children born in England, and two in Salem. Their son, Edmund Towne—bap. in Yarmouth, England, June 28, 1628, md. Mary, dau. of Thomas Browning,—is the ancestor of many bearing the name, who have resided in Rindge. He was one of a committee from Topsfield who, in 1675, presented a petition to the General Court, for leave to form a military company, to protect the inhabitants from the Indians. He d. previous to May 3, 1678, the date of the inventory of his estate. The will of his widow was dated Feb. 1, 1710, and she d. soon after. Joseph Towne, the fifth of their ten children, was b. in Topsfield Sept. 2, 1661; md. Aug. 10, 1687, Amy Smith, dau. of Robert Smith, and d. in 1717, leaving seven children. She was b. Aug. 16, 1668; d. Feb. 22, 1756. Their son Nathaniel was b. in Topsfield, June 1, 1700; and md. Aug. 27, 1723, Jemima Perkins, by whom he had seven children, of whom the youngest was Francis, who settled in Rindge.

- 1 | DEA. FRANCIS TOWNE, b. in Topsfield, July 27, 1737, son of Nathaniel and Jemima (Perkins) Towne, md. in Topsfield, Feb. 26, 1760, Phebe Towne, b. in Topsfield, Feb. 11, 1740. In 1771 they removed to Rindge, and settled where their grandson, Joshua C. Towne, now resides. In 1776 he was chosen a deacon of the church, and continued in office until his death. He was selectman 1771, '72, '74, '78, '92, and was frequently named on important committees. During the Revolution his record is also honorable. He was a lieutenant in Capt. Hale's company (*vide* p. 108), a private in Col. Baldwin's regiment, and a captain in Col. Gilman's regiment (*vide* p. 126). Not only prominent in public affairs, he was an exemplary Christian, and highly respected in the private walks of life. He d. Aug. 11, 1811. Five children b. in Topsfield, eight in Rindge.
- 2 | i. *Lydia*, b. Dec. 1, 1761; d. in Rindge April 15, 1773.
- 3 | ii. *Phebe*, b. April 6, 1763; md. Abraham Peirce, *q. v.*; (2nd) Lieut. Nathaniel Thomas, *q. v.*
- 4 | iii. *Rebecca*, b. June 4, 1765; md. Bartholomew Dwinell, *q. v.*, and removed to Keene.
- 5 | iv. *Francis*, b. Sept. 1, 1767. +



- 6 v. *Sarah*, b. March 13, 1769; d., unmd., in Rindge Oct. 1, 1851.
- 7 VI. *Joshua*, b. Sept. 27, 1773. +
- 8 VII. *Lydia*, b. March 24, 1775; md. Michael Dwinnell, and removed to Keene, N. H.
- 9 VIII. *Deborah*, b. April 17, 1777; md. John Emory, Jr., *q. v.*
- 10 IX. *Daughter*, b. Sept. 27, 1779; d. same day.
- 11 X. *Caty*, b. Jan. 7, 1780; md. Gates Rand, *q. v.*
- 12 XI. *Green*, +
- 13 XII. *Gardner*, + } triplets, b. May 25, 1782.
- 14 XIII. *Infant*, d. young. }

(5) FRANCIS TOWNE, JR., md. Nov. 12, 1789, Relief Huston, dau. of Caleb Huston, *q. v.* After a few years' residence in this town he removed to the State of New York. One child was b. in Rindge.

15 i. *Charlotte*, b. Sept. 2, 1792.

(7) JOSHUA TOWNE md. April —, 1810, Mary Chadwick, dau. of David Chadwick, of Jaffrey, and a niece of Joshua Chadwick, of Rindge. He was a farmer, and resided upon the farm formerly of his father. He d. Jan. 5, 1844; his widow d. Jan. 10, 1865, aged 77.

16 i. *Phebe*, b. Jan. 21, 1811; md. Solomon F. Towne, *q. v.*

17 II. *Mary Louisa*, b. Sept. 30, 1813; md., 1838, Levi Russell, son of Eliakin, *q. v.*

18 III. *Laura*, b. Jan. 3, 1815; d., unmd., Oct. 30, 1850.

19 IV. *Sophonra*, b. Nov. 19, 1818; md. Dec. 24, 1844, Stephen P. Patch, of Ashby, Mass. She d. Nov. 30, 1846.

20 v. *Sarah Marinda*, b. March 27, 1821; d., unmd., March 7, 1853.

21 VI. *Joshua Chadwick*, b. July 29, 1823; md. June 17, 1846, Eveline J. Brooks, dau. of Walton Brooks, *q. v.*; resides upon the old homestead. He was selectman 1855, '66, '67, '68.

22 1. Emma H., b. Nov. 30, 1849; md. Jan. 24, 1872, Millard F. Jones; reside in Rindge.

23 2. Clarence E., b. July 11, 1852.

24 3. Ida B., b. March 13, 1858.

25 VII. *Josiah Thomas*, b. April 5, 1826; md. Sibel Boardman. He was a member of Company G, 21st Mass. Vols., and d. April 27, 1862.

26 VIII. *Caroline Rand*, b. July 15, 1830; d. July 18, 1832.

- (12) GREEN TOWNE was a farmer, and a resident of the north part of the town. He md. Feb. 13, 1810, Lucy Rand, dau. of Capt. Solomon Rand. He d. April 23, 1857. His widow d. in Jaffrey a few years subsequently.
- 27 I. *Solomon F.*, b. —; md. Sept. —, 1835, Phebe Towne, dau. of Joshua, *q. v.* She d. Dec. 31, 1867. He resided in Rindge until 1851, and after a residence in Ashburnham, Westminster, and Petersham, Mass., of twenty years, he has recently returned to this town.
- 28 1. George W., b. —; md. Lizzie Hill; resides a farmer in Rindge.
- 29 II. *Charles*, md. Sept. 6, 1849, Susan S. Ellis, and resides in Ashburnham.
- 30 III. *Sarah A.*, md. A. A. Chamberlain, *q. v.*
- 31 IV. *Lucy M.*, md. June 3, 1847, Benjamin F. Marvle, of Jaffrey.
- 32 V. *Levi P.*, md. Emily Sawyer; resides in Jaffrey.
- 33 VI. *Pliny F.*, md. Sept. 5, 1854, Calista A. Brooks, dau. of Joseph Brooks, *q. v.* They reside in Ashburnham.

- (13) GARDNER TOWNE md. Lucy Bancroft, dau. of Col. Ebenezer and Susannah (Fletcher) Bancroft, of Tyngsboro, Mass. They resided in Stoddard, N. H. Their children were Christiana, Rebecca, Charles Gardner, Orr Noble, Ebenezer Bancroft, Lucy B.

34 JONATHAN TOWNE was here previous to the Revolution, but of this and the following families the registers cannot be fully or very satisfactorily given. He lived near the farm of Col. Perry, where the Green family have since resided, and d. 1784. He left three or more children.

- 35 I. *Jonathan, Jr.*, signed the Association Test, and consequently was b. previous to 1756. He was md. previous to 1780.
- 36 II. *Amos*, settled his father's estate; was in Capt. Rand's company 1777, and in Col. Enoch Hale's regiment 1778 (*vide pp. 141, 164*). He was not md. in 1780.
- 37 III. *Lucy*, b. 1767; md. Francis Greene, *q. v.*

38 JEREMIAH TOWNE was here previous to 1776. He d. June 10, 1830, aged 87; his wife d. April 6, 1822, aged 79. No record of his children has been secured, except that a dau., Polly, md. Thomas Tarbell, his second marriage.

- 39 NEHEMIAH TOWNE, perhaps a son of Jonathan, signed the Association Test in 1776. The name of his wife was Lucy, and three children were bap. Perhaps he removed from Towne in the summer of 1780.
- 40 I. *Nehemiah*, bap. Oct. 9, 1776.
- 41 II. *Josiah*, bap. Feb. 22, 1778.
- 42 III. *Joshua*, bap. June 25, 1780.
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- 43 WILLIAM TOWNE and wife Hannah had two children bap., and in 1780 were seated in the meeting-house.
- 44 I. *Ichabod*, bap. Dec. 6, 1778.
- 45 II. *Hannah*, bap. April 23, 1780.
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- 46 CORNELIUS TOWNE, b. in Topsfield Feb. 13, 1772, perhaps a son of one of the foregoing, md. 1791, Hannah Chaplin, dau. of Micah Chaplin, *q. v.*, then of Rindge. In 1804 he removed to Dublin, N. H. They had four children b. in Rindge and one in Dublin.
- 47 I. *John*, b. March 4, 1792. Settled in Jaffrey.
- 48 II. *Rebecca*, b. May 2, 1794; md. Josiah Wight, of Dublin.
- 49 III. *Moses*, b. July 21, 1796; md. Eliza Peirce, dau. of Elipha, and settled in Townsend, Mass.
- 50 IV. *Cornelius*, b. April 18, 1803. Settled in Dublin.
- 51 V. *Elijah*, b. Jan. 6, 1807.
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- 1 DR. JOHN TOWNSEND (*vide* p. 364) had resided in several places previous to his arrival in this town. He md. Elizabeth Cotton, who d. in Rindge Jan. 29, 1826.
- 2 I. *Josiah Cotton*, b. in Sandown July 31, 1764.
- 3 II. *Susanna*, b. in South Hampton July 21, 1765.
- 4 III. *Timothy*, b. Feb., 1767.
- 5 IV. *Patty*, b. in Hopkinton Feb., 1768.
- 6 V. *Roland Cotton*, b. Feb., 1769; d. July, 1769.
- 7 VI. *Betsey*, b. in New Ipswich Feb., 1770; md. Jacob Gould, Jr., *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *Thomas Salter*, b. in Rindge July, 1771.
- 9 VIII. *John*, b. in Rindge Feb. 17, 1773; md. Sept. 8, 1811, Hepsibah Cutler, dau. of Capt. Solomon Cutler, *q. v.* She d. Oct. 18, 1812. He resided in Boston, but was a frequent visitor to his native town. He d. Oct. 25, 1832.
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- 10 JOSHUA TOWNSEND, son of Reuben and Margaret (Metcalf) Townsend, of Ashburnham, and grandson of Joshua Townsend, of Shrewsbury, md. July 17, 1823, Betsey Kimball, dau. of William Kimball, *q. v.* In 1833 they removed from Ashburnham to Rindge. She d.

Nov. 15, 1849; and he md. (2d) 1852, Esther Eaton, of Lancaster, Mass. He d. June 20, 1855, aged 64; his widow d. June 27, 1855, aged 55.

- 11 I. *Leonard Kimball*, b. July 11, 1825; d. July 3, 1836.  
 12 II. *Albert*, b. Nov. 22; d. Nov. 23, 1827.  
 13 III. *Mary*, b. April 27, 1830; md. Ivers Wellington, *q. v.*  
 14 IV. *William Kimball*, b. June 10, 1839; d. April 21, 1843.

1 AMASA TURNER was b. in Hanover, Mass., about 1705. He was a son of Amasa, grandson of Daniel, and great-grandson of Humphrey Turner, of Scituate. In 1748 Amasa Turner and wife Elizabeth removed from Hanover to Lancaster, Mass., and in 1766 removed to this town. He was living here in 1780, and probably d. soon after. He was prominent in the affairs of the church and of the town, and was a useful, respected citizen. Of their ten children, b. 1729-1749, only one appears to have become a resident of this town.

2 NATHANIEL TURNER, b. Jan. 31, 1736-7, came to Rindge with his father, but removed from town about 1772. Martha, dau. of Nathaniel and Anne Turner, was bap. Nov. 9, 1766, but he soon after joined the Baptists, and if other children were born to them, they were not bap. by Mr. Dean.

1 JOB TYLER, of Boxford, Mass., md. Elizabeth Parker, and removed to Rindge in May, 1777. He d. June 1, of the same year; his wife d. Oct. 22, 1783. His children, b. between 1740 and 1760, were as follows:—

- 2 I. *Joshua*, b. Jan. 27, 1747. †  
 3 II. *Parker*, b. Jan. 6, 1753. †  
 4 III. *Bradstreet*, resided in Boxford, Mass.  
 5 IV. *Moses*, resided in Lunenburg, Mass.  
 6 V. *Asa*, came to Rindge with his father, and resided a short distance from the Pound. No record of his family has been secured. He removed to New York, and later to Pennsylvania.  
 7 VI. *Phineas*, resided in Leominster, Mass.  
 8 VII. *Elizabeth*, md. Lieut. Joseph Mulliken, *q. v.*  
 9 VIII. *Rachel*.  
 10 IX. *Fanny*.

(2) JOSHUA TYLER removed to this town previous to the removal of his father. He md. in Rindge Dec. 5, 1776, Ismenia Kimball, dau. of Lieut. Richard Kimball, *q. v.* He resided near the brook between Pool and Long Ponds.

He removed about 1790 to Leominster, Mass. He was a member of Capt. Rand's company in 1777. Six children were b. in Rindge.

- 11       i. *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 4, 1777.  
 12       ii. *Joshua*, b. Feb. 3, 1779. Lived in Leominster.  
 13       iii. *Betsy*, b. March 9, 1782.  
 14       iv. *Mercy*, b. April 19, 1784.  
 15       v. *Phebe K.*, b. Sept. 6, 1785; md. Z—— Peirce, of Jaffrey.  
 16       vi. *Thomas*, b. July 14, 1787. Lived in Leominster.
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- (3)       PARKER TYLER md. in Rindge Jan. 29, 1782, Hannah Flint, of Jaffrey. She d. Oct. 13, 1802, and he md. (2d) Nov., 1803, Lucy Giddings. He removed from Rindge to Sterling, Mass., 1791, and subsequently to Leominster, Mass., to Wilton, N. H., and returned to Rindge in 1818, and thirteen years later he removed to Townsend, Mass., where he d. Oct. 3, 1837; his widow d. Feb. 22, 1849.
- 17       i. *Flint*, b. Nov. 2, 1782; md. Jerusha Hardy, and d. in Haverhill, Mass., May 26, 1870.  
 18       ii. *Apphia*, b. Nov. 22, 1784; md. June, 1806, William Abbott, and d. in September of the same year.  
 19       iii. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 20, 1786; md. Timothy Holt, and lived many years in Weston, Vt. She d. in Unity, N. H., Aug., 1873.  
 20       iv. *Parker*, b. Oct. 7, 1788; md. Abigail Buss, of Wilton, N. H.; d. in Lunenburg, Mass., March 27, 1858; she d. 1874.  
 21       v. *Seth Payson*, b. April 23, 1791; md. Sally Gray, of Wilton; md. (2d) — Wheeler. He resided in Rindge several years, and removed about 1835 to Leominster, Mass., where he d. Aug. 24, 1868.  
 22       vi. *Putnam*, b. Sept. 20, 1793; md. Lucy Seaver, of Townsend. He resides in Marlow, N. H.  
 23       vii. *Louisa*, b. Nov. 19, 1795; md. John Hodgman, of Townsend, who d. 1853. She resides in Rindge with her sister, Mrs. Wilder.  
 24       viii. *Laura*, twin, b. Nov. 19, 1795; md. Joseph Simonds, of Groton, Mass. They reside in Petersham, Mass.  
 25       ix. *Miriam*, b. Jan. 23, 1798; md. Jonathan Keyes, of Wilton. She d. Dec. 17, 1839.  
 26       x. *Levi*, b. Oct. 22, 1800; md. Rhoda Pettengill, of Wilton, and d. in Lyndeboro May 25, 1870.
- Children of second wife:—
- 27       xi. *Apphia*, b. Nov. 6, 1806; md. Frederick A. Wilder, *q. v.*

- 28 XII. *Asa*, b. July 31, 1809; md. Mary Adams, of Towns-  
end, and d. in that place April 18, 1870.
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- 1 NATHAN UNDERWOOD, a farmer in Rindge, md. Judith  
Peirce, dau. of Benjamin Peirce, *q. v.* They removed  
about 1857 to Watertown, Mass., where he d. July 14,  
1860. She d. Feb. 8, 1871.
- 2 I. *Joel*, b. 1812; d. June 1, 1855.
- 3 II. *Sophronia*, md. Jonathan Peirce, son of Josiah, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Martin S.*, b. 1816; d. Oct. 17, 1837.
- 5 IV. *Nathan*, b. 1817; d. Aug. 2, 1817.
- 6 V. *Benjamin M.*, b. 1822; d. Aug. 2, 1827.
- 7 VI. *Marinda*, b. 1824; d. July 30, 1827.
- 8 VII. *Icybinda*, b. 1831; md. 1853, Benjamin H. Shel-  
don, of Boston.
- 9 VIII. *Loammi B.*
- 10 IX. *Warren*.
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- 1 LUKE B. WALCOTT, a wheelwright, removed to this  
town in 1848. For several years he carried on business,  
and resided where Charles F. Stearns now lives. He md.  
— Barnes, of Sharon, and d. Nov. 27, 1863, aged 64;  
his widow d. a few years subsequently.
- 2 I. *Harriet A.*, has resided since 1871 in Illinois.
- 3 II. *Henry S.*, resides in California; has a family.
- 4 III. *S. Elizabeth*, md. March 9, 1853, William K. Swal-  
low, a native of Dunstable, Mass. They reside  
in Chicago, Ill.
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- 1 EDWARD WALDRON removed from Princeton to Rindge  
in 1800, and resided upon the farm now of Lyman Hale.  
He was twice md., but a record of this family has not been  
secured. He d. Dec. 17, 1843, aged 93; his second wife  
d. March 2, 1822. A sister of Mr. Waldron md. James  
Brown, and d. in this town June 28, 1855, aged 91.  
Hannah, another sister, d., unmd., Sept. 23, 1843, aged 73.
- 2 I. *Nabby*, a child of first wife, b. 1782; md. April 3,  
1845, Gamaliel Beaman, of Princeton, his second  
marriage. They resided in Rindge Centre until  
1866, when they removed to Jaffrey, where he d.  
Nov., 1870; she d. Feb. 21, 1869.
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- 1 THOMAS WALKER md. in Rindge March 29, 1768.  
Abigail Philbrick. A dau. was bap. the following year,  
and in 1771 they were residing in Jaffrey.
- 2 I. *Margaret*, bap. Jan. 29, 1769.
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- 3 SAMUEL WALKER b. May 11, 1747, son of John and  
Mary (Gove) Walker, md. 1770 (pub. May 17), Joanna



Rice, and the same year removed to Rindge. He resided in the west part of the town, where he d. about 1795, and his widow md. (2d) Jan. 7, 1802, Paul Fitch, *q. v.*, and resided in Marlboro, N. H.

- 4       i. *Samuel*, b. June 6, 1771, perhaps the Samuel Walker who md. Betsey Wyman, and resided in Winchendon. Nine children.
- 5       ii. *John*, b. June 9, 1773.
- 6       iii. *Joanna*, b. May 19, 1775; md. in Rindge Nov. 19, 1797, Abraham Oak, of Bolton.
- 7       iv. *Asa*, b. May 26, 1777.
- 8       v. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 24, 1779.
- 9       vi. *Polly*, bap. May 26, 1782.
- 10      vii. *Sarah*, bap. Oct. 24, 1784; md. Paul Fitch, Jr., *q. v.*
- 11      viii. *Jonathan*, bap. Oct. 7, 1787.

12      CAPT. JOSHUA WALKER md. Mary Whitmore, and removed to this town about 1780. He was selectman 1789, and was frequently chosen on important committees. He was a farmer and innholder, and resided upon the farm now of Z. F. Whitney. He d. Jan. 4, 1825, aged 74; his wife d. Oct. 13, 1823, aged 71.

- 13      i. *Joshua*, b. —; md. Jan. 24, 1804, Sarah Bowers, dau. of Nehemiah Bowers, *q. v.*
- 14      ii. *James*, b. April 11, 1781; d. young.
- 15      iii. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 16, 1782.
- 16      iv. *James*, b. March 10, 1784; a lawyer in Peterboro (*vide* p. 358).
- 17      v. *Mary*, b. —.
- 18      vi. *Charles*, b. Nov. 21, 1795; a clergyman (*vide* p. 359).

19      DANA S. WALKER, a native of New Ipswich, is a son of John and Mary (Stratton) Walker, grandson of Jesse and Sarah (Emerson) Walker, and great-grandson of John Walker, who removed from Lincoln, Mass., in 1760, and settled in New Ipswich. John Walker, son of Jesse, md. (2d) Nov. 27, 1845, Hannah Colburn, dau. of Ebenezer and Hannah (Jewett) Colburn, *q. v.*, and is residing in Marlboro, Vt. Dana S. Walker md. Arvilla Williams, who d. May 25, 1853; and he md. (2d) Oct. 11, 1855, Mary Perry, dau. of Col. Jason B. Perry, *q. v.* He is a farmer and carpenter at Rindge Centre, and also proprietor of the stages between the depot and the post-offices at Rindge Centre and East Rindge.

- 20      i. *Emma Lucelia*, b. Aug. 1, 1856.
- 21      ii. *George Richard Dana*, b. Feb. 19, 1872.

## WALLACE.

There are, at least, two distinct families of this name in New England. Robert Wallis was residing in Ipswich, Mass., as early as 1639, and from that town many bearing the name have removed to other places, as well as others of the same family who have taken the name of Wallace.

The brothers John and Thomas Wallace were from Colrairie, Ireland. The former settled among congenial spirits in Londonderry in 1719, and the latter emigrated a few years subsequently. It is probable that there are other families in New England, but the record of these is clearly established.

Benoni Wallis, of the Ipswich family, removed to Lunenburg, Mass., and there md. July 2, 1755, Rebecca Brown, of Lynn. They continued their residence in Lunenburg, where he d. March 15, 1792; she d. Aug. 25, 1790. David Wallis, son of Benoni, was b. Oct. 16, 1760. He md. Susannah Conn. and d. in Ashburnham Jan. 14, 1842.

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| 1  | DAVID WALLACE, son of David and Susannah (Conn) Wallis, was b. in Ashburnham July 14, 1797; he md. July 8, 1821, Roxanna Gowen, of New Ipswich, and removed to Rindge 1846, where he d. May 29, 1857. He wrote his name Wallace. |
| 2  | i. <i>Harriet</i> , b. Sept. 18, 1821; md. Feb. 12, 1843, Barnard Tenney, of New Ipswich.  |
| 3  | 1. Theodore, b. July 31, 1844; d., unmd., May 24, 1873.  |
| 4  | 2. Oliver, b. July 6, 1846; resides at home.   |
| 5  | 3. Eurania, b. June 6, 1849; d. June 10, 1851.   |
| 6  | ii. <i>Rodney</i> , b. Dec. 21, 1823. +  |
| 7  | iii. <i>David K.</i> , b. Jan. 24, 1826; md. Huldah Hartwell, dau. of Charles Hartwell, of Ashby; she d. June 23, 1874. He resides in Winchendon.  |
| 8  | 1. Huldah E., b. Aug. 12, 1848; d. Dec. 4, 1858.   |
| 9  | 2. Clara E., b. July 12, 1851; md. July 4, 1871, Clement P. Flint, of Winchendon.  |
| 10 | 3. Sarah A., b. July 6, 1853; d. Jan. 14, 1859.  |
| 11 | 4. Emma M., b. July 4, 1855; d. Jan. 17, 1859.   |
| 12 | iv. <i>John A.</i> , b. Jan. 23, 1829; he has resided in New York City during the past twenty years; md. Jan., 1859, Susan Jane Drake, of Chester, Orange County, N. Y. She d. May 7, 1865, aged 35.                             |
| 13 | 1. Nellie, b. Jan. 4, 1860; d. May 7, 1865.  |
| 14 | 2. John, b. Aug. 9, 1863.  |
| 15 | v. <i>Charles E.</i> , b. March 6, 1831. +   |
| 16 | vi. <i>George F.</i> , b. Nov. 21, 1833; md. Nov. 21, 1859, Maria A. Woodbury, dau. of Nathan Woodbury, <i>q. v.</i>   |

- 17 VII. *Romanzo A.*, b. Sept. 29, 1836; resides in Savannah, Ga., and is a dealer in stationery. He md. July 25, 1865, Jane S. Morgan.
- 18 VIII. *William Everett*, b. March 25, 1839; md. Aug. 28, 1859, Helen A. Hayward, of Fitchburg. He is a clerk for the Fitchburg Paper Company.

(6) RODNEY WALLACE resided in Rindge from his youth until 1852, when he removed to Fitchburg, Mass., and became a member of the firm of Shepley & Wallace, wholesale dealers in books and stationery, and dealers in paper stock. After several years of successful management of this business he withdrew from the firm, and engaged in the manufacture of paper, and became connected with several other manufacturing interests of Fitchburg. In whatever enterprise he has engaged he has been fortunate, not only in a pecuniary point of view, but in the prompt command of the confidence and respect of his associates. In him integrity and principle have been closely allied with business tact and a liberal and comprehensive management of large pecuniary interests.

His ambition for political life has never had a vigorous growth, nor engrossed his attention to the neglect of the private and corporate interests which have been dependent upon his personal attention. He was selectman 1864, '65, and '67; a representative to the General Court 1874, but declined a reelection the following year.

In the direction of the affairs of several monetary and corporate interests, his services have been frequently sought. He has been president and director of the Fitchburg Gas Light Company since 1864; a director of the Fitchburg National Bank since 1866; for several years a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank; a director of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company; president of the Fitchburg Board of Trade; and was recently elected a director of the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

As a citizen and as a friend he is held in high esteem, and his usefulness has often been proved by earnest, efficient service, as well as by unostentatious yet generous donations in the support of many laudable enterprises. In this the town of Rindge has not been overlooked. In his social relations he has been fortunate, and has ever had many warm personal friends. Mr. Wallace md. Dec. 1, 1853, Sophia Ingalls, youngest dau. of Thomas Ingalls, Esq. *q. v.*, who d., leaving two sons, June 20, 1871.

- 19 I. *Herbert I.*, b. Feb. 17, 1856; a student at Harvard University, class of 1877.
- 20 II. *George R.*, b. June 20, 1859.

(15) CHARLES E. WALLACE resides in New Ipswich. He  
md. July 6, 1857, Elizabeth Gilson, of Groton, Mass.

- 21 I. *Cora A.*, b. June 8, 1858.
- 22 II. *Hattie E.*, b. Jan. 5, 1860.
- 23 III. *George H.*, b. Feb. 5, 1861.
- 24 IV. *Delia D.*, b. April 15, 1862; d. July 8, 1863.
- 25 V. *Charles D.*, b. Jan. 8, 1864.
- 26 VI. *Mary E.*, b. Sept. 18, 1865.
- 27 VII. *William R.*, b. Nov. 20, 1866.
- 28 VIII. *Herbert C.*, b. Jan. 18, 1872.

1 WILLIAM WALTON and wife Susannah removed from  
Reading, Mass., to the north-east part of Rindge in 1774.  
He d. March 22, 1835, aged 84; his wife d. Feb. 27, 1835,  
aged 82.

- 2 I. *William*, b. Sept. 23, 1773.
- 3 II. *Daniel*, b. Oct. 10, 1775.
- 4 III. *Susannah*, b. July 17, 1777.
- 5 IV. *Nathan*, b. Oct. 7, 1779. †
- 6 V. *Ebenezer*, b. Aug. 18, 1782.
- 7 VI. *James*, b. June 28, 1784.
- 8 VII. *Lydia*, b. Oct. 19, 1786; md. Oct. 31, 1811, Josiah  
Platts, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Sarah*, b. July 13, 1788; md. Dec. 4, 1808, Reuben  
Nutting, of Jaffrey.
- 10 IX. *Rebecca*, b. April 3, 1791.
- 11 X. *Sene*, or *Asenath*, b. June 8, 1795.
- 12 XI. *Joseph*.
- 13 XII. *Benjamin*.

(5) NATHAN WALTON md. Mary ——. Their children  
were:—

- 14 I. *Mary*, b. Jan. 14, 1804.
- 15 II. *Joseph Bates*, b. Dec. 25, 1805.
- 16 III. *Edwin Dennis*, b. Nov. 27, 1807; md., 1854.  
Esther (Gilbert) Clark, widow of Henry  
Clark, *q. v.*
- 17 IV. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 10, 1814.
- 18 V. *Charles*, b. Aug. 6, 1816; md. Sarah Fiske, of  
Temple, N. H., and resided several years in New  
Ipswich; now lives in Temple.
- 19 VI. *Daniel Sumner*, a blacksmith of Rindge; he d.  
Oct. 7, 1868, aged 56.
- 20 1. Charles S., b. April 3, 1837; md. March,  
1863, Lydia A. Danforth, dau. of B. F.  
Danforth, *q. v.*
- 21 2. Sarah E., b. Oct. 9 1839; d. Nov. 21, 1859.
- 22 3. Sarah E., b. July 3, 1844.

- 23 | 4. William M., b. Dec. 6, 1846; d. March 18, 1849.
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- 1 | BENJAMIN WARD, ESQ., (*vide* p. 372) md. Sept. 16, 1823, Linda Raymond, dau. of Capt. Joel Raymond, *q. v.* He d., leaving one dau., Feb. 19, 1828; and his widow md. (2d) Dr. Nathaniel Kingsbury, *q. v.*
- 2 | i. *Marianna*, md. Rev. Samuel Watson Brown, who was b. April 7, 1828; graduate of Yale College 1850, and a student two years at Andover Theological Seminary. He preached in Coventry, Conn., 1861-1864, and in Groton, Conn., from 1864 until his death, Nov. 9, 1866.
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- 1 | JOSHUA WEBSTER removed from New Salem 1762. For about twenty years his name occasionally appears upon the records. By wife Mary he had nine children.
- 2 | i. *Elizabeth*, b. July 13, 1754.
- 3 | ii. *Asa*, b. Jan. 27, 1756; d. June 15, 1760.
- 4 | iii. *Peter*, b. May 15, 1758; was a soldier in the Revolution (*vide* pp. 110, 126, 135, 140, 166).
- 5 | iv. *Mehitable*, b. Jan. 7, 1760.
- 6 | v. *Hannah*, b. Jan 16, 1762.
- 7 | vi. *Sarah*, b. June 10, 1764.
- 8 | vii. *Asa*, b. Jan. 14, 1767.
- 9 | viii. *Mary*, b. July 5, 1770.
- 10 | ix. *Israel*, b. July 18, 1772.

## WELLINGTON.

ROGER WELLINGTON, b. in England about 1610, was an early settler of Watertown, Mass. He was admitted freeman April 18, 1690, and d. March 11, 1697-8. He md. Mary Palgrave, eldest dau. of Dr. Richard Palgrave. Hon. Roger Sherman, of Conn., was a great-grandson of Roger Wellington, and received his name from him. Joseph Wellington, son of Roger, was b. in Watertown, Oct. 9, 1643, and admitted freeman 1677. He md. Sarah —, who d. Feb. 5, 1683-4; md. (2d) June 6, 1684, Elizabeth Straight, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth (Kemball) Straight, of Watertown. He d. Oct. 30, 1714. By his second wife he had four children. Of these, Thomas Wellington was b. in Watertown, Nov. 10, 1686; md. about 1708, Rebecca Whittemore, dau. of Samuel and Isabelle (Park) Whittemore; she d. Nov. 6, 1734, and he again md. He d. 1759. Thomas Wellington, his son by his first wife, was b. in Watertown, Aug. 6, 1714. He resided in Watertown, where he was probably a farmer, and an innholder. He md. March 13, 1734-5, Margaret Stone, b. Sept. 15, 1718, dau. of Jonathan and Chary (Adams) Stone, of Lexington. He d. Nov. 4, 1783; she d. Sept. 7, 1800. George Wellington, the ninth of their fourteen children, was b. in Watertown Oct. 21, 1749; he md. Dec. 24, 1772, Lucy Peirce, b. Nov. 27, 1755, dau. of Ephraim and Lydia (White) Peirce, of Waltham. He served in the Revolution, and removed to Jaffrey, N. H., and subsequently to Cavendish, Vt. Capt. Leonard Wellington, his son, and of the sixth generation from Roger Wellington, the emigrant, resided many years in Rindge, and is named hereafter.



Benjamin Wellington, another son of Roger Wellington, the emigrant, md. Dec. 7, 1671, Elizabeth Sweetman, dau. of Thomas Sweetman, of Cambridge. He d. Jan. 8, 1709-10. His son, Benjamin Wellington, b. June 21, 1676, md. Jan. 16, 1698-9, Lydia Brown, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Shattuck) Brown, also of Watertown; she d. May 13, 1711, and he again married. His son Benjamin Wellington, by his first wife, was b. May 21, 1702; he resided in Watertown, where he md. Lydia —; md. (2d) Abigail Fessenden, b. July 13, 1713, dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Poulter) Fessenden; he d. Nov. 15, 1738, and his widow md. Ebenezer Smith, of Lexington. Benjamin Wellington, his son by the second wife, was b. April 22, 1738; md. in Lexington, Sept. 5, 1763, Lucy Smith, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Burridge) Smith. He was a mason, and in 1777 removed to Ashby, Mass., where he d. Oct. 26, 1814; his widow d. July 30, 1817. Liberty Wellington, the fifth of his eight children, and of the sixth generation from Roger Wellington, was b. Sept. 21, 1774; md. April 16, 1808, Mary Lawrence. Their eldest son is Ivers Wellington, who is number 24 in the following register.

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| 1  | CAPT. LEONARD WELLINGTON, son of George Wellington, of Jaffrey and Cavendish, removed to Rindge 1803, where he d. May 22, 1849, aged 69. He was a hatter, and occupied for several years the house now of Dr. Josiah Abbott. Later he became a farmer, and moved to the farm now of his son, Gilman P. Wellington, and for many years he was considerably employed as an auctioneer. In the war of 1812 he was a lieutenant in Capt. Gregg's company. He md. Dec. 4, 1805, Eunice Earl, dau. of John Earl, <i>q. v.</i> She d. 1808; md. (2d) Sept. 6, 1809, Dorcas Priest, who d. Aug. 3, 1817; md. (3d) Jan. 1818, Lucinda Page, dau. of Abijah Page, <i>q. v.</i> She d. Dec. 22, 1847. |
| 2  | I. <i>Adaline L.</i> , b. May 28, 1806; md. Ira Lake, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 3  | II. <i>Eunice E.</i> , b. Oct. 9, 1807; d. Aug. 21, 1820.  |
|    | Children of second wife:—  |
| 4  | III. <i>Eliza G.</i> , b. Dec. 20, 1810; md. her cousin, Addison Weeks. Resided in Rindge a few years.   |
| 5  | IV. <i>Leonard W.</i> , b. Feb. 5, 1812; d. Sept. 9, 1813.   |
| 6  | V. <i>Charles W.</i> , b. Sept. 17, 1813.  |
| 7  | VI. <i>Leonard P.</i> , b. June 20, 1815; md. May 15, 1850, Nancy Demary, dau. of James L. Demary, <i>q. v.</i> She d. April 18, 1859; and he md. (2d) Nov. 1, 1863, Mrs. Mary A. Reynolds, widow of John I. Reynolds ( <i>vide</i> Russell Register, No. —), and removed 1865 to Maine.   |
| 8  | 1. John F., b. Aug. 8, 1852.   |
| 9  | 2. Nancy Mersylva, b. March 28, 1855.  |
| 10 | 3. Ida Maria, b. Aug. 6, 1858; now Ida M. Bennett, adopted dau. of Lyman Bennett.  |



Children of third wife:—

- 11 VII. *Gilman P.*, b. June 18, 1819; a farmer, residing upon the homestead; md. Sept. 11, 1849, Mary Ann Jones, dan. of Asia Jones, *q. v.*
- 12 1. Henry W., b. Nov. 6, 1850; resides in Rindge.
- 13 2. Frank E., b. May 27, 1852; md. May 27, 1874, Ellen M. Weston, dan. of James A. and Elizabeth Weston; resides in Rindge.
- 14 3. Addie Flora, b. May 24, 1865.
- 15 VIII. *Lucinda*, b. March 31, 1821; md. Lyman Bennett, *q. v.*
- 16 IX. *George P.*, b. Sept. 29, 1823; md. Gratia L. Howard, of Royalston, Mass. He is a manufacturer, in Hinsdale, N. H.
- 17 X. *Mary Ann W.*, b. Aug. 9, 1825; d., unmd., Nov. 8, 1846.
- 18 XI. *Lucy G.*, b. Nov. 13, 1828; md. June 24, 1851, Albert Whittier, of Grafton, N. H.; now of Empire City, Minn.
- 19 XII. *Joel*, b. July 7, 1831; md. Nov. 30, 1854, Harriet Elizabeth Ramsdell, dan. of Amos Ramsdell, *q. v.* He is the principal owner and manager of the Union Box and Lumber Company, whose mills are at East Rindge. The company annually manufacture a large number of nest and fruit boxes, and much coarse lumber; and the prosperity of that portion of the town is much indebted to his successful management and enterprise. He was representative 1873 and 1874.
- 20 1. Herbert D., b. Sept. 18, 1856.
- 21 2. Arthur J., b. Feb. 28, 1860.
- 22 XIII. *John*, b. Sept. 3, 1833; d. in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 2, 1859.
- 23 XIV. *Caroline*, b. Oct. 12, 1836; d. Jan. 14, 1850.
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- 24 IVERS WELLINGTON, son of Liberty Wellington, of Ashby, Mass., was b. in that town Jan. 12, 1812. He md. Jan. 6, 1857, Mary Townsend, dan. of Joshua Townsend, and removed at that time to this town. He is a successful farmer, and resides at Converseville.
- 25 I. *Cyrus Walter*, b. Nov. 12, 1857.
- 26 II. *Edwin Ivers*, b. June 29, 1860.

## WETHERBEE.

The Wetherbees of New England are of English origin. The name upon the earliest American records was spelled Witherby, but the present orthography has generally prevailed for many years. John Wetherbee, the emigrant ancestor of this family, resided in Marlboro and in Stow, Mass. He md. in the former place Sept. 18, 1672, Mary Howe, dau. of John and Mary Howe (*vide* Howe Register). She was b. June 18, 1654, and is mentioned in the will of her father as "my daughter Mary Witherby." She d. in Stow June 5, 1684, and he md. (2d) Lydia Moore, who survived him. The date of his death does not appear upon the records of Stow, where he d; but from the probate records it appears that he d. about 1711. John Wetherbee, son of John and Mary (Howe) Wetherbee, was b. in Marlboro March 26, 1675. He resided in Stow, where he d. about 1720. By wife Catherine he had seven sons and one dau. Of these, Hezekiah is named hereafter, and Thomas, b. June 16, 1716, by wife Elizabeth had eight children, and among them was Thomas, who came to Rindge, and is No. 96 in this Register.

- 1 HEZEKIAH WETHERBEE, son of John and Catherine, md. April 23, 1728, Huldah Martyn, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Gove) Martyn, and resided a short time in Marlboro, Mass., where his eldest child was b. In 1729 he removed to Lunenburg, and there resided until his death. The date of his death is not exactly known, but it was previous to 1759, when "Abel Platts, of Rowley Canada, was published to Phebe Wetherbee, dau. of Widow Wetherbee from over beyond Mulpus." Mulpus is the name of a brook in Lunenburg. Widow Huldah md. (2d) Jan. 12, 1773, Dea. Ephraim Peirce, of Lunenburg, the father of Sarah, wife of Dea. John Lovejoy, of Rindge, and grandfather of Josiah Peirce and Benjamin Gould, of Rindge. After his death, his widow came to Rindge and resided with her children.
- 2 I. *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 3, 1728. +
- 3 II. *Thomas*, b. Nov. 27, 1730. +
- 4 III. *Phebe*, b. Feb. 12, 1733-4; d. young.
- 5 IV. *Phebe*, b. July 7, 1740; md. Abel Platts, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 17, 1742; md. May 21, 1763, Noah Dodge, son of Noah and Margaret Dodge, of Lunenburg. He was b. in Wenham, Mass., and was a soldier in the Revolution.
- 7 VI. *John*, b. Sept. 14, 1746. +
- 8 VII. *Abraham*, b. June 5, 1752. +

(2) BENJAMIN WETHERBEE, eldest son of Hezekiah, md. Sept. 24, 1755, Kezia Munroe, b. Oct. 16, 1731, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth Munroe, of Carlisle, Mass. He removed his family to this town in 1761, and d. July 12, 1771; she d. July 12, 1772.

- 9 I. *Betsey*, b. in Lunenburg Jan. 5, 1756; md. Matthew Osborn.

- 10 II. *Hezekiah*, b. in Lunenburg June 20, 1757. †  
 11 III. *Rachel*, b. in Lunenburg, Jan. 5, 1759; md. —  
 Parker.  
 12 IV. *Benjamin*, b. in Rindge Oct. 2, 1762; d. in the  
 Revolutionary army of small-pox.  
 13 V. *Mary*, b. in Rindge Aug. 16, 1765.  
 14 VI. *Kezia*, b. in Rindge July 4, 1768.

- (3) THOMAS WETHERBEE md. April 22, 1756, Hannah  
 Munroe, of Carlisle, probably a sister of the wife of his  
 brother Benjamin; and perhaps Hudson's "Lexington"  
 mistakes in the marriage of this person to Gershom Will-  
 iams. He removed to Rindge between 1777 and 1780,  
 and to New Ipswich in 1800. Children all b. in Lunen-  
 burg.
- 15 I. *Thomas*, b. Aug. 7, 1757; md. June 23, 1788,  
 Maria Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Hol-  
 den) Sawtell, *q. v.* They removed in 1800 to  
 New Ipswich, and soon after to Ludlow, Vt. Of  
 many children only one survived the years of  
 childhood.
- 16 1. Luther, b. March 18, 1789; md., 1810,  
 Nancy Kendall, and settled in Ludlow.
- 17 II. *Daniel*, b. Dec. 16, 1758; md. Hepsibah Merriam,  
 and left several children. His son Josiah md.  
 Abigail Jones, dau. of Jonathan Jones, and  
 resided in New Hampton, N. H. Isaac J.  
 Wetherbee, Esq., of Charlestown, Mass., is a  
 son of Josiah.
- 18 III. *Hepsibah*, b. Feb. 28, 1760; md. Nathan Hewett.  
 19 IV. *Isaac*, b. Sept. 2, 1761; md. Hannah Knapp.  
 20 V. *Sarah*, b. March 30, 1763; md. Joshua Heald;  
 (2d) — Hamblin; (3d) — Nesmith.
- 21 VI. *David*, b. May 31, 1764; md. Esther Hathorne.  
 22 VII. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 16, 1766; md. Tilley Mason.  
 23 VIII. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 4, 1767; md. Gregory Faulie.  
 24 IX. *Josiah*, b. March 17, 1769; md. Lavina Hyde.  
 25 X. *Martha*, b. Oct. 16, 1771; md. Benjamin Bacheller.  
 26 XI. *Molley*, b. Nov. 14, 1773, as recorded, but she was  
 bap. 1772. The error is probably in the date of  
 birth. She d. unmd.

- (7) JOHN WETHERBEE md. Jan. 21, 1773, Susannah Page,  
 dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Gould) Page, *q. v.* He set-  
 tled upon the farm in Rindge which has since been occu-  
 pied by his son, Joseph, and grandson, Joseph Sylvester.  
 He was a man of unexceptionable character, and was  
 highly respected. He d. March 31, 1838, aged 91; she d.

Aug. 21, 1840, aged 93. Several of their children also lived to a great age, and his sister Phebe was 101 years, 4 months, and 27 days old when she d.

- 27 I. *Susannah*, b. Nov. 7, 1773; md. Benjamin Foster, *q. v.*
- 28 II. *Huldah*, b. Nov. 18, 1775; d. of cancer Jan. 15, 1826, unmd.
- 29 III. *John*, b. Dec. 18, 1777; d. April 19, 1779.
- 30 IV. *Jeremiah*, b. Dec. 31, 1779. +
- 31 V. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 8, 1781. +
- 32 VI. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 23, 1784; md. Enoch Breed; (2d) Dea. Adin Cummings.
- 33 VII. *Hezekiah*, b. May 6, 1786. Resided in Rindge until 1818, and subsequently in Concord, Mass., and Londonderry, N. H. While a resident of this town he was captain of the company of cavalry belonging to the Twelfth Regiment. He md. Grace Baker, and d. March 11, 1869, leaving children, of whom no record is received.
- 34 VIII. *Deborah*, b. Aug. 11, 1788; d. in Rindge, unmd., July 14, 1874, aged nearly 86.
- 35 IX. *Phebe*, b. March 8, 1791; md. Moses Binney, of New Ipswich, and d. Nov. 10, 1837, leaving several children, all of whom d. in childhood.

(8) ABRAHAM WETHERBEE settled in Rindge on the farm now of Abraham J. Converse, where he cultivated several acres of hops. He md. Joanna Sawtell, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Holden) Sawtell, and sister of Maria, wife of Thomas Wetherbee, Jr. In 1805 he removed to Pennsylvania.

- 36 I. *Abraham*, b. Aug. 2, 1776. He and Ephraim Cummings, from Swanzey, N. H., of about the same age, were drowned in Pecker Pond June 12, 1793.
- 37 II. *Benjamin*, b. July 8, 1778.
- 38 III. *Nathaniel*, b. May 31, 1780; md. Susannah Hubbard, dau. of Jonathan Hubbard, *q. v.*
- 39 IV. *John*, b. June 2, 1782.
- 40 V. *Solomon*, b. Aug. 15, 1784; md. in Rindge April 14, 1807, Sarah Wetherbee, dau. of Thomas, No. 100 of this Register.
- 41 1. Louisa, b. in Rindge March 28, 1809.
- 42 2. Larinda, b. in Rindge Jan. 14, 1811.
- 43 VI. *Joanna*, b. Aug. 16, 1785; md. Amaziah Sawtell, son of Jonathan and Hannah (Whitaker) Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 44 VII. *Tirzah*, b. Feb. 8, 1788; d. March 22, 1789.

- 45 VIII. *Tirzah*, b. Jan. 1, 1790.  
 46 IX. *Levi*, b. March 3, 1792.  
 47 X. *Abraham*, b. March 19, 1794; d. May 25, 1794.  
 48 XI. *Ephraim Cummings*, b. May 15, 1795.  
 49 XII. *Asenath*, b. June 5, 1797.
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- (10) HEZEKIAH WETHERBEE, son of Benjamin, served in Capt. Thomas' company, and in Capt. Rand's company (*vide* pp. 110, 141), and subsequently removed to Grafton, Vt. He md. Lucy Hale, dau. of Col. Enoch Hale, *q. v.*, and d. March 31, 1823, and his widow md. (2d) Jonathan Lake. His eleven children were b. in Grafton.
- 50 I. *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 7, 1785; d., unmd., in Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 23, 1805.  
 51 II. *Enoch*, b. Feb. 16, 1787; md. Betsey Cutler. He d. in Rockingham, Vt., July 25, 1863.  
 52 III. *Elizabeth*, b. March 27, 1789; d., unmd., in Rockingham June 9, 1866.  
 53 IV. *Moses*, b. Sept. 3, 1791; md. Mary Wheelock; d. in Rockingham Nov. 23, 1868.  
 54 V. *Abigail*, b. March 23, 1793; md. Cephas Wilder, of Plymouth, Vt.; d. March 26, 1857.  
 55 VI. *Ruth*, b. Feb. 3, 1795; d. Oct. 26, 1797.  
 56 VII. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 12, 1797; md. Ellis Colburn, of Grafton, Vt.; still living.  
 57 VIII. *Sarah*, b. March 29, 1800; md. Jeremiah Barton; d. March 16, 1863.  
 58 IX. *Azubah*, b. Feb. 16, 1802; md. Dr. Eli Perry, and d. in Ryegate, Vt., Jan. 25, 1840.  
 59 X. *Eunice*, b. Jan. 27, 1805; md. Abiel Chamberlain, of Newbury, Vt.; d. Sept. 6, 1852.  
 60 XI. *Caroline*, b. July 3, 1807; md. James Spaulding, of New Ipswich; still living.
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- (30) JEREMIAH WETHERBEE, son of John, upon attainment of his majority, removed to Cambridgeport, Mass., where he md. Mary Pope, who d. soon after without offspring. He md. (2d) Oct. 19, 1809, Mercey Holden, b. in Barre, Mass., Dec. 1, 1790, dau. of Moses and Mercey (Perry) Holden, and a descendant of Francis Holden, who embarked for America from Ipswich, England, in April, 1634, and settled in Watertown, but subsequently removed to Groton, where he d. March 1, 1696. Mr. Wetherbee d. Aug. 24, 1863.
- 61 I. *Sarah Holden*, b. July 27, 1810; md. Aug. 19, 1833, William Henshaw, of Cambridge.  
 62 II. *Mary Pope*, b. June 12, 1812; md. April 30, 1833, George W. Eddy, of Waterford, N. Y. She d. May 9, 1836.

- 63 III. *Moses Holden*, b. July 5, 1814; md. April 21, 1842, Frances Hull. He d. Sept. 28, 1855.
- 64 IV. *George Williams*, b. June 28, 1816; d. June 19, 1818.
- 65 V. *Susannah*, b. Nov. 10, 1818; d. Sept. 14, 1820.
- 66 VI. *Mercy*, b. Sept. 21, 1820; md. May 13, 1850, Isaac K. Bronson, of Peterboro, N. Y.
- 67 VII. *Charles*, b. Sept. 22, 1822; d. July 24, 1825.
- 68 VIII. *Eliza H.*, b. Nov. 1, 1824; md. May 25, 1847, Avery W. Gilbert, of New Braintree, Mass.
- 69 IX. *Henry*, b. Feb. 19, 1827; md. March 14, 1860, Ellen Merrill, of Westfield, Mass.
- 70 X. *Seth*, b. Nov. 12, 1829; md. Sept. 17, 1859, Mary Rand, who d. Sept. 23, 1868; and he md. (2d) Dec. 20, 1871, Lucy Stafford.
- 71 XI. *Jeremiah Otis*, b. Jan. 16, 1832, is of the firm of L. Lovejoy & Co., dealers in lumber, Causeway Street, Boston. He md. Jan. 29, 1863, Martha Frundy Lovejoy, b. April 19, 1841, dau. of Loyal Lovejoy, the senior partner of the firm. To this gentleman the Wetherbees of Rindge are much indebted, and this register of the family contains many facts and dates that have been secured through his persistent efforts. His children, the seventh generation from John and Mary (Howe) Wetherbee, are as follows:—
- 72 1. Winthrop, b. Nov. 5, 1863.
- 73 2. Lila, b. Feb. 11, 1866.
- 74 3. Mattie, b. June 23, 1868.
- 75 4. Henry, b. Dec. 5, 1871.
- 76 5. Nellie, b. Aug. 16, 1873.
- 77 XII. *John W.*, b. April 30, 1835; d. Oct. 26, 1836.

(31) JOSEPH WETHERBEE md. Jan 23, 1810, Nancy Conant, dau. of Zebulon Conant, of New Ipswich. He resided upon the homestead; d. Jan. 6, 1867, aged 85. His wife d. April 11, 1835.

- 78 I. *Laura*, b. Dec. 20, 1810; md., 1833, Smith Southerland, and removed to Medina, Mich., where they still reside.
- 79 II. *John*, b. Nov. 4, 1812; md., 1846, Sophia Fay, and for many years resided in Rockport, Mass., where he d. Dec. 10, 1874.
- 80 III. *Arvilla*, b. Jan. 24, 1815; md. April 23, 1839, Apollos Griswold, b. in Savoy, Mass., March 17, 1812, son of Apollos and Prudence (Crapoe) Griswold. They resided in Rindge until 1865, when they removed to Ashburnham.



- 81      iv. *Marinda B.*, bap. March 16, 1817; md., 1862, John Barrett, of Ashby, Mass., where they reside.
- 82      v. *Eliza Ann*, b. July 29, 1819; md. Dec. 1, 1842, Stephen Sylvester, of New Ipswich; she d. Jan. 10, 1851, and he md. (2d) Augusta (Bennett) Buttrick, widow of Hiram N. Buttrick, *q. v.* He d. 1871.
- 83      vi. *Harriet N.*, b. Sept. 27, 1821; md. Nov. 16, 1848, Benjamin Stowe, Jr., *q. v.*
- 84      vii. *Mersylvia*, b. Aug. 24, 1824; d. Feb. 28, 1825.
- 85      viii. *Joseph Sylvester*, b. May 12, 1828; md. June 19, 1851, Laura M. Nutting, dau. of Jonas and Lucy (Sylvester) Nutting, of New Ipswich. He resided upon the homestead, was selectman 1863 and 1864, and removed, 1871, to New Ipswich.
- 86              1. Ellen Maria, b. April 27, 1852; md. Aug., 1871, Andrew C. Robertson, son of Samuel Robertson of Jaffrey. They reside in Rindge.
- 87              2. Clara Louisa, b. Aug. 2, 1854; md. 1873, Oliver J. Nutting. He is a pail manufacturer in Richmond, N. H.
- 88              3. Charles S., b. June 10, 1857; d. Jan. 31, 1858.
- 89              4. George E., b. Oct. 19, 1858.
- 90              5. Charles E., b. July 9, 1861; d. March 30, 1862.
- 91              6. Susie, b. Feb. 19, 1863; d. March 31, 1863.
- 92              7. Henry Lincoln, b. Dec. 28, 1865.
- 93              8. Hattie Augusta, b. March 4, 1868.
- 94              9. Willis Grant, b. April 20, 1870.
- 95      viii. *Nancy M.*, twin, b. May 12, 1828; md. George G. Godding, son of Ariel Godding, *q. v.*
- 96      ix. *Susan R.*, b. Dec. 1, 1832; md. Aaron E. Platts, *q. v.*

97      THOMAS WETHERBEE, who removed to Rindge from Westminster, Mass., in the early spring of 1801, was a cousin of the brothers Benjamin, Thomas, John, and Abraham. He was b. Aug. 1, 1750, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wetherbee, a grandson of John and Catherine Wetherbee, and great-grandson of John and Mary (Howe) Wetherbee. He md. Oct. 20, 1799, Mary Gates, of Stowe. May 29, 1801, a few weeks after he removed to the home he had reared for his family, he was instantly killed while felling trees. His widow md. Dec. 14, 1808, Charles Lawrence, of Ashby, Mass.; she d. May 1, 1831, aged 76.

- 98 I. *Mary*, b. March 28, 1780; md. Jonathan Sawtell  
(*vide* Sawtell Register, No. 27).
- 99 II. *Josiah*, b. March 19, 1783. †
- 100 III. *Sally*, b. March 14, 1786; md. Solomon Wetherbee,  
son of Abraham, *q. v.*
- 101 IV. *Arna*, b. Jan. 21, 1793; md. Mary Gates, and settled  
in Harvard, Mass.; he d. 1862.
- 102 V. *Betsey*, b. —; md. William Washburn, and  
removed to the State of New York; she d. Nov.  
22, 1873; he d. about 1845.
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- (99) JOSIAH WETHERBEE, son of Thomas (No. 97), resided  
upon the homestead now owned by his grandson, Henry  
A. Wetherbee. He md. Nov. 28, 1805, Clarissa Sawtell,  
dau. of Jonathan and Hannah (Whitaker) Sawtell. He  
d. Oct. 5, 1873, aged 90; she d. May 6, 1874, aged 89.
- 103 I. *Josiah Lyman*, b. Sept. 5, 1806; resides in Fitch-  
burg. He md. Fanny Colburn, dau. of Ebenezer,  
*q. v.*; she d. March 10, 1831. He md. (2d) June  
7, 1832, Mary Whitaker.
- 104 1. Norris C.
- 105 2. Julia.
- 106 3. Abbie J.
- 107 II. *Clarissa*, b. April 15, 1809; d. Sept. 2, 1825.
- 108 III. *Adalucia*, b. April 19, 1811; md. Sept. 6, 1831,  
Warren Whitaker; she d., leaving four children,  
Oct. 24, 1848. He resides in Mason, N. H.
- 109 IV. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 8, 1813; md. Sept. 20, 1838,  
Almira Whitaker, dau. of Levi and Eunice  
(Tarbell) Whitaker, of Mason, N. H. He is a  
farmer in Rindge.
- 110 1. Levi Warren, b. Oct. 9, 1839.
- 111 2. Henry A., b. Jan. 25, 1841; md. March 10,  
1862, Amanda Crouch, dau. of Joel and  
Rebecca (Gilson) Crouch. They reside  
in Rindge.
- 112 3. Arna W., b. Feb. 4, 1847; md., 1871, Amy  
R. Tileston, dau. of Spencer Tileston;  
resides in Ashburnham, Mass.
- 113 4. Herbert E., b. July 26, 1849; clerk for  
Fletcher & Emory.
- 114 5. Adalucia, b. Jan. 1, 1852.
- 115 6. Luther E., b. Oct. 28, 1854.
- 116 7. Frank T., b. April 1, 1860.
- 117 V. *Edmund*, b. Jan. 25, 1815; md. April 17, 1848,  
Abbie G. Miller, of Mason. He d. Jan. 1, 1862.  
No children.

- 118 VI. *Marshall*, b. June 30, 1817; md. Oct. 13, 1842, Marinda Whitaker, of Mason, dau. of Levi and Eunice (Tarbell) Whitaker, and removed to Ashburnham, Mass., where he still resides. He was deputy sheriff 1857-1869, State constable one or more years, and has frequently served the town as selectman, overseer of the poor, and in other offices.
- 119 1. George M., b. Dec. 25, 1843.
- 120 2. Charles H., b. June 2, 1847; d. young.
- 121 3. Charles H., b. Oct. 2, 1848; d. young.
- 122 4. Sidney J., b. Jan. 8, 1851.
- 123 5. Charles P., b. Nov. 4, 1852.
- 124 6. Clara J., b. Sept. 7, 1854.
- 125 7. Emma J., b. Sept. 28, 1856.
- 126 8. William H., b. Sept. 5, 1858.
- 127 VII. *Levi Warren*, b. Jan. 3, 1820; was killed in a mill in Ashburnham, April 10, 1837.

128 DEA. JOSEPH WETHERBEE, who md. Mary E. Fletcher, *q. v.*, was b. in Ashby, Mass., and was the son of Joseph Wetherbee, b. Aug. 13, 1783; grandson of Israel Wetherbee, also of Ashby, b. July 18, 1756; great-grandson of Phineas Wetherbee, b. Oct. 6, 1716; and great-great-grandson of David Wetherbee, who was a son of John (the emigrant) and Mary (Howe) Wetherbee. Dea. Wetherbee and Mary E. Fletcher were md. April 18, 1844; he d. in Ashburnham, Aug. 13, 1847, and his widow md. George W. Todd, *q. v.*

- 129 I. *Prescott W.*, b. Feb. 1, d. Feb. 22, 1847.
- 130 II. *Joseph F.*, b. Jan. 8, 1848; md. Dec., 1872, Arabella S. Nichols, dau. of Thomas S. Nichols, of Peterboro, N.H. He resides in Rindge (*vide* p. 294).

1 ENOCH WHITCOMB resided upon the farm now of Charles A. Wilder, from 1805 to 1818. His son David md. Rebecca Chase, of Leominster, and removed to Surry, N. H. These are the parents of Henry Whitcomb, of Winchendon, who md. Fanny Buttrick, dau. of Amos Buttrick, *q. v.* Enoch Whitcomb had other sons, Silas, Joseph, and Levi, and daus. Rebecca, Polly, and Anna.

2 EPHRAIM WHITCOMB, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Carter) Whitcomb, of Jaffrey, resided in Rindge many years, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He md. in Jaffrey, Feb. 10, 1803, Lucy Leland, and d. in Rindge May 3, 1847, aged 68.

- 3 I. *George*, md. 1829, Sarah Smith, of Jaffrey; she d.  
 4 Aug. 26, 1830; md. (2d) 1831, Betsey Rolfe,  
 5 who d. about 1851; md. (3d) 1857, Betsey  
 6 Smith, dau. of Abel Smith, *q. v.* He d. in Win-  
 7 chendon, about 1865.
- 4 1. Mary Ann, md. N. P. Cummings, *q. v.*
  - 5 2. Rosina, md. — Peaslee.
  - 6 3. George L., md. —; resides in Gardner.
  - 7 4. Charles S., md. —; has resided several  
 years in Rindge; removed 1874 to  
 Orange, Mass.
  - 8 5. Henry C., md. Angeline (Ward) Baldwin,  
 widow of John Baldwin, of Winchendon,  
 and dau. of Alvin and Eusebia (Russell)  
 Ward, of Ashburnham; she d. Aug. 18,  
 1867.
  - 9 6. Albert H., b. Oct. 24, 1842; md. June 29,  
 1863, Melvina Crouch, dau. of Joel and  
 Rebecca (Gilson) Crouch. He resides in  
 Westminster, Mass.
  - 10 7. Julius, b. March 3, 1846.
  - 11 8. Jane, b. Feb. 27, 1848.
- 12 II. *Irene*, md. Emery Carroll, of Winchendon; he d.  
 about 1865.
- 13 III. *John*, md. —; resides in Winchendon.

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1 BENJAMIN WHITE, b. 1788, removed to this town, and  
 upon the Josiah Peirce farm in 1836. He d. Nov. 8, 1873.  
 His widow resides upon the homestead.

- 2 I. *John A.*, is a manufacturer of lumber, and occu-  
 pies the Tarbell mill.
- 3 II. *E. Dorr.*, resides upon the homestead.
- 4 III. *W. Ann*, md. Dec., 1860, Appleton B. Chadwick,  
 of Jaffrey. She d. in Rindge April 2, 1865,  
 aged 35.

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1 SAMUEL WHITING md. in Lunenburg, Mass., Dec. 1,  
 1772, Ruth Goodrich, b. Sept. 13, 1751, dau. of Joshua  
 and Lydia (Stearns) Goodrich, of Lunenburg. They  
 removed to Rindge in 1774. He served in the Revolution  
 (*vide* p. 131), was selectman 1784, and his name disappears  
 from the records soon after.

- 2 I. *Lucy*, b. in Lunenburg Dec. 19, 1773.
- 3 II. *Abijah Stearns*, b. Dec. 24, 1775; d. young.
- 4 III. *Elizabeth*, bap. May 23, 1779.
- 5 IV. *Abijah Stearns*,
- 6 V. *Thomas Stearns*,
- 7 VI. *Samuel*, bap. March 28, 1784.
- 8 VII. *Ruth*, bap. April 9, 1786.

- 9 JOHN WHITING and wife were residents here several years soon after the Revolution, and were assisted by the town. Their daughter Molley was many years a town charge. She d. Oct. 12, 1817.
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- 1 EDWARD WHITMORE, who md. Lydia Sampson, removed from Ashburnham to the south-west part of this town in 1804, and resided there sixteen years. He d. in Vermont.
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- 2 OLIVER WHITMORE, son of Edward, was b. in Ashburnham Feb. 16, 1787; md., 1808, Sophia Stone, dau. of Capt. Salmon Stone, *q. v.*, and resided in this town 1804-1810, when he returned to Ashburnham, where he d.
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- 3 I. *Eli S.*, b. in Rindge Jan. 27, 1809; md. Nov. 14, 1837, Rebecca Darling, dau. of Amos Darling, *q. v.* He was a resident of Rindge 1846-1853.
- 4 II. *Charles F.*, resides in Providence, R. I.
- 5 III. *Elvira*, md. Stephen Tolman, of Winchendon.
- 6 IV. *Laurilla*, d. young.
- 7 V. *George*, resides in Providence, R. I.
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## WHITNEY.

JOHN WHITNEY embarked at Ipswich, England, for America in April, 1635. He was then aged 35, his wife Ellen, or Eleanor, 30, and sons, John, 11; Richard, 9; Nathaniel, 8; Thomas, 6; and Jonathan, 1 year. He settled in Watertown, where he was selectman several years between 1638 and 1655, and was Town Clerk 1655. He owned considerable land, and in his social position was highly respected. His wife d. May 11, 1659, and he md. (2d) Sept. 29, 1659, Judith Clement. He survived his second wife, and d. June 1, 1673, aged 74. He was probably b. in April or May, 1599. His son John, b. in England, 1624, md. Ruth Reynolds, dau. of Robert Reynolds, of Boston, and resided in Watertown, and was selectman 1673, '74, '75, '76, '78, '79. He d. Oct. 12, 1692, leaving a comfortable estate. His fourth son and sixth child was Joseph Whitney, b. Jan. 15, 1651-2; md. Jan. 24, 1674-5, Martha Beach, dau. of Richard and Mary Beach, of Watertown. John Whitney, their son, was b. July 29, 1680; md. Feb. 22, 1703-4, Sarah Cutting, and settled in Weston. His son, Zachariah Whitney, b. Dec. 28, 1711, md. Sarah Boynton, and among their children was John Whitney, of Lunenburg, who md. Priscilla Battles; and among their children were Zimri and John, who will be mentioned hereafter.

Nathaniel Whitney, another son of John and Ruth (Reynolds) Whitney, and an elder brother of Joseph, was b. Feb. 1, 1646-7; md. March 12, 1673-4, Sarah Hagar. They resided in Watertown and in Weston. He d. Jan. 7, 1732; she d. May 7, 1746. Their eldest son, Nathaniel Whitney, b. March 5, 1675-6, md. Nov. 7, 1695, Mary Robinson. They resided in Weston, where he d. Sept. 23, 1730; she d. Dec. 31, 1740. Their son Solomon was an inhabitant of Rindge, and is again named.

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- 1 MOSES WHITNEY, the first of the name in Rindge, was a merchant a short time previous to the Revolution. He came from New Salem in June, 1772, and removed from

the town in 1773, or early in 1774. (*Vide* Chap. XVII.)  
By wife Sarah he had three children, b. previous to 1772:  
Moses, Ephraim, and Salmon.

2 LEVI WHITNEY, parentage unknown, was b. in Harvard, Mass., June 23, 1751; md. Sept. 17, 1772, Sarah Lawrence, of Bolton. They came from Ashburnham to Rindge in 1780, or soon after; his wife d. Oct. 19, 1783, and he md. (2d) Dec. 25, 1783, Hepsibeth Fay, b. in Westboro Oct. 1, 1759. They removed to Marlboro, N. H., in 1785, where he d. in that or the following year. A few of the dates are a little crowded, but they are thus upon the records.

- 3 I. *Sarah*, b. in Concord June 12, 1774.  
4 II. *Lydia*, b. in Westminster May 20, 1776.  
5 III. *Levi*, b. in Ashburnham May 12, 1778; d. Dec. 1,  
1780.  
6 IV. *John*, b. in Ashburnham Aug. 26, 1780.  
7 V. *Betsey*, b. in Rindge April 5, 1783.

Children of second wife:—

- 8 VI. *Levi*, b. in Rindge Sept. 28, 1784.  
9 VII. *Amos*.

10 SOLOMON WHITNEY, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Robinson) Whitney, bap. June 17, 1711, then three years of age; md. March 5, 1731-2, Martha Fletcher, and removed from Lincoln to Rindge, 1773. No date of his death has been found. He was living in 1780.

- 11 I. *Solomon*, bap. Dec. 14, 1735; md. in Lincoln,  
June 14, 1761, Mary Fay.  
12 II. *Sarah*, bap. Aug. 23, 1737.  
13 III. *Sarah*, bap. Nov. 5, 1738.  
14 IV. *Lois*, bap. Jan. 1, 1743-4; md. Richard Davis,  
*q. v.* They came to Rindge 1773.  
15 V. *Abigail*, bap. March 1, 1740-1.  
16 VI. *Martha*, b. May 14, 1754; md. William Davis, of  
Rindge, *q. v.*

17 SILAS WHITNEY came in 1773 from Winchendon, where he had resided about ten years. The family did not tarry long in Rindge. By wife Jane he had six children, b. 1752-1772: Love, Oliver, Bartholomew, Jane, Phebe, Samuel, and Mercy, b. in Rindge, 1773.

18 DAVID WHITNEY, prosperous farmer, resided upon the Bennett Hill, in the north-east part of the town, from about 1785 to 1800, when he removed to Bolton, Mass. Five children were b. in Rindge: Samuel, b. Dec. 7, 1788; Betsey, b. Jan. 3, 1791; Nancy, b. March 20, 1794; Sally, b. May 28, 1796; David, b. April 14, 1798.



- 19 DR. ISAAH WHITNEY, son of Isaiah Whitney, was b. in Harvard, Mass., Dec. 13, 1765. He md., 1787, Dorcas Whitman, dau. of Dr. Charles Whitman, of Stow, Mass., and removed to Rindge in April, 1790 (*vide* p. 364). He d. Nov. 30, 1839. His widow was drowned near Burlington, Vt., by the upsetting of a coach in which she was journeying, and which fell into a river near the highway, July 11, 1844.
- 20 I. *Clarissa*, b. 1788; md. Lemuel Page, Jr., *q. v.*; md. (2d) Joseph Jones, Esq.
- 21 II. *Lovell*, b. June 20, 1790; md. Feb. 7, 1819, Rebecca Witt, dau. of Capt. Thomas Witt, of Woodstock, Vt.; she d. May 18, 1862. He resides in Rindge Centre.
- 22 1. Harriet J., b. Jan. 1, 1820; resides, unmd., with her father.
- 23 2. William L., b. March 12, 1822; md. Sarah P. Whitney, dau. of John Whitney, *q. v.* They reside in West Rindge. Lizzie S., b. Jan. 19, 1850; Wayland J., b. Dec. 21, 1853; Emma H., b. Jan. 1, 1860; Ida S., b. Sept. 16, 1865.
- 24 3. Eliza K., b. Jan. 31, 1829; md. Addison Rugg, son of Capt. Luke Rugg, *q. v.*
- 25 4. Cornelia, b. Nov. 16, 1836; d. April 21, 1862.
- 26 III. *Charles Whitman*, b. Nov. 15, 1791. He was educated under the tuition of Rev. Dr. Payson, and at the academy in New Ipswich, and studied medicine with his father, and with Dr. John Randall, of Boston. In 1818 he commenced the practice of his profession in Troy, N. H., where he continued in a successful practice, and in the unqualified esteem of his townsmen until his death, Oct. 31, 1861. He md. Nov. 10, 1818, Mary Griffin, dau. of Dea. Samuel Griffin, of Fitzwilliam.
- 27 1. Samuel G., b. Sept. 20, 1819; md. May 24, 1842, Abigail N. Whittemore, b. May 29, 1820, dau. of Salmon and Lydia Whittemore, of Troy. He was a merchant in Troy several years, and now resides in Monticello, Iowa.
- 28 2. Charles, b. July 27, 1824; d. Jan. 10, 1827.
- 29 3. Henry N., b. Oct. 8, 1825; d. Feb. 17, 1827.
- 30 4. Charles W., b. Nov. 26, 1827; md. Sept. 2, 1850, Frances Taylor, dau. of William

- and Mary Taylor, of Francestown, N. H. Mr. Whitney is a merchant in Troy, where he has been postmaster about fifteen years. He represented the town in the Legislature 1871 and 1872, and possesses the esteem and confidence of all who know him.
- 31 5. Mary Jane, b. Aug. 13, 1830; md. Dec. 18, 1856, Dr. Samuel A. Richardson, b. Dec. 23, 1830, son of Dea. Abijah and Mary (Hayes) Richardson, of Dublin, N. H. Dr. Richardson is a skillful and popular physician in Marlboro, N. H. He was surgeon of the 13th N. H. regiment.
- 32 iv. *Harry*, b. Oct. 26, 1793; md. Aug. 30, 1821, Mary Goldin. They reside in Burlington, Vt.
- 33 1. Mary Elizabeth, md., 1852, Miner Martin, and reside in California,
- 34 2. Jane D., md., 1861, Noah Allen, of Burlington.
- 35 3. George I., md., 1865, Emma E. Sweet. Live in Burlington.
- 36 4. Charles H., md., 1868, Mary J. Kelly. Live in Burlington.
- 37 v. *Felicia*, b. May 26, 1795; md. Samuel Nichols, of Burlington, Vt. She d. about 1869.
- 38 1. Charles.
- 39 2. Samuel. Resides in New Jersey.
- 40 vi. *Isaiah*, b. Jan. 25, 1799. He studied medicine with his father, and commenced practice in Marlboro, Mass., but soon removed to Provincetown, Mass., where after a successful career and a useful, active life, he d. Dec. 10, 1866. Dr. Whitney md. May 10, 1832, Henrietta A. Nickerson, dau. of Capt. Seth Nickerson. She d. Aug. 21, 1848; md. (2d) Sarah L. Small, who d. Feb. 10, 1851; md. (3d) Aug. 28, 1851, Mrs. Hannah (Freeman) Crosby, dau. of Joshua Freeman.
- 41 1. Electa A., b. July 12, 1833; d. Aug. 1, 1861.
- 42 2. Laretta, b. April 1, 1835; d. Aug. 27, 1836.
- 43 3. Henrietta, b. Oct. 9, 1838. Resides in Clinton, Mass.
- 44 4. Felicia, b. May 19, 1841; d. Aug. 26, 1842.
- 45 5. Isaiah, b. Aug. 30, 1843; resides in Boston.
- 46 6. Charles H., b. Dec. 11, 1854.
- 47 vii. *Dorcas*, twin, b. Jan. 25, 1799; md. Harry Hubbard, *q. v.*

- 48 VIII. *Stephen*, b. Dec. 19, 1800; md. Lovilla Goldin, and  
removed to Burlington, Vt., where he d. 1868.
- 49 1. Sarah, b. Sept. 30, 1834; md. — Wilson.
- 50 2. Edward Payson, b. Oct. 20, 1837; d. Sept.  
10, 1873.
- 51 3. Helen, b. May 14, 1840; md. William Lar-  
ryshare, of Burlington.
- 52 4. Isaiah Whitman, b. Oct. 7, 1842; deceased.
- 53 5. Harrison, b. Oct. 5, 1844; d. Sept. 9, 1865.
- 54 IX. *Sophonria*, b. Aug. 18, 1803; md. Sept. 28, 1844,  
Joseph Jones, Esq., whose first wife was Cla-  
rissa, her eldest sister. They resided in Troy,  
N. H. She d. Jan. 10, 1872.
- 55 X. *Anna*, b. Oct. 17, 1805; d., unmd., Feb. 19, 1838.
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- 56 ZIMRI WHITNEY, son of John and Priscilla (Battles)  
Whitney, b. in Lunenburg May 14, 1776, md. May 28,  
1801, Susanna Sanderson, b. May 15, 1782, dau. of Isaac  
and Elizabeth (Peabody) Sanderson. They resided in  
Rindge 1812 and 1813, removed to Vermont and again to  
Rindge, and remained 1827-32, when he removed to  
Jaffrey, and later returned to Peru, Vt., where he d. Aug.  
24, 1862, aged 86; his widow d. about 1865.
- 57 I. *Isaac S.*, b. April 7, 1802; md., 1822, Maria Oving-  
ton. Eight children.
- 58 II. *Abraham*, b. Jan. 19, 1804; md. Adaline Sawyer.  
Resided in Jaffrey, where he d., leaving two  
children, Feb. 22, 1872.
- 59 III. *Charles*, b. March 2, 1806; md. Adaline Strong.  
They had ten children. He d. in Charlestown,  
Mass., Feb. 26, 1851.
- 60 IV. *Alvah*, b. June 27, 1808; md. April 26, 1838, Caro-  
line Geer; he d. in Cambridge, Mass., leaving  
three children, 1870.
- 61 V. *Susannah P.*, b. Aug. 22, 1810; md. Benjamin  
Penfield, of Gorham, Me. Seven children.
- 62 VI. *Hosea*, b. in Rindge March 17, 1813; md., 1837,  
Charlotte Sawyer. They had four children. He  
d. in Charlestown, Mass., July 1, 1861.
- 63 VII. *Thomas P.*, b. in Jaffrey Aug. 29, 1816; md.  
April 26, 1838, Harriet A. Benjamin. Six chil-  
dren.
- 64 VIII. *George S.*, b. in Jaffrey April 17, 1819; md., 1844,  
Eveline Barnard. He d. at Glen Falls, N. Y.,  
Aug. 25, 1863.
- 65 IX. *John S.*, b. in Jaffrey, May 21, 1822; md., 1847,  
Valisa P. Johnson. Five children. Resides in  
Jaffrey.
- 66 X. *Richard B.*, b. in Jaffrey June 18, 1825.

- 67 JOHN WHITNEY, brother of Zimri, b. in Lunenburg July 2, 1788, md. Dec. 8, 1812, Sophia Faulkner, dau. of Jonas and Eunice (Stone) Faulkner. She d. April 16, 1858, leaving nine children; and he md. (2d) April 12, 1860, widow Fanny (Howe) Blodgett, dau. of Abijah and Margaret Howe. Removed to Peru, Vt., and also resided in Lunenburg, Mass., and in Rindge. He was an intelligent, liberal-minded citizen, and an exemplary Christian. He d. Oct. 15, 1873, aged 85.
- 68 i. *Sophia*, b. Dec. 30, 1813; md. March 21, 1832, Brooks Wheeler, of Lincoln, Mass. She d. Oct. 23, 1841.
- 69 ii. *Zachariah*, b. April 15, 1816; md. May 13, 1841, Hepsibeth Smith, dau. of Thomas Smith, *q. v.* He removed to Rindge from Peru, Vt., 1856, and has since resided upon the farm previously occupied by Capt. Asa Brewer. He was selectman 1861, '62, '63.
- 70 1. Osborne A., b. July 12, 1842; md. Jan. 12, 1870, Mary J. Brown, dau. of Robert Brown, of Glen William, Ont. Resides in Glen William.
- 71 2. Thomas S., b. April 21, 1844; md. March 3, 1869, Abbie S. Everett, dau. of George C. and Fannie (Thompson) Everett, of Fitzwilliam. Resides in Rindge.
- 72 3. Ellen S., b. Feb. 5, 1846.
- 73 4. Lauretta H., b. May 25, 1848; d. Sept. 2, 1852.
- 74 5. John D., b. Aug. 17, 1850; md. Sept. 17, 1874, Alta Ashley, dau. of George L. and Sarah (Crapo) Ashley, of Rindge; now of Dartmouth, Mass.
- 75 6. George A., b. March 10, 1854.
- 76 7. Susan E., b. July 21, 1856; d. Jan. 8, 1863.
- 77 iii. *Eunice*, b. May 6, 1818; md. Sept. 14, 1841, George E. Smith, son of Thomas Smith, *q. v.*
- 78 iv. *John Osborn*, b. Jan. 12, 1821; md. March 25, 1854, Abbie L. Lyon, b. June 4, 1838, dau. of Freeman and Miranda (Smith) Lyon, of Peru, Vt. He resides in Rindge; has been in California several years.
- 79 1. Charles A., b. April 29, 1856.
- 80 2. Eva S., b. June 11, 1858.
- 81 3. Mark A., b. May 24, 1874.
- 82 v. *Ann*, b. Aug. 21, 1823; md., 1840, Edmund Wheeler, a brother of Brooks Wheeler, who md.

- her eldest sister. They resided in Quincy, Ill., where she d. Sept. 5, 1844.
- 83 VI. *Sarah*, d. at about three years of age.
- 84 VII. *Sarah P.*, b. April 16, 1827; md. William L. Whitney, son of Lovell Whitney, *q. v.*
- 85 VIII. *Charles A.*, b. Feb. 16, 1830; md. April 29, 1857, Lydia M. Lyon, b. Sept. 11, 1835, a sister of the wife of his brother, John Osborn.
- 86 1. Frank Lincoln, b. Sept. 15, 1860.
- 87 2. Arthur Burnside, b. Nov. 4, 1863.
- 88 3. Mary Isabelle, b. Feb. 14, 1866.
- 89 4. Edith M., b. Feb. 15, 1870.
- 90 IX. *Susan E.*, b. Sept. 7, 1833; md. April 29, 1856, Albert S. Marshall, b. May 31, 1828, son of Samuel and Nancy (Smith) Marshall. They removed from Lunenburg to Rindge, 187—.
- 91 1. Minnie Anna, b. Oct. 25, 1857.
- 92 2. Albert A., b. Aug. 6, 1860.
- 93 3. Charles E., b. April 8, 1863.
- 94 4. Fred W., b. May 24, 1865.
- 95 5. Susan A., b. Aug. 2, 1867.
- 96 6. Annetta S., b. Sept. 11, 1871.
- 97 X. *George A.*, b. —, 1837; md. Dec. —, 1861, Mattie A. Colburn, dau. of Norris Colburn, *q. v.*; she d. March 29, 1867; and he md. (2d) Sept. 1, 1869, Susie R. Converse, dau. of C. C. and Susan (Daniels) Converse, *q. v.* He represented the town in the Legislature 1868, '69, and has served several years in the supervision of schools (*vide* pp. 306, 318).

## WHITTEMORE.

This name was sometimes spelled Whitmore, Whitamor, and Whittamor, and is probably a distinct name from Whitmore, as no consanguinity has been discovered between these families. Thomas Whittemore, the American ancestor of those bearing the name in New England and other States, was b. in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, England, about 1595. He emigrated to this country previous to 1645, when he purchased a parcel of land of John Cotton, teacher, of Boston. He settled in that part of Charlestown now embraced in the limits of Malden, Mass., where he d. in 1660. John Whittemore, his son by wife Hannah, was bap. in Hitchin February 11, 1638. He md. Mary Upham, dau. of John Upham, of Weymouth and Malden; she d. June 27, 1677; md. (2d) Nov. 8, 1677, Mary Miller. Benjamin Whittemore, the fourth son of John and Mary (Upham) Whittemore, b. Sept. 1, 1669, md. Aug. 17, 1692, Esther Brooks, b. July 4, 1668, dau. of Dea. Joshua and Hannah (Mason) Brooks, of Concord, now Lincoln, Mass. He settled in Concord, and represented that town in the Provincial Legislature 1709, '10, '11, '14, '19, and '20. He d. Sept. 8, 1734; his widow d. 1742. Their son, Nathaniel

Whittemore, resided in Concord and Harvard. He md. Abigail Blood, who d. March 26, 1760. Their only son, Nathaniel Whittemore, Jr., was b. July 4, 1741, and d. in Lancaster, Mass., Jan. 3, 1822. The youngest of his nine children became a resident of this town.

- 1      PRESCOTT WHITTEMORE, son of Nathaniel, Jr., was b. in Harvard, Mass., July 28, 1787. He removed with his parents to Lancaster, Mass., and after the death of his father he removed to the north-west part of this town in the spring of 1822. He md. Oct. 14, 1811, Lucy Rebecca Geer, b. Jan. 15, 1795, dau. of Ebenezer Stowell and Lucy (Hibbard) Geer, of Hampton, Ct., and Worcester, Mass. In the spring of 1838, Mr. Whittemore, with his wife and ten of his children, removed from Rindge to Township 43, now Grafton, McHenry County, Ill., and in 1861 to Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska, where he d. Jan. 13, 1871; his wife d. June 4, 1865. Six children were b. in Lancaster, and seven in Rindge.
- 2      I. *Asa Dunbar*, b. Aug. 9, 1812; d. in Worcester, Mass., March 1, 1869.
- 3      II. *George Prescott*, b. March 5, 1814; removed, 1838, to Grafton, Ill., and 1861 to Beatrice, Neb., where he now resides. His aged parents, in their declining years, resided with him.
- 4      III. *Edward Hibbard*, b. Feb. 12, 1816; d. in Centralia, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1856.
- 5      IV. *Harriet Augusta*, b. Nov. 2, 1817; md. S. B. Grout; resides in Waterloo, Iowa.
- 6      V. *Charles Henry*, b. Nov. 17, 1819; d. at Grafton, Ill., June 30, 1855.
- 7      VI. *Mary*, b. Aug. 3, 1821; md. Rev. Elisha Dayton, of Marengo, McHenry County, Ill.
- 8      VII. *Washington*, b. in Rindge Oct. 10, 1823; md. Dec. 11, 1855, Susan Perry, dau. of Col. Jason B. Perry, *q. v.* They reside at Huntley Grove, McHenry County, Ill.
- 9      VIII. *Lucy E.*, b. Sept. 20, 1826; md., 1852, James H. Lemmon, and d. in Kiowa, Neb., Dec. 26, 1873.
- 10     IX. *Ebenezer Stowell*, b. Sept. 4, 1828, a lawyer of Sandwich, Mass.; md. Feb. 27, 1859, Mary Louisa Murray, dau. of John Murray, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass. He was named for his maternal grandfather, Ebenezer Stowell Geer. Mr. Geer and his father, John Geer, were in the Revolutionary army at the same time, the father being forty years of age, and the son seventeen, at the time of their enlistment. The father was taken prisoner at the battle of Long Island, and d. on board a British prison ship in the harbor of New York. Hon. E. S. Whittemore,



after receiving a liberal education, which was the result of his individual effort, entered the Dane Law School at Cambridge, in 1853, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the summer of 1855, and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court in Boston, on motion of Rufus Choate, Oct. 7, 1857. The following year he began the practice of his profession at Sandwich, in the county of Barnstable, Mass., and continues a leading lawyer at the bar of that county to the present time. Since 1860, he has been Trial Justice of criminal offenders, for nearly ten years a County Commissioner, and public Administrator for several years. In 1862 he was selected by the Republicans to represent the district in the Legislature, but declined the nomination.

- 11 x. *Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 9, 1830; unmd.; has resided in Colorado, and is now at Silver City, Nevada.
- 12 xi. *Benjamin*, b. Jan. 2, 1833; has resided in California; is a farmer in Sacramento County. He md., 1872, Annie Snyder, of Grafton Ill.
- 13 xii. *Julia M.*, b. May 29, 1835; md., 1859, Lyman A. Hoyt, of Aurora, Ill., who d. 1872; md. (2d) 1873, Charles H. Oderkirk, and resides in Aurora.
- 14 xiii. *Volney Stone*, b. March 15, 1838; resides in Beatrice, Neb. He is md.

#### WILDER.

The Wilders of Rindge are descendants of the Wilder family of Lancaster and Sterling, whose names have been honorably associated with the history of those towns for several generations. Thomas Wilder was a son of widow Martha Wilder, who came from England and settled in Hingham 1638, where she d. April 20, 1652. He [Thomas] was admitted to the church in Charlestown Jan. 1, 1640; juryman 1658; and removed to Lancaster, Mass., July 1, 1659. He md. Anna —, who d. 1692; he d. Oct. 23, 1667, leaving three sons. Of these, Nathaniel Wilder was killed by the Indians, at Lancaster, in July, 1704. His son Ephraim Wilder was b. 1675, and d. 1769, aged 94. Ephraim Wilder, Jr., the only son of Ephraim Wilder, was b. 1702, and d. 1770. His son, Capt. Ephraim Wilder, of the sixth generation, was b. July 8, 1733, and resided in that part of Lancaster which in 1781 was included in the town of Sterling. He was a member of the Massachusetts Convention which assembled in 1787 to adopt the Federal Constitution, and was one of only seven delegates from Worcester County who voted in favor of its adoption. He was representative from Sterling several years, and was prominent in the municipal affairs of the town. He md. April 3, 1755, Lucretia Locke, b. Nov. 5, 1733, dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Richardson) Locke, of Lancaster, and a sister of Samuel Locke, D. D., President of Harvard University. Capt. Wilder d. Jan. 29, 1805; his widow d. Dec. 29, 1816. Of their nine children two became residents and influ-

ential citizens of Rindge, and are named below. Of this family, the Worcester Magazine, Vol. II., p. 45. says: "Of all the ancient Lancaster families, there is no one that has sustained so many important offices as this." And the declaration holds true of the descendants who have resided in Rindge.

- 1 COL. JOSIAH WILDER, son of Capt. Ephraim and Lucretia (Locke) Wilder, b. July 16, 1770, removed to Rindge 1794, and md. April 11, 1802, Susan Carlton, dau. of James Carlton, of Rindge, *q. v.* He was Town Clerk 1801-1807; selectman 1801; representative 1802-1810; and State Senator 1811 (*vide* p. 377). Col. Wilder d. April 27, 1812, and his widow md. (2d) Nov. 28, 1813, Jacob Haskell, Esq., of Harvard, Mass., where she d. Nov. 20, 1844.
- 2 I. *Julia Ann*, b. in Rindge Sept. 21, 1802; md. Sept. 24, 1835, Augustus Robbins, M. D., of Harvard, and later of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a son of Jacob and Olive (Willard) Robbins, and received his degree from Harvard 1832.
- 3 1. Alfred Augustus, b. July 6, 1836.
- 4 2. Olive Susannah, b. July 8, 1839.
- 5 II. *Alfred Montrose*, b. in Rindge April 17, 1804; a merchant in Brunswick and Brooklyn, N. Y. He md. Nov. 9, 1835, Lydia Esther Babcock.
- 6 1. Emma Carlton, b. Oct. 8, 1836; d. Jan. 11, 1837.
- 7 2. Emma Carlton, b. Aug. 28, 1838.
- 8 3. Ella Hampton, b. Dec. 6, 1840.
- 9 4. Alfred Montrose, b. May 19, 1844.
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- 10 SAMUEL LOCKE WILDER, ESQ., son of Capt. Ephraim and Lucretia (Locke) Wilder, b. March 14, 1778, md. Anna Sherwin, dau. of Jonathan Sherwin, of Rindge, *q. v.* He was Town Clerk 1808-1824, representative 1815-1823. '28, '29, '38, and '39. He was a delegate to the Walpole Convention which elected Daniel Webster to represent the State in the famous Hartford Convention, and during the Dartmouth College case he was deeply interested in behalf of that institution, and contributed liberally to aid in carrying the case to its successful termination (*vide* p. 377). He d. April 7, 1863; his wife d. Feb. 5, 1851.
- 11 I. *Marshall Pinckney*, b. Sept. 22, 1798. +
- 12 II. *Eurydice*, b. July 13, 1801; d. Jan. 9, 1818.
- 13 III. *Frederic A.*, b. April 16, 1804, a farmer in Rindge, md. Jan. 28, 1828, Apphia Tyler, dau. of Parker Tyler, *q. v.* He d. May 26, 1869.

- 14 1. Charles A., b. Aug. 15, 1829; md. Nov. 6, 1856, Mary Manning, dau. of William and Mary (Craig) Manning. He is a farmer in Rindge.
- 15 2. Mary Ann, b. June 11, 1832; d. May 7, 1839.
- 16 3. Mary Anna, b. May 15, 1846; md. Albert A. Emory, son of Derostus W. Emory, *q. v.*
- 17 iv. *Mary Ann*, b. April 1, 1806; md. Feb. 3, 1829, Rev. Albert B. Camp, pastor of the Congregational Church in Ashby, Mass. She d. Dec. 25 1830.
- 18 1. Nancy Elizabeth, b. July 23, 1830.
- 19 v. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 10, 1809; d. Feb. 23, 1830.
- 20 vi. *Josiah*, b. Oct. 31, 1813 (*vide p. 378*); md. May 13, 1835, Elizabeth F. Fosdick, dau. of Dea. James Fosdick, of Charlestown, Mass. He d. April 30, 1853.
- 21 1. Francis L., b. Nov. 8, 1836; md. Oct. 31, 1858, Julia M. Martin, of Warren, R. I.: (1) b. March 6; d. Aug. 8, 1864; (2) Bessie F., b. in Foxboro, Mass., March 24, 1865; (3) Freddie B., b. in Painesville, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1872. Mr. Wilder is a merchant in Painesville.
- 22 2. Anna E., b. April 30, 1842; md. Oct. 11, 1866, Stephen A. Howe, of Marlboro, Mass.: (1) Josiah Wilder, b. July 31, 1869; (2) Elbridge Lewis, b. Oct. 11, 1871.
- 23 vii. *Mersylvia*, b. June 18, 1816; md. Stephen B. Sherwin, Esq., *q. v.*
- 24 ix. *Eurydice Augusta*, b. Jan. 28, 1819.
- 25 x. *Samuel Locke*, b. Jan. 9, 1822; was a merchant in Charlestown, N. H., several years, and represented that town in the Legislature. Later he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits in Boston. He md. Oct. 15, 1845, Anna Silsby, dau. of Isaac and Anna Silsby, who d. Jan. 18, 1856; md. (2d) Sept. 30, 1857, Lorraine Tuttle, dau. of Henry and Lydia Tuttle.
- 26 1. Frederick, b. April 2, 1849.
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- (11) HON. MARSHALL PINCKNEY WILDER (*vide p. 335*) md. Dec. 31, 1820, Tryphosa Jewett, dau. of Dr. Stephen Jewett, of Rindge, *q. v.* She d. July 31, 1831; md. (2d) Aug. 29, 1833, Abigail Baker, dau. of Capt. David and

Jemima (Richardson) Baker, of Franklin, Mass. She d. of consumption April 4, 1854; and he md. (3d) Sept. 8, 1855, Julia Baker, a sister of Abigail.

- 27 i. *Marshall Pinckney*, b. Jan. 15, 1822; md. July 17, 1844, E. Clara Churchill, dau. of James C. Churchill, of Portland, Me. He was a merchant; d. in Dorchester, Mass., Dec. 29, 1854.
- 28 ii. *Eurydice*, b. June 11, 1823; d. Oct. 4, 1824.
- 29 iii. *Nancy Jewett*, b. Feb. 19, 1825; md. Dec. 28, 1858, Rev. Andrew Bigelow, D. D., now of Boylston, Mass.
- 30 iv. *Lucius Icilius*, b. Oct. 27, 1826; a merchant; d. of yellow fever in New Orleans Oct. 14, 1867.
- 31 v. *Maria Louisa*, b. July 28, 1828; md. Sept. 26, 1850, Ambrose Wager, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., where she d. June 2, 1852.
- 32 1. Henry Wilder, b. April, d. July, 1852.
- 33 vi. *William Henry*, b. July 15, 1830; d. Aug. 31, 1831.

Children of second wife:—

- 34 vii. *Abbie Tryphosa*, b. May 22, 1834; md. Nov. 10, 1859, William Wallace, a merchant of Boston; she d. March 20, 1870.
- 35 1. Ida, b. April 22, 1861; d. April 5, 1863.
- 36 2. Belle, b. Sept. 8, 1862.
- 37 3. Annie, b. Sept. 8, 1864.
- 38 4. Edith, b. Dec. 6, 1865.
- 39 5. Jennie Wilder, b. March 6, 1867.
- 40 viii. *William Henry*, b. March 17, 1836; a merchant in Boston; md. Oct. 17, 1861, Hannah Wallace, a sister of William Wallace.
- 41 1. Alice, b. Nov. 5, 1862.
- 42 2. Lizzie, b. Nov. 27, 1864.
- 43 3. William Henry, b. March 31, 1867.
- 44 4. Hannah Wallace, b. March 6, 1869.
- 45 5. Josephine Hall, b. Nov. 23, 1874.
- 46 ix. *Sarah Jane*, b. Sept. 29, 1841; d. July 28, 1858.
- 47 x. *Samuel Locke*, b. Oct. 2, 1843; d. Oct. 5, 1853.
- 48 xi. *Jemima Richardson*, b. June 30, 1845.
- 49 xii. *Grace Sherwin*, b. April 23, 1851.

Children of third wife:—

- 50 xiii. *Edward Baker*, b. Nov. 17, 1857.
- 51 xiv. *Marshall Pinckney*, b. Oct. 3, 1860.

- 52 | SILAS WILDER md. Abigail Page, and removed to Rindge soon after the Revolution, and was taxed until 1797. The number and names of his children are not known. A record of one only is given.
- 53 | i. *Silas*, b. in Rindge Aug. 10, 1788; graduate of Dartmouth College 1818 (*vide* p. 359). He md. Sept. 19, 1822, Mary Cook, dau. of Noah Cook, Esq., of Keene, N. H., and a sister of Noah R. Cook, Esq., of Rindge and Keene; he md. (2d), about 1850, Mrs. Olive Draper.
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- 1 | ASA WILKINS conveyed, 1774, the fifth lot in the ninth range to Dr. Asher Palmer. He was in the army in 1776 and 1777. In 1771 he was md., but his wife, if living, did not join in the deed to Dr. Palmer. He left town about 1780, and no record of his family has been secured.
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- 1 | SAMUEL WILLIAMS, from New Ipswich, md. about 1812, — Tarbell, of Mt. Holley, Vt. He was an innholder, and removed from the "Children of the Woods" Tavern, to the Bemis Tavern in 1823, and to the tavern where A. J. Converse now resides in 1825, and in 1828 to Mt. Holley, Vt., where he d. about 1869.
- 2 | i. *Mary Ann*, b. 1815; md. Allen Ives, of Mt. Holley, Vt.
- 3 | ii. *Charles*, resides in Mt. Holley; twice md.
- 4 | iii. *Adaline*, md. Jotham White, of Marlboro, N. H.
- 5 | iv. *Laura*, md. — Moon.
- 6 | v. *Warren*.
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- 1 | DELIVERANCE WILSON and wife Sarah resided a few years in Rindge between 1771 and 1780. Their son Moses was bap. April 9, 1775.
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- 2 | JOSEPH WILSON removed from Petersham, Mass., to Rindge 1773, and was in the army from this town (*vide* pp. 108, 140, and 171). By wife Hannah he had:—
- 3 | i. *Temperance Robinson*, b. previous to 1773.
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- 4 | WILLIAM WILSON resided upon the farm subsequently occupied by John F. Munroe and Willard Brigham 1797–1806. He md. April 30, 1799, Elizabeth Rand, dau. of Capt. Solomon Rand, *q. v.* They removed to Marlboro, Mass., where seven of their children were b.
- 5 | i. *Josiah*, b. Nov. 4, 1799.
- 6 | ii. *Martha*, b. Oct. 12, 1801.
- 7 | iii. *Seth Webber*, b. Dec. 21, 1803.
- 8 | iv. *Lavina Adams*, b. Sept. 5, 1805.

- 9 v. *Polly R.*, b. Aug. 2, 1807.  
 10 vi. *William*, b. Oct. 13, 1811.  
 11 vii. *Leonard*, b. Jan 10, 1813.  
 12 viii. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 29, 1814.  
 13 ix. *Sarah C.*, b. Aug. 22, 1817.  
 14 x. *Charles F.*, b. Sept. 29, 1819.  
 15 xi. *Susan P.*, b. April 19, 1823.

16 GEORGE WILSON, son of David and Hannah (Carlton) Wilson, of Sharon, was b. Aug. 14, 1823. He md. March 20, 1849, Mary M. Royce, b. in Charlestown, N. H., Oct. 12, 1827, dau. of Lenzor and Abigail (Wheeler) Royce, and removed from Sharon to this town 1863.

- 17 I. *Abbie J.*, b. Jan. 5, 1850; md. Jan. 5, 1868, George Hoar, son of Leonard and Lucinda (Sawin) Hoar. Reside in Peterboro, N. H.  
 18 II. *Luella A.*, b. March 23, 1852; md. June 22, 1872, George F. Gilmore. Reside in Peterboro.  
 19 III. *B. Wesley*, b. March 27, 1854.  
 20 IV. *Alonzo M.*, b. Aug. 12, 1856.  
 21 v. *Ida May*, b. May 1, 1859.  
 22 VI. *Clara R.*, b. March 3, 1862; d. March 25, 1862.  
 23 VII. *Effie E.*, b. Aug. 6, 1863; d. Aug. 14, 1865.  
 24 VIII. *Oren A.*, b. Dec. 13, 1867; d. July 25, 1868.

1 CALEB WINN and wife Hannah resided from 1773 to about 1785, but all the family did not remove from town until about 1796. They removed to Chester. The name of the State is not stated. He enlisted twice during the Revolution (*vide* pp. 110, 141).

- 2 I. *Nathan*, b. March 22, 1774.  
 3 II. *James*, b. Sept. 9, 1776.  
 4 III. *Peter*, b. Aug. 27, 1778.  
 5 IV. *Sally*, b. June 21, 1780.  
 6 v. *Achsah*, bap. Aug. 11, 1782.  
 7 VI. *John*, bap. Oct. 28, 1787.  
 8 VII. *Hannah*, bap. Oct. 18, 1789.  
 9 VIII. *Caleb*, bap. Feb. 4, 1792.  
 10 IX. *Sally*, bap. Feb. 8, 1795.

1 JOSEPH WORCESTER and wife Sarah were here in 1767. In 1768 he was elected hayward, and the same year a road was laid out by his house in the north part of the town. They probably removed from this town 1770 or 1771.

- 2 I. *Joseph*, bap. Aug. 30, 1767.  
 3 II. *Mercy*, bap. Sept. 9, 1770.



## WOOD.

MICHAEL WOOD, probably a descendant of William Wood who came to this country in 1638, and d. in Concord, Mass., 1671, was an early inhabitant of Lunenburg, Mass., where he md. Dec. 2, 1745, Mary Platts, dau. of Abel Platts, the first settler in Rindge. They had six children. Among them were Isaac Wood, of Rindge, whose record is given below, and Elizabeth Wood, who md. Daniel Gragg of Rindge, *q. v.*, and who was named in the will of her grandfather, Abel Platts. The date of the death of Mary (Platts) Wood has not been ascertained, but he, or possibly Michael, Jr., md. Aug. 21, 1764, Lois Wilson, of Leominster, by whom he had two children.

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| 1   | ISAAC WOOD, eldest child of Michael and Mary (Platts) Wood, was b. in Lunenburg Sept. 7, 1746; md. Jan. 11, 1770, Elizabeth Hartwell, b. April 14, 1751, dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Tarbell) Hartwell, and removed to Rindge in 1772. He was a mason and farmer, and settled upon the farm now owned by his grandsons, Jonas and John E. Wood. He was selectman 1785 and 1786, and is frequently and honorably named in the records. He d. Jan. 5, 1835, aged 88; his wife d. Nov. 20, 1819. Their children, except the eldest, were b. in Rindge. |
| 2   | I. <i>Amasa</i> , b. in Lunenburg Sept. 2, 1771. +  |
| 3   | II. <i>Jonathan</i> , b. April 17, 1773. +  |
| 4   | III. <i>Jonas</i> , b. Dec. 30, 1774; removed to Lenox, N. Y.   |
| 5   | IV. <i>Isaac</i> , b. Nov. 30, 1776. +  |
| 6   | V. <i>Betty</i> , b. Oct. 11, 1778; d. young.   |
| 7   | VI. <i>Ruth</i> , b. Nov. 7, 1780; md. Benjamin Lovejoy, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 8   | VII. <i>David</i> , b. July 19, 1783. +   |
| 9   | VIII. <i>Betty</i> , or <i>Elizabeth</i> , b. Sept. 10, 1785; md. Stephen Emory, <i>q. v.</i>   |
| 10  | IX. <i>Caleb</i> , b. July 1, 1789; d. 1807.  |
| 11  | X. <i>Susan</i> , b. —; md. March 9, 1826, Dea. John W. Binney, of New Ipswich, and removed to Keene, N. H., where she d. 1873.   |
| 12  | XI. <i>Eunice</i> , b. —; md. May 3, 1830, Capt. Joseph Hartwell, of Lunenburg, his second marriage. Their dau. Eunice md. Charles Carter, of Leominster, Mass.; now reside in Quincy, Mass.  |
| (2) | AMASA WOOD md. Sept. 10, 1797, Abigail Moore, and removed to Vermont. He d. Feb. 17, 1852; his wife d. Aug. 8, 1824.  |
| 13  | I. <i>Eliphalet</i> , b. 1801; d. 1864.   |
| 14  | II. <i>Charles</i> , b. July 6, 1804; now resides in Worcester, Mass.   |
| 15  | III. <i>Lyman</i> , b. 1806; d. Jan. 8, 1853.   |
| 16  | IV. <i>Caleb</i> , b. 1808; now living in Cambridge, Mass.  |
| 17  | V. <i>Abigail</i> , b. 1809.  |
| 18  | VI. <i>Jonas</i> , b. 1812; d. Aug. 10, 1868.   |

- (3) JONATHAN WOOD md. April 10, 1799, Dolly Jones, b. May 28, 1777, dau. of Enos and Mary (Whitmore) Jones, of Ashburnham. She d. Jan. 8, 1818, and he md. (2d) Dec. 21, 1820, Sarah (Lake) Robinson, widow of Ezra Robinson, and dau. of Henry and Prudence Lake, *q. v.* He d. by suffocation in a well Sept. 1, 1827.
- 19 I. *Zulima*, b. Nov. 30, 1799; md., 1822, Asa Dunn.
- 20 II. *Laura*, b. Jan. 29, 1801; md. April 22, 1823, John Vose.
- 21 III. *Dolley*, b. Feb. 3, 1803; md. April 8, 1823, Zachariah Parker.
- 22 IV. *Elnathan*, b. Sept. 20, 1804; d. July 29, 1829.
- 23 V. *George*, b. Sept. 29, 1806; md., 1827, Luana Lawrence.
- 24 VI. *Betsey*, b. June 25, 1808; md. Feb. 6, 1827, Luther Perkins, of Weathersfield, Vt.
- 25 VII. *Zoa*, b. Jan 24, 1810; d. 1822.
- 26 VIII. *Lurena*, b. Dec. 12, 1812; md. Jan. 16, 1831, Freeman Walcott.
- 27 IX. *Hartwell*, b. Oct. 27, 1815; md., 1841, Laura Snell. She d., *s. p.*, Jan. 1, 1843; he d. July 26, 1846.
- 28 X. *Jonas J.*, b. Jan. 1, 1818.
- Children of second wife:—
- 29 XI. *Eunice K.*, b. March 22, 1824; md. July 22, 1849, George P. Ward, son of Alvan and Eusebia (Russell) Ward (Russell Register, No. 65).
- 30 XII. *Eliphalet S.*, b. Feb. 2, 1826; md. Sept. 20, 1846, Susan H. Farrar, of Ashburnham. He resides in Winchendon, and is an express agent and deputy sheriff.
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- (5) ISAAC WOOD was a farmer and manufacturer of hand-made nest-boxes. He md. Jan. 8, 1806, Nabby Earl, dau. of John Earl, *q. v.* He d. of small-pox July 1, 1848; his widow d. July 18, 1859.
- 31 I. *Addison M.*, b. Oct. 27, 1806; md., 1830, Ann Plummer, who d. Feb. 1, 1843; md. (2d) Jan. 8, 1856, Mary A. Dickinson, dau. of Abraham and Mary (Reed) Dickinson, of Keene, N. H. He is a farmer, and resides upon the farm formerly of his father.
- 32 1. Marcia A., b. June 4, 1831; md. Oct. 3, 1850, John U. Beers, and d. in Troy, N. H., Oct. 27, 1854, leaving one son, John Addison, b. Dec. 5, 1851; he resides in Hinsdale, N. H.
- 33 2. Urania, b. July 7, 1832; md., 1860, Hiram W. Eames. They reside in Hyde Park, Mass.

- 34 3. Eliza, b. March 19, 1834; d. Sept. 20, 1854.
- 35 4. Jane P., b. Oct. 17, 1835; resides, unmd., in Keene, N. H.
- 36 5. Marshall P., b. Nov. 19, 1837; md. Oct., 1861, Julia A. Hunt, dau. of Joshua Hunt. He was three years in the Union army; now resides in Ashburnham. One son.
- 37 6. Harriet A., b. June 8, 1839; md. Addison Todd, son of Paul Todd, *q. v.*
- 38 7. Eunice, b. March 20, 1841; md., 1861, Henry W. Farnum. They resided in Marlboro, and subsequently in Troy, N. H., where he d. July 19, 1874; she resides in Troy.
- 39 II. *Elbridge*, b. Oct. 24, 1808; md. May 10, 1832, Rebecca Hartwell, b. April 21, 1813, dau. of Capt. Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Hartwell, of Lunenburg, Mass. She d. Feb. 15, 1843; and he md. (2d) Jan. 15, 1844, Emeline P. Gilbert. He d. of small-pox June 30, 1848; and his widow md. John McCrea, and removed from town. Six of his seven children d. in infancy.
- 40 1. Mary A., b. June 14, 1837; md. July 29, 1857, Julius Augustus Stearns, son of Capt. Freeborn Stearns, *q. v.*
- 41 III. *Sylvester*, b. Sept. 30, 1810; md. June 1, 1836, Urania Damon, of Ashby. He d. July 12, 1841; and his widow md. Nov. 22, 1843, Wm. S. Humphrey.
- 42 1. Earl S., b. Dec. 1, 1838; resides in Bridgeport, Conn.
- 43 IV. *Eunice*, b. Jun 21, 1814; d. Dec. 23, 1828.
- 44 V. *Jonas*, } b. Nov. 10, 1816; d. June 14, 1817.
- 45 VI. *Jane*, } d. June 4, 1817.
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- (8) DAVID WOOD was a farmer, and resided upon the homestead. He md. Feb. 26, 1808, Mary Earl, dau. of John Earl, *q. v.* He d. Aug. 30, 1861.
- 46 I. *Stephen Emory*, b. Dec. 7, 1808; md. March 22, 1832, Lydia R. Farrar of Townsend, Mass. Resided in Cambridge, Mass., and in Ludlow, Vt. She d., and he md. (2d) 1874, Carrie Sinclair, of Ludlow, Vt. Two children by first wife.
- 47 1. Alfred E., b. Feb. 20, 1835.
- 48 2. Mary Elizabeth, b. July 11, 1838; md. Feb. 13, 1859, Geo. A. Dunbar.

- 49      II. *Mary Ann*, b. Feb. 27, 1810; md. June 20, 1837, Henry Stickney, b. Jan. 29, 1807, son of William and Sarah (Gibson) Stickney, of Grafton, Vt. He was a grain merchant in Cambridgeport several years, and about 1855 removed to Woodhull, Ill., where he was accidentally killed, Nov. 16, 1866; she md. (2d) 1869, Isaac Wetmore.
- 50                    1. Henry, b. Nov. 7, 1838.
- 51                    2. Alfred, b. July 3, 1840.
- 52                    3. Idalia, b. March 25, 1842; d. April 12, 1844.
- 53                    4. William Curtis, b. Sept. 6, 1846.
- 54                    5. Carrie Wood, b. Oct. 6, 1856.
- 55      III. *Caleb*, b. June 5, 1812; d. July 14, 1813.
- 56      IV. *Alfred*, b. Feb. 9, 1814; md. Aug. 16, 1841, Laura Stickney, b. Aug. 9, 1817, a sister of Henry, who md. his sister Mary Ann. He is a grocer in Cambridge, Mass.
- 57                    1. George Alfred, b. July 22, 1843.
- 58                    2. Edward Stickney, b. April 28, 1846; a graduate of Harvard University.
- 59      V. *Caleb*, b. March 26, 1817; d., unmd., Oct. 15, 1866.
- 60      VI. *Jonas*, b. Oct. 15, 1819; md. Feb. 16, 1859, Sarah Leathe. He was in business several years in Cambridge, and now resides a farmer in Rindge. His wife d. in Rindge Oct. 24, 1873.
- 61                    1. Fannie Louisa, b. Aug. 17, 1860; d. Aug. 30, 1862.
- 62                    2. Emma Louisa, b. April 1, 1864.
- 63      VII. *Elizabeth Hartwell*, b. June 25, 1821; md. Harrison G. Rice, Esq., *q. v.*
- 64      VIII. *John Earl*, b. May 1, 1823; a farmer in Rindge; md. Nov. 16, 1848, S. Almira Brown, of Ashby. She d. Feb. 6, 1867; md. (2d) Oct., 1868, Ann Maria Tuckerman, dau. of Henry Tuckerman, of Ashburnham.
- 65      IX. *Emily Augusta*, b. May 31, 1826; md. June 21, 1858, Washington Folsom Somerby, of Portsmouth, N. H. They resided in Cambridge, where he d. July 10, 1873.
- 66      X. *Charles Payson*, b. July 11, 1828; md. Oct. 12, 1851, Hannah Maria Somerby. Resides in Cambridge.
- 67                    1. Carrie J., b. June 11, 1856; d. June 18, 1856.

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68      JAMES WOOD and wife Ruth, from Boxford, Mass., settled upon the farm now of B. F. Danforth, in 1772. Sarah

Wood, an early school-teacher in this town, was not the wife of James Wood as stated on p. 277. He probably removed 1804, as he was not taxed after that date.

- 69 I. *Solomon*, bap. May 14, 1775.  
 70 II. *Ruth*, bap. Oct. 12, 1777; md. Nov. 6, 1799,  
 Nathan Towne.  
 71 III. *Sarah*, bap. Sept. 10, 1780.  
 72 IV. *Benjamin*, md. Jan. 2, 1805, Lucinda Peirce, dau.  
 of Benjamin Peirce, *q. v.*

73 TIMOTHY WOOD, parentage not known, resided in this town several years dating from about 1774.

- 74 I. *Betty*, b. June 7, 1777.  
 75 II. *Susannah*, b. Sept. 2, 1779.

76 SALMON WOOD and wife Sybil removed to this town about 1780, and removed to Hancock, N. H., 1786.

- 77 I. *David*, bap. Oct. 19, 1782.

78 ELIPHALET WOOD and wife Elizabeth were here in 1782, and perhaps a year or two earlier. They removed from town in 1796.

- 79 I. *Eliphalet*, b. March 8, 1789.  
 80 II. *Betsy*, b. Sept. 30, 1790.  
 81 III. *William*, b. July 6, 1792.  
 82 IV. *Sophia*, b. June 10, 1794.

1 NATHAN WOODBURY, son of Israel and Anna (Morgan) Woodbury, was b. in Bolton, Mass., Aug. 13, 1794. His parents were natives of Beverly, Mass. He md. Sept. 20, 1817, Clarinda Whitney, b. in Harvard, Mass., Oct. 24, 1797, dau. of Cyrus and Asenath (Harris) Whitney. They removed to the Page Norcross farm, in the south part of Rindge, 1835. They have been longer md. than any other couple in Rindge.

- 2 I. *Asenath H.*, b. April 17, 1819; md. in Rindge Nov. 28, 1839, Albert Mann, a farmer in Winchendon.  
 3 II. *Mary Ann*, b. Jan. 16, 1821; md. Sept. 19, 1840, Samuel Page, son of Levi Page, *q. v.* They reside in Winchendon.  
 4 III. *Nathan G.*, b. April 16, 1823; md. Jan. 1, 1847, Angelia Bryant, of Richmond, N. H., where they resided several years, but have recently removed to Keene, N. H. He is a manufacturer of wooden-ware.  
 5 IV. *Harrison*, b. March 19, 1826; d. Oct. 10, 1830.  
 6 V. *Lauretta W.*, b. May 20, 1828; md. Nelson Parks, of Winchendon.

- 7 VI. *Lucinda B.*, b. Feb. 4, 1832; md. Dec. 28, 1863.  
Henry J. Newman. Reside in Rindge.
- 8 VII. *Clarinda A.*, b. March 23, 1834; md. Oct. 7, 1858,  
Daniel H. Sargent, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Maria A.*, b. —, 1837; md. Nov. 21, 1859,  
George F. Wallace, son of David, *q. v.*; he d. in  
Winchendon, 1874.
- 10 IX. *Andrew C.*, b. Dec. 25, 1840.

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1 JOSEPH WYMAN was in Rindge in 1780; was taxed for  
the last time 1793.

2 I. *Mary*, bap. Sept. 23, 1782.

3 II. *William*, bap. July 3, 1785.

4 III. *Abraham Carlton*, bap. June 4, 1787.

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5 LEWIS WYMAN and James Wyman made a brief resi-  
dence in the south-west part of this town, early in the  
present century. They removed to Rockingham, Vt.  
The latter built a house of white birch logs, in which he  
resided.





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